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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

August 2015 Assistant Professor, University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work

EDUCATION

May 2015 The University of Texas at Arlington
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work; [Dissertation] *The Adoption of Restorative Justice as a State Policy Response to Criminal Justice Concerns: A Mixed Methods Inquiry*

May 2007 The University of Texas at Arlington
Master of Science in Social Work, Community and Administrative Practice

May 2005 Texas Christian University
Bachelor of Science in Social Work

RESEARCH FIELDS

Determinants and impacts of systems and policies; Restorative, collaborative, and transformative approaches to justice; Human rights in prisons; Criminal justice populations; Change management.

TEACHING FIELDS

Generalist Macro Practice; Community-Based Practice; Nonprofit Administration; Social Policy and Policy Practice; Restorative Justice.

FUNDED RESEARCH

2017 – 2019 Principal Investigator; Co-Investigator: Karen Albright
Impact of Victim Offender Dialogue on Victims of Serious Crimes: A Longitudinal Cohort-Control Study, National Institute of Justice Research and Evaluation on Victims of Crime, \$653,159.

2018 Principal Investigator
State of the State: Evaluation of Restorative Justice in Colorado, Colorado Restorative Justice Coordinating Council; \$25,000

2016 – 2017 Principal Investigator
Impact Evaluation of Colorado Restorative Justice Legislation, University of Denver Faculty Research Fund, \$3,000.

2015 Principal Investigator
The Adoption of Restorative Justice as a State Policy Response to Criminal Justice Concerns: A Mixed Methods Inquiry, University of Texas at Arlington Dissertation Fellowship (Competitive), \$9,700.

PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED ARTICLES

1. **Sliva, S. M.**, & Plassmeyer, M. (Under Review). Effects of restorative justice spending on judicial district outcomes: An interrupted time series design. For submission to *Criminology and Public Policy*.
2. **Sliva, S.**, Greenfield, J. C., Bender, K., & Freedenthal, S. (Under Review). Public impact scholarship in social work: A review and call to action. For submission to *Journal of the Society for Social Work Research*.
3. **Sliva, S. M.**, Green, M., Han, T. (Under Review). Policy to practice: An implementation case study in restorative justice. Submitted to *Contemporary Justice Review*.
4. Decker Sparks, J., & **Sliva, S. M.** (Under Review). High Seas policy-making in UN negotiations. Submitted to *Journal of Community Practice*.
5. **Sliva, S. M.**, Porter-Merrill, L., & Lee, P. (In Press). Fulfilling the aspirations of restorative justice in the criminal system? The case of Colorado. *Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy*.
6. Samimi, C., & **Sliva, S. M.** (2019). It's symbiotic: Exploring the facilitators and outcomes of a successful community-university research partnership. Submitted to *Journal of Social Service Research*.
7. **Sliva, S. M.**, & Samimi, C. (2018). Social work and prison labor: A restorative model. *Social Work*, 63(2), 153-160
8. **Sliva, S. M.** (2018). Finally 'changing lenses'? State level determinants of restorative justice laws. *The Prison Journal*, 98(5), 519-543.
9. Plassmeyer, M., & **Sliva, S. M.** (2017). Social exclusion as a state-level predictor of changes in collateral sanctions. *Criminal Justice Review*, Online Advance.
10. **Sliva, S. M.** (2017). A tale of two states: How state legislatures consider restorative justice policies. *Contemporary Justice Review*, 20 (2), 255-273.
11. Armour, M., & **Sliva, S. M.** (2016). How does it work? Mechanisms of action of an in-prison restorative justice program. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 62(3), 759-784.
12. **Sliva, S. M.** (2016). Determinants of state innovations in sentencing and corrections policy: A systematic review of the empirical literature. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 27(2), 702-722.
13. **Sliva, S. M.**, & Hoefler, R. (2016). Social enterprise among university-based centers in U.S. schools of social work. *Social Work Education*, 35(1), 50-64.
14. Hoefler, R., & **Sliva, S. M.** (2016). Social enterprise in higher education: A viable venture? *Journal of Social Work Education*, 52(4), 422-433.
15. **Sliva, S. M.**, & Lambert, C. G. (2015). Restorative justice legislation in the American states: A statutory analysis of emerging legal doctrine. *Journal of Policy Practice*, 14(2), 77-95.
16. **Sliva, S. M.** (2015). On the meaning of life: A qualitative interpretive meta synthesis on the lived experience of life without parole. *Journal of Social Work*, 15(5), 498-515.

17. **Graves, S. M.** (2015). Correctional mission statements as indicators of the criminal justice policy environment: A research note. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 26(5), 488-499.
18. Hoefler, R., & **Sliva, S. M.** (2014). Assessing and augmenting administration skills in nonprofits: An exploratory mixed methods study. *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership, and Governance*, 38(3), 246-257.
19. **Graves, S. M.** (2013). Legislating victim offender mediated dialogue: A combined model for value-rich policy analysis. *Victims and Offenders*, 8(4), 357-372.

PUBLIC RESEARCH REPORTS

1. **Sliva, S. M.**, Han, T. M., Samimi, C., Golieb, K., McCurdy, J., Forte, A. (2019, June). *State of the state: Restorative justice in Colorado*. Colorado Restorative Justice Coordinating Council.
2. **Graves, S. M.**, & Hoefler, R. (2014). From group-work to teamwork: How to turn a group experience into a great experience. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.
3. Hoefler, R., & **Graves, S. M.** (2014). Is your organization invisible? Five must-do steps for nonprofits to take to become "famous" to donors, volunteers, funders and the media. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.
4. **Graves, S. M.**, & Hoefler, R. (2013). Old organization, new tricks: How to lead an organization that never stops learning. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.
5. Hoefler, R., & **Graves, S. M.** (2013). The riveting story of your organization: How to write so others read, remember, and respond. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform.

BOOK REVIEWS

1. **Graves, S. M.** (2012). Rights for victims of crime: Rebalancing justice by Irvin Waller (Book Review). *Oxford Human Rights Law Review*, 12(4), 817-820.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. **Sliva, S. M.**, Golieb, K., Han, T. M., & Samimi, C. (2019). Implementation matters: Minding the gap between the aspirations and impact of restorative justice. *NACRJ Conference: Denver, CO*.
2. Brydon, D. & **Sliva, S. M.** (2019). 'A lot of stuff is spooky out here:' Re-entry needs upon release of juvenile life without parole (Paper). *SSWR Annual Conference: San Francisco, CA*.
3. **Sliva, S. M.**, & Samimi, C. (2018). It's all about relationships! Exploring outcomes in university-community partnerships. (Paper). *CSWE Annual Program Meeting: Orlando, FL*.
4. Plassmeyer, M., & **Sliva, S. M.** (2018). Social exclusion as a state-level predictor for changes in collateral sanctions (Paper). *SSWR Annual Conference: Washington, D.C.*
5. Plassmeyer, M., Allen, E., **Sliva, S. M.**, & Spjeidnes, S. (2018). Recidivism as an intended outcome: A frank discussion about criminal justice policy. *SSWR Annual Conference: Washington, D.C.*

6. **Sliva, S. M.**, & Samimi, C. (2017). Building academic and community partnerships to improve the evidence for restorative justice (Panel). *NACRJ Annual Conference: Oakland, CA.*
7. Plassmeyer, M., & **Sliva, S. M.** (2017). Social exclusion as a state-level predictor of changes in collateral sanctions (Paper Presentation). *Policy 2.0 Conference: St. Louis, MO.*
8. **Sliva, S. M.**, & Lambert, C. G. (2016). Restorative justice in state law: What can RJ laws do for you? (Workshop). *Colorado Restorative Justice Practices Conference: Vail, CO.*
9. **Sliva, S. M.** (2016). Prison labor programs: A position for social work (Paper Presentation). *National Organization for Forensic Social Work Annual Conference: New Orleans, LA.*
10. **Sliva, S. M.** (2016). Social work standards for prison enterprises: Slave labor or restorative Justice? (Paper Presentation). *Policy 2.0 Conference: St. Louis, MO.*
11. **Sliva, S.M.** (2016). Restorative justice legislation: *A viable solution to overincarceration or a symbolic gesture?* (Paper Presentation). Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting: Denver, CO.
12. **Sliva, S. M.** (2016). Alternative justice: Implications of racial diversification and the closing gender gap on public policy (Poster Presentation). *SSWR Annual Conference: Washington, D.C.*
13. **Sliva, S. M.** (2015). Tracking innovative justice alternatives: What advocates can learn from restorative justice legislation (Paper Presentation). *CSWE Annual Program Meeting: Denver, CO.*
14. **Sliva, S. M.** (2015). Restorative justice as emerging legal doctrine: A national analysis of state legislation (Paper Presentation). *NACRJ Annual Conference: Fort Lauderdale, FL.*
15. Hoefler, R., & **Sliva, S. M.** (2014). Social enterprise principles in higher education: How do they apply to social work research centers? (Paper Presentation). *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Annual Conference: Denver, CO.*
16. Armour, M., & **Sliva, S. M.** (2014). Inside the black box: Mechanisms of action for an in-prison treatment program (Paper Presentation). *CSWE Annual Program Meeting: Tampa, FL.*
17. Hoefler, R., Watson, L., & **Graves, S. M.** (2014). Capacity building for nonprofit managers (Paper Presentation). *Network for Social Work Management Annual Conference: Boston, MA.*
18. **Graves, S. M.**, & Lambert, C. G. (2014). A new justice: A survey of current and pending restorative justice legislation (Poster Presentation). *Policy 2.0 Conference: Austin, TX.*
19. **Graves, S. M.**, & Hoefler, R. (2013). Job skills and promotion: Filling the leadership gap (Paper Presentation). *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Annual Conference: Hartford, CT.*
20. **Graves, S. M.**, & Hoefler, R. (2013). What job skills are needed for promotion? An exploratory mixed methods study (Paper Presentation). *CSWE Annual Program Meeting: Dallas, TX.*
21. **Graves, S. M.** (2013). The birth of modern restorative justice in India (Paper Presentation). *National Conference on Restorative Justice: Toledo, OH.*

22. **Graves, S. M.** (2013). On the meaning of life: A qualitative interpretive meta synthesis on the lived experience of life without parole (Poster Presentation). *Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students Symposium: University of Texas at Arlington.*
23. **Graves, S. M.** (2012). Legislating victim offender mediated dialogue: A combined model for value-rich policy analysis (Paper Presentation). *CSWE Annual Program Meeting: Washington, D.C.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SCHEDULED COURSES

Assistant Professor, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work

Social Science Theory and Philosophy of Science (SOWK 5300), 2018
 Grantwriting for Research (SOWK 5990/4990), 2018
 Restorative Justice in Social Work (SOWK 4990), 2016 – 2018
 Community/Macro Social Work Theory and Practice (SOWK 4007), 2016 – 2018

Instructor, University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work

Oppressed Groups, Social Exclusion and Social Justice (SOCW 6354), Masters
 Advanced Administration (SOCW 6317), Masters
 Generalist Macro Practice (SOCW 5306), Masters
 Social Welfare Policy and Practice (SOCW 3303, Online), Undergraduate
 Generalist Practice III (SOCW 3306), Undergraduate
 Introduction to Social Work (SOCW 2148, Online), Undergraduate

INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSES

Parole grants for Colorado lifers: A longitudinal analysis, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work, Masters level independent study. Winter/Spring 2018.

Advanced qualitative data analysis: Narrative case study on the juvenile life without parole experience, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work, Doctoral level independent study. Winter 2018.

Who's driving the issue? Factors contributing to the adoption of safe harbor legislation, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work, Doctoral level independent study. Spring 2017.

Social exclusion as a state level predictor of collateral sanctions, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work, Doctoral level independent study. Spring 2016.

STUDENT COMMITTEES / SPONSORSHIPS

[Dissertation Chair] Brydon, D. (PhD Candidate). *Adolescence, Interrupted: Preparing for Re-Entry Following Juvenile Life without Parole*, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work. Projected Graduation May 2020.

[Dissertation Committee] Samimi, C. (PhD Candidate). *Getting it Right: A Mixed-Methods Examination of Mitigating Racial Disparities in School Discipline*, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work. Projected Graduation May 2020.

[Dissertation Chair] Plassmeyer, M. (PhD Candidate). *Effects of housing and other general strain on recidivism for people with drug offenses*, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work. Projected Graduation May 2019.

[Dissertation Committee] Esche, J. (PhD Candidate). *Organizing narratives in restorative justice implementation*, University of Colorado Boulder School of Communications.

[Faculty Sponsor] Brydon, D. (PhD Student). *Adolescence, interrupted: Narratives of re-entry following a sentence of juvenile life without parole*, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work.

COMMUNITY PRACTICE

- 2013 – Current **Consultant, Collaborative Consulting Group (National)**
 Completes project-based grant writing and evaluation assignments
 Provides training and technical assistance to coalitions nationwide
- 2013 – 2015 **Director for Triple-A, Center for Advocacy, Nonprofit, Donor Organizations (Texas)**
 Served as liaison between university center and community organizations
 Assessed organizations and staff for training and development needs
 Developed, implemented, and evaluated training programs for agencies
- 2008 – 2012 **Program Director for Community Coalitions, Drug Prevention Resources (Texas)**
 Supervised coalition programs, budgets, and staff in five communities
 Guided staff in the implementation of environmental prevention strategies
 Developed, designed, and implemented social marketing campaigns
- 2006-2008 **Community Organizer, Drug Prevention Resources (Texas)**
 Assessed communities to determine needs, strengths, and readiness to change
 Coordinated volunteer coalitions using community organizing strategies
 Developed, implemented, and evaluated environmental prevention strategies
- 2005-2006 **Development Associate, Grapevine Relief and Community Exchange (Texas)**
 Managed successful grant submissions to foundations, corporations, and governments, in excess of \$300,000 annually
 Managed and maintained detailed donor database of over 8,000 constituents
 Developed marketing and public relations materials online and print

SERVICE, HONORS AND AWARDS

NATIONAL SERVICE

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| Peer Reviewer, Department of Justice | [2017 – Current] |
| Policy Committee, Grand Challenges Smart Decarceration Initiative | [2016 – Current] |
| Reviewer, Victims and Offenders | [2013 – Current] |
| Reviewer, Criminal Justice Policy Review | [2013 – Current] |
| Peer Reviewer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration | [2010 – Current] |

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Prison Arts Initiative Faculty Advisory Board, <i>University of Denver</i>	[2018-Current]
Crime and Safety Community Impact Cohort, <i>University of Denver</i>	[2018-Current]
Institutional Review Board, <i>University of Denver</i>	[2018-Current]
Graduate Student Research Taskforce, <i>University of Denver</i>	[2018-Current]
Faculty Senate (Appointed), <i>University of Denver</i>	[2016 – Current]
Academic Planning Committee, <i>University of Denver</i>	[2016 – Current]
Graduate Council, <i>University of Texas at Arlington</i>	[2016 – Current]

SCHOOL SERVICE

Public Impact Working Group, Co-Chair, <i>University of Denver</i>	[2017 – Current]
Search Committee, Associate Dean for Field Education, <i>University of Denver</i>	[2017]
Comprehensive Exam Reader, <i>University of Denver</i>	[2016 – Current]
MSW Curriculum Committee, <i>University of Texas at Arlington</i>	[2014 – 2015]

LOCAL SERVICE

Board, Yoga for the People	[2016 – Current]
Research Consultant, Colorado Restorative Justice Legislative Council	[2015 – Current]

AWARDS

Kay Stevenson Citizenship Award, <i>University of Denver</i>	[2019]
Public Impact Fellows Program, <i>University of Denver</i>	[2017 – 2018]
Faculty Career Champion, <i>University of Denver</i>	[2016 – 2017]
Research to Practice Institute Fellow, <i>Network for Social Work Management</i>	[2013 – 2014]
Outstanding Graduate Instructor of the Year, <i>University of Texas at Arlington</i>	[2013 – 2014]
Outstanding Doctoral Student, <i>University of Texas at Arlington</i>	[2013 – 2014]

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
 Council on Social Work Education
 Influencing Social Policy
 National Association for Community and Restorative Justice
 Society for Social Work Research