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### EDUCATION

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- 2018 Ph.D. 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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- 2018-Present. **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, Brigham Young University
- 2016-2018 **Adjunct Professor**, Department of Sociology, Oklahoma City Community College
- 2015-2018 **Instructor**, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma
- 2014-2018 **OU Alumni Fellow**, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma
- 2012-2015 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma
- 2011 **Instructor**, Department of Sociology, Brigham Young University-Idaho
- 2009-2011 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology, Brigham Young University-Idaho

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Gender, Deviance, and Crime; Child Adversity; Intimate Partner Violence; Incarcerated Women

### PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES<sup>1</sup>

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McLeod, David A., Melissa S. Jones, Susan F. Sharp, and Leah Gatlin. (Accepted 8/23/18). “No Idle Threat: Coercive Control and Enacted Violence in the Pre-Prison Relationships of Incarcerated Women.” *Violence and Victims*.

Jones, Melissa S., Meredith G. F. Worthen, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. 2018. “Life as She Knows it: The Effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Intimate Partner Violence Among Women Prisoners.” *Child Abuse & Neglect* 85:68-75.

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\*Student co-author

Jones, Melissa S., Susan F. Sharp, and Meredith G. F. Worthen. 2018. "Broken Hearts and Battered Lives: Adverse and Abusive Life Histories and Externalized Responses to Anger as Pathways to Illicit Drug Use Among Incarcerated Women." *Women & Criminal Justice* 28(3):167-188.

Jones, Melissa S., Meredith G. F. Worthen, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. 2018. "Bruised Inside Out: The Adverse and Abusive Life Histories of Incarcerated Women as Pathways to PTSD and Illicit Drug Use." *Justice Quarterly*, 35(4): 1004-1029.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

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Jones, Melissa S. "Exploring Coercive Control, PTSD, and the Use of Violence in the Pre-Prison Heterosexual Relationships of Incarcerated Women." Submitted to *Violence Against Women*.

Jones, Melissa S., B. Mitchell Peck, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. "Childhood Adversity and Intimate Partner Violence in Adulthood: The Mediating Influence of PTSD in a Sample of Women Prisoners." Submitted to *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Miller, Amy D., Melissa S. Jones, and Cyrus Schiefer. "The Overall and Gendered Effects of Post-Release Supervision on Recidivism: A Propensity Score Analysis." Submitted to *Criminal Justice and Behavior* and has received a R&R.

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

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Davis, Joshua T., and Melissa. S. Jones. "Beat the Devil Out of Them: Assessing the Influence of Christian Nationalism on Authoritarian Parenting Practices." Targeted for *Journal of Family Issues*.

Jones, Melissa S. "Women's Pathways to Violent Offending: A Qualitative Approach." Targeted for *Women & Criminal Justice*.

- Jones, Melissa S., and Hayley Pierce. "Early Exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adolescent Delinquency in Fragile Families." Targeted for *Journal of Family Issues*.
- Jones, Melissa S., Cyrus Schiefer, and Tacey Shurtliff\*. "Does Race Matter? Racial Differences in the Effects of Post-Release Supervision on Recidivism." Targeted for *Justice Quarterly*.
- Jones, Melissa S., Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. "Exploring the Role of Coercive Control in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Behaviors of Incarcerated Women." Targeted for the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
- Jones, Melissa S., Stephanie W. Burge, Susan F. Sharp, and David. A. McLeod. "A Life Course Approach to Understanding the Connections Between Childhood Adversity, Mental Health, and IPV Perpetration Among Female Offenders." Targeted for *Child Abuse & Neglect*.
- Jones, Melissa S., Meredith G. F. Worthen, Susan F. Sharp, and David A. McLeod. "Exploring the Association Between Childhood Adversity and Violence Perpetration in Adult Intimate Relationships of Native Women Prisoners." Targeted for *Social Forces*.
- Sharp, Susan F., Melissa S. Jones, and David A. McLeod. "An Initial Exploration of the Gender Symmetry/Asymmetry of IPV in a Sample of Women Prisoners." Targeted for *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2017-2018 **Principal 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?

### **INVITED TALKS**

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- 2018 Jones, Melissa S. "Women's Pathways to Violent Offending: A Qualitative Approach."  
Facilitated discussion for Research Methods, April 9, 2018, The University of  
Oklahoma.
- 2018 Jones, Melissa S. "Navigating the Job Market." Presented in the Department of Sociology,  
April 14, 2018, The University of Oklahoma.

### **MANUSCRIPTS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES**

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- 2018 Jones, Melissa S. "Exploring Coercive Control, PTSD, and the Use of Violence in the Pre-  
Prison Heterosexual Relationships of Incarcerated Women," **Session Chair**,  
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting (November 14-17, 2018) Atlanta,  
GA.
- 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." 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 **Distinction in Teaching Award**, Office of the Provost, Graduate College, University of Oklahoma. *Given to honor the hard work and dedication of an outstanding graduate student who teaches at the University of Oklahoma.*
- 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

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

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Crime, Justice, and Corrections (Capstone)  
Introduction to Sociology (in-class/online)  
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

Juvenile Delinquency  
Sociology of the Family  
Social Problems  
Women, Girls, & Crime

## **SERVICE**

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### Discipline:

2018-2019     **Mentor**, Dr. Christine Rasche Mentoring Program, Division of Women & Crime,  
American Society of Criminology  
Natalie Snow, Doctoral Student, University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
2016-2017     **Student Editorial Board Member**, *Social Problems*  
2013           **Program Assistant**, American Society of Criminology

### Manuscript Reviewer

*Criminal Justice and Behavior, Feminist Criminology, International Journal of Law, Crime, and Justice, Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Justice Quarterly, Social Problems, Women & Criminal Justice*

### Departmental:

2018-present.   **Recruitment Committee Member**, Department of Sociology, Brigham Young  
University  
2017-2018       **Early Child Development Faculty Search Committee Member**, Department of  
Sociology, University of Oklahoma  
2016-2017       **President**, Sociology Graduate Student Board (SGSB), University of Oklahoma  
2016-2017       **Faculty Search Committee Member**, Department of Sociology, University of  
Oklahoma  
2016             **Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Representative**, Department of Sociology,  
Student Government Association, University of Oklahoma  
2014 -2018      **Board Member**, Sociology Graduate Student Board (SGSB), University of  
Oklahoma

### University:

2018-Present.   **Faculty Affiliate**, Global Women Studies, Brigham Young University  
2015-2017       **TEACH Test Panelist**, English Assessment Program, University of Oklahoma

### Other Service:

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

## **STUDENT MENTORING AND ADVISING**

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### Graduate Students:

2018-Present. Tacey Shurtliff, Master's Committee Member

### Individual Mentoring of Graduate Students in Directed Readings and/or Research:

2018-Present. Tacey Shurtliff

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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2014- Present. American Sociological Association (ASA)

2013- Present. American Society of Criminology (ASC)

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

2016-2018 Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

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)