

# Amy B. Smoyer, PhD

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My program of research examines women's lived experience of incarceration and the impact of this experience on health and psychosocial outcomes. In terms of outcomes, my focus is on HIV care and prevention, housing, substance use, food justice, and psychosocial wellness.

## EDUCATION

- 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  
*Society for Social Work and Research (SWWR) Outstanding Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Award, 2014*
- 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 and Gender Studies  
Columbia College, Columbia University, New York, NY

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2025 - present              *Associate Professor (Tenured)*  
School of Social Work  
Simmons University, Boston MA
- 2015 - 2025                Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT  
Department of Social Work
- *Professor (Tenured)*                      2025
  - *Associate Professor (Tenured)*      2020 - 2025
  - *Assistant Professor*                      2015 - 2025
- 2015                        *National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH/NIH) Postdoctoral Fellow*  
Interdisciplinary HIV Prevention Training  
Yale University School of Public Health, New Haven, CT

## RESEARCH SUPPORT

### Current Grants

2022 - 2025 **NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) AREA R15 Grant**  
Project Title: *Impact of COVID-19 Criminal-Legal Practices on HIV Risk among Women Who Use Drugs: A Multi-Methods Qualitative Exploration* (1R15DA056285-01)  
Role: Principal Investigator; Total Costs: \$425,000

### Completed Research Projects

2025, Spring **U.S. Scholar Program (Spain), Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program**  
Project Title: *Women's Lived Experience of Incarceration in a Mixed-Gender Spanish Prison*  
Role: Principal Investigator; Total Award: \$16,000

2024 - 2025 **Graduate Studies Graduate Assistantship, Southern Connecticut State University**  
Faculty Advisor: Amy Smoyer; MSW Student: Sam Morrison  
Total Direct Costs: \$12,000

2022 - 2025 **Yale School of Medicine**  
Project Title: *Utilization of a Hybrid Decentralization Model to Enhance Access and Recruitment of Underrepresented Minorities to Early Phase Clinical Trials*  
Role: Subcontract for Qualitative Needs Assessment and Evaluation, PI Patricia LoRusso  
Total Direct Costs: \$128,000

2023, Fall **City of New Haven & Power in a Shower**  
Project Title: *Impact of Public Shower Service on Consumer's Psychosocial Wellness: A Collaborative Community-Engaged Mixed Methods Evaluation*  
Role: Co-Investigator, with K. D'Angelo

2023, Spring **Sabbatical Leave, Southern CT State University**  
Project Title: *Women's Incarceration and Anti-Racism Practice in Alabama*  
Role: Principal Investigator; Award: Twelve (12) credits research reassign time

2021 - 2023 **2021/22 CT State Universities-AAUP Faculty Research Grant**  
Project Title: *Women's Lived Experience of Incarceration in Alabama*  
Role: Principal Investigator; Direct Costs: \$5,000

2022 **Connecticut Open Educational Resources Grant Program**  
Project Title: *Review of Introduction to Social Work Open Educational Resource (OER)*  
Role: Principal Investigator; Total Direct Costs: \$750

2021 - 2022 **2021/22 Faculty Creative Activity Research Grant, Southern CT State University**  
Project Title: *Women's Lived Experience of Incarceration in Alabama*  
Role: Principal Investigator; Direct Costs: \$2,500

2021, Spring **Scholarship Reassign Time Program, School of Health & Human Services, Southern CT State University**  
Project Title: *Prison PLUS: Bladder Health among Justice-Involved Women*  
Role: Principal Investigator; Award: Three (3) credits research reassign time

2020 **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: \$10,000

2019 - 2021 **NIH/NIDDK Prevention of Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms (PLUS) Consortium**  
Project Title: *Prison PLUS: Environmental and Contextual Risk Factors of LUTS among Justice-Involved Women*  
Role: Principal Investigator; Total Grant: \$150,000

2018 - 2019 **2018/19 CT State Universities-AAUP Faculty Research Grant**  
Project Title: *Sexual Minority Women in Prison: Understanding Structural and Interpersonal Violence*  
Role: Co-Principal Investigator, with Rebecca Harvey; Direct Costs: \$7,500

2018 - 2019 **2018/19 Faculty Creative Activity Research Grant, Southern CT State University**  
Project Title: *Prison PLUS: Bladder Habits and Experiences among Incarcerated Women*  
Role: Principal Investigator; Direct Costs: \$2,500

2018 **Scholarship Reassign Time Program, School of Health & Human Services, Southern CT State University**  
*Community Based Participatory Research in New Haven*  
Role: Principal Investigator; Award: Three (3) credits reassign time, Spring 2018

2017 - 2018 **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: \$5,000

2017 **CBPR Partnership Academy, School of Public Health, University of Michigan**  
Project Title: *Southern CT State and Junta: Community Based Participatory Research*  
Role: Co-PI (with Trevino, S.) Award: Year-long training program at U of Michigan.

2017 **Joan Finn Junior Faculty Research Fellowship Spring 2017**  
Project Title: *Prison at the Margins: 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 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

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

2014 - 2016 **Pilot Projects in HIV/AIDS Prevention Research Program, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS**  
National Institute of Mental Health, P30MN062294 (P.I. Paul Cleary)  
Pilot Project: *Overweight/Obesity and Weight Gain Among HIV-Positive Prisoners*  
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

2014 **Project Istwa, Gonaïves, Haiti**  
Project Title: *Photovoice & Youth Development among Displaced Persons in Haiti*  
Role: Program and Process Evaluator

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: *WHO/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*, Award: \$15,000

### Completed Teaching & Pedagogy Projects

- 2024 **Spring 2024 Faculty Development Project, Southern CT State University**  
Project Title: *Didn't Nobody Give a Shit What Happened to Carlotta: A community-engaged action book group about transgender women and incarceration.*  
Role: Sponsor, with Nadine Ruff and Naomi Hill  
Direct Costs: \$1,000
- 2020, Spring **Undergraduate Research Assistants, Faculty Award Grant, Southern CT State**  
Project Title: *Sexual Minority Women in Prison: Understanding Structural and Interpersonal Violence*  
Role: Faculty Mentor (BSW Students: L. Burby and K. Estrada); Direct Costs: \$3,000
- 2020, Spring **Undergraduate Student Research & Travel Grant, SCSU Foundation**  
Project Title: *2021 Social Justice Spring Break Trip to Alabama*  
Role: Faculty Mentor; Direct Costs: \$4,000
- 2020, Spring **Social Justice Grant, SCSU Foundation**  
Project Title: *SCSU Goes to Alabama: Building Knowledge about Community Organizing for Social Justice Past, Present & Future*  
Role: Faculty Mentor; Direct Costs: \$2,000
- 2019 - 2020 **2019/20 Curriculum Related Project Grant, Southern CT State University**  
Project Title: *Open & Flipped: Reimagining Social Work Research Methods (SWK 350)*  
Role: Principal Investigator; Direct Costs: \$2,500
- 2018 **Spring 2018 Faculty Development Project, Southern CT State University**  
Project Title: *Digital Storytelling: Tool for Teaching & CBPR*  
Role: Co-Sponsor, with Jean Breny, PhD, Professor (Public Health)  
Direct Costs: \$3,100
- 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
- 2016-2017 **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
- 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

### PUBLICATIONS

[MyBibliography](#) (NCBI)

#### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters** (\*Denotes Student Author)

1. **Smoyer, A. B.** (*in press*). The prison toilet: Pee, poop, periods & power. In R. Meeks, J. Woodall & M. Maycock (Eds.), *The Handbook of Prison Health and Wellbeing*. Routledge.
2. **Smoyer, A.B.**, \*Malcein, J., & \*Grella, M. (*in press*). Access to bathrooms and period products at BSW internship agencies. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*.
3. \*Stone, A., **Smoyer, A.B.**, & D'Angelo, K. (2025). Self-concept among formerly incarcerated sexual minority women. *Social Sciences*. 14(7), 397. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci14070397>
4. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2024). Impact of changes in criminal-legal practices during the COVID-19 pandemic on the HIV risk behaviors of women who use drugs: Protocol for a multimethods qualitative study. *JMIR Research Protocols*, 13, e58285. <https://doi.org/10.2196/58285>

5. **Smoyer, A. B.** & D'Angelo, K (2024). Anti-oppression pedagogy in action: The undergraduate research methods course. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 61(1), 145-151.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10437797.2024.2386297>
6. **Smoyer, A.B.**, D'Angelo, K., \*Massaquoi, M., \*Ziemba, E. \*Mahon, S., & \*Worth, S. (2024). Criminal-legal systems and undergraduate students: An exploratory inquiry. *Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies* 2(2), 171-183. <https://www.arfjournals.com/jccjs/issue/304>
7. **Smoyer, A. B.** & Harvey, R. (2024). Desire on the inside: Incarcerated bisexual women, identity, and human connection. In R. Ryan-Flood & A. Tooth-Murphy (Eds.), *Queering desire: Lesbians, gender and subjectivity*. Routledge.
8. **Smoyer, A. B.**, \*Schwarz, P., Camenga, D., & Rickey, L. (2023). Negotiating toilet access: A qualitative exploration of women's incarceration. *The Prison Journal*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00328855231173146>
9. **Smoyer, A. B.**, Pittman, A., & \*Borzillo, P. (2023). Humans peeing: Justice-involved women's access to toilets in public spaces. *PLoS One*, 18(3), e0282917.  
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0282917>
10. **Smoyer, A. B.**, \*Ferris, S., & Earnshaw, V. (2022). Incarcerated people living with HIV: A qualitative exploration of stigma. *Health & Social Work*, 47(4), 274-283.  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/hsw/hlac020>
11. Khoshnood, K., **Smoyer, A. B.**, \*Maviglia, F., Kara, J., Khouri, D., Fouad, F.M., & Heimer, R. (2022). Stress, marginalization, and disruption: A qualitative rapid situational assessment of substance use and HIV risk in Lebanon. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19(15), 9242. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph19159242>
12. Elumn, J. E., Keating, L., **Smoyer, A. B.**, & Wang, E.A. (2021). Healthcare-induced trauma in correctional facilities: A qualitative exploration. *Health & Justice*, 9(14).  
<https://doi.org/10.1186/s40352-021-00139-5>
13. **Smoyer, A. B.**, Divita, D., & \*Perrault, A. (2021). Masculine embodiment among sexual minorities in a women's prison. *Australian Social Work* 74(2), 172-185.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/0312407X.2020.1850818>
14. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2021). The everything else. In K. Herrity, B. E. Schmidt, & J. Warr (Eds.), *Sensory Penalties: Exploring the Senses in Spaces of Punishment and Social Control*. (pp. 195-202). Emerald Publishing Ltd. <https://doi.org/10.1108/978-1-83909-726-320210013>
15. **Smoyer, A. B.**, Keene, D., \*Oyola, M., & \*Hampton, A. (2021). Ping-pong housing: Women's post-incarceration trajectories. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 36(3), 336-356.  
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17. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2020). Taking Social Work undergraduates inside: The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 56(1), 186-192.  
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19. **Smoyer, A. B.**, & Minke, L.K. (2019). Hygge: Food and the construction of safety among incarcerated women in Denmark. *Appetite*, 141. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.appet.2019.104319>
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22. Vanhouche, A., **Smoyer, A. B.**, & Minke, L.K. (2018). Couscous in Tilburg: Food narratives and the quality of prison life in a Belgian-Dutch prison. *Prison Service Journal*, 238, 3-9.
23. Keene, D., **Smoyer, A.B.**, & Blankenship, K. (2018). Stigma, housing and identity after prison. *The Sociological Review*, 66 (4), 799-815. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0038026118777447>
24. **Smoyer, A.B.** & Lopes, G. (2017). Hungry on the inside: Food as concrete and symbolic punishment in a women's prison. *Punishment & Society*, 19 (2), 240-255. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1462474516665605>
25. 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). Palgrave Macmillan Ltd.
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27. **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. <https://scholarworks.wmich.edu/jssw/vol43/iss4/5>
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32. **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. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886109914537490>
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#### **Under Review & Development** (\*Denotes Student Author)

1. \*Ziemba, E. & **Smoyer, A.B.** (under review). The experiences of cisgender women who use drugs during COVID-19 in the United States: A scoping review. *BMC Public Health*. <https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/P392G>
2. **Smoyer, A.B.** & Elumn, J. (under review). Sleep and women's lived experience of incarceration: A qualitative exploration. *Women's Health*.
3. D'Angelo, K., **Smoyer, A.B.**, \*Morrison, S., & \*Ziemba, E. (under development). "I ain't have a shower in a minute": Evaluation of an urban public shower service. *Qualitative Health Research*.

#### **Book Reviews, Reports, Blogs**

##### **1. Book Reviews**

- a. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2023). Invisible Mothers: Unseen Yet Hypervisible after Incarceration. [Review of the book *Invisible Mothers: Unseen Yet Hypervisible after Incarceration*, by J. Garcia-Hallett]. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08861099231176239>
- b. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2022). Refusal to Eat [Review of the book: *Refusal to Eat: A Century of Prison Hunger Strikes*, by Nayan Shah]. *Punishment & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14624745221122678>
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8. **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. <https://tinyurl.com/yybfygc0>
9. **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.

## PRESENTATIONS

### *Refereed Presentations (\*Denotes Student Author)*

1. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2026, January, *under review*). Legacy: Women's lived experience of incarceration in a southern U.S. States. Paper to be presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference. Washington DC.
2. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2025, October). Vilomah: Experiences of maternal grief and loss among justice-involved women who use drugs. Paper to be presented at the Annual Program Meeting for Council on Social Work Education. Denver, CO.
3. **Smoyer, A. B.** & \*Ziemba, E. (2025, June). Impact of harm reduction principles on group work with BSW research assistants: A process evaluation. Paper to be presented at 2025 Conference of International Association for Social Work with Groups: Virtual
4. \*Acevedo, S. & **Smoyer, A. B.** (2025, March). Gendered pathways to criminal behavior during COVID-19 among justice-involved women who use drugs. Poster presented at The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Annual Meeting: Las Vegas, NV.
5. \*Birmingham, N. & **Smoyer, A. B.** (2025, March). Older women's lived experiences of incarceration and reentry: A qualitative exploration. Poster presented at The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Annual Meeting: Las Vegas, NV.
6. \*Tassiello, A. & **Smoyer, A. B.** (2025, March). Exploration of adverse childhood experiences on risk taking behaviors. Poster presented at The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Annual Meeting: Las Vegas, NV.
7. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2024, October). Engaging social work undergraduates in research through experiential learning: The SHAWN Project. Paper presented at the Annual Program Meeting for Council on Social Work Education. Kansas City, MO.
8. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2024, October). Planting & tending: Integrating wisdom from *Braiding Sweetgrass* into social work research curriculum. Poster presented at the Annual Program Meeting for Council on Social Work Education. Kansas City, MO.
9. **Smoyer, A. B.** & Ruff, N. (2024, May). Evidence-based storytelling: Analysis, interpretation & dissemination of qualitative research. Pre-conference workshop session presented at the 36<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS. Orlando, FL
10. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2024, May). HIV risk among justice-involved women who use drugs: Lessons from COVID. Paper presented at 36<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS. Orlando, FL.
11. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2024, March). Women's lived experience of incarceration in a mixed-gender Spanish prison. Paper presented at the European Society of Criminology Prison Working Group: Oslo, Norway.
12. D'Angelo, K., Dotson, C., Peralta, J. & **Smoyer, A. B.** (2024, March). Ethics and empathy: Navigating role tensions of BSW academic administrators in the neo-pandemic era. Panel presented at The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Annual Meeting: New Orleans, LA.
13. **Smoyer, A. B.**, \*Malcein, J., \*Massaquoi, M., \*Morrison, S., \*Worth, S., & \*Ziemba, E. (2023, November). Criminal legal systems and women's HIV risk behavior during COVID-19. Paper presented at Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology (ASC): Philadelphia, PA.
14. **Smoyer, A. B.** & Ruff, N. (2023, May). Community-engaged research: Everything you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask! Pre-conference workshop session presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS. Washington D.C.
15. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2023, May). What happens when she isn't incarcerated? Women's HIV risk during COVID-19. Paper presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS. Washington D.C.
16. **Smoyer, A. B.**, \*Jones, E., \*Mahon, S., \*Massaquoi, M., \*Worth, S., \*Yaser, S. & \*Ziemba, E. (2023, March). HIV Risk & COVID: Engaging BSW Undergraduates in Collaborative Community-Based Research with Justice-Involved Women. Workshop presented at The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Annual Meeting: Birmingham, AL.



17. **Smoyer, A. B.**, Elumn, J., Kelly, A. & Meek, R. (2022, September). 24 Hours: Explorations of Everyday Prison Life. Panel presented at 22st Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology: Malaga, Spain.
18. **Smoyer, A. B.**, & D'Angelo, K. (2022, March). Anti-Racist Pedagogy in Action: The Research Methods Course. Workshop presented at The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD) Annual Meeting: Virtual due to COVID. [Link to materials](#).
19. **Smoyer, A. B.** & Watts, J. (2021, October). How being trauma-informed improves criminal justice system responses. Presentation at 2021 Trauma & Recovery Conference: Uplifting Voices. Connecticut Women's Consortium. *Virtual event due to COVID*.
20. **Smoyer, A. B.** & Divita, D. (2021, June). Masculine embodiment among sexual minorities in a women's prison. Paper presented at 2021 LGBTQ Research Symposium: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on LGBTQ Research in the Social Sciences. *Virtual event due to COVID*.
21. Jones, C., Richards, I., & **Smoyer, A.B.** (2021, May). New Beginnings: Peer support and HIV education with incarcerated women. Panel presentation at The 33rd National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS. *Virtual event due to COVID*.
22. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2021, April). Women's Bladder Health and Incarceration: Prevention of Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms. Poster presentation at 2021 National Conference on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC): *Virtual event due to COVID-19*.
23. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2021, April). Prison PLUS: Environmental and Contextual Risk Factors of LUTS among Justice-Involved Women. Paper presented at 14th Annual Academic and Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health: *Virtual event due to COVID-19*.
24. **Smoyer, A.B.**, & Elumn, J. E., (2021, April). Taking Social Work Undergraduates Inside Prison: The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program. Roundtable facilitated at The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD) Annual Meeting: Virtual event due to COVID-19.
25. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2020, July). Fear and Loathing: The Psychosocial Impact of Prison Life on Women. Paper presented at 2020 NCCHC Virtual Correctional Mental Health Conference. *Virtual event due to COVID-19*.
26. Meyer, J., Madera, J. E., Madden, L., **Smoyer, A.B.** (2019, December). Getting To Zero: Decreasing HIV-Related Infections, Death and Stigma among Incarcerated Women. Panel at Association for Justice-Involved Female Organizations (AJFO) Conference: Atlanta, GA.
27. **Smoyer, A.B.** (2019, December). Prison PLUS: Bladder Health among Justice-Involved Women. Poster presented to Association for Justice-Involved Female Organizations (AJFO) Conference: Atlanta, GA.
28. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2019, August). Women, Food, Prison. Paper presented at Making a Mess: Intersectionality and Food Studies Symposium. University of Minnesota: Minneapolis, MN.
29. **Smoyer, A.B.** & Ruff, N. (2019, May). Understand Transition among Transgender Women of Color: A Digital Storytelling Project. Paper presented at CBPR Partnership Academy Symposium: Detroit, MI.
30. **Smoyer, A.B.** (2019, March). Social Justice Bike Ride: Student Learning and Community Engagement on Two Wheels. Paper presented at The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD) Annual Meeting: Jacksonville, FL.
31. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2018, September). Hungry on the Inside: An Overview of International Research on Food in Prison. Keynote presented at Food in Prison: International and Multidisciplinary Perspectives: Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, Belgium.
32. **Smoyer, A.B.** (2017, December). Facilitating a Women's Resettlement Working Group: Lessons Learned in New Haven, CT. Poster presented to Association for Justice-Involved Female Organizations (AJFO) Conference: Santa Clara, CA.
33. Codianni, B., 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 Association for Justice-Involved Female Organizations (AJFO) Conference: CA.

34. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2017, July). Stigma, self & survival: Living incarcerated with HIV. Paper submitted to 2017 National Organization of Forensic Social Work: Boston, MA.
35. **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.
36. **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.
37. **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.
38. 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.
39. 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.
40. **Smoyer, A. B.** & White, J.M. (2015, November). Separate but Equal? Contesting Transgender Prison Spaces. Paper, 2015 Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology: Washington, DC.
41. **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.
42. **Smoyer, A. B.** & Minke, L.K. (2015, October). Food Systems in Correctional Settings. Paper presented at 2015 Health in Prison Member Meeting, World Health Organization (WHO)'s Regional Office for Europe: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
43. 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 (AJFO): Hartford, CT.
44. **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.
45. **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.
46. **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.
47. **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.
48. **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.
49. **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, Lithuania.
50. 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.

51. 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.
52. **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.
53. **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.
54. **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***

1. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2025, October). La vida cotidiana de las mujeres encarceladas en los EEUU. *Conferencia de Mujeres Encarceladas*. Universidad de Alicante, Alicante, Spain.
2. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2025, May). ¿Amenaza o salvación? El impacto del encarcelamiento en la salud de las mujeres. Centro Penitenciario de Ávila, Ávila, Spain.
3. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2025, April) ¿Amenaza o salvación? El impacto del encarcelamiento en la salud de las mujeres. Universidad de Alcalá de Henares, Alcalá de Henares, Spain.
4. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2025, February) Placer en los EEUU: Comparaciones culturales. *Módulo de Bienestar y Placer*. Universidad de Alcalá de Henares, Alcalá de Henares, Spain.
5. **Smoyer, A. B.** & Ruff, N. (2024, March). Health promotion among transgender women. Guest lecture for PCH275: Introduction to Health Promotion, Southern CT State University.
6. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2024, January). SHAWN Project. Keep the Promise Coalition, Statewide virtual.
7. **Smoyer, A. B.**, D'Angelo, K. A., & Morrison, S. (2023, November). Public showers in New Haven, CT. Presentation to the City of New Haven's Homeless Advisory Commission, New Haven, CT
8. Elumn, J. & **Smoyer, A. B.** (2023, October). Sleep and health among incarcerated people. Tutwiler Prison for Women, Wetumpka, AL.
9. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2023, September). SHAWN Project. Advancing CT Together (ACT), Hartford, CT.
10. **Smoyer, A. B.**, \*Beyerl, G., \*Mahon, S., \*Malcein, J., \*Massaquoi, M., \*Morrison, S., \*Worth, S., \*Yaser, S., \*Ziemba, E. (2023, September). Building the next generation of social work researchers: The SHAWN Project. Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT.
11. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2023, August). La vida cotidiana de las mujeres encarceladas en los EEUU. Ciclo de Conferencias C.P. Teixeira, Teixeira, Spain.
12. **Smoyer, A. B.** & Milone, J. (2023, June). Social Justice Bike Tour: Criminal-legal narratives about law breakers. International Festival of Arts & Ideas, New Haven, CT.
13. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2023, February). Getting to Zero: The impact of incarceration on women's HIV care and prevention. Presentation at HIV Research Club, Yale School of Medicine: New Haven, CT.
14. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2022, July). Engaging Undergraduates in Qualitative Research: The NIH R15 & Beyond. Presentation at Yale Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS: New Haven, CT.
15. **Smoyer, A. B.** & Clement, J. (2022, May). Women's Lived Experiences of Incarceration. Presentation at 2022 Idaho Conference on Alcohol and Drug Dependency: Boise, ID.
16. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2022, April). Doing Time: Impact of Prison Life on Women's Health and Psychosocial Outcomes. Social Work CEU Workshop at Yale New Haven Hospital: New Haven, CT.
17. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2022, April). Group Dynamics: Women's Bladder Health and Incarceration. Presentation at Equity Research and Innovation Center, Yale School of Medicine: New Haven, CT.
18. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2021, November). Reflecting on Self: Qualitative Methodologies. Virtual Presentation for Language & Gender (PO ID1), Pomona College, CA.
19. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2021, July). The Battle to End Drug Overdose in Connecticut. Virtual presentation for New Lifestyles, New Haven, CT.

20. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2021, March). Women & Incarceration in the United States. Virtual lecture presented at Department of Criminology, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, Belgium.
21. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2020, September). Fear and Loathing: The Psychosocial Impact of Prison Life on Women. Webinar for State of Idaho Department of Corrections.
22. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2020, March). Facing Hate in the Transgender Community (Panelist). Lambda Legal. University of Connecticut: Hartford, CT
23. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2019, March). Hygge: How Incarcerated Women Construct Safety Inside Danish Prisons. *International Faculty Research Event*. Southern CT State University: New Haven, CT.
24. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2019, February). The Welcome Home Project: Lessons learned from women returning to New Haven after incarceration. Panel participation at Just Mercy: Community Resettlement After Prison. First Congregational Church: Guilford, CT.
25. Carter-Davis, S., Brooks, R., & **Smoyer, A. B.** (2018, November). Mental Health and the Black Community: The Kalief Browder Story. Southern CT State University: New Haven, CT.
26. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2018, November). Older Adults' Lived Experience of Incarceration. Fifth Annual Research Tapas Event. Southern CT State University: New Haven, CT.
27. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2018, October). Plan, Pivot & Persist: Adventures with CBPR. Dean's Research Forum. School of Health & Human Services, Southern CT State University: New Haven, CT.
28. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2018, October). Hungry on the Inside: How Women's Narratives about Prison Food Build Knowledge about Incarceration. Lecture at St. Anthony's Hall, Yale University.
29. **Smoyer, A. B.** & Lucibello, J. (2017, December). Women's Prison Re-Entry in New Haven. *WNHH Community Radio, Criminal Justice Insider*. New Haven, CT. Rawls-Ivy, B. & Grant, J. (Producers/Hosts), available at [Soundcloud](#).
30. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2017, Various). *Eating Humble Pie: Using Prison Food Narratives to Understand Incarceration*. Southern CT State University, Dept. of Public Health; Yale University, School of Public Health; Western CT State University, Justice and Law Administration; Eastern CT State University, Dept. of Social Work; University of Connecticut, Dept. of Social Work.
31. **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.
32. 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/>
33. **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.
34. **Smoyer, A. B.** (various) The Power of Prison Food: Food as HIV Prevention & Care. Alliance for Living, New London; AIDS CT, Hartford; Greater Bridgeport Area Prevention Program, Bridgeport.
35. **Smoyer, A. B.** (2016, February). Cafeteria, Commissary, and Cooking: Food, Relationships, and Identity in Prison. Maternity Care Coalition: Philadelphia, PA.
36. **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).
37. **Smoyer, A. B.** & Minke, L.K. (2015, January). Food, Relationships, and Identity in Prison. CMHC Continuing Education Program. York Correctional Institution: Niantic, CT.
38. **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.
39. **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.
40. **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.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Simmons University

2025 **SW101:** Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare (Undergraduate)  
2025 **SW509:** Program Evaluation in Social Work (Graduate)

### Southern Connecticut State University

2018 - 2025 **SWK 321:** Human Behavior & Social Environment II (Undergraduate)  
2013 - 2025 **SWK 350:** Social Work Research Methods (Undergraduate)  
2024 **SWK 800:** Evidence-Informed Practice (Doctorate)  
2023 **SWK 802:** Program Evaluation (Doctorate)  
2022 & 2024 **HON 398:** Our Bodies, Ourselves: Gender, Equity & Campus Health (Undergrad)  
2021 **SOC 366:** Penology (Undergraduate)  
2021 **SWK 491:** Field Seminar II (Undergraduate)  
2017 - 2019 **Inside-Out Prison Exchange**, Manson Youth Institution (Undergraduate)  
2015 - 2018 **SWK 572/573:** Practicum and Capstone Project (Graduate)  
2013 - 2018 **SWK 561:** Social Work Research Methods (Graduate)  
2020 - 2021 **Clinical Supervisor**, Women & Incarceration (MSW)  
2018 - 2019 **Clinical Supervisor**, SAGE Center (MSW, BSW)

## MENTORSHIP OF STUDENT RESEARCH

2024 - 2025 **Undergraduate Honor's Thesis, Social Work, Southern CT State University**  
*Impact of Incarceration on the Self-Concept of Sexual Minority Women*  
Student: Adinah Stone; Role: Faculty Advisor

2024 - 2025 **Undergraduate Honor's Thesis, Honors Program, Southern CT State University**  
*Narratives of Masculinity in Public Bathroom Graffiti.*  
Student: Peter Borzillo; Role: University Reader

2022 - 2023 **Undergraduate Honor's Thesis, Social Work, Southern CT State University**  
*Understanding the Lived Experience of Afghan Refugee Adolescents: A Community-Engaged Photovoice Collaboration.* Student: Rachel Schaffer; Role: Faculty Advisor

2019 - 2021 **Dissertation, Educational Leadership, Southern CT State University**  
*Effect of School Policies on Transgender Students*  
PI: Christian McCarthy (EdD Candidate); Role: Dissertation Committee Member

2018 - 2019 **Undergraduate Honor's Thesis, Social Work, Southern CT State University**  
*Examining the Effects of Stress on the Lives of Correctional Officers.*  
Student: Gina Connolly; Role: Faculty Advisor

2018, Spring **Graduate Research Fellow, Social Work, Southern CT State University**  
*US Citizen Child, Undocumented Parents: Impact of Growing Up in Mixed Status Family*  
Student: Sandy E. Gonzalez; Funding: \$3,000; Role: Faculty Mentor

2017 - 2018 **Undergraduate Honor's Thesis, Social Work, Southern CT State University**  
*Understanding Tolerance: Perceptions of Race and Social Nudity among BSW Students*  
Student: Alice Simmel; Role: Faculty Advisor

2017, Spring **Undergraduate Honor's Thesis, Social Work, Southern CT State University**  
*The Effect of Mutual Aid on Recidivism among Formerly Incarcerated Veterans.*  
Student: Shahril Ghazil; Role: Co-Faculty Advisor

2016 - 2017 **Undergraduate Honor's Thesis, Social Work, Southern CT State University**  
*Understanding the Lived Experience of Transgender Women in CT: A Photovoice Project,*  
Student: Nadine Ruff, Role: Faculty Advisor



## ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

### *Southern Connecticut State University*

#### Department of Social Work

2022 – 2025; 2015 – 2019 Member, Master of Social Work (MSW) Admissions Committee  
2021 – 2025 Member, Department Evaluation Committee  
2015 – 2025 Member, Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Core  
2019 – 2024 Member, Scholarship Committee  
2018 – 2022 Coordinator, Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Core  
2018 – 2022 Member, Departmental Management Team  
2020 – 2022 Co-Author, Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) BSW Reaccreditation Study  
2017 – 2020 Member, Personnel Committee

#### University-Wide Committees

2023 – 2025 Member, Liberal Education Program Committee  
2021 – 2024 Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
2021 – 2023 Member, University Library Committee  
2021 – 2022 Member, Faculty Search Committee, Sociology  
2020 – 2021 Faculty Advising Leadership Group  
2019 – 2022 Faculty Development Advisory Committee  
2016 - 2019 Mock Classroom Teacher, New Student Orientation, First Year Experience  
2019 Planning Committee, 2019 CSU Faculty Research and Creative Activity Conference  
2016 – 2019 Member, SCSU Bike Friendly University  
2015 – 2017 Member, Global Education Advisory

#### *Connecticut State Colleges & Universities*

2020 – 2021 **External Review Team**, Human & Social Services Program, Manchester Comm College

#### *Yale University*

2015 – 2023 **Qualitative Research Group**, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS

2013 - 2015 **Human Subjects Committee**, Socio-Behavioral Institutional Review Board

#### *Community Collaboration*

2024 – present **Member, New Haven Mayor's Task Force on AIDS**, New Haven, CT  
2009 – present **Community Partner, Evergreen Family Oriented Services**, New Haven, CT  
2023 – 2024 **Community Partner, Public Restroom Work Group**, New Haven, CT  
2023 **Volunteer Instructor, Community Partners in Action/REGIONS**, Hamden, CT  
2015 - 2024 **Member, Women's Resettlement Working Group**, New Haven, CT  
Co-Founder and Co-Chair (2015-2017)  
2014 – 2020 **Group Facilitator, York Correctional Institution**, Niantic, CT  

- New Beginnings: Support Group for HIV-positive women (2016 – 2020)
- AIDS Awareness & Education Fair, Facilitator (2017 – 2020)
- Women on Wellness (WOW): Health promotion group (2014 -2015)

2019 – 2020 **Community Advisory Board, Women on the Road to Health (WORTH)**, SAMHSA Grant, Yale University, New Haven, CT  
2016 – 2019 **Consultant, Divinely You Transgender Support Group**, New Haven, CT  
2015 – 2019 **Founder and Organizer, SCSU New Haven Social Justice Bike Ride**  
2003 – 2015 **Member, AIDS LIFE (Legislative Initiative and Funding Effort) Campaign**, CT  
2005 – 2011 **Member, Building Bridges/New Haven Re-Entry Roundtable**, New Haven, CT

#### *Grant Review Committees*

2016 – present **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

2015 - 2017 **US Fulbright Scholar Applications, Denmark/Sweden/Estonia**, Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Institute of International Education.

### *Journal & Publications Review*

Affilia: Women & Social Work	PLOS One	J of Offender Rehabilitation
American J of Public Health	European Journal of Criminology	J of Baccalaureate Social Work
Appetite	European Journal of Probation	Perspectives on Sexual and
Asian Journal of Criminology	Feminist Criminology	Reproductive Health
BMC Public Health	Food, Culture, Society	Punishment & Society
BMC Pregnancy & Childbirth	Food and Foodways	Sexuality Research & Social Policy
BMC Women's Health	Health & Justice	The Social Science Journal
Canadian Food Studies	Incarceration	University of California Press
Criminal Justice and Behavior	International J of Prisoner Health	Women's Health Issues
Criminological Encounters	Oxford University Press	

### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZING, ADMINISTRATION, AND POLICY EXPERIENCE**

2003 – 2013	<b>Research Associate</b> , Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS Yale School of Public Health Supported HIV prevention research by examining the policy, legal and ethical implications of this work and promoting new avenues of research. Coordinated NIH-funded mixed-methods studies (i.e. research design, participant recruitment, data collection and analysis, disseminate findings).
2000	<b>Graduate Assistant</b> , Health and Human Services, Florida Office of Public Program Analysis & Government Accountability, Tallahassee, FL.
1999 - 2000	<b>Legislative Intern</b> , Elder Affairs Committee, Florida House of Representatives, Tallahassee, FL
1995 - 1998	<b>Executive Director &amp; Shelbourne House Coordinator</b> Shelbourne House, Miami Beach, FL & People with AIDS Coalition (PWAC), Miami, FL
1993 - 1994	<b>Bilingual (Spanish/English) Human Services Counselor</b> , Florida Medicaid Program
1992	<b>Community Health Intern</b> , Grenfell Health Services, St. Anthony, Newfoundland, CA

### **SELECT TRAININGS & WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION**

2024	<b>The Campaign School for Social Workers</b> , Humphreys Institute for Political Social Work, University of Connecticut, Hartford, CT (2 days)
2022	<b>End-of-Life Doula Training</b> , International End-of-Life Doula Association (7-weeks)
2021	<b>How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses</b> <b>Train-the-Trainer Certification</b> SAMHSA's GAIN Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation
2020	<b>Embodied Activism: Navigating the Intersections of Embodiment and Social Justice</b> Embodied Philosophy (4-week course)
2020	<b>Sifting the Soil: A Webinar on Food, Feminism, and Intersectionality</b> University of Minnesota/Minneapolis
2019	<b>Esalen Institute Relationships and Self Workshop</b> ; Big Sur, CA
2017	<b>Undoing Racism, The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond</b> New Haven, CT, (3 days)
2017	<b>Community Based Participatory Research Partnership Academy</b> <i>Urban Research Center, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1 year (in person + virtual)</i>
2017	<b>Focus Group Moderator Training</b> , PLUS Consortium, NIH/NIDDK, Chicago, IL, 2 days
2011	<b>Qualitative Methods Summer Workshop</b> "Writing NIH Proposals for Funding" NYU School of Social Work, New York, NY
2005	<b>New Haven Police Citizen's Academy</b> NPD, New Haven, CT, 6 weeks

### Teacher Training

- 2020 **Power of Play for Connecting Online & Art of Crafting Community Building Circles Online.** University of San Diego Restorative Justice Center
- 2020 **Uplifting Women and Girls of Color: Anti-Racist Pedagogy, Practice, & Policies**  
American University, Institute on Educational, Equity & Justice (2-day conference)
- 2020 **Online Teaching Trainings**
- **Kahoot! EDU Summit** (8 hrs)
  - **VoiceThread Basics 1-3** (3 hrs), VoiceThread Workshops
  - **Learning to Teach Online** (17 hrs), Coursera
  - **Online Teaching Academy** (8 hrs), Southern Connecticut State
  - **Strategies for Quickly Transitioning Courses to Online**, Cengage
- 2018 **Digital Storytelling Online Workshop**  
StoryCenter, Berkeley, CA, (6 weeks)
- 2017 **International Inside Out Prison Exchange Teaching Program Certification**  
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, (1 week)
- 2017 **Inside Out at 20: The Power of Connection and Community**  
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
- 2017 **Community Based Participatory Research**  
School of Public Health, University of Michigan (12-month mentorship and training)
- 2015 **Street Bodhis-Training: Trauma-Informed Yoga Certification**  
108 Monkeys, New Haven, CT, (2 days)
- 2016 **Team Based Learning: TBL 101 and Creating an Effective TBL Module**  
Team Based Learning Collaborative, Houston, TX, (2 days)
- 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

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Society of Criminology
- Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors
- Association of Justice-Involved Females & Organizations
- European Society of Criminology
- Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV/AIDS
- State of Connecticut Licensed Master of Social Work (LMSW #7280)

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

- Spanish proficiency in speaking, reading and writing.