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POSITIONS HELD

- 2003-current Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Washington State University
Research Faculty, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, WSU (2006-present)
Affiliate Faculty, Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences (Disability Studies), WSU (2005-present)
- 2002 Statistical Consultant, Statistical Consulting Center, Department of Statistics, The Pennsylvania State University

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park
2000-2003 Dissertation: *The Effect of Father Absence and Father Alternatives on Female and Male Rates of Violence* (Chair, Darrell Steffensmeier)
- M.A. Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park
1997-2000 Thesis: *Gender Disproportionality in Imprisonment: Are there gender (and gender by race) disparities in the likelihood of arrest leading to imprisonment?* (Chair, Darrell Steffensmeier)
- B.A. Sociology, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC
1993-1997 Cum Laude, Highest Honors in Sociology, Concentration in Criminology
Honor's Thesis: *The Creation and Application of Marital Rape Laws in America*
Minor: English

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Main Area of Interest: Sociological Criminology (Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Criminal Offending; Communities, Inequality, and Crime; Trends in Crime; Violence; Social Control)
- Other Specializations: Stratification/Inequality; Urban and Community Sociology; Quantitative Research Methods

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (graduate students are indicated by *)

Schwartz, Jennifer, Darrell Steffensmeier, and Benjamin Feldmeyer. Forthcoming, August 2009
Assessing Trends in Women's Violence via Data Triangulation: Arrests, Convictions,
Incarcerations, & Victim Reports. *Social Problems*.

Schwartz, Jennifer, Darrell Steffensmeier, Hua Zhong, and Jeff Ackerman. Forthcoming, May
2009. Trends in the gender gap in violence: Re-evaluating NCVS and other evidence.
Criminology. *Invited submission*

Schwartz, Jennifer and Bryan Rookey.* 2008. The narrowing gender gap in arrests: Assessing
competing explanations using self-report, traffic fatality, and official data on drunk
driving, 1980-2005." *Criminology* 46(3):637-671.

Schwartz, Jennifer. 2008. Effects of two sources of male capital on female and male rates of
violence: The institutions of family men and old heads" *Sociological Perspectives* 51(1):
91-117.

Schwartz, Jennifer. 2008. Gender differences in drunk driving prevalence rates and trends: A
20-year assessment using multiple sources of evidence. *Addictive Behaviors* 33(9):
1217-1222.

Schwartz, Jennifer. 2006. Effects of diverse forms of family structure on women's and
men's homicide. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 68:1292-1313.

Schwartz, Jennifer. 2006. Family structure as a source of female and male homicide in
the United States. *Homicide Studies* 10(4): 253-278.

Steffensmeier, Darrell, Hua Zhong, Jeff Ackerman, Jennifer Schwartz, and Suzanne Agha.
2006. Gender gap trends for violent crimes: A UCR-NCVS comparison. *Feminist
Criminology* 1(1): 72-98.

Steffensmeier, Darrell, Jennifer Schwartz, Hua Zhong, and Jeff Ackerman. 2005. An
assessment of recent trends in girls' violence using diverse longitudinal sources: Is the
gender gap closing? *Criminology* 43(2): 355-406.

Schwartz, Jennifer and Jeff Ackerman. 2001. In search of a dependent variable: Comment
on Avakame, 1998. *Criminology* 39(4):301-312.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Schwartz, Jennifer and Arina Gertseva* "Trends in Violence and the Gender Gap across the
Rural-Urban Continuum"
(Revise and Resubmit at *Rural Sociology*)

Zhong, Hua and Jennifer Schwartz. "Exploring Gender-Specific Trends in Underage Drinking
across Adolescent Age Groups and Measures of Drinking: Is Girls' Drinking Catching

Up with Boys’?”
(Revise and Resubmitted to *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*)

Schwartz, Jennifer. “Family structural effects on the frequency and form of women’s and men’s homicide”
(under review at *Crime & Delinquency*)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Schwartz, Jennifer and Arina Gertseva.* Forthcoming, 2009. “Macro-level Theories of Female Offending.” In *Encyclopedia of Women and Crime: Issues and Cases*, edited by Vickie Jensen. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing.

Schwartz, Jennifer. 2008. “Patterns of Homicide Offending.” In *Violent Crime: Clinical and Social Implications*, edited by Christopher J. Ferguson. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Steffensmeier, Darrell and Jennifer Schwartz. 2008. “Trends in Girls’ Delinquency and the Gender Gap: Statistical Assessment of Diverse Sources.” In *Delinquent Girls: Findings from the Girls Study Group*, edited by Margaret Zahn. Temple University Press.

Schwartz, Jennifer. 2007. “Comparing Women and Men Who Kill: Gender Differences in Homicide Offending.” In *Violent Offenders: Theory, Research, Public Policy, and Practice*, edited by Matthew DeLisi and Pete Conis. Boston: Jones & Bartlett.

Schwartz, Jennifer and Darrell Steffensmeier. 2007. “The Nature of Female Offending: Patterns and Explanation.” In *Female Offenders: Critical Perspective and Effective Interventions*, edited by Ruth Zaplin. Boston: Jones & Bartlett.

Steffensmeier, Darrell and Jennifer Schwartz. 2004. “Trends in Female Crime: It’s Still a Man’s World” In *The Criminal Justice System and Women: Offenders, Victims, and Workers*, edited by Barbara Raffel Price and Natalie J. Sokoloff. NY: Mc-Graw Hill, Inc.

Steffensmeier, Darrell and Jennifer Schwartz. 2004. “Contemporary Explanations of Female Offending” In *The Criminal Justice System and Women: Offenders, Victims, and Workers*, edited by Barbara Raffel Price and Natalie J. Sokoloff. NY: Mc-Graw Hill, Inc.

Encyclopedias

Schwartz, Jennifer and Arina Gertseva.* Forthcoming, 2009. “Supplementary Homicide Reports.” In *Encyclopedia of Victimology and Crime Prevention*, edited by Bonnie S. Fisher and Steven Lab. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Schwartz, Jennifer. Forthcoming, 2009. “A Gendered Theory of Offending (Darrell J. Steffensmeier and Emilie Andersen Allan.” In *Encyclopedia of Criminological Theory*, edited by Francis Cullen and Pamela Wilcox. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Schwartz, Jennifer. 2007. “Compositional Theory of Urbanism.” In *Encyclopedia of*

Sociology, edited by George Ritzer. Oxford, UK: Blackwell Publishing.
**Reprinted

Steffensmeier, Darrell and Jennifer Schwartz. 2004. "Gender and Criminal Behavior" In *Encyclopedia of Criminology*, edited by J. Mitchell Miller and Richard A Wright. Routledge Press.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Schwartz, Jennifer. "Trends in Female (and Male) Crime: An HLM Analysis of the Impact of Changing Family Structure on Levels of Violence, 1970-2000."
(To be submitted to *American Sociological Review*)

Steffensmeier, Darrell and Jennifer Schwartz. *The Crimes Women Commit: Continuity or Change?*
(Book manuscript)

Moyle, Kristen* and Jennifer Schwartz. "Gender Differences and Similarities among Sex Offenders"

Agha, Suzanne and Jennifer Schwartz. "Development and Changes in Female Crime: A Cross-National Perspective"

Schwartz, Jennifer and Meredith Williams. "Partners in Crime: Female Criminals, Co-Offending, and Offense Characteristics"

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

PI, "The Role of Public Policy in Explaining Trends in Female and Male Drunk Driving"
Edward R. Meyer Grant Development Award, College of Liberal Arts (\$5000)

PI, "Identifying and Explaining Trends in Drunk Driving Among Women and Men, 1980-2000"
Alcoholic Beverage Medical Research Foundation, 8/2005-8/2007, (\$97,452)

PI, "The Role of Public Policy in Explaining Trends in Female (and Male) Drunk Driving, 1980-2000," *Robert Wood Johnson, Substance Abuse Policy Research Program, Not Funded, 10/2005, (\$98,532) Invited Submission based on Successful Letter of Intent*

PI, "Identifying and Explaining Trends in Drunk Driving Among Women and Men, 1980-2000" *Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Program Pilot Grant, 2004-2006, (\$19,284)*

PI, "Identifying and Explaining Trends in Drunk Driving Among Women and Men, 1980-2000" *Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Program Teaching Release, Spring 2005 (\$6610)*

PI, "A Comparative Analysis of Structural Covariates of Female and Male Offending Rates (1970-2000)." *National Institute of Justice Dissertation Award, 2002 (\$20,000)*

Alumni Association Dissertation Award, The Pennsylvania State University, 2002. (\$5,000)

One of 10 awards given to students in over 90 doctoral programs

Research and Graduate Studies Dissertation Support Grant, The Pennsylvania State University
(\$1,200)

PRESENTATIONS

Agha, Suzanne and Jennifer Schwartz. 2008. "Development and Changes in Female Crime: A Cross-National Perspective." Paper presented at 2008 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO.

Schwartz, Jennifer. 2007. "Changing Lives of Women or Changing Social Control?: An Empirical Analysis of Drunk Driving Trends." Paper presented at 2007 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.

Schwartz, Jennifer. 2006. "DUI Arrest Patterns Have Changed, but has DUI Behavior? Sex-by-Age Disaggregated Trends in Drunk Driving in the US, 1980-2000." Paper presented at 2006 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

Rookey, Bryan and Jennifer Schwartz. 2006. "Bars, Taverns, Clubs and DUIs: A County-Level Spatial Analysis of Per-Capita Drinking Establishments and Drunk Driving Arrest Rates." Paper presented at 2006 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

Cook, Sarah and Jennifer Schwartz. 2006. "Romeo or Juliet: Gender differences in social disorganization effects on female and male suicide and homicide patterns?" Paper presented at 2006 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

Schwartz, Jennifer. 2006. "Effects of Diverse Family Forms on Female and Male Violence Rates." Paper presented at 2006 annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, QC Canada.

Schwartz, Jennifer. 2003. "Impact of Changes in Community Family Structure on Female and Male Violence, 1970-2000." Paper presented at the 2003 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Denver, CO.

Schwartz, Jennifer. 2003. "Trends in Female and Male Violence: The Role of Father Absence in Community Violence Rates, 1970-2000." Paper presented at the 2003 annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Schwartz, Jennifer. 2002. "Trends in Female (and Male) Crime: An HLM Analysis of the Impact of Changing Family Structure on Levels of Violence, 1970-2000." Paper presented at the 2002 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

Schwartz, Jennifer and Darrell Steffensmeier. 2002. "Is Female Violence on the Rise? (Conflicting) Conclusions From Multiple Sources of Evidence." Paper presented at the 2002 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

Schwartz, Jennifer and Darrell Steffensmeier. 2001. "Trend Analysis of Elderly Crime Patterns: 1970-2000". Paper presented at the 2001 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Schwartz, Jennifer and Darrell Steffensmeier. 2000. "Trends in Female Violent Crime, 1970-2000." Paper presented at the 2000 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Schwartz, Jennifer and Darrell Steffensmeier. 1999. "Gender Disproportionality in Imprisonment." Paper presented at the 1999 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Ontario.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE, INTERESTS, AND TRAINING

Teaching Interests

Graduate: Gender and Crime, Race and Crime, Crime Theory, Research Methods in Criminology, Communities and Crime, Stratification, Trends in Crime

Undergraduate:

Introduction to Criminology

Research Methods

Social Statistics

Urban Sociology

Women, Crime and Justice

Introduction to Sociology

Social Problems

Social Stratification

Courts and Sentencing

Minorities, Crime and Justice

Teaching Experience

Graduate Instructor *Soc 520: Graduate Research Methods in Sociology, WSU-Pullman*
Soc 590: Gender and Criminal Offending, Department of Sociology, Washington State University – Pullman

Instructor *Soc 102: Social Problems; Soc 361: Criminology; Soc 491: Gender, Race, Ethnicity, and Crime; Department of Sociology, Washington State University – Pullman*

Soc 005: Social Problems; Soc/AdmJ 012: Introduction to Criminology; Soc 470: Intermediate Social Statistics (lab instructor); AdmJ 240W: Research Methods in Criminal Justice (lab instructor); Department of Sociology, Penn State – University Park, 1999-2001

Teaching Assistant *Soc 001: Introduction to Sociology; Soc 400W: Senior Research Seminar (Capstone Course in Sociology), 1997-1999*

Teacher Training

Teaching with Technology Certification, Center for Education Technology Services,
Professor Roger Finke (Mentor), Fall 2002

Seminar on Teaching Sociology, Professor Laurie Perman, Spring 1998

Sexual Harrassment Workshop, Spring 1998

PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Departmental Service

- Search Committee, Sociology – Pullman, 2008-2009 (search cancelled)
- Graduate Studies Committee, 2008-2009; 2005-2006
- Executive Advisory Committee, Sociology, 2007-2008
- Search Committee, Sociology – Pullman, 2007-2008
- Search Committee, Sociology – Spokane, 2007-2008
- Search Committee, Sociology – Tri-Cities, 2007-2008
- Search Committee, Sociology – Pullman, 2006-2007
- Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2006-2007
- Advisor, Criminology Discussion Group, 2005 – present
- Colloquium Committee, Sociology, 2003-2006
- Graduate and Undergraduate Awards Committee, Sociology, 2003-2005

University Service

- Grant Reviewer, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Program, 2008
- Board Member, Academic Integrity Hearing Board, 2008-present
- Board Member, Student Conduct Board, 2007-present
- Panelist, *The Color of Justice: Race and the Criminal Justice System*, 2008
- Panelist, *A Lie of the Mind* Panel on Domestic Violence, 2006
- Mentor, Achiever's Program for First Generation College Students, 2005-2006
- Judge, Wiley Exposition of Graduate and Professional Studies, 2005

Professional

- Session Organizer on *Violence*, American Sociological Association, 2008
- Program Committee, Section Chair, American Society of Criminology, *Stratification*, 2007-8
- Program Committee, American Society of Criminology, *Women, Crime, and Justice*, 2006
- Research Advisory Board for the [Washington] State Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, 2005-present
- Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *Criminology*, *Social Problems*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Sociological Forum*
- Member of American Sociological Association; American Society of Criminology

Graduate Students

Dissertation Committees:

Arina Gertseva (Chair)

Nick Parsons

Bryan D. Rookey (Chair)

Miyuki Vamadevaan

Masters Committees:

Nathaniel Boehme

Colin Bolger (Criminal Justice)
Sarah Cook (Chair, *Research Triangle Institute* 2007)
Kristen Moyle (Chair)
Julius Rock
David Rooth (Criminal Justice)
Meredith Williams (Co-Chair)
Kevin Wright

Area Committees for Comprehensive Exams:

Nick Parsons
Bryan Rookey
Kristen Cutler
George Poteet
Taj Mahon-Haft