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EDUCATION

Ph.D., London School of Economics, 2020, Social Policy

M.P.H., University of North Carolina School of Public Health, 2004, Health Behavior

B.A., Yale University, 1999, American Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

University of North Carolina School of Medicine Department of Social Medicine
Assistant Professor, 2024-

Duke University Department of Sociology

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Postdoctoral Associate, 2023-2024

National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow, 2020-2022

RTI International Transformative Research Unit for Equity

Social Scientist, 2022-2024

Public Health Analyst, 2007-2022

Chatham County Health Department Healthy Mothers Program

Coordinator, 2006-2007

University of North Carolina School of Medicine

Research Associate, 2002-2006

North Carolina Institute for Public Health

Public Health Research Associate, 2003-2004

Vermont Medical Society

Health Policy Analyst, 2001-2002

NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund

Development Associate, 2000-2001

Yale Women's Center

Co-Coordinator, 1998-1999

Institute for Defense & Disarmament Studies

Policy Intern and Reporter, 1998

HONORS

Mark Kleiman Innovation for Public Policy Memorial Lecture, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (May 2023)

Richard Titmuss Dissertation Prize, London School of Economics and Political Science (September 2020)

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND PRODUCTS OF SCHOLARSHIP

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

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- McKay, T.E., Kan, M., Landwehr, J., & Miller, E. (2022). When disclosure isn't the goal: Exploring responses to partner violence screening among youth and adults. *Journal of Family Violence*, 37(3): 487-503. <http://dx.doi.org.proxy.lib.duke.edu/10.1007/s10896-021-00272-7>
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- McKay, T.E. (2024, June). *Why we need reparations for mass incarceration*. Keynote address. National Justice Studies Association Conference.
- McKay, T.E. (2023, November). *Reparations for mass incarceration*. National Legal Aid and Public Defenders Association Conference. Oakland, CA.
- McKay, T.E. (2023, October). *The cost of mass incarceration for Black women and communities*. Keynote address. Summit on Black Women, Reparations, and Mass Incarceration. Philadelphia, PA.
- McKay, T.E. (2023, August). *Reparations for mass incarceration*. Black August Abolition Seminar. Aging People in Prison Project Virtual Series.
- McKay, T.E. (2023, June). *Domestic life in a time of mass incarceration*. Law & Society Association Annual Meeting. San Juan, PR.
- McKay, T.E. (2023, February). *The case for reparations for mass incarceration*. Keynote lecture for Hofstra University Civil Rights Day. Hempstead, NY.
- McKay, T.E. (2023, January). *Unraveling the carceral state*. Keynote panel at Bob Moses Conference on The Vote, Caste, and the Carceral State (with Sandy Darity and Kelly Lytle Hernandez). Cambridge, MA.
- McKay, T.E. (2022, November). *Domesticity in a time of mass incarceration*. Presented at American Society for Criminology. Atlanta, GA.
- McKay, T.E. (2022, September). *The case for reparations for mass incarceration*. Invited lecture at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Amherst, MA.
- McKay, T.E. (2021, December). *Domesticity and marginality in the mass incarceration-era United States*. Invited talk for Global Prisoners' Families Research Network Symposium. Oxford, UK.
- McKay, T.E. (2020, August). *Partner violence in an era of mass incarceration*. Accepted to Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (cancelled due to COVID). San Francisco. CA.
- McKay, T.E. (2020, February). *A public health perspective on violence*. Invited talk for Cumberland Lodge Symposium on Social Policy Research. Windsor, UK.
- Berzofsky, M. E., McKay, T. E., Hsieh, Y. P., Chew, R. F., Grimes, K. E. L., Smith, A. C., ... Stahl, M. H. (2018, March). *Using social media for a probability sample: Is it possible?* Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology, Washington, DC.
- McKay, T.E., Kan, M., Krieger, K., Clinton-Sherrod, M., & Bir, A. (2016, June). *Addressing intimate partner violence in the context of healthy relationship programs*. Presented at Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, Washington, DC.
- Berzofsky, M. E., McKay, T. E., Hsieh, Y. P., Smith, A. C., & Latzman, N. E. (2018). *Sampling from Twitter: Can a probability sample be drawn to target hard-to-reach populations?* Poster session presented at the Joint Statistical Meetings, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- Lindquist, C. H., McKay, T. E., & Kennedy, E. K. (2018). *Understanding and addressing sexual harassment in academia: Findings from a qualitative study of women in science, engineering, and medicine*. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, United States.
- Lindquist, C. H., Steffey, D. M., McKay, T. E., Landwehr, J. G., & Bir, A. (2015, November). *Family relationship trajectories before, during, and after incarceration*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Criminology, Washington, DC.

- Lindquist, C. H., McKay, T. E., Steffey, D. M., & Bir, A. (2015, November). *Implementation of a family strengthening intervention with incarcerated and reentering fathers and their partners*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Criminology, Washington, DC.
- Lindquist, C. H., McKay, T. E., & Melton, A. P. (2014, November). *A culturally responsive approach to working with justice-involved American Indian youth*. Presented at the conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.
- McKay, T. E., Landwehr, J. G., Lindquist, C. H., Steffey, D. M., & Bir, A. (2014, November). *Intimate partner violence during reentry*. Presented at the conference of the American Society for Criminology, Washington, DC.
- Steffey, D. M., Lindquist, C. H., McKay, T. E., & Bir, A. (2014, November). *Factors influencing reentry success among men*. Presented at the conference of the American Society for Criminology, Washington, DC.
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- Bir, A., McKay, T. E., & Lindquist, C. H. (Chair). (2013, November). *Family strengthening interventions to reduce criminal involvement: What do we know and what do we need to know?* Association for Public Policy and Management Conference, Washington, DC.
- McKay, T. E., Bir, A., Lindquist, C. H., Keyes, V. S., & Siegel, S. Y. (2012, June). *Addressing domestic violence in family strengthening programs for couples affected by incarceration*. Presented at Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, Washington, DC.
- McKay, T. E., Lindquist, C. H., Bir, A., Steffey, D. M., & Keyes, V. S. (2012, June). *Family strengthening work with incarcerated fathers, their coparents and children*. Presented at Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, Washington, DC.
- Krebs, C. P., & McKay, T. E. (2010, December). *The Violence and Victimization Experiences of Women Living in Tribal Communities Study*. Presented at 12th National Indian Nations Conference, Palm Springs, CA.
- Lindquist, C. H., McKay, T. E., & Bir, A. (2010, November). *Evaluating corrections-based family strengthening programs*. Presented at American Evaluation Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Bir, A., McKay, T. E., Lindquist, C. H., & Smiley McDonald, H. M. (2010, November). *Lessons learned from community and corrections-based relationship education*. Presented at Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Boston, MA.
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OTHER

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TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Race, Racism, and American Law (Thalia Gonzalez) – lecture to law students

Social Determinants of Health (Erin Kobetz) – lecture to graduate students

GRANTS

Institutional Contact and Family Violence in an Era of Mass Incarceration (1K99HD109361 - \$994,062), Principal Investigator, 2023-2028, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development. 100% effort.

Caregiving and Workforce Equity in the Wake of the COVID Pandemic (PO-10000057 - \$60,000) Principal Investigator, 2023, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

Mass Incarceration and Violence in Families: Informing the Next Generation of Public Responses to Violence (2004270 - \$138,000), Principal Investigator, 2020-2022, National Science Foundation Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences and Directorate for Sociology.

Post-Incarceration Partner Violence (2016-VF-GX-0010 - \$222,453), Principal Investigator, 2017-2020, National Institute of Justice.

Responding to Intimate Violence in Relationship Programs (HHSP23320095651WC - \$1,674,569), Director (led proposal, study design, dissemination, and all other scientific aspects of study), 2014-2020, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, US Department of Health and Human Services.

Addressing the Impact of Sexual Harassment in Academia (2000008084 - \$81,852), Principal Investigator, 2017-2018, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

Addressing the Underrepresentation of Women in Science, Engineering, and Medicine (200001010 - \$60,000), Co-Director, 2018-2020, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

Federal and Tribal Responses to Violence Against Women (2009F-09091 - \$394,181), Co-Principal Investigator. 2009-2012, National Institute of Justice.

SERVICE

Solitude International Civil Society Working Group on Black Women and the Impact of Intergenerational Incarceration (member), 2023-present

Duke Prison Engagement Initiative (member), 2022-present

Bob Moses Conference Planning Committee (member), 2023-present

Law and Society Association, John Hope Franklin Prize Committee (member), 2023

University of North Carolina School of Medicine Prison Working Group (member), 2002-2006

RESEARCH STATEMENT

My research is focused on understanding gender-based violence in a time of racial mass incarceration and on building reparative possibilities in scholarship and policy. I apply innovative quantitative and mixed-method strategies to confront the systems of state power and group-based privilege that generate gross health inequities along lines of race, class, gender, and sexual orientation.

One line of my research uses latent variable modeling and mixed-method techniques to examine private forms of violence (particularly intimate partner violence, child maltreatment, and suicide) in US communities that are heavily subjected to the public violence of the state. I apply social-ecological theory, a feminist conceptualization of gendered labor and gendered violence, and critical sociological theories of penalty to consider how the fallout of mass criminalization and punishment is absorbed, and concealed, in the domestic sphere.

Growing out of my research on penalty and gendered violence, my other line of inquiry concerns reparations questions and reparative research methods. This work examines epistemological and material strategies for confronting entrenched white political-economic domination and the

gendered exploitation and violence in which it is embedded. Acknowledging the role of knowledge production itself in sustaining inequity, I am pursuing a reparative methodology for health equity research that engages directly with reparations questions beyond the academy.

My empirical research on reparations revisits the “collateral consequences of mass incarceration” literature, finding ill-gotten benefits of mass incarceration for white Americans. Applying social-ecological theory and an innovative quantitative method, I have also developed rigorous estimates of the total economic harm of mass incarceration in Black communities, arguing that reparations are integral to any effort to decommission our current penal system and the racial power structure it upholds. This work is the subject of my book, *Stolen Wealth, Hidden Power: The Case for Reparations for Mass Incarceration*. My next book project takes a wider geographic and epistemological lens, examining the role of social and public health research in illuminating (or foreclosing) global and transnational reparations questions.

Questions of methodology are of central interest to me. My initial methodological work is published as a series of methods articles and a lead-authored book (*Holding On: Fatherhood and Family During Incarceration and Reentry*). Extending this work, I have recently embarked on a new project with Sara Wakefield reanalyzing multi-reporter, mixed-method datasets to identify patterns in discordant accounts of family life among families separated by incarceration.

In addition, I am engaging the implications of racial criminalization for public health and health equity research under a K99-R00 award from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development. The project, “Institutional Contact and Family Violence in an Era of Mass Incarceration,” responds to the fact that, in a time of mass criminalization, vulnerable communities have good reason to orient defensively to institutional inquiry, including academic research. To confront the challenges this historical context poses to research on sensitive and criminalized life experiences, especially violence, I am testing a series of quantitative and mixed-method strategies that could surface a more complete and complex picture of private experiences, while treating the undisclosed as a meaningful object of study in itself.

TEACHING STATEMENT

An ability to think critically about complex systems—including systems of health care, political economy, and knowledge production—is among the richest learning opportunities that social medicine can offer. I aspire to a teaching career that yokes the generative energy of medical teaching and learning to transform each of these complex systems in service of health equity.

My positive experiences with individualized teaching and learning in the British higher education system guide a teaching approach that centers the intensive development of medical students’ own interests, critiques, and visions for innovation. I am especially excited to teach social medicine and health equity to medical students in the Foundation Phase of the Social and Health Systems course sequence.

I am also eager to mentor and collaborate with students interested in the intersection of health and carceral systems and the broader political economy. Mentoring five junior scholars in their first peer-reviewed publications has shown me the potential of closely mentored academic writing for teaching argumentation and for guiding students in building a clear, precise, and humble understanding of where their work might contribute to an evolving body of knowledge. I hope to offer medical students the tools to advance their own evidence-based visions for social and material transformation, in and beyond the practice of medicine.