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EDUCATION:

B.A. | 2004 | Focus: Program Planning and Management

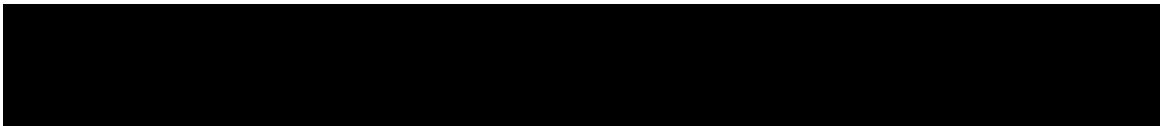
Major: Organizational Dynamics
Immaculata University | Immaculata, PA

M.S. | 2006 | Focus: Institutions, Communities and Social Change

Major: Urban Economic Development
Eastern University | School for Social Change | St. Davids, PA

M.S.W. | Candidate | Focus: Macro Theory, Practice and Social Research

Field Placement: Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research
University of Pennsylvania | School of Social Policy & Practice | Philadelphia, PA



AREAS OF INTERESTS:

- Social Interactionism
- Community Studies
- Locality Development and Practice
- Urban Social Relations, Life and Organization
- Sociology of Culture: Identity, Ideology and Social Change
- Social Work Practice with Ex-Offenders
- Social Research

EXPERIENCE, PRACTICE AND SELECTED ACTIVITIES: [EXP – PRACT – SACT]

Northwestern Human Services | Philadelphia, PA

Behavioral Health Counselor, 2000 – 01

Directed and counseled fifteen adult consumers with psychosocial diagnoses. Individually and collectively managed standards for daily living and train self-sufficiency life skills for independent living. [EXP]

Elwyn Inc. | Elwyn, PA

Program Specialist, 2001 – 03

Provided psych-social rehabilitation for eight consumers with drug and alcohol addictions, including society reintegration, guidance, and complex mental illnesses within structured living arrangements.

Prepared detailed written guidelines for documentation and compliance by state/county law: progress notes, goal setting, group therapy, medication log, and individual support.

Facilitated staff and client training. [EXP, PRACT]

Y.E.S. Program | The Enterprise Center | Philadelphia, PA

Graduate Internship, 2005

Explored the significance of youth entrepreneurship to personal development through entrepreneurship education.

Produced a case study that provided findings and recommendations to assess youth development effectiveness for an economic development center. [EXP, SACT]

Program for Religion and Social Policy Research | University of Pennsylvania | Philadelphia, PA

▪ **Research Assistant, 2006**

Collected data from numerous social/human services organizations by telephone and face-to-face interviews of the services provided in the city of Philadelphia. [EXP]

▪ **Research Fellow, 2006**

Fieldwork: Conducted in-depth interviews with organizations that serve ex-offenders in order to produce a qualitative study of how organizations are responding to returning prisoners. Produced field notes, recorded interviews and spoke with ex-offenders who have shared their reentry experiences. [EXP]

Q: *How do ex-offenders meet the exigencies of reentering society?*

Such exigencies are those associated with finding employment, increasing education, improving vocational and training skills, securing housing, obtaining adequate physical and mental healthcare and “staying clean” – that is, overcoming abuse and building a positive, pro-social network.

▪ **Project Director, 2006 – 07**

Project: *The Collective Efficacy: Philadelphia Ex-prisoner Reentry Capacity Appraisal*

A cross-sectional study in the City of Philadelphia, which uses primary survey data, as well as administrative data, obtained from federal, state and county corrections departments to assess the Philadelphia community institutional capacity (CIC) for prisoner reentry. Using inferential statistics and GIS methodologies, within an asset-based framework of community organization, the study looks at five dimensions of CIC, necessary for pro-social ex-offender reintegration. [EXP]

Planning: Responsible for the day-to-day management of research project. Writing reports and articles for publication, developing and evaluating new methods for collecting data. Working with a Principal Investigator to contribute new ideas; support research assistants, staff and the client through the research project.

Implementation: Draft survey instruments, coordinate launch of data collection activities, conduct key informant interviews, facilitate focus groups or observations, or coordinate other resources to do so.

Analysis: Coordinate collection of data, including cleaning and verification, coordinate processing of data, help analyze preliminary data, request additional analysis as appropriate, and synthesize multiple kinds of data to produce summaries/ key findings.

Reporting: Draft reports and summaries, create PowerPoint presentations, and provide oral presentations to clients.

▪ **Reentry Partnership- Involving Ex-offenders in Reentry Research, 2007**

Supervised eight staff persons who worked as data collectors and data entry workers. The partnership is between the PRSPR and M.O.R.E. hired ex-offender's to participate in community-level research that is expected to advance the knowledge and awareness of reentry, assess capacity of existing supportive services as well as birth possible solutions for programming, planning and implementation of reentry related services in Philadelphia. [EXP, SACT]

PROFESSIONAL RECORD:

2000 – 01 **Behavioral Health Counselor** | Northwestern Human Svcs. | Philadelphia | PA
2001 – 03 **Program Specialist** | Elwyn Inc. | Elwyn | PA
2006 **Assistant to the Coordinator** | Eastern University | Philadelphia | PA
2006 **Research Assistant** | Program for Religion and Social Policy Research |
University of Pennsylvania
2006 **Research Fellow** | Program for Religion and Social Policy Research | University
of Pennsylvania
2006 – 07 **Teaching Assignment** | Community College of Philadelphia | PA
2007 – P **Adjunct Professor** | Eastern University | St. Davids | PA
2007 **Project Director** | Program for Religion and Social Policy Research | University
of Pennsylvania

AWARDS, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2006 Research Fellowship | Program for Religion and Social Policy Research |
University of Pennsylvania

MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICES:

1995 – 00 **Community Volunteer** | Delaware County Com. Center | Upper Darby, PA
2002 – 04 **General Manager**— Interim | Pemberton Ministries | Philadelphia, PA
2005 **Event Volunteer** | Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia

- 2005 – P **Member** | American Planning Association
- 2006 **Keynote Speaker** | Renaissance Charter School | Mount Airy, PA
- 2007 – P **Member** | American Sociological Association

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES BY INVITATION OR PEER REVIEW:

1. Presenter, *EU Graduate Research Forum*. paper: Assessing Reentry Community Capacity: A Literature Review. Invited to the Christian Community Development Association Conference, September 2006.
2. Invited by Elijah D. Anderson, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology, to serve as a conference panelist: *"Poor, Young, Black and Male: A Case for National Action"*, University of Pennsylvania, April 2006.
3. Panelist, *"Mobilizing and Educating on How to Address the Issue of Violence in the Black Community Panel Discussion, Part II,"* Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Symposium on Social Change, University of Pennsylvania, January 2007.
4. Guest Lecturer, Women's Health Care Studies Program, course: Women and Incarceration, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, March 2007.
5. Guest Lecturer, MSW Program, course: Public Policy, School of Social Policy & Practice, University of Pennsylvania, August 2007.

PUBLICATIONS:

POST- EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

- 2004 – 06 John Stapleford, Ph.D. (economic development, Eastern University, 302-731-0174) *Social Research Methods*, **Graduate Student**
- 2005 – 06 Elijah Anderson, Ph.D. (sociology, University of Pennsylvania) (Anderson, currently @ Yale University, 203-432-3321) *Urban Ethnography*, **Post-Graduate Training**
- 2006 – 07 Ram Cnaan, M.S.W., Ph.D. (social policy & practice, University of Pennsylvania, 215-898-5523) and Beverly Frazier, M.B.A., M.Div., Ph.D. candidate (social policy & practice, University of Pennsylvania) *Program for Religion and Social Policy Research, project focus: Reentry and Supportive Services* (Frazier, Ph.D., currently @ John Jay University, 215-964-4028) **Project Director**
- 2007 – P Jeffery Draine, M.S.W., Ph.D. (social policy & practice and the department of psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania, 215-349-8710) *Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research, project focus: Reentry and Mental Health Services*, **Field Placement**