

Mary Ellen Stitt

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, 2020
Dissertation: *Therapeutic Alternatives in the Criminal Courts*.
Committee: Becky Pettit (Chair), Javier Auyero, Sarah Brayne, Ben Carrington, Mary Rose
- M.A. Latin American Studies, Tulane University, 2013
- B.A. Spanish, Carleton College, 2008
magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Law and society, inequality, race and ethnicity, mental health and illness, political sociology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy,
University at Albany, SUNY, 2020 –
- Faculty Affiliate, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY, 2020 –

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Stitt, Mary Ellen.** Forthcoming. “Broken Windows’ Discipline and Racial Disparities in School Punishment.” *Punishment & Society*
- Auyero, Javier, Maricarmen Hernández, and **Mary Ellen Stitt.** 2019. “Grassroots Activism in the Belly of the Beast: A Relational Account of the Campaign Against Urban Fracking in Texas.” *Social Problems* 66(1): 28-50
- * Republished as “En el vientre de la bestia. Reconstrucción relacional de la campaña contra el *fracking* en Texas.” 2019. *Estudios Sociológicos* 37(111)
- Stitt, Mary Ellen** and Javier Auyero. 2018. “Drug Market Violence Comes Home: Three Sequential Pathways.” *Social Forces* 95(2): 823-840

IN PROGRESS

- Stitt, Mary Ellen.** “Adjudication Under Cover: Diversion and Inequality in the Criminal Courts.” *Revise & resubmit*
- * ASA Crime, Law, and Deviance Distinguished Student Paper Award, 2020
 - * ASA Sociology of Mental Health Doctoral Student Paper Award, 2020
 - * ASA Sociology of Law Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention, 2020
- Stitt, Mary Ellen.** “Therapist-Enforcers and Client-Defendants: Institutional Collision in Court-Mandated Treatment.”
- Sobering, Katherine, **Mary Ellen Stitt**, and Javier Auyero. “The Clandestine Hand of the State: Dynamics of Police Collusion.”

BOOK CHAPTERS

Auyero, Javier, Katherine Sobering, and **Mary Ellen Stitt**. 2019. "Drug Violence in the Streets and at Home." Pp. 49-70 in *The Ambivalent State: Police-Criminal Collusion at the Urban Margins*, by Javier Auyero and Katherine Sobering. New York: Oxford University Press.

* Republished as "La violencia de la droga en las calles y en el hogar." 2021. Pp. 67-88 in *Entre narcos y policías. Las relaciones clandestinas entre el estado y el delito, y su impacto violento en la vida de las personas*, by Javier Auyero and Katherine Sobering. Buenos Aires: Siglo Veintiuno Editores.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

External

- 2018 – 2020 American Bar Foundation / National Science Foundation Doctoral Fellowship in Law & Inequality
- 2018 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$10,736)
- 2018 P.E.O. Scholar Award, P.E.O. International (\$15,000)
- 2017 Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Graduate Research Award (\$7,500)
- 2015 Media Cloud Data Challenge Award, Ford Foundation (\$2,000)
- 2011 – 2013 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Graduate Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education
- 2012 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education (*declined*)
- 2009 Fulbright Fellowship, Brazil, U.S. Department of State

Internal

- 2014 – 2019 Harrington Graduate Fellowship, Donald D. Harrington Fellows Program, University of Texas at Austin
- 2019 Dean's Prestigious Fellowship Supplement Award, University of Texas at Austin
- 2018 Dean's Prestigious Fellowship Supplement Award, University of Texas at Austin
- 2017 Rapoport Centennial Dissertation Support Award, University of Texas at Austin
- 2014 College of Liberal Arts Recruitment Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
- 2012 Stone Center Summer Field Research Fellowship, Tulane University
- 2008 Social Justice Internship Summer Fellowship, Carleton College
- 2007 Initiative for International Development Summer Fellowship, Carleton College
- 2007 Newman Language Summer Fellowship, Carleton College (*declined*)

AWARDS

- 2020 American Sociological Association Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance Distinguished Student Paper Award
- 2020 American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Mental Health

- 2020 Doctoral Student Paper Award
American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Law Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention
- 2019 Graduate Student Excellence Award, University of Texas at Austin

ACADEMIC TEACHING

- 2020 – University at Albany, SUNY
Punishment and Inequality (Graduate)
Law and Society (Graduate)
- 2019 Northwestern Prison Education Program, Cook County Jail
Introduction to the Sociology of Health and Medicine (Undergraduate)
- 2019 University of Texas at Austin
Punishment and Society (Undergraduate)
- 2013 – 2014 Tulane University
Spanish Conversation and Composition (Undergraduate)
Advanced Spanish III (Undergraduate), Tulane University

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

- 2019 – 2020 Associate Editor, *Law & Social Inquiry*
- 2015 – 2020 Urban Ethnography Lab Graduate Fellow, University of Texas at Austin
- 2014 – 2016 Crime, Law, and Deviance Working Group Member, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
- 2014 – 2016 Race and Ethnicity Working Group Member, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
- 2015 – 2016 Abriendo Brecha: Activist Scholarship Conference Planning Committee Member, University of Texas at Austin
- 2014 Critical Participatory Action Research Trainee, The Public Science Project, New York, New York
- Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Law & Society Review*, *Southern Cultures*, Law and Science Dissertation Grant Program

INVITED TALKS

- 2020 American Bar Association Diversion Standards Taskforce Meeting, Chicago, IL
American Bar Association Alternatives to Incarceration Committee, American Bar Association Midyear Meeting, Austin, TX
- 2018 American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 “Therapist-Enforcers & Client-Defendants: Institutional Collision in Court-Mandated Treatment.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting
- 2019 “When Punishment and Healthcare Converge: Therapy in the Criminal Courts.”
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York City, NY
 - American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
 - Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
 - Law and Society Junior Scholars Workshop, Washington, D.C.
 - Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2018 “Healthcare Is Our Government: Medicine and Politics in Rural Texas.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2017 “What Kind of Justice? Restorative Policing in Brazil.” Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference. Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 2016 “The Emergence of ‘No Excuses’ Discipline.”
- Cultural Sociology and Education Conference, Higher School of Economics. Moscow, Russia
 - Cultural Studies in Education Conference. University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – Education and Policy Committee Member, Chicago Community Bail Fund and Coalition to End Money Bond, Chicago, Illinois
- 2010 – 2014 Participatory Action Research Program Coordinator and Restorative Justice Campaign Coordinator, Rethink, New Orleans
- 2012 – 2013 Planning Board Member, Independent Police Monitor Mediation Project, New Orleans
- 2010 Facilitator, Center for Restorative Approaches, New Orleans
- 2009 Founder and Coordinator, Music Education Program, State Penitentiary of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil
- 2008 Case Investigator, Innocence Project – New Orleans
- 2005 – 2008 Director, Adult English as a Second Language Program, Northfield, Minnesota

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Sociology of Law
Crime, Law, and Deviance
Sociology of Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Sociology of Mental Health
Drugs and Society

Law and Society Association

American Society of Criminology

SELECTED LITERARY TRANSLATIONS

“Sculpture,” “To Untie the Rope,” and “Wares,” by Enrique Winter. Translated [from Spanish] by Mary Ellen Stitt. *Lyrík-Line*, Winter 2019.

Suns, by Enrique Winter. Translated [from Spanish] by Mary Ellen Stitt, Ellen Jones, and David McLoughlin. Phoenix, Arizona: Cardboard House Press, 2017.

Rogério Duarte: Marginalia 1, by Manuel Raeder (ed.). Translations [from Portuguese] by Mary Ellen Stitt. Berlin: Bom Dia Boa Tarde Boa Noite, 2014.

Skyscrapers, by Enrique Winter. Foreword and translation [from Spanish] by Mary Ellen Stitt. New York: McNally Jackson, 2013.

“Sculpture,” from *Guía de despacho*, by Enrique Winter. Translated [from Spanish] by Mary Ellen Stitt. *Asymptote Journal*, Summer 2013.

“The Whalefishbelly,” by Marta Ortea. Translated [from Spanish] by Mary Ellen Stitt. *Palabras Errantes*, March 2013.

“Mantra,” “Rites of Passage,” “Dirty Floor,” and “Three Empty Boxes,” by Enrique Winter. Translated [from Spanish] by Mary Ellen Stitt. *Circumference: Poetry in Translation*, January 2013.