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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

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 –

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Punishment and inequality, mental health, drug markets, political sociology, organizations,
qualitative methods

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Stitt, Mary Ellen. 2023. “Broken Windows’ Discipline and Racial Disparities in School
Punishment.” *Punishment & Society* 25(1): 241-263

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

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

Stitt, Mary Ellen. “Adjudication Under Cover.” Revise & resubmit, *American Journal of Sociology*

* 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. “Widening the Net?” Revise & resubmit, *Criminology*

Stitt, Mary Ellen, Katherine Sobering, and Javier Auyero. “Collusion and Violence in
Underground Drug Markets.” Under review

Sobering, Katherine, Mary Ellen Stitt, and Javier Auyero. “The Clandestine Hand of the State:
Relational Dynamics of Police Collusion.”

Stitt, Mary Ellen, and Caitlin Udas.* “Progressive Bifurcation: Reform-Oriented Prosecution and the Problem of Violence.”

* Student co-author

PEER-REVIEWED 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

- 2022 Institute for Humane Studies Grant (\$17,200)
- 2022 ORAU Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Award: Research in Health Disparities and Equity (\$10,000)
- 2018 – 2020 American Bar Foundation / National Science Foundation Doctoral Fellowship in Law & Inequality (*two years’ stipend and research funds*)
- 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 (*two years’ full tuition and stipend*)
- 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

- 2022 Hindelang Criminal Justice Research Center Development Funding (\$800)
- 2014 – 2019 Harrington Graduate Fellowship, Donald D. Harrington Fellows Program, University of Texas at Austin (*five years’ full tuition, stipend, and research funds*)
- 2019 Dean’s Prestigious Fellowship Supplement Award, University of Texas at Austin
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- 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 Doctoral Student Paper Award
- 2020 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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “Widening the Net?”
- Global Meeting on Law & Society, Lisbon, Portugal
 - American Bar Foundation Doctoral Fellow Alumni Workshop, Chicago, IL
- “The Clandestine Hand of the State: Relational Dynamics of Police Collusion.” ‘Policing Crisis’ Conference, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, University at Albany, SUNY
- 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

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY & SERVICE

Journals, Editorial

2019 – 2020 Associate Editor, *Law & Social Inquiry*

Department & University

- 2022 – Faculty Search Committee, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany, SUNY
- 2021 – 2022 ‘Policing Crisis’ Conference Planning Committee Member, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, University at Albany, SUNY
- 2021 – Undergraduate Committee, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany, SUNY
- 2020 – PhD Student Funding Workshop Coordinator, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany, SUNY
- 2020 – 2021 Student Performance Committee, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany, SUNY
- 2015 – 2020 Urban Ethnography Lab Graduate Fellow, University of Texas at Austin
- 2015 – 2016 Abriendo Brecha: Activist Scholarship Conference Planning Committee Member, University of Texas at Austin

Service to the Discipline

- 2022 – American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting Program Committee
- 2021 – 2022 Law & Society Association Graduate Paper Prize Committee
- Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *Criminology*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Law & Society Review*, *Punishment & Society*, *Southern Cultures*, NSF Law and Science Dissertation Grant Program

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 National Science Foundation (NSF) Law & Science Program, Cultivating Networks and Innovative Scholarship in Law and Courts, Wesleyan University. “Widening the Penal Net.”
- 2020 American Bar Association Diversion Standards Taskforce Meeting, Chicago, IL. “Pretrial Diversion Standards and their Consequences.”
- American Bar Association Alternatives to Incarceration Committee, American Bar Association Midyear Meeting, Austin, TX. “Practices in Pretrial Diversion.”
- 2018 American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL. “Medicalizing Justice: Therapy in the Criminal Courts.”

ACADEMIC TEACHING

- 2020 – University at Albany, SUNY
Law and Society (Graduate, RCRJ 720)
Punishment and Inequality (Graduate, RCRJ 720)
Honors: Theory and Research (Undergraduate, RCRJ 490)
Punishment and Inequality (Undergraduate, RCRJ 496Z)
- 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

RELATED WORK

- 2008 – Legal Observer, National Lawyers’ Guild
- 2018 – 2020 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 Society of Criminology

American Sociological Association

Sociology of Law

Crime, Law, and Deviance

Sociology of Mental Health

Drugs and Society

Law and Society Association

SELECTED LITERARY TRANSLATIONS

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