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### EDUCATION

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- 2018 Ph.D. (expected) Sociology. The University of Oklahoma.  
Dissertation: "Violence in the Lives of Women Prisoners: A Mixed Methods Approach"  
Committee Members: B. Mitchell Peck (Chair), Susan F. Sharp (Chair),  
Meredith G. F. Worthen, Stephanie Burge, and David A. McLeod  
Comprehensive Exam Areas: (1) Family and (2) Criminology and Deviance
- 2014 M.A. Sociology. The University of Oklahoma.
- 2011 B.S. Sociology. Brigham Young University-Idaho.

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 2016-Present. **Adjunct Professor**, Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC)
- 2015-Present. **Instructor**, University of Oklahoma
- 2014-Present. **OU Alumni Fellow**, University of Oklahoma
- 2012-2015. **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University of Oklahoma
- 2011 **Instructor**, Brigham Young University-Idaho
- 2009-2011 **Teaching Assistant**, Brigham Young University-Idaho

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Gender, Deviance, and Crime; Intimate Partner Violence; Child Maltreatment; Family and Crime;  
Crime Theory; Victimology; Incarcerated Women

### TEACHING INTERESTS

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Women and Crime; Criminology; Family and Crime; Criminal Justice System; Research Methods;  
Social Statistics; Sociology of Violence; Sociology of the Family; Race, Class, Gender; Inside Out

### COURSES TAUGHT

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Introduction to Sociology (in-class/online)	Sociology of the Family	Social Problems
Women, Girls, and Crime (Spring 2018)	Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault	

### PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

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- Jones, Melissa S., Meredith G. F. Worthen, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. 2017. "Bruised Inside Out: The Adverse and Abusive Life Histories of Incarcerated Women as Pathways to PTSD and Illicit Drug Use." *Justice Quarterly*, DOI: 10.1080/07418825.2017.1355009.

Jones, Melissa S., Susan F. Sharp, and Meredith G. F. Worthen. (Accepted 8/11/17). "Broken Hearts and Battered Lives: Adverse and Abusive Life Histories and Externalized Responses to Anger as Pathways to Illicit Drug Use Among Incarcerated Women." Forthcoming in *Women & Criminal Justice*.

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## **BOOK CHAPTER**

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Jones, Melissa S. 2016. "Sex Crimes Against Children." Pp. 384-399 in *Sexual Deviance and Society: A Sociological Examination* by Meredith G. F. Worthen, London: Routledge.

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## **REPORT**

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Sharp, Susan F., Melissa S. Jones, and David. A. McLeod. 2014. "Oklahoma Study of Incarcerated Mothers and Their Children." Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth.

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## **ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRY**

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Jones, Melissa S. "Gang Rape." Forthcoming in *The Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*, edited by Frances P. Bernat and Kelly Frailing. Wiley Publishing.

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## **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

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Jones, Melissa S., Meredith G. F. Worthen, and Susan F. Sharp. "An Integrated Strain Theory Approach to Adverse Childhood Experiences, Externalized Responses to Anger, and Illicit Drug Use Among Women Prisoners." Submitted to *Criminology*.

McLeod, David A., Susan F. Sharp, and Melissa S. Jones, and Leah Gatlin. "No Idle Threat: Coercive Control and Enacted Violence in the Pre-Prison Relationships of Incarcerated Women." Submitted to *Violence and Victims* and has received an R&R.

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## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

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Miller, Amy D. and Melissa S. Jones. "Overall and Gendered Effects of Post-Release Supervision: A Propensity Score Analysis." Targeted for *Criminology*.

Jones, Melissa S., Stephanie Burge, Susan F. Sharp, and David. A. McLeod. "The Effects of Childhood Abuse and Cumulative Adversity on Use of Violence Among Female Prisoners: A Life Course Perspective." Targeted for *Child Abuse and Neglect*.

Sharp, Susan F., David A. McLeod, and Melissa S. Jones. "An Initial Exploration of the Gender Symmetry/Asymmetry of IPV in a Sample of Women Prisoners." Targeted for *Deviant Behavior*.

Jones, Melissa S., Susan F. Sharp, David A. McLeod. "Experienced Abuse versus Chaotic Households: IPV Victimization and Perpetration among Women Prisoners." Targeted for *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Jones, Melissa S., B. Mitchell Peck, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. "Childhood Adverse Experiences, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, and Intimate Partner Violence in the Lives of Incarcerated Women." Targeted for *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Jones, Melissa S. "The Effects of Intimate Partner Violence and Cumulative Abuse on the Types of Offenses of Incarcerated Women: A General Strain Theory Approach." Targeted for *The Prison Journal*.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2017-Present. **Principle Investigator**, In-depth Interviews of Violence in the Lives of Women Prisoners, Mabel Bassett Correctional Facility, McLoud, Oklahoma

2016 **Research Assistant**, Oklahoma Death Penalty Evaluation, The Constitution Project, Oklahoma

2014 **Research Assistant**, Oklahoma Study of Incarcerated Women and Their Children

2014 **Research Assistant**, Evaluation of Second Chance Act Program (S-CAP) For Female Offenders, Norman, Oklahoma

## FUNDED RESEARCH

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2017-2018 **Nancy L. Mergler Dissertation Completion Fellowship**, (\$15,000), Office of the Provost, Graduate College, University of Oklahoma

2015-2018 **Alumni Research Fellowship**, Graduate College, University of Oklahoma (\$12,500), \$3000 (2015), \$3000 (2016), \$3000 (2017), \$3500 (2018)

2014 **George Kaiser Family Foundation**, (\$6000), Oklahoma Study of Incarcerated Women and Their Children. Sharp, Susan F., David A. McLeod, and Melissa S. Jones

2014 **Riddle Fellowship**, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, (\$2000), Female Victimization: Does Childhood Abuse and IPV Predict Different Types of Crime?

## MANUSCRIPTS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES

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2017 Jones, Melissa S., Meredith G. F. Worthen, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. "Bruised Inside Out: The Adverse and Abusive Life Histories of Incarcerated Women as Pathways to PTSD and Illicit Drug Use." To be presented at The American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 15-18, 2017) Philadelphia, PA.

2016 David A. McLeod, Susan F. Sharp, Melissa S. Jones. "Race, Trauma, & Incarcerated Women: Exploring Relational Violence Throughout the Lifespan." National Organization of Forensic Social Work (June 17-19, 2016) New Orleans, LA.

- 2016 David A. McLeod, Susan F. Sharp, Melissa S. Jones. "Outcomes of Relationship Based Violence Along Women's Pathways to Incarceration." National Organization of Forensic Social Work (June 17-19, 2016) New Orleans, LA
- 2015 Jones, Melissa S., Stephanie Burge, Susan F. Sharp, and David. A. McLeod. "The Effects of Childhood Abuse and Cumulative Adversity on Female Criminal Behaviors: A Life Course Perspective" American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 18-21, 2015) Washington D.C.
- 2015 Sharp, Susan F., David A. McLeod, and Melissa S. Jones. "Women Prisoners and Intimate Partner Violence: Victimization and Perpetration" American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 18-21, 2015) Washington D.C.
- 2014 Jones, Melissa S. "Broken Hearts and Battered Lives: Intimate Partner Violence and Substance Abuse among Female Offenders" American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 19-23, 2014) San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 Jones, Melissa S. "The Effects of Domestic Violence on the Types of Offenses of Incarcerated Women: A General Strain Theory Approach" American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings (November 20-23, 2013) Atlanta, GA.

#### **OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2017 Jones, Melissa S. and Constance L. Chapple. "Fragile Families and Precarious Lives: Examining Individual, Child and Partner Influences on Unmarried Mothers' Outcomes." The Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma
- 2016 Jones, Melissa S. and Susan F. Sharp. "Experienced Abuse versus Chaotic Households: The Effects of ACEs on the Severity of Adult Victimization and Perpetration Among Female Prisoners." The Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma
- 2015 Jones, Melissa S. and Susan F. Sharp. "Female Victimization: Does Childhood Abuse and IPV Predict Different Types of Crime?" The Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma

#### **AWARDS and HONORS**

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- 2017 **Alice Mary Robertson Award**, Women's and Gender Studies, University of Oklahoma. *Given to a graduate student whose scholarly or creative activity enhances the appreciation of the contributions made by women to the culture and progress of Oklahoma.*
- 2017 **Outstanding Ph.D. Student of the Year 2016-2017**, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma

- 2014 **Outstanding M.A. Student of the Year 2013-2014**, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma
- 2008-2011 **Full-Tuition Scholarship**, Brigham Young University-Idaho
- 2008 **Jacobson Grant**, Brigham Young University-Idaho

## **SERVICE**

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### Discipline:

- 2016-2017 **Student Editorial Board Member**, *Social Problems*
- 2013 **Program Assistant**, American Society of Criminology

### **Manuscript Reviewer**

*Feminist Criminology*  
*Journal of Interpersonal Violence*  
*Justice Quarterly*  
*Women & Criminal Justice*

### Departmental:

- 2016-2017 **President**, Sociology Graduate Student Board (SGSB), University of Oklahoma
- 2016-2017 **Student Member of the Faculty Search Committee**, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma
- 2016 **Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Representative**, Department of Sociology, Student Government Association, University of Oklahoma
- 2014-Present. **Board Member**, Sociology Graduate Student Board (SGSB), University of Oklahoma

### University:

- 2013- Present. **LGBTQ Sooner Faculty Ally**, University of Oklahoma
- 2015-2017 **TEACH Test Panelist**, English Assessment Program, University of Oklahoma

### Other Service:

- 2009-2011 **Domestic Violence Advocate**, Family Crisis Center, Rexburg, ID

2006-2007 **Volunteer Representative**, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, San Pablo,  
Philippines

2006 **English Teacher**, LDS Employment Center, San Pablo, Philippines

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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2016- Present. Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

2014- Present. American Sociological Association (ASA)

2013- Present. American Society of Criminology (ASC)

2013- Present. Division of Women and Crime (DWC)

2011 Alpha Kappa Delta, International Honor Society of Sociology. Brigham Young  
University-Idaho Chapter

### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

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2006-Present. Tagalog (Fluent)

**References**

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