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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2024 - Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, Roosevelt University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Feminist Criminology, Responses to Sexual Violence, Rape Crisis Centers and Advocacy, Qualitative Methods, Anti-violence Public Policy, Anti-carceral Feminism

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)

Ph.D. Criminology, Law, & Justice, August 2019

Dissertation Title:

Surviving Austerity: The Effects of the IL Budget Impasse on Rape Crisis Centers

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Sarah E. Ullman, UIC

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

M.A. Sociology, Women's Studies Certificate, May 2012

Thesis Title: *Collaborative Research on Native Women and Sexual Assault*

Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

B.A. Sociology, May 2008

TEACHING

Roosevelt University (2024- Present)

Assistant Professor

- Introduction to Criminal Justice (online and in-person)
- Women and Crime
- Research Methods
- Crime and The Media

DePaul University, Chicago (2023-2024)

Adjunct Instructor

- Criminology Goes to the Movies
- Race, Class, Gender and the Legal System

University of Illinois, Chicago (2019-2022)

Adjunct Instructor

- Criminal Justice Organizations
- Violence Prevention (online)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles & Chapters

Kirkner, A., Goodman, K. L., Mullin, T. M., & Wright, A. W. (2024). Sexual abuse and disclosure concerns of youth in foster care. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 149, 106658.

Kamke, K., **Kirkner, A.**, & Goodman, K. L. (2024). “Nothing Was Done”: Experiences of continued sexual abuse after disclosing to a mandated reporter among youth in the United States. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 155, 106959.

Kirkner, A. (2023). Rural Rape Crisis Centres and Extreme Financial Deprivation. In Gender-based Violence and Rurality in the 21st Century (pp. 183-197). Bristol University Press.

Shepp, V., O’Callaghan, E., & **Kirkner, A.** (2023): The Carceral Logic of Title IX. *Journal of Women and Gender in Higher Education*, DOI: 10.1080/26379112.2023.2168683

O’Callaghan, E., Shepp, V., **Kirkner, A.**, & Lorenz, K. (2022). Sexual harassment in the academy: harnessing the growing labor movement in higher education to address sexual harassment against graduate workers. *Violence against women*, 28(12-13), 3266-3288.

Cusano, J., **Kirkner, A.**, Johnson, L., & McMahon, S. (2023). Sexual violence prevalence and disclosure patterns among college undergraduates: Exploring types of sexual violence and incident-specific characteristics. *Journal of American college health*, 71(3), 725-735.

Kirkner, A., Plummer, S. B., Findley, P. A., & McMahon, S. (2022). Campus sexual violence victims with disabilities: Disclosure and help seeking. *Journal of interpersonal violence*, 37(9-10), NP7156-NP7177.

Edwards, K., Banyard, V., & **Kirkner, A.** (2020). Parents matter: rates and correlates of parental discussions with teens about prevention topics. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 37(7-8) [10.1177/0886260520949153](https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260520949153)

Kirkner, A., Mazar, L., & Lorenz, K. (2020). Faculty and staff reporting & disclosing of sexual harassment in higher education. *Gender and Education*. 34 (2).
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09540253.2020.1763923>

Kirkner, A. & Ullman, S. (2019). Sexual assault survivors post-traumatic growth: Individual & community-level differences. *Violence Against Women*. 26(15-16):1987-2003
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801219888019>

- Lorenz, K., **Kirkner, A.**, & Mazar, L. (2019). Graduate student experiences with sexual harassment & social disengagement in higher education. *NASPA Journal about Women in Higher Education*, 12:2, 205-233: doi:<https://doi.org/10.1080/19407882.2018.1540994>
- Kirkner, A.**, Relyea, M., & Ullman, S. (2019). Predicting the effects of sexual assault research participation: reactions, insight, and help-seeking. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. 34(17): <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260516670882>
- Shepp, V., O'Callaghan, E., **Kirkner, A.**, Lorenz, K., & Ullman, S. (2019). Sexual assault survivors who exchange sex: Identity, stigma, and informal responses from support providers. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*. 35(1):105-128
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0886109919866161>
- Lorenz, K., **Kirkner, A.**, & Ullman, S.E. (2019). A qualitative study of sexual assault survivors' post-assault legal system experiences. *Journal of Trauma & Dissociation, Special Issue*, 20(3) 263-287. doi: [10.1080/15299732.2019.1592643](https://doi.org/10.1080/15299732.2019.1592643)
- O'Callaghan, E., Lorenz, K., Ullman, S., & **Kirkner, A.** (2018). A dyadic study of effects of sexual assault disclosure on survivors' close relationships. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* (Online first). doi: [10.1177/0886260518795506](https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260518795506)
- O'Callaghan, E., Shepp, V., **Kirkner, A.**, & Ullman, S. (2018) Navigating sex & sexuality after sexual assault: A qualitative dyadic study of survivors & informal support providers. *Journal of Sex Research* (Online first), doi: [10.1080/00224499.2018.1506731](https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2018.1506731)
- Ullman, S.E., Lorenz, K., **Kirkner, A.**, O'Callaghan, E. (2018) Post-assault substance use and coping: A qualitative study of sexual assault survivors and informal support providers. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, 36(3), 330-353, doi: [10.1080/07347324.2018.1465807](https://doi.org/10.1080/07347324.2018.1465807)
- Kirkner, A.**, Lorenz, K., Ullman, S.E., & Mandala, R. (2018) A qualitative study of sexual assault disclosure impact and help-seeking on support providers. *Violence & Victims*, 33(4), 721-738, doi: [10.1891/0886-6708.VV-D-17-00059](https://doi.org/10.1891/0886-6708.VV-D-17-00059)
- Kirkner, A.**, Relyea, M. & Ullman, S.E.. (2018). PTSD, problem drinking, and substance use treatment seeking among sexual assault survivors. *Traumatology*, 24(1), 1-7, doi: [10.1037/trm0000126](https://doi.org/10.1037/trm0000126)
- Lorenz, K., Ullman, S. **Kirkner, A.**, Mandala, R., Vasquez, A., & Sigurvinsdottir, R. (2018). Social reactions to sexual assault disclosure: A qualitative study of informal support dyads. *Violence Against Women*, 24(12), 1497-1520, doi: [10.1177/1077801217732428](https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801217732428)

- Kirkner, A.,** Lorenz, K., Ullman, S. (2017). Recommendations for responding to survivors of sexual assault: A qualitative study of survivors and support providers. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. (Online first)
<https://doiorg.proxy.cc.uic.edu/10.1177/0886260517739285>
- Ullman, S., Lorenz, K., **Kirkner, A.,** Mandala, R., Vasquez, A., & Sigurvinsdottir, R. (2017). Alcohol's role in social reactions to sexual assault disclosures: a qualitative study of informal support dyads. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. (Online first)
<https://doi-org.proxy.cc.uic.edu/10.1177/0886260517721172>
- Harper, S., Maskaly, J., **Kirkner, A.,** & Lorenz, K. (2017). Enhancing Title IX due process standards in campus sexual assault investigations: Considering the role for distributive and procedural justice. *Journal of School Violence, Special Issue*, 16(3), 302-316 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/15388220.2017.1318578>
- Mazar, L. & **Kirkner, A.** (2016). Fraternities and campus sexual violence: Risk, protection, and prevention. *Violence and Gender*, 3(3), 132-138. doi: [0.1089/vio.2015.0034](https://doi.org/10.1089/vio.2015.0034)
- Kirkner, A.,** Bowser, M., & Ashby, K. (2014). Speak Up: Engaging youth in school-based primary prevention of sexual violence. *Children, Youth and Environments*, 24(1): 173-182. doi: [10.7721/chilyoutenvi.24.1.0173](https://doi.org/10.7721/chilyoutenvi.24.1.0173)

Publications In Progress

- Kirkner, A.,** Housing Needs of Rape Victims: Results from a Midwest Study of Victim Advocates. *Journal of Criminal Psychology, Special Issue on Sexual Assault and Sexual Assault Kits*. Abstract accepted, manuscript under review.
- O'Callaghan, E., **Kirkner, A.,** and Centelles, V. Defining Sexual Consent in Victimization Research in the United States: What have we done right and where do we fall short? *Violence Against Women, Special Issue on challenges and opportunities operationalizing and documenting diverse forms of VAWG*. "Revise & resubmit, under review.
- Kirkner, A.,** O'Callaghan, E., and Shepp, V. Decentering the Rape Kit in Victim Advocacy. *International Journal of Gender Based Violence*. Under review.
- O'Callaghan, E., **Kirkner, A.,** and Lorenz, K., The Limits of "Self-Care": Recommendations for Researchers Working with Distressing Data to Organize Structural Systems of Care. Chapter in forthcoming book, *Scholar-Activism in Feminist Criminology: An Edited Volume*. Chapter accepted by editors and selected for inclusion in proposal to NYU Press. In progress.

State Agency Reports

Vasquez, A., L., **Kirkner, A.**, Gruschow, K., & Genkova, A. (2021). [*Trauma experiences of LGBTQ+ victims: Victimization, discrimination, and other stressful experiences*](#). Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

Kirkner, A. (2020). [*Weathering Fiscal Uncertainty: A Study of the Effects of the Illinois Budget Impasse on Rape Crisis Centers*](#). Chicago, IL: Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

Kirkner, A. & Houston-Kolnik, J. (2019). [*Financial Assistance for Illinois Victims: Crime Victim Compensation Fund*](#). Chicago, IL: Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

Houston-Kolnik, J., **Kirkner, A.**, Guharay, R., & Hiselman, J. (2019). [*Domestic Violence Trends in Illinois: Victimization Characteristics, Help-Seeking, and Service Utilization*](#). Chicago, IL: Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

GRANTS

Summer 25' Roosevelt University Summer Research Grant (\$1,000)

2020-2022 Safe from the Start Program Evaluation
 PI- Anne Kirkner
 Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
 \$125,000
 October 2020-July 2022

AWARDS

2019	Michael D. Maltz Distinguished Graduate Student Award
2019	UIC Criminology Dept. Service to University Award
2014-2018	University Fellow, University of Illinois at Chicago
2018	UIC Criminology Dept. Service to University Award
2017	UIC Chancellor's Graduate Internship Award
2017	American Psychological Assoc. International Conference Registration Award
2017	UIC Criminology Department Publishing Award
2016	UIC Graduate Student Council Conference Travel Award

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021-2024 Researcher, Rape Abuse Incest National Network, Washington DC/Remote**
Analyzed data from the national sexual violence online hotline, prepared internal reports and external, peer-reviewed publications utilizing the data from the hotline
- 2020-2021 Research Manager, Center for Victim Studies, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Chicago, IL**
Supervised a team of 6 researchers in overseeing research and evaluation for the victim services in Illinois- prepared reports, led projects, and published papers related to victim services throughout the state: managed statewide database for victim data (InfoNet)
- 2019-2020 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center on Violence Against Women & Children, Rutgers University School of Social Work**
Under the direction of Dr. Sarah McMahon and Dr. Vicki Banyard- analyzed data, wrote academic manuscripts and reports, mentored MSW and doctoral students, helped write grants and evaluation plans
- 2015-2019 Research Assistant, Women's Social Support Study**
Under the direction of Dr. Sarah Ullman- NIH grant to study disclosure and social support of female adult rape victims, analyzed qualitative interview and quantitative survey data
- 2018-2019 Research Associate, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority**
Worked in the Research & Analysis department for the Center for Victim Studies conducting research on the Illinois Crime Victim Compensation Fund, LGBTQ survivors of violence, and assisting with other short-term research projects related to survivors of violence as needed
- 2014-2019 Research Assistant, UIC Interdisciplinary Center for Research on Violence**
Under the direction of Dr. Paul Schewe- Bad Breakups study on teen dating relationships and violence; Safe from the Start Grant from the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
- 2017 Research & Analysis Graduate Intern, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority**
Working in the research & analysis department for the Center for Victim Studies conducting research on LGBTQ survivors of violence and analyzing the effects of the IL state budget crisis on domestic violence and sexual assault victim services
- 2014-2015 Policy Associate, Open Road Policy, Chicago, IL**
Project assistance related to juvenile justice and rape kit backlog research

2009- 2010 Research Assistant, Violence Against Native Women Study, Colorado State University
 Project assistance coding qualitative and quantitative sexual assault data- under the direction of Roe Bubar, JD

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Peer-reviewed Presentations

Kirkner, A. “The Promise and Perils of the Medical Forensic Exam: Preliminary Results from a Chicago Study.” Individual Paper, Western Society of Criminology, Denver, CO: February 7th, 2026.

Kirkner, A., Shepp, V., and O’Callaghan, E. “De-emphasizing the Forensic Exam in Victim Advocacy.” Individual Paper, Western Society of Criminology, Seattle, WA: February 6th, 2025.

Kirkner, A. & Ullman, S. “Post-traumatic Growth and Community Level Effects in Sexual Assault Survivors.” Symposium Paper, ResilienceCon, Nashville, TN: April 5, 2020. (Conference canceled).

Kirkner, A. “Rape Crisis Center Work under Austerity: Resilience and Resistance” Symposium Paper, ResilienceCon, Nashville, TN: April 5, 2020 (Conference canceled).

Kirkner, A. “Rape Crisis Centers’ Political Mobilization in the Age of Austerity.” Thematic Panel Presentation, National Women’s Studies Association, San Francisco, CA: Nov 2019.

Kirkner, A. “Surviving Austerity: The Effects of the IL State Budget Impasse on Rape Crisis Centers.” Thematic Panel Presentation, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA: Nov 2019

Kirkner, A., Baldo, P., Vasquez, A., & Houston-Kolnik, J. “Underserved Populations and PAR: Fostering Safety in Uncertain Times.” Roundtable Discussion, Society for Community Research & Action, Chicago, IL: July 2019.

Kirkner, A. & Ullman, S. “Sexual Assault Survivors’ Post Traumatic Growth: Differences across the Social Ecology.” Complete Thematic Panel, American Society of Criminology, Atlanta: Nov 2018.

Ullman, S., Lorenz, K., & Kirkner, A. “Reactions to Survivors and the Impact of Disclosure on Informal Support Providers from a Dyadic Interview Study.” Complete Thematic Panel, American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia: Nov 2017.

Kirkner, A., Relyea, M., & Ullman, S. "Predicting the Effects of Sexual Assault Research Participation: Reactions, Perceived Insight, and Help-seeking." Poster Presentation, Women's Health Research Forum, University of Illinois at Chicago: April 2017.

Vasquez, A., Lorenz, K., Kirkner, A. & Ullman, S. (2016), "Using Dyadic Interviews to Examine Social Support in Female Sexual Assault Survivors." Roundtable, American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA: November 2016.

Kirkner, A. (2015). "Factors Associated with Rape Kit Submission." Poster presentation, American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.: November, 2015.

International Conferences

O'Callaghan, E. Shepp, V., Kirkner, A., & Lorenz, K. "Sexual Harassment in the Academy: Harnessing the Growing Labor Movement in Higher Education to Address Sexual Misconduct against Graduate Workers." Paper presentation, Long-term Global Perspectives on Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace: Policy and Practice, Norrkoping, Sweden: March, 2020.

Kirkner, A., Ullman, S.E., Lorenz, K., & O'Callaghan, E. "Sexual Assault's Impact on Sexual Behavior: A Dyadic Perspective." Thematic panel presentation, International Family Violence Conference, Portsmouth, NH: July 16, 2018.

Kirkner, A., Relyea, M., & Ullman, S. "Co-Morbidity and Mental Health Help-seeking Among Sexual Assault Survivors." Individual Presentation, International Association of Law & Mental Health, Charles University, Prague: July 2017.

Kirkner, A., Relyea, M., & Ullman, S. "Predicting the Effects of Sexual Assault Research Participation." Paper presentation, International Family Violence Conference, Portsmouth, NH: July, 2016.

Practitioner-focused Conferences

Kirkner, A. "Rape Crisis Centers & the Illinois Budget Impasse." Individual Session, Building a Trauma Informed Illinois (VOCA), Springfield, IL: August 22, 2018.

Kirkner, A., Lorenz, K., Harper, S., & Schewe, P. "Bad Breakups: Results from a Teen Dating Violence Survey." Presented to The Federal Interagency Workgroup on Teen Dating Violence, NIJ, Web-conference: December 4, 2017.

Swenson, Audrey & Kirkner, Anne (2013). "Youth Addressing Sexual Violence with SART." Public Health in the Rockies, Breckenridge, CO: September, 2013.

McDermott, Larry & Kirkner, Anne (2012). "Project Illumination: Sexual Violence and People with Cognitive Disabilities." National Association for Retarded Citizens Webinar, May, 2012.

Bubar, Roe & Kirkner, Anne (2010). "Intersectionality and Violence Against Native Women." 11th Annual National Indian Nations Conference, Palm Springs, CA: December, 2010.

Invited Talks

Kirkner, A. *Women and Labor Union Organizing*. Graduate Women Across Northwestern, Northwestern University Women's Center. April 19, 2017.

Kirkner, A. (2017). "Assessing The Medical Forensic Exam: The Ethics Of Medico-Legal Advocacy." Feminisms Lunch Lecture Series, Women's Leadership & Resource Center/Campus Advocacy Network, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Media

O'Callaghan, E. & Kirkner, A. "[Title IX is a Political Football. Enough.](#)" *Inside Higher Ed: Opinion*. January 8, 2025.

Dissertation work featured in this article from NPR Illinois State University: [Years Later, Illinois Rape Crisis Centers Still Recovering From Budget Impasse](#)

[Center for Victim Research Twitter Chat, featuring Predicting the Effects of Sexual Assault Research Participation.](#)

Kirkner, A., Lorenz, K., Harper, S., & Schewe, P. "Exploring Adolescent Breakup Experiences in Preventing Teen Dating Violence." [Video podcast presented to PreventConnect](#), CALCASA, University of Illinois at Chicago: May 2017.

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

On-going **Peer Reviewer**, *Violence Against Women; Trauma, Violence, & Abuse; Journal of Interpersonal Violence; Educational Policy; Psychology of Violence*

Spring 2018 **Guest Editor, DWC Spring 2018 Newsletter, Graduate Student Corner**

Aug. 2017 **Grant Reviewer**, ICJIA Community-Based Violence Intervention & Prevention, \$7 million available in funds

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 2018-2019** **Co-President**, UIC Graduate Employees Organization (GEO),
Labor union at UIC representing over 1,500 graduate and teaching assistants
- 2016- 2018** **Organizing Chair & Departmental Steward**, UIC GEO
- 2015** **Volunteer Outreach Worker**, Sex Worker Outreach Project (SWOP),
Chicago, IL

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2013-2014** **Director of Prevention Education & Community Outreach**, Sexual Assault
Victim Advocate Center, Fort Collins, CO
- 2011-2013** **Community Outreach Coordinator**, Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Center,
Fort Collins, CO

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Criminology
National Women's Studies Association
Penn State Alumni Association