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Education

- August 2017 Doctor of Philosophy in Urban Studies
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Prelim Areas: Courts, Gender & Crime, Space & Social Control
Title: *Examining the processes of social construction on decision-making in domestic violence probation review hearings*
Committee: Dr. Tina Freiburger (chair),
Dr. Anne Bonds, Dr. Aki Roberts, Dr. Tom LeBel, Dr. Steve Brandl
- May 2010 Master of Science in Criminal Justice
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- May 2008 Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Minor: Jewish Studies
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Summa cum laude
Senior Thesis: *Personality and parenting styles predicting eating disorders.*
Advisor: Dr. Robert Hessling

Professional Experience

- 2017-Present Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2014-Present Senior Lecturer, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
2012-2014 Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2011-2014 Adjunct Lecturer, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2012 Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2011 Teaching Associate, Arizona State University
2010-2011 Research Assistant, Arizona State University
2008-2010 Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts

- Freiburger, T. L., Romain, D. M., Randoll, B., & Marcum, C. D. (forthcoming). Cheating behaviors among undergraduate college students: Results from a factorial survey. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education.*
- Romain, D. M. & Freiburger, T. L. (2015). Chivalry revisited: Gender, race/ethnicity and offense type on domestic violence charge reduction. *Feminist Criminology*, 1-32.
- Romain, D. M. & Hassell, K. D. (2014). An exploratory examination of the

sources of socialization influencing juvenile perceptions of police. *International Journal of Police Sciences & Management*, 16(1), 36-51.

Romain, D. M. & Freiburger, T. L. (2013). Prosecutorial discretion for domestic violence cases: An examination of the effects of offender race, ethnicity, gender and age. *Criminal Justice Studies*, 26(3), 289-307.

Manuscript Under Review

Freiburger, T. L. & Romain, D.M. Pretrial release and sentencing decisions in domestic violence cases: The effects of age, gender and race/ethnicity.

Manuscripts in Progress

Romain, D. M. & Freiburger, T. L. The influence of race, gender, and age on charge reduction.

Romain, D. M. & Richie, M. From innocent and enslaved to incorrigible and diseased: The transformation of prostitution by progressive reformers in Chicago.

Book Chapter

2015 Sexual assault and the evolution of rape. In *Women in the criminal justice system*, T. L. Freiburger & C. D. Marcum, (Eds.). Los Angeles: Sage Publications.

Conference Presentations

2016 Romain, D. & Freiburger, T. *The influence of age, gender, and race/ethnicity on charge reductions*. Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in November 2016.

2016 Romain, D. & Freiburger, T. *The interactive influence of defendant race/ethnicity on charge reduction*. Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association in September 2016.

2016 Romain, D. & Freiburger, T. *The influence of age, gender, and race/ethnicity on charge reductions*. Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in March 2016.

2015 Romain, D. *Family and responsibility: Observations of domestic violence review hearings*. Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in November 2015.

2014 Romain, D. *From innocent and enslaved to incorrigible and diseased: The transformation of prostitution by progressive reformers in Chicago*. Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in November 2014.

2013 Mellom, D., Romain, D. & Freiburger, T. *Sentencing domestic violence offenders: The influence of gender, race and age*. Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in November 2013.

- 2013 Romain, D., Freiburger, T. & Marcum, C. *It's not cheating per-se: Undergraduate perceptions of academic misconduct*. Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in November 2013.
- 2013 Mellom, D., Richie, M., Romain, D. & Freiburger, T. *Undergraduates' perceptions of academic misconduct*. Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association in September 2013.
- 2013 Freiburger, T., Marcum, C. Romain, D. & Bigger, K. *Perceptions and predictors of academic misconduct among undergraduates*. Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association in September 2013.
- 2013 Romain, D. & Freiburger, T. *Chivalry revisited: The effects of gender on charge reduction in domestic violence cases*. Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in March 2013.
- 2012 Romain, D. & Freiburger, T. *The effects of age, gender and race/ethnicity on pretrial decisions for domestic violence offenders*. Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in November 2012.
- 2012 Romain, D. & Freiburger, T. *The effect of age, race, and gender on prosecutors' charging decisions*. Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in March 2012.
- 2011 Romain, D., Vaughn-Uding, C., Spohn, C. & Tellis, K. *Guarding the gateway to justice: Redefining the role of the prosecutor in sexual assault case processing decisions*. Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in November 2011.
- 2011 Spohn, C., Tellis, K., Romain, D., & Vaughn-Uding, C. *Unfounding sexual assault: False reports by victims and police suspicion of victims*. Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in March 2011.
- 2009 Hassell, K.D., Archbold, C.A., & Romain, D.M. *Factors influencing juveniles' perceptions of the police*. Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association in September 2009.
- 2007 Romain, D.M, & Hessling, R.M. *Personality and parenting styles predicting eating disorders*. Poster submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association in May 2007.
- 2006 Flora, K.C., Hessling, R.M., Klessig, J., Pinnow, K.A., Romain, D.M., & Vraney, L.M. *Effect of exercise difficulty and presence of others on anxiety in female undergraduates*. Poster submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin Psychological Association in April 2006.

Research Interests

Courts and Sentencing, Prosecutorial Discretion, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Collective Efficacy, Gender and Racial Disparity

Honors and Awards

2015 Urban Studies Department Travel Award, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2013-2014 Graduate School Travel Award, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2012 Criminal Justice Adjunct Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2012 Graduate School Chancellor’s Award, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2010-2011 University Graduate Fellowship, Arizona State University
2010 Graduate Student Award in Criminal Justice, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2009-2010 Graduate School Chancellor’s Award, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2009 Robert L. Stonek Memorial Scholarship
2006 Sophomore Honors, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2006 Psi Chi Honor Society
2004-2008 Dean’s List, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
2004 Dean’s List, University of Wisconsin – Green Bay

Funded Research Experience

2017-Present Co-Investigator \$166,649 Dr. Joshua Merksy, PI
Program Evaluation of the Family Peace Center Model for Addressing Polyvictimization
As funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, this evaluation will include developing a polyvictimization screening tool for victims of domestic violence, as well as a process evaluation of implementation at Sojourner Family Peace Center for tool utilization in connecting victims with services in the community, establishing partnerships with other community organizations to serve polyvictims, and assessing outcomes.

2017-Present Co-Investigator Dr. Tina Freiburger, PI
An Evaluation of the Vistelar Training Initiative at Milwaukee County Behavior Health Division
As funded by Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division, this evaluation will include a process evaluation and program evaluation of the implementation of a conflict management program for all staff employed at BHD to decrease the use of restraints, physical altercations with patients, role ambiguity, and increase the overall climate, morale, and feelings of safety by staff.

Research Experience

2016 Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Assisted Dr. Tina Freiburger on data collection for a project examining the impact of a DUI Court in Outagamie, Wisconsin. Responsibilities included data collection and coding for recidivism.

2014-2015 Researcher, City of Racine

Assisted the City Attorney's Office of Racine, WI with a statistical analysis of patterns in renewal of liquor licenses to bars and taverns based on police calls for service, licensing committee actions, and agent demographics. Duties included collecting data from IT systems, data entry and cleaning, and statistical analysis of committee decisions.

2013-2014 Independent Study, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

Assisted Dr. Tina Freiburger with a program evaluation of the Students Talking it Over with Police (STOP) program. Duties included contacting schools to schedule pre-tests and post-tests, administering student surveys, data entry and cleaning, randomization of students to groups, and a process evaluation of two schools.

2012 Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Assisted Dr. Kimberly Hassell on various research projects in coordination with the Milwaukee Police Department. Responsibilities included data collection and coding, and preparing literature searches and reviews.

2010-2011 Research Assistant, Arizona State University

Assisted Dr. Cassia Spohn with data entry and qualitative research of sexual assault unfounded cases reported to the Los Angeles Police Department in 2008. Classified cases as to whether they were false reports or not, and developed a typology of motivations for filing false reports. The work resulted in panel presentations at ACJS and ASC.

2007 Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Health Care Study

Assisted Katie E. Mosack, Ph. D. in administering a study measuring health care practices within the LGBT community as well as the level of comfort LGBT individuals have in disclosing their sexual orientation with health care practitioners. The survey was conducted over the course of one weekend at a local festival.

2006-2007 Senior Thesis, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Under the supervision of Robert M. Hessling, Ph.D., I completed a thesis investigating whether parenting styles and personality types interacted in the prediction of eating disorders. A survey was sent out to undergraduates and yielded over 500 participants. The results showed that parenting styles have a direct relationship with eating disorders, while personality factors do not seem to have a clear relationship. This research was presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association conference in May 2007.

2006-2007 Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Social Behavior Lab

Assisted with experiments ran by graduate students. Ran participants on five studies, entered data into SPSS, and analyzed results. Presented one research project at the Wisconsin Psychological Association annual conference in during the Spring 2006 semester. Met during the semester to discuss the progress of research for Robert M. Hessling, Ph.D. 9 hours weekly.

Teaching Experience

2017-present Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

I teach two sections of undergraduate and graduate courses each semester, including graduate statistics. In addition, I am actively involved in research, including program evaluations with community organizations.

2014-present Senior Lecturer, University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee

I teach four sections of undergraduate courses every semester, often with varying courses each semester. I have also developed several courses during this time period: victimology, women and criminal justice, criminological theory, and violence and the criminal justice system. Victimology was a new online course offering, requiring transposing traditional “in-class” activities into the online setting. I have also flipped two face-to-face courses into an online format: women and criminal justice and introduction to research in criminal justice. Extensive experience teaching in both online and face-to-face formats, with creative discussion formats and assignments.

2012-2014 Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

I have taught five sections, including four online, of an introductory course in urban studies. This course is a general education requirement for undergraduates. With a mix of education levels and majors, I taught a basic understanding of urban planning, theories of cities, and the major challenges that face cities today. A mix of lecture, documentary films, discussion, and writing assignments were used to provide a variety of learning opportunities in order to fully understand urban issues and think critically about causes and policies aimed at reducing urban problems. Average students enrolled: 20.

2011-2014 Adjunct Lecturer, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

I taught six sections of research methods for undergraduate students in criminal justice. There were typically 40 students enrolled each semester. I lectured on basic research principles and designs while incorporating small-group activities and discussions on relevant research articles. My goal for the class was to not only understand the basic concepts of research and how to critique published articles, but a general understanding of how to conduct various research designs. I also taught one section of criminal court process, a lower-level course taken by a variety of college majors. This section had 100 students. My lecture format consisted of the basic concepts and structure of American courts, changes in court process via landmark cases, and theories of court decision-making. Discussion of selected high-profile cases, including video clips, was added in order to help students apply these concepts to actual law-in-practice.

2011 Teaching Associate, Arizona State University

I taught an online summer course for undergraduate research methods available to students in the on-campus and online programs. There were 27 students enrolled in the course. I prepared a syllabus, grading scheme, quizzes, assignments and exams. My goal was to convey a basic understanding of research methods and how to critique published articles.

2008-2010 Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Assisted Michael Durfee and Michael Harrington in seven sections of undergraduate classes through proctoring and grading of exams, creation of quizzes and study materials, guest lecturing, and other related activities during the 2008-2009 school year. I was the primary teaching assistant for the criminal justice department during the 2009-2010 school year, during which I assisted with proctoring and grading exams, grading papers and homework assignments for Professors Freiburger and Lovell and Lecturer Michael Durfee. I also assisted Dr. Freiburger with coding media print articles on drunk driving coverage and data entry on sex offender recidivism after Megan's Law implementation in Virginia.

2008 Swedish Tutor, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
One student enrolled in Swedish 101 during the Fall 2008 semester was not available for half of the class periods per week. I worked with Lecturer Veronica Lundbäck toward developing a supplementary curriculum for this student. I taught this student during the course of the semester what he would have learned in the classes he was missing.

Courses Taught

USP 250: Exploring the Urban Environment*

CRJ 110: Introduction to Criminal Justice*

CRJ 150: Introduction to Research in Criminal Justice*

CRJ 275: Criminal Court Process

CRJ 295: Crime Control and Criminal Justice Policy

CRJ 380: Victimology*

CRJ 385: Women and Criminal Justice*

CRJ 420: Violence and the Criminal Justice System

CRJ 662: Methods of Social Welfare Research (also CCJ 302 at Arizona State*)

CRJ 713: Measuring Crime and Analyzing Crime Data (graduate seminar)

*Denotes Online sections as well

External Service

2012-present External ad-hoc reviewer for *Journal of Criminal Justice Studies*
Feminist Criminology
Current Issues in Personality Psychology
Crime and Delinquency

University Service

2012-2014 Member of *e.polis* editorial board – a student-led journal for Urban Studies.

2013 Moderator, volunteer at the annual Urban Studies Student Forum.

Related Employment

2009-2010 Volunteer Victim Advocate, Sojourner Family Peace Center

2009 Victim Advocate, Sojourner Family Peace Center

Assisted victims of domestic violence whom had contact with the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office with developing a safety plan, providing information about criminal cases, court support, and providing referrals for necessities such as shelter, relocating, counseling, and restraining orders.

2009 Intern, Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office
Observed Assistant District Attorneys as well as Victim/Witness Advocates during court cases and initial appearances for victims of domestic violence. Received training on how to approach victims of domestic violence, and began to work with victims toward the end of semester regarding safety planning and referral services.

Professional and Honor Societies

2010-present Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

2010-present American Society of Criminology

Division on Women & Crime

Division on Corrections & Sentencing

2013-present Midwestern Criminal Justice Association

2005-present Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology

References

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