

# Kendra Clark

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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- 2021 Ph.D. Sociology  
Dissertation title: *Breaking out of Prison Culture, Or Culture Breaking out of Prison?: Understanding Convict Code Endorsement during Incarceration and Post-Release*  
Dissertation Committee: Dr. David Pyrooz (chair), Dr. Kyle Thomas, Dr. Michael Radelet, Dr. Ryan Masters, and Dr. Christine Visher  
University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO
- 2018 M.A. Sociology  
Thesis title: *Rethinking Prisonization: A longitudinal investigation of adherence to the convict code across stages of incarceration*  
Thesis Chair: Dr. David Pyrooz  
University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO
- 2014 B.S. Sociology, emphasis in Criminal Justice, *Summa Cum Laude*  
B.S. Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*  
Baker University, Baldwin City, KS

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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- 2021-Present Senior Research Associate  
Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence (ACE!), George Mason University

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Incarceration  
Deviant Subcultures

Substance Use Treatment  
Reentry and Recidivism

Quantitative Methodology  
Community Corrections

## REFEREED ARTICLES

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- 2024      **Clark, Kendra J.**, Jill Viglione, Rodlescica Sneed, Jennifer Johnson, Faye S. Taxman. “Cascade of Care for Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders for Justice-involved Populations”  
*Substance Use & Addiction Treatment* [[article link](#)]
- 2023      **Clark, Kendra J.**, Jessica Vechinski, Todd Molfenter, and Faye Taxman.  
“Cascade of Care in the Legal System: Best Practices and Goals for Agencies Providing Care to Patients Concurrently Navigating Substance Use Disorders and Criminal Legal Involvement”  
*Journal of Drug Issues* [[article link](#)]
- Clark, Kendra J.**, Jennifer Lerch, Faustino Lopez, and Faye Taxman.  
“Improving Probation Outcomes for Emerging Adults: An Experiment Evaluating a Specialized Caseload in Texas.”  
*Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research* [[article link](#)]
- 2021      Mitchell, Meghan M., Chantal Fahmy, **Kendra J. Clark**, and Pyrooz, David C.  
“Non-random study attrition: Assessing correction techniques and the magnitude of bias in a longitudinal study of reentry from prison”  
*Journal of Quantitative Criminology* [[article link](#)]
- 2020      **Clark, Kendra J.**, Mitchell, Meghan M., Fahmy, Chantal, Pyrooz, David C., & Decker, Scott H.  
“What if they are all High-Risk? Correlates of Retention in a Longitudinal Study of Reentry from Prison”  
*International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C., **Kendra J. Clark**, Jennifer J. Tostlebe, Scott H. Decker, and Erin A. Orrick.  
“Gang Affiliation and Prisoner Reentry: Discrete-Time Variation in Recidivism

by Current, Former, and Non-Gang Status”  
*Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* [[article link](#)]

2019 Fahmy, Chantal, **Kendra J. Clark**, Meghan M. Mitchell, David C. Pyrooz, and Scott H. Decker  
“Method to the Madness: Tracking and Interviewing Respondents in a Longitudinal Study of Prisoner Reentry”  
*Sociological Methods and Research* [[article link](#)]

#### *UNDER REVIEW*

Jessica Vechinski, Todd Molfenter, **Kendra Clark**, Faye Taxman. “Training for Change: Shifting Staff Perceptions Toward MOUD in Community and Justice Settings” (submitted to *Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment* on 10/14/2024)

Hailemariam, M., Rosen, R.K., Sneed, R., Brown, R., **Clark, K.J.**, Mackey, B., Eshetu, H., Taxman, F.S., & Johnson, J.E., Use of data-driven decision-making among agencies serving individuals with criminal-legal system involvement: A qualitative study. *Social Science & Medicine* (submitted on 08/13/2024)

Ginnie Sawyer-Morris, Merve Ulukaya, Bryce Kushmerick-Mccune, **Kendra Clark**, Jackie Bruce, Scott Gatzke, Scott Walters, Faye S. Taxman. Landscape Analysis of the NIH HEAL Research Portfolio. *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science* (R&R submitted 1/06/2025)

Morgan, Gemma, **Kendra Clark**, Faye Taxman.  
"Using Latent Class Analysis to Identify Need Typologies for Men Preparing for Re-entry"  
(submitted to *Criminal Justice and Behavior* on 12/09/2024)

Kushmerick-McCune, Bryce, G. Sawyer-morris, M. Ulukaya, **K. Clark**, S. Walters, F. Taxman.  
"Shaping Science: Scholarly Motivation and Research Outcomes in NIH-HEAL Funded Studies"  
(submitted to *Addiction Science & Clinical Practice* on 2/26/25)

#### *IN PROGRESS*

Ramezani, N., **Clark, K. J.**, Johnson, J., Taxman, F. S.  
Scales Paper

Hailemariam, M., **Clark, K. J.**, Ramezani, N. Sneed, R., Johnson, J., Taxman, F. S. (Date).  
“County agencies’ use of data and performance monitoring to improve mental health and criminal legal outcomes: Description and predictors”.

Pettus, Carrie, **Clark, K. J.**, Eikenberry, J., Taxman, F. S. Identifying the Complex Needs of Individuals with Histories of Incarceration and Opioid Misuse.

## BOOK CHAPTER

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**Clark, Kendra J.**, Pyrooz, David C., and Randa, Ryan (2018). School of Hard Knocks: Gangs, Schools, and Education in the United States.” *The Wiley Handbook on Violence in Education: Forms, Factors, and Preventions (2018): 203-225.* [[chapter link](#)]

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2021-Present *Hidalgo County Emerging Adults Strategy*

- Funding: BJA (2016-HO-BX-K005). \$150,000
- Role: **Evaluator** (Jennifer Lerch, Principal Investigator)

*Rockdale Country Emerging Adults*

- Funding: NIJ (NIJ-2018-14380). \$957,325
- Role: **Key Personnel** (Dr. Faye Taxman, Principal Investigator)

*Evaluation of Stepping Up Efforts to Improve MH Services and Justice Utilization*

- Funding: National Institute of Mental Health (RO1 MH118680)
- Role: **Evaluator** (Dr. Faye Taxman and Dr. Jennifer Johnson, Principal Investigators)

*Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network (JCOIN) Coordination and Translation Center (CTC)*

- Funding: National Institute on Drug Abuse (U2CDA050097)
- Role: **Evaluator** (Dr. Faye Taxman, Principal Investigator)

*Randomized Controlled Trial of the 5 Key Model for Reentry*

- Funding: Charles Koch Foundation \$8,412,000
- Role: **Evaluator** (Dr. Carrie Pettus, Principal Investigator)

2017-2020 Graduate Research Fellow, National Science Foundation (\$138,000)

2019 Graduate Statistics Advisor for the Computing and Research Department at the Institute of Behavioral Sciences

2015-2019 *Gangs on the street, gangs in prison: Their nature, interrelationship, control, and re-entry (The LoneStar Project)*

- Funding: The National Institute of Justice, Research on Gangs and Gang Violence (2014-MU-CX-0111). \$840,807

- Role: **Research Assistant** (Drs. Scott Decker and David Pyrooz, Principal Investigators)
  - Managed over 5,000 incoming contacts from research participants
  - Initiated and managed incentive payments for over 1,000 completed interviews
  - Completed 20 phone interviews and 4 prison face-to-face interviews
  - Cleaned final data set for 3 follow-up waves of data
  - Managed data submission for ICPSR
  - Prepared progress reports to be submitted to funder
  - Collaboration with multi-institutional research team

2017-2018     *Understanding the Use and Effects of Restrictive Housing in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in the Post Ashker v. Governor of California Era*

- Funding: The Charles Koch Foundation
- Role: **Project Manager** (Drs. David Pyrooz, Ryan Labrecque, and Bert Useem, Principal Investigators)
  - Assisted in developing a survey instrument
  - Assisted with research design and IRB submission

*Continuity and change in protective and risk factors among participants in the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver (GRID): A pilot project*

- Funding: City of Denver (\$20,000)
- Role: **Research Assistant** (Dr. David Pyrooz, Principal Investigator)
  - Develop survey instrument for program evaluation of GRID
  - Assist in research design of exploratory study on gang intervention and desistance

2012-2014     Inside-out Prison Exchange at the Topeka Correctional Facility, Baker University

- Generated policy proposals concerning social identity and restorative justice based off lived experiences of incarcerated women to be presented to facility administration
- Created a research prospectus concerning mental health treatment inside female correctional facilities

2013-2014     Undergraduate Research Assistant for Dr. Carrie Coward-Bucher, Baker University

- Data cleaning of large, longitudinal database

- Use the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health to investigate the relationship between sibling relationship and running behaviors among adolescent

## GRANT WRITING AND MANAGEMENT

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- 2022-2023     Manage IRB applications, submissions, and maintenance for all ACE! Projects
- 2022           National Institute of Justice (O-NIJ-2022-171252)
- Role: Lead Analyst
  - “A National Model for Technical Violation Strategies: Evaluating the role of sanctions and incentives in community supervision and desistance outcomes”
  - Not Awarded
- 2021           National Institute of Justice, W.E.B. Du Bois Program (O-NIJ-2021-171008)
- Role: Principal Investigator
  - “Experimental Testing of a Policy to Support Families of Incarcerated Families”
  - Not Awarded
- 2017 - 2020   Co-Organizer for NSF GRFP Workshop, CU Boulder
- Mentor in the construction and submission of over 60 GRF applications
    - 10 awards won in the 4 years I co-lead the workshop
- 2017           National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- “Restricting More than Housing: The effects of restrictive housing among juveniles”
  - Awarded (\$138,000)
- 2016           National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- Not Awarded

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 2022 Society for Implementation Research Collaboration (SIRC) Mission Award. Awarded to the Stepping Up Initiative and I. M. Stepping Up Study Team at the SIRC 2022 biannual conference
- 2021 *Research Funding Award*, Department of Sociology, CU Boulder (\$119.88)
- 2020 *Research Funding Award*, Department of Sociology, CU Boulder (\$1500)
- 2019 *Ben Steiner Excellence in Corrections Student Paper Award*, Division on Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology (\$500)
- 3rd Place, Poster Award*, Institution of Behavioral Science Graduate Research Symposium, CU Boulder, Poster Title “Gang Membership and recidivism: A longitudinal study of offenders in Texas” (\$50)
- Graduate Student Publishing Workshop*, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency (JRCDD) (\$500)
- Foundation Scholarship Recipient*, Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity (\$5,000)
- Research Funding Award*, Department of Sociology, CU Boulder (\$843)
- 2018 *2nd Place, Poster Award*, Institution of Behavioral Science Graduate Research Symposium, CU Boulder, Poster Title “Rethinking Prisonization: A longitudinal investigation of adherence to the convict code across stages of incarceration” (\$75)
- Foundation Scholarship Recipient*, Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity (\$5,000)
- Alumnae Educational Award*, Boulder Area Alumnae Panhellenic (\$1,000)
- Research Funding Award*, Department of Sociology, CU Boulder (\$216)
- Travel Grant*, Department of Sociology, CU Boulder (\$500)
- 2017 *Graduate Research Fellowship Award*, National Science Foundation (\$138,000)
- Foundation Scholarship Recipient*, Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity (\$5,000)
- Travel Grant*, Department of Sociology, CU Boulder (\$300)

*Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, CU Boulder (\$500)*

*Summer Research Funding Award, Department of Sociology, CU Boulder (\$750)*

2016 *Foundation Scholarship Recipient, Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity (\$9,000)*

*Research Funding Award, Department of Sociology, CU Boulder (\$300)*

*Summer Research Funding Award, Department of Sociology, CU Boulder (\$750)*

2015 *Learning Community Fellowship on Retention in Undergraduate Statistics Courses, Teaching Institute for Graduate Education Research, Graduate Teaching Program, CU Boulder (\$500)*

*Foundation Scholarship Recipient, Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity (\$5,000)*

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Criminological Theory, Corrections, Reentry and Recidivism, Quantitative Methodology, Research Design, and Introduction to Sociology

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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2021 Guest Lecturer, Corrections Course taught by Dr. Rebecca Rodriguez Carey, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Crime and Delinquency Studies at Emporia State University

2020 Guest Lecturer, Corrections Course taught by Dr. Rebecca Rodriguez Carey, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Crime and Delinquency Studies at Emporia State University

### *GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT*

*Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder*

2019 SOCY 5111 (Spring): **Data I (Graduate Statistics)**; Instructor: Dr. Jason Boardman

2018 SOCY 2061 (Fall): **Introduction to Social Statistics**; Instructor: Dr. Ryan Masters

- Instructed three weekly recitation classes (85 students total)

- Average student ratings: Course 4.2/6, Instructor (TA) 5.2/6
- 2017 SOCY 4004 (Spring): **Special Topics in Criminology**; Instructor: Dr. David Pyrooz
- 2016 SOCY 4014 (Fall): **Criminology**; Instructor: Dr. Michael Radelet
- SOCY 1001 (Spring): **Introduction to Sociology**; Instructor: Dr. Timothy Wadsworth
- Instructed three weekly recitation classes (96 students total)
  - Average student ratings: Course 4.9/6, Instructor (TA) 5.4/6
- 2015 SOCY 4014 (Fall): **Criminology**; Instructor: Dr. Michael Radelet

*UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT*

*Department of Psychology, Baker University*

- 2013 PY 252: Social Research Methods II (Spring); Instructor: Dr. Marc Carter
- 2012 PY 251: Social Research Methods I (Fall); Instructor: Dr. Marc Carter

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2023 Pettus, C., **Clark, K. J.**, Eikenberry, J., Schumm, P., Taxman, F.  
Identifying the Complex Needs of Individuals with Histories of Incarceration and Opioid Misuse. *Academic Consortium on Criminal Justice Health*, Raleigh, NC.
- 2022 Vechinski, J., Molfenter, T., Perez, H., Taxman, F., Carter, T. J., **Clark, K. J.**  
Recruitment Roadmap for a National MOUD Study. The 77th Meeting of the *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA.
- Clark, K. J.**, Viglione, J., Paul, N., Sneed, R., Johnson, J., Taxman, F.  
Examining Cascade of Care for Justice Involved Individuals with Substance Use and Mental Health Needs. The 77th Meeting of the *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA.
- Pettus, C., **Clark, K. J.**, Eikenberry, J., Schumm, P., Taxman, F.  
Identifying the Complex Needs of Individuals with Histories of Incarceration and Opioid Misuse. *Academic Consortium on Criminal Justice Health*, Virtual.
- 2021 Lerch, J., Lopez, F., **Clark, K. J.**  
Hidalgo County Emerging Adult Strategy: Final Evaluation Outcomes. The 76th Meeting of the *American Society of Criminology*, Chicago, IL.

- 2019 Clark, K. J.  
Rethinking Prisonization: A Longitudinal Investigation of Adherence to the Convict Code Across Stages of Incarceration. The 75th meeting of the *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA. [Manuscript under review]
- 2018 **Clark, K. J.**, Mitchell, M. M., Fahmy, C., Pyrooz, D.C., & Decker, S. H.  
The Highest of High Risk: Examining Predictors of Retention among Former Prisoners. The 74th meeting of the *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA. [Published in *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* [article link](#)]
- 2017 **Clark, K. J.**, Jennifer Tostlebe, David C. Pyrooz, and Scott H. Decker  
Prisons, Gangs, Embeddedness, and Recidivism: A Longitudinal Study of Offenders in Texas. The 73rd meeting of the *American Society of Criminology*, Philadelphia, PA. [Published in *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* [article link](#)]
- Fahmy, Chantal, **Kendra Clark**, Meghan Mitchell, David Pyrooz, and Scott Decker.  
From the Prison to the Street: Finding Gang and Non-Gang Members in the Free World. The 54th meeting of the *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*, Kansas City, MO. [Published in *Sociological Methods and Research* [article link](#)]
- 2016 **Clark, Kendra J.** and David C. Pyrooz.  
Restricting More than Housing: The Effects of Restrictive Housing on Recidivism among Juveniles. The 72nd meeting of the *American Society of Criminology*, New Orleans. [Manuscript in progress]
- Randa, Ryan, David C. Pyrooz, and **Kendra Clark**  
Scared to go to school? Gangs and Fear of Victimization on School Grounds. The 53rd meeting of the *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*, Denver, CO.
- 2015 Clark, Kendra J.  
Childhood Indicators of Adult Female Incarceration. The 78<sup>th</sup> meeting of the *Midwest Sociological Society*, Kansas City
- 2014 Clark, Kendra J.  
Are Siblings Running us out of House and Home? The 77<sup>th</sup> meeting of the *Midwest Sociological Society*, Omaha

Clark, Kendra J.  
Demand for a Parental Leave Policy Reform in the United States of America. The 2014 annual meeting for the *Association of Psychological and Educational Research in Kansas*, Hays

2013 Clark, Kendra J.  
Medical Amnesty Policy Proposal. The 2013 annual meeting for the *Association of Psychological and Educational Research in Kansas*, Baldwin City

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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2019 American Society of Criminology: Division of Corrections and Sentencing (DCS)  
20-for-20 Mentoring Campaign

*Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* (JRCD): Graduate Student  
Publishing Workshop, College Park, MA (Led by Eds. Jean McGloin and Chris  
Sullivan)

- 1 of 12 doctoral students accepted

## PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

2021 The International Instructor Training Institute of The Inside-Out Prison Exchange  
Program

2015 CIRTL Associate, (Research on Academic Retention) ROAR – Graduate Teacher  
Program, CU Boulder

- 12 hour workshop with intensive training on student retention in STEM  
disciplines and student learning

## CERTIFICATIONS

Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods in Behavioral Sciences, CU Boulder

## ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

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2022-2023 Committee Member, Academic Appeals Committee, George Mason University

- Organizer, Graduate Student Journal Club, George Mason University
- 2021 Guest Lecturer, Corrections Course taught by Dr. Rebecca Rodriguez Carey, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Crime and Delinquency Studies at Emporia State University
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- 2019 Invited Panelist, Thriving not Surviving Your First Year of Graduate School, University of Colorado Boulder
- Co-Organizer, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Workshop (4 sessions each fall), sponsored by the Institute of Behavioral Science at CU Boulder
- 2018 Graduate Student Representative on Hiring Committee for Criminology Job Search, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder
- Co-Organizer, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Workshop (4 sessions each fall), sponsored by the Institute of Behavioral Science at CU Boulder
- Invited Panelist, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Workshop, sponsored by the Graduate College at CU Boulder
- Invited Panelist, A Day in the Life of a Graduate Student, Sociology Department Open House, University of Colorado Boulder
- Invited Speaker, Graduate Student Life as a First Generation College Student, Sociology Department Orientation Week, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2017 Invited Panelist, Thriving not Surviving Your First Year of Graduate School, University of Colorado Boulder
- Mentor, First Year Cohort Mentorship Program

Co-Organizer, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Workshop (4 sessions each fall), sponsored by the Institute of Behavioral Science at CU Boulder

Sociology Graduate Student Faculty Meeting Elected Representative, Conference of World Affairs, University of Colorado Boulder

Invited Panelist, First Generation College Student Presentation, University of Colorado Boulder

2016-present Member, Sociology Graduate Student Collective, University of Colorado Boulder

Founder and member, Sociology First Generation Student Network, University of Colorado Boulder

Member, Criminology Workshop, University of Colorado Boulder

2015 Judge, Undergraduate Paper Competition, Midwest Sociological Society

*MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER*

Criminal Justice and Behavior

Health & Justice

International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice

International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology

Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency

Justice Quarterly

Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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2016-present American Society of Criminology  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
American Sociological Association

2014 Midwestern Sociology Society