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EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D. Sociology with focus in Criminology, University of Oklahoma,
Norman
Dissertation Chair: Susan F. Sharp
- 2012 Graduate Certificate, Women's and Gender Studies
University of Oklahoma, Norman
- 2010 M.A. Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman
Thesis Chair: Susan F. Sharp
- 1995 B.A. Psychology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Women, Jail, and In-cell Cooking
Women, Jail, and Hope
Inmate-authored Cookbooks

TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender, Crime, and Justice
Research Methods
Restorative Justice

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS: FIRST AUTHOR

- 2018 Stearns, A. E., Yang, Y., & Boudreaux, L. (2018). Hope springs eternal:
An exploration of hope at a local jail. *Women & Criminal Justice* 28(5),
397-417. DOI: 10.1080/08974454.2018.1450177
Impact Factor = .73
- 2018 Stearns, A.E. Baking bittersweet: Women's dessert-making behind bars.
Feminist Criminology. (0)0, 1-21.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1557085118769748>
Impact Factor = .871

- 2017 Stearns, A. E., Swanson, R., & Etie, S. The walking dead? Assessing social death among long-term inmates. *Corrections*. 0(0), 1-16.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/23774657.2017.1396196>
Impact Factor = unknown

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS: CO-AUTHOR

- 2018 Yang, Y., Perkins, R., & Stearns, A.E. (2018). A qualitative study on barriers and facilitators in treatment engagement among clients in inpatient substance treatment. *Qualitative Health Research*, 28(9), 1474-1485. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1049732318771005>
Impact Factor= 2.413
- 2018 Pigott, C., Stearns, A. E., & Khey, D. School resource officers and the school to prison pipeline: Discovering trends of expulsions in public schools. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*. 43(1), 120-138.
Impact Factor = .925

INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2018 Stearns, A. E. (2018). Hate and gender. In K. Borgeson and R. Valeri (Eds.) *Hate crimes*. (pp. 167-192). Durham, N.C.: Carolina Academic Press LLC. ISBN 978-1-61163-924-7

REVIEW & RESUBMIT MANUSCRIPTS

Larmann, E., Stearns, A. E., & Khey, D. Spice of life: A qualitative investigation of the anecdotal social preference for synthetic cannabinoids. Submitted to *Deviant Behavior* (April 2019).

Yang, Y., Perkins, R., & Stearns, A. E. Qualitative findings from client narratives on early recovery in inpatient substance use treatment. Submitted to *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction* (April 2019).

MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED

Stearns, A.E. More than Meals: A Narrative Criminological Analysis of Inmate-Authored Cookbooks. Submitted to *Theoretical Criminology* (4/25/19).

WORK UNDER PREPARATION

- Stearns, A.E., Yang, Y. & Perkins, R. Typology of substance abuse recovery clients.
Stearns, A.E. and Jeanis, M.N. Content analysis of serial killers in the media.
Stearns, A.E. Content analysis of prison cookbooks.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 Stearns, A. E. (2017). Kathy Boudin. In K. W. Kerley (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Corrections*, Kerley, K. W. (ed.). Hoboken, N.J.: John Wiley and Sons.
2014 Stearns, A. E. (2013). Sexual harassment. In C.J. Forsyth & H. Copes (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Social Deviance*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2014-present Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice,
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
Courses taught: Criminal Behavior; Gender, Crime and Justice; Research Methods; Gangs; Restorative Justice; Program Evaluation; Ecology of Crime; Juvenile Justice, Introduction to Criminal Justice
Classroom-based and online courses
- 2011-2014 Graduate Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma
Courses taught: Introduction to Sociology; Criminology
Classroom-based and online courses

AWARDS

- 2017 Sage Junior Faculty Professional Development Teaching Award-
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, and FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017-2018 Louisiana District Attorneys Association. \$31,345
2015-2017 University of Louisiana – Lafayette Faculty Travel Award \$1000
2014 University of Louisiana – Lafayette Faculty Travel Award \$800

TRAINING

- 2017 UL Allies training- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
2015 Certified online instructor- University of Louisiana at Lafayette

CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Stearns, A. E. *Hope springs eternal*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 Stearns, A. E. *Baking bittersweet: Women's dessert-making behind bars*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 Stearns, A. E. *Hustle eggs and starlight mochas: Women's foodways inside jail*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting. Washington, D.C.
- 2015 Stearns, A. E., & S. F. Sharp. *Raging against the machine: Second-generation women inmates and experiences of PTSD*. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting. Orlando, FL.

PROFESSIONAL/CLUB AFFILIATIONS

- 2013-present Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
2012-present American Society of Criminology/Division on Women and Crime
2018-2019 Chair, Social Media Committee

COMMUNITY AND CAMPUS SERVICE

- 2014- 2019 Graduate Coordinator, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
2017-2018 Board Member, Louisiana Public Defender Board
2016-2016 Advisory Council, Mental Health- Criminal Justice Collaboration
2015-2016 Board Member, Lafayette Parish Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee and Juvenile Sub-Committee
2015- 2017 Volunteer, Lafayette Parish Jail – Women's Support Group
2015- 2016 Member, Library Advisory Board

THESIS SUPERVISION

- 2019 Rachel Austin, M.S. Fall 2019 (expected)

2019 Kim Clark, M.S. Fall 2019 (expected)
2018 Courtney Molbert, M.S. Spring 2018
2017 Elizabeth Louviere, M.S. Spring 2017
2017 Mallory LaPorte, M.S. Spring 2017
2016 Kady Rost, M.S. Spring 2016
2016 Christina Pigott, M.S. Spring 2016
2016 Casey Albritton, M.S. Spring 2016
2015 Stephen LaBorde. M.S. Fall 2015
2015 Caila Schlumbrecht, M.S. Spring 2015