

CHIVON H. FITCH

EDUCATION

Ph.D. 2014 Kent State University, Sociology
Specialty areas: Criminology, Gender

M.A. 2003 Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Sociology

B.A. 2001 Penn State, Psychology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA. July 2014-Present.

Adjunct Instructor, Women's Studies Department, University of Akron, Akron, OH. January 2012-August 2014.

Instructor, Department of Sociology, Kent State University, Kent, OH. August 2010-August 2014.

Survey Research Lab Shift Supervisor, Kent State University, Kent, OH. August 2010-December 2010.

Director of Research, The Ophelia Project©, Erie, PA. November 2008-May 2010.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gendered and crime, shame, mental health, social control, sex work, crime mapping, and quantitative methodologies

SCHOLARSHIP

Publications

Fitch, C. and Z. Nazaretian. (*In Press*). "Examining the Role of Shame Acknowledgment in Reintegrative Shaming Theory." *Crime, Law, and Social Change*.

Fitch, C., Nazaretian, Z., and D. Himmel. 2018. "Exploring the Efficacy of Reintegrative Shaming for Non-predatory Offending." *Criminal Behaviour and Mental Health*.

Fitch, C., J. Burke and W. Kalkhoff. 2018. "Gender Differences in Reactions to Mental Illness Labeling: The Role of Agency and Communion." *Deviant Behavior*.

Dippong, J. and C. **Fitch**. 2017. "Emotions in Criminological Theory: Insights From Social Psychology." *Sociology Compass*, 11(4).

C. **Fitch**. 2016. "Prostitution Rights." *The Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell. *In Press*.

C. **Fitch**. 2016. "Meda Chesney-Lind: A Brief Biography." *The Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell. *In Press*.

C. **Fitch**. 2016. "Crime, Shame, and Female Offending." *The Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell. *In Press*.

Roxburgh, S. & C. **Fitch**. 2013. "Parental Status, Child Contact, and Distress among Incarcerated Men and Women." *Journal of Family Issues*, 35(10): 1394-1412.

Nixon, C., Linkie, C., Coleman, P. and C. **Fitch**. 2011. "Peer Relational Victimization and Somatic Complaints during Adolescence." *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 49(3):294-299.

AWARDS

2014 Recipient, "Lewis-Benson Award for Outstanding Teaching," Kent State University.

FUNDING – SELECT GRANTS & CONTRACTS

Indiana University of Pennsylvania University Senate, Faculty Incidental Research Support. "Victim Blaming in the Media: An Analysis of Public Responses to Male and Female Youth Victimization." **Awarded**. \$495.00. [Principal Investigator]. (10/15/2018).

Indiana University of Pennsylvania University Senate, Small Grants Program. "Victim Blaming in the Media: An Analysis of Public Responses to Male and Female Adult Victimization." **Awarded**. \$1,150.00. [Principal Investigator]. 20% effort for 3 months (07/01/2018 – 8/15/2018).

Indiana University of Pennsylvania University Senate, Small Grants Program. "Victim Blaming in the Media: An Analysis of Public Responses to Male and Female Youth Victimization." **Awarded**. \$1,980.00. [Co- Investigator]. 20% effort for 3 months (05/01/2016 – 8/15/2016).

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, College of Health and Human Services, Research Incentive Grant. "Mobile Phone Campus Victimization Survey (MPCVS)." **Awarded**. \$5,000. {Co-Investigator}. 33% effort for 1 year (07/01/2015-06/31/2016).

United Way of Erie County. "The Erie County Youth Activities Survey Project." **Awarded**. \$30,000. [Principal Investigator]. 50% effort for 12 months (7/01/05-6/31/06).

Housing Authority of the City of Erie. "Safety & Services Resident Survey, 2005." **Awarded**. \$4,783. [Principal Investigator]. 25% effort for 12 weeks (06/17/05-08/6/05).

Pennsylvania Department of Health (subcontract to The Epilepsy Foundation of Western/Central Pennsylvania). "Assessment and Analysis of the Epilepsy-Related Needs of Erie's African-American and Latino Communities." **Awarded.** \$10,000. [Principal Investigator]. 50% effort for 6 months (02/01/05-08/31/05).

U.S. Department of Education (subcontract to Central High School, Erie School District [total grant amount = \$500,000]). "Classroom Organization and Management." **Awarded.** \$80,000. [Project Director]. 20% effort for 1 year (07/01/01-06/30/03).

PRESENTATIONS

Fitch, C. and K. Laird. "Victimization: Challenges and Threats to Claims." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. November 14, 2018, Atlanta, GA.

Fitch, C. and K. L. Jordan. "Mental Health and Well-Being among Incarcerated Parents: The Impact of Race and Gender." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, February 16, 2018, New Orleans, LA.

C. **Fitch**. Roundtable: Mentoring Across the Curriculum. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. November 17, 2017, Philadelphia, PA.

C. **Fitch**. "Victim-Blaming: A Content Analysis of Online Discussion about Rape and Sexual Assault." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interactionism Annual Meeting. August 12, 2017, Montreal, Canada.

C. **Fitch**. "Victim Blaming of Children: Shaming Sexual Victimization." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. November 16, 2017, New Orleans, LA.

C. **Fitch**. "Roundtable: Innovations in Teaching in the Traditional and Online College Classroom." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. March 22, 2017, Kansas City, MO.

Merlo, A., B. Kim, C. **Fitch**, and H. Bak. "Internationalization of Specialty Journals: Editorial Boards, Content Analysis of Articles and Editors." Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, February 3, 2017, Las Vegas, NV.

C. **Fitch**. "Roundtable: Slut Shaming Sexual Victimization." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 21, 2016, Seattle, WA.

Nazaretian, Z, C. **Fitch** and S. Mummert. "Results from a Victim Generated Crime Mapping Software." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. March 31, 2016, Denver, CO.

Nazaretian, Z, C. **Fitch** and S. Mummert. "MPCVS: A New Methodology for Surveys." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. April 1, 2016, Denver, CO.

C. **Fitch**. "Victim Blaming of Minors: "Slut Shaming" Sexual Victimization." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. November 20, 2015, Washington, D.C.

C. **Fitch**. "Shaming, Criminal Offending, and Conformity: The Role of Shame Acknowledgement." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 25, 2015, Chicago, IL.

C. **Fitch**. "Examining the Boundaries of Revised Reintegrative Shaming Theory." Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Justice Educators Annual Meeting, March 21, 2015, Slippery Rock, PA.

C. **Fitch**. "Reintegrative Shaming Theory: A Test of the Modified Theory." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 21, 2014, San Francisco, CA.

Vander Horst, A. & C. **Fitch**. "The Methodological Adequacy of Predatory Crime Measurement." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 23, 2013, Atlanta, GA.

C. **Fitch**. "Reintegrative Shaming: A Gendered Deterrent" North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, April 6, 2013, Indianapolis, IN.

Roxburgh, S. & C. **Fitch**. "Parental Status, Child Contact, and Distress among Incarcerated Men and Women." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 19, 2012, Denver, CO.

C. **Fitch**. "Enabling and Promoting Creativity in Sociology Courses: Alternative to the Traditional Research Paper." North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, April 13, 2012, Pittsburgh, PA.

C. **Fitch**. "Exploring Factors Related to Feminist Self-Identification." North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, April 3, 2010, Chicago, IL.

C. **Fitch**. "Student Reporting of Relational Aggression: Where it Occurs and Who Hears About It." North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, March 31, 2010, Chicago, IL.

Bianchi, A. & C. **Fitch**. "Weight as a Status Marker in Young Children: The Math Ability Pathway." Presentation for the Child and Youth Roundtables, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 12, 2007, New York, NY.

C. Nixon, C. **Fitch** & E. Keifer. "Forgiveness, Negative Emotional Processes, and Relational Aggression: An Exploratory Study." Poster Presentation, Association for Psychological Science Annual Meeting, May 25, 2007, Washington, DC.

C. Fitch. "Interpersonal Victimization: Factors Related to the Commission of Homicide." North Central Sociological Association Annual Conference, April 7, 2007, Chicago, IL.

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate Courses

Deviant Behavior (traditional & online)
Dilemmas in Criminal Justice (traditional & online)
Environmental Crime & Justice
Law, Society & Social Control
Feminist Theory
Inequalities in Societies
Interpersonal Relationships & Families (traditional & online)
Introduction to Sociology (honors, traditional & online)
Introduction to Women's Studies (traditional & online)
Policing
Race & Crime (traditional & online)
Sociology of Families (traditional & online)
Women & Crime (traditional & online)

Graduate Courses

Advanced Quantitative Strategies (Doctoral course)
Feminist Theory (Doctoral and M.A. course)
Criminological Theory (M.A. course, traditional & online)
Quantitative Strategies for Criminology (M.A. course, traditional & online)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University and Department Service

University Wide Graduate Curriculum Committee, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (August 2018-Present)

Criminology Department Teaching Circle Co-chair, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (August 2016-Present)

IUP College of Health and Human Services Research Committee, Criminology Department Representative (August 2015- Present)

IUP Criminology Society Student Organization, Co-Advisor (August 2015-Present)

C. Edward Keller Scholarship Selection Committee (August 2014-Present)

Undergraduate and Graduate Scholars Forum 2018, Judge. (April 2017 and 2018).

Ad Hoc SPSS Research Committee Chair, Criminology Department (May 2017- June 2017)

University Faculty Senate, Criminology Department Representative (August 2015- August 2017)

APSCUF Criminology Faculty Union Representative Alternate (September 2014- August 2015)

Belonging, Learning, and Exploring New Directions (BLEND): A Mentoring Program for Women and Faculty of Color, Mentee Indiana University of Pennsylvania (August 2014- May 2015)

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS), Kent State University Chapter, Co-President (2010-2011)

Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Sociology Department Student Representative (2011-2012)

Sociology Department Search Committee Student Representative (2013-2014)

Service To The Discipline

Reviewer: *Crime, Law, and Social Change*, *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, *the Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *Race and Justice Journal*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Violence and Victims*

Division of Women & Crime: Outreach, Social Media, Student Poster & Awards, and Teaching Committees (August 2017-Present)

Division of Women & Crime: Outreach Committee (May 2017-Present)

Chair, Regular Session: Perceptions, Narratives, and Patterns of Rape and Sexual Assault. Victim Blaming of Children: Shaming Sexual Victimization." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. November 16, 2017, New Orleans, LA

Table Presider, Section on Crime, Law and Deviance Roundtable Session: Adolescence, Crime, and Deviance. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, November 2015, San Diego, CA

Students Supervised

Chair, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee

Thomas Smith (in progress)

Member, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee

Kirsten Piatek (in progress)

Member, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee

Jonathan Bliss (in progress)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Criminal Justice Society
Section: Minorities and Women

American Sociological Association
Sections: Methodology, Crime, Law & Deviance
Sex & Gender
Sociology of Emotions

American Society of Criminology
Sections: Division of Women & Crime

Sociologists for Women in Society