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## Education

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### Cornell University

Ph.D. in Sociology, 2017 expected

Funded by the Department of Policy Analysis and Management

Concentrations: *Incarceration, Social Stratification, Family and Social Policy, Demography Minor*

Research Interests: Incarceration, Family, Family Court, Fathering, Neighborhoods, Criminology

Teaching Interests: Social Stratification, Incarceration, Family and Family Demography, Family and Social Policy, Policy Analysis

### Wellesley College

B.A. in Political Science with Honors (*Magna Cum Laude*), 2008

## Dissertation

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Committee: Christopher Wildeman (co-chair), Daniel Lichter (co-chair)

Maureen Waller, Laura Tach, Erin York Cornwell

*Life on the Outside: A Mixed Methods Study of Incarceration and Family Life*

In my dissertation I use a combination of qualitative interviews and quantitative analyses to investigate the mechanisms through which incarceration shapes families. My first paper uses structural equation modeling to identify how changes in family resources and father engagement mediate the relationship between paternal incarceration and acting out behavior in children. My qualitative project used interviews with the families of men incarcerated both pre- and post-sentencing in a county jail to examine how families experience this understudied form of incarceration. Through 41 interviews, this project examines how families interact with the jail, and how the jail shapes daily life for a broad group of parents, partners, and siblings. A final builds on questions that arose in the course of these interviews. This paper examines how the relationship decisions mothers make when their child's father is incarcerated- whether to remain together, separate, or repartner- contribute to heterogeneity in family wellbeing after the incarceration.

## Academic Publications

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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) Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 219 – 254.

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.

## Papers Under Review

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Tach, Laura, and **Allison Dwyer Emory**. (revise and resubmit at *American Journal of Sociology*) "Public Housing Redevelopment, Neighborhood Change, and the Reproduction of Urban Inequality"

**Dwyer Emory, Allison**. (under review). "Explaining the Consequences of Paternal Incarceration for Children's Behavioral Problems."

Waller, Maureen R., **Allison Dwyer Emory**, and Elise Paul. (under review) "Money, Time, or Something In-Between? The Meaning of Informal Support for Father-Child Relationships"

## Working Papers

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- Dwyer Emory, Allison.** “Maternal Relationship Trajectories and Family Wellbeing Following Paternal Incarceration.”
- Dwyer Emory, Allison.** “Family Experiences of Pretrial Incarceration: Detangling Doing Time in a County Jail”
- Waller, Maureen R., and **Allison Dwyer Emory.** “Legal Visitation Orders, Family Courts, and Fragile Families.”
- Tach, Laura and **Allison Dwyer Emory.** “Family Structure, Parental Investments, and Intergenerational Educational Mobility.”
- 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.”

## Fellowships and Awards

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- 2015 Family Strengthening Scholars Dissertation Grant. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Office of Research and Evaluation. (\$39,945)
- 2015 Dissertation Seed Grant, Cornell Center for the Study of Inequality (\$810)
- 2015 Cornell Population Center, Rapid Response Grant (\$440)
- 2015 Population Association of America Poster Award: “*The Spillover Effects of HOPE VI Redevelopment on Neighborhood Poverty and Racial Composition*”
- 2014 Population Association of America Poster Award: “*Time v. Money- What Contributes to Children and Nonresident Fathers’ Perceptions of Closeness*”
- 2014-16 Scholars Strategy Network, Finger Lakes Branch Graduate Fellow
- 2011 Mabel A. Rollins and Helen Canon Scholarships and Flora Rose, Ruth Ada Birk Eastwood, Human Service Studies, and Lucy Maltby Fellowships (\$52,346)

## Policy Reports and Publications

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- 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.

## **Teaching Experience**

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Spring 2016 Introduction to Statistics

Taught two independent sections as Teaching Assistant covering statistical concepts including correlation, regression, t-tests, z-scores, and descriptive statistics. Course taught by Dr. Thomas Evans.

Fall 2015 Neighborhoods, Housing and Urban Policy

Presented a guest lecture entitled “Incarceration, Neighborhoods, and Communities” and facilitated discussion on the implications of geographically concentrated incarceration for communities. Course taught by Dr. Laura Tach.

Spring 2014 Research Design, Practice and Policy

As a Teaching Assistant, designed rubrics and guided students through developing a program evaluation using data from the local Parents Apart program. Course taught by Dr. Maureen Waller.

Spring 2013 Research Methods for Policy Analysis

As a Teaching Assistant, designed rubrics and guided students through a hands-on evaluation of a data from the Parenting Skills Workshop Series using Stata. Course taught by Dr. Maureen Waller.

Fall 2013 Neighborhoods, Housing and Urban Policy

Assigned readings and facilitated discussion on the spatial concentration of criminal justice involvement in neighborhoods as a guest lecturer. Course taught by Dr. Laura Tach.

Fall 2013 Urban Sociology

Graded student exams and papers. Course taught by Dr. Erin York Cornwell.

## **Academic Presentations**

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2016 **Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency, hosted by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Office of Research and Evaluation. Washington DC**

Family Experiences of Incarceration in the County Jail

2016 **Population Association of America Annual Conference, Washington DC**

Family Structure and Wellbeing Following Paternal Incarceration

2016 **Cornell Sociology Research Symposium, Ithaca NY**

Managing the Situation: Diverse Family Experiences of Incarceration in a County Jail

2015 **Population Association of America Annual Conference, San Diego CA**

The Spillover Effects of HOPE VI Redevelopment on Neighborhood Poverty and Racial Composition

*\*Poster Award Winner*

2014 **American Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco CA**

Maternal Incarceration and Children’s Risky Behavior in Young Adulthood

2014 **Population Association of America Annual Conference, Boston MA**

Time v. Money- What Contributes to Children and Nonresident Fathers’ Perceptions of Closeness

*\*Poster Award Winner*

2013 **American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York NY**

- Understanding the Mechanisms through which Paternal Incarceration affects Children's Behavior
- 2013 **Cornell Sociology Research Symposium, Ithaca NY**  
Translating Paternal Incarceration Experiences into Child Outcomes: An Exploration of Mechanisms Effecting Children of Incarcerated Men
- 2010 **American Society of Criminology Conference, San Francisco CA**  
Assessing Juvenile DNA
- 2010 **American Society of Criminology Conference, San Francisco CA**  
Justice Reinvestment at the Local Level (JRL): County Level Systems Change
- 2010 **National Association of Counties Conference, Reno NV**  
Justice Reinvestment at the Local Level: County Experiences
- 2010 **Juvenile DNA Collection Roundtable, Arlington VA**  
Evaluating Juvenile DNA Systems: Preliminary Findings.
- 2010 **National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Conference, Las Vegas NV**  
Evaluating Juvenile DNA Systems: Evidence for Courts
- 2009 **American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia PA**  
CCTV Use in U.S. Cities: Qualitative Findings

### **Research Appointments and Employment**

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- 2015 **Research Assistant, Maureen Waller, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, and Daniel Miller**  
*"Fathers and Low-Income Children's Academic and Behavioral Outcomes: The Role of Social and Economic Policies"*
- 2013-15 **Research Assistant, Laura Tach**  
*"The Spillover Effects of HOPE VI Redevelopment on Neighborhood Poverty and Racial Composition"*  
*"Social Mobility in an Era of Family Instability and Complexity: How Intergenerational Educational Associations Vary by Childhood Family Structure"*
- 2014 **Research Assistant, Maureen Waller**  
*"Time v. Money- What Contributes to Children and Nonresident Fathers' Perceptions of Closeness"*
- 2013 **Research Assistant, Maureen Waller**  
*"Parents Apart: Differences Between Unmarried and Divorcing Parents in Separated Families."*
- 2012-13 **Research Assistant, Emily Owens**  
*"On the Road Again: Legal and Illegal Commuting Patterns and the Role of Public Transportation."*
- 2012 **Research Assistant, Cornell Cooperative Extension**  
*Best practices for research driven 4H programming*
- 2011 **Research Associate II, Justice Policy Center, Urban Institute**  
*Transition from Jail to Community Initiative: Evaluation and Implementation Staff*  
*Justice Reinvestment at the Local Level: Site Liaison*  
*Evaluating Juvenile DNA Systems: Project Manager*  
*Arrestee DNA: Project Manager*
- 2008-10 **Research Assistant, Justice Policy Center, Urban Institute**  
*Katrina Legal Initiative Evaluation*  
*Evaluating the Use of Public Space Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV)*
- 2008 **Political Science Senior Thesis, Advisor Professor Hahrie Han**  
*"American Political Culture: Changes in Elite and Non-Elite Political Values 1980 to 2006"*
- 2007 **Research Intern, Brookings Institution Governance Studies Department**
- 2006 **Judicial Intern, Massachusetts Superior Court**

**Professional Service**

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Reviewer for *Contemporary Perspectives in Family Research, Justice Quarterly, Child and Youth Services, Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*

**Affiliations**

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2015-present     Scholars Strategy Network  
2012-present     American Sociological Association  
2012-present     Population Association of America  
2012-present     Cornell Population Center  
2012-present     Cornell Center for the Study of Inequality

**Programming Skills**

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Quantitative Software: Stata, Excel, familiarity with SPSS  
Qualitative Software: Atlas TI, familiarity with NVivo