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Education

Current Address: 1107 ½ N. Water St.
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Princeton University, Princeton NJ
PhD in Sociology and Social Policy, in progress
Anticipated Degree: 2025

University of South Dakota, Vermillion SD
B.S. with Honors in Criminal Justice and Sociology, May 2018.

Under Review

Cycles of Violence: Social Mobility as a Predictor of Violent Crime and Homicide
With Kathy Edin and Luke Shaefer
In this paper, we build on Sharkey and Torrats-Espinosa's (2017) finding that violence depresses community social mobility by providing preliminary evidence that depressed social mobility is associated with later community violence. Our findings provide evidence for a positive feedback loop wherein violence depresses social mobility and social mobility produces further community violence. This feedback loop has the potential to trap communities in cycles of deep disadvantage.

In Progress

Southern Trees Bear Strange Fruit: The Effects of Slavery and Lynching on Disadvantage Today
With Kathy Edin and Luke Shaefer
Theorists of Black oppression suggest that a series of institutions- slavery, Jim Crow laws, and the criminal justice system- have been implemented successively in America to repress the Black population. We expand on this theoretical work by offering a quantitative analysis of the correlation between slavery and 21st century disadvantage at the county level. Further, we make the case that lynching served as one of these institutions of oppression by examining the correlation between lynching and modern disadvantage. Finally, we assess whether or not these historical institutions primarily laid the groundwork for later institutions (as posited by Alexander 2012) or continue to have a direct effect on Black communities independently.

Publications

Diamond-Welch, Bridget K., Julia Marin Hellwege, and **Olivia Mann**. 2018. "Blame avoidance & transgender individuals' attributions about rape: Unpacking gendered assumptions in defensive attribution research." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Kosloski, Anna, Bridget Diamond-Welch, and **Olivia Mann**. 2018. "The Presence of Rape Myths in the Virtual World: A Qualitative Textual Analysis of the

Stuebenville Sexual Assault Case.” *Violence and Gender*,
doi:10.1089/vio.2017.0067.

Diamond-Welch, Bridget K., **Olivia Mann**, Melissa L. Bass, and Craig Tollini. 2017.
“The Interaction Between Observer Sex and Sexual Identity on Attributions of
Blame With a Heterosexual Female Victim.” *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*,
doi:10.1177/0886260517733281.

Selected Grants and Fellowships

Levy Fellow in Social Policy, Princeton University, 2020

Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation, 2020

John W. Carlson Research Grant, for research on gay and heterosexual men’s attributions
of blame in cases of sexual assault, 2018

Council for Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship Mini-Grant, for materials
and data collection for Honors thesis, 2017

Selected Honors and Awards

Marvin Bressler Graduate Student Teaching Award, Princeton University Department of
Sociology, Spring 2020

Dillon Senior Achievement Award, University of South Dakota Criminal Justice
Program, Spring 2018.

Farber Writing Award, University of South Dakota Criminal Justice Program, Spring
2018.

First Place, 2018 Midwest Sociological Society Student Paper Competition,
Undergraduate Division.

Roslyn Muraskin Student Travel Award, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Spring
2018.

Gary and Judy Marx Servant-Leader Award, University of South Dakota College of Arts
and Sciences, Spring 2017.

Presidential Alumni Scholarship, University of South Dakota, Fall 2014-Spring 2018.

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Department of Sociology Methods Camp, Princeton University
Princeton University, 2019-2020
Supervised by Dr. Brandon Stewart and Dr. Matt Salganik

SOC 300: Claims and Evidence in Sociology
Princeton University, Fall 2019 and Fall 2020
Preceptor for Drs. Jen Jennings and Kathy Edin

SOC 215: Sociology of the Internet
Princeton University, Spring 2020
Preceptor for Dr. Janet Vertesi

Service and Leadership

Graduate Student Organizer

Russell Sage Foundation Listening to Rural America Workshop, Fall 2018-Spring 2019
Identified and invited leaders in rural poverty research to attend a day-long workshop at the Russell Sage Foundation headquarters. Reviewed participants' work to organize discussion panels. Recorded notes and offered closing remarks at end of meeting.

Student Member

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Conference Steering Committee, 2016-2017
Assisted in planning of the 2017 Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Conference at the University of South Dakota. Planned and hosted organization fair, collaborating with student groups and local stakeholders.

Other Writing

Mann, Olivia. 2021. "[Reflections on the Field: Fieldwork and Vicarious Trauma in Graduate School.](#)" *The Criminologist*, American Society of Criminology.

Mann, Olivia. 2020. "[Disinvestment in rural Kentucky leaves 'nothing to do' but drugs.](#)" University of Michigan Poverty Solutions: Understanding Communities of Deep Disadvantage

Research Experience

Graduate Student Researcher

Rural Resilience Project, Princeton University and University of Michigan, 2018-Present
Assisted in development of index of disadvantage combining poverty and public health measures. Conducted fieldwork in Appalachia, combining ethnographic and in-depth interviewing methods. Produced blog posts and policy briefs on topics related to disadvantage, including transportation shortages and the relationship between social infrastructure and the opioid crisis.

Undergraduate Student Researcher

University of South Dakota Department of Political Science, 2015-2018
Collaborated on multi-year research agenda exploring the effect of observer sexuality and gender identity on attributions of blame in cases of sexual assault involving victims of various gender and sexual identities. Constructed and deployed online survey experiments, analyzed data using SPSS, presented and published findings.

Research Assistant

USD Government Research Bureau, 2015- 2018

Developed and administered online surveys for community development, program assessment, and strategic planning. Analyzed data, organized, wrote, and edited final project reports. Specific projects include assessment of South Dakota GEAR UP program, City of Harrisburg Community Survey, South Dakota Highway Safety Plan, South Dakota Fusion Center SWOT analysis, and ongoing assessment of the USD Dental Hygiene Community Outreach program.

Presentations

- Mann, Olivia.** 2021. "Offenders-As-Consumers: An Analysis of Motive and Justification in an Online Shoplifting Community." Panel presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 19, Chicago, IL.
- Mann, Olivia, Bridget K. Diamond-Welch, and Melissa Bass.** 2018. "(Bi)Sexuality and Blame: Comparing Heterosexual, Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Observers' Reactions to an Acquaintance Rape." Panel presentation at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, February 15, New Orleans, LA.
- Mann, Olivia, Bridget K. Diamond-Welch, and Melissa Bass.** 2017. "Effect of Bisexuality on Attributions of Blame in Cases of Sexual Assault." Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 16, Philadelphia, PA.