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**EDUCATION**

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- 2010 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Behavioral Health Services & Criminal Justice Research  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2008 Ph.D., Social Work  
Columbia University, New York, NY
- 2008 M.Phil., Social Work  
Columbia University, New York, NY
- 1996 M.S.W., Advanced Generalist Practice  
Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI
- 1992 B.S., Sociology/Criminal Justice  
Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI

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**ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS**

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- 2016-present *Associate Professor (with tenure)*  
School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago
- 2018-present *Director*  
Smart Decarceration Project, University of Chicago
- 2018-present *Affiliate*, Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence  
Department of Criminology, Law & Society; George Mason University
- 2010-2016 *Assistant Professor*  
School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago
- 2015-present *Grand Challenge Network Co-Lead*  
Grand Challenges for Social Work Initiative, American Academy of Social Work  
and Social Welfare
- 2014-2018 *Co-Founder and Co-Director*  
Smart Decarceration Initiative – University of Chicago School of Social Service  
Administration and Center for Social Development, Washington University in St.  
Louis

- 2015-present *Fellow*  
Center for Health Administration Studies, University of Chicago
- 2014-present *Faculty Affiliate*  
Center for the Study of Race, Politics & Culture, University of Chicago
- 2011-2016 *Research Affiliate*  
Crime Lab, University of Chicago
- 2010-2014 *Research Affiliate*  
Center for Behavioral Health Services & Criminal Justice Research, Rutgers University
- 2008-2010 *Postdoctoral Research Fellow*  
Center for Behavioral Health Services & Criminal Justice Research, Rutgers University
- 2006-2010 *Associate Research Scientist*  
Social Intervention Group, Columbia University School of Social Work
- 2007-2008 *Predocctoral Research Fellow*  
National Development and Research Institutes

## **RESEARCH SUPPORT**

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### **Active Research Projects**

- 2019-2022 *Principal Investigator*  
“System-wide Adaptive Mental Health Measurement and Risk Reduction for Probationers in Cook County, Illinois”  
Laura and John Arnold Foundation  
\$496,668 total costs
- 2019-2024 *Co-Investigator*  
“Reducing Opioid Mortality in Illinois (ROMI)”  
National Institute on Drug Abuse (UG1DA050066; P.I. Harold Pollack)  
\$11,450,902 total costs
- 2019-2021 *Principal Investigator*  
“Building Evidence to Inform the Expansion of Prosecutor-led Diversion Programs”  
The Joyce Foundation  
\$389,671 total costs
- 2018-2021 *Research Partner*  
“Universal Opioid Screening in Adult Probation to Reduce Usage and Overdose”  
Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice grant awarded to Cook County Health and Hospitals System  
\$90,000
- 2019-2020  
Center for Transforming Justice  
Robert R. McCormick Foundation  
\$25,000

**Completed Research Projects**

- 2014-2019 *Principal Investigator*  
 “Advancing Intervention Science for Probationers with Serious Mental Illnesses”  
 National Institute of Mental Health (K01MH103446)  
 \$708,124 total costs
- 2018-2019 *Principal Investigator*  
 “Building Social Capacity to Address Behavioral Health Needs and Reduce  
 Incarceration in Underserved Chicago Communities”  
 The Women’s Board, University of Chicago  
 \$65,616
- 2017-2019 *Consultant*  
 “Evaluation: Cook County Justice and Mental Health Collaborative”  
 Bureau of Justice Assistance grant awarded to Circuit Court of Cook County and  
 Cook County Health and Hospitals System  
 \$39,200
- 2016-2018 *Co-Principal Investigator*  
 “Advancing the Implementation and Rigorous Testing of Deferred Prosecution  
 Programs: A Multisite Study”  
 Laura and John Arnold Foundation  
 \$361,572 total costs
- 2017-2018 *Co-Principal Investigator*  
 “Promoting Behavioral Health within Communities to Reduce Criminal Justice  
 Contact”  
 Sharing Partnership for Innovative Research in Translation (SPIRiT) Pilot Program  
 National Institutes of Health, Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA)  
 Consortium  
 \$50,000 total costs
- 2017-2018 *Co-Principal Investigator*  
 “Tools and Tactics: Promising Solutions to Advance the Era of Smart Decarceration”  
 Smart Decarceration Initiative Research Conference  
 Collaborative support from six centers and departments at the University of Chicago  
 and Washington University in St. Louis, MacArthur Foundation, Robert R.  
 McCormick Foundation, Equitas Foundation  
 \$119,700
- 2014-2016 *Principal Investigator*  
 “Criminal Risk Factors among Persons with Serious Mental Illnesses in Mental  
 Health Treatment Settings.”  
 Center for Health Administration Studies, University of Chicago  
 SSA Junior Faculty Research Award, University of Chicago  
 \$24,900
- 2014-2016 *Co-Principal Investigator*  
 “From Mass Incarceration to Effective and Sustainable Decarceration”  
 Smart Decarceration Initiative Inaugural Conference and Initiative Launch

Collaborative support from nine centers and departments at the University of Chicago and Washington University in St. Louis  
\$106,000

2014-2018 *Consultant*  
“Access to Community-Based Treatment (ACT) Court: Phase One Evaluation”  
Circuit Court of Cook County  
\$40,000

2014-2016 *Consultant*  
“Cook County Jail Mental Health Transition Center – Formative Evaluation”  
Cook County Sheriff’s Office  
\$9,500

2013-2016 *Principal Investigator*  
“Building Integrated Interventions to Reduce Mental Health Disparities in the Criminal Justice System”  
National Institutes of Health, Health Disparities Loan Repayment Program  
\$31,808

2011-2014 *Principal Investigator*  
“Junior Faculty Grant Program: Comparative Evaluation of Court-Based Responses to Offenders with Mental Illnesses”  
National Institute of Justice (2010-IJ-CX-0033)  
\$440,437 total costs

2011-2013 *Co-Principal Investigator*  
“Evaluation of NJ Probation Specialized Mental Health Caseload”  
National Institute of Justice (2010-SC-BX-0002, P.I. Nancy Wolff)  
\$500,000 total costs

2008-2013 *Co-Investigator*  
“Multimedia HIV/STI Prevention for Drug-Involved Female Offenders”  
National Institute on Drug Abuse (R01DA025878, P.I. Nabila El-Bassel)  
\$3,253,937 total costs

2011-2013 *Co-Investigator*  
“A Computerized Service Tool to Address Partner Abuse among Women in Drug Court” National Institute on Drug Abuse (R34DA031325, P.I. Gilbert)  
\$648,000 total costs

2011-2013 *Co-Principal Investigator*  
“SHINE – STI/HIV Intervention Network”  
University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration (P.I. Dexter Voisin)  
\$87,847

2009-2011 *Principal Investigator*  
“HIV Prevention Intervention Research at the Intersection of Criminal Justice Involvement, Mental Illness and Substance Abuse”  
National Institutes of Health, Health Disparities Loan Repayment Program  
\$28,287

- 2008-2010 *Postdoctoral Research Fellow*  
 “Mental Health & Criminal Justice Postdoctoral Training”  
 National Institute of Mental Health (T32MH070313, P.I. Nancy Wolff)  
 \$77,124
- 2007-2008 *Co-Investigator*  
 “Targeted Recruitment of Criminal Justice Participants for HIV/STI Prevention”  
 National Institute on Drug Abuse (Supplement R01DA016993, P.I. Nabila El-Bassel)  
 \$50,000
- 2007-2008 *Predoctoral Research Fellow*  
 “Behavioral Sciences Training in Drug Abuse Research”  
 National Institute on Drug Abuse (T32DA007233, P.I. Bruce Johnson)  
 \$21,180

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles** (\*Denotes student author)

- Epperson, M.W., Sawh, L., \*Sarantakos, S.P. (2020). Building a therapeutic relationship between probation officers and probationers with serious mental illnesses. *CNS Spectrums*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1092852919001871>
- Gibbons, R.D., Smith, J.D., Brown, C.H., Sajdak, M., Jones Tapia, N., Kulik, A., Epperson, M.W., Csernansky, J. (2019). Improving the evaluation of adult mental disorders in the criminal justice system with computerized adaptive testing. *Psychiatric Services*.
- Epperson, M.W., \*Thompson, J.G., Lurigio, A.J., Kim, S. (2017). Unpacking the relationship between probationers with serious mental illnesses and probation staff. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 56 (3), 188-216.
- Gilbert, L., Shaw, S., Goddard-Eckrich, D., Chang, M., Rowe, J., McCrimmon, T., Almonte, M., Goodwin, S., Epperson, M.W. (2015). Project WINGS (Women Initiating New Goals of Safety): A randomized controlled trial of a screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT) service to address intimate partner violence victimisation among substance-using women receiving community supervision. *Criminal Behaviour and Mental Health*, 25, 314-329.
- Epperson, M.W., Wolff, N., Morgan, R.D., Fisher, W.H., Frueh, B.C., & Huening, J. (2014). Envisioning the next generation of behavioral health and criminal justice interventions. *International Journal of Law & Psychiatry*, 37, 427-438.
- Canada, K.E., & Epperson, M.W. (2014). The client-caseworker relationship and its association with outcomes among mental health court participants. *Community Mental Health Journal*. 50, 968-973. DOI: 10.1007/s10597-014-9713-z.
- Epperson, M.W., \*Canada, K.E., \*Thompson, J.G., & Lurigio, A.J. (2014). Walking the line: Specialized and standard probation officer perspectives on supervising probationers with serious mental illnesses. *International Journal of Law & Psychiatry*, 37, 473-483.

Wolff, N., Huening, J., Shi, J., Schumann, B.E., Sullivan, I., & Epperson, M.W. (2014). Evaluating client selection and selection fidelity: Case of mental health probation supervision. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 41 (5), 536-552.

El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L., Goddard-Eckrich, D., Chang, M., Wu, E., Hunt, T., Epperson, M.W., Shaw, S.A., Rowe, J., Almonte, M., Witte, S. (2014). Efficacy of a group-based multimedia HIM prevention intervention for drug-involved women under community supervision: Project WORTH. *PLoS ONE*, 9(11); e111528. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0111528.

\*Azhar, S., \*Berringer, K., & Epperson, M.W. (2014). A systematic review of HIV prevention interventions targeting women with criminal justice involvement. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 5 (3), 253-289.

Wolff, N., Epperson, M.W., Shi, J., Huening, J., Schumann, B.E., & Rubinstein, I. (2014). Mental health specialized probation caseloads: Are they effective? *International Journal of Law & Psychiatry*, 37, 464-472.

Orellana, E.R., El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L., Miller, K.M., Catania, J., Epperson, M.W., & Wu, E. (2014). Sex trading and other HIV risks among drug-involved men: Differential associations with childhood sexual abuse. *Social Work Research*, 38(2), 117-126.

Epperson, M.W., \*Roberts, L.E., Ivanoff, A., Tripodi, S.J., & \*Gilmer, C.N. (2013). To what extent is criminal justice content specifically addressed in MSW programs? *Journal of Social Work Education*, 49 (1), 96-107.

Wolff, N., Frueh, B.C., Huening, J., Shi, J., Epperson, M.W., Morgan, R., & Fisher, W. (2013). Practice informs the next generation of behavioral health and criminal justice interventions. *International Journal of Law & Psychiatry*, 36, 1-10.

Khan, M.R., Epperson, M.W., Gilbert, L., Goddard, D., \*Hunt, T., \*Sarfo, B., & El-Bassel, N. (2012). The promise of multimedia technology for STI/HIV prevention: Frameworks for understanding improved facilitator delivery and participant learning. *AIDS and Behavior*, 16, 1949-1960.

Lurigio, A.J., Epperson, M.W., \*Canada, K.E., & \*Babchuk, L.C. (2012). Specialized probation programs for people with mental illnesses: A review of practices and research. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 35 (2), 317-326.

\*Babchuk, L.C., Lurigio, A.J., \*Canada, K.E., & Epperson, M.W. (2012). Responding to probationers with mental illness. *Federal Probation*, 72 (2).

Khan, M.R., Rosen, D.L., Epperson, M.W., Goldberg, A., Hemberg, J., & Richardson, J. (2012). Adolescent criminal justice involvement and adulthood sexually transmitted infection in a nationally-representative U.S. sample. *Journal of Urban Health*, 90 (4), 717-728.

Link, B.G., Epperson, M.W., Perron, B.E., Castille, D.M., & Yang, L.H. (2011). Arrest outcomes associated with outpatient commitment in New York State. *Psychiatric Services*, 62, 504-508.

Perron, B., Bohnert, A.S.B., Monsell, S.E., Vaughn, M.G., Epperson, M.W., & Howard, M.O. (2011). Patterns and correlates of drug-related emergency department visits: Results from a national survey. *The American Journal of Emergency Medicine*, 29 (7), 704-710.

Epperson, M.W., Khan, M.R., El-Bassel, N., Wu, E., & Gilbert, L. (2011). A longitudinal study of incarceration and HIV risk among methadone maintained men and their primary female partners. *AIDS and Behavior*, 15 (2), 347-355. DOI: 10.1007/s10461-009-9660-9. NIHMS197030.

Khan, M.R., Epperson, M.W., Mateu-Gelabert, P., Bolyard, M., Sandoval, M., & Friedman, S.R. (2011). Incarceration, Sex with an STI/HIV-Infected Partner, and STI/HIV Infection Status in Bushwick, Brooklyn, NY: A Social Network Perspective. *American Journal of Public Health*, 101 (6), 1110-1117. DOI: 10.2105/AJPH.2009.184721.

Ahmedani, B.K., Perron, B.E., Ilgen, M.A., Abdon, A., Vaughn, M.G., & Epperson, M.W. (2011). Suicide thoughts and attempts and psychiatric treatment utilization: Informing prevention strategies, *Psychiatric Services*, 63 (2), 186-189.

Epperson, M.W., El-Bassel, N., Chang, M., & Gilbert, L. (2010). Examining the temporal relationship between criminal justice involvement and sexual risk behaviors among drug-involved men. *Journal of Urban Health*, 87 (2), 324-336. PMC2845839.

Epperson, M.W., Khan, M.R., Miller, D.P., Perron, B.E., El-Bassel, N., & Gilbert, L. (2010). Assessing criminal justice involvement as an indicator of human immunodeficiency virus risk among women in methadone treatment. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 38 (4), 375-383. NIHMS185595.

Epperson, M.W., \*Platais, I., Valera, P., Barbieri, R., Gilbert, L., & El-Bassel, N. (2009). Fear, trust, and negotiating safety: HIV risk contexts for Black women defendants. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 24 (3), 257-271. NIHMS197033.

Khan, M.R., Doherty, I.A., Schoenbach, V.J., Taylor, E.M., Epperson, M.W., & Adimora, A.A. (2009). Incarceration and high-risk sexual partnerships among men in the United States. *Journal of Urban Health*, 86 (4), 584-601. PMC2704271.

Valera, P., Epperson, M.W., Ramaswamy, M., Freudenberg, N., & Daniels, J. (2009). Substance use and HIV risk behaviors among young men involved in the criminal justice system. *American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, 35 (1), 43-47. PMC2885853.

Epperson, M.W., El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L., Orellana, E.R., & Chang, M. (2008). Increased HIV risk associated with criminal justice involvement among men on methadone. *AIDS and Behavior*, 12 (1), 51-57. NIHMS197050.

Epperson, M.W. & Schwalbe, C. (2006). Review of *Mental Health Screening and Assessment in Juvenile Justice*, edited by Thomas Grisso, Gina Vincent, and Daniel Seagrave. *Social Service Review*, 80 (4), 754-756.

### **Manuscripts under review**

Epperson, M.W., \*Sarantakos, S., \*Thompson, J.G., \*Self, J. (*Under Review*). Tactical compliance versus self-transformation: Adaptive responses of probationers with serious mental illnesses.

Epperson, M.W., Sawh, L., Patel, S., Pettus-Davis, C., Grier, A. (*Under Review*). Examining case dismissal outcomes in prosecutor-led diversion programs.

Epperson, M.W., Sawh, L., Claypool, E., Pettus-Davis, C., Grier, A. (*Under Review*). Exploring the multi-level processes through which prosecutor-led diversion programs are conceived and developed.

\*Bocanegra, K., Epperson, M.W., Sawh, L. (*Under Review*). Conceptualizing social capacity to address behavioral health needs in high-incarceration communities.

Epperson, M.W., \*Simonsson, P. \*Ward, C., \*Self, J. (*Under Review*). Exploring person- and place-level risk factors for criminal justice involvement among persons with serious mental illnesses in mental health treatment.

### **Manuscripts in progress**

Epperson, M.W., \*McHarris, M., Ulrich, B., Sawh, L. (*In Progress*). “The box” in social work education: Prevalence and correlates of criminal history questions on MSW applications.

Epperson, M.W., \*Sarantakos, S., Guz, S. (*In Progress*). Utilizing logic models to bridge research and practice on criminal justice interventions.

Pettus-Davis, C., Grier, A., Epperson, M.W., Sawh, L. (*In Progress*). Adopting deferred prosecution programs: Lessons from a process evaluation.

\*Sarantakos, S., Epperson, M.W., \*Claypool, E., \*Thompson, J.G. (*In Progress*). How probation programs achieve legitimacy in coordinating mental health treatment: A comparative evaluation.

Sawh, L., Epperson, M.W. (*In Progress*). A recidivism outcome analysis of specialized mental health probation, mental health court, and standard probation.

\*Frances, K., Epperson, M.W., \*Payton, B., \*Thompson, J.G. (*In Progress*). A narrative analysis of direct and indirect contributors to criminal justice involvement for persons with serious mental illnesses.

### **Books**

Epperson, M.W. & Pettus-Davis, C. (Eds.). (2017). *Smart Decarceration: Achieving Criminal Justice Transformation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. New York: Oxford University Press.

### **Book Chapters** (\*Denotes student author)

Sarantakos, S. & Epperson, M.W. (2019). Specialized probation. In R. Morgan & M. Oliver (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Criminal Psychology*. Washington, DC: Sage Publications.

Self, J. & Epperson, M.W. (2010). Jails. In R. Morgan & M. Oliver (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Criminal Psychology*. Washington, DC: Sage Publications.

Epperson, M.W., Pettus-Davis, C., Grier, A., Sawh, L. (2018). Promote smart decarceration. In R. Fong, R. Barth, & J. Lubben (Eds.), *The Grand Challenges for Social Work and Society: Social Progress Powered by Science*. Oxford University Press.

Epperson, M.W. & Pettus-Davis, C. (2017). Smart decarceration: Guiding concepts for an era of criminal justice transformation. In M. Epperson & C. Pettus-Davis (Eds.), *Smart Decarceration: Achieving Criminal Justice Transformation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Oxford University Press.



Pettus-Davis, C., Epperson, M.W., Taylor, S., & Grier, A. (2017). Guideposts for the smart decarceration era: Recommended strategies from researchers, practitioners, and formerly incarcerated leaders. In M. Epperson & C. Pettus-Davis (Eds.), *Smart Decarceration: Achieving Criminal Justice Transformation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Oxford University Press.

Pettus-Davis, C., Epperson, M.W., Grier, A. (2017). Reforming civil disability policy to facilitate effective and sustainable decarceration. In M. Epperson & C. Pettus-Davis (Eds.), *Smart Decarceration: Achieving Criminal Justice Transformation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Oxford University Press.

Epperson, M.W., \*Thompson, J.G., & Canada, K.E. (2013). Mental health courts. In C. Franklin (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Social Work Online*. Oxford University Press.  
DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.013.983

Epperson, M.W., \*Canada, K.E., & Lurigio, A.J. (2013). Mental health court: One approach for addressing the problems of persons with serious mental illnesses in the criminal justice system. In J.B. Helfgott (Ed.), *Criminal Psychology*. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers.

Lurigio, A.J., \*Canada, K.E., & Epperson, M.W. (2013). Crime victimization and mental illness. In R.C. Davis, A.J. Lurigio, & S. Herman (Eds.), *Victims of Crime (4<sup>th</sup> Ed.)*. Los Angeles, CA: Sage Publications.

### **Monographs, News Media, and Other Publications**

Epperson, M.W. (2019). Therapeutic relationship-building for people on probation with serious mental illnesses. *GAINS Center Newsletter*, March 25, 2019. <https://www.prainc.com/therapeutic-relationship-building-probation-serious-mental-illnesses/>

Grady, M.D., Yoder, J., Epperson, M.W., & Manderscheid, R. (2019). Starting the conversation: Approaches to integrating the Grand Challenges into social work academic programs. *American Academy for Social Work & Social Welfare*, Grand Challenges Education Brief, No. 1. <http://grandchallengesforsocialwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/GCEB1.pdf>

Pettus-Davic, C., Epperson, M.W., Grier, A., Kraatz, M., & Sawh, L. (2017). Deferred prosecution programs: Implementation guide. *Smart Decarceration Initiative*.

Pettus-Davis, C., Epperson, M.W., & Grier, A. (2017, February). Guideposts for the era of smart decarceration. *Center for Social Development*, Washington University in St. Louis. [https://csd.wustl.edu/OurWork/SocialJustice/Decarceration/Documents/Guideposts\\_akg.pdf](https://csd.wustl.edu/OurWork/SocialJustice/Decarceration/Documents/Guideposts_akg.pdf)

Wilson, M., Epperson, M.W., Canada, K., Grady, M., Goessl, J., & Matthews, K. (2017). Social work in the criminal justice system. In *Social Work Speaks (10<sup>th</sup> Edition): National Association of Social Workers Policy Statements, 2015-2017*.

Pettus-Davis, C., Epperson, M.W., & Grier, A. (2017, March). Reverse civic and legal exclusions for persons with criminal charges and convictions: A policy action to Promote Smart Decarceration. *American Academy of Social Work & Social Welfare*, Grand Challenges for Social Work Initiative, Policy Action Statement.

Epperson, M.W. & Pettus-Davis, C. (2016, September). Policy recommendations for meeting the grand challenge to promote smart decarceration. *American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare*,

Grand Challenges for Social Work Initiative, Policy Brief No. 9.  
<https://csd.wustl.edu/Publications/Documents/PB9.pdf>

Epperson, M.W. (2016, January 13). Where police violence encounters mental illness [Op-Ed]. *The New York Times*. <http://mobile.nytimes.com/2016/01/13/opinion/where-police-violence-encounters-mental-illness.html>

Epperson, M.W. & Pettus-Davis, C. (2015, November). Formerly incarcerated individuals are a crucial element in building a decarceration movement. *MacArthur Safety + Justice Challenge Blog*. <http://www.safetyandjusticechallenge.org/2015/11/formerly-incarcerated-individuals-are-a-crucial-element-in-building-a-decarceration-movement/> and *Medium.com*  
<https://medium.com/@Matthew.Epperson/formerly-incarcerated-individuals-are-a-crucial-element-in-building-a-decarceration-movement-93c17a147cd8#.q270k4217>

Epperson, M.W. & Pettus-Davis, C. (2015, September). Smart decarceration: Guiding concepts for an era of criminal justice transformation. *CSD Working Paper No. 15-53*. Center for Social Development, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis. <http://csd.wustl.edu/Publications/Pages/DisplayResultItem.aspx?ID1=1274>

Epperson, M.W. & Pettus-Davis, C. (2015, April 10). Reducing Illinois prison population is a marathon, not a sprint [Op-Ed]. *Chicago Sun Times*.  
<http://chicago.suntimes.com/news/7/71/514021/reducing-illinois-prison-population-marathon-sprint>

Pettus-Davis, C. & Epperson, M.W. (2015, February). From mass incarceration to smart decarceration. *American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare*, Grand Challenges for Social Work Initiative, Working Paper No. 4. <http://aaswsw.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/From-Mass-Incarceration-to-Decarceration-3.24.15.pdf>

Epperson, M.W. (2014, December). Reflections on the role of social work in criminal justice reform. *NASW Illinois Chapter News*. <http://www.naswil.org/news/chapter-news/featured/advance-reflections-on-the-role-of-social-work-in-criminal-justice-reform/>

Khan, M.R., & Epperson, M.W. (2012, May/June). Static interference: The social network disruption of incarceration and how HIV thrives on it. *Positively Aware*, 37.

Bouris, A., & Epperson, M.W. (2012, Summer). Answers to disparity: We need to learn how to address the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS on African Americans. *SSA Magazine*, 19 (2), 36.

Epperson, M.W., Wolff, N., Morgan, R.D., Fisher, W.H., Frueh, B.C., & Huening, J. (2011). The next generation of behavioral health and criminal justice interventions: Improving outcomes by improving interventions. *Monograph Series*. New Brunswick, NJ: Center for Behavioral Health Services & Criminal Justice Research, Rutgers University.

Epperson, M.W. (2010). Specialized probation services. *Intervention Fact Sheet Series*. New Brunswick, NJ: Center for Behavioral Health Services & Criminal Justice Research, Rutgers University.

Wolff, N., Epperson, M.W., & Fay, S. (2010). Mental health probation officers: Stopping justice involvement before incarceration. *Policy Brief Series*. New Brunswick, NJ: Center for Behavioral Health Services & Criminal Justice Research, Rutgers University.

## **MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND APPEARANCES**

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- Gass, H. (November 15, 2018). "Behind the surprising surge of hope for U.S. criminal justice reform." *Christian Science Monitor*. <https://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Justice/2018/1115/Behind-the-surprising-surge-of-hope-for-US-criminal-justice-reform>
- Laurio, A. (May, 2017). "Researchers tackle 'smart decarceration'." *NASW News*, 62 (5). <http://www.naswdc.org/pubs/news/2017/5/researchers.asp>
- Goode, R. (April 25, 2016). "For police, a playbook for conflicts involving mental illness." *New York Times*. [http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/26/health/police-mental-illness-crisis-intervention.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/26/health/police-mental-illness-crisis-intervention.html?_r=0)
- Allen, S. (Spring, 2016). "Jail broken." *The University of Chicago Magazine*, 108 (2), 18-19. <http://mag.uchicago.edu/law-policy-society/jail-broken>
- Bogan, J. (September 25, 2015). "Washington University conference looks at ways to reverse mass incarceration in the U.S." *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/wash-u-conference-looks-at-ways-to-reverse-mass-incarceration/article\\_ca674a5a-42a0-5fe6-946d-8dd928c10b67.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/wash-u-conference-looks-at-ways-to-reverse-mass-incarceration/article_ca674a5a-42a0-5fe6-946d-8dd928c10b67.html)
- DeChiaro, D. (February 18, 2015). "Experts: Rauner reform panel should include formerly incarcerated." *Medill Reports Chicago*. Medill News Service. <http://news.medill.northwestern.edu/chicago/experts-rauner-reform-panel-should-include-formerly-incarcerated/>
- Sweeney, A. (February 15, 2015). "Inmate killed in Cook County Jail shouldn't have been locked up there." *Chicago Tribune*. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/ct-cook-jail-beating-death-met-20150216-story.html#page=1>
- McKinney, M. (December 17, 2014). "Current criminal justice practice fails mentally ill." *Illinois Issues*.
- Friedman, B. (November 3, 2014). "Mental Health Transition Center." *Chicago Tonight*, PBS – WTTW, Chicago. <http://chicagotonight.wttw.com/2014/11/03/mental-health-transition-center>

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Conference and Event Organizing**

- Epperson, M.W., Cooper, D., Cumberbatch, K., Mauer, M., Cook, S., McCurdy, J. (2018, June). Panel Organizer and Moderator. *The Need for Sentencing Reform: The Human and Fiscal Costs of Incarceration*. Legislative Briefing, Washington D.C.
- Epperson, M.W., Sawh, L., Pettus-Davis, C., & Grier, A. (2017, November). Conference Organizers: *Tools and Tactics: Promising Solutions to Advance the Era of Smart Decarceration*. Second national conference on Smart Decarceration. University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration.

Epperson, M.W., Gorman-Smith, D., Fedock, G., Miller, R. (2015-present). Series Organizers: *Illuminating (In)Justice*. University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration. (A University of Chicago-wide series calling attention to issues of criminal justice, violence and racial justice in Chicago and beyond).

Pettus-Davis, C. & Epperson, M.W. (2015, September). Conference Organizers: *From Mass Incarceration to Effective and Sustainable Decarceration: The Smart Decarceration Initiative Inaugural Conference*. George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis.

### **Refereed Presentations**

Epperson, M.W., McHarris, M., Ulrich, B., Sawh, L. (2020, January). Paper: *"The Box" in Social Work Education: Prevalence and Correlates of Criminal History Questions on MSW Applications*. Society for Social Work and Research 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Frances, K., Epperson, M.W., Payton, B. (2020, January). Poster: *Environmental Factors' Influence on Criminal Justice Involvement for People with Serious Mental Illness*. Society for Social Work and Research 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Claypool, E., Epperson, M.W., Sawh, L. (2020, January). Poster: *Risk-Management and Deferred Prosecution: Stakeholder Conceptions of Ideal Program Participants*. Society for Social Work and Research 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Bocanegra, K.T., Epperson, M.W., Sawh, L., Rashid, A., Ulrich, B. (2019, November). Paper: *Building Community Social Capacity to Reduce Criminal Justice Involvement of Residents with Behavioral Health Needs*. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Sawh, L., Epperson, M.W. (2019, March). Paper: *Comparing the Effectiveness of Three Court-based Approaches for Supervising Probationers with Serious Mental Illnesses*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

Epperson, M.W., Patel, S., Sawh, L., Sarantakos, S.P., Pettus-Davis, C., Grier, A. (2019, January). Paper: *Examining Case Dismissal and Re-Offense Rates in Deferred Prosecution Programs*. Society for Social Work and Research 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Epperson, M.W. & Sawh, L. (2018, December). Paper: *Implementation-focused Design of an Intervention Targeting Probationers with Serious Mental Illnesses*. 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health, National Institutes of Health and Academy Health, Washington, D.C.

Epperson, M.W., Sawh, L., Claypool, E., Pettus-Davis, C., Grier, A. (2018, November). Paper: *Deferred Prosecution Programs: Examining the Implementation of a Prosecutorial Innovation*. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Sawh, L. & Epperson, M.W. (2018, November). Paper: *Effects of Specialized Mental Health Probation: Program Completion and Recidivism*. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

- Epperson, M.W. & Sawh, L. (2018, August). Poster: *Developing an Intervention for Probationers with SMI: A "Design for Implementation" Approach*. 24<sup>th</sup> Mental Health Services Research Conference, National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, MD.
- Epperson, M.W. & Pettus-Davis, C. (2018, January). Roundtable: *Building Social Capacity: A Core Concept for the Promote Smart Decarceration Grand Challenge*. Society for Social Work and Research 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Sarantakos, S.P., Epperson, M.W., Thompson, J., Claypool, E. (2018, January). Paper: *In Search of Legitimacy: Mental Health Treatment Coordination in Probation Programs*. Society for Social Work and Research 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Pettus-Davis, C., Epperson, M.W., & Grier, A. (2017, October). Paper: *Pre-charge Deferred Prosecution Programs: Opportunities for Social Work to Promote Smart Decarceration*. Council on Social Work Education 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- Pettus-Davis, C., Epperson, M.W., & Grier, A. (2017, October). Interactive Workshop: *National Study Identifying Actionable Implementation Strategies for "Promote Smart Decarceration" Grand Challenge*. Council on Social Work Education 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- Epperson, M.W., Sarantakos, S., Thompson, J., Self, J. (2017, July). Paper: *Constructions of Self-transformation by Mental Health Court Participants: The Route to Personal and Programmatic Success*. XXXV<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Epperson, M.W., Kregg, C. (2017, July). Paper: *Women's Accounts of Serious Mental Illness and Criminal Justice Involvement: A Narrative Analysis*. XXXV<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Epperson, M.W. Symposium discussant. (2017, January). Symposium: *Complexities of Mental Health Factors Among Criminal Justice Involved Individuals*. Society for Social Work and Research 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Epperson, M.W., Sarantakos, S., Self, J., Thompson, J. (2017, January). Paper: *Adaptive Responses to Probation Among Probationers with Serious Mental Illnesses*. Society for Social Work and Research 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Epperson, M.W., Lurigio, A.J. (2016, January). Paper: *Effects of Mental Health Court, Specialized Probation, and Standard Probation on Recidivism Outcomes for Persons with Serious Mental Illnesses*. Society for Social Work and Research 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Pettus-Davis, C., Epperson, M.W. (2016, January). ePoster: *Building a National Conversation on Smart Decarceration*. Society for Social Work and Research 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Thompson, J.G., Epperson, M.W. (2016, January). Paper: *Exploring Illness Experiences in a Mental Health Court: Crime, Meds, and Neurochemical Selves*. Society for Social Work and Research 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Epperson, M.W. (2015, July). Paper: *Mental Health Treatment Coordination in the Context of Mental Health Court: Staff and Participant Perspectives*. XXXIV<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Vienna, Austria.

- Epperson, M.W. Symposium organizer and discussant. (2015, January). Symposium: *Intervention Research with Community Supervision Populations: Opportunities for Impact in the Criminal Justice System*. Society for Social Work and Research 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L., Goddard-Eckrich, D., Chang, M., Wu, E., Hunt, T., Epperson, M.W., Shaw, S.A., Rowe, J., Almonte-Weston, M., Witte, S., (2015, January). Paper: *Efficacy of a Group-based Multimedia HIV Prevention Intervention for Drug-Involved Women Under Community Supervision: Project WORTH*. Society for Social Work and Research 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Thompson, J.G., Epperson, M.W., Lurigio, A.J. (2015, January). Paper: *Examining the Relationship Between Probation Officers and Probationers with Serious Mental Illnesses in Specialized Probation Interventions*. Society for Social Work and Research 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Gilbert, L., Shaw, S., Goddard-Eckrich, D., Chang, M., Almonte-Weston, M., Epperson, M.W. (2015, January). Paper: *Computerized Service Tool to Address IPV Among Drug- and Criminal Justice-Involved Women: Results from the Wings Randomized Controlled Trial*. Society for Social Work and Research 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Epperson, M.W., Thompson, J.G. (2014, April). Paper: *Mental Health Treatment Coordination for Persons with Serious Mental Illnesses in Specialized and Standard Probation Programs*. 22<sup>nd</sup> National Institute of Mental Health Conference on Mental Health Services Research (MHSR), Bethesda, MD.
- Epperson, M.W., Thompson, J.G., Lurigio, A., Kim, S. (2014, January). Paper: *Examining the Relationship between Probation Officers and Probationers with Serious Mental Illnesses in Specialized and Standard Programs*. Society for Social Work and Research 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Azhar, S., Berringer, K., Epperson, M.W. (2014, January). Paper: *A Meta-Analysis of HIV Prevention Interventions Targeting Women with Criminal Justice Involvement*. Society for Social Work and Research 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Epperson, M.W., Session Organizer. (2013, July). Session: *Specialized Interventions for Persons with Serious Mental Illnesses in the Criminal Justice System: Moving the Field Forward*. Presenters: Watson, A.C., Aldige Hiday, V., Draine, J., Angell, B., & Epperson, M.W. 33<sup>rd</sup> International Congress of Law and Mental Health, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- Epperson, M.W., Wolff, N., Morgan, R., Fisher, W., Frueh, B.C., Huening, J. (2013, July). Paper: *Envisioning the Next Generation of Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Interventions*. XXXIII<sup>rd</sup> International Congress of Law and Mental Health, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- Epperson, M.W., Canada, K.E., Thompson, J.G., & Lurigio, A.J. (2013, January). Paper: *Supervising Probationers with Serious Mental Illness: Perspectives from Probation Officers in Specialized and Standard Probation Models*. Society for Social Work and Research 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Hunt, T., Epperson, M.W., Khan, M., Gilbert, L., Goddard, D., Sarfo, B., & El-Bassel, N. (2013, January). Paper: *The Promise of Multimedia Technology for STI/HIV Prevention*. Society for Social Work and Research 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Epperson, M.W., panel organizer. (2012, November). Panel: *The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Criminalization Hypothesis: Reflections on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness Interface*. Presenters:

Abramson, M., Teplin, L., Hiday, V., Epperson, M.W., & Lurigio, A. The 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

Epperson, M.W. (2012, November). Paper: *The First Generation of Mental Health and Criminal Justice Interventions: A Systematic Response Informed by the Criminalization Hypothesis*. The 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

Epperson, M.W., El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L., & Goddard, D. (2012, October). Paper: *Applying CBPR Principles to Shape a Multimedia HIV Prevention Intervention for Women in the Criminal Justice System*. The 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.

Khan, M.R., Epperson, M.W., & Comfort, M. (2012, October). Poster: *Criminal Justice Involvement and HIV Risk Model: A Novel Conceptual Model That Describes the Influence of Arrest and Incarceration on STI/HIV Transmission*. The 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.

El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L., Wu, E., Chang, M., Goddard, D., Witte, S., & Epperson, M. (2012, July). Poster: *Prevalence and Correlates of HIV and STIs among Drug-involved Female Offenders Under Community Supervision in New York City*. XIX International AIDS Conference, Washington, D.C.

Khan, M.R., Rosen, D., Epperson, M.W., Berger, A., & Smyrk, K. (2011, July). Poster: *Racial Differences in Associations between Adolescent Criminal Justice Involvement and Adulthood STI Risk*. International Society for STD Research, Quebec City, Canada.

Epperson, M.W., Scheyett, A., Miller, D.P., & Parker, S. (2011, January). Symposium: *Research That Informs HIV Prevention Intervention Among Women in the Criminal Justice System*. M.W. Epperson: Symposium Organizer. Society for Social Work and Research 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.

Epperson, M.W., Goddard, D., Gilbert, L., & El-Bassel, N. (2011, January). *How Community Consultants Shaped an HIV Prevention Intervention for Criminal Justice-Involved Women*. Society for Social Work and Research 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.

Miller, D.P., Epperson, M.W., Khan, M.R., Perron, B., Gilbert, L., & El-Bassel, N. (2011, January). *Assessing Criminal Justice Involvement as an Indicator of HIV Risk Among Drug-involved Women*. Society for Social Work and Research 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.

Manuel, J.I., & Epperson, M.W. (2011, January). *Social Networks and Their Role in Facilitating Formal and Informal Mental Health Service Use*. Society for Social Work and Research 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL.

Khan, M.R., Berger, A.B., & Epperson, M.W. (2010, November). Paper: *Elevated Sexually Transmitted Infection Risk Associated with Criminal Justice Involvement in the U.S.* Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO.

Epperson, M.W., & Link, B.L. (2010, January). Paper: *Does Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Affect Arrest Rates for Persons with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness?* Society for Social Work and Research 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Tripodi, S.J., Pettus-Davis, C., Bender, K., & Vaughn, M. (2010, January) Symposium: *From Prevention to Reentry: Understanding Predictors of Crime and Desistance from Criminal Behavior*. M.W. Epperson: Discussant.

Epperson, M.W., Tripodi, S., Pettus-Davis, C., Scheyett, A., & McCarter, S. (2009, November). Panel: *Criminal Justice Content in SW Education: Where We Are, Where We're Going*. Council on Social Work Education 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX. M.W. Epperson: Panel organizer.

Epperson, M.W., Roberts, L.E., Tripodi, S., Ivanoff, A., & Gilmer, C. (2009, November). Paper: *Criminal Justice Coursework, Specialization, and Joint Degree Offerings in Accredited MSW Programs*. Council on Social Work Education 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

Tripodi, S.J., Epperson, M.W., Knippel, D., & Lacasse, J. (2009, November). Paper: *Are we preparing students for criminal justice field placements and careers? A descriptive analysis of criminal justice courses and field placements in the top 100 Accredited MSW programs*. Council on Social Work Education 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

Roberts, L.R., Epperson, M.W., & Tripodi, S.J. (2009, October). Paper: *Criminal Justice Content in Social Work Education*. New York State Social Work Education Association 42nd Annual Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY.

Epperson, M.W., Khan, M., Blankenship, K., & Behrend, L. (2009, May). Symposium: *Exploring the Effect of Incarceration on Intimate Partnerships and HIV Risk*. Society for Prevention Research 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. M.W. Epperson: Symposium organizer.

Epperson, M.W. (2009, May). Paper: *Examining Mutual Influence: Couple-level Incarceration and HIV Risk for Drug-involved Men and their Primary Female Partners*. Society for Prevention Research 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Epperson, M.W. (2009, April). Poster: *Criminal Justice Involvement and subsequent sexual HIV risk behavior: A longitudinal study of men in drug treatment*. The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health – 3rd Annual Conference for the Dissemination of Student Research on Addictions, Infectious Disease, and Public Health, Baltimore, MD.

Epperson, M.W., Blankenship, K., Khan, M., & Valera, P. (2009, January). Symposium: *Criminal Justice Involvement and HIV Risk among Men: Implications for HIV Prevention*. Society for Social Work and Research 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. M.W. Epperson: Symposium organizer and discussant.

Epperson, M.W. (2009, January). Paper: *Does Criminal Justice Involvement Influence Subsequent Sexual HIV Risk for Substance Abusing Men?* Society for Social Work and Research 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Valera, P., Epperson, M.W., Ramaswamy, M., Freudenberg, N., & Daniels, J. (2009, January). Paper: *The Association between Substance Use and Sexual HIV Risk Behaviors among Young Incarcerated Men*. Society for Social Work and Research 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Epperson, M.W. (2008, October). Paper: *Developing a Criminal Justice/Social Work Interface Course in a MSW Program*. Council on Social Work Education 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Valera, P., Epperson, M.W., Ramaswamy, M., Freudenberg, N., & Daniels, J. (2008, October). Poster: *Substance Use and Sexual HIV Risk Behaviors among Young Men who have been Incarcerated*. The 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.



Epperson, M.W., Miller, D., Khan, M., El-Bassel, N., & Gilbert, L. (2008, August). Poster: *The Impact of Criminal Justice Involvement on Subsequent HIV Risk Behaviors for Women on Methadone*. XVII International AIDS Conference, Mexico City, Mexico.

Epperson, M.W., Valera, P., Daniels, J., Freudenberg, N., & Ramaswamy, M. (2008, August). Poster: *Substance Use and Sexual HIV Risk Behaviors among Incarcerated Adolescent Males*. XVII International AIDS Conference, Mexico City, Mexico.

Khan, M.R., Doherty, I.A., Schoenbach, V.J., Taylor, E.M., Epperson, M.W., & Adimora, A.A. (2008, May). Paper: *Incarceration and High-Risk Sexual Partnerships among Men in the United States*. British Association for Sexual Health and HIV/American Sexually Transmitted Disease Association 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Conference, Brooklyn, NY.

Epperson, M.W., El-Bassel, N., & Gilbert, L. (2008, April). Poster: *Criminal Justice Involvement and Associated HIV Risk among Men on Methadone*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference for the Dissemination of Student Research, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD.

Epperson, M.W., El-Bassel, N., & Gilbert, L. (2008, January). Paper: *Criminal Justice Involvement and HIV Risk among Men on Methadone: Implications for HIV Prevention*. Society for Social Work and Research 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Orellana, E.R., El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L., Wu, E., & Epperson, M.W. (2008, January). Paper: *Childhood Sexual Abuse and Sex Trading among Men in Methadone Treatment: Implications for HIV Prevention*. Society for Social Work and Research 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Washington DC.

Epperson, M.W., & El-Bassel, N. (2007, November). Poster: *Criminal Justice Involvement and Associated HIV Risk Among Men on Methadone*. The 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington DC.

Christ, G.H., & Epperson, M.W. (2007, May). Paper: *Longer Term Recovery Tasks of Bereaved Widows and their Children: A Five Year Prospective Study*. 23<sup>rd</sup> Association of Oncology Social Work Annual Conference, Portland, OR.

Orellana, E.R., El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L., & Epperson, M.W. (2006, November). Paper: *Sex trading and HIV risk among men in methadone maintenance treatment*. The 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.

### **Invited Presentations**

Epperson, M.W., Sawh, L., Guz, S. (2019, October). Presentation and Workshop: *Building a Therapeutic Relationship Between Probation Officers and Probationers with Serious Mental Illnesses*. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois Association of Problem-Solving Courts Conference, Bloomington, IL.

Epperson, M.W. (2019, September). Keynote Presentation: *The State of Health Disparities and Interventions among Criminal Justice Populations*. Cook County Health Research and Innovation Summit, Chicago, IL.

Epperson, M.W. & Quinn, R. (2019, February). Presentation: *Examining the Intersection between Mental Health & Criminal Justice Reform*. Harris and SSA Policy Dialogue, University of Chicago.

- Epperson, M. W. (2018, October). *Health Disparities in the Criminal Justice System*. Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago.
- Epperson, M. W. (2018, January). Presentation: *Smart Decarceration in the Court System*. The Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Problem Solving Courts Training. Chicago, IL.
- Epperson, M. W. (2017, October). Presentation: *What is Smart Decarceration?* Wednesday Lunch, Divinity School, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- Epperson, M. W. & Pettus-Davis, C. (2017, September). Presentation: *Promoting Smart Decarceration through Research, Practice, and Policy Partnerships*. Research & Training Colloquium, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.
- Epperson, M. W. & Thompson, J. G. (2017, March). Presentation: *Examining the Experience of People with Serious Mental Illnesses in the Criminal Justice System: An Evolving Inquiry into the Process of Change*. Doctoral Theory Workshop, University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL.
- Epperson, M. W. (2016, October). Presentation: *Decarceration and the Importance of Proximity*. Speakers' Podium for Citizens and Non-Citizens, Chicago, IL.
- Epperson, M. W. & Pettus-Davis, C. (2016, September). Presentation: *Promote Smart Decarceration: Discussion of Policy Recommendations for the Grand Challenges*. Grand Challenges for Social Work policy conference, Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis.
- Pettus-Davis, C. & Epperson, M. W. (2016, September). Presentation: *Promote Smart Decarceration Policy Progress of the Grand Challenges: Examples and Discussion*. Grand Challenges for Social Work policy conference, Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis.
- Epperson, M. W. (2016, May). Presentation: *Addressing Serious Mental Illnesses in the Criminal Justice System through Research and Practice Partnerships*. Florida State University College of Social Work, Tallahassee, FL.
- Epperson, M. W. & Pettus-Davis, C. (2016, May). Presentation: *Smart Decarceration and the Need for Translational Research*. Florida State University College of Social Work, Tallahassee, FL.
- Epperson, M. W. (2016, April). Presentation: *Addressing Criminal Justice System Involvement among People with Serious Mental Illnesses*. Student Mental Health Association, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA.
- Epperson, M. W., Pettus-Davis, C., Draine, J. (2016, January). Invited Grand Challenges Oral Session: *Promoting Smart Decarceration: Social Work's Call to Social Innovation*. Society for Social Work and Research 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Epperson, M. W. (2016, January). Presentation: *Logic Models: Applications for Program Evaluation*. Keep Calm and Evaluate: The Crisis Intervention Pilot Program as a Case Study on Program Evaluation, Chicago Department of Public Health and the University of Chicago Crime and Health Labs, Chicago, IL.

Pettus-Davis, C. & Epperson, M.W. (2015, September). Presentation: *What Does Smart Decarceration Look Like?* Smart Decarceration Initiative Inaugural Conference, St. Louis, MO.

Epperson, M.W. (2015, May). Presentation: *Next Generation Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Interventions*. Cook County Provider Innovation Collaborative, Chicago, IL.

Epperson, M.W. (2014, October). Lecture: *Serious Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice system: Moving the Social Work Field Forward*. SSA Reunion Weekend Impact Talk, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Epperson, M.W. (2014, April). Lecture: *Persons with Serious Mental Illnesses in the Criminal Justice System: What Can be Done to Reduce the Disparity?* Prison Justice Project Forum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Epperson, M.W. Reyes, J., Geller, M., Lowery, A. (2013, November). Panel: *Beyond the Penitentiary: Community Supervision and Probation*. Dialogues: Students at the Intersection of Social Work and Criminal Justice, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Epperson, M.W. (2013, April). Presentation: *Walking the Line: Probation Officer Perspectives on Supervising Individuals with Serious Mental Illnesses*. Doctoral Theory Workshop: University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL.

Epperson, M.W. (2012, November). Presentation: *Listening to the Voices of Women in the Criminal Justice System: Structural Considerations for HIV Prevention*. SHINE Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Epperson, M.W. (2012, April). Presentation: *Specialized Criminal Justice Interventions for People with Mental Illnesses*. Symposium on Mental Health and Criminal Justice in Cook County: Current Issues and Programs, Loyola University, Chicago, IL.

Epperson, M.W. (2012, March). Presentation: *Exploring the Interface of Criminal Justice and Social Work*. Jane Addams Forum: Brother Lawrence Porretta Memorial Lecture, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL.

Epperson, M.W. (2012, February). Presentation: *The Intersection of Race and HIV/AIDS: Implications for Black Women in the Criminal Justice System*. Indiana Wesleyan University, Urban Field Experience, Chicago, IL.

Epperson, M.W. (2012, 2013 January). Presentation: *What is Direct Social Work Practice?* University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL.

Epperson, M.W. (2011, May). Presentation: *The Promise of Multimedia Technology for HIV/STI Prevention*. Doctoral Theory Workshop: University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL.

Epperson, M.W. (2011, April). Presentation: *Motivational Interviewing and Mental Illnesses*. New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts, Probation Services Division, New Brunswick, NJ.

### **Invited Trainings and Workshops**

Epperson, M.W. & Varalli, D. (2011, September). Training: *Motivational Interviewing with High Risk Probation Caseload*. New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts, Probation Services Division, New Brunswick, NJ.

Epperson, M.W. & Varalli, D. (2011, September). Training: *Basic and Advanced Motivational Interviewing Skills in Probation Officers with Specialized Mental Health Caseload*. New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts, Probation Services Division, New Brunswick, NJ.

Epperson, M.W. (2011, April). Workshop: *Exploring the Interface of Social Work and Criminal Justice*. Professional Development Program, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago.

Epperson, M.W. (2011, February). Training: *Considering Motivational Interviewing for the New Jersey Probation – Specialized Mental Health Caseload*. New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts, Probation Services Division, Trenton, NJ.

Epperson, M.W. (2010-2019, Autumn). Field Readiness Seminar: *Crisis Intervention*. School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Curriculum Leadership**

2018-present *Faculty Lead*, “Transforming Justice Policies and Practices” Program of Study  
School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago

### **Courses Taught**

2018-present Smart Decarceration: A Grand Challenge for Social Work  
School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago

2015-2017 Criminal Justice and Social Work Interface: Entering an Era of Decarceration  
School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago

2011-2015 Criminal Justice and Social Work Interface  
School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago  
(Syllabus chosen by the Council for Social Work Education Learning Academy as a teaching resource in the “Teaching for Social Justice” series)

2010-2014 Social Intervention: Direct Practice (two-quarter course)  
School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago

2011 Independent Study: Criminal Justice Content in Social Work Education  
School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago

2008-2009 Criminal Justice / Social Work Interface  
Columbia University School of Social Work

2007 Clinical Practice Evaluation  
Columbia University School of Social Work

- 2007-2008 Quantitative Methods for Social Workers (*Teaching Assistant*)  
Columbia University School of Social Work
- 2007 Evidence Based Practice for Serious Mental Health Conditions (*Teaching Assistant*)  
Columbia University School of Social Work
- 2003 Substance Abuse Practice  
Social Work Program, Cornerstone University

### **Dissertation Committees and Graduate Student Mentorship**

- 2015-2019 *Dissertation Committee Chair*, Julian Thompson: “Rehabilitative Imaginaries and Punitive Impulses: How Discourse and Ideology Shape Legal and Treatment Practices in Mental Health Court
- 2019-present *Dissertation Committee Member*, Jesse Self
- 2019-present *Dissertation Committee Member*, Patricia Sattler  
University of Kansas, School of Social Welfare
- 2018-present *Dissertation Committee Chair*, Sophia Sarantakos
- 2018-present *Dissertation Committee Member*, Peter Simonsson  
University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice
- 2018-present *Dissertation Committee Member*, Leon Sawh  
University of Massachusetts, Lowell, Criminology and Justice Studies
- 2018 *Reactor*, Keith Green, dissertation: “Exploring the Implications of Antiretroviral-based Interventions on the Institutional Logics of Community-based HIV Prevention.”
- 2018 *Reactor*, Sadiq Patel, dissertation proposal hearing
- 2017-2019 *Dissertation Committee Member*, Kathryn Bocanegra: “Correctional Boundaries: Examining Punishment in Community. Probation in Chicago, Illinois.”
- 2017-present *Dissertation Committee Member*, Jane Hereth
- 2017 *Reactor*, Ethan Park, dissertation proposal hearing
- 2017 *Reactor*, Kune Park, dissertation proposal hearing
- 2015-2018 *Dissertation Committee Member*, Sameena Azhar: “HIV Stigma and Gender: A Mixed Methods Study of People Living with HIV in Hyderabad, India.”
- 2014-2016 *Reactor*, Adam Brown, dissertation: “Heterogeneity among Juvenile Sexual Abusers: An Exploration of Crime Characteristics, Family Context, and Mental Health”

- 2015 *Reactor*, Vanessa Vorhies Klodnick, dissertation: “Constructing Home on a Cliff: Aging out of the Child Welfare System at 21 with a Serious Mental Health Condition”
- 2015 *Reactor*, Caitlin Elsaesser, dissertation: “The Longitudinal Relation between Community Violence Exposure and Academic Engagement among Urban Minority Male Adolescents: An Ecological Developmental Approach”
- 2014 *Reactor*, Aditi Das, dissertation proposal hearing
- 2014-2015 *Faculty Mentor*, Kelli Bosak, Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program
- 2013-2014 *Reactor*, Colleen Cary Katz, dissertation: “Investigating the Cycle of Violence: The Role of Attachment Style in the Relationship Between Child Maltreatment and Intimate Partner Violence”
- 2013 *Reactor*, Alana Gunn, dissertation: “Stigma Management and Social Support in the Lives of Formerly Incarcerated Mothers”
- 2013-2014 *Faculty Mentor*, Kathryn Berringer, Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program
- 2012 *Reactor*, Kelli Canada, dissertation: “Serious Mental Illnesses and Treatment: Perspectives from Mental Health Court Participants”
- 2011 *Reactor*, Alana Gunn, dissertation proposal hearing
- 2011-2012 *Faculty Mentor*, Ryan Heath, Chicago Area Schweitzer Fellows Program

## **LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

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### **Service: School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago**

- 2019-2020 Member, Strategic Planning Committee
- 2019-2020 Member, Faculty Search Committee (elected)
- 2020 Member, Senior Lecturer/Director Search Committee
- 2019-present Grader, Social Psychology Qualifying Exam, Doctoral Program
- 2017-2019 Member, Doctoral Program Committee
- 2018-2019 Member, Undergraduate Minor Working Group
- 2017-2018 Member, Faculty Search Committee (elected)
- 2016-2017 Chair, Faculty Search Committee (elected)
- 2015-2016 Member, Faculty Search Committee (elected)
- 2016 Member, Student Grievance Work Group
- 2012-present Faculty Advisor, SSA Student Group: *Justice Works – Students at the Intersection of Social Work and Criminal Justice*
- 2013-2015 Member and Prisoner Representative, SSA/Chapin Hall Institutional Review Board
- 2012-2014 Member, Professional Development Program and Continuing Education Committee
- 2010-2013 Member, SSA/Chapin Hall Institutional Review Board
- 2010-2012 Member, SSA AM Admissions Committee

### **Service: University of Chicago**

- 2019-present Member, Provost's Committee on Graduate Student Grievance Policies (appointed)  
 2019-present Member, Mass Incarceration Working Group, Human Rights Lab, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights  
 2018-2021 Member, University-wide Student Disciplinary Committee (appointed)  
 2018 Member, SSA Dean Search Advisory Committee (elected)

### Professional Leadership and Service

- 2020 Member, Public Safety Research Advisory Council, City of Chicago Mayor's Office  
 2019 Member, Society for Social Work and Research Outstanding Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Award Committee  
 2019-2022 Member, Board of Directors, International Association of Correctional and Forensic Psychology  
 2019-present Member, Survey Advisory Workgroup, Justice Community Opioid Innovation network, National Institute on Drug Abuse  
 2017 Member, Advisory Committee, The Kennedy Forum, Illinois  
 2016-2018 Member, Co-Responder Subcommittee, Citywide Mental Health Response Steering Committee, City of Chicago  
 2016 Co-Chair, Committee on Criminal Justice Policy, *Social Work Speaks*, National Association of Social Workers  
 2015-present National Network Co-Lead and Grand Challenge Author, Promote Smart Decarceration, Grand Challenges for Social Work, American Academy of Social Work & Social Welfare  
 2015-present Advisory Committee Member, Center for Diversity and Social & Economic Justice, Council on Social Work Education  
 2014-2018 Co-Director, Smart Decarceration Initiative – Center for Social Development George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis  
 2014-2018 Steering Committee, Access to Community Treatment (ACT) Court, Circuit Court of Cook County  
 2014-2018 Advisor, Evaluation Working Group, Justice & Health Initiative, Chicago, IL  
 2009-present Co-Founder and Administrator: *Social Work & Criminal Justice*: [www.sw-cj.org](http://www.sw-cj.org)  
 2011-present Ambassador, National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Programs Ambassador Network  
 2009-2010 Faculty Field Mentor, MSW Field Education Department Rutgers University School of Social Work  
 2005-2008 Co-Founder, Doctoral Practice Forum, Columbia University School of Social Work  
 2006, 2007 Facilitator, MSW Orientation, Columbia University School of Social Work "Self-Awareness in a Multicultural World"  
 2005-2007 Application review, MSW Admissions Committee, Columbia University School of Social Work  
 2000-2004 Coordinator, Kent County Community Crisis Response Team, Grand Rapids, MI

### Editorial Positions

- 2018-2019 Lead Editor, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, Special issue: "Research to advance Smart Decarceration policies, programs, and interventions"  
 2015-2018 Editorial Board, *Encyclopedia of Criminal Psychology*, Sage Publications  
 2010-present Editorial Board, *Social Service Review*  
 2012-2014 Editorial Board, *Research on Social Work Practice*

**Scientific Review**

- 2018-present Reviewer, Mental Health Services Research Committee, National Institute of Mental Health
- 2017 Review Committee Member, Outstanding Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Award, Society for Social Work and Research
- 2017-present Abstract Reviewer, Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference
- 2013 Curriculum Reviewer – “Fostering Desistance through Effective Supervision,” National Institute of Corrections
- 2011 External Grant Report Reviewer, National Institute of Justice
- 2011-present Abstract Reviewer, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference

**Journal Review**

- 2018-present *Journal of Experimental Criminology*
- 2017-present *Administration and Policy in Mental Health*
- 2016-present *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*
- 2014-present *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*
- 2014-present *Criminal Justice and Behavior*
- 2012-present *Journal of the American Medical Association*
- 2012-present *International Journal of Law & Psychiatry*
- 2011-present *American Journal of Public Health*
- 2011-present *Psychiatric Services*
- 2010-present *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*
- 2010-present *Social Service Review*
- 2007-present *AIDS and Behavior*
- 2006-present *Research on Social Work Practice*
- 2011 *Sexually Transmitted Infections*
- 2010 *HIV/AIDS and Social Services*
- 2009 *Journal of Criminal Justice*
- 2007 *Alcohol Treatment Quarterly*

**CLINICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2004-2005 *Care Management Chief*: Pitt County Mental Health/LME, Greenville, NC  
Member of the management team of a regional community mental health center. Directed care management unit: access and emergency services, utilization management. Managed a yearly budget of \$650,000 and \$10 million in behavioral health service authorizations
- 2004-2005 *Home Study Consultant*: Nathanson Adoption Services, Charlotte, NC
- 1997-2004 *Jail Diversion Coordinator/Mental Health Clinician*: Community Mental Health And Substance Abuse Network of West Michigan, Grand Rapids, MI  
Developed and implemented a jail diversion program for persons with mental illnesses. Crisis management and mental health assessments in a correctional facility and alternative sentencing assessments for drug court candidates.
- 1996-1997 *Dual Diagnosis Clinician*: The Buckeye Ranch, Columbus OH



- 1996            *Social Worker*: St. Claire County Day Treatment, Port Huron, MI
- 1995-1996      *Therapist (MSW Intern)*: Child & Family Services, Muskegon, MI
- 1993-1996      *Therapist*: Wedgwood Christian Family Services, Grand Rapids, MI
- 1992-1993      *Juvenile Counselor*: Rainbow Youth & Family Services, Alpena, MI
- 1992            *Wilderness Counselor (B.S. Intern)*: Eagle Village, Inc., Hersey, MI

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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- 2017-present    Fellow, Society for Social Work and Research
- 2015            William Pollak Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration
- 2013-2016      Health Disparities Loan Repayment Award, National Institutes of Health
- 2009-2011      Health Disparities Loan Repayment Award, National Institutes of Health
- 2010            Early Career Social Work Research Scholarship, National Institute on Drug Abuse Blending Conference
- 2009            Honorable Mention: Outstanding Dissertation Award, Society for Social Work and Research
- 2008            Ph.D. awarded with distinction, School of Social Work, Columbia University
- 2006-2007      Graduate Research Assistantship, School of Social Work, Columbia University
- 2005-2008      Doctoral Program Fellowship, School of Social Work, Columbia University
- 2005            University Distinguished Fellowship (declined), Michigan State University

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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Society for Social Work and Research  
Council on Social Work Education  
International Association of Correctional and Forensic Psychology  
National Association of Social Workers  
American Society of Criminology  
International Academy of Law and Mental Health  
American Public Health Association  
Society for Prevention Research