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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington	1998
M.A. Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington	1993
B.A. Russian Language/Literature, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio	1990

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor	2001 - Present
<i>Department of Sociology, University of Colorado--Boulder</i>	
Assistant Professor	1998 - 2001
<i>Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University</i>	

Areas of Specialization

Inequalities in social control
Sentencing guidelines and reforms
Parole revocation decisions
Prosecutorial discretion
Criminal justice responses to drug offenders
Medicalization of deviance

Courses Taught

Undergraduate:

Criminal justice
Criminology
Deviance and social control
Critical thinking: Consumerism in America
Social problems
Disappearance of childhood
Methodology of sociological research

Graduate:

Graduate teaching seminar
Deviance and social control
Inequalities and social control
Institutions of social control

Journal Articles

In press. Steen, Sara, Rodney L. Engen, and Randy R. Gainey. "Images of Danger: The Role of Typescripts in Sentencing Drug Offenders." Will appear in November edition of *Criminology*.

2004. Steen, Sara and Mark Cohen. "Assessing the Public's Demand for Hate Crime Penalties." *Justice Quarterly*.

2004. Cohen, Mark, Roland Rust, Sara Steen, and Simon Tidd. "Willingness-to-Pay for Crime Control Programs." *Criminology* 42(1): 89-110.

2002. Engen, Rodney L., Sara Steen, and George S. Bridges. "Race, Crime and Juvenile Justice: An Empirical Analysis of Research Methods and Findings." *Social Problems* 49(2): 194-220.

2001. Steen, Sara. "Contested Portrayals: Medical and Legal Social Control of Juvenile Sex Offenders." *Sociological Quarterly* 42(3): 325-350.

2000. Engen, Rodney L. and Sara Steen. "The Power to Punish: Discretion and Sentencing Reform in the War on Drugs." *American Journal of Sociology* 105(5): 1357-1395.

1999. Steen, Sara, Chris Bader, and Charis Kubrin. "Rethinking the Graduate Seminar." *Teaching Sociology* 27(2): 167-173.

1998. Bridges, George S. and Sara Steen. "Racial Disparities in Official Assessments of Juvenile Offenders: Attributional Stereotypes as Mediating Mechanisms." *American Sociological Review* 63(4): 554-570.

Journal Articles under Review

Steen, Sara. "Professions in Conflict: Medicine and Law as Institutions of Social Control." Submitted to *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* August, 2004.

Gainey, Randy R., Sara Steen, and Rodney L. Engen. "What Types of Felony Drug Offenders Receive Alternative Sanctions and Why? A New Issue in Sentencing Research." Submitted to *Justice Quarterly* August, 2004.

Steen, Sara and Tara Opsal. "Punishment on the Installment Plan: Parole Revocation in Four States." Submitted to *Criminology* September, 2004.

Book Chapters

Forthcoming. Sara Steen, Christine E.W. Bond, George Bridges, Charis E. Kubrin. "Explaining Assessments of Future Risk: Race and Attributions of Juvenile Offenders in Pre-Sentencing Reports." In Hawkins, Darnell and Kimberly Kempf (Editors), *Our Children, Their Children: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Differences in American Juvenile Justice*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

2002. Sara Steen. "Drug Courts: Getting Offenders Morally Involved in Criminal Justice." In James L. Nolan (Editor) *Drug Courts: An International Movement in Therapeutic Jurisprudence*.

1995. Steen, Sara and Pepper Schwartz. "Communication, Gender, and Power: Homosexual Couples as a Case Study." Pp. 310-343 in Fitzpatrick, Mary Anne and Anita L. Vangelisti (Eds.) *Explaining Family Interactions*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.

1995. Schwartz, Pepper, Davis Patterson, and Sara Steen. "The Dynamics of Power: Money and Sex in Intimate Relationships." Pp. 253-276 in Kalbfleisch, Pamela J. and Michael J. Cody (Eds.) *Gender, Power, and Communication in Human Relationships*. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Research Reports

2001. Cohen, Mark, Roland Rust and Sara Steen. "Measuring Public Perceptions of Appropriate Prison Sentences." Final Report to the National Institute of Justice.

2000. Engen, Rodney L. and Sara Steen. "The Implementation and Impact of Drug Sentencing Reform in Washington State." Final Report to the Washington State Sentencing Guidelines Commission.

1999. Engen, Rodney L., Randy Gainey, and Sara Steen. "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Sentencing Outcomes for Drug Offenders in Washington State: FY1996 to FY1999." Final Report to the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission.

1999. Steen, Sara, Rodney Engen, and Randy Gainey. "The Impact of Race and Ethnicity on Charging and Sentencing Processes for Drug Offenders in Three Counties of Washington State." Final Report to the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission.

1997. Bridges, George, Kristin Bates, and Sara Steen. "Racial Disproportionality in County Juvenile Facilities: 1990-1996." Final Report to the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration.

Other Publications

2002. Steen, Sara. "Determinate Sentences." Pp. 509-512 in Levinson, David (Editor) *Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment*. Sage Publications.

Works in Progress

Steen, Sara and Tara Opsal. "Rationalizing Punishment: Tying Sentencing Policy to Economic Resources."

Steen, Sara and Rachel Bandy. "Changing Conceptions of Justice: Sentencing Reform Under Pressure."

Steen, Sara. "Sentencing of Drug Offenders: Legislative Reforms and Organizational Imperatives."

Steen, Sara. "The Impact of Sentencing Guidelines on Decision-Making Throughout Case Processing."

Dissertation

1998. Professions in Conflict: Legal and Medical Social Control of Juvenile Sex Offenders.

Grants Received

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Grant. \$1,500. University of Colorado. Grant to pay three undergraduate students to work on my parole revocation research project. Spring, 2004.

Service Learning Course Development Grant. With Kris DeWelde. \$2,000. University of Colorado. Grant to incorporate service learning into the Department of Sociology. January, 2003.

Service Learning Course Development Grant. \$1,000. University of Colorado. Grant to incorporate service learning into Sociology 2031, Social Problems. Fall, 2001.

Kenan Venture Fund. \$4,155. Vanderbilt University. Grant to prepare a freshman seminar course entitled "The Disappearance of Childhood." Summer, 1999.

Research Contracts Received

Consultant for grant from National Institute of Justice. "Measuring Public Perceptions of Appropriate Prison Sentences." Mark Cohen, Principal Investigator. June, 1999-2003.

Washington State Sentencing Guidelines Commission. \$15,000. "The Implementation and Impact of Sentencing Reform in Washington State." With Rodney Engen. February, 2000.

Washington State Minority and Justice Commission. \$10,000. "The Impact of Race and Ethnicity on Charging and Sentencing Processes for Drug Offenders in Washington State." With Rodney Engen and Randy Gainey. July, 1999.

Washington State Minority and Justice Commission. \$10,000. "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Sentencing Outcomes for Drug Offenders in Washington State." With Rodney Engen and Randy Gainey. June, 1999.

Invited Lectures

2000. "*Criminal Justice Data: Integrating Qualitative and Quantitative Studies.*" Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI.

1999. "*Using Research on Racial Disparities to Affect Public Policy.*" American Bar Association Conference for Juvenile Public Defenders, Washington, D.C.

Conference Presentations

2003. Steen, Sara. "*Controlling Discretion in Criminal Justice Systems.*" American Society of Criminology, Denver, CO.

2002. Steen, Sara and Mark Cohen. "*Public perceptions of fair punishment for hate crimes.*" American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

2002. Steen, Sara and George S. Bridges. "*Racial Stereotypes, Patterns of Offending, and Attributional Processes in Juvenile Justice.*" American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

2001. Steen, Sara and Rodney Engen. "*Sentencing of Drug Offenders: Legislative Reforms and Organizational Imperatives.*" American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

2001. Engen, Rodney and Sara Steen. "*Implementing Sentencing Reform Under Guidelines: A Test of the Hydraulic Displacement Thesis.*" American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

2001. *"Making Dangerous Decisions: The Conditioning Effects of Race in Criminal Justice Decision-Making."* American Sociological Association, Anaheim, CA.
1999. *"The Impact of Sentencing Guidelines on Decision-Making throughout Case Processing."* American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Ontario.
1999. Engen, Rodney and Sara Steen. *"Discretion and the Implementation of Sentencing Reforms Under Guidelines."* American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
1999. Steen, Sara and Rodney Engen. *"Sentencing Outcomes Under Sentencing Reforms: The Role of Human Agency."* Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL.
1999. *"Drug Courts: Choosing Treatment over Punishment."* Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.
1998. *"Social Organization of a Drug Court."* American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.
1998. *"Professions in Conflict: Legal and Medical Control of Juvenile Sex Offenders."* Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Albuquerque, NM.
1997. Bridges, George and Sara Steen. *"Human Agency and the Legal Process: Race, Officials' Beliefs About the Causes of Crime, and Sentencing Disparity."* American Society of Criminology, San Diego, CA.
1996. *"Intersections: Legal and Medical Control of Juvenile Sex Offenders."* American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.
1996. *"Creating Knowledge: The Case of the Juvenile Sex Offender."* American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
1996. Howard, Judith, George Bridges, Sara Steen, and Kristin Bates. *"Preparing Future Faculty: The Challenge of Training the Next Generation of College Teachers for the Undergraduate Classroom."* American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
1996. *"Preparing Future Faculty: Program Introduction for New Graduate Deans."* Council of Graduate Schools, Denver, CO.
1995. Karp, David, Tom Linneman, Kristin Bates, and Sara Steen. *"Contrasting Disciplinary Missions Between Research and Teaching Institutions."* Fifth National

Conference on the Education and Employment of Graduate Teaching Assistants, Denver, CO.

1995. Bridges, George and Sara Steen. "*Social Status, Offender Typifications and the Punishment of Deviants.*" American Society of Criminology, Boston, MA.

1994. Bridges, George and Sara Steen. "*Racial Typification, Crime and Disparity in Criminal Punishment for Juveniles.*" American Society of Criminology, Miami, FL.

Professional Service

Professional Organizations

Division chair for section on Deviance and Social Control. American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, 2003.

Member. Awards Committee for Section on Corrections and Sentencing. American Society of Criminology. John Kramer, Chair. 2002.

Panel chair. "Attitudes, Organizational Pressures, and Prosecutorial Outcomes." American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, 2001.

Member. Program Committee of the American Society of Criminology's Division on People of Color and Crime, 2000, 2001.

Division chair for section on Qualitative Methodology. American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, 2000.

Panel discussant. "Qualitative Research in the Study of Crime, Law and Deviance." American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., 2000.

Member. ASA Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance Student Paper Competition Committee. 2000.

Panel chair. "Criminal Court Actors and Decision-Making Processes." American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Ontario, 1999.

Panel chair. "New Perspectives on Courtroom Workgroups." American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C., 1998.

Panel discussant. "Social Control Systems: Hospitals, Courtrooms, and Police Departments." Southern Sociological Society, Nashville, TN, 1999.

Occasional manuscript referee for:
American Sociological Review

Criminology
Social Problems
Sociological Perspectives
Justice Quarterly
Teaching Sociology
Social Psychology Quarterly
Sociological Forum
Criminology and Public Policy
Signs

Occasional grant proposal referee for:
National Science Foundation

Professional memberships:
American Sociological Association
American Society of Criminology
Pacific Sociological Society
Law and Society Association

Department of Sociology, University of Colorado – Boulder
Member. Undergraduate Committee, 2001-present.
Faculty adviser. Sociology Honors Program. Fall, 2004.
Faculty adviser. Sociology Internship Program. Fall, 2004.
Faculty representative. Alpha Kappa Delta, 2001-present (with Len Pinto 02-03).
Member. Hiring Committee for Senior Search in Criminology, Fall, 2003.
Member. Hiring (Vision) Committee, 2002.
Member. Merit Evaluation Grievance Committee, Fall, 2002.
Faculty organizer. Sociology Club, 2001-02.

University of Colorado – Boulder
Faculty advisor (with Peter Park), INVST, 2003-04.

PhD Committees – Chair
Rachel Bandy
Stacy Mallicoat, Co-chair with Joanne Belknap
Paul Harvey, Co-chair with Joanne Belknap

PhD Committees – Member
Jeff London
Suzanne Leahy
Beverly Kingston
Hillary Potter
Allison Cotton

Tracy Crosby
Sally Lasko
Dorian Wilson
Allison Foley
Tara Opsal

Graduate Student Advisees

Allison Foley
Jennie Bennett
Colter Ellis

Graduate Student Teaching Mentees

Tracy Crosby (2004)
Jaclyn Raska (2004)
Megan Murphy (2004)
Paul Harvey (2004)
Dawn Stanley (2004)

Other Graduate Committee Work

Teruo Utsumi (read specialty area paper, Fred Pampel chair)

Undergraduate Honors Students

Heidi Brevik (Chair, 2004-05)
Amy Weiner (Co-chair with Lori Hunter, 2003-04)
Lesley Horton (Chair, 2003-04)
RachAel Ahrens (Chair, Fall, 2002)
Ian Robbins (Member, 2001-02)
Layne Potvin (Chair, 2001-02)
Mary Barham (Member, 2001-02)
Joy Knox (Member, 2001-02)
Julie Master (Member, 2001-02, English)