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### Education

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**Saint Louis University**

St. Louis, MO

**PhD in Social Work**

Expected Spring 2024

**Graduate Minor in Research Methodology**

- Research Interests: Criminal Justice Involved Populations, Criminal Justice and Legal Systems, Higher Education in Prison Programs, Peer Professionals, Substance Use and Recovery, Mental & Behavioral Health, Well-Being, Art and Social Justice, Macro Social Work Practice
- Dissertation: *“The Role of Peer Providers in the Successful Reentry of Adults Transitioning from Prison to the Community”*
- Committee Chair: Michael Mancini, PhD

**Washington University in St. Louis**

St. Louis, MO

**Master of Social Work**

May 2018

- Concentration: Criminal Justice Involved Populations
- Specialization: System Dynamics

**University of Illinois at Springfield**

Springfield, IL

**Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**

May 2016

### Relevant Professional Experience

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**Colorado Mesa University**

August 2023 - Current

**Assistant Professor of Social Work**

- Teach advanced generalist social work courses in the MSW program
- Participate in CSWE accreditation processes for MSW program
- Provide generalist supervision to MSW Foundation Practicum Students
- Mentor and advise MSW students

**Prison-to-Professionals (P2P)**

December 2022 – August 2023

**Director of Research and Evaluation**

- Lead the implementation of a research infrastructure to support research and evaluation efforts
- Conduct ongoing evaluation efforts of programming
- Implement performance measurement/KPIs to measure progress toward program goals
- Oversee data reporting, data collection, and analytics management
- Lead analyses for research publications
- Disseminate research through academic publications, white papers, fact sheets, and at conferences
- Hire, train, and supervise research assistants, analysts, and interns
- Lead and draft research proposals to support fundraising

**Institute for Justice Research and Development at Florida State University**

June 2021 – August 2022

**Research Faculty of Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice**

- Oversaw research and grant activities across multiple collaborative grant funded projects in the U.S.
- Coordinated all aspects of study implementation
- Managed projects across multiple states and with a variety of criminal legal system partners

- Hired, supervised, and managed members of interdisciplinary teams
- Contributed to dissemination of findings through articles, webinars, and conferences
- Created and disseminated trainings for correctional and legal system professionals
- Identified funders, community partners, and grant opportunities
- Designed research proposals and pursued grant opportunities to further research, practice, and policy

**Health Resources and Services Administration Grant at Saint Louis University** August 2019 – May 2021  
**Graduate Research Assistant**

- Co-wrote interdisciplinary Opioid Workforce Development Grant across three graduate schools
- Designed and taught professional practice institute/course on Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) for professionals and graduate students
- Managed, led, mentored, and supervised graduate students in building expertise for addressing OUDs
- Collaborated with community partners to facilitate specialized training and internship opportunities for grant recipients

**Saint Louis University** August 2018 – May 2021  
**Graduate Research Assistant**

- Designed Social Work and Criminology courses for graduate students domestically and internationally
- Taught Social Work and Public Health courses to undergraduate and graduate students
- Conducted literature reviews and synthesized findings related to criminal justice involved populations
- Designed and conducted all aspects of innovative research on varied criminal justice system topics
- Disseminated research findings through articles, conferences, and webinars

**Clark-Fox Family Foundation, St. Louis, MO**

**Consultant** August 2018 – May 2021  
**Social Worker** May 2018 – August 2018  
**Practicum Student** January 2018 – May 2018

- Co-designed and delivered tailored presentations to leadership groups and community stakeholders on "mass incarceration" and criminal justice reform efforts that reimagine justice solutions
- Synthesized research and formulated targeted environmentally responsive policy and practice solutions to policymakers and leadership groups in Missouri
- Recruited, trained, mentored, and supervised speakers affected by the criminal justice and criminal legal system in sharing their stories to build collation and promote change
- Developed white papers and policy briefs
- Created internal outcome evaluation tools to measure success

**Institute for Advancing Justice Research and Innovation at Wash U.** September 2017 – August 2018  
**Practicum Student**

- Collaborated on building a well-being-oriented intervention for reentering populations
- Contributed to academic publications
- Developed internal evaluation tools to measure productivity and efficiency of research center
- Engaged in strategic partnerships with organizations and foundations to improve implementation processes for evidence-based reentry strategies

**Social System Design Lab at Wash U.** January 2017 – August 2018  
**Graduate Research Assistant**

- Analyzed and synthesized research relating to addiction and recovery
- Transposed qualitative interviews conducted with individuals in varying stages of addiction/recovery
- Built simulated dynamic models to inform policy/programming recommendations
- Designed and conducted group model building and train-the-trainer workshops

## Archcity Defenders, St. Louis, MO

### Social Worker

### Practicum Student

May 2017 – August 2017

January 2017 – May 2017

- Provided continuing case management services for 30+ clients
- Conducted psychosocial assessments
- Collaborated with attorneys to improve interdisciplinary services for clients
- Coordinated client services with local organizations

## Honors and Awards

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2022: Saint Louis University, Leadership Award

2021: Next Step STL, Dissertation Scholarship

2016: University of Illinois – Springfield, Outstanding Student Scholar

2015: PSI-CHI International Honor Society for Psychology

2012 - 2014: Heartland Community College, Presidential Scholarship

2011 – 2012: Heartland Community College, Rotary Foundation Scholarship

2011: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

## Peer Reviewed Publications

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### Published, In Press, Under Revision, and Under Review

Gonzalez, A. V., **Eikenberry, J.**, Griess, C., Jaegers, L., & Baum, C. (2023). Evaluation of an occupational therapy reentry program: Achieving goals to support employment and community living after incarceration. *Work*.

Heiden-Rootes, K., Meyer, D., Mancini, M., Ferber, M., **Eikenberry, J.**, Wang, W., Rottnek, F., Jung, E., & Karrir, S. (2023). Helping families heal in substance use treatment: A qualitative study about the role of Peer Support Specialists with client families. *Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment*.

Pettus, C., Fulmer, R., Pederson, S., & **Eikenberry, J.** (2023). Study protocol paper for the multi-site feasibility evaluation of mobile and technology-assisted aftercare services for crisis stabilization units. *Pilot and Feasibility Studies*.

Moore, J., **Eikenberry, J.**, Fedina, L., Kinzel, A. T., Nam, B., & DeVyllder, J. (2023). Associations between solitary confinement, psychosis symptoms and suicide risk in a post-release community setting. *Social Work Research*.

Linhorst, D. M., Kondrat, D., **Eikenberry, J.**, & Linhorst, P. A. (2022). Defense attorney influence in mental health courts: An empirical study. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.

Linhorst, D. M., Kondrat, D., **Eikenberry, J.**, & P. A. Linhorst. (2022). The role of mental health courts in mitigating family violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Moore, J. R., & **Eikenberry, J.** (2020). Recidivism by originating offense type and supervision status for prisoners in Iowa. *Crime and Delinquency*.

Pettus-Davis, C., Veeh, C., Renn, T., & **Eikenberry, J.** (2019). The well-being development model: A new therapeutic framework to guide prisoner reentry services. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 58(7), 614-643.

**Eikenberry, J.**, Mancini, M., Linhorst, D. M., Schafer, J., & Brown, J. (Under Review). Stress and trauma among police officers: An opportunity for social work intervention. *Journal name removed for review*.

Freeman, W., Mohammad, M., Andrisse, S., & **Eikenberry, J.** (In Press). Providing a structured support system and mentoring facilitates the transformative power of education for currently and formerly incarcerated

persons. *Urban Education*.

### **Works In Progress**

**Eikenberry, J.** & Fix, R. Problems and pitfalls with recidivism: Towards a new model of gauging criminal justice system effectiveness. Article manuscript in progress, to be submitted for publication in Fall 2023.

**Eikenberry, J.** & Fix, R. Theoretical review of peer Mentoring and desistance. Article manuscript in progress, to be submitted for publication in Fall 2023.

**Eikenberry, J.** & Fix, R. Critical review of social supports for “successful” reentry. Article manuscript in progress, to be submitted for publication in Spring 2024.

Heiden-Rootes, K., Meyer, D., Mancini, M., Ferber, M., **Eikenberry, J.**, & Wang, W. Embodiment: A qualitative study about the role of peer support. Article manuscript in progress, to be submitted for publication in Fall 2023.

Mancini, M., Meyer, D., Heiden-Rootes, K., Ferber, M., **Eikenberry, J.**, & Wang, W. The role of team dynamics among peer professionals. Article manuscript in progress, to be submitted for publication in Fall 2023.

Meyer, D., Mancini, M., Heiden-Rootes, K., Ferber, M., **Eikenberry, J.**, & Wang, W. Professional development needs of peer professionals. Article manuscript in progress, to be submitted for publication in Fall 2023.

Pettus, C., Clark, K., Taxman F., & **Eikenberry J.** A multi-dimensional view of opioid use disorder: Tailoring treatment to different types of opiate users. Article manuscript in progress, to be submitted for publication in Fall/Winter 2023.

Schafer, J., Mancini, M., Linhorst, D., & **Eikenberry, J.** Unique attributes of women officers in an urban police department. Article manuscript in progress, to be submitted for publication in Fall/Winter 2023.

Schafer, J., Mancini, M., Linhorst, D., & **Eikenberry, J.** Changes in policing: Post-Ferguson. Article manuscript in progress, to be submitted for publication in Fall/Winter 2023.

### **Book Chapter**

Vaughn, M. G., Holzer, K. J., & **Eikenberry, J.** (2020). Psychopathy and drug-related crime. In M. Paulino, P. Marques, & L. Alho (Eds.), *Psychopathy and criminal behavior: Current trends and challenges*. Cambridge, MA: Elsevier Academic Press.

### **Other Publications**

**Eikenberry, J.**, & Phillips, S. (2018). Providing substance abuse treatment in jails. *Counselor Magazine*, 19(4).

### **Technical Reports**

Linhorst, D. M., Schafer, J., **Eikenberry, J.** & Brown, J. (2020). *Exploring stress and its consequences among St. Louis metropolitan police department officers (SLMPD)*. Presented to Chief Hayden and the SLMPD, St. Louis, MO.

Linhorst, D. M., Schafer, J., **Eikenberry, J.** & Brown, J. (2020). *Promoting socially just policing: Exploring stress and its consequences*. Presented to the Doerr Center for Social Justice Education and Research, St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO.

Washington, S., Jaegers, L., Katz, I., Vaughn, M.V., Barney, K., **Eikenberry, J.**, Vidovic, K., Hayes, C., Brace, S.W., Connors, B. & Cooke, K. (2019). *Report: A Participatory needs assessment to inform occupational and vocational interest, and reentry programming*. Presented to the Health Criminology Research Consortium, St. Louis, MO.

## **Professional Presentations**

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### **Conference: Oral**

**Eikenberry, J.**, Freeman, W., Muhammad, M. & Andrisse, S. (2023). *Structured peer support in unlocking higher education*. Rise Up Conference. Online.

**Eikenberry, J. & Joseph, M. (Upcoming; 2023).** *The impact of test-optional policies on BIPOC student's enrollment and retainment in higher education*. National Coalition of Higher Education in Prison (NCHEP). Atlanta, GA.

**Eikenberry, J.** (2023). *Providing a structured support system and mentoring facilitates the transformative power of education for currently and formerly incarcerated persons*. American Educational Research Association. Presidential Session. Chicago, IL.

**Eikenberry, J., & Clark, K.** (2022). *Identifying the complex needs of individuals with histories of incarceration and opioid misuse*. Academic Consortium on Criminal Justice Health. Virtual

**Eikenberry, J., & Parker, K.** (2022). *Measuring well-being during reentry*. National Association of African American Studies and Affiliates. Virtual.

**Eikenberry, J.**, Townes, M., Ferris, D., & Sokolis, N. (2021; accepted). *Facilitating successful community reintegration of formerly incarcerated individuals*. Annual Policy Conference 2.0, The Power of MACRO Social Work: Forging Pathways Toward a More Just and Equitable World, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

**Eikenberry, J.** (2021). *Barriers to reentry: A qualitative study on the role of peer support/mentorship*. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Social Work Science for Social Change. Virtual.

Schafer, J., **Eikenberry, J.**, & Linhorst, D. (2021). *Police officer stress in a high crime community: Causes, consequences, and coping mechanisms*. Global Law Enforcement and Public Health Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

**Eikenberry, J.** (2018). *The impact of mass incarceration*. Health Criminology Research Symposium and Practitioner Workshops, St. Louis University. St. Louis, MO.

### **Conference: Poster**

**Eikenberry, J.** (2021; cancelled). *Hierarchical regression analysis of changes in income since release for formerly incarcerated college graduates*. Abstract accepted for presentation at the Graduate Student Association Research Symposium at St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO.

Moore, J. M., **Eikenberry, J.**, Fedina, L., & DeVylder, J. (2021). *Associations between solitary confinement, psychosis symptoms and suicide risk in a post-release community setting*. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Social Work Science for Social Change. Virtual.

**Eikenberry, J. & Moore, J.** (2019). *Predictors of recidivism in Iowa*. Graduate Student Association Research Symposium at St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO.

**Eikenberry, J., & Walsh, B.** (2016). *A study of the effects of workplace incivility and grit on burnout in*

*domestic violence program employees.* Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

### **Community: Oral**

**Eikenberry, J. & Lee, J. D.** (2023, May). Podcast/Video interview. Changing Therapeutic Approaches for SUD. Florida State University. Tallahassee, Florida.

**Eikenberry, J.** (2023, May). Keynote. From Prison to Professionals. Big Bend Reentry Coalition. Tallahassee, Florida.

**Eikenberry, J.** (2022, March). Keynote. *The disease of addiction: Filling Our prisons and jails: Improving care through better understanding.* Project 180 Lecture Series. Sarasota, Florida.

**Eikenberry J.** (2020, October and April). *Navigating reentry.* Community Release Center. Hannibal, Missouri.

**Eikenberry, J.** (2020, April). *Mentorship discussion for individuals exiting the criminal justice system.* Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Eikenberry, J.** (2020; cancelled). *Mass incarceration community education initiative: A focus on successful reentry.* St. Louis Alliance for Reentry Summit, Florissant Valley Community College, St. Louis, MO.

Stangl, S., & **Eikenberry, J.** (2019, November). *The impact of mass incarceration.* Building blocks for Missouri's success conference. Empower Missouri. St. Louis, MO.

**Eikenberry, J.,** Fisher, S., & Giles, L. (2019, September). *Stories from the system. Pursuing justice: Criminal Justice Reform Series.* Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis.

**Eikenberry, J.** (2019, N = 3) *Mass incarceration community education initiative.*

Stangl, S., & **Eikenberry, J.** (2019, N = 8). *Mass incarceration community education initiative: Testimonial.*

Stangl, S., & **Eikenberry, J.** (2018, N = 12). *Mass incarceration community education initiative: Testimonial.*

### **Contracts and Grants**

2023: Principal Investigator: "Redefining & Investing in Community: Promoting Health and Education Equity through Internet Access among People Incarcerated in Rural State Prisons." The National Institutes of Health. Community Partnerships to Advance Science for Society (ComPASS) Program: Community-Led, Health Equity Structural Intervention Initiative (OT2) (Under consideration; \$11,000,000).

2023: Co-Investigator: "The impact of test-optional policies on justice-impacted BIPOC students." The Gates Foundation (\$275,000).

2021: Grant writer: "Cost-benefit analysis of prosecutor diversions." Arnold Ventures. (\$578,055)

2021: Grant writer, consultant, and project management: "Infusing well-being and peer support into Nebraska's reentry innovations." Sherwood Foundation (\$850,000)

2021: Grant writer and project management: "Disrupting the cycle of violence in Indianapolis with data-driven and trauma-informed diversion." The Joyce Foundation. (\$499,996)

2021: Principal Investigator: "The role of peer providers in the successful reentry of individuals transitioning from prison to the community." Brennan Graduate Student Association. (\$1,000)

2021: Principal Investigator: "The role of peer providers in the successful reentry of individuals transitioning from prison to the community." Doerr Center for Social Justice. (\$1,000)

2019: Grant writer and Graduate Research Assistant: “Opioid workforce development in St. Louis.” Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). (\$1,000,000)

2019: Co-investigator: “Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Research Grant.” Doerr Center for Social Justice. (\$5,000)

## **Teaching**

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Spring 2024: *SW Policy and Practice*. Colorado Mesa University.

Spring 2024: *Advanced Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues in SW Practice*. Colorado Mesa University.

Fall 2023: *Advanced SW Practice with Individuals, Communities, and Groups*. Colorado Mesa University.

Fall 2023: *Human Behavior in the Social Environment*. Colorado Mesa University.

Summer 2021: *Opioid Epidemic: Etiology, Prevention, Assessment, Treatment and Beyond*. Hybrid MSW students and Professional Practice Institute. St. Louis University.

Fall 2019: *Introduction to Research Methods*. BSW students. St. Louis University.

Summer 2019: *Global Health*. International Pre-medical students. St. Louis University.

## **Guest Lectures**

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Incarceration Experiences and Collateral Consequences of Criminal Justice System Involvement. Reforming the Criminal Justice System. George Mason University. March 2022.

OUD/SUD in the Criminal Justice System. HRSA Grant Seminar. University of Southern California. March 2022.

Social Influences and Socially Deviant Behavior. Theories of Human Behavior II. Tulane University. October 2020.

## **Professional Trainings**

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**Eikenberry, J.**, Pettus, C., Joseph, J., & McCarthy N. (In Progress). Video Series (N = 5): Your Work as a Professional Peer in Criminal Legal and Justice Settings. Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network (JCOIN), NIH. Set to launch in Fall/Winter 2023.

**Eikenberry, J.**, Pettus, C., Joseph, J., & McCarthy N. (In Progress). Video Series (N = 5): The Successful Integration of Peers in Criminal Legal and Justice Settings. Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network (JCOIN), NIH. Set to launch in Fall/Winter 2023.

Pettus, C., & **Eikenberry, J.** (2022). Video Series (N = 7): Fidelity Monitoring for Programs Offered to Justice Involved Individuals. Criminal Justice Settings. Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network (JCOIN), NIH.

**Eikenberry, J.** (2021). *Men in Trauma in the Criminal Justice System*. Institute for Justice Research and Development at Florida State University.

## **Journal Reviewer (N = 8)**

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*Journal of Offender Rehabilitation* (2) 2018, (1) 2019, 2021 (2), 2022 (1)

*Crime & Delinquency* (1) 2020

*Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society* (1) 2022

## **Professional Memberships**

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Stem-Ops. Member; August 2022 – Current

Unlocking Higher Education. Member; August 2022 – Current

Linkage Facilitators Workgroup. Member; January 2022 – Current

Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network. (JCOIN). Member; August 2021 – August 2022

Pathways to Desistance Workgroup at SSWR; Committee member; January 2021 – Current

Prison Education Project at Washington University in St. Louis; Community Partner; May 2020 – Current

Formerly Incarcerated College Graduate Network; Member; May 2019 – Current

Health Criminology Research Consortium; Member; September 2018 – Current

Just Health Newsletter; Author/Member; August 2018 – Current

Social System Design Lab; Member; January 2017 – Current

## **Mentorship**

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Colorado Mesa University; Generalist group supervision (2); Fall 2023

Saint Louis university; PhD Student Association Mentor Chair; August 2020 – June 2021

Saint Louis University; PhD Student Association Health and Wellness Chair, August 2019 – August 2020

Prison to Professionals (P2P); Volunteer/Mentor; February 2020 – December 2022

Ariana Gonzalez; PhD Candidate Dissertation Committee; October 2019 – May 2020

## **Previous Work and Volunteer Experience**

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### **St. Louis County Jail, Clayton, MO**

August 2017 – August 2018

Volunteer

In this position, I facilitated substance abuse support meetings for clients in a substance abuse unit of the St. Louis County jail and connected incarcerated individuals with resources to facilitate their transition to the community.

### **Halverson Construction Company, Springfield, IL**

March 2014 – July 2016

Project Manager

I was responsible for coordinating engineers and construction crews for large construction projects. This included providing training for crews, managing time and materials billing, and ensuring that projects were completed in a timely manner.

### **Chestnut Health Systems, Normal, IL**

April 2011 – December 2013

Residential Counselor

I supervised clients with substance abuse disorder and mental illness in a youth residential environment. This included facilitating residential groups, conducting individual therapeutic sessions, educating family on substance abuse and mental health issues, and cooperating with community programs to provide clients with continued support.

### **Chestnut Health Systems, Normal, Illinois**

September 2009 – December 2013

Volunteer

In this position, I recruited and managed mentors/volunteers with lived experience in addiction and recovery from the client's communities to provide recovery support during their stay in treatment and after their release, bridging the gap between the youth and engagement with community services.