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## Education

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Iowa, Department of Sociology (expected completion: Spring 2018)

Title: "Conflict and Resistance: The struggle for evidence-based practices in a women's prison"

Committee: Dr. Sarah K. Harkness (Chair), Dr. Karen Heimer, Dr. Michael Sauder, Dr. Marina Zaloznaya, Dr. Jacki T. Rand

*Completed Area Exams:* (1) Gender; (2) Crime, Law and Deviance

M.A., 2013, "Achieving Masculinity in a Women's Prison: Messing up Gender Boundaries."

Committee: Dr. Karen Heimer (Chair), Dr. Michael Sauder, Dr. Rachel Crane-Williams, Dr. Sarah K. Harkness

B.A., 2010, Sociology, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX

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## Research Interests

Gender, incarceration, gendered violence, masculinities, penal reform, gendered organizations

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## Peer-reviewed Papers

Gorga, Allison and Nicole Bouxsein Oehmen. *Forthcoming*. "Gendered Policy, Gendered Prisons: Gendered Subtexts and the Prison Rape Elimination Act." *Advances in Gender Research*.

Gorga, Allison. Published online, Jan. 5, 2017. "Kinda Like a Man and a Woman Thing:" The Construction and Reification of Gender Hegemony in a Women's Prison. *Social Currents*. [10.1177/2329496516686617](https://doi.org/10.1177/2329496516686617)

Stone, Amy & \*Allison Gorga. 2014. "Containing Pariah Femininities: Lesbians in the Sorority Rush Process." *Sexualities* 17.3: 348-364. [10.1177/1363460713516336](https://doi.org/10.1177/1363460713516336)

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## Papers in Progress

- Gorga, Allison. "Triaging Rehabilitation: The Limits of Re-entry Services when Evidence-Based Practices are Negotiated through Cost-Saving Frames." *Preparing for publication.*
- Gorga, Allison. "An Unworkable Monster: Reaching Gender Responsivity in Corrections." *Draft.*
- Bouxsein Oehmen, Nicole and \***Allison Gorga**. "Aggregation, Underreporting, & Fatigue: Methodological Challenges of Studying Rape in Prison." *Draft.*
- Gorga, Allison. "Kiddie Camps and Penis Panics: Perceptions and Experiences of Cross-Gender Work in Prisons." *In Progress.*
- Nishi, Kanae, Alaina Richarz, \***Allison Gorga**, Jody Spalding. "Developmental Changes in Consonant Recognition in Noise: The Influence of Phonotactic Probability of Non-Words." *Revise and Resubmit.*
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## Presentations

- Gorga, Allison. "An Unworkable Monster: Reaching Gender Responsivity in Corrections." September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Departmental Colloquium: University of Iowa Department of Sociology.
- Gorga, Allison. "Gentle Cages: Framing Gender Difference in Penal Reform and Rehabilitative Strategies." August 14, 2017. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: Montreal, QC, Canada.
- Gorga, Allison. "Kinda Like a Man and a Woman Thing: The Construction and Reification of Gender Hegemony in a Women's Prison." August 22, 2016. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: Seattle, WA.
- Gorga, Allison. "Interdisciplinary Discipline: A Critical Review of Women's Prison Scholarship." November 18, 2015. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: San Francisco, CA.
- Gorga, Allison. "Achieving Masculinity in a Women's Prison: Messing up Gender Boundaries." August 21, 2013. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: New York, NY.
- Gorga, Allison. "Doing and Undoing Gender in a Women's Prison." February 15, 2013. Theory Workshop: University of Iowa.

Kanae Nishi, Geoff Utter, & \*Allison Gorga. "Use of contextual information by normal-hearing non-native Speakers of English." March 4, 2011. American Auditory Society Annual Meeting: Scottsdale, AZ.

Kanae Nishi, \*Allison Gorga, Geoff Utter, & Elizabeth Heinrichs. "Use of contextual information by normal-hearing children and Adults." March 4, 2011. American Auditory Society Annual Meeting: Scottsdale, AZ.

Gorga, Allison, Hannah Schmunk, Lillian Haines, and Brynn Leggett. "A Future for the San Antonio Homeless Population." May 6, 2010. Research Report Presentation: San Antonio, TX.

Gorga, Allison, Adriene Hassoldt, and Rebecca Musser. "Sororities and Homophobia." December 9, 2008. Trinity University, Social Research Methods Poster Presentations: San Antonio, TX.

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## Teaching Experience

### *Independently Taught Courses*

Gender and Society: Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017

Sociology Capstone (co-taught with Dr. Mary Noonan), Spring 2015

Introduction to Criminology, Fall 2014

### *Graduate Teaching Assistant:*

Law and Society: Discussion Section Leader (3 sections), Fall 2017

Gender and Society: Discussion Section Leader (3 sections), Spring 2014

Women, Crime, and Justice: Teaching Assistant, Spring 2013

Introduction to Criminology: Discussion Section Leader (2 sections), Fall 2012

Gender and Society: Discussion Section Leader (2 sections), Spring 2012

Introduction to Sociology: Discussion Section Leader (3 sections), Fall 2011

### *Guest Lectures:*

September 21, 2017. "Gender in the Criminal Justice System." *Law and Society*.

April 6, 2016. "Neighborhoods, Incarceration, and Health," in *Medical Sociology*.

April 6, 2016. "Gender and Violence," in *Gender and Society*.

March 21, 2016. "Gender and Health I," in *Medical Sociology*.

March 23, 2016. "Gender and Health II," in *Medical Sociology*.

October 29, 2015. "Understudied Racial and Ethnic Populations in Criminology," in *Race and Ethnicity*.

October 27, 2015. "Race and Order-Maintenance Policing," in *Race and Ethnicity*.

October 22, 2015. "Neighborhood Drug Markets," in *Race and Ethnicity*.

October 20, 2015. "Race and the History of Mass Incarceration in the US," in *Race and Ethnicity*.

May 4, 2015. "Discriminatory Treatment of Women Prisoners," in *Law and Society*

April 9, 2014. "Gender and Violence," in *Gender and Society*.  
November 18, 2013. "Gender and Crime," in *Social Problems*.  
April 11, 2013. "Violence Against Women in Disadvantaged Neighborhoods: *Getting Played*," in *Women, Crime, and Justice*.  
February 28, 2013. "Inner-city African American Girls and Violence: *Between Good and Ghetto*," in *Women, Crime, and Justice*.

*Other:*

Certificate in College Teaching. University of Iowa Graduate College. Department of Education. Expected completion: Fall 2017.  
Teaching Practicum: *Medical Sociology*. Course Instructor and Supervisor: Dr. Sarah Harkness. Spring 2016.  
Teaching Practicum: *Race and Ethnicity*. Course Instructor and Supervisor: Dr. Jessica Welburn. Fall 2015.

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**Other Research Experience**

Research Assistant: Women's Collective (at Iowa Correctional Institution for Women), University of Iowa. 2012-2013.  
Lab Manager: Boys Town National Research Hospital, Speech Perception and Acoustics Lab. Feb. 2011 – Aug. 2011.  
Research Assistant: Boys Town National Research Hospital. June 2010 – Aug. 2011.  
Volunteer Surveyor: San Antonio Point in Time Survey on the Homeless. January 2010.

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**Grants and Awards**

Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowship (Spring 2018). University of Iowa, Department of Sociology.  
Graduate Travel Grant (Fall 2015). University of Iowa Department of Sociology.  
Student Initiative Fund (Summer 2014). University of Iowa Department of Sociology.  
Student Initiative Fund (Spring 2013). University of Iowa Department of Sociology.

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**Professional memberships**

American Society of Criminology (ASC), Midwest Sociological Society (MSS), American Sociological Association (ASA), Campaign to Organize Graduate Students (COGS), American Auditory Society (AAS; 2010-2011)

**Service**

Graduate Studies Committee. 2016-2017 School Year.

Summer 2016. Online Course Development: Graduate Student Mentor. University of Iowa Division of Continuing Education.

Summer 2016, Summer 2015. University of Iowa Graduate College New Teaching Assistant Orientation: Advanced Graduate Student Workshop Leader. Nominated by faculty in the Department of Sociology.

Graduate Orientation Committee (2012-2014), University of Iowa Department of Sociology.

### **Peer Reviewer**

*Gender & Society, Social Currents*

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### **Skills**

*Computer Skills:* MS Office                                    STATA  
                            QSR Envivo                                SPSS  
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*Certifications:*  
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