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Education

Ph.D. Student in Sociology , University of Illinois, Chicago, IL <i>Advisor: Drs. Laurie Schaffner and Claire Decouteau</i>	Expected May, 2020
Master's Degree in Liberal Studies , Columbia University, New York, NY <i>Concentration: Human Rights. Thesis Advisor: Dr. Neferti Tadiar</i> <i>Thesis: Safe Harbor or State Violence? The Limits of Anti-Trafficking Discourse and the Production of Youth Subjects</i>	June, 2009
Bachelors in Gender and Women's Studies , Galesburg, IL <i>Capstone Advisor: Dr. Magali Roy-Fequirre</i>	June, 2003

Experience

Professional Experience

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

Mitigation Specialist

Jan., 2015 to present

Develop detailed multigenerational life histories; Conduct social history investigation and in-depth interviews; Collect and review documents to identify mitigation themes and support expert testimony; Craft chronology and mitigation reports that illustrate the factors that shaped and influenced the client's life.

Law Office of Emmanuel Andre

Mitigation Consultant

Oct., 2014 to Aug., 2015

Provided multi-disciplinary mitigation support and sentencing advocacy; Conducted social history investigations and in-depth interviews; Collected and reviewed documents; Completed reports that illustrated the context of the client's life.

Circles & Ciphers

Development Consultant

Oct., 2010 to Oct., 2014

Commissioned to provide organizational and development support and programming to assist young people who are prison, DCFS, or gang involved; including grant writing, strategic planning; developing evaluation matrix, 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 in the sex trade; Provided adultism and peace circle training to STOP-IT team; Provided support for 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, NY; Provided legal advocacy, re-entry services, case management, and counseling; Offered mitigation services and case specific recommendations for alternative sentencing; Presented written reports regarding young woman's program participation and progress; Testified as a commercial sexual exploitation expert; Worked to develop new policies and procedures and social service sanctions and interventions; 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 non-judgmental 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+ young women and girls; 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, NY to engage prospective members and encourage program involvement; Made necessary referrals to ensure that members received comprehensive services.

Research Experience**University of Waterloo-Department of Sociology and Legal Studies**

Feb., 2014 to Aug., 2014

Research Assistant

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 in the field; 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

Developed support group and institutional mechanisms for identification and service provision for street girls who attended Children First, a school for street children in Spanish Town, Jamaica. Conducted focus groups and in-depth interviews with girls about their experiences trading sex for survival. 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, Sociology Department, Chicago, IL**

Aug., 2015 to May, 2016

Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Childhood and Youth

Prepared course materials; Facilitated discussion groups; 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)**

Dec., 2001 to Aug., 2003

Program Intern**Northwestern University: Children and Family Justice Center**

Sep., 2001 to March, 2003

Girl Talk Intern**Children First**

Sep., 2002 to Dec., 2002

Girls Programming Intern**National Center for Violence Intervention**

Sep., 2001 to Dec., 2001

Urban Studies Intern

Coursework

University of Illinois, Sociology Department, Chicago, IL

Research Methods II, Contemporary Sociological Theory, Intermediate Statistics

Jan., 2016 to present

Research Methods I, Classical Sociological Theory, Sociological Statistics

Aug., 2015 to Dec., 2015

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

Intro to Human Rights, Gender and International Human Rights, Rethinking Human Rights,
International Law

Sep., 2006 to Dec., 2008

Columbia University, Gender and Women's Studies Department, New York, NY

The Subject of Rights, The Body and Power, Gender Globalization and Empire,
Slavery Pornography and Age of Contract

Sep., 2006 to Dec., 2008

Publications

Journal Publications

Volpintesta, H. Lewis, D. Roc, M.* (in progress) "Distorting the Dominant Narrative: Chicago Youth in the Sex Trade."

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

Presentations

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) "Distorting the Dominant Narrative: 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) "Distorting the Dominant Narrative: 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," *First McNair Research Conference*. University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Awards and Honors

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

Sections: Children and Youth, Crime Law and Deviance, Sociology of Law, Race Class and Gender, Sexualities

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 Software

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