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Education

Ph.D. Student in Sociology, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL Expected May, 2020
MA Readers: Drs. Laurie Schaffner and Claire Decoteau

Master's Degree in Liberal Studies, Columbia University, New York, NY June, 2009
Concentration: Human Rights. Thesis Advisor: Dr. Neferti Tadiar
Thesis: Safe Harbor or State Violence? The Limits of Anti-Trafficking Discourse and the Production of Youth Subjects

Bachelors in Gender and Women's Studies, Galesburg, IL June, 2003
Capstone Advisor: Dr. Magali Roy-Fequirre

Experience

Professional Experience

Sentencing Advocacy Group of Evanston (SAGE), Evanston, IL

Mitigation Specialist

Jan., 2015 to present

Conduct social history investigations for state and federal criminal cases; Identify social, biological, and environmental factors through documents and in-depth interviews, Provide detailed life history report to the defense team and experts.

Northside Transformative Legal Center

Mitigation Consultant

Oct., 2014 to present

Provide multi-disciplinary mitigation support and sentencing advocacy; Conduct social history investigations and in-depth interviews; Collect and review documents; Complete life history reports.

Circles & Ciphers

Development Consultant

Oct., 2010 to Oct., 2014

Provided organizational and development support and programming to assist young people who are prison, DCFS, or gang involved; including grant writing, strategic planning, evaluations, and circle keeping.

STOP-IT Initiative to End Human Trafficking

Youth Development Consultant

Oct., 2011 to Oct., 2012

Created a youth leadership curriculum for young women and girls in the sex trade; Provided trainings about youth development and restorative justice to STOP-IT team; Assisted in the development of drop-in space.

Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS)

June, 2007 to Jan., 2008

Support Services Consultant

Developed Support Service Department and Case Management Policy and Procedure Manuals and training materials; Created Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) and Family Court Advocacy manuals and training materials; Trained Support Service Department staff; Facilitated sexual exploitation support group for girls and young women exiting the sex trade.

Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS)

Sep., 2004 to June, 2007

Court Liaison Coordinator

Promoted to provide defender-based alternative sentencing services, advocacy, and support for young women and girls arrested for prostitution and other criminal, delinquency, and child protective matters within the Burroughs of New York City; Provided legal advocacy, re-entry services, case management, and counseling; Offered mitigation services and case specific recommendations for alternative sentencing; Presented written reports to the court; Testified as a commercial sexual exploitation expert; Trained judges, defense and prosecuting attorneys, law enforcement, social workers, and social service providers who came in contact with young women and girls in the sex trade; Developed ATI workshops and curriculum to meet the needs of court-involved young women and girls and provided them with comprehensive case planning, information, resources, and support.

Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS)

June, 2003 to Sep., 2004

Support Services Coordinator

Provided advocacy, counseling, and case management services to sexually exploited young women and girls between the ages of 13-21; Managed caseload of 30 or more; Developed pilot ATI program for court-involved young women and girls in the sex trade; Facilitated life skills groups and therapeutic groups focusing on issues related to sexual exploitation; Conducted outreach throughout New York City to engage prospective members and encourage program involvement; Made necessary referrals to ensure that members received comprehensive services.

Research Experience**University of Illinois, Department of Sociology**

May, 2018 to May, 2019

Research Assistant for Dr. Andy Clarno

Working in partnership with Circles & Ciphers to develop a youth-led study about surveillance and policing in Chicago; Facilitating methods, data analysis, and writing workshops.

University of Illinois, Department of Sociology

Sep., 2016 to May 2018

Research Assistant for Dr. Laurie Schaffner

Organized and coded 247 interviews with youth in the sex trade using MAXQDA; Completed other research related tasks as assigned.

University of Illinois, Department of Sociology

June, 2017 to Dec. 2017

Research Assistant with the UIC Policing in Chicago Research Group

Conducted in depth interviews with defense attorneys and gang affiliated young people; Collected and analyzed Chicago Police Department directives, drafted reports, and facilitated community dialogue about the findings.

University of Waterloo, Department of Sociology and Legal Studies

Feb., 2014 to Aug., 2014

Research Assistant for Dr. Rashmee Singh

Observed court proceedings and recorded court calendar; Recorded and transcribed court proceedings and notes; Monitored case outcomes; Attended meetings with the Primary Investigator and Judge; Attended court staffing and steering committee meetings.

Center for Court Innovation

Sep., 2011 to June, 2014

Senior Research Associate

Provided training on the sex trade to research team; Developed research protocol and itinerary; Recruited interview subjects and managed research inquiries; Supervised research team; Conducted interviews with research subjects; Uploaded and coded data using Microsoft Excel and Access; Contributed to and edited research report.

School for International Training

Aug., 2001 to Dec., 2001

Jamaica: Gender and Development, Student Researcher

Conducted focus groups and in-depth interviews with girls about their experiences trading sex for survival in Spanish Town, Jamaica. Completed a research paper titled *The Commodification of Street Girls* based on findings.

Knox College

June, 2001 to Aug., 2001

McNair Fellow

Interviewed homeless young women and girls, service providers, and key stakeholders to evaluate access to services for street-based young women and girls. Completed research paper titled *Street Girls* based on findings.

Teaching Experience**University of Illinois, Gender and Women's Studies Department, Chicago, IL**

Aug., 2016 to May, 2017

Teaching Assistant, Global Perspectives on Women and Gender

Prepared course materials, Facilitated discussions sections, Assisted students; Graded assignments and exams.

University of Illinois, Sociology Department, Chicago, IL

Aug., 2015 to May, 2016

Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Childhood and Youth

Prepared course materials; Assisted students; Graded assignments and exams.

Knox College: Gender and Women's Studies Department, Galesburg, IL

Jan., 2003 to June, 2003

Teaching Assistant, Gender and Women's Studies 101

Prepared course materials; Facilitated discussion groups; Assisted students; Graded assignments and exams.

Additional Experience

Young Women's Empowerment Project (YWEP), Program Intern	Dec., 2001 to Aug., 2003
Northwestern University: Children and Family Justice Center, Girl Talk Intern	Sep., 2001 to March, 2003
Children First in Spanish Town Jamaica, Girls Programming Intern	Sep., 2002 to Dec., 2002
National Center for Violence Intervention, Urban Studies Intern	Sep., 2001 to Dec., 2001

Coursework

University of Illinois, Sociology Department, Chicago, IL

Political Sociology, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	Jan., 2018 to May, 2018
Sociology of Orgs, Policing in Chicago, Sociology of Law	Sep., 2017 to Dec., 2017
Sociology of Gender, Ethnography Practicum	Jan., 2017 to May, 2017
Sociology of Stratification, Race Gender Class & Crime, Globalization and Migration	Aug., 2016 to Dec., 2016
Research Methods II, Contemporary Sociological Theory, Advanced Statistics	Jan., 2016 to May, 2016
Research Methods I, Classical Sociological Theory, Sociological Statistics	Aug., 2015 to Dec., 2015

Columbia University, School for International and Public Affairs, New York

Intro to Human Rights, Gender and International Human Rights, Rethinking Human Rights, International Law	Sep., 2006 to Dec., 2008
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Columbia University: Barnard, Gender and Women's Studies Department, New York

The Subject of Rights, The Body and Power, Gender Globalization and Empire, Slavery Pornography and Age of Contract	Sep., 2006 to Dec., 2008
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Publications

Publications

Schaffner, L. Buhr, G. Lewis, D. Roc, M. **Volpintesta, H.** (2016) "Experiences of Youth in the Sex Trade in Chicago: Issues in Youth Poverty and Homelessness." Center for Court Innovation: New York: New York.

Volpintesta, H. (in progress) "What's Trafficking Got to do with It: Youth Who Trade Sex and the Paradox of Victimization."

Volpintesta, H. (in progress) "The Next Best Thing: Young Men in the Chicago Sex Economy."

Volpintesta, H. (in progress) "Criminalized Archetypes: How Predictive Policing Manufactures Gang Members."

Presentations

Volpintesta, H. Roc, M. (2016) "Distorting the Dominant Narrative: Youth Navigating the Chicago Sex Trade," *Midwest Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL. Paper Presentation.

Lewis, D. Roc, M. and **Volpintesta, H.*** (2015) "Distorting the Dominant Narrative: Chicago Youth in the Sex Trade," *National Women's Studies Association*, Milwaukee, WI. Poster Presentation.

Lewis, D. Roc. M. and **Volpintesta, H.*** (2015) "Understanding the Characteristics and Needs of Youth in the Chicago Sex Trade," *Latin American and Latino Studies: Real Talk Series*, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL.

Volpintesta, H. Lewis, D. and Roc, M.* (2015) "Understanding the Characteristics and Needs of Youth in the Chicago Sex Trade," *Gender and Women's Studies Brown Bag Series*, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL.

Volpintesta, H. Lewis, D. and Roc, M.* (2014) "The Chicago Youth Study: Understanding the Characteristics and Needs of Youth in the Sex Trade," *Fourth Annual Cook County Human Trafficking Task Force Conference*, Chicago, IL.

Volpintesta, H. (2010) "What's Trafficking got to do with It? Human Rights and Youth in the Sex Trade," *Ninth Annual Human Rights Day Conference*, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Volpintesta, H. (2002) "Street Girls," *McNair Research Conference*. University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Awards and Honors

Honors, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL

2015 to 2018

Dean's List, Knox College, Galesburg, IL

2000, 2002, 2003

McNair Scholar, Knox College, Galesburg, IL

1999 to 2003

Professional Organization

American Sociological Association	Sep., 2015 to Present
<i>Sections: Children and Youth, Crime Law and Deviance, Sociology of Law, Race Class and Gender, Sexualities</i>	
Midwest Sociological Society	Oct., 2015 to Present
National Women's Studies Association	Oct., 2015 to Present

Skills and Qualifications

Stata, Microsoft Access, Lexis Nexis Casemap and Timemap, MaxQDA

Additional training in restorative justice, motivational interviewing, harm reduction, discharge planning, and trauma.