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ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

University of Missouri—Columbia

Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, August 2009 – present

Courtesy Appointment, School of Law, August 2009 – present

Chapin Hall Center, The University of Chicago

Researcher, May 1995 – May 2003, October 2005 – May 2009

Led and conducted policy research in the areas of juvenile justice, child welfare, community development, and child maltreatment.

EDUCATION

School of Social Service Administration, The University of Chicago

A.M. 2005. Ph.D. 2010

Dissertation: Essays on Foster Youth Remaining in Care Beyond Age 18 in Illinois

Dissertation Committee: Mark Courtney (Co-chair, University of Washington), Colleen Grogan (Co-chair), Harold Pollack, and Emily Buss (University of Chicago Law School)

Cornell Law School

J.D. with Honors, May 1992

Co-founder and Articles Editor, *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy*

The College, The University of Chicago

B.A. with Honors, Behavioral Science 1988

Thesis: Labeling Theory and the Juvenile Delinquent. Advisor: Irving Spergel

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

SSA Dissertation Fellowship, 2008

Competitive award provided to doctoral students in the final stages of dissertation completion.

Awarded \$12,000, plus tuition and fees

Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation, 2008

Research support for dissertation costs. Awarded \$4,895

Robert L. Schneider Influencing State Policy (ISP) Dissertation Award, 2008

Dissertation proposal recognized in a national competition for the study's potential to affect state-level child welfare policy. Awarded \$2,000

Doolittle-Harrison Travel Award, 2008

Travel support provided by the University of Chicago Office of Graduate Affairs to attend Society for Social Work and Research annual conference. Awarded \$400

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS, continued

Bernice Simon Teaching Fellowship, 2006-2007

Coordinated year-long workshop addressing issues of social work teaching and professional development at the School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago.
Awarded \$5,000

Sentencing Project Research Stipend Award, 2005

Awarded stipend to examine how felony disenfranchisement laws affect those charged with juvenile delinquency.
Awarded \$2,500

Annie E. Casey Foundation, 1999

Research funding provided to examine timeliness and delay in the Cook County Juvenile Court.
Awarded \$25,000

Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Services Award, 1994

Awarded by San Francisco Legal Services for Children for exemplary advocacy on behalf of youth seeking guardianship or emancipation.

Skadden Public Interest Fellowship, 1992-1994

Awarded fellowship to engage in civil rights legal advocacy on behalf of foster youth; fellowship funded staff attorney position at the Youth Law Center.
Awarded \$65,000

Public Interest Law Fellowship, Summer 1991

Provided support to work with nonprofit legal agency; fellowship funded civil rights advocacy position at the Youth Law Center.
Awarded \$3,000

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Office of Undergraduate Student Housing, The University of Chicago

Resident Head, September 1999 – June 2009

Reside among 130 graduate students. Engage in counseling, community building, crisis intervention, and programming for students.

Prairie State Legal Services, Inc., Waukegan, IL

Volunteer Attorney, February 1995 – May 1995

Conducted intake interviews, represented students in expulsion hearings, investigated public housing cases, and assisted with special education cases for indigent clients.

Youth Law Center, San Francisco, CA

Staff Attorney, October 1992 – October 1994; *Intern*, Summer 1991

Provided legal assistance, training, and advocacy on issues affecting children across the country. Provided advocacy on behalf of children and families involved in the juvenile justice, health, education, and child welfare systems. Supervised student interns.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Child welfare services and organization. Adolescent transition to adulthood. Engagement of youth in civil society. Juvenile justice, juvenile courts, and probation. History of social work. Role of theory in social work. Advocacy and collaboration with other professionals. Restorative justice.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Child welfare, juvenile justice, and services for adolescents. History of social work. Mixed methodology. Interdisciplinary teaching involving law and other professional schools and disciplines. Applied advocacy practices integrated into the classroom.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Missouri—Columbia

Graduate Level Courses:

Research Methods in Social Work (SW 7952) Fall 2009

Foundations of Human Behavior for Administrators (SW 7920) Spring 2010

Undergraduate Courses

Perspectives in Social and Economic Justice (SW 2000) Spring 2010

School of Social Service Administration, The University of Chicago

Teaching Assistant, Research Methods, Winter 2006 (Prof. Julia Henly and Lecturer Julia Pryce)
Conducted weekly discussion sessions for three sections, held weekly office hours, reviewed and graded paper assignments, engaged in one-on-one tutoring, and graded exams.

The University of Chicago Law School

Lecturer in Law, Seminar on Juvenile Justice, 2003 (with Professor Emily Buss)

Conducted seminar examining challenges in developing a model state response to delinquency. Provided input on syllabus, guided classroom discussion, and graded paper assignments.

Cornell Law School

Teaching Assistant, Legal Research, Memorandum Writing Section, 1991

Conducted weekly discussion sections, provided one-on-one guidance, and graded assignments.

PUBLICATIONS

Peters, C. (in press). Social work and juvenile probation: Exploring historical tensions and contemporary challenges. *Social Work*.

Peters, C. (March 2005). Review of L. Nybell, J. Shook & J. Finn, *Childhood, Youth, & Social Work in transformation: Implications for policy and practice* [book], *Qualitative Social Work: Research and Practice*, 9 (3).

Courtney, M. E., Dworsky, A., & **Peters, C.** (2009). *California's Fostering Connections to Success Act and the Costs and Benefits of Extending Foster Care to 21*. Seattle, WA: Partners for Our Children.

Peters, C., Claussen Bell, K., Zinn, A., Goerge, R.M., Courtney, M.E. Continuing in foster care beyond age 18: How courts can help (2009). Chapin Hall Center for Children.

PUBLICATIONS, continued

Peters, C. (March 2005). Review of D.S. Tanenhaus, *Juvenile Justice in the Making* [book], *Social Service Review*, 79 (1), pp. 200-203.

Peters, C., Skyles, A., Jedrasko, A. Alternatives, Inc.'s restorative justice program at Senn Metro Academy: Applying a restorative approach in an urban high school. Working Paper, 2003. Chapin Hall Center for Children.

Goerge, R.M., Lee, B.J. Mackey Bilaver, L., Dilts, J., Harden, A., Moore, J., Perry, T., **Peters, C.,** Ray, B., Reidy, M. Weir, M., Wurr, J., Haywood, T., Skyles, A. (2002). The state of the child in Illinois: 2000. Chapin Hall Center for Children.

Peters, C., Haywood, T. Goerge, R. (2002). Illinois abuse and neglect court assessment: An assessment of data resources and needs. Chapin Hall Center for Children.

Peters, C., Haywood, T., Lee, B.J., Skyles, A. (2002). Case processing and services to children in the Juvenile Justice Division of the Cook County Juvenile Court. Chapin Hall Center for Children.

Chaskin, R., **Peters, C.** (1999). Decision making and action at the neighborhood level: An exploration of mechanisms and processes. Chapin Hall Center for Children.

Merry, S., **Peters, C.,** Mackey Bilaver, L. Goerge, R., Lee, B.J. (1999). The impact of reform in the Cook County Juvenile Court's Child Protection Division. Chapin Hall Center for Children.

Peters, C., Merry, S. (1997). Child abuse and neglect proceedings in Illinois jurisdictions outside of Cook County: A descriptive report. Chapin Hall Center for Children and the Citizens Committee on the Juvenile Court.

Merry, S., **Peters, C.,** Goerge, R., Budde, S. Osuch, R. (1997). Timeliness and delay in the Child Protection Division of the Cook County Juvenile Court. Chapin Hall Center for Children and the Citizens Committee on the Juvenile Court.

Chaskin, R., **Peters, C.** (1997). Governance in the empowerment zone communities: A preliminary examination of governance structures and issues in the fifteen empowerment zone communities. Chapin Hall Center for Children and the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Ostro, G., **Peters, C.,** Goerge, R., Richman, H. (1996). Child welfare reform: The big picture—A state perspective. Chapin Hall Center for Children.

Soler, M., **Peters, C.** (1993). Who should know what? Confidentiality and information sharing in service integration. National Center for Service Integration, Resource Brief 4.

Peters, C. (1994). "The prevalence of disabilities among children in the juvenile court," and "special education for children in out-of-home care," in *California Juvenile Court Special Education Manual*. Youth Law Center.

Stagner, M., Merry, S., **Peters, C.** (1989). Group residential care in the Illinois department of children and family services: children and providers in the 1980's. Chapin Hall Center for Children.

WORKING PAPERS

“Benefit-cost analysis of extending state care of foster children into early adulthood,” (with Harold Pollack and Amy Dworsky, currently in process).

“The state as a patient parent: illinois county courts’ key role in retaining adolescent foster youth in care,” (currently in process).

“Exploring the effect of alcohol and drug abuse and treatment among juvenile probationers in Illinois,” (currently in process).

“Disenfranchisement of new voters: How youthful offending affects the right to vote,” (currently in process).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Institutional Review Board: Member (2000 – 2009)

Illinois Policy Advocacy Team, National Governors Association (2006 – 2009), an interdisciplinary group of policy makers seeking to improve services for youth transitioning from foster care.

Evaluation and Program Planning Journal: Ad hoc Reviewer (2007 – present)

Workshop on Crime and Punishment, a bi-weekly interdisciplinary forum at the University of Chicago Law School: Co-founder, Coordinator (2004 – 2006)

Annie E. Casey Foundation's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative: Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center Citizen Assessment (Team Leader, 2005-2006)

Doctoral Students Association: Vice President (2002 – 2006)

Illinois Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Association: Board Member (1999 – 2005), Board President (2002 – 2004)

Illinois Court Improvement Project Steering Committee: Resource Member (1995 – 2002)

John Howard Association, Juvenile Facility Visiting Program: Volunteer (2000 – 2008)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Violence and Injury Prevention at the George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University (2010 – present)

American Sociological Association (2007 – present)

Law and Society (2007 – present)

National Association of Social Workers, Illinois Chapter (2002 – present)

Society for Social Work Research (2003 – present)

Chicago Bar Association, Juvenile Law Committee (1996 – 2002)

State Bar of Illinois (member since May 1995, currently on inactive status)

State Bar of California (member since December 1992, currently on inactive status)

Cornell Public Interest Law Union: Member (1989 – 1992), Chairperson (1991 – 1992)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

The State of the Evidence on Crossover Youth. Missouri Juvenile Officer Annual Meeting. Jefferson City, MO (June 2010).

What Keeps Foster Youth in Care? Illinois Statewide Foster Care Advisory Council. Lisle, Illinois (May 2009).

Preliminary Research Examining the Challenges to Keeping Foster Youths in Care Beyond 18 in Illinois. Society for Social Work and Research annual conference, Washington, D.C. (January 2008).

Social Justice (Is Dead?) in Social Work Doctoral Education. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Chicago, IL (February 2006).

Historical and Cross-National Perspectives on Social Work and Juvenile Probation: A Call for Increased Professional Involvement. National Organization of Forensic Social Work, Chicago, IL (July 2006).

Predicting Success in Juvenile Probation: The Effects of Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Treatment. Society for Social Work and Research annual conference, San Antonio, TX. (January 2006).

Child Welfare and the Courts: Recent Research Findings. A series of briefings conducted in four locations across Illinois on behalf of the Illinois CASA Association (Summer 2003).

Balanced and Restorative Justice Research and Evaluation: Principles and Practices. Co-organizer of symposium held at the Cook County Juvenile Court involving state and county, police authorities, advocates, and private agency representatives (Summer 2002).

Racial Disproportionality in the Juvenile Justice System. University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL (May 2001).

Numerous presentations discussing legal and practical barriers concerning confidentiality mandates and interagency information sharing, 1993-1995.

REPRESENTATIVE AND APPELLATE LITIGATION

Member, Guardianship and Emancipation Panel: Legal Services for Children (San Francisco, CA) and Grandparent Caregivers Project (Alameda County, CA) (1992 - 1994). Provided free legal representation to youths and adults seeking guardianship and emancipation.

Shaw v. San Francisco, No. 915763 (San Francisco County Superior Court) (October 4, 1993) (order approving settlement). Class action challenging the conditions of confinement including special education, health care, physical plant, programming, safety, restraints, due process, and discipline in the San Francisco juvenile detention center.

In the Matter of B.L.T., 853 P.2d 1226 (Mont. Sup. Ct. 1993) (amicus curiae). Successful appeal of a juvenile's determinate sentence to the state training school.

Keith G. v. Bilbray, No. D018045, (Cal. 4th App. Dist. 1994) (amicus curiae). Brief in support of respondents in appeal of decision setting a population cap at the San Diego County Juvenile Hall, whose conditions of confinement violated constitutional and state standards.

SKILLS

Proficient in SPSS, STATA, Excel, and ATLAS.ti
Proficient in German