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EDUCATION

PhD August 2022, Washington University in St. Louis
Brown School of Social Work

MSW May 2008, University of Alabama

MFA July 2000, Goddard College
Concentration: Poetry

BA May 1998, University of Montana
Major: English

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Fall 2022 **Assistant Professor of Social Work**
School of Social Work
Saint Louis University

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Twenty years of practice experience, 14 at the MSW level. Practice and research focused on the mental health needs of individuals affected by mass incarceration. Professional goals are to contribute toward reduction of incarceration rates through development and implementation of evidence-based, trauma-focused interventions for individuals transitioning out of prison.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Trauma among individuals who experience incarceration
- Intervention services for individuals leaving prison
- Legacy of racial violence in the criminal justice system

EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING

2022 *Ruth L. Kirchstein National Research Service Award*
Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31)
National Institute of Mental Health
\$48,536

2017-2020 *National Research Service Award*
NIMH T32 MH019960; PI: Leopoldo Cabassa
Mental Health Services Predoctoral Training Program
\$70,140

HONORS & AWARDS

2019-2022 *Doctoral Affiliate*, Institute for Justice Research and Development, College of
Social Work, Florida State University

2020 *Teaching Excellence Award for Doctoral Teaching Fellows*, Brown School,
Washington University in St. Louis

2007-2008 *Christine Smith Graduate Studies Scholarship*, University of Alabama

2007-2008 *Peggy Spain McDonald Endowed Scholarship*, University of Alabama

2006-2007 *National Alumni Fellowship*, University of Alabama

1994-1998 *Erasmus Scholarship*, University of Montana

1993-1997 *Honors College Presidential Scholarship*, University of Montana

DISSERTATION RESEARCH

Trauma Exposures Across the Life Course for Individuals Who Experience Incarceration: A
Latent Class Analysis

Chair: Brett Drake, PhD, MSW

Committee Members: Melissa Jonson-Reid, PhD, MSW; Carrie Pettus-Davis, PhD, MSW;
Darrell Hudson, PhD, MPH; Geoff Ward, PhD

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Morrison, M. & Drake, B. (2021, January). *Foster Children of Incarcerated Parents: A Longitudinal Nationwide Analysis*. Oral paper presentation. 25th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Virtual Conference.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2023 *Instructor, Saint Louis University School of Social Work*
Graduate courses: *Human Behavior and the Social Environment*; and
Research for Evidence-Informed Social Work Practice
- Fall 2022 *Instructor, Saint Louis University School of Social Work*
Undergraduate course: *Criminology: The Nature of Crime*
- Spring 2022 *Teaching Assistant, Washington University in St. Louis Brown School*
Graduate course: *Principles and Practices of Differential Diagnosis*
- Fall 19-Sp 22 *Teaching Assistant, Washington University in St. Louis Brown School*
Graduate course: *Research Methods Seminar* (6 semesters)
- Fall 2018-21 *Teaching Assistant, Washington University in St. Louis Brown School*
Graduate course: *Data Management* (3 semesters)
- Fall 2020-21 *Teaching Assistant, Washington University in St. Louis Brown School*
Graduate course: *Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, & Groups*
(3 semesters)
- Fall 2020-21 *Teaching Assistant, Washington University in St. Louis Brown School*
Graduate course: *Research Methods with Statistical Applications for Social Work*
(2 semesters)
- Spring 2021 *Teaching Assistant, Washington University in St. Louis Brown School*
Graduate course: *Dialectical Behavior Therapy*
- Spring 2020 *Instructor, Washington University in St. Louis Brown School*
Graduate course: *Criminal Justice Involved Adults*
- Summer 2019 *Social Work Field Instructor, Florida State University College of Social Work*
Community agency: Joseph House (reentry program for men), Tallahassee, FL
- Spring 2019 *Teaching Assistant, Washington University in St. Louis Brown School*
Graduate course: *Mental Health Policy*
- Spring 2018 *Teaching Assistant, Washington University in St. Louis Brown School*
Graduate course: *Child Maltreatment Prevention*

Summer 2015 *Social Work Field Instructor*, Auburn University Master of Social Work Program
Community agency: Equal Justice Initiative, Montgomery, AL

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Morrison, M. (2022, Mar). *Trauma-informed Care in Reentry Settings*. Invited webinar presentation. Renaissance Halfway House, Montgomery, AL.

Morrison, M. (2021, Feb). *Social Workers Responding to the Criminal Justice System*. Invited webinar presentation. University of Tennessee College of Social Work, Coalition of Black Social Workers, Nashville, TN

Morrison, M. (2020, June). *Challenging Narratives: Stories of Social Work and Mass Incarceration*. Invited webinar presentation. The Office of the Alternative Defense Counsel, Denver, CO.

Morrison, M. & Feddon, D. (2018, Sept). *Confronting the Legacy of Racial Terror in the Age of Mass Incarceration*. Invited webinar presentation. National Black Catholic Congress, Baltimore, MD.

Feddon, D. & **Morrison, M.** (2018, April). *The Role of Truth and Reconciliation in Serving Men in Prisons in the Era of Mass Incarceration*. Invited speaker. Baton Rouge Area Society of Psychologists, Monthly Meeting, Baton Rouge, LA.

Morrison, M. (2016, June). *Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Children in the Age of Mass Incarceration*. Oral presentation. National Association of Social Workers National Conference, Washington, DC.

Morrison, M. (2016, April). *Consequences of Mass Incarceration for Children*. Invited speaker. University of Oklahoma and Tulsa Community College, Public Health Symposium, Roadmaps to Success: Improving Public Health for Underserved Populations, Tulsa, OK.

Morrison, M. (2015, July). *All Children Are Children: Challenging Excessive Punishment of Juveniles*. Oral presentation. National Organization of Forensic Social Workers Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Morrison, M. (2014, July). *Hope for Children Condemned to Die in Prison: The Role of the Social Worker on the Legal Team*. Oral presentation. National Association of Forensic Social Workers Annual Conference, New York City, NY.

Morrison, M. (2012, November). *Working with the Client*. Invited speaker. Equal Justice Initiative National Conference: Building Capacity to Implement *Miller v. Alabama*, Atlanta, GA.

Morrison, M. (2010, March). *When 13- and 14-Year-Old Children are Sentenced to Die in Prison*. Invited speaker. National Association of Social Work-Alabama Chapter Student Advocacy Day, Montgomery, AL.

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Aug 22-pres. *Bachelor of Social Work Program Committee Member*
School of Social Work, Saint Louis University

2020-2021 *Professional Development Seminar Committee Member*
Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis

2019-2020

1994-96 *Rape Crisis Counselor*
University of Montana Sexual Assault Recovery Services, Missoula, MT

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

2018-present Society for Social Work Research

2006-2017 National Association of Social Workers

2014-2017 National Association of Forensic Social

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS

2011-present Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, Alabama

2016 Certificate in Traumatic Stress Studies, Trauma Center, Justice Resource Institute,
Boston, MA

2008-2011 Licensed Graduate Social Worker, Alabama