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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 –

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, 2014 – 2020

M.A. Latin American Studies, Tulane University, 2011 – 2013

B.A. Spanish, Carleton College, 2004 – 2008
magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Stitt, Mary Ellen. 2025. *Trial by Treatment: Punishing Illness in an Age of Criminal Legal Reform*.
University of Chicago Press

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Stitt, Mary Ellen. 2025. “Adjudication Under Cover: Compliance and Inequality in the Criminal
Courts.” *American Journal of Sociology* 130(5): 1113-1149

- ASA Crime, Law, and Deviance Distinguished Student Paper Award
- ASA Sociology of Mental Health Doctoral Student Paper Award
- ASA Sociology of Law Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention

Stitt, Mary Ellen, Katherine Sobering, and Javier Auyero. 2024. “The Clandestine Hand of the
State: Relational Dynamics of Police Collusion in Drug Markets.” *Social Forces* 103(1):
286-304

Stitt, Mary Ellen, Katherine Sobering, and Javier Auyero. 2024. “Collusion and Violence in
Underground Drug Markets.” *Social Problems*, online first

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
campana contra el *fracking* en Texas.” 2019. *Estudios Sociológicos* 37(111): 611-657

Stitt, Mary Ellen, and Javier Auyero. 2018. “Drug Market Violence Comes Home: Three
Sequential Pathways.” *Social Forces* 95(2): 823-840

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

2023	RDCJN / Arnold Foundation Grant (with Gabriela Kirk-Werner, \$100,000)
2023	Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grant (with Gabriela Kirk-Werner, \$30,000)
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 (<i>two years’ stipend and research funds</i>)
2018	National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (award #1802625; \$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 (<i>two years’ full tuition and stipend</i>)
2012	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education (<i>declined</i>)
2009	Fulbright Fellowship, Brazil, U.S. Department of State

Internal

2024	Minerva Center Innovation Funding for Research & Creative Endeavors (\$2,400)
2024	Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Leave Grant (<i>semester of research leave</i>)
2022	Hindelang Criminal Justice Research Center Research Development Grant (\$800)
2014 – 2019	Harrington Graduate Fellowship, Donald D. Harrington Fellows Program, University of Texas at Austin (<i>five years’ full tuition, stipend, and research funds</i>)
2019	Dean’s Prestigious Fellowship Award, University of Texas at Austin (\$1,000)
2018	Dean’s Prestigious Fellowship Award, University of Texas at Austin (\$1,000)
2017	Rapoport Centennial Dissertation Support Award (\$1,000)
2014	College of Liberal Arts Recruitment Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin (<i>summer funding</i>)
2012	Stone Center Summer Field Research Fellowship, Tulane University (<i>summer</i>)

- funding)*
- 2008 Social Justice Internship Summer Fellowship, Carleton College (*summer funding*)
- 2007 Initiative for International Development Summer Fellowship, Carleton College (*summer funding*)
- 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

- 2025 “Privatization without Profit.” American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C. (scheduled)
- “Outsourcing Judgment: ‘Alternative’ Programs and the Transformation of the Criminal Courts.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- “Trial by Treatment.” Punishment & Society: New Books in the Field. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2024 “A Hidden Face of Criminal Justice: Therapeutic Alternatives and the Privatization of Punishment.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, Quebec
- “Reformist Interventions and Social Mobility,” presented by co-author Gabriela Kirk-Werner. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- 2023 “Coercing Care: Institutional Collision in Legally Mandated Treatment.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- “Reformist Interventions as Hidden Pathways to Criminal-Legal Supervision.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- 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*

Service to the Discipline

2025 – American Society of Criminology Division of Qualitative Research, Program Committee

2024 – 2025 American Sociological Association Section on Sociology of Law, Nominations Committee

2022 – 2023 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting Program Committee

2021 – 2022 Law & Society Association Graduate Paper Prize Committee

Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *Canadian Journal of Law & Society*, *Criminology*, *Health & Justice*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Law & Society Review*, *Punishment & Society*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Southern Cultures*, NSF Law and Science Dissertation Grant Program

Department & University

2025 – Faculty Hiring Committee, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany, SUNY

2023 – Board of Directors, Hindelang Criminal Justice Research Center, University at Albany, SUNY

2023 – Graduate Admissions Committee, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany, SUNY

2022 – Justice, Law, and Inequality Working Group, Co-founder and Co-facilitator, University at Albany, SUNY

2021 – 2024 Rockefeller College Undergraduate Research Assistant Program, Faculty Mentor

2023 University at Albany Summer Research Program, Undergraduate Research Mentor

2022 – 2023 Faculty Hiring 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 – 2023	Undergraduate Committee, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany, SUNY
2020 – 2022	PhD Student Grants & Fellowships 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

INVITED TALKS

2024	Initiative for Law, Societies, and Justice, University of Texas at Austin. “Trial by Treatment: Punishing Illness in an Age of Criminal Legal Reform.”
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) Punishment and Inequality (Graduate) Honors Theory and Research (Undergraduate) Punishment and Inequality (Undergraduate)
2019	Northwestern Prison Education Program, Cook County Jail 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
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2018 – 2020	Education and Policy Committee Member, Chicago Community Bail Fund, 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. *Lyrik-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.