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**RESEARCH & PRACTICE INTERESTS**

Community-based program evaluation, sexual assault and domestic violence interventions, juvenile justice-involved youth, trauma exposure.

**EDUCATION**

- 2016 Case Western Reserve University  
Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences  
Master of Science in Social Administration
- 2007 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Bachelor of Arts in English Literature

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

The Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education  
Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences  
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

**Research Associate** 2016

Evaluation of the Cuyahoga County Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Initiative

- Partner with local law enforcement, justice, and domestic violence service providers to locate, collect, and organize data related to the identification of high risk victims and the monitoring of high risk offenders

Partnership for Evaluation, Research, and Implementation

- Provide evaluation assistance to community based agencies including assess organizational capacity, contribute to research design/methodology, provide technical assistance, research and develop evaluation instruments, including a self-evaluation for the Begun Center, develop databases on SPSS, assist agencies in measuring and improving program outcomes, collect data during assessments, focus groups, and observations, and collaborate with community agencies, research staff, and faculty

**Research Assistant** 2015

*Behavioral Health and Juvenile Justice Program*

- Managed data using Teleform and SPSS and created manual for managing participant data

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Citizens Utility Board, Chicago, IL

***Policy Analyst*** 2011 – 2014

***Environmental Policy and Outreach Associate*** 2010 – 2011

***Environmental Programs Coordinator*** 2009 – 2010

***Environmental Outreach Coordinator*** 2008 – 2009

- ***Testimony:*** Represented consumer and environmental interests as an expert witness on behalf of the Citizens Utility Board, the City of Chicago, the Illinois Attorney General’s Office, and the Environmental Law and Policy Center
  - Successfully advocated for increased utility spending on and consumer access to energy conservation programs
  - Developed and analyzed quantitative data related to the impact of ratepayers’ investment in billions of dollars of utility programs
  - Analyzed and commented on independent program evaluations and utility budgets and expenditures in 13 proposal, prudency, and compliance/reconciliation dockets
- ***Research and Publications:*** Developed whitepapers and memos about smart meter technology, market-based pricing programs, and financing of energy efficiency measures
- ***Fundraising:*** Successfully applied for a \$30,000 grant from REAMP Network to support the organization’s energy efficiency policy initiatives and prepared regular reports on progress
- ***Stakeholder Representative:*** Represented consumer and environmental interests at stakeholder meetings, regulatory workshops, and local, regional, and national conferences
- ***Outreach, Media, and Education:*** Created an online clearinghouse about state energy policy and conservation programs, provided consumer education, and represented CUB in the media

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, Cleveland, OH

***Graduate Intern*** 2015 – 2016

- Developed a qualitative evaluation study of co-ed survivor support group
- Provided and document Medicaid-compliant mental health assessments
- Co-facilitated evidence-based weekly psychoeducation group for five dual diagnosis clients
- Provided individual therapy services to support clients

Cornerstone of Hope, Independence, OH

***Graduate Intern*** 2014 – 2015

- Provided grief counseling and conducted intake assessments for individual and family clients

WomenSafe, Chardon, OH

***Graduate Intern*** 2014

- Provided trauma-informed services to children and adult survivors of domestic violence
- Responded to and documented crisis and shelter referral calls and provided client education

Planned Parenthood Chicago Area, Chicago, IL

***Foundations Support Analyst Intern*** 2007

- Wrote grant proposal for “Healthy Sexuality” education program for Chicago Public Schools
- Created a database of local and national foundations

## ACADEMIC SERVICE AND HONORS

- Mandel Leadership Fellow, Case Western Reserve University
- Curriculum Committee Student Representative, Case Western Reserve University
- Field Education Advocacy Group Co-leader, Case Western Reserve University

## PUBLICATIONS

Kretschmar, J. M., Butcher, F., Canary, P. J. & Devens, R. (2015). Responding to the mental health and substance abuse needs of youth in the juvenile justice system: Ohio's Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice Initiative. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 85(6), 515-521. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/ort0000139>

Bartlette, L., Bickel, K., Denison, M., Devens, R., Gaietto, A., Hampton, S.,...Tube, M. (2015). Noble Neighborhood: Community Assessment. Retrieved from: <http://www.nobleneighbors.com/noble-neighborhood-assessment-cwru-msass-2014.html>

Devens, R. Testimony and Formal Comments of Behalf of the Constituents of the Illinois Citizens Utility Board, the City of Chicago, the Illinois Attorney General's Office, and Environmental Law and Policy Center in Illinois Commerce Commission Docket Nos. 13-0546; 13-0549; 13-0550; 13-0499; 13-0498; 13-0495; 13-0105; 13-0077; 12-0484; 11-0689; 11-0341; 11-0547; and 10-0567. Retrievable from <http://icc.illinois.gov/>

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

National Runaway Safeline, Chicago, IL Provided support and resources to runaway youth and youth in crisis as a Crisis Line Worker	2011 – 2014
The Night Ministry, Chicago, IL Organized an ongoing initiative to provide breakfast for homeless LGBTQ youth	2012 – 2013
Refugee One, Chicago, IL Provided tutoring services in reading, math, and science	2009 – 2010
Krannert Art Museum, Urbana, IL Served as a museum docent and educator at local schools	2007
Urbana Adult Education Center, Urbana, IL Tutored students on GED acquisition, basic literacy, and English as a new language skills	2004 – 2007