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EDUCATION

Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

Doctor of Philosophy: Clinical Psychology, Forensic area of study Expected June 2028

Master of Science: Psychology, Forensic area of study April 2023

Master's Thesis: Overcoming Stigma: Community Support for Overdose Prevention Sites

DePaul University, Chicago, IL June 2017

Bachelor of Arts: Psychology, Human Development Concentration

Summa Cum Laude

Minor: Studio Art

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant September 2021-present

DeMatteo Lab, Drexel University

Supervisor: David DeMatteo, JD, PhD, ABPP (Forensic)

- Assist with the coordination and development of research and writing projects related to the intersection of psychology, law, and the criminal justice system

Research Assistant June 2023-December 2023

National Association of Drug Court Professionals, Philadelphia, PA

Supervisor: Douglas Marlowe, JD, PhD

- Recruit and consent participants for a randomized clinical trial assessing the efficacy of a culturally adapted intervention for African American men with substance use disorders engaged in the criminal justice system
- Extract and manage outcome data from the management information system and weekly status hearings

Research Assistant September 2021-May 2023

Collaborative Team for Psychology, Law, and Policy, Drexel University

Supervisors: Jennifer Schwartz, PhD, David DeMatteo, JD, PhD, ABPP (Forensic)

- Assist with the design and implementation of a study on the interpretation of Pennsylvania's mandated reporting statutes and the effect of variables on the decision to report suspected child abuse
- Contribute to the development of study materials, including surveys and IRB submission

Research Assistant October 2019-June 2021

Center for Community Research, DePaul University

Supervisors: Mayra Guerrero, PhD, Leonard Jason, PhD, Meghan Salomon-Amend, PhD

- Supported two NIH R01-funded grant projects through research, project development, and administrative duties

Specific Projects

Emergent Social Environments as Predictors of Recovery Resident Outcomes

- Led team research meetings, coding and analyzing data, and manuscript preparation for a research project on veteran experiences recovering from substance use disorders in residential homes
- Coordinated and led a group research project regarding how cognitive psychology research can inform interventions for substance use disorders

Community Violence and Suicide Prevention Among African American Adolescents

- Reviewed and recommended updates on project materials and surveys for a culturally adapted coping intervention for African American adolescents from low-resourced neighborhoods
- Initiated independent projects related to risk factors for suicidality for African American adolescents

Research Assistant

April 2019-October 2019

Social Research Impact Lab, Heartland Alliance Health, Chicago, IL

- Analyzed census data to identify underserved and homeless populations with health disparities in Chicago
- Contributed to grant application that provided access to healthcare and housing resources for underserved populations (\$6M)

Undergraduate Research Assistant

September 2016- June 2017

The Social and Intergroup Perceptions Lab, DePaul University

Supervisor: Jennifer Zimmerman, PhD

- Recruited over 200 study participants through street outreach and administered self-report questionnaires on the influence of stereotypes on political decision-making
- Analyzed data and wrote results using ANOVA and multiple regressions in SPSS

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Student Clinician

September 2024-present

Rentry Project, Drexel Psychological Services Center

Supervisor: Kirk Heilbrun, PhD, ABPP (Forensic, Clinical)

- Deliver individual therapy for individuals released from federal prison from a manualized criminogenic-CBT approach
- Conduct psychological assessments to determine therapeutic needs and risk of reoffending

Student Clinician

September 2024-present

Mood & Anxiety Team, Drexel Psychological Services Center

Supervisor: Petra Kottsieper, PhD, MEd

- Conduct individual therapy for individuals to treat a variety of disorders (e.g., anxiety; depression; PTSD), including case formulation, psychometric testing, and note and report writing

Forensic Assistant

January 2022-present

Private Practice of Dr. David DeMatteo, Philadelphia, PA

Supervisor: David DeMatteo, JD, PhD, ABPP (Forensic)

- Aid with privately contracted forensic assessments (e.g., juvenile decertification; competence to stand trial; mitigation), including legal and clinical file review and writing forensic integrated reports

Patient Navigator

January 2022- April 2023

Reentry Project, Drexel Psychological Services Center

Supervisor: Kirk Heilbrun, PhD, ABPP (Clinical and Forensic)

- Liaisoned among stakeholders, including the United States Federal Probation, Federal Reentry Court, Federal Mental Health Court, and Drexel Psychological Services Center
- Directed various administrative tasks, such as completing consent forms and initial psychometric testing with new referrals, providing technological services for telehealth services, sending client reminders, and coordinating appointments
- Contributed to a research project assessing treatment outcomes

Mental Health Worker

July 2018- October 2019

Heartland Alliance Health, Chicago, IL

- Provided therapeutic and harm reduction services to adults with serious mental health disorders and substance use disorders in a 24/7 residential care facility
- Coordinated patient care and advocated for clients with psychiatric providers, physical health care providers, and law enforcement
- Conducted mental health assessments and clinical interviews to assist with treatment and goal planning
- Taught others to utilize longitudinal data to inform patient treatment plans and goals and led informal discussions about improving the assessment process

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Teaching Fellow

September 2023-present

Drexel University, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences

- Teaching assistant for various undergraduate courses
- Provide instructive lectures, lead class activities, proctor exams, and grade assignments

Courses Taught

- Developmental Psychology, Fall 2024
- Abnormal Psychology, Spring 2024
- Preprofessional General Psychology II, Winter 2024
- Preprofessional General Psychology I, Fall 2023

Tutor

Aim Academic, Remote

August 2023- present

- Provide personalized academic support to undergraduate psychology students, resulting in improved comprehension of course material

OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Editorial Assistant

Law and Human Behavior

October 2023-present

- Assist editor-in-chief of journal in administrative duties

Forensic Associate

August 2021-August 2023

Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services

Behavioral Health and Justice Division

Supervisors: Christy Giallella, PhD, Jaymes Fairfax-Columbo, JD, PhD

- Provided support and expertise to initiatives that develop resources, improve services, and impact policies related to the criminal justice system to build a more effective and responsive system of services for people with serious mental illness and substance use disorders
- Assembled cross-system collaboration among stakeholders, including the forensic hospital, Department of Prisons, community behavioral health services, and the courts

Specific Projects

Releasing Individuals with Serious Mental Illness from Jail Incarceration

- Assisted with a retrospective research study to examine the impact on recidivism, substance use, and community adjustment among individuals released from jail during COVID-19
- Produced study documents, including manuscript preparation, presentation of findings, and IRB submission

Alternatives to Detention Reentry Program

- Managed grant project timeline, performance reports, and project deliverables to enhance the city's reentry program
- Recommended and implemented adjustments to monitoring, measuring, and analysis strategies to effectively assess progress toward program goals

Crisis Intervention Training

- Enhanced curriculum and conducted monthly Hearing Voices that are Distressing module at Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for 19 classes of officers and mental health co-responders at the Philadelphia Police Department
- Tailored and presented training to various audiences, including the Defender Association of Philadelphia and the Youth Arrest Reform Project

Philadelphia Mental Health Court Competency Program

- Coordinated the design and implementation of a program evaluation
- Facilitated communication between the forensic hospital and mental health court to provide support to address the state's forensic waitlist
- Researched innovative best practices for competency evaluations and restoration treatment, culminating in a program proposal

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Grisamore, S. P. & DeMatteo, D. (2024). Overcoming stigma: Community support for overdose prevention sites. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 127.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2024.104415>

Grisamore, S. P., Nguyen, R. L., Wiedbusch, E. K., Guerrero, M., Cope, C. E. A., Abo, M. G., & Jason, L. A. (2022). Journey to wellness: A socio-ecological analysis of veterans in recovery from substance use disorders. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 70(3-4), 394-406. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ajcp.12615>

Whipple, C., Robinson, W. L., Jason, L. A., Kaynak, O., Harris, C., **Grisamore, S. P.**, & Troyka, M. (2021). Patterns of community violence exposure among African American adolescents residing in low-resource urban neighborhoods. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 68(3-4), 414-426. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ajcp.12522>

Book Chapters, Encyclopedia Entries, & Books

Fairfax-Columbo, J., Desai, A., **Grisamore, S. P.**, & DeMatteo, D. (under contract). *Career paths in forensic psychology: A primer for a rewarding career at the intersection of law and psychology*. Routledge.

DeMatteo, D., Kanani, H., **Grisamore, S. P.**, & Chard, A. (In press). Doctoral training in forensic psychology. In K. Heilbrun & D. DeMatteo (Eds.), *Community-based psychological services for justice-involved individuals*, Oxford University Press.

Fairfax-Columbo, J., Wiltsie, K., Pursel, A., & **Grisamore, S. P.** (in press). The legal basis of psychological injury: A primer on tort law and evidence law. In G. Young (Ed.), *Handbook of Psychological Injury and Law*. Springer Nature.

DeMatteo, D., **Grisamore, S. P.**, & Kanani, H. (under contract). Substance use and crime. In P. Zapf (Ed.), *APA handbook of forensic psychology* (2nd ed.). American Psychological Association.

DeMatteo, D., Wiltsie, K., & **Grisamore, S. P.** (2023). Forensic psychology and psychiatry. In H. S. Friedman & C. H. Markey (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of mental health* (3rd ed.), Vol. 2 (pp. 47-52). Elsevier.

Other Publications (non-peer-reviewed)

Fairfax-Columbo, J., **Grisamore, S. P.**, & Wiltsie, K. (2023). Increasing compassion, reducing harm: Harm reduction in California. *The California Psychologist*.

Grisamore, S. P., Fairfax-Columbo, J., & DeMatteo, D. (2022, October 1). No, it's not Hamsterdam! A primer on overdose prevention centers. *American Psychology-Law Society Newsletter*.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

Grisamore, S. P. & DeMatteo, D. (Under review). *Community support for overdose prevention sites: The power of research*. Paper presentation submitted to be presented at the 2025 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Giallella, C., **Grisamore, S. P.**, Kupecz, A., Fairfax-Columbo, J., Heilbrun, K., DeMatteo, D., Wright, J., & McCrea, C. (2024, March). *Releasing individuals with serious mental illness from jail incarceration during COVID-19: Findings from a naturally-occurring experiment*. Paper presented at the 2024 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Los Angeles, CA.

Kanani, H., **Grisamore, S. P.**, Fairfax-Columbo, J., & DeMatteo, D. (2024, March). *Using the Sequential Intercept Model to address substance use and crime: A public health approach in a public safety costume*. Paper presented at the 2024 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Los Angeles, CA.

Wiltsie, K., Jackson, C., Kanani, H., **Grisamore, S. P.**, DeMatteo, D. (2024, March). *An empirical analysis of vicarious trauma among forensic evaluators*. Paper presented at the 2024 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Los Angeles, CA.

Giallella, C., Ayers, D., O'Dwyer, M., Bierhoff, J., Kazazi, N. K., Wiltsie, K., **Grisamore, S. P.**, & Fairfax-Columbo, J. (2023, March). *Working to remedy injustice: A critical re-examination of police interaction with individuals with behavioral health challenges*. In C. Giallella (Chair) *From tragedy to triumph: Responding to community crises and creating change opportunities*.

Symposium conducted at the 2023 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA.

Wiltsie, K., Smith, T. Giallella, C., **Grisamore, S. P.**, Akers, S., Brinson, K., & Kupecz, A. (2023, March). *Evolving with an epidemic: A critical re-examination of reentry practices*. In C. Giallella (Chair) From tragedy to triumph: Responding to community crises and creating change opportunities. Symposium conducted at the 2023 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA.

Grisamore, S. P., Fairfax-Columbo, J., Stout, A., Brinson, K., Akers, S., & Sun, M. (2023, March). *The Opioid Epidemic: Addressing needs of individuals with problematic substance use at early intercepts*. In C. Giallella (Chair) From tragedy to triumph: Responding to community crises and creating change opportunities. Symposium conducted at the 2023 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA.

Zapotocky, H., Wiltsie, K., **Grisamore, S. P.**, Swenson, A., Charles, D., Jackson, C., & Heilbrun, K. (2023, March) *The Drexel Reentry Project: Prioritizing dynamic risk factors to inform treatment needs*. Paper presented at the 2023 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA.

Heilbrun, K., Schwartz, J., Wiltsie, K., Zapotocky, H., Charles, D., Swenson, A., Jackson, C., & **Grisamore, S. P.** (2023, March). *A university-based cognitive behavioral treatment program for a reentry court*. Symposium presented at the 2023 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA.

Charles, D., Wiltsie, K., Zapotocky, H., Swenson, A., Jackson, C., **Grisamore, S. P.**, & Heilbrun, K. (2023, March). *Evidence-based strategies for the wrongfully convicted: Incorporation of ambiguous grief and racialized trauma treatment with exonerees*. Paper presented at the 2023 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA.

Grisamore, S. P., & DeMatteo, D. (2022, March 19). *Harm reduction for diversion: A systematic review and research agenda*. Paper presented at the 2022 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Denver, Colorado.

Grisamore, S. P., Cope, C. E. A., Wiedbusch, E., Nguyen, R., Guerro, M., & Jason, L. A. (2021, April 23). *How can cognitive-based research inform recovery-based interventions for substance use disorders?* Roundtable discussion presented at the 93rd annual Midwestern Psychological Association Conference, Virtual.

Nguyen, R., **Grisamore, S. P.**, Guerrero, M., & Jason, L. A. (2021, April 23). *Personalized recovery framework for veterans recovering from substance use disorder: a qualitative study*. Poster presented at the 93rd Annual Convention of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Virtual.

Harris, C. W., Guarnaccia, U., Kosmicki, M., *Parkas, S. P., Jason, L. A., & Robinson, W. L. (2020, Oct. 24). *Social justice-oriented graduate programs*. Roundtable presented at the Midwest Eco Conference, Virtual.

*Parkas, S. P., Kosmicki, M., Jason, L. A., & Robinson, W. L. (2020, April). *Suicide among African American children*. Poster presented at the Annual Convention of the Midwestern Psychological Association Conference, Virtual (First & second author contributed equally).

Professional Presentations / Invited Talks

Grisamore, S. P. (2021, October 22). *Mental Health Court: Best practices and recommendations*. Presentation at monthly Legal Strategy Meeting for the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services' Behavioral Health and Justice Division.

Lankford, C., & **Grisamore, S. P.** (2021, October 13). *Understanding substance use and abuse among working professionals*. Presentation as part of the Health and Wellness Dialogue Series sponsored by Drexel University Human Resources Department.

*Submitted under maiden name

REVIEWER POSITIONS

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Law and Human Behavior

July 2022- Present

Student Proposal Reviewer

American Psychology and Law Society (AP-LS) Annual Convention

2023, 2024

American Psychology Association (APA), Annual Convention

2022

CERTIFICATIONS & SKILLS

Trainings: Motivational Interviewing, Handle with Care (Crisis Intervention), Overdose Prevention and Response

Technical Skills: Dedoose, Prolific, Qualtrics, SPSS

Professional Affiliations: American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS)