

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

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| 2020 | University of Georgia
Areas: Crime, Law, Deviance
Dissertation: Structured Inequality
<i>Formerly Incarcerated Civic Engagement as Transformative Intervention:
Intersections of Carceral Identity in Self and Social Change-Work</i> | Ph.D., Sociology |
| 2013 | University of Miami
Areas: Criminology
Master's Thesis: Working Class Solidarity
<i>The Miami Model of Policing: Narratives of Order,
Resistance, and Social Change</i> | M.A., Sociology |
| 2007/2010 | Kennesaw State University | B.S., Communication |

EMPLOYMENT

Faculty Positions

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| 2013-present | Senior Lecturer of Sociology – University of North Georgia |
| 2024-present | Instructor of Justice, Law, & Criminology - American University |
| 2023-present | Instructor of Sociology – Life University (Lee Arrendale State Prison) |

Research Positions and Funding

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| 2024-2025 | Co-PI –Social Recovery Intervention: Examining the Effects of Social Recovery Activities on Bridging Social Capital across Difference for People in Addiction Treatment - R01 NIH NIDA federal grant proposal submitted 08/01/2024. <i>Scored and Re-submitting 05/01/2025. Budget: \$1,122,722.</i> |
| 2016-2019 | Field Coordinator Atlanta site– Suburban Opioid Study (SOS). National Institute of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse #1R21DA025298-01 Aukje Lamonica, Miriam Boeri (MPI's). Award: \$341,565 |
| 2019 | Graduate Research Award - University of Georgia Graduate School research travel award. Award: \$1,931 |

- 2011-2013 Graduate Research Award - University of Miami. History of Sport Desegregation and the Impacts of the Housing Crisis (under Marvin Dawkins). Multiple Projects/varying award amounts.
- 2012 Principal Investigator – University of Miami. Pedagogy in Higher Education (in collaboration with Jomills Braddock).
- 2010-2011 Research Assistant – Kennesaw State University. Methamphetamine Use in the Suburbs: An Exploratory Study. National Institute of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse #2R15DA021164-02 under Miriam Boeri (PI). Award: \$180,900
- 2009-2010 Research Assistant and Community Consultant - Kennesaw State University. Methamphetamine Use in the Suburbs: An Exploratory Study. National Institute of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse #1R15DA021164-01 under Miriam Boeri (PI). Award: \$201,000

SCHOLARSHIP

In Progress

- Woodall, Denise Ruth. Fighting Forward: Building Capital and Managing Stigma among Formerly Incarcerated People through Civic Engagement. Under Review in *Justice, Opportunities, and Rehabilitation*.
- Woodall, Denise Ruth. Harmonious Paradoxes: Formerly Incarcerated Self and Social Change in Transformative Justice. *Forthcoming in Transformative Justice Journal*.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Woodall, Denise *forthcoming*. The Symbolic Violence of Criminological Education for Formerly Incarcerated Women: Critiques, Reflections, and Solutions in *Women of Convict Criminology* JRenee Trombley and Doshie Piper (eds). Routledge
- Woodall, Denise 2023. Here She Comes: Twenty-five Years of Women Under-representation in Convict Criminology. A special edition of the *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons*, Twenty-Five years of Convict Criminology.
- Woodall, Denise and Sarah Shannon 2022. Carceral Citizens Rising: Resisting Carceral Status Based Oppressions through Civic Engagement. A special edition of *Social Service Review* 96(2) 308-352.
- Woodall, Denise and Miriam Boeri 2021. "Developing a Penal Abolitionist Application to Drug Treatment Drawing from Insider Perspectives and Lived Experiences." *Humanity & Society*. doi.org/10.1177/0160597620978782
- Boeri, Miriam; Pereira, Elise; Minkova, Alina; Marcato, Kevin; Martinez, Elianne; Woodall, Denise. 2020. "Green Hope: Perspectives on Cannabis from People who Use Opioids" *Sociological Inquiry* 91(3):668-695.

Woodall, Denise 2019. "We are All Criminals: The Abolitionist Potential of Remembering." *Social Justice Special Edition on Penal Abolition* 45(4):117-140.

Woodall, Denise. 2017. "Interrupting Constructions of a Criminalized Other through a Revised Criminal Activities Checklist Classroom Exercise." *Teaching Sociology* 45(2):161-167.

Woodall, Denise and Miriam Boeri 2014. "When You Got Friends in Low Places, You Stay Low: Social Networks and Access to Needed Resources for Female Methamphetamine Users in Low Income Suburban Communities." *Journal of Drug Issues* 44(3):321-339.

Woodall, Denise 2013. "Higher Education Classrooms: Context, Content, and Classroom Dynamics." *The Journal of Public and Professional Sociology* 5:2 Article 8.

Boeri, Miriam, Ben Tyndall, Denise Woodall. 2011. "Suburban Poverty: Barriers to Services and Injury Prevention among Women who Use Methamphetamine." *Western Journal of Emergency Medicine* 7(3):284-292.

Non-Refereed Publications

Shannon, Sarah and Denise Woodall 2022 Harm Reduction and Risky Behaviors (update). In *Oxford Bibliographies in Criminology* edited by Beth M. Huebner. Oxford University Press.

Arrigo, Bruce and Denise Woodall 2016. Critical Perspectives on Female Offending in *Encyclopedia of Women in Crime* edited by F. P. Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell.

Conference Presentations

Organizer

From Cells to Solutions: Future Research Directions through Carceral Citizen Creativity Lightning Talk Session at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology 2025 (Washington DC).

Lived Carceral Experience beyond System Contact. A Full thematic Panel of Authors in the Special Edition of Social Service Review at the American Society of Criminology 2023 (Philadelphia, PA)

Strategizing for Diversity and Inclusion Discussion Roundtables: Building a Representative Carceral Citizen Base in Convict Criminology. American Society of Criminology 2016-2022.

Women of Convict Criminology: Fem Perspectives. Full Thematic Panels at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology 2016, 2017, 2023, 2024.

Presenter

- Woodall, Denise 2025. Carceral Status: Advancing a New Axis of Stratification in Research and Practice Presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (Washington DC).
- Woodall, Denise 2024. The Symbolic Violence of Criminological Theory and its Impact on the Multiply Marginalized Carceral Citizen Students. Presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (San Francisco, CA).
- Woodall, Denise 2024. Empowering Self-change: Higher Education Curriculum and Support for Criminal Legal Impacted Students on Georgia Campuses. Presentation at the annual meeting of Georgia Sociological Association (Columbus, GA).
- Woodall, Denise 2023. Here She Comes: The Women of Convict Criminology; Denise Ruth Woodall, University of North Georgia. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (Philadelphia, PA).
- Woodall, Denise 2023 Social Recovery Interventions. Paper presented at the Georgia Sociological Association.
- Woodall, Denise 2023 Criminalized Women's Negotiations of Domination and Agency and the Methods that Illuminate Them. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Criminal Justice Association of Georgia in Dahlonge, GA).
- Woodall, Denise and Sarah Shannon 2022. Carceral Citizens Rising: Resisting Carceral Status Based Oppressions. Panelist in a thematic panel at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology with authors published in the special edition of *Social Service Review* on the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration (Atlanta, GA).
- Woodall, Denise 2022. Formerly Incarcerated Civic Engagement as Transformative Intervention. Managing Stigma and Building Capital. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Criminal Justice Association. (Dahlonge, GA).
- Woodall, Denise 2022. Higher Education in the Trajectories of Carceral Citizens and How to be an Ally. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Sociological Association (Callaway Gardens. GA).
- Woodall, Denise 2021. Formerly Incarcerated Civic Engagement as Transformative Intervention. Managing Stigma and Building Capital. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Sociological Association (Gainesville, GA).
- Woodall, Denise 2018. Formerly Incarcerated Women Researchers: Grounding Challenges in Criminological Thought. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (Atlanta, GA).
- Woodall, Denise and Miriam Boeri. 2017. "Exploring Drug Treatment with an Abolitionist Lens." A paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (Philadelphia, PA).

- Woodall, Denise 2017. "Perishing if We Publish? The Need for Safe Authorship Opportunities for Carceral Citizens. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (Philadelphia, PA).
- Woodall, Denise. 2017. Criminalized Women's Negotiations of Domination and Agency and the Methods that Illuminate them." Paper presented at the annual Women and Girls in Georgia Conference (Athens, GA).
- Woodall, Denise. 2016. "Mapping the Major: Exclusion of Marginalized Knowers in Criminological Discourse." A paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (New Orleans, LA).
- Woodall, Denise and Alan Mobley. 2015. "An Analysis of Shame and the Experience of Re-gaining Child Custody for Formerly Incarcerated Mothers." A paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (Washington, DC).
- Woodall, Denise and Eleanor Boothe. "There's No Way I Could Have Made it Without Help": Access to Resources for Previously Incarcerated Mothers." A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Sociological Association (Jekyll Island, GA).
- Woodall, Denise. 2014. "Becoming the Criminalized "Other" and Changed Attitudes toward Harm Reduction and Restorative Justice. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (San Francisco, CA).
- Woodall, Denise 2014. "I'm a Criminal?" Deconstructing the Criminal 'Other' through a Criminal Activities Checklist Class Exercise at a Primarily White Institution. Presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Sociological Association (St. Simons Island, GA).
- Woodall, Denise 2013. "The 'Miami Model' of Policing: Narratives of Order, Resistance, and Social Change." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (Atlanta, GA).
- Woodall, Denise 2013 "What am I, Collateral Damage? Impacts of Prison on Women. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (Atlanta, GA).
- Woodall, Denise 2012 "Conflict Theory: A Keeper!" Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Roundtable on Criminological Theory: Cultural and Critical Perspectives (Chicago, IL).
- Woodall, Denise 2012. "Democracy Needs a Bailout: How Media Structure and Content Failed the Public in Reporting the 2008 Financial Crisis" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Session on Sociological Implications of the Capitalist Financial Crisis (New Orleans, LA).
- Woodall, Denise 2011. "You Got Friends in Low Places, You Stay Low:" Poor Female Methamphetamine Users in the Suburbs and Barriers to Needed Resources." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Session on Women, Poverty, and the South (Jacksonville, FL).

Boeri, Miriam, Ben Tyndall, Denise Woodall 2011. “Suburban Enclaves of Poverty: Lack of Services for Female Methamphetamine Users in US Suburbs Increases Risks of Infections, Diseases, Violence, and Rape.” Poster at International Harm Reduction Association 2011 (Beirut, Lebanon).

Discussant

Roundtable: Teaching College in Prison and Empowerment. American Society of Criminology 2024.

Roundtable: Teaching Abolition. American Society of Criminology 2019.

Roundtable: Criminalized and Harmed, Women in the Criminal Justice System. American Society of Criminology 2019.

Roundtable: Penal Abolition – Building Ideas and Practices. American Society of Criminology. 2016-2017.

Roundtable: Abolition, Lessons from the Streets. Related Campaigns in New Orleans. American Society of Criminology 2016.

Professional Organizations

2011-present	American Society of Criminology sub-area: Division of Convict Criminology
2010-present	Georgia Sociological Association
2011-present	American Sociological Association
2010-2015	Southern Sociological Society

Additional Professional Development

2024	PackBack AI in the Classroom (workshop)
2024	Trauma Informed Care in Addictions (Georgia Council on Recovery)
2024	Artificial Intelligence Hype vs. Reality (lunch and learn)
2021-2022	Calling-in the Calling Out Culture, tools for pedagogy.
2021	Healing Circle. UNG Sociology & Human Services.
2018	Standpoint Perspectives in Research

TEACHING

Courses Taught:

2025 Summer	SOCI 3050 – R & E (UNG) Number of Sections: 1 Format: Online
2014-present	SOCI 2100 - Constructions of Difference

	(UNG) (examines structured inequality)
	Number of sections: 11
	Formats: In-Class, Hybrid, and Online
2013-present	SOCI 1160 - Social Problems
	(UNG) (centers and examines capitalism and structured inequality)
	Number of sections: 50 (1 section of Honors 1160)
	Formats: In-Class, Hybrid, and Online
2020-2022	SOCI 4070 – Sociological Practice
	(UNG) (Now Introduction to the Major req.)
	Number of sections: 3
	Format: Online
2018-present	SOCI 3620 - Drugs and Society
	(UNG)
	Number of sections: 10
	Format: Hybrid and Online
2019-present	SOCI 4080 – Punishment and Mass Incarceration
	(UNG)
	Number of sections: 5
	Format: Online
2013-2021	SOCI 1101 - Introduction to Sociology (UNG)
	Number of sections: 34
	Formats: In-Class, Hybrid, and Online
2024-present	JLC 431 – The Prison Community (American University)
	Format: Online Synchronous
	Number of sections: 3
2024-present	JLC 230 – Corrections in America (American University)
	Format: Online
	Number of sections: 1
2023-present	PSY 357 - Social Psychology (Life University)
	Format: Hybrid Inside a carceral facility and correspondence through Blackboard
	Number of sections: 1
2018	SOCI 4000 – Directed Study - Suburban Opioid Study (included field research)
2017	SOCI 4000 – Directed Study - Mass Incarceration (literature-based course)
2010	SOC 387 – R & E Relations (UM)
	Number of sections: 1
	Format: In-Class

Curriculum Development

2025	R & E Relations Online
2024	The Prison Community Capstone and course developed
2022-2023	Creative design in teaching beyond the classroom and incorporating policy work into prison education curriculum.
2021	Online Theory and Methods course design (in committee)
2020	Online Sociological Practice course to support the certificate program developed
2020	Certificate program in Sociological Practice developed
2019	Online Punishment and Mass Incarceration course developed
2018	Directed study undergraduate research course (Suburban Opioid Study) developed

2018/2020	Drugs and Society hybrid and online developed
2018	Honors Social Problems developed
2017/2021	Hybrid and online Constructions of Difference developed
2016	Hybrid and online formats of Introduction to Sociology developed
2015	Hybrid and online formats of Social Problems developed
2014	Global Social Problems developed

AWARDS

2025	John Keith Irwin Distinguished Scholar Award. Division of Convict Criminology American Society of Criminology.
2024	Recipient - Outstanding Teaching Award. American Society of Criminology's Division of Convict Criminology.
2021	University of Georgia Graduate School's Excellence in Research in Social Science Award.
2020	University of Georgia Sociology Department's Certificate of Excellence.

CERTIFICATIONS

2022-present	Certified Addictions Recovery Empowerment Specialist (CARES)
2022-present	Certified Peer Specialist (Addictive Disease) CPS-AD

SERVICE

Discipline

2021-present	Georgia Sociological Association – Semaphore Editor
2019-present	American Society of Criminology – Division of Convict Criminology Constitution Adoption, Awards, and Diversity committees
2015-present	Journal of Prisoners on Prisons – editorial board
2018-present	Critical Criminology – reviewer
2015	Journal of Public and Professional Sociology - reviewer
2013	International Journal of Drug Policy - reviewer

Department and Institution

2016-2020	Department of Sociology & Human Services Curriculum Committee (participating member)
2022	Presentation on “What can Students Do with a Sociology Major or Minor” to Academic Advising
2013-present	Letters of recommendation writing (1-2 students per year/ multiple institutions).
2021	Committee to form an online Sociology Bachelor's degree (participating member)
2019-present	Academic advising Sociology (course released)
2018	Student group faculty advisor – Sociology Club (Dahlonge campus)
2014-2018	Open House Volunteer for the Dahlonge Campus
2015-present	UNG commencement and convocation participation
2016	Honor's Thesis Committee – William Lee. Perceptions of Offenders
2016	Student group faculty advisor – Students for Sensible Drug Policy (Dahlonge)

2015 Undergraduate Research Project Chair and Advisor – Eleanor Ballard. Formerly
Incarcerated Mothers’ Experiences with Resource Access
2015 Library and Disability Services curriculum delivery for the visually impaired
2014 UNG Service-learning opportunities database contributor

Community

2013-present Mentor to formerly incarcerated students and faculty
2003-present Recovery sponsor (Atlanta metro area)
2003-2022 Freedom Club, Inc. (clubhouse for young people in substance abuse recovery) -
Chief Financial Officer. (Previously: Chair, Treasurer, Events, Fundraising, and
Grants positions)
2003-2023 Mentor - Mothers Making a Change (criminal diversion and drug treatment
program for mothers)
2018-2020 Georgia Justice Project (criminal justice legislative advocacy group)– Speaker and
lobbyist on issues related to second chances for formerly incarcerated people
2017-2020 Athens Reentry Collaborative (collective of directly impacted individuals, allies,
and community members working on issues of reentry) – Co-founder, meeting
facilitator, and advisory board
2015-2019 Social Recovery Inc.– Board of Directors
2018-2019 Women on the Rise (Atlanta chapter) – “Close the Jail” campaign participant and
advocate for currently and formerly incarcerated women
2012-2013 Miami Coalition for the Homeless – Women’s prison re-entry guide and speaker.
2008-2010 Co-founder Healthcare-Now Georgia

Community Positions

2023-present Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialist – Atlas Behavioral Health
2023 Peer Support Specialist – Pyramid Mental Health
2023 Peer Support Specialist – Tangu Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment

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