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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

Professional Experience

- 2019-Present Affiliate Researcher, Institute for Child and Family Wellbeing
- 2018-Present Graduate Program Coordinator, Criminal Justice & Criminology Department, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2017-Present Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice & Criminology Department, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2014-2017 Senior Lecturer, Criminal Justice & Criminology Department, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2011-2014 Adjunct Lecturer, Criminal Justice & Criminology Department, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts

* Denotes graduate student as co-author.

Romain Dagenhardt, D. M. (forthcoming). Observing gender and race discourses in probation review hearings. *Feminist Criminology*.

Romain Dagenhardt, D. M. (forthcoming). The influence of race, gender, family, and employment status on probationer sanctioning for non-compliance. *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*.

Romain, D. M. & Krushas, A.* (forthcoming). Examining the interaction of

race/ethnicity and probationer non-compliance on sanctioning decisions. *Race & Justice*.

Freiburger, T. L. & Romain, D. (2018). Pretrial release and sentencing decisions in domestic violence cases: The effects of age, gender and race/ethnicity. *Crime & Delinquency*, 64(13), 1663-1697.

Freiburger, T. L., Romain, D. M., Randoll, B., & Marcum, C. D. (2017). Cheating behaviors among undergraduate college students: Results from a factorial survey. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 28(2), 222-247.

Romain, D. M. & Freiburger, T. L. (2016). Chivalry revisited: Gender, race/ethnicity and offense type on domestic violence charge reduction. *Feminist Criminology*, 11(2), 191-222.

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.

Manuscripts under Review

Romain Dagenhardt, D. M., Mersky, J., Topitzes, J., Schubert, E., & Krushas, A. E. Assessing polyvictimization in a family justice center: Lessons learned from a demonstration project.

Romain Dagenhardt, D. M., Heideman, A. J. & Freiburger, T. L. An examination of the direct and interactive effects of race/ethnicity and gender on charge reduction.

Manuscripts in Progress

Freiburger, T. L., Romain Dagenhardt, D. M. & Heideman, A. J. An evaluation of a conflict resolution program for mental health care workers.

Romain Dagenhardt, D. M. & Freiburger, T. L. The interaction of judge and technical violation on sanctioning in probation review hearings.

Romain Dagenhardt, D. M., Freiburger, T. L. & Heideman, A. J. Accountability and impact? Examining the influence of probation review hearing outcomes on recidivism among domestic violence offenders.

Romain Dagenhardt, D. M., Topitzes, J. W., Belasco, E., & Sharif, S. Examining the Strengths and Challenges of a Smart Reentry Program: Lessons Learned.

Romain Dagenhardt, D. M. "You know baseball? Three strikes, you're out": Linking

court observations to quantitative analysis of decision-making in family violence cases.

Romain Dagenhardt, D. M. "It's on you!" Examining discourses in domestic violence courts during probation review hearings.

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.

Funded Research

2020-Present Co-Investigator \$1,272,999 Drs. Tina Freiburger & Melinda Kavanaugh, Co-PIs

System of Care (SOC) Expansion & Sustainability Evaluation and Infrastructure Development

As funded by SAMSHA, this evaluation seeks to examine gaps in treatment for youth served by Psychiatric Crisis Services and develop a new alternative to PCS. As Co-Investigator, I am actively involved in the qualitative analysis portion of this project, which consists of youth and parent/guardian interviews about experiences in PCS and Wraparound programming.

2020-Present Co-Investigator Dr. Joshua Mersky, PI

Program Evaluation of the Family Drug Treatment Court

This evaluation seeks to examine program completion for parents who are enrolled in the family drug treatment court (FDTC) in Milwaukee County. As Co-Investigator, I am heading the qualitative analysis portion of this project, which consists of interviews with eligible participants who chose not to enroll in the FDTC or who dropped out from services early on about their experiences and service needs. Additionally, interviews with former FDTC staff and court staff who work in similar courts (i.e. children's court, criminal neglect cases) about their perceptions of problem-solving courts and needs of clients and families with substance abuse problems.

2018-2020 Principal Investigator \$15,169

Program Evaluation of Legal Action of Wisconsin Human Trafficking Project

As funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, this evaluation project has been implemented in Milwaukee County to better serve the needs of trafficking victims in the civil legal realm, including eviction and housing issues, employment law, municipal warrants, and crime victim compensation. To evaluate whether the project is meeting its intended goals and identified outcomes, I am conducting a program evaluation using mixed methods research, including surveys of clients served and in-depth interviews with a sample of clients.

2017-2019 Co-Investigator \$166,649 Dr. Joshua Mersky, PI

Program Evaluation of the Family Peace Center Model for Addressing Polyvictimization

As funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, this evaluation includes 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. As co-investigator, I developed interview guides for clients and staff of the SFPC to assess perceptions of the center, challenges that victims face, strengths of the center, and inter-agency collaboration. I also conducted these interviews and focus groups, and trained graduate students to transcribe the interviews/focus groups, and worked with them to code for qualitative keywords and themes.

2017-2019 Co-Investigator \$79,999 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 includes 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. As a co-investigator, I assisted in developing the survey instruments for staff at BHD and survey administration protocols, and coordinated student administration of surveys and data entry. I also assisted in developing a process evaluation of the training, and observed, along with a research assistant, several sessions to ensure program fidelity. I also conducted the qualitative analysis of focus group data and process evaluation to assess fidelity.

Conference Presentations

* Denotes graduate student as co-author.

2018 Romain, D. M. *“Seven kids?! How many different women?”: Observing gender and race discourses in probation review hearings.* Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in November 2018.

Romain, D. M. & Krushas, A.* *Examining the interaction of race/ethnicity and probationer non-compliance on sanctioning decisions.* Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwest Criminal Justice Association in September 2018.

Romain, D. M. *Examining decision-making in domestic violence probation review hearings: Factors considered important indicators of progress.* Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in February 2018.

Schlichter, K.* & Romain, D. M. *Do probation review hearings reduce offender recidivism? An examination of whether sanctioning for non-compliance impacts re-offending.* Submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in February 2018.

2017 Romain, D. *The influence of probationer social location on sanction decisions in*

- domestic violence probation review hearings*. Submitted for poster presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in November 2017.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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.

Invited Presentations

“Court processing of sexual assault and intimate partner violence cases: Victim and perpetrator disparities.” Talk presented at the National Association for Social Workers Wisconsin Conference, October 25th, 2019 in Milwaukee, WI.

“An evaluation of the Vistelar Training Initiative at Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division: One-Month Follow Up Results.” Presented at Beyond Conflict Conference, Vistelar, October 20th, 2018 in Milwaukee, WI.

Research Interests

Courts and Sentencing
Gender and Racial Disparity
Intimate Partner Violence
Discourse Analysis

Honors and Awards

- 2018 Research Award, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- 2017 Best Article Award of 2016 – *Feminist Criminology* for:
Romain, D. M. & Freiburger, T. L. (2016). Chivalry revisited: Gender, race/ethnicity and offense type on domestic violence charge reduction. *Feminist Criminology*, 11(2), 191-222.
- 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 Psi Chi Honor Society

Consulting

- 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.

Research Trainings and Workshops

- 2019 ICPSR 5-day workshop: Structural Equation Models and Latent Variables: An Introduction
- 2018 ICPSR 5-day workshop: Applied Multilevel Models for Longitudinal and Clustered Data

Teaching Experience

2017-present Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
I teach two sections of undergraduate and graduate courses each semester, including graduate statistics and graduate capstone. 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.

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.

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(305): 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)*

CRJ 910/920: Capstone in Masters of Criminal Justice (graduate seminar)

*Denotes Online sections as well

Theses and Dissertations

Amber Krushas – Master’s thesis (chair; completed 2/2019)

Matt Richie – Doctoral dissertation (committee member, completed 6/2019)

Independent Studies Supervised

2017, Fall Parminderjit Singh – “Globalization, human rights, and corruption”

Teaching Trainings and Workshops (offered by CETL)

2019 Strategies for Conveying Caring and Belief in Student Success
Canvas Advanced (Quizzes and Discussion)

2018 Canvas Basics (Pages and Assignments)
Grading Schemes that Support Attendance, Engagement and Preparation

for Class!
2016 Introduction to Clickers
2014 Flipping Courses into Online Format

University Service

2020-2023 Member, Honorary Degree Committee
2020-2021 Member, Faculty Senate

School Service

2019-2020 Member, Search and Screen Committee for Dean of HBSSW
2018-present Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
2018 Member, Pre-search Committee for Dean's Search
2017-present Member, Marketing Committee, criminal justice workgroup
2017-2018 Member, Awards Committee
Member, Student Retention Committee

Professional Service

2012-present External ad-hoc reviewer for *Journal of Criminal Justice Studies*
Feminist Criminology
Current Issues in Personality Psychology
Crime and Delinquency
Journal of Youth Studies
Justice Quarterly
Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research
Violence Against Women
Race & Justice

2013 Panel chair – ASC Conference
2015 Panel chair – ASC Conference
2018 Panel chair – ACJS Conference, MCJA Conference

External Service to the Community

2017-present Commissioner, Police and Fire Commission of West Allis, WI
2020-present Member, Israel and Overseas Committee of Milwaukee Jewish Federation

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.

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

References available upon request.