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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My program of research examines the lived experience of incarceration and the impact of this experience on health outcomes. I am particularly interested in women's prison experiences. In terms of outcomes, my work focuses on HIV care and prevention, food justice, housing stability, and psychosocial wellness.

EDUCATION

- 2015 NIMH Postdoctoral Fellowship, Interdisciplinary HIV Prevention Training
Yale University School of Public Health, New Haven, CT
- 2013 PhD, Social Welfare
City University of New York/Hunter College, New York, NY
Dissertation: Cafeteria, Commissary & Cooking: Foodways and Negotiations of Power and Identity in a Women's Prison
- 2001 MSW, Social Work (Social Policy & Administration)
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
Thesis: Needle Exchange Programs and Public Policy in Spain
- 2001 MPA , Public Administration (Policy Analysis & Evaluation)
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
Thesis: Policy Options to Facilitate Breastfeeding in Florida
- 1992 BA, Women's Studies
Columbia College, Columbia University, New York, NY

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- 2015 – present *Assistant Professor*
Department of Social Work
Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT
- 2013 – 2015 *Postdoctoral Fellow*
School of Public Health
Yale University, New Haven, CT

RESEARCH SUPPORT

Current Projects

2017 **School of Medicine, Yale University**
Project Title: *NIH/NIDDK Prevention of Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms Consortium*
PI: Leslie M. Rickey, MD
Role: Consultant/Focus Group Moderator
Award: \$9,000

2016 - 2017 **2016/17 CT State Universities-AAUP Faculty Research Grant**
Project Title: *Women Returning to New Haven from Prison: A Needs Assessment*
Role: Principal Investigator
Direct Costs: \$5,000

Under Review

2017 **Pilot Grant: CBPR Partnership Academy, University of Michigan**
Project Title: *Juntos Podemos: Community Based Participatory Research with Spanish Speaking Immigrant Communities in New Haven, CT*
Role: Co-Principal Investigator
Award: \$1,500

2018 - 2020 **2017 National Institute of Justice, Research and Evaluation in Safety, Health, and Wellness in the Criminal Justice System**
Project Title: *Consequences of Paternal Jail Incarceration on Child Well-Being*
Funder: National Institutes of Justice
Role: Co-Investigator (P.I. Rebecca Shlafer)
Subcontract Award: \$229,886

Completed Projects

2017 **Joan Finn Junior Faculty Research Fellowship Spring 2017**
Project Title: *Prison at the Margins: Understanding the Intersecting Vulnerabilities of Incarcerated Lives*
Role: Principal Investigator
Award: Nine (9) credit reassign time

2017 **Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy, Central CT State University**
Project Title: *Children with Incarcerated Parents: The Parents' Perspective*
Role: Consultant

2016 - 2017 **2016/17 Faculty Creative Activity Research Grant, Southern CT State University**
Project Title: *Transgender Women's Prison Experience*
Role: Principal Investigator
Direct Costs: \$2,500

2016-2017 **2016/17 Curriculum Related Project Grant, Southern CT State University**
Project Title: *Inside-Out @ SCSU: A Pilot Proposal*
Role: Co-Investigator, with Alan Brown, PhD (Sociology)
Direct Costs: \$4,000

- 2017 **Spring 2017 Faculty Development Project, Southern CT State University**
 Project Title: *Breaking Good: The Role of Forgiveness in Reducing the Number of Incarcerated Women in Connecticut*
 Role: Co-Sponsor, with Yi-Chun Tricia Lin, PhD (Women's Studies)
 Direct Costs: \$3,400
- 2016 **Spring 2016 Faculty Development Project, Southern CT State University**
 Project Title: *Justice @ Southern: Justice-Related Topics in Teaching & Creative Activity*
 Role: Co-Sponsor, with Alan Brown, PhD (Sociology)
 Direct Costs: \$2,500
- 2014 – 2016 **Pilot Projects in HIV/AIDS Prevention Research Program, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS**
 Pilot Project: *Overweight/Obesity and Weight Gain Among HIV-Positive Prisoners in Rhode Island: Prevalence and Intervention Feasibility*
 Role: Principal Investigator
 Direct Costs: \$20,000
- 2015 **Interdisciplinary HIV Prevention Training Program, Yale School of Public Health**
 Project Title: *Trauma Informed Yoga for Women in Recovery*
 Role: Principal Investigator; Direct Costs: \$500
- 2013-2015 **Interdisciplinary HIV Prevention Training Program,**
 National Institute of Mental Health, T32MH020031 (P.I. Trace Kershaw)
 Role: Postdoctoral Research Fellow
 Direct Cost: \$77,124
- 2014 **U.S. Scholar Program (Denmark), Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program**
 Project Title: *Incarcerated Foodways: A Cross-Cultural Examination of Prison Food*
 Role: Principal Investigator
 Total Award: \$18,000
- 2011 & 2009 **Graduate Student Research Grant, City University of New York**
 Dissertation Grant: *Women, Prison & Food*
 Total Award: \$2,000 (\$1,000 per year)
- 2009 **Sue Rosenberg Zalk Student Travel Research Fund, City University of New York**
 Conference: *World Health Organization/Europe, Prison Health, Madrid, Spain*
 Total Award: \$200
- 2007 – 2010 **University Fellowship in support of Doctoral Studies in Social Welfare, CUNY**
 Total Award: \$10,000
- 2001 **U.S. Scholar Program (Spain), Fulbright U.S. Student Program**
 Project Title: *Needle Exchange Programs and Public Policy in Spain*
 Total Award: \$15,000

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. **Smoyer, A.B.** & Lopes, G. (2016). Hungry on the inside: Food as concrete and symbolic punishment in a women's prison. *Punishment & Society*, 19 (2), 240-255. doi:10.1177/1462474516665605
2. **Smoyer, A.B.** (2016). Being on the mat: A process evaluation of trauma-informed yoga for women with substance use disorders. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 43 (4), 61-83.
3. **Smoyer, A.B.**, Kershaw, T.S., Blankenship, K.M. (2016). Confining legitimacy: The impact of prison experiences on perceptions of criminal justice legitimacy. *Journal of Forensic Social Work*, 5 (1/3), 258-270. doi: 10.1080/1936928X.2015.1092905
4. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2016). Making Fatty Girl cakes: Food and resistance in a women's prison. *The Prison Journal*, 96 (2), 191-209. doi: 10.1177/0032885515596520
5. **Smoyer, A.B.** (2015). 'It's the Black girls that have the most': Foodways narratives and the construction of race in a women's prison. *Food & Foodways*. 23, 273-285. doi: 10.1080/07409710.2015.1102480
6. **Smoyer, A.B.** (2015). Feeding relationships: Food and social networks in a women's prison. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 30(1), 26-39. doi: 10.1177/0886109914537490
7. **Smoyer, A.B.** (2014). Good & Healthy: Foodways and construction of identity in a women's prison. *The Howard Journal of Criminal Justice*, 53 (5), 525-541. doi: 10.1111/hojo.12097
8. **Smoyer, A.B.** and Blankenship, K.M. (2014). Dealing Food: Female drug users' narratives about food in a prison place and implications for their health. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 25, 562-568. doi: 10.1016/j.drugpo.2013.10.013
9. **Smoyer, A.B.**, Rosenberg, A. & Blankenship, K.M. (2014). Setting the stage: Creating safe and productive data collection sites for social science research. *Social Work Research*, 38 (3), 178-183. doi: 10.1093/swr/svu019.
10. **Smoyer, A.B.**, Blankenship, K.M., & Belt, B. (2009). Compensation for incarcerated research subjects: Diverse policies suggest research agenda. *American Journal of Public Health*, 99 (10), 1746-1752. doi: 10.1353/hpu.2005.0110
11. Blankenship, K.M. & **Smoyer A.B.** (2007) Prison, Re-Entry, and HIV Prevention. *Focus: A Guide to AIDS Research and Counseling*, 22: 5-6.
12. Blankenship, K.M., **Smoyer, A.B.**, Bray, S.J., Mattocks, K. (2005). Black-White disparities in HIV/AIDS: The role of drug policy and the corrections system. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* 16, 140-156. doi: 10.2105/AJPH.2008.148726

Book Chapters & Reports

1. **Smoyer, A.B.** (2017). A woman doing life [Review of the book *A Woman Doing Life: Notes from a Prison for Women*, by E. George]. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*.
2. Breny, J, Lombardi, D., Madden, D. & **Smoyer, A.** (2017). Getting men to explore safer sex responsibility: The use of photovoice in health promotion research. *SAGE Research Methods Cases: Health*. London: Sage Publications. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781526419316>
3. Minke, L.K. & **Smoyer, A.B.** (2017). Prison food in Denmark: Normal responsibility or ethnocentric imaginations? In P. S. Smith & T. Ugelvik (Eds.), *Embraced by the Welfare State? Scandinavian Penal History, Culture, and Prison Practice* (pp. 353 – 376). New York: Palgrave Macmillan Ltd.
4. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2016, Summer). Understanding how food matters. *Trauma Matters*. Hamden, CT: CT Women’s Consortium/CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
5. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2016, January 25). *Nourish: Thinking about Food in Prison*. Penal Reform International. Guest blog. Available on-line at: <http://www.penalreform.org/blog>
6. **Smoyer, A.B.** (2016). Mapping prison foodways. In C. Reeves (Ed.), *Experiencing Imprisonment: Research on the Experience of Living and Working in Carceral Institutions* (pp. 96-111). Oxford, UK: Routledge.
7. **Smoyer, A.B.** & Minke, L.K. (2015). *Food Systems in Correctional Settings: A Literature Review and Case Study*. Copenhagen, DK: World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe. Available on-line at: <http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/health-determinants/prisons-and-health/publications/2015/food-systems-in-correctional-settings.-a-literature-review-and-case-study-2015>
8. Santilli, A., **Smoyer, A.B.**, Ickovics, J. (2014). *Evaluation of the Access Health CT Enrollment Experience in Connecticut*. New Haven, CT: Community Alliance for Research and Engagement.
9. Blankenship, K. M. & **Smoyer, A. B.** (2013). Between spaces: Understanding movement to and from prison as a HIV risk factor. In B. Sanders, Y. F. Thomas & B. G. Deeds (Eds.), *Crime, HIV & Health: Intersections of Criminal Justice and Public Health Concerns* (pp. 207-221). New York: Springer.
10. **Smoyer, A.B.**, Blankenship, K.M., & MacIntosh, T. (2009). Parenting on probation and parole. In R. Coles & C. Green (Eds.), *The Myth of the Missing Black Father* (pp. 299-326). New York: Columbia University Press.
11. **Smoyer, A.B.**, & Taylor, R. (2009). *Women living with HIV/AIDS in NYC: A mapping project and literature review*. New York, NY: Women’s HIV Collaborative of New York.
12. **Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA) Policy Updates:**
 - Risk to Researchers? Safety Issues & Solutions for Fieldwork and Data Collection (2009)
 - Chance For Us to Make That Change: CIRA Science Supports Obama's HIV Agenda (2009)
 - American Indians/Alaska Natives & HIV/AIDS: An Annotated Bibliography (2008)
 - Male Circumcision as HIV Prevention (2008)

- Can Microenterprise Programs Reduce HIV Risk in the United States? (2007)
- Sixteen Year Old Adults: The Experiences of CT Teenagers in Adult Prison (2007)
- Understanding the Utility of Certificates of Confidentiality in HIV Research (2007)
- Institutional Review Boards in Developing Countries (2006)

Manuscripts under Review (*Denotes student author)

*Vanhouche, A., **Smoyer, A. B.**, & Minke, L.K. (*under review*). Couscous in Tilburg: Food narratives and the quality of prison life in a Belgian-Dutch prison. *Prison Journal*.

*Ruff, N., **Smoyer, A. B.**, Breny, J. (*under review*). Circle of power: Understanding the role of hope, courage, and resilience in the lives of transgender women of color. *Journal of Homosexuality*.

Smoyer, A. B. (*under review*). Building an Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program for social work undergraduates: Rationale, literature review, and logistics. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*.

Keene, D., **Smoyer, A.B.**, Blankenship, K. (*revise and resubmit*). A room of my own: Stigma, housing and identity after prison. *The Sociological Review*.

Smoyer, A. B. (*under review*). Gender and identity in prison. In R.D. Morgan (Ed.), *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Criminal Psychology*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

*Vanhouche, A., **Smoyer, A. B.**, & Minke, L.K. (*in press*). Prison food: What international guidelines and the Belgian Tilburg experience teaches about the Dutch context. In A. Zaalberg (Ed.), *Food and Behavior in Correctional Settings*. The Hague: Dutch Research and Documentation Center. (Available on-line at: <https://english.wodc.nl/>)

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Presentations

Smoyer, A.B. (2017, December). Facilitating a Women's Resettlement Working Group: Lessons Learned in New Haven, CT. Poster submitted to Adult and Juvenile Female Offenders Conference: Santa Clara, CA.

Lucibello, J. & **Smoyer, A.B.** (2017, December). Nothing About Us Without Us: Formerly Incarcerated Women Leading Community Responses to Sex Work and Re-Entry. Panel submitted to Adult and Juvenile Female Offenders Conference: Santa Clara, CA.

Smoyer, A. B. (2017, July). Stigma, self & survival: Living incarcerated with HIV. Paper submitted to 2017 National Organization of Forensic Social Work: Boston, MA.

Smoyer, A. B. (2017, March). Prison Nourish Project: Food in the Lives of HIV-Positive Prisoners. Paper presented at 2017 CSCU Faculty Research Conference: New Britain, CT.

Smoyer, A. B., Stearns, A., Minke, L.K. & Vanhouche, A. (2016, November). Eating Humble Pie: Using Prison Food Narratives to Understand Incarceration. Panel organized at 2016 Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology (ASC): New Orleans, LA.

Smoyer, A. B. (2016, November). The Prison Nourish Project: Food in the lives of HIV-positive prisoners. Paper presented at 2016 Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology (ASC): New Orleans, LA.

Quinlan, C. & **Smoyer, A. B.** (2016, November). International Co-operation for the Development of New and Radical Responses to Women in Criminal Justice Systems. Roundtable facilitated at 2016 Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology (ASC): New Orleans, LA.

Carvahlo, V & **Smoyer, A. B.** (2016, October). Why Food Matters: Physical and Psychosocial Health of Incarcerated Women. Paper presented at 2016 National Conference on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC): Las Vegas, NV.

Smoyer, A. B. & White, J.M. (2015, November). Separate but Equal? Contesting Transgender Prison Spaces. Paper presented at 2015 Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology (ASC): Washington, DC.

Smoyer, A. B. (2015, November). Hygge: Incarcerated Women's Experiences with Food and Eating in Denmark. Poster presented at 2015 Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology (ASC): Washington, DC.

Smoyer, A. B. & Minke, L.K. (2015, October). *Food Systems in Correctional Settings*. Paper presented at 2016 Health in Prison Member Meeting, World Health Organization's Regional Office for Europe: Bishkek, Kygystan.

Carvalho, V, Allen, E., & **Smoyer, A.B.** (2015, October). Eating In: Food and Nutrition in a Women's Prison. Panel presented at Adult and Juvenile Female Offenders Conference: Hartford, CT.

Smoyer, A. B. (2015, March). Women's experiences with food and eating in Danish prison: A comparative analysis. Paper presented at 8th Annual Academic and Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health: Boston, MA.

Smoyer, A. B. (2014, December). Apathy, Nonsense, and Disgust: How women's experiences with prison food may impact their appetite for HIV care and prevention services. Poster at 2014 CFAR Joint Symposium on HIV Research in Women: New Rochelle, NY.

Smoyer, A. B. (2014, September). Hungry on the Inside: Prison Food and Legitimacy. Paper presented at 2014 Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology: Prague, CZ.

Smoyer, A. B. (2014, March). Cafeteria, Commissary, and Cooking: Impact of Prison Foodways on Women's Incarceration Experience and Health Outcomes. Poster presented at 7th Annual Academic and Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health: Houston, TX.

Smoyer, A. B. (2013, November). Good & Healthy: (Re)construction of Identity through Prison Foodways. Paper presented at 2013 Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology (ASC): Atlanta, GA.

Smoyer, A. B. (2011, September). Rethinking Breakfast: How Prison Foodways Narratives Can Build Knowledge about Incarceration. Poster presented at 2011 Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology: Vilnius, LT.

Smoyer, A. B. (2011, May). Chocolate, Beef Jerky, & Lady Speed Stick: A Collage/Diorama Created from the Commissary of a Women's Prison. Diorama presented at Unsettling Feminisms (Un)Conference: Chicago, IL.

Blankenship, K. M. & **Smoyer, A. B.** (2010, November). Incarceration and Concurrency: Lessons from a Mixed Methods Study of Recently Released Inmates in Connecticut. Paper presented at 2010 Annual Meeting of American Public Health Association (APHA): Denver, CO.

Smoyer, A. B. (2010, October). Let Them Eat Cake: Prison Foodways & Women's Experience of Incarceration. Paper presented at 2010 Annual Program Meeting of Council on Social Work Education (CSWE): Portland, OR.

Smoyer, A. B. & Blankenship, K. M. (2009, October). Going Beyond Homeless. Paper presented at Mid-Atlantic Regional Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit, New York, NY.

Smoyer, A. B. & Blankenship, K. M. (2007, August). African American Fathers on Parole and Probation. Paper presented at the 2007 Annual Conference: Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP): New York, NY.

Invited Presentations

Smoyer, A. B. (2017, Various). Eating Humble Pie: Using Prison Food Narratives to Understand Incarceration.

- February 2017: Yale University, School of Public Health
- March 2017: Western Connecticut State University, Justice and Law Administration
- April 2017: Eastern Connecticut State University, Department of Social Work
- April 2017: University of Connecticut, Department of Social Work

Smoyer, A. B. (2016, November). The Prison Nourish Project: Understanding the Impact of food on the psychosocial outcomes of incarcerated women. *Third Annual Research Tapas Event*. Southern Connecticut State University: New Haven, CT.

Carvahlo, V & **Smoyer, A. B.** (2016, October). Why Food Matters: Physical and Psychosocial Health of Incarcerated Women. *Correctional Nursing Today Podcast*, Schoenly, L. (Producer), available at <http://correctionalnurse.net/tag/correctional-nursing-today/>

Smoyer, A. B. (2016, October). Overweight/Obesity & Weight Gain among HIV-positive Prisoners in Rhode Island: Prevalence and Intervention Feasibility. *Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS*, Yale University: New Haven, CT.

Smoyer, A. B. (various) The Power of Prison Food: Food as HIV Prevention & Care

- May 2016: Alliance for Living, New London, CT.
- November 2015: AIDS CT, Hartford, CT.
- July 2015: Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program, Bridgeport, CT.

Smoyer, A. B. (2016, February). Cafeteria, Commissary, and Cooking: Food, Relationships, and Identity in Prison. *Maternity Care Coalition*: Philadelphia, PA.

Smoyer, A. B. (2016, February). Que hay de comer? Alimentación en los distintos sistemas penitenciarios. *Agrupación de los Cuerpos de la Administración de Instituciones Penitenciarias* (Correctional Officers Union), Valencia, Spain (in Spanish).

Smoyer, A. B. (2015, February). Qualitative Inquiry about Prison Food. *Qualitative Research Methods in Public Health*. Yale School of Public Health: New Haven CT.

Smoyer, A. B. & Minke, L.K. (2015, January). Cafeteria, Commissary, and Cooking: Food, Relationships, and Identity in Prison. *CMHC Continuing Education Program*. York Correctional Institution: Niantic, CT.

Smoyer, A. B. (2014, November). How I Ended Up in Prison: A Researcher's Story. *School of Public Health, Department of Social Work*. Temple University: Philadelphia, PA.

Smoyer, A.B. (2014, October). Cafeteria, Commissary and Cooking: Foodways in a US Women's Prison. *Cooking and Nutrition Class*. Vestre Prison and Jail: Copenhagen, DK.

Smoyer, A.B. (2014, October). Cafeteria, Commissary and Cooking: Foodways in a US Women's Prison. *Nutrition and Health Program*. Metropol University College: Copenhagen, DK.

Smoyer, A. B. (2012, October). Tell me a Story: Introduction to qualitative methods. *Methods & Ethics in Global Health Research*. Yale School of Public Health: New Haven CT.

Smoyer, A. B. (2010, October). Where and When Do I Enter? Formerly Incarcerated People in New Haven, CT. Paper presented at No Wrong Door Conference: Meriden, CT.

Smoyer, A. B. (2007, December). Prisons, Recidivism & HIV Risk. Discussion facilitator at World AIDS Day, Institute for Community Research: Hartford, CT

Smoyer, A. B. (2006, December). SHARPP: Structures, Health and Risk among Parolees and Probationers. Paper presented at ProVisions X Conference, Mystic CT.

MENTORSHIP OF STUDENT RESEARCH

- 2016 **Undergraduate Honor's Thesis, Southern CT State University**
Understanding the Lived Experience of Transgender Women in CT: A Photovoice Project
PI: Nadine Ruff (Undergraduate Candidate, Social Work)
Role: Faculty Advisor
Honorable Mention, 2016 Undergraduate Student Research Grant, SCSU
- 2016 **Undergraduate Honor's Thesis, Southern CT State University**
The Effect of Mutual Aid On Recidivism Among Formerly Incarcerated Veterans
Role: Co-Faculty Advisor
PI: Shahril Ghazil (Undergraduate Candidate, Social Work)
- 2011 & 2010 Summer Research with NIDA for Underrepresented Students (On-site Mentor)
School of Public Health, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Southern Connecticut State University, Department of Social Work

2017 – present **Inside-Out Prison Exchange**, Manson Youth Institution (Undergraduate)
2015 – present **SCSU New Haven Social Justice Bike Ride** (Undergrad & Graduate)
2015 – present **Social Work 572/573: Practicum and Capstone Project** (Graduate, MSW)
2013 - present **Social Work 561: Social Work Research Methods** (Graduate, MSW)
2013 – present **Social Work 350: Social Work Research Methods** (Undergraduate, BSW)

2014, Fall **Nutrition and Health M11: Innovation, Project Management and Intervention**
(Undergraduate, BA). Metropol University College, Copenhagen, Denmark

2006, Spring **Human Services 101: Introduction to Human Services**
Gateway Community College, New Haven, CT

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Southern Connecticut State University

University

2016 – present Member, SCSU Bike Friendly University
2015 – 2017 Member, Global Education Advisory
2016 Mock Classroom Teacher, New Student Orientation, First Year Experience

Department of Social Work

2017 – present Member, Personnel Committee
2015 – present Member, Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Core
2015 – present Member, Research Sequence
2015 – 2018 Member, Masters of Social Work (MSW) Admissions Committee
2015 – 2016 Junior Faculty Writing Group

Yale University

2017 **Scientific Peer Review**, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS
2013 - 2015 **Human Subjects Committee**
Yale University IRB tasked with the review of socio-behavioral studies.

Grant Review Committees

2017 **US Fulbright Scholar Applications, Denmark/Sweden/Estonia**, Council for
International Exchange of Scholars, Institute of International Education.
2017 **Strengthening HIV/AIDS Research in Kenya (PS17-005)**, Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention.
2016 **US Fulbright Scholar Applications, Denmark/Sweden/Estonia**, Council for
International Exchange of Scholars, Institute of International Education.
2016 **Early HIV Treatment to Optimize Patient Health and HIV Prevention**
(PS16-006), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
2015 **Special Emphasis Panel: Minority HIV/AIDS Research Initiative to Build HIV**
Prevention, Treatment and Research Capacity in Disproportionately Affected
Black and Hispanic Communities and Among Historically Underrepresented
Researchers (PS16-001), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
2015 **US Fulbright Scholar Applications, Denmark/Sweden/Estonia**, Council for
International Exchange of Scholars, Institute of International Education.
2014 **Pilot Project Review Committee**, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2014 **Outstanding Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Award**
Society for Social Work and Research
- 2014 **New Investigator Conference Scholarship**, Academic & Health Policy Conference on
Correctional Health, NIH/NIDA and Jacob and Valeria Langeloth Foundation.

SELECT TRAININGS

- 2017 **Undoing Racism, The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond**
Citywide Youth Coalition, New Haven, CT
- 2017 **Community Based Participatory Research**
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2017 **Focus Group Moderator Training, PLUS Consortium, NIH/NIDDK**
University of Illinois/Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2017 **International Inside Out Prison Exchange Program Certification**
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 **Team Based Learning: TBL 101 and Creating an Effective TBL Module**
Team Based Learning Collaborative, Houston, TX
- 2015-2016 **Faculty Development Book Group: Reading about Teaching**
Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT
- 2015 **Educators' Conference, CT Students for a Dream**
Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT
- 2015 **Street Bodhis-Training: Trauma-Informed Yoga**
108 Monkeys, New Haven, CT
- 2011 **Qualitative Methods Summer Workshop: "Writing NIH Proposals for Funding"**
New York University School of Social Work, New York, NY
- 2005 **New Haven Police Citizen's Academy**
New Haven Police Department, New Haven, CT

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Able to speak Spanish fluently, with proficiency in reading and writing.
- Lived and worked in Spain for a year on three occasions: 1989, 2001, 2011