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## EDUCATION

- PhD in Sociology** September 2003  
New York University  
*Dissertation title:* “Explaining the Dynamics of Fear of Crime: Crime, Disorder and Risk in New York City Neighborhoods” (Chair: Dr. David Greenberg)
- MA in Sociology** March 1999  
New York University
- BA in Law and Society** (Criminal Justice emphasis), summa cum laude March 1996  
University of California at Santa Barbara

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019- present Full Professor of Sociology, Seattle Pacific University.
- 2012-2018 Associate Professor of Sociology, Seattle Pacific University.
- 2011-present Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Washington, Department of Psychosocial and Community Health.
- 2006-2012 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Seattle Pacific University.
- 2006-2010 Research Scientist, University of Washington, Department of Psychosocial and Community Health, Reconnecting Youth Prevention Research Program
- 2005-2009 Project Director, (NIH) Health Maintenance Consortium Supplement Grant (PI Brooke Randell), University of Washington, Reconnecting Youth Prevention Program.
- 2003-2006 NIH (NIDA) Post-doctoral Fellow, University of Washington, Department of Psychosocial and Community Health.
- 2001-2003 Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Washington.

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Nathalie Williams, Dirgha J. Ghimire and **Karen A. Snedker**. 2018. “Fear of Violence during Armed Conflict: Trauma, Risks, and Resources as Determinants of Fear.” *Social Science Research* 71:145-159. Pre-published January 18, 2018, DOI: 10.1016/j.ssresearch.2018.01.004.

**Snedker, Karen A.**, Lindsey Beach and Katie Corcoran. 2017. “Beyond the ‘Revolving Door’? Incentives and Criminal Recidivism in One Mental Health Court.” *Criminal Justice and Behavior* 44:1141-1162. Pre-published June 7, 2017, DOI: 10.1177/0093854817708395.

McKinney, Jennifer and **Karen A. Snedker**. 2017. "Hosting a Tent City: Student Engagement and Homelessness." *Teaching Sociology* 45(3):252-259. Pre-published February 1, 2017, DOI: 10.1177/0092055X17694908.

**Snedker, Karen A.** and Jerald R. Herting. 2016. "Adolescent Mental Health: Neighborhood Stress Effects on Emotional Distress." *Youth & Society* 48(5):695-715. Pre-published December 4, 2013, DOI: 10.1177/0044118X13512335.

**Snedker, Karen A.** 2016. "Unburdening Stigma: Identity Repair through Rituals in the Mental Health Court." *Society and Mental Health* 6(1): 36-55. Prepublished. August 5, 2015, DOI: 10.1177/2156869315598203.

**Snedker, Karen A.** 2015. "Neighborhood Conditions and Fear of Crime: A Reconsideration of Sex Differences." *Crime & Delinquency* 61(1): 45-70. Prepublished. December 3, 2010, DOI: 10.1177/0011128710392003.

**Snedker, Karen A.**, Jerald R. Herting and Emily Walton. 2013. "Neighborhood Resources and Adolescent Health and Risk Behaviors." Pp. 215-229 in *Applied Demography and Public Health* edited by N. Hoque, M. McGehee, and B. Bradshaw. New York: Springer.

**Snedker, Karen A.** and Carole Hooven. 2013. "Neighborhood Perceptions and Emotional Well-being in Young Adulthood." *Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing* 26(1): 62-73.

**Snedker, Karen A.** 2012. "Explaining the Gender Gap in Fear of Crime: Risk Assessment and Differential Vulnerability among New York City Residents." *Feminist Criminology* 7(2): 75-111.

Hooven, Carole, **Karen A. Snedker** and Elaine Adams Thompson. 2012. "Suicide Risk at Young Adulthood: Continuities and Discontinuities from Adolescence." *Youth & Society* 44(4): 524-547.

Bailey, Amy K. and **Karen A. Snedker**. 2011. "Practicing What They Preach? Lynching and Religion in the American South 1890 - 1929." *American Journal of Sociology* 117(3): 844-887.

Hooven, Carole, Jerald R. Herting and **Karen A. Snedker**. 2010. "Long-term Effects of a Suicide Risk Prevention Program: Altering Trajectories of Risk from Adolescence to Early Adulthood." *American Journal of Health Behavior* 34(6): 721-736.

**Snedker, Karen A.**, Jerald R. Herting and Emily Walton. 2009. "Neighborhood Contextual Effects and Adolescent Substance Use: Exploring the Moderating Role of Neighborhoods." *Social Science Quarterly* 90(5): 1272-1297.

**Snedker, Karen A.** 2006. "Altruistic and Vicarious Fear of Crime: Fear for Others and Gendered Social Roles." *Sociological Forum* 21(2): 163-195.

## BOOKS

**Snedker, Karen A.** 2018. *Therapeutic Justice: Crime, Treatment Courts and Mental Illness*. London: Palgrave/Macmillan.

## CHAPTERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

**Snedker, Karen A.** 2009. "Altruistic Fear." Pp. 39-42. *Encyclopedia of Criminological Theory, Vol.1* edited by Pamela Wilcox and Frank Cullen. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

**Snedker, Karen A.** and Jerald R. Herting. 2008. "The Spatial Context of Adolescent Alcohol Use: Assessing the Role of Alcohol Availability and Neighborhood Disadvantage." Pp. 45-65 in *Geography and Drug Addiction*, edited by Y.F. Thomas, D. Richardson, and I. Cheung. New York: Springer.

**Snedker, Karen.** 2002. "Fear of Crime." Pp. 679-684 in *Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment, Vol.4*, edited by David Levinson. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

## **PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY**

**Snedker, Karen A.** 2018. "Why the UK needs a separate justice system for people with mental illness." *The Conversation*. July 5. <https://theconversation.com/why-the-uk-needs-a-separate-justice-system-for-people-with-mental-illness-98364>.

**Snedker, Karen A.** and Jennifer McKinney. 2018. "Four Myths about Homelessness: Voices from a Tent City." *The Conversation*. June 5. <https://theconversation.com/four-myths-about-homelessness-voices-from-a-tent-city-96943>.

**Snedker, Karen A.** and Jennifer McKinney. 2018. "Hosting a Homeless Encampment Changed our University." *Chronicle of Higher Education*. May 11, B32-B33.

McKinney, Jennifer and **Karen Snedker**. 2016. "From Charity to Change." *Contexts*. Spring: 80-82.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

*Roofless: Homelessness and the Rise of Tent Cities*. Book project. (Coauthored with Jennifer McKinney, Seattle Pacific University).

"Park your Privilege at the Tents: Encountering a Tent City on Campus." Being prepared for submission to *Christian Scholars Review* (Coauthored with Jennifer McKinney, Seattle Pacific University)

"To Lead Without Leading: The Role of Judges in Collaborative Treatment Courts." Being prepared for submission.

## **MAJOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (last 10 years)**

"To Lead without Leading: The Role of Judges in Collaborative Treatment Courts." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November 2017.

"'We are Homeless, not Helpless': Voices from Inside a Tent Encampment." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, August 2016. (With Jennifer McKinney)

"Rituals, Stigma and Mental Health Courts." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 2014.

"Revisiting Hirschi's Social Control Theory: Examining Social Bonds and Delinquent Behavior among Youth." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association, Denver, August 2012. (With Erin Powers and David Pettinicchio).

"Neighborhood Effects on Adolescent Health and Risk Behaviors." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Population Association of America, Dallas, TX, April 2010. (With Jerald R. Herting and Emily C. Walton).

## **EXTERNAL GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- Oct. 2006 National Institute on Mental Health (NIMH) Small Grant Program (R03)  
Project title "Effect of Social Context on Adolescent Distress" (\$100,000)  
(Co-PI Jerald R. Herting)
- Sept. 2006 National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Small Grant Program (R03)  
Project title "The Impact of Neighborhood Context on Substance Abuse" (\$100,000)  
(Co-PI Jerald R. Herting)
- March 2005 University of Washington School of Nursing, Office of Nursing Research, Research and  
Intramural Funding Program (RIFP)  
Project Title "The Effects of Community Context on Adolescent Distress" (\$4,191) (Co-PI  
Jerald R. Herting)
- June 2004 University of Washington Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute Small Grant  
Project Title "Does Neighborhood Context Matter? Evaluating the Impact of Local  
Context on Substance Abuse among Youth" (\$20,000) (PI Jerald R. Herting)
- Sept. 2001 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant  
Project Title "Explaining the Dynamics of Fear of Crime: Crime, Risk and Social Structure  
in New York City Neighborhoods" (\$7,500)

## **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

- Nov. 2003 Rockefeller Graduate Student Award, Social Science History Association
- August 2003 Award for Best Graduate Student Paper in Crime and Juvenile Delinquency,  
Society for the Study of Social Problems

## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Urban Sociology, Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law, Mental Health

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Sociology, Urban Sociology, Homelessness in America, Police & Communities, Prisons & Corrections, Alternative Justice, Law and Injustice and Social Change, Criminology, Youth and Risk, Urban Ethnography, Women and Crime, Mental Illness & Society, Methods of Research in Nursing (UW graduate)

## **REVIEWER**

National Institutes of Health; *American Journal of Sociology*, *European Journal of Criminology*, *Feminist Criminology*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Science Research*, *Sociological Forum*, *Social Problems*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

American Sociological Association (ASA); American Society of Criminology (ASC); International Academy on Law and Mental Health (IALMH)