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- Education**
- August 2012 **Wayne State University** Detroit, Michigan
Doctorate of Philosophy in Social Work
- Dissertation title: “Collective Action for the Rights of Sex Offenders: Evaluating Social Movement Organizations”.
 - Cognate: Research Methods & Statistical Analysis.
- May 2007 **Wayne State University** Detroit, Michigan
Master’s of Social Work
Major: Community Practice and Social Action
- Directed study on organizational design and youth development.
- June 2003 **University of Otago** Dunedin, New Zealand
Postgraduate Diploma of Arts
Major: Community and Family Studies
- Postgraduate certification program in Social Work.
 - Research dissertation titled “Solo mothers’ transition from the domestic purposes benefit to the workforce”.
- April 2002 **Oakland University** Rochester, Michigan
Bachelor of Arts
Major: Sociology, Minor: General Business
- Academic Appointments**
- 2016-present Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- 2012-2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology,
Social Work & Criminal Justice, Oakland University, Rochester, MI
- Courses Taught**
- Advanced Systems Theories & Practice, Fall 2016
 - Social Work Practice (Macro) II, Winter 2015-2016
 - Social Welfare Policy, Winter 2014-2016
 - Foundations of Multicultural Practice, Winter 2013
 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment II, Winter 2013-2014
 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment I, Fall 2012-2015
 - Research Methods, Data Analysis, and Practice Evaluation I, Winter 2012.
 - Research Methods, Data Analysis, and Practice Evaluation II, Fall 2011.
 - Field Placement Office, curriculum development & faculty advising, 2011-2012.

Publications

- Comartin, E. (accepted). Collateral damage of sex offender management policies for individuals with Asperger's Syndrome and their family members. In, Dubin, L., & Horowitz, E. *Caught in the Web of the Criminal Justice System: Autism, Other Developmental Disabilities and Non-Contact Sex Offenses*. Jessica Kingsley Publishers; London, UK.
- Kernsmith, P., Comartin, E., & Kernsmith, R. (2016). Fear and misinformation as predictors of support for sex offender management policies. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 43(2), 39-66.
- Comartin, E. (2015). Advocacy tactics and policy outcomes of sex offender rights organizations. *Journal of Policy Practice*, 14(3/4), 231-255.
- Comartin, E., Pimlott-Kubiak, S., Ray, B., Tillander, E. & Hanna, J. (2015). Short and long-term outcomes of mental health court participants by psychiatric diagnosis. *Psychiatric Services*, 66(9), 923-929.
- Pimlott-Kubiak, S., Roddy, J., Comartin, E., & Tillander, E. (2015). Cost analysis of long-term outcomes of an urban mental health court. *Evaluation & Program Planning*, 52, 96-106.
- Ray, B., Pimlott-Kubiak, S., Comartin, E. & Tillander, E. (2014). Mental health court outcomes by offense type at admission. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*, 42(3), 323-331.
- Comartin, E., Kernsmith, P., Kernsmith, R. (2014). Identifying appropriate sanctions for youth sexual behavior: The impact of age, gender and sexual orientation. *New Criminal Law Review: Special Edition on Developmental Science and Criminal Law*, 17(3), 652-672.
- Comartin, E. (2013). Rape Justification. *Encyclopedia of Sexual Violence and Abuse*. ABC-CLIO: Santa Barbara, CA.
- Comartin, E., Kernsmith, R., & Kernsmith, P. (2013). 'Sexting' & sex offender registration: Does age and gender of the offender or sexual orientation of the relationship matter? *Deviant Behavior*, 34, 882-896.
- Comartin, E., & Gonzalez-Prendes, A. (2012). Dissonance between personal and professional values: Resolution of an ethical dilemma. *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*, 9(1).
- Comartin, E., Kernsmith, P., & Miles, B. (2010). Family experiences of young adult sex offender registration. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 19(2), 204-225.
- [Reviewer responses to article printed in the same volume of this journal:**
- Berkowitz, C. (2010). Sex offender registration: Balancing the rights of the individual with the public good—A commentary on Comartin, Kernsmith, and Miles (2010). *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 19(2), 226-230.
- Prescott, D. (2010). Response to Comartin, Kernsmith & Miles (2010) Michigan sex offender registration study. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 19(2), 231-233.
- Rasmussen, L. (2010). A commentary on the Michigan sex offender registration article. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 19(2), 234-237.]
- Comartin, E., Kernsmith, P., & Kernsmith, R. (2009). Sanctions for sex offenders: Fear and public policy. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 48(7), 605-619.
- Kernsmith, P., Comartin, E., Craun, S., & Kernsmith, P. (2009). The relationship between sex offender registry utilization and awareness. *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, 21(2), 181-193.

Presentations

- Comartin, E., Williams, M., & Lytle, B. (2016). 'Against the Tide': Legislative Reasons to Constrain the Use of Residency Restrictions. American Society of Criminology, November 16-19, New Orleans, LA.
- Comartin, E. (2015). Unconstitutional sex offender registration & notification policies: Characteristics of responsive & non-responsive states. American Society of Criminology, November 17-21, Washington, DC.
- Pimlott-Kubiak, S., Comartin, E., & Roddy, J. (2015). Cost analysis of the long-term outcomes of an urban mental health court. Society for Social Work and Research, 19th Annual Conference, January 14-18. New Orleans, LA.
- Comartin, E. (2014). Longitudinal outcomes of mental health court participants: Does mental health diagnosis matter? Annual International Conference on Social Sciences. August 4-7, Athens, Greece.
- Comartin, E. (2013). Sex offender advocacy organizations: A family response to registration and community notification policies. American Society of Criminology. November 20-23, Atlanta, GA.
- Pimlott-Kubiak, S., Tillander, E., Ray, B., & Comartin, E. (2013). Variation in the Implementation and Structure of Mental Health Courts: An Eight Court Study. The American Society of Criminology. November 20-23, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Ray, B., Pimlott-Kubiak, S., Comartin, E. (2013). The effect of interagency collaboration on mental health court outcomes. The American Society of Criminology. November 20-23, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Pimlott-Kubiak, S., Ray, B., Comartin, E., & Tillander, L. (2013). Assessing Mental Health Court Outcomes by Offense Type: A Comparison across Eight Courts. The 33rd Congress of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health, July 14th-19th. Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- Pimlott-Kubiak, S., Ray, B., Comartin, E., & Tillander, L. (2013). Assessing Mental Health Court Outcomes by Offense Type: A Comparison across Eight Courts. National Organization of Forensic Social Work 1st Annual Conference, April 14th-16th, 2013.
- Pimlott-Kubiak, S., & Comartin, E. (2013). Longitudinal Outcomes of an Urban Mental Health Court. Society for Social Work Research 17th Annual Conference, January 16th- 20th, 2013.
- Comartin, E. (2012). A preliminary review of sex offender registration advocacy organizations: Past successes and recommendations for future advocacy. Reform Sex Offender Laws 4th Annual Conference, September 6th-9th, 2012.
- Comartin, E., Kernsmith, P., & Kernsmith, R. (2012). R U /18? Sanctions for youth sexual behavior. Society for Social Work and Research, 16th Annual Conference, January 11-15, 2012.
- Comartin, E. (2011). Social constructions of sex offenders: Relationship of myth beliefs and criminal sanctions. Council on Social Work Education 57th Annual Program Meeting, October 27-30, 2011.
- Kernsmith, P., Kernsmith, R., & Comartin, E. (2010). I <3 U send pix: Addressing youth sexting. Association for Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) 29th Annual Research and Treatment Conference, October 20-23, 2010.
- Kernsmith, P., Comartin, E., & Kernsmith, R. (2010). Sanctions for sexting: Child pornography or normative sexual expression? Council on Social Work Education, 56th Annual Program Meeting, October 14-17, 2010.

**Presentations
(con't)**

- Comartin, E., & Santiago, A. (2010). Assessing the outcomes of transitional living programs: A national sample of runaway and homeless youth. Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 13-15, 2010.
- Comartin, E., Kernsmith, P., & Kernsmith, R. (2010). Fear as a motivator for statutory offenses on sex offender registries (poster). Society for Social Work and Research 14th Annual Conference, January 14-17, 2010.
- Miles, B., Comartin, E., & Jozefowicz-Simbeni, D. (2010). Participatory research ain't easy: Challenges and barriers of doing participatory action research (roundtable). Society for Social Work Research 14th Annual Conference, January 14-17, 2010.
- Comartin, E., Kernsmith, P., & Kernsmith R. (2009). Public opinion of sex offender sanctions. Council on Social Work Education 55th Annual Program Meeting, November 6-9, 2009.
- Kernsmith, P., Kernsmith, R., & Comartin, E. (2009). Re-integration and recovery of registered and non-registered sex offenders. Council on Social Work Education 55th Annual Program Meeting, November 6-9, 2009.
- Pimlott-Kubiak, S., Sobeck, J., Agius, E., Kasiborski, N., & Comartin, E. (2009). Data driven decision making for prevention planning using cluster analysis. 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research.
- Sobeck, J., Pimlott-Kubiak, S., Agius, E., Comartin, E., Kasiborski, N. (2009). Needs assessment for underage drinking and drunk driving: Building multiple relationships across and within municipalities. 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research.
- Craun, S., Kernsmith, P, Comartin, E., & Kernsmith, R. (2008). Sex offender registries: The public's use and explanations given for non-use. 54th Annual Meeting for Council for Social Work Education, Philadelphia, PA.

Research Projects Michigan State's Mental Health Diversion Council's Jail Diversion Pilot Program

01/14-present

Co-Investigator (with Sheryl Pimlott-Kubiak, Ph.D., Michigan State University)

- Conceptualization of evaluation procedures and tools
- Data analysis and report writing
- Contract: \$60,000.

8/11 to 12/13

State of Michigan Mental Health Court Evaluation

PI: Sheryl Pimlott-Kubiak, Ph.D., Michigan State University

Data Manager & Analyst

- Merged, cleaned and verified data from state-level government agencies.
- Analyzed, formatted and interpreted data for process and outcome reports.
- Wrote sections of both reports.
- Contract: \$24,000.

10/09-12/11

Wayne County Mental Health Court Evaluation

PI: Sheryl Pimlott-Kubiak, Ph.D., Michigan State University

Data Manager & Analyst

- Merged, cleaned and verified data from county-level government agencies.
- Analyzed, formatted and interpreted data for process and outcome reports.
- Contract: \$10,000.

Practice Experience
05/07 to 08/09

**Wayne State University, School of Social Work,
The Center for Social Work Practice and Policy Research**
Detroit, Michigan

Manager of Research Support (.5 FTE Community Practice & .5 FTE Research Assistant)

Community Practice Role:

- Principle investigator for short-term consultation at Alternatives For Girls. Trained program managers on grant reporting processes.
- Conducted a community needs assessment for underage drinking and alcohol related traffic fatalities for the Southeastern Michigan Community Alliance.
- Informed community coalitions on advocacy campaigns using social marketing tools for the Southeastern Michigan Community Alliance.
- Program evaluator and contract grant writer for many Detroit area organizations.

Research Assistant Role:

- Supervised master's level research assistants.
- Created, collected and analyzed survey data.
- Provided research assistance to faculty.
- Managed the Research Center's website content.

09/06 to 11/07

Alternatives For Girls

Detroit, Michigan

Associate & Interim Director-Shelter & Transition to Independent Living Program

- Supervised and trained direct care staff.
- Measured and analyzed program outcomes.
- As part of a grant writing team, successfully secured \$2M over five years from The U.S. Department of Human Services.
- Planned for improved effectiveness of residential programs.
- Created program design for youth-driven residential council.

04/07 to 05/07

All Saints Neighborhood Center

Detroit, Michigan

Contract Evaluator

- Evaluated technology program for four collaborating organizations in Southwest Detroit.
- Researched and composed written evaluation and future needs assessment for the Microsoft Corporation.

09/06 to 04/07

Skillman Center for Children

Detroit, Michigan

MSW degree field placement- Research & Program Development

- Provided health education training to entry level workers in an employment training program.
- Identified policy and intervention implications for 'best practices' poster for annual report.
- Researched and created a program for the agency to provide continuing education courses for social work licensure.
- Co-authored state approved childbirth education and parenting curriculums for the Detroit Health Department.

**Practice
Experience
(con't)**

04/05 to 09/06

Alternatives For Girls

Detroit, Michigan

Teen Parent Services Manager & Curriculum Coordinator

- Managed staff of case planners who provided services to residential and non-residential pregnant and parenting teens.
- Maintained case load of participants.
- Wrote reports and oversaw budgets for three teen parent contracts.
- Designed and implemented career development curriculum for homeless girls.
- Modified pre-existing Transition to Independent Living curriculum.
- Represented staff members on Board of Director's strategic plan steering committee.
- Maintained relationships with of non-profit community organizations.

08/05 to 04/06

American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan

Detroit, Michigan

MSW degree field placement- Program Development, Community Organizing and Policy

- Researched, proposed and implemented a new intake program.
- Built a coalition for policy initiatives with citizens, community organizations, law enforcement officials, education and health care professionals, and state representatives.
- Analyzed policy implications for the coalition and target population.
- Coordinated the coalition for a hearing at the Michigan House of Representatives.

08/03 to 4/05

Family Youth Interventions

Mt. Clemens, Michigan

Intervention Counselor

- Monitored safety of youths ages 12-17 in crisis shelter.
- Facilitated group therapy and life skills courses daily (ex. decision-making, coping skills, healthy nutrition & cooking, etc.).
- Shadowed family therapy sessions.

08/03 to 05/04

Turning Point, Inc.

Mt. Clemens, Michigan

Crisis Line/Resident Advocate

- Provided referrals and resources to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Supervised resident safety and needs while in shelter.
- Developed and maintained a comprehensive spreadsheet for program reports.
- Collaborated with local police departments and forensic nurses to advocate for sexual assault victims.
- Co-facilitated discussion groups regarding the dynamics of violence.

10/02 to 3/03

Presbyterian Support Otago

Dunedin, New Zealand

Postgraduate Diploma of Arts field placement- Client Advocate/Food Bank Interviewer

- Assessed of client needs for food, housing, clothing, budgeting, employment and life skills.
- Advocated for client needs at Work and Income New Zealand (Social Welfare Department) and Housing New Zealand.
- Utilized referrals and resources to acquire further needs for clients.
- Supervised budgets for court mandated clients.

Practice Experience
(con't)
01/00 to 11/00

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps

Perry Point, Maryland

Cadet

- Managed team as assistant team leader.
- Tutored, mentored and substitute taught- Baltimore, MD.
- Painted and framed homes- Habitat for Humanity, Boston, MA.
- Conducted educational tours and provided labor on organic farm- Wiscasset, ME.
- Rehabilitated a community center in Providence, RI.
- Coordinated orientation programs for future cadets.

09/97 to 08/98

AmeriCorps Oakland Rochester, Michigan

Cadet

- Tutored and mentored elementary & middle school age children in reading and math in inner-city school system.
- Created and implemented after school science club.
- Helped community leaders with volunteer projects such as Character Counts, Options for Preteens, and America Reads.

Community Service
03/08 to present

Coalition for a Useful Registry, Professional Advisory Board

Michigan

Consulting Member

- Legislative advocacy with state and federal representatives to amend social policy regarding sex offender registration and notification.
- Participation on the juvenile & research committees.

03/15 to 10/15

West Bloomfield Township Diversity Committee

Team Lead and Member

- Team Lead for Grievance & Ethics Committees
- Member of Township Employee Demographics Team
- Member of Words Matter Subcommittee
- Delivered presentation to Township Board of Trustees
- Data analysis and report writing

04/09 to 5/12

Michigan Association for Evaluation

Michigan

Secretary of the Board

- Professional Development Committee member, 2009-2010.
- Membership Development Committee member, 2010-2011.
- Conference Planning Committee member, 2011- present.

10/10 to 12/11

Alternatives For Girls

Detroit, MI

Program Committee Board Member

- Assist program directors with strategic planning through internal data collection.
- Review program documentation for fidelity.
- Assist programs with barriers to effectiveness.
- Coordinate and facilitate internal assessment for three year strategic plan, presented to the Board of Directors, Fall 2011.

Professional Service

Manuscript Reviewer:

- Criminal Justice Policy Review- 2016-present
- Children & Youth Services Review- 2015-present
- Journal of Community Practice- 2015-present
- Criminal Justice Studies- 2015-present
- Psychology, Crime, & Law- 2014- present
- Journal of Interpersonal Violence- 2013- present
- Elizabeth N. Brehler Manuscript Competition: 2010- 2011.

Conference Session Chair:

- Annual International Conference on Social Sciences. August 4-7, Athens, Greece. Session VII: Constructed Realities I

Honors & Awards

- Department Scholarship Award, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work & Criminal Justice, Oakland University, 2016
- Faculty Recognition Honoree for Research, Oakland University, 2015
- Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work & Criminal Justice Department Research Grant, Oakland University 2015, \$5,000
- Faculty Research Fellowship, Oakland University 2014, \$10,000
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Wayne State University, 2011-2012.
- Thomas C. Rumble Fellowship, Wayne State University, 2009-2011.
- Elizabeth N. Brehler Endowed Scholar's Program 2009 manuscript winner, \$3,000. Titled: "Dissonance between feminist and social work values: A personal exploration of anger".

Professional Licensure/Associations

- American Society for Criminology, 2015-present
- Michigan Master's Social Worker License Number: 6801089251.
- Michigan Association for Evaluation, 2010-2013