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**Education**

**University of California, Irvine**

Ph.D. Candidate, Expected 2025

Criminology, Law and Society

Dissertation Committee: Keramet Reiter, Christopher Seeds, Mona Lynch, Alyson K. Zalta, Roxanne Varzi

**Northeastern University**

M.A. English, 2017

Specialization in Digital Humanities

B.A. English, 2016

**Scholarly Publications**

**DeCaro, J. B.**, Straka, K., Malek, N., & Zalta, A. K. (2024). Sentenced to shame: Moral injury exposure in former lifers. Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy, 16(5), 722–730. https://doi.org/10.1037/tra0001400

**DeCaro, J.B.** (forthcoming) “Working with” Lifers: Documenting Vulnerability in Unprecedented Times. In *Making Ethnography Work for You: Learning through a Supportive Community of Practice*. Routledge.

Arroyo-Ramirez, E., **DeCaro, J.B**., Reiter, K., Rowland, A., and Wood, L. (forthcoming) PrisonPandemic Procedures of Care: Case study of Letter 154. Abolition and Archives. Council On Library and Information Resources.

**DeCaro, J.B.** (In Progress) Unnamed Wounds: Alinear Temporality and Indirect Trauma. In preparation for submission at *The British Journal of Criminology*

Seeds, C. & **DeCaro, J.B.** (In Progress) Death Watch: How Health Shapes Life Sentences for the Elderly. In preparation for submission at *Punishment & Society*.

Rowland, A., **DeCaro, J.B.**, Reiter, K. (In Progress) The Securitization of Research Ethics: Navigating the Ethics of Engaging Criminalized Voices. In preparation for submission at *Theoretical Criminology*.

**Fellowships, Grants, & Scholarships**

2024 $28,000. Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship administered by the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine. 1-year fellowship.

2024 $25,000. American Association of University Women (AAUW) American Dissertation Fellowship. 1-year fellowship.

2021 $125,000. Co-PI. Mellon Foundation. Capacity Building Grant. With Mourning Our Losses.

2021 $10,000. PI. California Humanities. Recovery Grant. With Restorative Justice Fund.

2020 $81,000. Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship administered by the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine. 3-year fellowship.

2020 $1,770. Co-PI. Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries research grant.

2018 $50,000. Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship. University of California. 2-year fellowship.

2018 $10,000. UCI Diversity Recruitment Fellowship. University of California, Irvine.

2018 $5,000. Competitive Edge Scholarship.

2016 $1,500. Northeastern University NULab for Texts, Maps, and Networks seedling grant.

2013 $1,000. English Scholarship in Honor of Retired Faculty.

2013 $1,000. Hanvey Family Scholarship for Academic Excellence.

2012 $1,000. Horace Mann Future Teacher Scholarship.

**Awards**

2021 **Social Ecology Dean's Mentorship Award**, School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine. $200.

2021 Peer Mentoring Award, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, University of California, Irvine

2020 Arnold Binder Award for Outstanding Service Contributions, School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine. $500.

2020 **Social Ecology Dean's Mentorship Award**, School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine. $200.

2017 Outstanding Graduate Student Award in Experiential Learning, Office of the Provost, Northeastern University

2016 Valedictorian, Department of English, Northeastern University

2015 Undergraduate Research Initiative Award, Northeastern University. $1,500.

2013 Adelaide Hixon Apple Award, Pasadena Community College. $2,000.

**Invited Talks**

2023 “Moral Injury and Long-term Confinement” Long-term and Life Imprisonment Conference. Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge. June 2023.

2023 “PrisonPandemic: The Isolation Within Isolation of Carceral COVID Confinement” Reclaim Mental Health Conference. May 2023.

2022 Closing Plenary Speaker. “**Real World Ripples: Current Events & Digitizing Collections”** Digital Library Federation Forum. October 2022.

2022 “PrisonPandemic: Digital Archives and Incarcerated People” Chiang Mai University. January 2022.

2021 “PrisonPandemic Project” NJIT Digital Humanities. April 2021.

2016 “The Mannequin in Pop Culture” Fashioning Bodies: The Art, Business and Politics of Mannequins Symposium. September 2016

2016 “Digital Scholarship at Northeastern University” The European Network on Cultural Management and Policy. June 2016

**Selected Conferences**

2024 “Beyond Masking in Prison: A Deadening” Law and Society Association. June 2024.

2024 “Unveiling hidden scars: Vicarious trauma among non-law enforcement professionals” Western Society of Criminology Conference. Feb. 2024.

2023 “The Denial of Communal Grief in Prison: Shared Knowledge and Decision Making” Law and Society Association. June 2023.

2022 “Experiences of Moral Injury Exposure Among Former Lifers” Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies. November 2022.

2022 “PrisonPandemic: Navigating the Ethics of a Prison Collection” Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives Symposium. October 2022.

2022 “Lifer Records: Stories of Long-Term Incarceration” Oral History Association Annual Meeting. October 2022.

2022 “The Everyday Traumas of Incarceration: Decades on the Battlefield” Law and Society New Directions Conference. October 2022.

2022 “Punishment and Shame: Moral Injury Exposure and Well-being in Prison and Reentry” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. July 2022.

2022 “Shame and Guilt: Moral Injury Exposure in Former Lifers” Western Society of Criminology Conference. Feb. 2022.

2021 “Stories From the Inside: Documenting Incarcerated People’s Experiences During the COVID-19 Pandemic” Digital Library Federation Forum. November 2021.

2021 “PrisonPandemic: Collecting Testimonies from Incarcerated People During COVID” Conference of Ford Fellows. October 2021.

2021 “‘Law and Ethnography’: A Lab Approach to Building a Research Community” Law and Society Association. May 2021

2020 “Alinear Temporality within Trauma and Incarceration” Conference of Ford Fellows. October 2020.

2020 “A New Life After Life: Negotiating Trauma and Recovery After Long-Term Incarceration” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. May 2020

2019 “Unnamed Wounds: Indirect Trauma in the Lifer Community” American Society of Criminology Conference. Nov. 2019

2019 “The Returners and their Families: Trauma, Identity, and Healing After Long-Term Incarceration” Punishing Trauma Conference at Columbia University. April 2019

2019 “Learning from Lifers: Trauma and Identity Formation in the Lifer Re-Entry Community” Western Society of Criminology Conference. Feb. 2019

**Teaching Experience (\*denotes original syllabus)**

**Instructor of Record:**

\*Imprisonment and Reentry (undergraduate), Spring 2023, UC Irvine

**Teaching Assistant:**

Introduction to Criminology, Law and Society (undergraduate), Spring 2020, UC Irvine

Media Effects on Law and Justice (undergraduate), Winter 2020, UC Irvine

Legal Sanctions and Social Control (undergraduate), Fall 2019, UC Irvine

**Guest Lecturer:**

2020 “Oral History and Photography for the Archive” Criminology Field Study. UC Irvine.

2020 “Photography, Copyright, and Modern Media” Social Media & Law. UC Irvine.

2020 “Long-term Incarceration” Introduction to Criminology, Law and Society. UC Irvine.

2020 “California Prisons During COVID” Introduction to Criminology, Law and Society. UC Irvine.

2020 “Academic Writing Strategies” Media Effects. UC Irvine.

2019 “Gender and Administrative Law” Legal Sanctions. UC Irvine.

2018 “Learning from Strangers: Oral History Recording” Santa Monica High School.

2018 “Learning from Strangers: Oral History Recording” Writing 150. University of Southern California.

2016 “Our Marathon: Digital Humanities Collaboration” Advanced Writing in the Disciplines. Northeastern University.

**Community Engagement**

2020-present Co-Founder, PrisonPandemic Community Archive

2020-present Co-Founder, Mourning Our Losses Community Archive

2018-present Co-Director, Lifer Legal Clinic

2016-2017 Outreach Coordinator, Women Writers Project

2015-2015 Speech Writer & Photographer, Press Office, Governor of Massachusetts

2013-2017 Community Outreach Lead*,* Our Marathon: The Boston Bombing Digital Archive

**Media**

Oct. 5, 2022 Interviewed for New University, “‘Locked Down and Locked Up’: UCI Opens Exhibit About Inmates’ COVID-19 Experiences” by Laiyla Santillan

June 6, 2021 Interviewed for Outside:Inside Radio on KSPC 88.7 FM, “Storyteller Joanne DeCaro” by Ella Turenne

April 15, 2014 Interviewed for HuffPost Live in segment on Boston marathon bombing anniversary

**Professional Service**

2024 Reviewer for *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*

2022 Reviewer for *Criminology*

**University & Departmental Service**

2019-2023 Undergraduate Research Lab Director, CLS, UC Irvine

2022-2023 Social Committee Co-Chair, CLS, UC Irvine

2021-2022 Peer Mentor, CLS, UC Irvine

2020-2021 Peer Mentor Committee Co-Chair, CLS, UC Irvine

2020-2021 Fellowship Application Reviewer, School of Social Ecology, UC Irvine

2020-2021 Peer Mentor, CLS, UC Irvine

2019-2020 Peer Mentor, CLS, UC Irvine

2019-2020 Community Service Committee Co-Chair, CLS, UC Irvine

**Memberships & Affiliations**

Law and Society Association

Punishment & Society Collaborative Research Network

Law, Society & Psychological Science Collaborative Research Network

American Society of Criminology

Division on Corrections and Sentencing

Division on Critical Criminology & Social Justice