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FACULTY POSITIONS

2023 Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, University at Buffalo

EDUCATION

2023 **Ph.D.**, Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles, Luskin School of Public Affairs
Dissertation: *Stopping the Revolving Door: Understanding the Connection Between Mental Illness and Recidivism*
Committee: Laura S. Abrams (Chair), Todd Franke, Laura Wray-Lake, Elizabeth Barnert

2018 **MSW**, Brigham Young University, School of Social Work

2016 **BSW** (with Certificate in Criminology), Brigham Young University Idaho, Department of Sociology and Social Work.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Research: Criminal Legal System, Reentry, Mental Illness and Recovery, Community Supervision, Juvenile Justice, Desistance from Crime

Teaching: Social Policy, Human Behavior in the Social Environment, Research Methods and Statistics, Forensic Social Work, Juvenile Justice

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Applegarth, D. M., Lewis, A. R., Rief, R. M. (2023). A research note: Risk assessments development and application, informative yet imperfect tools. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 34(4). <https://doi.org/10.1177/08874034231180505>

Applegarth, D. M., Adams, B. (2023). Screening, service provision, and information sharing practices in juvenile facilities. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 148, 106883. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2023.106883>

Washington, D. M., **Applegarth, D. M.**, Canlione, K. C., Abrams, L. S. (2022). Lost time: Family reintegration following a youth life sentence. *Social Service Review*, 96(2). <https://doi.org/10.1086/719900>

Wood, D. S., **Applegarth, D. M.**, Dennis, C. B., Kevern, T. C., & Limb, G. E. (2021). Effects of online training on social work students' efficacy and confidence related to screening, brief intervention, referral and treatment. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 32(8), 1089-1100. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2021.1992695>

Abrams, L. S., Garcia-Perez, J., Brock-Petroshius, K., **Applegarth, D. M.** (2021). Racism, colorblindness, and social work education: An exploratory study of California MSW student beliefs and experiences. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1086/714830>

Barnert, E., **Applegarth, D. M.**, Aggarwal, E., Abrams, L. S., Bondoc, C., Ospina, A. (2020). Health needs of detained youth without histories of correctional placement. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 118. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2020.105412>

Abrams, L. S., Canlione, K., **Applegarth, D. M.** (2020). Growing up behind bars: Pathways to desistance for juvenile lifers. *Marquette Law Review*, 103(3), 746-773.

Brian, C. J., Wood, D. S., **Applegarth, D. M.**, Brian, A. O. (2020). Subtypes of mental health and barriers to care among National Guard personnel: Results of a latent class analysis. *Armed Forces and Society*, 46(3), 424-437. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0095327X19842220>

Applegarth, D. M., Wood, D. S., Bryan, A. O., Bryan, C. J. (2019). Examining help-seeking among National Guard service members. *Military Behavioral Health*, 7(2), 198-205. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21635781.2018.1526143>

Steele, E., Wood, D. S., Usadi, E., **Applegarth, D. M.** (2018). TRR's Warrior Camp®: An intensive treatment program for combat trauma in active military and veterans of all eras. *Journal of Military Medicine*, 183(suppl_1), 403-407. <https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1093/milmed/usx153>

Edited Volume

National Institute of Justice, *Desistance from Crime: Implications for Research, Policy, and Practice*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, November 2021, NCJ 301497. (**Contributing Editor**)

Forthcoming

Applegarth, D. M., Abrams, L. S., Farabee, D. J. (*In Preparation*). Exploring post-release concerns of incarcerated individuals with severe mental illness.

Rief, R. M., Lewis, A. R., **Applegarth, D. M** (*In Preparation*). Fairness and equity in risk assessments.

Applegarth, D. M., Wray-Lake, L. (*In Preparation*). Challenges of reentry: examining relationships between mental illness, family conflict, and meeting basic needs and their connection to recidivism.

Published Research Reports

Applegarth, D. M., Jones, P., Holliday, S. B. (January, 2023). Promising services for justice-involved youth: A scoping review with implications for the Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act. Santa Monica, CA: Rand Corporation, 2023.
https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RRA1663-2.html.

White, V., **Applegarth, D. M.**, Hunt, J., Hudgins, C. (February, 2022). The NIJ recidivism forecasting challenge: Contextualizing the results. National Institute of Justice. NCJ 304110.
<https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/nij/304110.pdf>

Diaz, S., Bernal, A., Aguilar, J., Morales, M., **Applegarth, D. M.**, Casas, R., Foxen, P., Ricon-Gallardo, M., Villarruel, F. A. (August, 2020). The Latinx data gap in the youth justice system. UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Initiative and Alianza for Youth Justice.
<https://latino.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/LPPI-CJ-JJ-Report-copy.pdf>

Magazine Articles

Hudgins, C., White, V., **Applegarth, D. M.**, Hunt, J. (March/April, 2022). Result from the National Institute of Justice recidivism forecasting challenge: Improving recidivism forecasts through data sharing and open competition. *Corrections Today*, 12-16. NCJ 304416. Also available at [NIJ Link](#).

Adams, B., **Applegarth, D. M.**, Garcia, M. (January/February, 2022). Desistance from crime: On the frontier of criminal justice research. *Corrections Today*, 14-19. NCJ 304093. Also available at [NIJ Link](#).

Garcia, M., **Applegarth, D. M.**, Martin, E., Adams, B., Durose, M. (September/October, 2021). Using data and science to understand the impact of COVID-19 on corrections. *Corrections Today*, 12-16. NCJ 302394. Also available at [NIJ Link](#).

POLICY PRACTICE & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022

Rand Summer Associate, Rand Corporation

Principal Investigator: Stephanie Holliday

Responsibilities: Conducted a scoping review on evidence-based practices for youth with justice system involvement. Wrote report for community partners and the public.

2020 - 2022

Research Assistant, National Institute of Justice

Principal Investigators: Angela Moore, Joel Hunt, Eric Martin, Benjamin Adams, Marie Garcia, Marry Carlton, Barbara Kelley

Responsibilities:

- Worked on a multidisciplinary team to develop, market, and launch NIJ's Recidivism Forecasting Challenge.
- Was the lead organizer of a two-day virtual winner's symposium for the Recidivism Forecasting Challenge.
- Co-edited a scholarly volume on applying desistance theory to the criminal justice field.
- Developed training modules for international law enforcement program evaluation and piloted the implementation.
- Advised on grant solicitation reviews for multiple criminal justice research portfolios.
- Advised on redesigning the Juvenile Residential Facility Census (JRFC) and Census of Juvenile in Residential Placement (CJRP) surveys and conducted secondary analyses.

2019 - 2020

Senior Policy Fellow, Latino Policy & Politics Institute, University of California Los Angeles

Principal Investigators: Sonja Diaz & Matt Barreto

Responsibilities: Survey design, data extraction, data visualization, and report writing examining the Latinx data gap in the youth justice system.

2018 - 2020

Research Assistant, Social Welfare Department, University of California Los Angeles

Principal Investigators: Laura Abrams & Elizabeth Barnert

Responsibilities: Assisted in authoring several articles and technical reports. Entered, cleaned, and analyzed data from surveys and clinical assessments. Conducted phenomenological interviews with men incarcerated for 20-40 years. Developed life histories, coded transcripts, and engaged in thematic analysis. Participated in recruitment, coordinating with community partners, and study design and protocol development.

2016 - 2017

Research Assistant, School of Social Work, Brigham Young University

Principal Investigators: David S. Wood

Responsibilities: Lead author on collaborative paper, assisted on multiple research papers, data entry, and statistical analysis in Stata and Mplus.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Fellowships

2022 **Rand Summer Associate - \$14,000**

2020-2022 **National Institute of Justice Assistantship** - \$100,000

Awards

2020 **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award**, UCLA Graduate Division - \$6,000

2019 **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award**, UCLA Graduate Division - \$6,000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023 **Teaching Fellow**, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, *Social Movements* (Undergraduate course)

2023 **Teaching Fellow**, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, *People, Organizations, and Systems* (Undergraduate course)

2023 **Teaching Fellow**, UCLA Department of Social Welfare, *Applied Statistics in Social Welfare* (Graduate course)

2022 **Teaching Fellow**, UCLA Department of Social Welfare, *Dynamics of Human Behavior* (Graduate course)

2022 **Teaching Fellow**, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, *Creating Safe and Welcoming Schools* (Undergraduate course)

2022 **Teaching Assistant**, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, *Gangs, Criminal Justice, and Mass Incarceration* (Undergraduate course)

2021 **Teaching Assistant**, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, *People, Organizations, and Systems* (Undergraduate course)

2021 **Teaching Assistant**, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, *How Social Environments Shape Human Behavior* (Undergraduate course)

2017-2018 **Teaching Assistant**, BYU School of Social Work, *Research Methods* (Graduate course)

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

Applegarth, D. M., Adams, B. (November, 2022). *Screening, service provision, and information sharing practices*. The American Society of Criminology Annual Conference. Poster Presentation, Atlanta, Georgia.

Washington, D. M., **Applegarth, D. M.**, Abrams, L., Canlione, K. (January, 2022). *Lost time: Family reintegration after youth life sentences*. Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference. Poster Presentation, Washington, DC.

Applegarth, D. M., Wray-Lake, L. (January, 2022). *Challenges of reentry: examining relationships between mental illness, family conflict, and meeting basic needs and their connection to recidivism*. Poster Presentation, Washington, D.C.

Washington, D. M., **Applegarth, D. M.**, Abrams, L., Canlione, K. (November, 2021). *Forging family in lagged time: Reintegration after youth life sentences*. The American Association of Criminology Annual Conference. Paper Presentation, Chicago, IL.

Applegarth, D. M. (January, 2021). *Is anyone listening: Exploring post-release concerns of incarcerated individuals with severe mental illness*. Society for Social Work and Research. Paper Presentation, Washington, D.C.

Applegarth, D. M. (February, 2020). *Is anyone listening: Exploring post-release concerns of incarcerated individuals with severe mental illness*. Western Society of Criminology. Poster Presentation, Phoenix, Arizona.

Applegarth, D. M., Abrams, L. S., Brock-Petroshius, K., Garcia-Perez, J. (January, 2020). *Cognitive, affective, and behavioral responses of MSW students to racial issues: Identifying barriers to effective social work practice for racial equity*. Society for Social Work and Research. Paper Presentation, Washington, D.C.

Applegarth, D. M., Wood, D. S. (April, 2017). *Examining help-seeking among National Guard service members*. Mary Loy Fulton Mentored Research Conference. Poster presentation, Provo, UT.

Applegarth, D. M. (April, 2016). *Education's effect on recidivism*. Research and Creative Works Conference. Oral presentation, Rexburg, ID.

Other Presentations

Applegarth, D. M. (September, 2022). Promising Practices for Justice Involved Juveniles. Rand Corporation.

Applegarth, D. M. (March, 2021). Pathways of Desistance and Health Needs of Detained Youth. National Institute of Justice.

Guest Lecture Presentations

Applegarth, D. M. (May, 2022). “Prison, Trauma, & Mental Health.” California State University, Los Angeles, Public Affairs Undergraduate Major, PA 137: Gangs, Criminal Justice, and Mass Incarceration.

Applegarth, D. M. (March, 2022). “Criminal Legal System and Mental Illness.” California State University, Los Angeles, Public Affairs Undergraduate Major, PA 114: People, Organizations and Systems.

Applegarth, D. M. (November, 2021). “Criminal Justice System, Reentry Concerns, and Desistance.” California State University, Los Angeles, Public Affairs Undergraduate Major, PA 80: How Environments Shape Human Behavior.

Applegarth, D. M. (March, 2021). “Introduction to Social Work and Criminal Justice Research.” University of Texas Austin, Steve Hicks School of Social Work, SW 310: Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2022 **Reviewer**, International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology

2022 **Reviewer**, Journal of Offender Rehabilitation

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2015-2018 **Youth Mentor**, Inner City Youth Charitable Foundation, Chicago, Illinois.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2017-2018 **CSW Therapist & Social Work Intern Therapist (MSW)**, Utah County Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Provo, UT.

2017 **Social Work Intern Therapist (MSW)**, Wasatch Mental Health Youth Crisis Team, Provo, UT.

2016 **Social Work Intern (BSW)**, Tueller Counseling, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

2015 **Social Work Intern (BSW)**, Solace Hospice, Rigby, Idaho.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2019-Present **Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)**

2022-Present **Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)**

2022-Present **American Society of Criminology (ASC)**