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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 POSITIONS

2024- Present **Roosevelt University**
Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
- CJL 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice (In-person and online)
- CJL 305: Research Methods (Online)
- CJL 333: Women & Crime
- CJL 389: Crime & Media
- CJL 389: Queer Criminology
- CJL 310: Ethics in Criminal Justice (Online)
- CJL 395: Internship in Criminal Justice
- Honors Thesis Chair

2023-2024 **DePaul University, Chicago**
Adjunct Instructor
- Criminology Goes to the Movies
- Race, Class, Gender and the Legal System

2019-2022 **University of Illinois, Chicago**
Adjunct Instructor
- Criminal Justice Organizations
- Violence Prevention (Online)

RESEARCH POSITIONS

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 related to Title IX

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

SCHOLARSHIP AND PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles & Chapters

2026 **Kirkner, A.,** O'Callaghan, E., and Shepp, V. Decentering the Rape Kit in Victim Advocacy. *International Journal of Gender Based Violence.* In press.

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

Kamke, K., **Kirkner, A.**, & Goodman, K. L. "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.

2023 **Kirkner, A.** 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.**: The Carceral Logic of Title IX. *Journal of Women and Gender in Higher Education*, DOI: 10.1080/26379112.2023.2168683

Cusano, J., **Kirkner, A.**, Johnson, L., & McMahon, S. 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.

2022 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 harassment against graduate workers. *Violence against women*, 28(12-13), 3266-3288.

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

2021 **Kirkner, A.**, Lorenz, K., & Ullman, S. E. Recommendations for responding to survivors of sexual assault: A qualitative study of survivors and support providers. *Journal of interpersonal violence*, *36*(3-4), 1005-1028. https://doiorg.proxy.cc.uic.edu/10.1177/0886260517739285

O'Callaghan, E., Lorenz, K., Ullman, S. E., & **Kirkner, A**. A dyadic study of impacts of sexual assault disclosure on survivors' informal support relationships. *Journal of interpersonal violence*, *36*(9-10), NP5033-NP5059. doi: 10.1177/0886260518795506

2020 Ullman, S. E., Lorenz, K., & **Kirkner, A.** Alcohol's role in social reactions to sexual assault disclosures: A qualitative study of informal support dyads. *Journal of interpersonal violence*, *35*(23-24), 5365-5389.https://doi-org.proxy.cc.uic.edu/10.1177/0886260517721172

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

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

2019

Kirkner, A. & Ullman, S. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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

O'Callaghan, E., Shepp, V., Ullman, S. E., & **Kirkner, A.** Navigating sex and sexuality after sexual assault: A qualitative study of survivors and informal support providers. *The Journal of Sex Research*, *56*(8), 1045-1057. 10.1080/00224499.2018.1506731

2018

Ullman, S.E., Lorenz, K., **Kirkner, A.,** O'Callaghan, E. 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

Kirkner, A., Lorenz, K., Ullman, S.E., & Mandala, R. 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

Kirkner, A., Relyea, M. & Ullman, S.E. PTSD, problem drinking, and substance use treatment seeking among sexual assault survivors. *Traumatology*, *24*(1), 1-7, doi: 10.1037/trm0000126

Lorenz, K., Ullman, S. **Kirkner, A.,** Mandala, R., Vasquez, A., & Sigurvinsdottir, R. Social reactions to sexual assault disclosure: A qualitative study of informal support dyads. *Violence Against Women, 24*(12), 1497-1520, doi: 10.1177/1077801217732428

2017 Harper, S., Maskaly, J., **Kirkner, A.,** & Lorenz, K. 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

2016 Mazar, L. & **Kirkner, A.** Fraternities and campus sexual violence: Risk, protection, and prevention. *Violence and Gender,3*(3), 132-138. doi: 0.1089/vio.2015.0034

2014 **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

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.* Minor revision 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."* Revision 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.

Kirkner, A., Rape Victim Advocate Perceptions of the Value of Medical Advocacy. In preparation

State of Illinois 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.

FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

2025 **Roosevelt University Summer Research Grant ($1,000)**
Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Perceptions of The Medical Forensic Exam
Data collection completed in October 2025

2020-2021 **Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority ($125,000)**
PI, *'Safe from the Start' Program Evaluation*
Statewide evaluation completed in 2022

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND INTERVIEWS

"University of Chicago reported assault puts fraternity safety problems in spotlight." WBEZ/Chicago Sun-Times. October 15, 2026.

"Are Universities Doing Enough for Sexual Assault Survivors? Cornell Rape Case Raises Questions" WTTW, Chicago Tonight. September 30, 2026.

"Foster- Impacted Youth & Disclosures of Sexual Abuse with Dr. Anne Kirkner." Be the Bloom Podcast, Cactus in Bloom. September 21, 2026.

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

Years Later, Illinois Rape Crisis Centers Still Recovering from Budget Impasse WGLT, NPR. March 3, 2021.

Center for Victim Research Twitter Chat, discussing the article "Predicting the Effects of Sexual Assault Research Participation". 2020. (Archived).

"Exploring Adolescent Breakup Experiences in Preventing Teen Dating Violence." Video podcast for PreventConnect, CA Coaliation Against Sexual Assault, May 2017.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Peer-reviewed Presentations

2026 **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.

2025 **Kirkner, A.,** Shepp, V., and O'Callaghan, E. "De-emphasizing the Forensic Exam in Victim Advocacy." Individual Paper, Western Society of Criminology, Seattle, WA.

2023 **Kirkner, A.** "Sexual Abuse and Disclosure Concerns of Youth in Foster Care." Individual Paper, American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

2020 **Kirkner, A.** & Ullman, S. "Post-traumatic Growth and Community Level Effects in Sexual Assault Survivors." Symposium Paper, ResilienceCon, Nashville, TN. (Conference canceled due to COVID).

Kirkner, A. "Rape Crisis Center Work under Austerity: Resilience and Resistance" Symposium Paper, ResilienceCon, Nashville, TN. (Conference canceled due to COVID).

2019 **Kirkner, A.** "Rape Crisis Centers' Political Mobilization in the Age of Austerity." Thematic Panel Presentation, National Women's Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.

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.

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.

2018 **Kirkner, A.** & Ullman, S. "Sexual Assault Survivors' Post Traumatic Growth: Differences across the Social Ecology." Complete Thematic Panel, American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

2017 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, PA.

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: Chicago, IL.

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

Harper, S. & **Kirkner, A.** "Title IX Due Process Standards in Campus Sexual Assault Investigations: Enhancing Procedural and Distributive Justice for Victims." Complete Thematic Panel, American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

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

International Conferences

2020 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.

2018 **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.

2017 **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, Czech Republic.

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

SERVICE AND COMMITTEE WORK

Roosevelt University Service
Denotes currently held position

Department of Law, Society, & Sustainability

2026 Department Council, Secretary*

2026 Director of Paralegal Studies Program Search Committee, Member

CHESS/University

2026 Student Learning Assessment Committee, CHESS representative*
Awards Sub-Committee, Member*

2025-2026 Faculty Dispute Resolution Committee, CHESS representative*

2025-2026 Planning and Budget Committee, CHESS representative*

2024-2026 RU Association of University Professors, Chapter Vice President, Member

Service to the Discipline

2017-Present **Journal Referee***

- Psychology of Violence
- Trauma, Violence, and Abuse
- Criminal Psychology
- Violence Against Women
- Feminist Criminology
- Gender Studies
- Sexual Aggression
- Interpersonal Violence

Service to the Community

2025-2026 **Northwest Side School ICE Watch**
Scammon Elementary, Shift Volunteer*

2025-2026 **Onward House Family Grocery Delivery Program**
Belmont-Cragin, Driver

2023-2025 **Kilbourn Park Advisory Council**
Kilbourn Park, Co-President

2020 **Emergency Worker Organizing Committee**
New York Early Childhood Educators, Organizer

AWARDS

2019 Michael D. Maltz *Distinguished Graduate Student* Award

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

American Psychological Assoc. *International Conference Registration* Award

UIC Criminology *Department Publishing* Award

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

2025 **Ensuring Student Success**
Roosevelt University Equity Teaching Academy
2025 Summer Course

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology
Division of Feminist Criminology
Division on Queer Criminology