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Career Brief

Dr. Sara Bastomski is a research associate in the Justice Policy Center at the Urban Institute, where she conducts research and evaluates crime and justice policy. She focuses on crime victimization, gender-based violence, and applied quantitative methods, including statistical modeling, social network analysis, and geographic information systems. Bastomski's current portfolio includes several evaluation research projects for New York City and Contra Costa County, California. She is also project manager for the Office for Victims of Crime-funded Center for Victim Research. Bastomski's research on violence and gender has been published (or is in press) in high-impact peer-reviewed journals, including the *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *Social Networks*, and *Sex Roles*, and has been presented at national and international conferences.

Bastomski previously conducted research at Yale University, at the RAND Corporation, and for community-based organizations, and served as an adjunct faculty member in Criminology at the George Washington University. She holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Yale University.

Education

2017	Ph.D. in Sociology, Yale University <i>Affiliations:</i> Yale Center for Empirical Research on Stratification and Inequality, and the Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies
2011	M.A. in Sociology, Columbia University
2008	B.A. in Sociology, University of California at Los Angeles <i>Affiliations:</i> Center for American Politics and Public Policy, and College and Departmental Honors Programs

Peer-Reviewed Publications

<i>In press.</i>	Andrew Papachristos and Sara Bastomski . "Connected in Crime: The Enduring Effect of Neighborhood Networks on the Spatial Patterning of Crime." <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> . Sino Esthapphan, Sara Bastomski , Janine Zweig, Meredith Dank, and Hanna Love. "Understanding Forced Marriage in the U.S.: Developing Measures and Assessing Gender Disparities." <i>Journal of Interpersonal Violence</i> .
2017.	Sara Bastomski, Noli Brazil, and Andrew Papachristos. "Neighborhood Networks, Structural Embeddedness, and Violent Crime in Chicago." <i>Social Networks</i> , 51: 23-39. Sara Bastomski and Philip Smith. "Gender, Fear, and Public Places: How Negative Encounters with Strangers Harm Women." <i>Sex Roles</i> , 76: 73-88.

Research and Evaluation Reports for Clients

2017. Martin, Carlos, Ammar Malik, Brandi Gilbert, Sara Bastomski, et al. *Monitoring and Evaluation Report on the 100 Resilient Cities Program for the Rockefeller Foundation*. Urban Institute [Proprietary Report].
2015. Sara Bastomski and Kirsten Keller. *Evaluation Strategy for the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Encampment Program: A Report Prepared for the United States Air Force Office of Manpower and Reserve Affairs*. RAND Corporation, Report PR-2135-AF [Proprietary Report].

Book Chapters and Policy Writing

2018. Sara Bastomski and Janine Zweig. "Addressing Dating Violence for Young Girls of Color in the #MeToo Era." The Urban Institute, *Urban Wire Blog*. <<https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/addressing-dating-violence-young-girls-color-metoo-era>>
2012. Sara Bastomski. "Violence Prevention Programs Should Target Neighborhoods, Not Just Individuals." Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies, *Lux et Data Blog*. <<https://isps.yale.edu/news/blog/2013/01/violence-prevention-programs-should-target-neighborhoods-not-just-individuals>>
- Barbara Friesen, Terry Cross, Pauline Jivanjee, L. Kris Gowen, Abby Bandurraga, Sara Bastomski, Cori Matthew, and Nicole Maher. "More Than a Nice Thing to Do: A Practice-Based Evidence Approach to Outcome Evaluation in Native Youth and Family Programs." Pp. 87-107 in *Handbook of Race and Development in Mental Health*, edited by E.C. Chang and C.A. Downey. New York: Springer.

Grants and Contracts

Title: Queens Interim Probation Domestic Violence Team Evaluation
 Role: Dual Principal Investigator (with Ms. Marina Duane)
 Source: New York City Economic Opportunity
 Time Period: August 15, 2018 – May 15, 2019
 Total Funding: \$150,000

Title: Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Process and Outcome Evaluation
 Role: Dual Principal Investigator (with Ms. Lindsey Cramer)
 Source: Contra Costa County, CA
 Time Period: January 1, 2018 – September 30, 2020
 Total Funding: \$320,000

Title: Polyvictimization Screening Tool Validation
 Role: Dual Principal Investigator (with Ms. Jennifer Yahner)
 Source: Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City

Time Period: August 15, 2017 - September 30, 2019
Total Funding: \$150,000

Title: Center for Victim Research
Role: Project Manager
Source: Office for Victims of Crime (subcontract to Justice Research and Statistics Association)
Time Period: October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2018
Total Funding: \$1,694,869

Professional Experience

The Urban Institute, Washington, DC Jul. 2017-present
Research Associate in Justice Policy

- Co-Principal Investigator, Queens Interim Probation Domestic Violence Team Evaluation, for New York City Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity
- Co-Principal Investigator, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Process and Outcome Evaluation for Contra Costa County, CA
- Co-Principal Investigator, Process and Outcome Evaluation of Polyvictimization Screening Tool for the New York City Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence
- Project Manager for the Center for Victim Research
- Quantitative Data Analyst for Massachusetts Pay for Success project
- Quantitative Data Analyst and Data Manager for Promoting Adolescent Sexual Health and Safety project
- Social network analyst for 100 Resilient Cities project
- Lead and conduct analyses for a range of basic, applied, and evaluation research projects

George Washington University, Washington, DC Jan.-May 2017
Adjunct Faculty Member in Criminology and Sociology

Yale Libraries Statlab, New Haven, CT Jan. 2015-May 2017
Statistics Consultant

- Provided one-on-one consulting for undergraduate and graduate student research.
- Provided in-depth consulting for wide range of topics, including data acquisition, data management, research design, data analysis, and GIS.
- Ran workshops on GIS and statistical programs such as ArcGIS and R (Attendance ranges from 20-40 Participant).

RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA Jun.-Aug. 2015
Summer Associate

- Designed a program evaluation strategy for a national, multi-site youth development program; client was the United States Air Force.
- Developed survey tool and designed a quasi-experimental study.
- Worked closely with funders, program administrators, and research team.

Yale Department of Sociology, New Haven, CT Sep. 2012-May 2017
Research Assistant

- Assisted Dr. Andrew Papachristos with research on crime in Chicago neighborhoods.
- Social network analysis, spatial data analysis, data management, academic research and writing.
- Collaborative work has resulted in two published manuscripts.

Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies, New Haven, CT

Sep. 2012-May 2013

Policy Fellow

- Fellowship to develop policy skills, including policy writing and public speaking.
- Work products include a blog-post and policy memo describing the policy implications of a study on intimate partner violence.

Yale Department of Sociology, New Haven, CT

Sep. 2012-May 2017

Research Assistant

- Assisted Dr. Christopher Wildeman with a literature review of the American foster care system.

Yale College Dean's Office, New Haven, CT

Sep. 2010-May 2011

Research Assistant

- Assisted Dr. Melanie Boyd, Special Advisor to the Dean of Yale College on Gender Issues, with research and quantitative data analysis related to gender and sexual violence.

Columbia Department of Sociology, New York, NY

Sep. 2010-May 2011

Research Assistant

- Assisted Dr. Carla Shedd with a mixed methods project examining the New York City juvenile justice system, through partnership with the Legal Aid Society, the largest legal services nonprofit in the nation.
- Prepared pilot data for statistical analysis and conducted ethnographic research at the Family Courts.
- Prepared and presented two reports on pilot data for the LAS Juvenile Practice Attorney-in-Charge.

Native American Youth & Family Center, Portland, OR

Jul. 2009-Jul. 2010

Program Analyst

- Assisted with the design and implementation of a site-wide database system to collect quantitative data on client outcomes; data used for internal program improvement as well as for reports to external funding agencies such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and U.S. Department of Education.

Justice Policy Institute, Washington, DC

Jan. -Mar. 2007

Research Intern

- Conducted criminal justice research; primary activities included conducting literature reviews for the reports *Jailing Communities* and *Maryland's Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Law*.

Teaching Experience

As Instructor at George Washington University

- Gender and Criminal Justice, Spring 2018

As a Teaching Fellow at Yale

- Statistics II (Graduate), Sociology, with Prof. Joscha Legewie, Spring 2017
- Statistics I (Graduate), Sociology, with Prof. Lloyd Grieger, Fall 2016
- Health of the Public, Sociology, with Prof. Nicholas Christakis, Spring 2015

- Sex and Gender in Society, Sociology, with Prof. Rene Almeling, Fall 2014
- Social Networks and Society, with Prof. Emily Erickson, Spring 2014
- Inequality in America, with Prof. Vida Maralani, Fall 2013

Conference Presentations and Other Speaking Engagements

*scheduled

“Losing a Loved One to Homicide: Evidence from Research and Practice.” With Marina Duane.

Webinar for the Center for Victim Research. July 2018. Washington, DC. Over 200 participants.

*Plenary Session for the Texas Victim Services Research Symposium. October 2018. San Marcos, TX.

*Panel at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. November 2018. Atlanta, GA.

“Intimate Partner Violence and Women's Subsequent Mental Health and Material Hardship”

Panel at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. November 2017. Philadelphia, PA.

“Relative Socioeconomic Status and Intimate Partner Violence: Evidence from Fragile Families.”

- Talk at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. November 2016. New Orleans, LA.
- Yale Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course. February 2016. New Haven, CT.

“Neighborhood Networks, Structural Embeddedness, and Violence in Chicago.” With Noli Brazil and Andrew Papachristos.

•Panel at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 2016. Seattle, WA.

•Talk at the Human Nature Lab, Yale University. April 2016. New Haven, CT.

•Panel at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. November 2015. Washington, DC.

•Talk at the Yale Violence Working Group Seminar. November 2015. New Haven, CT.

“Gender, Fear, and Public Places: How Negative Encounters with Strangers Harm Women.” With Philip Smith.

•Panel at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 2016. Seattle, WA.

•Talk at the Yale Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course. January 2015. New Haven, CT.

•Panel at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, February 2014. New York, NY.

•Roundtable at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. November 2014. San Francisco, CA.

•Talk at the Marie Jahoda Summer School on Public Spaces and Inequality, University of Vienna, Department of Sociology. July 2014. Vienna, Austria.

“Gender and Negative Interactions in Public Places.”

•Guest Lecture. Seminar on Public Behaviors and Social Spaces, Yale Department of Sociology. February 2016. New Haven, CT.

“Evaluation Strategy for a US Air Force-Affiliated National Youth Development Program.”

With Kirsten Keller. RAND Corporation. August 2015. Santa Monica, CA.

“Connected in Crime: Using Social Network Analysis to Study Urban Crime.”

•Guest Lecture, Networks and Society Seminar, Yale Department of Sociology. April 2014. New Haven, CT.

“Working with Spatially Autocorrelated Variables.”

- Guest Lecture, Spatial Statistics Course, Yale School of Forestry. February 2014. New Haven, CT.

“Intimate Partner Violence & Chicago Neighborhoods.”

- Thematic Panel, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. May 2014. Boston, MA.
- Roundtable Discussion, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 2013. New York City.
- Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course, Yale Department of Sociology. April 2013. New Haven, CT.
- Thematic Panel, Eastern Sociology Society Annual Meeting. March 2013. Boston, MA.
- Center for Comparative Research Graduate Student Conference, Yale Department of Sociology. January 2011. New Haven, CT.

“Neighborhoods, Poverty, and Children’s Cognitive and Socio-emotional Development.”

- Thematic Panel, American Education Research Association Annual Meeting. April 2012. Vancouver, British Columbia.

“Using ‘Efforts to Outcomes’ Database Software for Program Evaluation & Performance Management: An Overview of Client Data at the NAYA Family Center.”

- Organization Communications Team, NAYA Family Center. April 2010. Portland, OR.

“Obstacles to Effective Crime Control Policy: Restrictive Paradigms in Congressional Testimony.”

- Honors Research Colloquium, UCLA Department of Sociology. June 2008. Los Angeles, CA.

“Juvenile Justice Policy & Its Discontents: Obstacles to Effective Treatment for Delinquent Youth.”

- UCLA Center for American Politics & Public Policy, Research Seminar. March 2007. Washington, DC.

Awards

Graduate Awards & Fellowships

- Yale University Full Tuition & Stipend Fellowship. 2011-17.
- Burnand-Partridge Foundation Grant, Santa Barbara Foundation. 2010-15.
- Yale Institution for Social & Policy Studies Fellowship. 2012-13. Yale Department of Sociology. Camp Grant. 2013.
- Yale CIQLE Training Grant. 2013.

Travel Grants

- Yale Graduate School Conference Travel Award. 2016.
- Yale CIQLE Travel Award. 2016, 2015, 2013.
- Marie Jahoda Summer School. University of Vienna. 2014. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. 2013.

Undergraduate Awards

- Mederos Memorial Award. UCLA Sociology Department. 2008.
- Awarded for excellence in research; this is the highest undergraduate honor bestowed by the Sociology Department.

Bonner Grant. UCLA Research Scholars Program. 2007-08. Sprague Memorial Scholarship. Santa Barbara Foundation. 2005-08.

National Science Foundation Training Grant. 2006.

Service

Yale Interdisciplinary Violence Working Group, New Haven, CT

Research Seminar Coordinator, 2015-2016

Yale Title IX Steering Committee, Office of the Provost, New Haven, CT

Graduate Advisory Board Member, 2013-2016

Yale Sociology Department, New Haven, CT

Elected Student Graduate Representative, 2012-13

U.S. Attorney's Office, New Haven, CT

Research Consultant, 2013-14

Yale University Mellon Mays Fellowship Program, New Haven, CT

Graduate Mentor, 2011-12

Hollaback! NGO, New York City

Research Consultant, 2011

Ad-Hoc Reviewer

NSF Geography and Spatial Sciences Program, Social Forces, Criminal Justice and Behavior, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Women Studies International Forum

Professional Memberships

- American Sociological Association (Sections on Crime & Deviance, Community & Urban Sociology, and Sex and Gender)
- American Society of Criminology (Section on Women & Crime)

References available upon request.