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## EDUCATION

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- 2017 Ph.D. Sociology, Cornell University, Ithaca NY  
Fields of Sociology and Policy Analysis  
Concentrations: Social Stratification, Incarceration, Family and Social Policy, Demography  
Dissertation: Life on the Outside: A Mixed Methods Study of Incarceration and Family Life
- 2008 B.A. Political Science, Wellesley College, Wellesley MA  
Departmental Honors, Magna Cum Laude

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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- 2026 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology,  
State University of New York at Buffalo
- 2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology,  
State University of New York at Buffalo
- 2017 Post-Doctoral Associate, School of Social Work, Rutgers University  
Dr. Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Fathers and Inequality Project
- 2011 Research Associate II, Justice Policy Center, Urban Institute
- 2008 Research Assistant, Justice Policy Center, Urban Institute

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- Dwyer Emory, Allison** and Sophia Olsinski\* (2026) "National Estimates of Multisystem Exposure Among Urban Families" *Journal of Marriage and Family*
- Dwyer Emory, Allison**, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Maureen R. Waller, and Daniel Miller. (2026) "Fathers' Socioeconomic Precarity and Mothers' Ability to Make Ends Meet" *RSF Journal of the Social Sciences*
- Dwyer Emory, Allison**. (2025) "Navigating the Situation: Family Experience of Jail Incarceration in Rural America" *Social Problems*
- Dwyer Emory, Allison** and Grace Sementilli\* (2025) "Surveilling System Contact and Parental Institutional Disengagement" *Journal of Marriage and Family*
- Dwyer Emory, Allison**. (2022) "To Stay or Go: Relationship Dissolution and Repartnering After Paternal Incarceration" *Family Relations*
- Dwyer Emory, Allison**. (2021) "Protective State Policies and the Employment of Fathers with Criminal Records" *Social Problems*
- Nepomnyaschy, Lenna, **Allison Dwyer Emory**, Kasey Eickmeyer, Maureen R. Waller, and Daniel P. Miller. (2021) "Parental Debt and Child Well-being: What Type of Debt Matters for Child Behavior Outcomes?" *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences: Consequences of Wealth Inequality for Children*.
- Nepomnyaschy, Lenna, Daniel P. Miller, Maureen R. Waller, and **Allison Dwyer Emory**. (2020) "The Role of Fathers in Reducing SES-Based Inequalities in Adolescent Behavioral Outcomes." *Social Service Review*
- Dwyer Emory, Allison**, Daniel P. Miller, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Maureen R. Waller, and Alex Haralampoudis. (2020) "The Minimum Wage and Fathers' Residence with Children." *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*

- Su, Jessica Houston, and **Allison Dwyer Emory**. (2020) “Repackaging Fatherhood: Father Involvement and Coparenting in Mid-Pregnancy Relationships.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*
- Dwyer Emory, Allison**, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Daniel P. Miller, Maureen R. Waller, and Alex Haralampoudis. (2020) “Providing after Prison: Nonresident Fathers’ Formal and Informal Contributions to Children” *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences: The Criminal Justice System as a Labor Market Institution*.
- Miller, Daniel P, Margaret Thomas, Maureen R. Waller, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, **Allison Dwyer Emory**. (2020) “Father Involvement and Socioeconomic Disparities in Child Academic Outcomes” *Journal of Marriage and Family*
- Waller, Maureen R., and **Allison Dwyer Emory**. (2018) “Visitation Orders, Family Courts, and Fragile Families.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*.
- Dwyer Emory, Allison**. (2018). “Explaining the Consequences of Paternal Incarceration for Children’s Behavioral Problems.” *Family Relations*.
- Waller, Maureen R., **Allison Dwyer Emory**, and Elise Paul. (2018) “Money, Time, or Something Else? Measuring Nonresident Fathers’ Informal and In-Kind Contributions.” *Journal of Family Issues*.
- Tach, Laura, and **Allison Dwyer Emory**. (2017). “Public Housing Redevelopment, Neighborhood Change, and the Reproduction of Urban Inequality.” *American Journal of Sociology*.
- Zhang, Xing, and **Allison Dwyer Emory** (2015), Situating the Experience of Maternal Incarceration: Childhood and Young Adult Context, in Sheila Royo Maxwell, Sampson Lee Blair (ed.) *Violence and Crime in the Family: Patterns, Causes, and Consequences* (Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research, Volume 9)
- Waller, Maureen and **Allison Dwyer Emory** (2014). “Parents Apart: Differences Between Unmarried and Divorcing Parents in Separated Families.” *Family Court Review*. 52(4): 686-703.

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## WORKING PAPERS

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- Dwyer Emory, Allison** and Sophia Olsinski\* “Surveilling System Entanglement: Personal and Place Risk Factors”
- Dwyer Emory, Allison**, Sophia Olsinski\*, and Devon Skufca\* “Testing Reciprocal Pathways Between Jails and Economic Distress in Non-Metro Counties”
- Dwyer Emory, Allison** and Shiyue Cui\* “Linking Father’s Level of Criminal Legal Entanglement to Employment Strategies”
- Miller, Daniel, Margaret Thomas, **Allison Dwyer Emory**, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, and Maureen Waller. “The Minimum Wage and Fathers’ Provision of Child Support: Findings from National Data.”
- Dwyer Emory, Allison** and Zaque Evans\* “Fear of Victimization, Education, and Neighborhood Dynamics”
- Owens, Emily, M. Freeman, A. **Dwyer Emory**, and A. Wheeler. “On the Road Again: Legal and Illegal Commuting Patterns and the Role of Public Transportation.”

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## POLICY REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- Dwyer Emory, Allison**, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, and Alex Haralampoudis. (2019). “Barriers to Reentry from Incarceration and Fathers’ Employment and Contributions to Children.” Fatherhood Research and Practice Network.

- Dwyer Emory, Allison.** (2015) “What Children Experience when Mothers, Fathers, or Both Parents are Sent to Jail or Prison”. Scholars Strategy Network Basic Facts.
- Dwyer, Allison,** S. Rebecca Neusteter, Pamela Lachman. (2012) Data-Driven Decision-making for Strategic Justice Reinvestment. The Urban Institute, Washington, DC.
- LaVigne, N.G., Hetrick, S.S., Markman, J.A., and **Dwyer, A.M.** (2011). Evaluating the Use of Public Surveillance Cameras for Crime Control and Prevention- A Summary. The Urban Institute, Washington, DC. Produced for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.
- LaVigne, N.G., Neusteter, S.R., Lachman, P., **Dwyer, A.**, and Nadeau, C. (2010). Justice Reinvestment at the Local Level Planning and Implementation Guide. The Urban Institute, Washington, DC. Produced for the Bureau of Justice Assistance.
- Samuels, J., **Dwyer A.**, Halberstadt R., and Lachman, P. (2011). Collecting DNA from Juvenile Offenders. The Urban Institute, Washington, D.C. Produced for the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs.
- LaVigne, N.G., Hetrick, S.S., Markman, J.A., and **Dwyer, A.M.** (2011). Evaluating the Use of Public Surveillance Cameras for Crime Control and Prevention. The Urban Institute, Washington, DC. Report produced for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.
- LaVigne, N.G., Hetrick, S.S., **Dwyer, A.M.**, and Markman, J.A. (2011). Using Video Surveillance for Crime Control and Reduction: A Practical Guide for Law Enforcement and Their Municipal Partners. The Urban Institute, Washington, DC. Produced for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.
- LaVigne, N.G., Neusteter, S.R., Lachman P., **Dwyer A.**, and Nadeau C.A. (2010). Justice Reinvestment at the Local Level: Planning and Implementation Guide. The Urban Institute, Washington, DC. Produced for the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

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- 2026 Baldy Faculty Research Grant “Reciprocal Pathways Between Jails and Economic Distress in Non-Urban Counties” (\$2500)
- 2022 Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Leave Program
- 2018 Fatherhood Research and Practice Network, co-investigator (\$24,999)  
“Criminal Justice Involvement, State Policies, and Fathers’ Involvement with Children”
- 2015 Family Strengthening Scholars Dissertation Grant. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation. (\$39,945)  
Dissertation Seed Grant, Cornell Center for the Study of Inequality (\$810)  
Cornell Population Center, Rapid Response Grant (\$440)

## **INVITED AND DEPARTMENTAL TALKS**

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- 2025 “Testing Reciprocal Pathways Between Jails and Economic Distress in Non-Metro Counties”  
University at Buffalo, Prison and Incarceration Research Working Group  
“Testing Reciprocal Pathways Between Jails and Economic Distress in Non-Metro Counties”  
Vera Institute of Justice Incarceration and Inequality Research Symposium
- 2024 “Families and Jails in Rural America”  
University at Buffalo, Prison and Incarceration Research Working Group  
“Families in a Shifting Carceral Landscape”

University of Massachusetts, Department of Legal Studies

“Family Entanglements with Multiple Surveilling Systems”

Future of Families Summer Data Workshop

“Marginalized Men’s Socioeconomic Precarity and Mothers’ Ability to Make Ends Meet”

Russell Sage Foundation, New York NY

2019 “State Policies and Employment Outcomes among Fathers with Criminal Records”

Fatherhood Research and Practice Network Webinar

“Barriers to Employment after Criminal Justice Contact and Men's Contributions to their Children's Household Economy.”

Russell Sage Foundation, New York NY

2018 “Unintended Inequality: State Policies and the Employment of Fathers with Records”

Marquette University

“Unintended Inequality: State Policies and the Employment of Fathers with Records”

University at Buffalo- SUNY

“State Policies and the Employment of Fathers with Records”

Fragile Families Working Group, Princeton University

“Better Together? Maternal Relationship Trajectories Wellbeing Following Paternal Incarceration”

Quantitative Applications in Sociology Workshop, Rutgers University

2017 “Families and Incarceration in a Rural County Jail”

School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany- SUNY

## **PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

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2026 “Testing Reciprocal Pathways Between Jails and Economic Distress” (poster award winner)  
Population Association of America Annual Conference, St. Louis MO

2025 “Personal and Place Risk Profiles for Mothers’ Criminal Legal Exposure”

American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chicago IL

“Surveilling System Entanglement: Personal and Place Risk Factors”

Population Association of American Annual Conference, Washington DC

2024 “Multisystem Entanglements: A Descriptive Analysis of Family Surveilling System Contact” (poster)

Population Association of America Annual Conference, Columbus OH

Discussant: Consequences of Criminal Legal Contact for Family Life

Population Association of American Annual Conference, Columbus OH

“Fathers’ Degree of Criminal Justice Contact and Employment Strategies”

American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal Canada

2023 “Surveilling System Contact and Parental Institutional Disengagement”

American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia PA

“Parental Incarceration, System Avoidance, and Adolescent’s Institutional Bonds”

Population Association of America Annual Conference, New Orleans LA

- 2021 “Under the Radar: Criminal Justice Contact, State Policies, and Fathers’ System Avoidance”  
Population Association of America Annual Conference, virtual
- “Under the Radar: Criminal Justice Contact, State Policies, and Fathers’ System Avoidance”  
American Sociological Association Annual Conference, virtual
- 2019 “Protective State Policies and the Employment of Fathers with Criminal Records”  
American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York NY
- “State Policies and the Employment of Fathers with Records” (poster)  
Population Association of America Annual Conference, Austin TX
- 2018 “State Policies and the Employment of Fathers with Records”  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington DC
- “The Minimum Wage and Fathers Residence with Children”  
American Sociological Association, Philadelphia PA
- “Father Engagement and Coparenting in Mid-Pregnancy Relationships”  
Population Association of America Annual Conference, Denver CO
- “The Minimum Wage and Fathers Residence with Children” (poster)  
Population Association of America Annual Conference, Denver CO
- 2017 “The Minimum Wage and Fathers' Residence with Children”  
American Association of Policy Analysis and Management, Chicago IL
- “Jail Talk: How Families Navigate Jail Incarceration in Rural America”  
American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal Canada
- “Diverging Implications: Parent Relationship Trajectories and Well-being After Incarceration”  
Population Association of America Annual Conference, Chicago IL

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **University at Buffalo, SUNY**

Criminology  
Communities and Crime  
Social Research Methods  
Crime and Public Policy Graduate Seminar  
Neighborhoods and Crime Graduate Seminar  
Multiple Linear Regression Graduate Seminar

### **Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey**

Generalized Linear Models Lab Instructor, School of Social Work (Spring 2019)  
Criminology (Fall 2018)  
Multiple Imputation in Stata Workshop, Social Work Postdoctoral Program (May 2018)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Director of Undergraduate Studies (2026-present)  
Graduate Committee, Sociology Department, University at Buffalo (2023-2026)  
Sociology Colloquium Committee, University at Buffalo (2022-2023)  
Undergraduate Committee, Sociology Department, University at Buffalo (2019-2022)

Ad Hoc Faculty Committee on Childcare and Eldercare (2021-present)  
Faculty Search Committee, University at Buffalo (2020, 2022)

**Peer Reviewer:**

Demography  
American Journal of Sociology  
American Sociological Review  
Social Problems  
Socius  
Social Science Research  
Criminology  
Justice Quarterly  
Journal of Offender Rehabilitation  
Journal of Crime and Justice  
Journal of Marriage and Family  
Journal of Family Issues  
Family Relations  
Child and Youth Services Review  
Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research  
Social Service Review

**Conference Organization**

Session Chair: Families, Law, and Public Policy, Population Association of America Annual Conference May 2026  
Discussant, Consequences of Criminal Legal Contact for Family Life, Population Association of America Annual Conference 2024  
Session Organizer: Families and Public Policy, Population Association of America Annual Conference 2021  
Session Chair: Nonresident Fathers and Families, Population Association of America Annual Conference 2018

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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| 2015-present | Scholars Strategy Network                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2012-present | American Sociological Association<br>Section on Family<br>Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance<br>Section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility<br>Section on Community and Urban Sociology |
| 2012-present | Population Association of America                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2015-2019    | Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management                                                                                                                                     |
| 2012-2017    | Cornell Population Center                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2012-2017    | Cornell Center for the Study of Inequality                                                                                                                                                |