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Education

- Ph.D. Portland State University (Social Work and Social Research), 2019
Dissertation Title: Support From Inside Out: Exploring Whether Various Social Supports Assist in Reducing Prison Rule Violations
- M.S. Portland State University (Criminology and Criminal Justice), 2012
- B.A. University of Washington (Independent Arts and Sciences; Criminal Justice), 2010

Academic Appointments

- 2019-Present Assistant Professor
Heidelberg University, Criminology and Sociology
- 2014-2016 Adjunct Faculty
Portland State University, School of Social Work and Criminology and Criminal Justice
- 2014-2015 Adjunct Faculty
Washington State University, Criminal Justice

Teaching Experience

Heidelberg University

- Across Campus Integrated Studies Pilot Program: k(NO)w Justice
Aim Hei: Advise, Inspire, & Mentor
Senior Honors Project
Volunteer Relationships for Helping Justice-Involved People Stay Crime-Free
- Criminology Courses Research Methods
Criminology Internships

Supervise all Criminology and Double Major (CRM/PSYCH)
Internships
Intro to Criminology and Criminal Justice
Intro to Criminal Justice
Corrections
Juvenile Justice
Victimology
Independent Studies:
Predictors of Youth Violence (Spring 2024)
Mutual Help Groups: Beneficial or Harmful? (Summer 2023)
Impact of Prison on Mental Health (Summer 2023)
Horizon Prison Initiative (Spring 2022-ongoing)
*Peer Mentors: Building Bridges between Institutions and the
Community* (Spring 2021)
A Test of Social Disoroups:

Washington State University

CJ Courses

Corrections

Research Experience

- 2023-
Ongoing Primary Investigator: Along with one of my undergraduate students, we are exploring the impact of incarceration on mental health. We are surveying people who spent a minimum of two years in prison, who have since released. We are exploring the ability to access mental health resources since returning to the community.
- 2023-
Ongoing Primary Investigator: *Tiffin City Schools School Climate Survey*. Along with a colleague and two of my undergraduate students, we have created a school climate survey that will be administered to Middle School and High School Students. The Clark County Schools are currently conducting the survey to gain a better understanding the experiences of the students.
- 2023-2024 Primary Investigator: How helpful is Mutual Help? Along with a student, we are examining the role of Mutual Help Groups (i.e. AA, NA, etc.). We want to better understand how people perceive their experiences in these groups, and whether these groups really do help individuals struggling with addiction.
- 2022-
Ongoing Primary Investigator: *Horizon Program Evaluation*. This is a drug and alcohol reentry program at Ohio Reformatory for Women. The research team is two professors and 5 undergraduate Psychology and Criminology students. We had a meeting with the Ohio Department of Corrections IRB and were approved for the study.
- 2022-
Ongoing Primary Investigator: *High Impact Teaching Experiences: Prison Pen Pal Program*. The research team is two professors and three Department of Correction Employees. We are exploring the impact of a prison pen pal program on university students and incarcerated women.
- 2022-2023 Primary Investigator: *Returning Citizens as Prison Volunteers: "To Build a Bridge Between Institutions and Communities."* The research team includes a colleague in Australia and two graduate students. We published a paper in 2023 and will continue work exploring prison volunteers.
- 2021-2022 Primary Investigator: *Covid-19, Quarantines, and Incarceration: Exploring the Resiliency of Individuals and Families Who Have Experienced Incarceration*. The research team included two graduate students (one who is a returning citizen) and two undergraduate students. We published our paper and presented at ACJS in 2022.
- 2014-2015 Primary Investigator: Developed survey and focus group protocol for Key

Performance Measure for Oregon Department of Corrections. The identified customer are Visitors. I will be surveying individuals who visit Adults in Custody throughout all 14 Institutions throughout the state of Oregon (Summer of 2015). Primary Investigator: Developed focus group protocols, trained facilitators, and y qtngrf y kj eqo o wplkgu k f gxgrnr kpi tgeqo o gpf cvkqpu hqt vj g Gqxgtpqtø Rggpvt { Cqwpekn Ipuki j u ctqwpf j qy cpf kpf kxf wcnø Fco kkgu, Cqo o wplkgu, and Support Networks are impacted by periods of incarceration. Presented findings vq vj g Gqxgtpqtø Rggpvt { Cqwpeknqp Jwpg 4, 2015.

- 2112-2014 *Primary-Investigator: "Through a Child's Eyes: Encouraging Positive Behavior among Inmate Mothers through a Special Child Visitation Event."* Dcw was collected for the first time, examining the impacts of special visitation events at Otgi qpø y qo gpø r tkøp.
Graduate Research Assistant/Project Supervisor: Regional Research Institute-Portland State University. The My Life Project; Primary Investigator: Sarah Geenen.

- 2012-2013 *Research Assistant:* Oregon Correctional Enterprises Assessment Team. A team from PSU evaluated business practices and effects on recidivism for inmates involved.

- 2011-2013 *Intern Research Assistant,* Oregon Social Learning Center, Project Home
Co-Investigator: "Prison and Re-entry Volunteers: An Overlooked, Creative, and Cost Effective Source of Human Capital for Desistance." Examining data from Oregon Department of Corrections.
Research Assistant: Dissertation research: *"The effects of stigma on probationers/parolees."*

- 2010-2012 *Graduate Research Assistant:* The Hatfield School of Government, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Portland State University

Service

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University

3/31/22 Apart: Documentary Screening through collaboration
with Represent Justice and Post-Screening
Conversation with Person Portrayed in the Film

2/25/22 Guest Lecture: EIS 320: Family and Social Systems;
Lecture about the impact of parental incarceration

1/17/22 Facilitator: MLK JR Day On: Freedom Writers:
Movie and Discussion

10/28/21

Community	2019-Present	Advisor, Alpha Phi Sigma (Honorary Society) Advisor, Writers in Residence Coordinator, Criminology Internships
	3/4/21	Panelist, Lourdes University, Social Work Career Talk
	March 2021	Donation Drive for Seneca County youth Detention Center. The CJ Honorary specifically focused on addressing the personal hygiene needs of youth of color.
	2021-2022	Board Member, Sisters in Shelter
	2020-Present	Member, Nonviolent Tiffin

prison volunteers: Building bridges between institutions and communities. *International Journal of Offender therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 1-17. DOI:

10.1177/0306624X231188416

Lazzari, S.R., Miller, K.M., Lee, J. (2019). Or gpløi vj g òBrcemBqzö:

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the Challenges Communities and Families Face Resulting from Mass Incarceration and Undue Criminalization.ö Coalition for the Children of the Incarcerated, University of Washington Tacoma. Was going to be a twenty-minute presentation, with two other presenters. Co-presenters canceled, on the day of the conference. I presented for an hour.

Lazzari, S.R. (chosen to present on June 19, 2020, but was cancelledô COVID; plan to present in 2021). öConnections Behind and Beyond Prison Walls: The Influence of Social Supports on Prison Rule Violations.ö *Journal of Forensic Social Work* (60 minute research presentation).

Lazzari, S.R. (November 5, 2020). *Utilizing Google Slides for In Class Activities*. Heidelberg University. 2020 Teaching Source . Teaching Materials Zqqo Platform.

Lazzari, S.R. (February 23, 2021). *Imprisoned: A 5 Minute Presentation for Students, Faculty, and Staff*.

Lazzari, S.R. (February 23, 2021). *Michigan Justice Advocacy: Collaborations between Universities and Community Partners*. Fifty Minute Presentation for Students, Faculty, and Staff.

Lazzari, S.R. (May 17, 2021). *Parenting Behind Bars*. A 90 minute telehealth webinar workshop with women incarcerated in New Mexico Department of Corrections.

Lazzari, S.R., Beach, J., Powell, Y., Harris, K., Farris, T. (January 30, 2024). “*We are Still Human*”: *Giving voice to those living in justice systems*. Presented to the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library, as a part of their community education program.

Lazzari, S.R., Franz, B., Lloyd, C.D., Higley, C.a., & Serin, R.C. (2023). *Peer mentors as prison volunteers: Building bridges between institutions and communities*. To be presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences National Conference.

Lazzari, S.R., Franz, B., Wright, K., Hawk, A., & McWeeney, S. (2022). *Covid-19, Quarantines, and incarceration: Exploring the r*

Lazzari, S.R., Vcpf gtj qhh R., & Scrkudwt {, E.J. (2013). ðTj tqwi j c Cj kf øu E{gr: Epeqwtci kng
Pqukkxg Bgj cxkqt Ao qpi Ipo cvg o qyj gtu Tj tqwi j c Sr gekcnCj kf Vlukcvkqp Exgpvö
Policy Presentation to Executive Committee, Oregon Department of Corrections.

Leotti, S., & **Lazzari, S.R.** (June 16, 2021). *Anti-oppressive practice behind bars? Rethinking
social work with criminalized populations.* National Organization of Forensic Social
Work (e 12 Tf1 0 0 1 286.01 626.02 Tm0 g0 G{Anti})TJETQith criminalized populations.

and Volunteers in Oregon: Diverse and Widespread Human, Social, and Spiritual
Ccr kcnhqt Dgukucpeg.ö 2011 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting,
Washington D.C. Paper Presentation November 18, 2011.

Oregon Department of Corrections Publications

Lazzari, S.R. (2015). *Snake River Correctional Institution's Kids' Camp: Providing opportunities for adults in custody to be fathers.*

Trainings Conducted

Heidelberg University

University	October 11, 2022	Ncxki cvkpi HUøu IRBô	Students, Faculty, & Staff
	September 1, 2022	Ncxki cvkpi HUøu IRBô	Students, Faculty, & Staff
	August 23, 2022	Ncxki cvkpi HUøu IRBô	Students, Faculty, & Staff
	September 14, 2021	Ncxki cvkpi HUøu IRB	

November 2021
11/30/20-12/4/20

15 Passenger Van Safety Training

2013 Pqtvrpf Svcg Upkrgtukv au Dgcpau Cqo o wplv Epi ci go gpvAy ctf: For outstanding collaborating with outside community agencies.

Fellowships

2017-2018 2018 Pqtvrpf Svcg Upkrgtukv au Sej qqnqh Sqekn WqtmSj ktgo cp Dqevqtcn Fellowship