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Education

- 2016 **M.S.**, Applied Social & Community Psychology, Portland State University, Portland, OR.
Master's Thesis Title: *A Community Engaged Approach to Address Intimate Partner Violence among Sexual Minority Women.*
Defense Date: 10 June 2016.
- 2013 **B.A.**, Psychology, Cum Laude, Honors in Psychology, Georgia State University; Atlanta, GA.
Honors Thesis Title: *Deconstructing Hegemonic Masculinity: The Roles of Anti-Femininity, Sexual Dominance, and Subordination to Women in Men's Perpetration of Sexual Aggression.*
Defense Date: 15 May 2013.
- 2011 **B.A.**, English, Cum Laude, Honors in English, Georgia State University; Atlanta, GA.
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Skills & Expertise

Program and policy development, implementation, & evaluation;
Applied quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods research design, implementation, & data analytics;
Innovative & multi-modal data visualization & report dissemination;
Statistical programming: *R, SQL, Python, SAS, Mplus, & SPSS syntax & macros*;
Programmatic typesetting: *Markdown, L^AT_EX, B_IB_TE_X, HTML (5), & CSS (5)*

Research Experience

Gender and Violence Intervention Research Team

Department of Psychology, Portland State University (Portland, OR); **Supervisor:** Eric Mankowski, Ph.D.

- 2014 - Present **PROJECT COORDINATOR:** *National Batterer Intervention Program Standards & Monitoring Survey*
Lead responsibilities with designing, implementing, and managing a national telephone interview survey of each U.S. state's batterer intervention program (BIP) standards and monitoring committee.
- 2013 - 2016 **PRIMARY STUDENT INVESTIGATOR** (*Master's Thesis*)
Lead responsibilities with designing, implementing, and managing a qualitative interview study with sexual minority women in Portland, OR.
- 2013 - 2014 **PROJECT CO-CHAIR:** *Online Training Module: 'Creating a Respectful, Inclusive and Safe Campus: Preventing Title IX Harassment and Misconduct' Student Responses*
Lead responsibilities with designing and implementing a formal evaluation of a training module aimed at informing students, faculty, and staff about rights and responsibilities related to Title IX of the Violence Against Women Act. Moderated and provided assistance with focus groups with current PSU students. Presented findings to university administrative officials from the Office of Equity and Compliance and the Dean of Student Life and co-authored final evaluation report (*Project Co-Chair: Sylvia Kidder*).

2013 - Present GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT
General Research Team Responsibilities: Lead responsibilities with conceptualizing and developing relevant literature reviews, provided assistance with focus group facilitation with fellow graduate students, Provided assistance with implementation of study protocols, training of research assistants, and poster/manuscript preparation, and mentored undergraduate research assistants with research and community outreach projects.

Oregon Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Needs (OCCYSHN)
Oregon Health & Science University (Portland, OR); **Supervisor:** Alison J. Martin, Ph.D.

2014 - 2015 TEMPORARY GRADUATE STUDENT STAFF
Provide data entry, analysis, and report writing assistance as-needed to OCCYSHN's Assessment and Evaluation Coordinator, Alison Martin.

Major projects include:

Qualitative and quantitative data entry and data cleaning for a statewide needs assessment as part of the organization's *Title IV* Federal Block Grant reporting requirements.

Assistance with qualitative data content analysis protocol development and implementation for the organization's 2014 *Title IV* Federal Block Grant report.

Behavioral Science Laboratory

Department of Psychology, Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA); **Supervisors:** Dominic Parrot, Ph.D., Kathryn Gallagher, M.A., & Claire Lisco, M.A.

2012 - 2013 PRIMARY STUDENT INVESTIGATOR
Deconstructing Hegemonic Masculinity: The Roles of Anti-Femininity, Sexual Dominance, and Subordination to Women in Men's Perpetration of Sexual Aggression.
Lead responsibilities with conceptual development, data analysis, and proposal and manuscript preparation and defense.

PROJECT COORDINATOR

Situational Determinates of Sexism-Related Violence Against Women., Lead responsibilities with participant recruitment and scheduling, data entry and proofing, training and supervision of research assistants; and assistance with development and implementation of study protocols.

TRAINING IN QUALITATIVE DATA CODING AND ANALYSIS

Training received for and applied to a project Funded under a National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism titled: *An Ecologically-Valid Intervention for Men's Intoxicated Aggression Toward Women.*

Primary assistant with qualitative data coding and analysis using the Articulated Thoughts during Simulated Situations paradigm.

2011 - 2013 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT
General Research Team Involvement:
Assistance with participant recruitment and scheduling, data collection, quantitative and qualitative data proofing and analysis, development and implementation of study protocols, training of research assistants, and poster/manuscript preparation and submission for multiple federally funded projects.

Violence Against Women Prevention Team (Atlanta, GA)

Department of Psychology, Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA); **Supervisors:** Sarah L. Cook, Ph.D. & Kevin M. Swartout, Ph.D.

2012 - 2013 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT
Assistance with conducting literature reviews, development of annotated bibliographies, data collection, data proofing, qualitative data coding, data analysis, training of new research assistants, and poster/manuscript preparation and submission.

Community-Based Research and Professional Experience

Oregon Attorney General's Batterer Intervention Program Advisory Committee
(Portland, OR)

2016 - Present FEMALE OFFENDERS WORKING GROUP MEMBER
Co-develop a white paper for the Oregon Judiciary and batterer intervention program providers' network on female offenders of domestic violence.

Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force (SATF): Prevention and Education Subcommittee
(Salem, OR); **Supervisors:** Nancy Greenman (Former Prevention Program Coordinator) & Megan Foster (Prevention Program Coordinator)

2016-Present PREVENTION LIAISON
Serve as SATF's Prevention & Education Subcommittee's liaison to the Offender Management Subcommittee (OMC) by attending both subcommittee meetings, providing prevention insights and resources to OMC, and providing updates about each subcommittee's current activities and strategic plans.

2015-Present WORKGROUP MEMBER
Serve as an active member of the Campus Sexual Violence Prevention Workgroup created in collaboration with SATF's Prevention & Education and Campus subcommittees:
Participate in monthly action planning meetings to develop and disseminate sexual violence prevention resources for higher education institutions in Oregon.
Represented Portland State University and co-represented the Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force with the workgroup's attendance at an invited two-day sexual violence prevention action planning meeting hosted in Atlanta, GA by the American Public Health Association and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Violence Prevention as part of the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault's '*Not Alone*'¹ project (20 - 21 July 2016).

2014-Present ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER
Provide direct support to the subcommittee's general operations:
Development of information, resources and training related to sexual violence prevention.
Technical assistance and support to local communities that are interested in engaging in prevention efforts.
State-wide organizing to promote sexual violence prevention within specific populations.
Administration of federal Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) funds to local programs to engage in prevention efforts in their local communities.

¹http://www.changingourcampus.org/resources/not-alone/WH_Task_Force_First_Report.pdf

2013 - 2014 INTERN
Provide direct support to the subcommittee's general operations:
Co-Organize and Lead workgroup for evaluating and revising the Task Force's five-year prevention plan.
Creation of a cross-discipline dialogue with Offender Management and Victims Response Subcommittees of the SATF (see resulting presentation above entitled 'Roadmap to Preventing Sexual Violence'.
Edit and complete committee position papers as needed.
Assist in the creation and facilitation of committee meeting agendas.

Men Engaging NOW
(Portland, OR)

2013 - Present COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER
Provide support in the creation and coordination of an upcoming community organization dedicated to engaging men within the community in the struggle toward ending violence against women and intimate partner violence.

YWCA of Greater Portland
(Portland, OR); **Supervisor:** Choya Adkinson-Stevens (Social Change Facilitator)

2013 - 2014 VOLUNTEER (GENERAL)
Provided support in the overall and day-to-day operations of the organization, attend community advocacy trainings (see below), compile program evaluations received from program participants, and admit individuals into building for various program events.

Advocacy Trainings Completed:

Effects of Trauma (July, 2013)
Gender & Sexuality (July, 2013)
Understanding Oppression (August, 2013)
Legal Issues (August, 2013)
Safety Planning (September, 2013)
Stalking (September, 2013)

Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV), Fulton County Safe House
(Atlanta, GA); **Supervisors:** Constance Willis (Former Shelter Director) & Marquita Brown (Shelter Coordinator)

2012 - 2013 SHELTER ADVOCATE
Part-time safe house management responsibilities safe house: Conducted intake and 2-day assessments of new clients; conducted progress assessments with current residents; provided current residents support with issues related to employment, educational, childcare, social services, and/or legal issues; conducted follow-up interviews with clients after completion of shelter program; ensured the continual safety of current residents, staff, and volunteers; and provided current and past residents with safety planning support.
Part-time crisis line management responsibilities: Conducted telephone assessments to assist callers in crisis situations and/or in need of community resources referrals; assessed callers' current housing, financial, and legal needs to determine the extent and nature of services needed; advocated on behalf of callers to and coordinated with other community resources as needed; coordinated with local law enforcement to ensure new shelter residents' safe and efficient transport to the shelter; provided safety planning support to callers.

2011 - 2012 VOLUNTEER CRISIS LINE ADVOCATE
Assisted shelter advocate with 24/7 crisis line and shelter maintenance, conducted intake and 2-day assessments of new clients, provided walk-in and telephone clients with safety planning information & community resources referrals.

Partnership Against Domestic Violence, Safe Families Office
(Atlanta, GA); **Supervisor:** Robin Taylor, M.A.

2011 - 2012 VOLUNTEER LEGAL ADVOCATE
Conducted intake interviews with incoming clients, provided limited legal assistance with clients seeking temporary protective orders, advocated on behalf of clients to judges and defense lawyers, referred clients to other appropriate community agencies and resources, conducted intake and follow-up assessments of new clients, provided clients and callers with safety planning support and information.

Teaching

Department of Psychology, Portland State University (Portland, OR)

2013 - 2014 GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT
Psychology of Men and Masculinities (Winter 2014; Supervising Instructor: Eric Mankowski, Ph.D)
Grade weekly papers, exams, term papers, and extra credit assignments; provided feedback, written and verbal, on student assignments; assisted in the course instruction by (1) providing a guest lecture, and (2) actively participate in class to ensure students receive and retain the content.
Cognition (Fall 2013 & Spring 2014; Supervising Instructor: Dennis Swiercinsky, Ph.D.)
Exam proctoring, Grading, track and record attendance, assist students with understanding course materials, hold regular office hours, assist with students registered with the Disabilities Resource Center as needed.

Publications

Smith, R. M. (in press). Hegemonic masculinity. In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Psychology and Gender*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.

Mankowski, E. S. & **Smith, R. M.** (2015). Men's mental health and Masculinities. In H.S. Friedman (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Mental Health, 2nd Edition*. Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier Inc.

Smith, R. M., Parrott, D. J., Swartout, K. M., & Tharp, A. T. (2015). Deconstructing hegemonic masculinity: The roles of antifemininity, subordination to women, and sexual dominance in men's perpetration of sexual aggression. *Psychology of Men & Masculinity*, 160 - 169. doi: 10.1037/a0035956

Oregon Attorney General Sexual Assault Task Force, Prevention & Education Subcommittee (2015). *Intersections of Oppression and Sexual Violence*. Retrieval from: <http://oregonsatf.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Intersections-of-Oppression-and-SV-Paper-Final-9.29.15.pdf>

Oregon Attorney General Sexual Assault Task Force, Prevention & Education Subcommittee (2015). *Talking Points: Points: A Guiding Document for Media Response and Community Conversations*. Document Available Upon Request.

Oregon Attorney General Sexual Assault Task Force, Prevention & Education Subcommittee (2014). *A Best Practice: Using Social Media for Sexual Violence Prevention*. Retrieval from: <http://oregonsatf.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/ORSATF-Using-Social-Media-for-Sexual-Violence-Prevention-FINAL.pdf>

Presentations

Mankowski, E., **Smith, R.M.**, Sackett, K., Kyler-Yano, J., Kidder, S. (June, 2017). *Asking, witnessing, interpreting, and knowing: Contours of male intimate partner violence intervention program policy implementation in the U.S.* To be presented at the 2017 Biennial Conference for the Society for Community Research and Action; Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Smith, R.M. (May, 2017). *A Mixed-Methodological Integration of Grounded Theory Methods and Psychological Measurement using the R Statistical Computing Language and Environment*. To be presented at the Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology's 2017 Annual Conference, New York, NY.

Smith, R.M. & Mankowski, E. (November, 2016). *An intersectional and community engaged approach to address intimate partner violence among sexual minority women*. Presented at the 2016 American Public Health Association's Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

Mankowski, E., **Smith, R.M.**, Sackett, K., Kidder, S. (June, 2016). *Understanding policy implementation: National survey of domestic violence program standards*. Presented at the 12th Annual Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Mankowski, E. & **Smith, R.M.** (September, 2015). *National survey of batterer intervention program standards and implementation: Preliminary findings*. Presented at the monthly Tri-County Batterer Intervention Providers' Network meeting; Portland, Or.

Smith, R.M. (April, 2015). *Simulation as a tool in applied research*. Quantitative Analysis Interest Group Weekly Meeting, Portland State University; Portland, OR.

Smith, R.M. & Greenman, Nancy (October, 2013). *Roadmap to preventing sexual violence*. Presented at the Fall Quarterly Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force Meeting; Salem, OR.

TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS

Smith, R.M. (January & February, 2017). *LGBTQ Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence: Prevalence, Characteristics, & Practice Considerations*. Presentation and Training Workshops provided for the *Partnership Against Domestic Violence*; Atlanta, GA.

Smith, R.M. (March, 2017). *Mixed Methods Research using R and SQL (Part II)*. Workshop to be provided at the *Quantitative Analysis Interest Group Weekly Meeting*, Portland State University; Portland, OR.

Smith, R.M. (December, 2016). *Mixed Methods Research using R and SQL (Part I)*. Workshop provided at the *Quantitative Analysis Interest Group Weekly Meeting*, Portland State University; Portland, OR.

Smith, R.M. (October, 2016). *Programmatic typesetting: Overview of creating reproducible research reports using R, Markdown & LaTeX*. Workshop provided at the *Quantitative Analysis Interest Group Weekly Meeting*, Portland State University; Portland, OR.

- Rohner, C., **Smith, R.M.**, Foster, M. (April, 2016). *Elevating Your Campus Sexual Violence Prevention Efforts: Tools and Strategies*. Presentation and workshop to be presented on behalf of the Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force's Campus Sexual Violence Prevention Workgroup at the 2016 Pacific Northwest Higher Education Best Practices Conference on Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response, Portland State University; Portland, OR.
- Sackett, K., **Smith, R.M.**, Savage, K., Cummings, C., Tran, T., & Mankowski, E. (October, 2015). *Applying strategies for self-care to a social change research team setting: Debriefing groups to address secondary traumatic stress and prevent burnout among researchers*. Presented at the Community Research and Action in the West Regional Conference, University of Washington Bothell; Bothell, WA.
- Guerrero, N., **Smith, R.M.**, McNaron, H., & Lemmon, P. (April, 2015). *Men as Feminist Allies*. Sexual Assault Awareness Month Workshop, Portland State University Women's Resource Center; Portland, OR.
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GUEST LECTURES

- Lemmon, P. & **Smith, R.M.** (February & May, 2016). *Social norms and behavior change*. Guest Presentation presented for the Violence Prevention & Advocacy undergraduate course at Portland State University; Portland, OR.
- Smith, R.M.**, (January, 2016). *Relationship Violence*. Guest presentation for Advanced Social Psychology undergraduate course at Portland State University; Portland, OR.
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FACILITATED ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

- Smith, R.** (June, 2015). *Oppressive frameworks within community-based scientific research and social change action: Deconstructing analyses of gendered violence*. Round table presented at the 2015 Biennial Conference for the Society for Community Research and Action; Lowell, MA.
- Cuevas, A., Kidder, S., Meeker, R., Sackett, K., Shearer, A., **Smith, R.**, Stewart, K., & Zatkin, J. (October, 2014). *Getting into the Psychology Graduate Program for You: Tips from Those Who Have Been Through it*. Round table presented at the 9th Annual Northwest Ecological Community Psychology Conference, Portland State University Native American Student and Community Center; Portland, OR.
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POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Smith, R.M.**, Parrott, D.J., Swartout, K.M., & Tharp, A.T. (October, 2013). *Deconstructing Hegemonic Masculinity: The Roles of Antifemininity, Subordination to Women, and Sexual Dominance in Men's Perpetration of Sexual Aggression*. Poster presented at the 8th Annual Northwest Ecological Community Psychology Conference, Portland, OR.
- Smith, R.M.**, Vanhook, C.R., Woodard, T., Cook, S.L., Swartout, K.M. (March, 2013). *Victim empathy, remorse, and sexual assault perpetration*. Poster presented at the 59th Annual Southeastern Psychological Association Conference; Atlanta, GA.
- Smith, R.M.**, Goodnight, B.L., & Cook, S.L. (March, 2013). *Is the concept of rape still a grey area? Debates on the definition of rape in an online community*. Poster presented at the 7th Annual Georgia State Undergraduate Research Conference, Georgia State University; Atlanta, GA.
- Smith, R.M.**, Vanhook, C.R., Woodard, T., Cook, S.L., & Swartout, K.M. (November, 2012). *The roles of victim empathy and remorse in perpetrators' perceptions of sexual assault*. Poster presented at the 13th Annual Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference, Georgia State University; Atlanta, GA.

Schmidt, M., Lisco, C., & **Smith, R.M.** (March, 2011). *The moderating effect of acceptance of interpersonal violence on the relation between male role norms and aggression toward intimate partners*. Poster presented at the 2012 Georgia State University Undergraduate Research Conference, Georgia State University; Atlanta, GA.

Awards & Assistantships

- 2014 - Present NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
Awarded for a proposed program of research aimed at preventing intimate partner violence among sexual minority women. The proposed research is based on a model developed by Smith et al. (2014, see Publications list above) and will be conducted in planned phases, each of which will be informed by results and conclusions of the prior phases(s). This program will be funded by the National Science Foundation for a maximum three years (*Fellow ID: 2014173965*).
- 2013 OUTSTANDING HONORS STUDENT AWARD
Awarded by the Department of Psychology of Georgia State University to an undergraduate student with an outstanding record of academic performance and participation.
- 2012 University Assistantship
Awarded by Georgia State University to nominated undergraduate students who have excelled in coursework, and individual research and scholarship. University assistants are funded to engage in research in addition to their regular coursework for a full academic year. Nominated by Dominic Parrott, Ph.D.
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Professional Memberships

AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (APHA)
AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (APA)
AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION (ASA)

Chapters: *Georgia & Oregon*

Sections: *Statistical Computing, Statistical Graphics, Statistical Learning & Data Science, Social Statistics, Survey Research Methods, and Statistical Programmers & Analysts*

OREGON PROGRAM EVALUATORS NETWORK (OPEN; *Membership Officer (2017 - Present)*)

SOCIETY FOR COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND ACTION (SCRA; APA DIVISION 27)

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDY OF SOCIAL ISSUES (SPSSI; APA DIVISION 9)

THE SOCIETY FOR QUALITATIVE INQUIRY IN PSYCHOLOGY (SQIP; APA DIVISION 5)