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## **EDUCATION**

- 2000** Ph.D. in Social Welfare with a certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of California, Berkeley.
- 1993** M.S.W. University of California, Berkeley.
- 1989** B.A. History of Ideas, Brandeis University.

## **FACULTY POSITIONS**

- 2017-present** Department Chair, Department of Social Welfare, Luskin School of Public Affairs, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2015-present** Professor, Department of Social Welfare, Luskin School of Public Affairs, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2009-2015** Associate Professor and Doctoral Program Chair, Department of Social Welfare, Luskin School of Public Affairs, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2006-2009** Assistant Professor, Department of Social Welfare, Luskin School of Public Affairs, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2000-2005** Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- Fellow of the Society for Social Work and Research, Inducted January 2016.
- Honorable Mention, "Outstanding Social Work Book," Society for Social Work Research, January, 2015.
- Frank R. Bruel Memorial Prize from the University of Chicago, *Social Service Review*, 2014.
- Seabury Lecturer in Social Welfare, UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare, October 2013.
- Faculty Fellow, Ralph and Goldy Lewis Center, University of California, Los Angeles, 2011-2013.

Faculty Diversity Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles, 2008.

John Randolph and Dora Haynes Foundation, Faculty Fellowship, 2007.

School of Social Work, Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Minnesota, 2005.

School of Social Work, New Career Excellence Award, University of Minnesota, 2003.

Lois and Samuel Silberman Award for Social Work Research, 2002.

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California, Berkeley, 1999.

Claude W. Place Class of 1901 Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 1996.

## BOOKS

**Abrams, L. S., & Terry, D.** (2017). *Everyday Desistance: The Transition to Adulthood Among Formerly Incarcerated Youth*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

**Abrams, L. S., Hughes E., Inderbitzin, M., & Meek, R.** (Eds.). (2016). *The Voluntary Sector in Prisons: Encouraging Personal and Institutional Change*. New York: Palgrave.

**Abrams, L. S., & Anderson-Nathe, B.** (2013). *Compassionate Confinement: A Year in the Life of Unit C*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

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## REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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Barnert, E. S., **Abrams, L. S.**, Tesema, L., Dudovitz, R., Nelson, B. B., Coker, T. Bath E., Biely, C., Li, N., & Chung, J. (In press). Child incarceration and long-term adult health outcomes: A longitudinal study. *International Journal of Prison Health*.

- \*Lalayants, M., & Montero, L., **Abrams, L. S.**, & Curry, S. (in press). Transition-age youth and caregiver perceptions of self-sufficiency. *Child Welfare*.
- \*Sankofa, J., Cox, A., Fader J., Inderbitzin, M., **Abrams, L. S.**, & Nurse, A. (Published on-line ahead of print). Juvenile corrections in the era of reform: A meta-synthesis of qualitative studies. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0306624X17727075>
- \***Abrams, L. S.**, & Tam, C. (Published on-line ahead of print). Gender differences in desistance from crime: How do social bonds operate among formerly incarcerated emerging adults?" *Journal of Adolescent Research*. doi: 10.1177/0743558416684955
- Barnert, E. S., **Abrams, L. S.**, Gase, L., Maxson, C., Soung, P., Caroll, P., & Bath, E. (2017). Setting a minimum age of juvenile justice jurisdiction in the state of California. *International Journal of Prison Health*, 13(1), 49-56. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1108/IJPH-07-2016-0030>
- \*Lea, C. H., & **Abrams, L. S.** (2017). "Everybody takes a road": Perspectives on the pathway to delinquency among formerly incarcerated young men of color. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 75, 15-22. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2017.02.006>
- Defosset, A., Schooley, T., **Abrams, L. S.**, Kuo, T., & Gase, L. (2017). Describing theoretical underpinnings in juvenile justice diversion: Explicating teen court program theory to guide research and practice. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 73, 419-426. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2017.01.005>
- Abrams, L. S.**, Curry, S. R., Lalayants, M., & Montero, L. (2017). The Influence of policy context on transition age foster youths' views of self-sufficiency. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 43(1), 37-51.
- Abrams, L. S.**, & Lea, C. (2016). Becoming employable: An ethnographic examination of life skills classes in a men's jail. *The Prison Journal*, 95(6), 667-687.
- \*Tam, C., **Abrams, L. S.**, Freisthler, B., & Ryan, J. P. (2016). Juvenile justice sentencing: Does gender and child welfare status matter? *Children and Youth Services Review*, 64, 60-65.
- \*Tam, C., Freisthler, B., Curry, S., & **Abrams, L. S.** (2016). Where are the beds? Housing options for transition age youth exiting public systems. *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services*, 97, (2), 111-119.
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- \*Curry, S., & **Abrams, L. S.** (2015). Housing and social support for youth aging out of foster care: State of the research literature and directions for future inquiry. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 32(2), 143-153.
- \*Curry, S., & **Abrams, L. S.** (2015). “They lay down the foundation and then they leave room for us to build the house”: A visual qualitative exploration of young adults’ experiences of transitional housing. *Journal of the Society for Social Work Research*, 6(1), 145-172.
- \***Abrams, L. S.**, & Terry, D. (2014). “You can run but you can’t hide.” How formerly incarcerated young men navigate neighborhood risks. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 47, 61-69.
- \***Abrams, L. S.**, Mizel, M., & Nguyen, V., & Shlonsky, A. (2014). Juvenile reentry and aftercare interventions: Is mentoring a promising direction? *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, 11(4), 402-424.
- Ryan, J. P., **Abrams, L. S.**, & Huang, H. (2014). First time violent juvenile offenders: Probation, placement, and recidivism. *Social Work Research*, 38(1), 7-18. doi: 10.1093/swr/svu004
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- Abrams, L. S.**, & Franke, T. (2013). Correlates of post-secondary education among formerly incarcerated transition age young men. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 52(4), 233-253.
- Martinez, D. P., & **Abrams, L. S.** (2013). Informal social support among returning young offenders: A meta-synthesis of the literature. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 57(2), 169-190.
- Abrams, L. S.** (2012). Envisioning life “On the outs”: Exit narratives of incarcerated male youth. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 56(6), 877-896.
- \***Abrams, L. S.**, Terry, D., & Franke, T. (2011). Community-based juvenile reentry services: The effects of service dosage on juvenile and adult recidivism. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 50, 492-510.
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- Abrams, L. S.**, & Curran, L. (2011). Maternal identity construction among low-income mothers with symptoms of postpartum depression. *Qualitative Health Research*, 21(3), 373-385.
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- Abrams, L. S., & Freisthler, B. (2010).** A spatial analysis of risks and resources for reentry youth in Los Angeles County. *Journal of the Society for Social Work Research, 1(1)*, 41-55.
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- \***Abrams, L. S., Shannon, S. K., & Sangalang, C. (2008).** Transition services for incarcerated youth: A mixed methods evaluation study. *Children and Youth Services Review, 30*, 522-535.
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- \***Shannon, S. K., & Abrams, L. S. (2007).** Juvenile offenders as fathers: Perceptions of fatherhood, crime and becoming an adult. *Families in Society, 88(2)*, 183-191.
- Abrams, L. S., & Gibson, P. (2007).** Reframing multicultural education: Teaching white privilege in the social work curriculum. *Journal of Social Work Education, 43(1)*, 147-160.
- Abrams, L. S. (2007).** From corrections to community: Youth offenders’ perceptions of the challenges of transition. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation, 44(2/3)*, 31-53.

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- Abrams, L. S.** (2006). Listening to juvenile offenders: Can residential treatment prevent recidivism? *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 23(1), 61-85.
- \***Abrams, L. S.**, & Aguilar, J. P. (2005). Negative trends, possible selves, and behavior change: A qualitative study of juvenile offenders in residential treatment. *Qualitative Social Work*, 4(2), 175-196.
- \***Abrams, L. S.**, Kim, K., & Anderson-Nathe, B. (2005). Paradoxes of treatment in juvenile corrections. *Child & Youth Care Forum*, 34(1), 7-25.
- \*Anderson-Nathe, B., & **Abrams, L. S.** (2005). Getting there is half the fun: Practitioners-as-researchers and vice-versa. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*, 11(4), 69-77.
- Abrams, L. S.**, & Curran, L. (2004). Between women: Gender and social work in historical perspective. *Social Service Review*, 78(3), 429-446.
- \*Toft, J., & **Abrams, L. S.** (2004). Progressive maternalists and the citizenship status of low-income single mothers. *Social Service Review*, 78(3), 447-465.
- Abrams, L. S.** (2003). Contextual variations in young women's gender identity negotiations. *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, 27(1), 64-74.
- \***Abrams, L. S.**, & Gordon, A. (2003). Self-harm narratives of urban and suburban young women. *Affilia*, 18(4), 429-444.
- Abrams, L. S.** (2003). Sociocultural variations in adolescent girls' expressions of distress: What we know and need to know. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 20(2), 135-150.
- Gibson, P., & **Abrams, L. S.** (2003). Racial differences in engaging, recruiting, and interviewing African American women in qualitative research. *Qualitative Social Work*, 2(4), 457-476.
- Abrams, L. S.** (2002). Rethinking girls "at-risk:" Gender, race, and class intersections and adolescent development. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 6(2), 47-64.
- \***Abrams, L. S.**, & Stormer, C. C. (2002). Sociocultural variations in the body image perceptions of urban adolescent females. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 31(6), 443-450.
- Gilgun, J. F., & **Abrams, L. S.** (2002). Commentary on Denzin. The nature and usefulness of qualitative social work research: Some thoughts and an invitation to dialogue. *Qualitative Social Work*, 1(1), 39-55.

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\*Lee, S., & **Abrams, L. S.** (2001). Challenging depictions of dependency: Welfare recipients react to welfare reform. *Journal of Poverty, 15*(1), 91-111.

**Abrams, L. S.** (2000). Guardians of virtue: The social reformers and the 'girl problem,' 1890-1920. *Social Service Review, 74*(3), 436-452.

**Abrams, L. S., & Curran, L.** (2000). Wayward girls and virtuous women: Social workers and female juvenile delinquency in the progressive era. *Affilia, 15*(1), 49-64.

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\***Abrams, L. S.,** Montero, L. A., & Jordan, S. P. (Revise and resubmit) What is a juvenile? A cross-national comparison of youth justice systems. *Youth Justice.*

\* **Abrams, L. S.,** Barnert, E.S., Mizel, M., Bryan, I., Lim, L., Bedros, A., Soung, P., & Harris, M. (Under review). Is a minimum age of juvenile court jurisdiction a necessary protection? Lessons learned from the state of California. *Criminal Justice Policy Review.*

Barnert, E. S., Sun, A., **Abrams, L. S.,** & Abrams, Chung, P. (Under review). Physical health status and medical care access of recently incarcerated youth during community reentry: A systematic review. *Journal of Adolescent Health.*

Barnert, E. S., Abrams, L.S., Dudovitz, R., Nelson, B., Coker, T., Bath, E., Beily, C., & Chung, P. J. (Under review). What is the relationship between incarceration of children and adult health outcomes? *American Journal of Public Health.*

#### **REPRINTED ARTICLES**

\***Abrams, L. S.,** Shannon, S. K., & Sangalang, C. (2010). Transition services for incarcerated youth: A mixed methods evaluation study. Reprinted in: T. D. Kennedy and W. Alex Edmonds (Eds.), *A Cross-Section of Research Articles Classified by Design: Research*

*Articles in Education and the Social & Behavioral Sciences*. New York: Pearson Learning Solutions.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

**Abrams, L. S.**, Hughes, E., Meek R., & Inderbitzin, M. (2016). Introduction: The significance of voluntary sector provision in correctional settings. In L. S. Abrams, E. Hughes, M. Inderbitzin, & R. Meek (Eds.). *The Voluntary Sector in Prisons: Encouraging Personal and Institutional Change* (pp. 3-20). New York: Palgrave.

\*Lea, C., & **Abrams, L. S.** (2016). From ex-offender to new contributor: An examination of how a community-based reentry program assists ex-offenders to combat racial barriers to employment. In L. S. Abrams, E. Hughes, M. Inderbitzin, & R. Meek (Eds.), *The Voluntary Sector in Prisons: Encouraging Personal and Institutional Change* (pp. 215-244). New York: Palgrave.

**Abrams, L. S.** (2014). Talking to my white sons about Trayvon Martin: The privilege of protection. In K. J Fasching-Varner, A. D. Dixon, R. Reynolds, & K. Albert (Eds.), *Trayvon Martin, Race, and "American Justice:" Writing Wrong*. Rotterdam, The Netherlands: Sense Publishing.

**Abrams, L. S.** (2014). Reentry and aftercare services. In A. Roberts, W. Church, D. Springer (Eds.), *Juvenile Justice Sourcebook* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.), pp. 364-384. New York: Oxford University Press.

\*Daughtery, J., **Abrams, L. S.**, & Greene, G. (2012). Linking ex-offenders to community resources. In B. Fitch & A. Normore (Eds.), *Education-Based Incarceration and Recidivism: The Ultimate Social Justice Crime Fighting Tool* (pp. 119-137). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

Gilgun, J. F., & **Abrams, L. S.** (2005). Gendered adaptations and the perpetration of violence. In M. Ungar (Ed.), *Handbook for Working with Children and Youth: Pathways to Resilience Across Cultures and Contexts* (pp. 57-70). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA AND REFERENCE CHAPTERS

Abrams, L. S. (2009). Florence Kelly and the National Consumers League. In Hugh P. Hindman (Ed.), *Child Labor World Atlas: A Reference Encyclopedia* (pp. 487-488). New York: M. E. Sharpe.

Abrams, L. S. (2008). Bisexuality. In T. Mizrahi and L. E. Davis (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Social Work 20<sup>th</sup> Edition*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Abrams, L. S. (2004). The social settlements. In P. Fass (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of the History of Children and Childhood in American Society* (pp. 762-764). New York: MacMillan.



Abrams, L. S. (2004). Jane Addams. In P. Fass (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of the History of Children and Childhood in American Society* (pp. 14-15). New York: MacMillan.

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Abrams, L. S. (2012). Review of Michael Saniti and Aron Shlonsky, *Systematic Synthesis of Qualitative Research*. In *Research on Social Work Practice*, 22(6), 719-720.

Abrams, L. S. (2010). Review of Teresa L. Morris, *Social work research methods: Four alternative paradigms*. In *Qualitative Social Work*, 9, 131-134

Abrams, L. S. (2005). Review of Lyn Mikel Brown, *Girlfighting*. In *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 22(3/4), 361-364.

Abrams, L. S. (2003). Review of Rebecca Campbell, *Emotionally involved: The impact of researching rape*. In *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 30(3), 161-164.

Abrams, L. S. (2002). Review of Karin A. Martin, *Puberty, sexuality, and the self*. In *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 19(6), 487-490.

Abrams, L. S. (2001). Review of Mimi Abramovitz, *Under attack, fighting back: Women and welfare in the United States*. In *Affilia*, 16(4), 511-512.

## **REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Abrams, L. S. (2017, January). Roundtable participant on involving transition age youth in research. Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.

Mizel, M., & Abrams, L.S. (2016, November). "Practically emotional: What works with young men's desistance?" To be presented at the American Society for Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

Abrams, L.S., & Montero, L. (2016, November). "What is a juvenile? A cross-national comparison of youth justice systems". To be presented at the American Society for Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

Curry, S., Abrams, L. S., Lalayants, M., & Montero, L. (2016, January). "The influence of policy context on transition age youths' views of self-sufficiency." Society for Social Work Research, Washington, DC.

- Lea, C., & Abrams, L. S. (2016, January). "From ex-offender to new contributor: An examination of how a community-based reentry program assists ex-offenders to combat racial barriers to employment." Society for Social Work Research, Washington, DC.
- Curry S., & Abrams, L. S. (2015, January). "They lay down the foundation and then they leave room for us to build the house": A visual qualitative exploration of young adults' experiences of transitional housing." Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Tam, C., Freisthler, B., Curry, S., & Abrams, L. S. (2015, January). "Where are the beds? Housing options for transition age youth exiting public systems." Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Abrams, L. S., & Lea, C. (2015, January). "Ethical issues in conducting prison-based ethnography." Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Abrams, L. S., & (2014, November). "Juvenile justice sentencing: Do gender and child welfare involvement matter?" Presented at the American Society for Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Lea, C., & Abrams, L. S. (2014, November). "The role of school on the road to delinquency: Perspectives of young men of color." Presented at the American Society for Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Tam, C., & Abrams, L. S. (2014, November). Juvenile justice sentencing: Do gender and child welfare involvement matter? Presented at the American Society for Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Abrams, L. S., & Lea, C. (2014, November). "Does racism mater? An ethnographic examination of a jail-based life skills program." Presented at the American Society for Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Abrams, L. S., & Lea, C. (2014, August). "Moving toward employment: An examination of a jail-based education program in Los Angeles County." Presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA.
- Tam, C., & Abrams, L. S. (2014, January). "Gender differences in desistance from crime." Society for Social Work Research, San Antonio, Texas.
- Tam, C. & Abrams, L. S. (2013, October). "Gender differences in outcomes of delinquency court proceedings in Los Angeles County." Presented at the Society for the Study of Emerging Adolescence (SSEA).
- Curran, L., & Abrams, L. S. (2010, January). "Maternal identity and postpartum depression among low income women." Society for Social Work Research, San Francisco, CA.

- Curran, L., & Abrams, L. S. (2009, January). "The social context of postpartum depression among low income women." Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Abrams, L. S., & Hyun, A. (2008, January). "Mapping a process of negotiated identity among incarcerated juvenile offenders." Society for Social Work Research, Washington, DC.
- Abrams, L. S. (2008, January). "What your "N":? Sampling and meaning making in qualitative longitudinal studies with transient young adults." Society for Social Work Research, Washington, DC.
- Curran, L., & Abrams, L. S. (2008, January). "Barriers to service use among low-income women with postpartum depression." Society for Social Work Research, Washington, DC.
- Abrams, L. S., Moio, J., Crumpton, J. (2007, October). Critical race theory and diversity education in social work. Council on Social Work Education, San Francisco, CA.
- Abrams, L. S. (2006, November). "From corrections to community: Youth offenders' reentry experiences." The American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.
- Shannon, S., & Abrams, L.S. (2006, November). "Changing diapers, changing lives? Juvenile offenders as fathers and desistance from crime." The American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.
- Abrams, L. S. (2005, January). Symposium chair, "Qualitative research on client experiences of treatment." Society for Social Work Research, Miami, FL.
- Abrams, L. S. (2005, January). "Listening to offenders: Can treatment prevent recidivism?" Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research, Miami, FL.
- Abrams, L. S., Aguilar, J., & Anderson-Nathe, B. (2004, August). "Juvenile corrections and adolescent masculinities." Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA.
- Abrams, L. S., & Curran, L. (2004, August). "Relations of reform: Women, gender, and social work in historical perspective." Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA.
- Aguilar, J., and Abrams, L. S. (2004, January). "Negative trends, possible selves, and behavior change: A qualitative study of youth offenders in residential treatment." Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Abrams, L. S. (2004, January). "The paradoxical role of social work in juvenile corrections." Poster presented at the Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Gilgun, J. F., & Abrams, L. S. (2003, January). "Gendered adaptations, resilience, and the perpetration of violence." Society for Social Work Research, Washington, D.C.

- Abrams, L. S., Kim, K., & Anderson, B. (2002, August). "Paradoxes of treatment in juvenile corrections." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL.
- Abrams, L. S., & Umbreit, M. (2002, August). "Youth Offenders Speak About Restorative Justice: Implications for Future Programs." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL.
- Abrams, L. S. (2002, February). "Gender identity negotiations among urban and suburban adolescent girls." Council on Social Work Education, Nashville, TN.
- Abrams, L. S. (2001, March). "Social context, gender, and youth development: Sociocultural variations among "at-risk" adolescent girls." Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, Texas.
- Abrams, L. S., & Gibson, P. (2001, February). "Getting their stories: Engaging, recruiting, and interviewing in African-American communities." International Institute on Qualitative Methodology, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- Curran, L., & Abrams, L. S. (2000, March). "Fatherhood, the state, and welfare reform: Implications for Gender Equality." Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, New York.

## **GRANTS AND FUNDED PROJECTS**

- Co-Principal Investigator: A Multimethod Examination of Urban Youth Civic Engagement. Grant funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service. October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018. \$100,000. PI: Dr. Laura Wray-Lake.
- Consultant and Mentor: "Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth in Specialty Courts: Examining Substance Use and Mental Health Problems and Adapting Emergent Technologies to Increase Engagement," 2016-2019. AACAP Physician Scientist Program in Substance Abuse" PI: Dr. Eraka Bath, K12DA000357.
- Mentor. "Promoting Behavioral Health for Youth Returning Home after Incarceration" 2016-2018, UCLA Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) Career Development Award (KL2), \$350,000. PI: Elizabeth Barnert, MD.
- Consultant: "Understanding the Health and Healthcare Needs of Commercially Sexually Exploited Girls: A Partnership with the Los Angeles County STAR Court". 2016-2017, UCLA Children's Discovery and Innovations Institute, \$30,000. Co PIs: Elizabeth Barnert, MD, and Eraka Bath, MD.
- Principal Investigator, "Global Youth Justice: Innovations and Services for Peak Age Offenders". Funded by the Faculty Senate and the Center for Inequality and Democracy at UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. 2015-present.

Principal Investigator (Los Angeles site), “Evaluation of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Foster Care Imitative.” Funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation in partnership with Westat, Inc. and Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work. March 2013-present.

Principal Investigator, “Race Making in the Context of a Day Reporting Center for Young Men on Probation.” Funded by the University of California new Racial Studies Grant Making Program. July 2012-December 2013.

Principal Investigator, “Social Support and Desistance in the Transition to Adulthood among Formerly Incarcerated Youth.” Funded by the UCLA Faculty Senate. July 2011-July 2012.

Co-Principal Investigator, with Dr. Bridget Freisthler. “Housing Availability and Transition Age Youth.” Funded by a private donor. Current.

Principal Investigator, “Los Angeles County Young Offender Reentry Blueprint.” Funded by the United States Department of Labor. June 2010-February 2011.

Principal Investigator, “Educational Outcomes of Incarcerated Youth: A Five Year Follow-up Study.” Funded by the New Visions Foundation, July 2009-September 2010.

Principal Investigator, “Evaluation of the InsideOUT Writers Program for Incarcerated Youth” Funded by the Carl and Roberta Deutsch Foundation. July 2008-September 2009.

Principal Investigator, “Perceived Needs, Barriers, and Social Supports among the Youth Offender Reentry Population in Los Angeles County.” Funded by the John Randolph and Dora Haynes Foundation, the UCLA Faculty Senate, and the UCLA Center for Community Partnerships. March 2007-December 2008.

Principal Investigator, “Bridging the Gap: Understanding Barriers to Service Use for Low-Income Women with Postpartum Depression.” Funded by the UCLA Faculty Senate and the UCLA Center for Vulnerable Populations Research. July, 2006- December 2007.

Principal Investigator, “Successful Transitions for Youth Offenders in Out-of-Home care.” Project funded by the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and Hennepin County Juvenile Services, May 2004-2005.

Principal Investigator, “Juvenile Corrections and Adolescednt Masculinities.” Project funded by the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, the Lois and Samuel Silberman Fund, and the University of Minnesota Grant-in-Aid Program, June 2001- 2004.

Principal Investigator, “Plymouth Youth Center Longitudinal Study.” Project funded by the Plymouth Christian Youth Center, Minneapolis, MN, October 2002-June 2005.

Collaborator, “Methodological and Contextual Challenges Researching Childhood Resilience: An International Collaboration to Develop a Multiple Method Research Design to

Investigate Health-related Phenomenon in At-risk Child Populations.” Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, May 2002- May 2007.

Co-Principal Investigator, (with Dr. Mark Umbreit), “Victim Offender Meetings and Restorative Justice.” Project funded by Washington County Juvenile Court Services. Minneapolis, MN, July 2001- July 2002.

Project Director, (Jewelle Taylor Gibbs, P.I.) “Evaluation of the New Columbus Comprehensive School-Community Partnership Project.” Mixed methods project funded by the Zellerbach Family Fund. University of California, Berkeley, August 1996- January 2000

Community Evaluation Coordinator, (Dr. June A. Flora, P.I.). “Evaluation of the California Wellness Foundations Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI).” Conducted by the Stanford Center for Research in Disease Prevention. Large-scale evaluation study of 18 Community Action Projects to prevent youth violence. Palo Alto, CA, January 1995- October 1996.

## **INVITED CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS**

Abrams, L. S. (2015, January). Publishing Qualitative Research: Common pitfalls and solutions. Pre-conference workshop presented at the Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.

Abrams, L. S. (2015, January). Publishing Rigorous Qualitative Research. Pre-conference workshop presented at the Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.

Abrams, L. S. (2014, January). Publishing Rigorous Qualitative Research. Pre-conference workshop presented at the Society for Social Work Research, San Antonio, Texas.

Abrams, L. S., & Padgett, D. K. (2013, January). Publishing rigorous qualitative research: common pitfalls and solutions. Pre-conference workshop presented at the Society for Social Work Research, San Diego, CA.

## **TECHNICAL REPORTS**

Curry, S., Abrams, L. S., & Montero, L. (2014, August). *Housing Stability Among Transition Age Youth: Photo Elicitation Report*. UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs.

Abrams, L. S., Daughtery, J., & Freisthler, B. (2011). *The Los Angeles County Young Offender Reentry Blueprint*. Report prepared for the U.S. Department of Labor and the Los Angeles Commission on Community and Senior Services.

Abrams, L. S., & Terry, D. (2010). *Evaluation of the InsideOUT Writers Program*. Technical report prepared for the InsideOUT Writers Program, Los Angeles, CA.

- Abrams, L. S. (2009). *Opinion leaders and youth reentry: Needs, barriers and solutions*. Technical report prepared for the Haynes Foundation, Los Angeles, CA.
- Abrams, L. S., & Terry, D. (Fields). (2008). *Perceived needs, barriers, and social supports among the youth reentry population in Los Angeles County*. Technical report prepared for the Haynes Foundation, Los Angeles, CA.
- Abrams, L. S., & Dornig, K. (2007). *Bridging the gap: Barriers to service use among low-income women with postpartum depression*. Technical report prepared for the Public Health Foundation WIC Program, Los Angeles, CA.
- Abrams, L. S., & Shannon, S. (2005). *Hennepin County Home School Transition Living Center (TLC) Program Evaluation*. Technical report prepared for Hennepin County Probation, Minneapolis, Anoka, MN.
- Abrams, L. S., & Aguilar, J. P. (2004). *Anoka Bar-None Final Research Report*. Technical report prepared for the Volunteers of American Bar-None program, Anoka, MN.
- Abrams, L. S., & Umbreit, M. (2002). *Washington County Family Conferencing Program*. Technical report prepared for the Washington County Department of Community Corrections, Stillwater, MN.
- Abrams, L. S., Anderson, B.A., & Kim, K. (2002). *Boys Totem Town Final Research Report*. Technical report prepared for the Ramsey County Department of Community Corrections, St. Paul, MN.

#### **INVITED NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

- Abrams, L. S. (2008). "Reentry youth in Los Angeles County." *Unusual Suspects Theater Company Newsletter*.
- Abrams, L. S. (2007). "Youth's treatment experiences in juvenile corrections: Research findings from a qualitative study." *NASW Practice Bulletin: Child Welfare*, 2, 1-3

#### **RESEARCH TRAININGS ATTENDED**

- University of California Criminal Justice and Health Consortium, San Francisco, CA: September 2015.
- Design and Conduct of Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research in Social Work and Other Health Professions (August, 2004). Washington, DC: National Institute of Health.
- Atlas ti: A 2 day Workshop for Researchers. (October, 2007). Carpenteria, CA.

## TEACHING

Courses taught at the University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Social Welfare:

- SW 201A Diversity, Oppression, and Social Functioning
- SW 205 Cross Cultural Awareness
- SW 229B The Craft of Social Welfare Scholarship (Doctoral Seminar)
- SW 231C: Advance Practice with Diverse Populations
- SW 258: Critical Problems in Social Welfare (Doctoral Seminar)
- SW 285I Research Methods: Children and Youth Populations
- SW 286B: Advanced Qualitative Methods (Doctoral Seminar)

Courses taught at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, School of Social Work:

- SW 5101 Historical Origins and Contemporary Policies and Programs in Social Welfare
- SW 8601 Introduction to Research Methods
- SW 8702 Advanced Practice with Diverse Populations
- SW 8851 Historical Research Methods (Doctoral Seminar)

## REVIEW OF GRANT PROPOSALS

*The Spencer Foundation*

*UCLA Faculty Senate*

*Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention*

*The National Institute of Justice*

*CUNY0 Faculty Grants Program*

## MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS FOR PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Associate Editor, *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 2016-present

Editorial Board Member: *Social Service Review*, 2014-present

*Qualitative Social* , 2010-present



Reviewer: *American Journal of Public Health*  
*Children and Youth Services Review*  
*Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*  
*Journal of the Society for Social Work Research*  
*Psychology, Crime, and Law*  
*Social Service Review*  
*Social Problems*

## **BOOK REVIEWER**

*Sage Publications*  
*Oxford University Press*  
*Rutgers University Press*

## **LEGAL CONSULTING**

- Federal Public Defender's Office, Los Angeles and Orange County, CA: Mitigation Witness/ Social Historian for Capital Cases
- Expert Witness, Los Angeles County Juvenile Court
- Expert Witness, Nebraska Juvenile Court

## **INVITED LECTURES**

“Everday Desistance” Neil A. Weiner Speaker Series, Vera Institute of Justice, August 29, 2017.

“The Transition to Adulthood among Formerly Incarcerated Youth” Paper presented at the invitation of the UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare faculty colloquium, May 5, 2016.

“The Transition to Adulthood among Formerly Incarcerated Youth” Paper presented at the California Association of Criminal Justice Conference, Irvine, CA, October 14, 2014.

“Desistance from Crime among Formerly Incarcerated Youth.” Paper presented to the University of California, Los Angeles Psychology Department, May 6, 2013.

“Juvenile Reentry: Policy and Practice.” Invited panel presentation to the National Association of Counties, “Smart on Crime” symposium, Long Beach, CA, January 31, 2013.

“Ex-Offender Reentry: Closing the Revolving Door.” Invited keynote presentation to the L.A. Works Reentry Conference, Coronado, CA, May 8, 2012.

“Young Offender Reentry in Los Angeles County.” Invited presentation for the UC Center, Sacramento, CA, May 12, 2011.

“Young Offender Reentry Summit: Off the Page and Into Action.” Presentation for the Los Angeles County Young Offender Blueprint. Los Angeles, CA, February 16, 2011.

“Youth Offender Reentry: Models for Change and Stability.” Presentation for the Los Angeles County Young Offender Blueprint Summits 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> district summits. April 2010- October 2010.

“Mapping Offender Reentry: Lessons from Los Angeles.” Presentation for the Rosenberg Forum, UCLA School of Public Affairs, Washington D.C., October 2009.

“Culture and Perinatal Mental Health: Obstacle or Opportunity?: Focus on Low-Income Latina Mothers.” Plenary Speaker at the Postpartum Support International Conference, Los Angeles, August 7, 2009.

“Educational needs and barriers of reentry youth.” Presented at the New Visions Foundation’s Center for Educational Justice, California Endowment Center, July 2, 2008.

“Intervening with low-income mothers with PPD.” Training presented at the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, April 2008.

“Barriers to service use among low-income mothers with PPD.” Presented at the Center for Vulnerable Populations Research, University of California, Los Angeles, March 2008.

## **MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

“Jailed Indiana teenager reaches a crossroads.” *Indiana Star*, August 12, 2016.

“MPR News with Kerri Weber and Tim Miller” to discuss abuse at Mesabi Academy, Live on Minnesota Public Radio, May 31, 2016.

“Sex assault on teen at Florida prison spurs federal lawsuit.” *Orlando Sentinel*, January 28, 2016.

“What happens when our youngest convicted murderers in the US are released?” *Christian Science Monitor*, July 27, 2015.

“Reporters Notebook: A Question of Intention and Juvenile Solitary Confinement.” *Juvenile Justice Information Exchange*, March 4, 2014.

“Breaking the Cycle.” *The Daily Bruin*, February 24, 2014.

Business Insider. “There’s Been A Huge Sea Change In America When It Comes To Arresting Kids.” November 12, 2014.

Southern California Public Radio, KPCC, Take Two. "Is Jail for Juvenile Offenders Effective in Preventing Future Crime? May 26, 2014.

New York Times, "Georgia Suspends 19 State Workers Over Delayed Abuse Inquiries" June 27, 2013.

Truth Talk TV: Interview regarding "*Compassionate Confinement*." January 14, 2013.

NPR California Report: Juvenile Justice and Mental Health: Part II. March 27, 2011.

Los Angeles Times: "Gunfire shatters a new sense of calm". January 23, 2011.

Education Week: "School Offers Model Lessons for D.C.'s Jailed Youth"

Article: November 4, 2010

Live Webchat: November 23, 2010

The Dr. Howard Gluss Show: "Transitioning Incarcerated Youth" August 14, 2009.

USC Annenberg Radio: "CA state propositions and crime." October 2008.

#### **DISSERTATION COMMITTEE SERVICE**

Chair, Matthew L. Mizel. A plea for justice: Racial disparities in Racial Disparities in Pretrial Decision Making. In progress.

Chair, Ioana Schmidt. *Understanding Relational Experiences of Low-Income, Cohabiting Parents: A Qualitative Investigation*. In progress.

Chair, Charles H. Lea, III. *Post-Incarceration Schooling: An Exploratory Case Study of How an Alternative School for Formerly Incarcerated Young Adults Facilitates Community Reintegration*. PhD Awarded September, 2017.

Chair, Kristina Lovato-Hermann. *A Qualitative Examination of how Latino Youth Cope with Family Disruption Following the Deportation of a Parent*. PhD awarded June 2017.

Chair, Diane Terry. *Social Support and Criminal Desistance among Formerly Incarcerated Youth in the Transition to Adulthood*. PhD awarded August 2012.

Chair, Rachel L. Kaplan. *Living with HIV/AIDS in Lebanon: Women's Perceptions of Meaning*. PhD awarded July 2011.

Chair, Katrina Dorning. *Stigma and Help-seeking among Women of Color with HIV*. PhD awarded October 2009.

Co-Chair, Jemel P. Aguilar. *Invisible Offenders, Violent Crimes: Young Women's Social Environment, Identity Constructions, and Violence*. PhD awarded June 2006.

Co-Chair, Kyoungho H. Kim. *The Effects of Experiencing Domestic Violence on Male Adolescent Offenders' Masculinities*. PhD awarded February 2003.

*Committee Membership:*

Member, Mindy Chen, "Advancing Immigrant Worker Rights through Labor Community Coalition: Comparative Case Studies of the CLEAN Carwash Campaign", PhD awarded May, 2017.

Member Christina Tam. "*Behind the Model Minority: An Examination of Ethnicity, Place, and Arrests among Asian Youth in Los Angeles Neighborhoods*". PhD awarded September, 2016.

Member, Crystal Thomas. "*Going the Distance! How Distance to School Relates to Education Outcomes.*" PhD awarded June 2016.

Member, Susanna Curry. *The Flip Side of the Boomerang Generation: The Role of Childhood Adversity and Social Support on Housing Stress and Independent Living of Millennials in Young Adulthood*. PhD awarded June 2016.

Member, Casey MacGregor. *The Experience of Disability Compensation for OEF / OIF Veterans*. PhD awarded June 2015.

Member, Linda Lee. *Social Convoys of Children in Residential Treatment*. PhD awarded May 2014.

Member, Lesley Maradik Harris. *Meaning, Context and Coping: An Ethnographic Study of Skipped Generation Caregivers affected by HIV/AIDS in Vietnam*. PhD awarded May 2014.

Member, Hannah Nguyen. *Through Our Eyes: The Experiences Of First-Generation Vietnamese Americans With Depression And/Or PTSD In Outpatient Treatment*. PhD awarded August 2013.

Member, Lin Chen. *The Decision To Institutionalize Among Nursing Home Residents And Their Children In Shanghai*. PhD awarded July 2013.

Member, Jacqueline Muheizen. *The Effect of Risk Assessment Data and Colleagues' Consensus On Clinical Decisions to Discharge Insanity Acquittes*. PhD awarded May 2013.

Member, Simon Funge. *Teaching Efficacy and Context: Integrating Social Justice Content into Social Work Education*. PhD awarded December 2012.

Member, Allison Ober. *Understanding the Relationship between Perceived Partner Risk Behaviors and Risky Sex among Low-Income Women: Are African American Women at Greater Risk?* PhD awarded September 2009.

Member, Jeong-Kyun Choi. *Father Involvement And Child Behavior And Language Development In Poor And Near-Poor African American Single-Mother Families*. PhD awarded March 2009.

Member, Anna Hyun. *Stability And Change Of Offending From Adolescence To Emerging Adulthood*. PhD awarded August 2008.

Member, Jane Halladay Goldman. *A Comparative Case Study Of Value-Alignment: How Feminist Organizations Have Developed, Incorporated And Maintained Value-Aligned Structures And Practices*. PhD awarded July 2008.

Member, Dawn Joosten, *Aspects Of Decision-Making By Social Workers To Prescribe Services To Older Adults*. PhD awarded April 2008.

Member, Jessica Toft. *Low-Income Women's Citizenship In The Time Of Welfare Reform*. PhD awarded September 2005.

Member, Emmanuel Dolo. *Gender-Role And Status Linked Changes Among Liberian Refugees*. PhD awarded September 2003.

Member, Anita Morris. *I Want To Be My Own Boss: The Struggles Of Micro-Entrepreneurs*. PhD awarded December 2002.

#### **MEMBERSHIP: NATIONAL COMMITTEES & ORGANIZATIONS**

1999-present Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)  
Elected Member of the Board of Directors (2016-2019)  
Awards Chair, (2016-2019)  
Co-Chair: Qualitative Interest Group, (2011-present)  
Co-Chair: Crime and Criminal Justice Cluster (2015-2016)  
2009-present Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education (GADE)  
Steering Committee Member (2012-2015)  
Vice-Chair (2013-2015)

#### **SERVICE: BOARD POSITIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Task Force Member: Division of Juvenile Justice Reentry (2015-present)  
Advisory Board Member, UCLA Luskin Center for Inequality and Democracy  
Advisory Board Member, the Reset Foundation (November 2013-present)

Member, Transition Age Youth Research Advisory Group (June 2012- present)

Member, Los Angeles County Juvenile Reentry Council (October 2011-present).

Co-Chair, Qualitative Research Interest Group, Society for Social Work and Research.

Board of Directors, Youthlink Minnesota\_(May 2003-May 2005).

Board Member, Ramsey County Community Corrections\_(December 2003- May 2005).

Advisory Board Member, Council on Crime and Justice (April 2004-May 2005).

### **SERVICE: DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL, & UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES**

2016-2017 Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles.

2014-2015 Member, Faculty Executive Committee, Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles.

2013-2014 Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles.

2009-present Chair, Doctoral Committee, Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles.

2011-present Chair, Human Behavior in the Social Environment Curriculum Planning Group, Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles.

2011-2013 Member, Faculty Search Committee. Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles.

2011- 2012 Member and Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles.

2010-2011 Member, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs Ad-hoc Advisory Committee. University of California, Los Angeles.

2010-2011 Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles.

2009-2015 Chair, Doctoral Program and Committee, Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles.

2008-2009 Chair, Field and Lecturer Review Committee, Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles.

- 2006-2008 Member, Doctoral Committee, Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2006-2007 Member, Re-accreditation Steering Committee, Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2006-2009 Chair, Human Behavior in the Social Environment Curriculum Planning Group, Department of Social Welfare, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2004-2005 Chair, College of Human Ecology Honors and Awards Committee, University of Minnesota.
- 2000-2005 Member, Ph.D. Program and Policy Committee, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota.
- 2003-2004 Member, Social Work Research Committee, University of Minnesota.