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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Sociology, Northeastern University|2019 –

M.A. Sociology, Northeastern University|2020

M.P.H. Urban Public Health, Northeastern University|2016

B.A. Journalism, Quinnipiac University|2009

**Research interests:** Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence; Violence as a Public Health Issue; Victimology; Intersectionality; Stigma and Victim-Blaming; Social Psychology; Criminal Justice Response and Help-Seeking Behavior

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Graduate Assistantship, (five years), Department of Sociology, Northeastern University|2019 –

CSSH Scholar Award, Northeastern University|2019 –

Graduate Assistantship, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Northeastern University|2013 – 2016

**TEACHING**

**Northeastern University – Boston, MA**

*Teaching Assistant*

Department of Sociology: *SOCL 1101 Introduction to Sociology*|2019

Department of Health Sciences: *PHTH2350 Community and Public Health*|2013

**Codman Square Academy – Boston, MA**

*Guest Educator*

Preventing Teen Dating Violence Workshop|2016

**CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

“Attitudes, Perceptions, and Risk of Suicide by Occupation amongst United States Firearm Owners.” Accepted for Presentation at the American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting & Expo. (October 24-27, Forthcoming).|2021

“Domestic Violence Prevention & Outcome Assessment During COVID-19 & Beyond.” Panel on Innovations in Criminal Justice, Boston Area Research Initiative Annual Conference: Building Back Smarter. Virtual, Boston MA. April 30.|2020

**MEDIA COVERAGE**

*“Something needs to be done, and soon (a rape culture at Winthrop High School),”*

Winthrop Sun Transcript (November 21, 2018)

*“Dispelling the myths about domestic violence,”* Mattapan Reporter (October 20, 2016)

**RESEARCH**

**Evaluation of Public Health Infrastructure in MetroWest (NU-PEL)**|2021

Assist in evaluation of public health infrastructure in metro west region of MA, focusing on understanding the current capacities, near-tern challenges, and opportunities across 25 communities; Conduct literature review on public health infrastructure, collaboration, and evaluation methodology; Assist in creating a survey and interview questions; Assist in qualitative interviewing and data analysis

**Domestic Violence Institute (DVI) at the Northeastern University School of Law**|2020 – 2021

Create and implement data collection categories and processes into existing case file management tool and develop training for law students on client intake with particular focus on research and data collection; Conduct literature review and community outreach on technology-facilitated abuse during COVID-19; Grant writing

**The Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research, Northeastern University** |2020

Quantitative analysis of national dataset on suicide risk and beliefs among gun owners in the United States for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Grant

**MA Adult Suicide Prevention Project, Northeastern University Public Evaluation Lab (NU-PEL)**|2020Conduct qualitative, evaluation research on Zero Suicide programming on Cape Cod & the Islands; Code and analyze qualitative data; Assist in writing final report and publishable papers

**MPH Capstone Project, Northeastern University**|2016  
*“Dating violence among undergraduate students at Northeastern University: prevalence on campus and perceptions of emotional abuse”* Conducted survey research among college students relating to perceptions of emotional abuse as a form of intimate partner violence and help-seeking behaviors

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Reviewer – International Criminology |2021

**PROFESSIONAL**

**athenahealth, Watertown, MA |2016 – 2018**

*Senior Associate* Corporate Social Responsibility

**Center for Community Health Education Research and Services, Inc. (CCHERS)** |2014 – 2016

*Domestic Violence Advocate & Program Coordinator* – Community Advocacy Program (CAP)

Placement – Mattapan Community Health Center (MCHC), Mattapan, Boston, MA

* Successfully built and maintained the first advocacy program and CAP presence at MCHC
* Collaborated with CAP Program Director for advocate placement(s), efficacy, and quality control
* Advocated for victims and survivors of domestic violence, including provider referrals, and walk-ins
* Liaised with local gender-based violence response and government agencies, hospitals, and universities
* Trained behavioral and health care providers to screen for domestic violence
* Coordinated all domestic violence services throughout MCHC
* Lead support groups and psychosocial groups for women and teens
* Revised policy and procedures manual to meet new protocols for client privacy
* Created and maintained agency materials, website, and social media presence
* Researched funding opportunities and wrote grants, including program and budget development

**Awarded Grants (CCHERS)**

• Victims of Crime Act Request for Additional Funds – Awarded|2016

• Jane Doe Inc. Economic Empowerment Grant – Awarded|2016

• Victims of Crime Act Renewal Grant – Awarded|2015

• Mary Byron Award – Awarded|2015

**Domestic Violence (DV) Advocacy Professional Development**

• DV Lethality Assessment

• Support Group Facilitation

• Domestic Violence (DV) and the healthcare system

• DV in the LGBTQ community

• DV, mental health, and PTSD

• DV and substance abuse

• Vicarious Trauma workshop

**MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociology Association (ASA)

American Public Health Association (APHA)

**TECHNICAL**

Microsoft Office Suite | Adobe Creative Cloud | Qualtrics | Stata | NVivo