

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Ph.D., Criminal Justice, Concentration in Criminology and Corrections, University of Cincinnati, Ohio, 2014

Dissertation: *What Works in Re-Entry Programs? A Meta-Analysis*

Chair: Dr. Edward J. Latessa

M.S., Criminal Justice, Concentration in Corrections, Charleston Southern University, Charleston, South Carolina, 2004

B.S., Criminal Justice, Charleston Southern University, Charleston, South Carolina, 2002

B.S., Psychology, Charleston Southern University, Charleston, South Carolina, 2002

Employment

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice (August 2019 – present)
Department of Criminal Justice
Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences
University of New Haven

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice (August 2012 – 2019)
Department of Criminal Justice
Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences
University of New Haven

Research Associate (2007 – 2012)
University of Cincinnati, Division of Criminal Justice

Instructor/Lecturer (2008 – 2011)
University of Cincinnati, Division of Criminal Justice

Publications

Koetzle, Deborah, Ndrecka, Mirlinda, & Shelley Johnson (Forthcoming). On the road: The challenges and benefits of agency research, *Victims & Offenders*.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda (January, 2020). Gender and white-collar crime –

Implications for corrections research and practice, *Criminal Justice Studies*, 33, 70-78. DOI: 10.1080/1478601X.2020.1709955

Ndrecka, Mirlinda, Listwan, Shelley, & Latessa, Edward (July, 2017). What works in reentry and how to improve outcomes. In Stojkovic, S. (Ed.) *Prisoner Reentry: Critical Issues and Policy Directions*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan Publishing.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda (2010). Samuel Yochelson and Stanton E. Samenow: The Criminal personality. In Francis T. Cullen & Pamela Wilcox (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Criminological Theory*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda, Kristin Bechtel, Christopher Lowenkamp, & Edward J. Latessa (2009). Effectiveness of juvenile cognitive behavioral and family-oriented interventions – A meta-analysis. In Barry Glick (Ed.), *Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for At-Risk Youth*. Kingston, NJ: Civic Research Institute.

Online Peer-Reviewed Publication

Ndrecka, M. (2018) What works in reentry programs: A meta-analysis. Published in Crimesolutions.gov
<https://crimesolutions.gov/PracticeDetails.aspx?ID=69&outcome=553#553>

Manuscripts Under Review

Ndrecka, Mirlinda & Chris Sedelmaier (submitted). Risk assessment, race, gender and recidivism: Examining the potential for predictive bias. Submitted to *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda, Myrinda Smith, & Jennifer Lux (review and resubmit). Academic-Practitioner relationships: challenges in working together and guidelines for improvement. Submitted to *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*.

Works in Progress

Ndrecka, Mirlinda, Cheryl Lero Jonson (in progress). What works in prisoner reentry programs: A meta-analysis.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda, Erin Harbinson, & David Myers (in progress). The RNR model, risk assessment and individuals involved in terrorism acts. Does the RNR apply?

Ndrecka, Mirlinda, David Rentler (in progress). The realities of applying the RNR model: Lessons learned from a statewide recidivism reduction initiative.

Research Grants

Principal Investigators: Connecticut Department of Corrections, & Mirlinda Ndrecka, Awarded \$640,000. (2016 – 2021). *BJA Second Chance Act Statewide Adult Recidivism Reduction Implementation Program. Connecticut Recidivism Reduction Program.*

Subcontractor: Development Services Group, Inc. Awarded \$42,643.80. (2020-2023). *State of Connecticut Judicial Branch Juvenile Justice Process and Outcome Evaluation.*

Principal Investigators: Connecticut Department of Corrections, Mirlinda Ndrecka, & Chris Sedelmaier. Awarded \$93,480. (2015-2016). *BJA Second Chance Act Statewide Adult Recidivism Reduction Strategic Planning Program. Connecticut Recidivism Reduction Strategic Planning Grant.*

Principal Investigators: City of New Haven, & Mirlinda Ndrecka. Awarded \$120,005. (2015-2019). *BJA Second Chance Act Two-Phase Adult Reentry Demonstration Program: Planning and Implementation: Local. New Haven Fresh Start Reentry Initiative.*

Unfunded Applications

Principal Investigators: Mirlinda Ndrecka, University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute. Statement of Intent. US State Department abandoned project – no one funded. *Developing Best-Practices: The KSA Female Correctional Academy Project (2017).*

Principal Investigators: The Connection, INC., Mirlinda Ndrecka, Kento Yasuhara. Unfunded. *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Offender Reentry Program Expansion of Services. Project Engage. (2015).*

Principal Investigators: Value Options, INC., Summer McGee, William Carbone, Mirlinda Ndrecka. (2014). Unfunded. *Maximizing the Affordable Care Act: Improving Recidivism and Health Outcomes for the Justice – Involved Populations. Healthy Reentry Plus.*

Technical Reports

Ndrecka, M., & Sedelmaier, C. (2021). *BJA – Second Chance Act: Statewide Adult Recidivism Reduction Grant: Process and Outcome Evaluation (2016-2021).* Prepared for the Connecticut Department of Corrections.

Ndrecka, M. (2021). *BJA – Second Chance Act: Statewide Adult Recidivism Reduction Grant: Interim Evaluation Report of Grant Activities (2016-2021).* Prepared for the Connecticut Department of Corrections.

Ndrecka, M. (2019). *Outcome Evaluation of the BJA Second Chance Act Two-Phase Adult Reentry Demonstration Program: Planning and Implementation: Local. New Haven Fresh Start Reentry Initiative.* Prepared for the City of New Haven.

Ndrecka, M. (2018). *Activities Report of the First Year of Implementation of the Statewide Recidivism Reduction Grant.* Prepared for Connecticut Department of Corrections.

Ndrecka, M., & Zielinska, E. (2018). *Process Evaluation of the BJA Second Chance Act Two-Phase Adult Reentry Demonstration Program: Planning and Implementation: Local. New Haven Fresh Start Reentry Initiative*. Prepared for the City of New Haven.

Ndrecka, M., & Sedelmaier, C. (2016). *Process Evaluation of the Statewide Recidivism Reduction Strategic Planning Grant*. Prepared for Connecticut Department of Corrections.

Ndrecka, M., & Harbinson, E. (2013). *Evaluation of the McGrath House Community Corrections Adult Residential Program*. Submitted to Community Resources for Justice, in Boston, MA.

Harbinson, E., & Ndrecka, M. (2013). *Evaluation of the Brooke House Pre-Release Adult Facility*. Submitted to Community Resources for Justice in Boston, MA.

Smith, P., Myer, A. J., & Ndrecka, M. (2009). *Evaluation of the Hamilton County Community Corrections Adult Residential Program*. Prepared for Hamilton County Community Corrections in Noblesville, IN.

Latessa, Edward, Christopher Lowenkamp, Mirlinda Ndrecka, & Andrew Myer (2009). *Process Evaluation for MIDAS – Making Intelligent Decisions and Succeeding*. Submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.

Latessa, Edward, Christopher Lowenkamp, Andrew Myer & Mirlinda Ndrecka (2009). *Outcome Evaluation for MIDAS – Making Intelligent Decisions and Succeeding*. Submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.

Lori, Lovins, & Mirlinda Ndrecka (2008, November). *Evidence-Based Correctional Program Checklist (CPC): Montgomery County Center for Adolescent Services*. Prepared for the Center for Adolescent Services.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda, Brian Lovins, & Kristin Ostrowski (2008, September). *Evidence-Based Correctional Program Checklist (CPC): Lucas County Youth Treatment Center*. Prepared for the Lucas County Treatment Center.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda, Lori Lovins, Kristin Ostrowski, & Rebecca Schnupp (2008, June). *Evidence-Based Correctional Program Checklist (CPC): West Central Community Corrections Facility*. Prepared for West Central Community Corrections Facility.

Smith, Paula, Jodi Sleyo, Mirlinda Ndrecka, & Brittany Groot (2007, November). *Evidence-Based Correctional Program Checklist (CPC): Butler County Juvenile Rehabilitation Center*. Prepared for Butler County Juvenile Rehabilitation Center.

Invited Presentations/Talks

Ndrecka, Mirlinda (June, 2018). Using Evidence-Based Practices to Lower Recidivism Cost-Effectively. Connecticut's State Forum on Public Safety. West Haven, CT.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda. (April, 2018). The Fidelity Principle: Why Continuous Quality Control Matters. The 2018 Second Chance Act: Statewide Recidivism Reduction Grantee Training Summit. Washington, D. C.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda, (September, 2017). Principles of Effective Interventions – Risk, Need, Responsivity and Treatment Fidelity. Kickoff Meeting for CT Second Chance Act Statewide Recidivism Reduction Grant Implementation. Cheshire, CT.

Conference Presentations

Ndrecka, Mirlinda & Christopher Sedelmaier. (November, 2019). Effective Reentry: Experiences from a Statewide Recidivism Reduction Approach. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda & Christopher Sedelmaier. (November, 2018). Predictive Validity of the LSI-R: An Examination Across Race and Gender. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Zieliska, Ewa, Mirlinda Ndrecka, & David Myers. (November, 2018). Risk and Protective Factors for Radicalization of Individuals in the United States. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Dutton, Leila & Mirlinda Ndrecka (November, 2018). Validation of a Domestic Violence Risk Assessment Tool. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda. (November, 2017). Enabling Successful Reentry: Results from a Collaborative-Approach Reentry Program. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Sedelmaier, Christopher & Mirlinda Ndrecka. (November, 2017). Risk-Assessment, Race, And Recidivism: Examining for Potential Predictive Bias. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda & Anne Kringen. (November, 2016). Justice Reinvestment: A review of the existing literature. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda, Cheryl Jonson, Shelley Listwan & Erin Harbinson. (November, 2016). Effective prisoner reentry – What we don't know. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda (November, 2015). Growing Pains: Are There Differences Between Successful Juvenile and Adult Reentry Programs? Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.

Fritsche, Sarah, Celinet Duran, Laura Lutgen, Jennifer Peirce, Susruta Sudula, Jason Silva, Deborah Koetzle, Wendy Guastaferrro, Mirlinda Ndrecka. (November, 2015). Assessing the Relationship Between Adherence to NIDA Principles of Drug Treatment and Offender Outcomes. Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda & Cheryl Lero Jonson (November, 2014). Looking Past Recidivism – the Importance of Other Indicators of a Successful Reentry. Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Harbinson, Erin, Mirlinda Ndrecka, Amanda Pompoco, & Carrie Sullivan (November, 2014). How Does Program Fidelity Impact the Effects of Participation in Correctional Programs? Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda (November, 2013). Employment and Reentry: What Works? Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda, Deborah Koetzle, Erin Harbinson, Cheryl Lero Jonson, Jennifer Lux. (November, 2013). Roundtable: The Journey Home – Challenges and Issues in Prisoner Reentry. Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Harbinson, Erin, Mirlinda Ndrecka, Carrie Sullivan, & Edward Latessa (March, 2013). Barriers in implementation: An evaluation of the implementation of a cognitive behavioral program in a prison setting. Annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Dallas, TX.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda & Kimberly Sperber (March, 2012). Does perceived fairness of the program influence its successful completion rates? The case of community corrections facility. Annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New York, NY.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda & Erin Harbinson (November, 2011). Evaluation of the quality of an aftercare program. Forthcoming. Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington DC.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda, Beth Ellefson & Edward Latessa (November, 2010). What makes for a successful re-entry: A meta-analysis of adult re-entry programs. Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Ndrecka, Mirlinda, Kristin Bechtel & Christopher Lowenkamp (March, 2009). What matters for defendants? A meta-analysis of pre-trial indicators. Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Boston, MA.

Research Experience

Evaluation of Ohio's Community Corrections Act Program. Funded by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. 2011 – 2012.

Principal Investigator: E. Latessa, Ph.D.

Duties: Research Assistant

Evaluation of Ohio's Prison Programs. Funded by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. 2011 – 2012.

Principal Investigator: E. Latessa, Ph.D. and P. Smith, Ph.D.

Duties: Research Assistant

Expansion and enhancement of services available to the Hamilton County, Ohio, drug court. Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2009-2011).

Duties: Research Assistant

Evaluation of the community corrections adult residential program in Hamilton County, Indiana. Funded by Hamilton County Community Corrections, 2008-2009.

Principal Investigator: P. Smith, Ph.D.

Duties: Project Manager

Therapeutic communities versus cognitive-behavioral therapy. Funded by the Division of Criminal Justice at University of Cincinnati. 2007-2009.

Principal Investigators: E. Latessa, Ph.D. and P. Smith, Ph.D.

Duties: Research Assistant

MIDAS: Making Intelligent Decisions And Succeeding. Evaluation of a pilot intervention in Pennsylvania prisons. Funded by Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. 2007-2009.

Principal Investigators: E. Latessa, Ph.D. and C. Lowenkamp, Ph.D.

Duties: Project Manager

Evaluation of the Cuyahoga County family drug court enhancement plan. Funded by the 2008. Funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Principal Investigators: E. Latessa, Ph.D., C. Lowenkamp, Ph.D. and P. Smith, Ph.D.

Duties: Research Assistant

Creation and validation of the Ohio Risk Assessment System. Funded by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. 2007

Principal Investigators: E. Latessa, Ph.D. and P. Smith, Ph.D.

Duties: Research Assistant

Skills and Qualifications

Certification of Correctional Program Checklist (CPC) (training by Edward Latessa, Ph.D.)

Certification of Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) (training by Edward Latessa, Ph.D.)

Certification of Core Correctional Practices (training by Paula Smith, Ph.D.)

Trained in Motivational Interviewing (training by Sharon Kennedy, Ph.D.)
Thinking for a Change Curriculum End User (training by Paula Smith, Ph.D.)
Level of Service Inventory (LS/CMI) (training by Paula Smith, Ph.D.)
Meta – Analysis
Hierarchical Linear Modeling

Awards and Recognitions

Nominee for the Excellence in Teaching Award, Academic Year 2017-2018, University of New Haven

Performance Merit Award, Academic Year 2015 – 2016, Department of Criminal Justice, University of New Haven

University Graduate Assistantship, 2007 – 2012, Division of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati

University Graduate Scholarship, 2006 – 2012, Division of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati

The Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Awards, Department of Criminal Justice, 2002
Charleston Southern University

National Dean's List Award, 2002, Charleston Southern University

Presidential Scholar Award, 2000 – 2002, Charleston Southern University

W. Norris Lightsey Endowed Scholarship, 1999 – 2001, Charleston Southern University

Charleston Southern University Student Scholarship, 1999 – 2002, Charleston Southern University

Member of Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society, 2000 – present, Charleston Southern University

Member of Psi Chi National Honor Society for Psychology, 1999 – present, Charleston Southern University

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Criminology - Division of Corrections and Sentencing (2006 – present)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2006 – present)

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught – University of New Haven

Scientific Research Methods (graduate and undergraduate level) – 2012 to present
Criminological Theory (graduate and undergraduate level) – 2012 to present
Substance Abuse and Addictive Behavior – 2012 to present
Introduction to Corrections – 2015 to present
Community Corrections (graduate level) – 2016 to present
Social and Structural Crime Models (doctoral level) – Spring 2018

Additional Student Supervision at University of New Haven

Smith (Inglis), Melissa. (2014-2018). The Impact of Individual, Situational and Institutional Characteristics on the Overlap and Sequencing of Victimization and Offending in Prisons. Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member.

Herbst, Keelin. (2016-2017). Collateral Consequences and Their Effect on Offender Reentry. Honors Thesis Chair.

Payette, Cheyenne. (2015-2016). Justice Reinvestment: Common Themes and Future Directions. Honors Thesis Chair.

Kircher, Laura. (2015-2016). The Prevalence of Strain in the Lives of College-Age Students and Deviant College Behavior Including Academic Dishonesty and Alcohol Consumption. Honor Thesis Chair.

Fermin, Selena. (2015-2016). The Students' Perception of Campus Safety at the University of New Haven. Honors Thesis Chair.

Ogden, Samantha. (2014-2015). Examining Public Opinion of Correctional Programs and Rehabilitation. Honors Thesis Chair.

Courses Taught – University of Cincinnati

Constitutional Issues and Procedures – Spring Quarter (2011)
Crime and the Life-Course – Summer Quarter (2010)
Philosophy of Punishment – Spring Quarter (2009)
Serial Criminals – Summer Quarter (2009)
Survey of Criminology – Autumn Quarter (2009)

Teaching Assistant – University of Cincinnati, Division of Criminal Justice

Applied Corrections – Summer Quarter (2008)

Service Activities

CJ Curriculum Assessment Committee Member – Departmental Level (2014-2015)

Corrections Concentration Coordinator – Departmental Level (2012-2016)

Student Award Selection Task Force – Member – Departmental Level (2014-2016)

Chapter Advisor for CJ National Honor Society Alpha Phi Sigma – College Level (2013-present)

Advisor for CJ-Human Services Living Learning Community – College Level (2013-2016)

Advisor for the Phi Sigma Sigma Greek Sorority (2013-2016)

Faculty Senator for the HCL college – University Level (2018-present)

University Sabbatical Committee Member – University Level (2019-present)

Advisory Committee on Student Life Member – University Level (2014-present) – Chair of Committee 2016-2018

Member of Criminal Justice PhD Program Committee – College Level (2017-present)

Member of Academic Integrity Committee – University Level (2018)

Director of the Secretariat for North Eastern Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Organization (NEACJS) (2013-2016)

American Society of Criminology (ASC) – Division of Corrections Award Nominations Committee (2018 – present)

American Society of Criminology (ASC) – Division of Corrections Marguerite Q. Warren and Ted B. Palmer Differential Award Committee (2018 – present)

American Society of Criminology (ASC) - Division of Corrections Outreach Committee (2016-2017)

Reviewer for the Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology (2013-present)

Reviewer for the Journal of Experimental Criminology (2015-present)

Research Interests

Offender Reentry
Criminological Theory
Correctional Rehabilitation
Program Implementation and Evaluation

Offender Risk Assessment
Family Centered Interventions
Drug Abuse Treatment for Offenders
Justice Reinvestment Initiatives