

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor (Lecturer)

Sociology, University of Utah

Core Affiliate Faculty & Capstone Course Team Lead

Health, Society & Policy, University of Utah

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2020-2022

Sociology, University of Utah

Adjunct Instructor, 2020-2022

Sociology, Salt Lake Community College

EDUCATION

Ph.D., 2020, University of Utah

Sociology

Dissertation: "An Evaluation of Salt Lake Peer Court Effectiveness: Completion & Recidivism"

Higher Education Teaching Specialist Designation, 2017, University of Utah

Master's of Science, 2016, University of Utah

Sociology, emphasis in Population & Health

Bachelor's of Science, 2007, University of Utah

Sociology, with Criminology certificate

Human Development & Family Studies

Graduated with Honors: Summa Cum Laude

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Juvenile Delinquency

Criminology

Law & Justice

Restorative Justice

Adolescent Development

Life Course Trajectories

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology, Salt Lake Community College, *broadcast and online*

SOC 1020 Social Problems, University of Utah, *online*; Salt Lake Community College, *broadcast*

SOC 3510 Criminal Courts, University of Utah, *in-person*

SOC 3562 Juvenile Delinquency, University of Utah, *in-person and online*

SOC 3563 Police & Society, University of Utah, *broadcast, in-person*

SOC 3568 Sociology of Law, University of Utah, *in-person and online*

SOC 3570 Gangs & Gang Violence, University of Utah, *in-person*

HSP 5000 Health, Society & Policy Capstone, University of Utah, *in-person, broadcast, and online*

RESEARCH

Summer 2015 – present, University of Utah

Salt Lake Peer Court Evaluation Project with Dr. Ed Muñoz, Ethnic Studies

Fall 2014 – Summer 2016, University of Utah

Family Wellness Project with Dr. Rebecca Utz, Sociology, & Dr. Julie Metos, Nutrition

MENTORING

Melissa Tyszko, Sociology Honors Thesis & UROP Scholar, (2021-2022)

Thesis: “Parental Involvement in Restorative Justice Programs: Examining Salt Lake Peer Court”

PUBLICATIONS

Muñoz EA, **Owen RY**, Próspero M. 2022. “Diversion and Restorative Justice: Salt Lake Peer Court Disrupting Disproportionate Minority Contact?” *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*. 8(2):284-300.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/23326492221078860>

Alley J, **Owen RY**, Wawrzynski S, Lasrich L, Ahmmad Z, Utz R, Adkins DE. 2020. “Illness, Social Disadvantage, and Sexual Risk Behavior in Adolescence and the Transition to Adulthood.” *Archives of Sexual Behavior*. 50(1):205-217. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10508-020-01747-2>

REPORTS

Muñoz EA, **Owen RY**, Próspero M. 2021. “Salt Lake Peer Court: The Importance of Volunteers’ Motivations and Training for Program Success.” University of Utah Community Based Research Grant Program.

INVITED ACADEMIC ESSAY

Muñoz EA, **Owen RY**. 2022. “Diversion and Restorative Justice: Salt Lake Peer Court Disrupting Disproportionate Minority Contact?” *Latina/o/x Criminology “Hot Off the Press”*. <https://www.latcrim.org/hot-off-the-press/diversion-and-restorative-justice-salt-lake-peer-court-disrupting-disproportionate-minority-contact>

PRESENTATIONS

Tyszko M, **Owen RY**, Muñoz EA. 2023. “Parental Involvement: A Key to Success in Salt Lake Peer Court.” American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Owen RY, Muñoz EA. 2022. “Diversion & Recidivism: Salt Lake Peer Court Unsettling Disproportionate Minority Contact.” American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, CA.

Muñoz EA, **Owen RY**, Próspero M., Sanchez, J. 2021. “The Importance of Volunteers’ Motivations and Training of Volunteers for Program Success.” American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.

Owen RY, Muñoz EA. 2019. “Peer Court: The Effects of Offense Severity on Recidivism” American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Muñoz EA, **Owen RY**, Próspero M. 2019. “Restorative Justice: Salt Lake Peer Court Disrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline.” American Sociological Association. New York City, NY.

Owen RY. 2018. “The Effectiveness of Salt Lake Peer Court: Research in Progress.” Crime, Justice, & Equity Conference. Salt Lake City, UT.

Owen RY, Muñoz EA. 2017. “Restorative Justice: Exploring Pillars of Success.” American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Owen RY, Muñoz EA, Próspero M. 2016. “Restorative Justice: Salt Lake Peer Court Recidivism to Juvenile Court.” American Society of Criminology. New Orleans, LA.

Muñoz EA, **Owen RY**, Próspero M, Power C. 2016. “Restorative Justice: Salt Lake Peer Court Best Practices.” Utah Youth Court Association Conference. Salt Lake City, UT.

Muñoz EA, Owen RY, Próspero M, Power C. 2015. "Restorative Justice: Salt Lake Peer Court Best Practices." American Society of Criminology. Washington, DC.

Owen RY, Metos JM, Utz RL. 2015 "Unintended Consequences of High School Food Policy." American Society of Nutrition, Experimental Biology Conference. Boston, MA.

HONORS & AWARDS

2017-2018, *University of Utah* Consortium on Family & Health Research (C-FAHR) Fellowship

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT

Undergraduate Committee, 2022-2024

Career-line Search Committee, 2023-2024

Criminology Committee, 2022-2023

Student Representative, Search Committee, 2017-2018

Chair, Graduate Student Advisory Committee, 2017-2018

Member, Graduate Student Retention, Promotion, & Tenure Committee, 2017-2019

SERVICE TO COLLEGE

Sociology Graduate Student Representative, College Student Council, 2017-2019

Judge, Student College of Social & Behavioral Science Research Day, 2017

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

Reviewer, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, 2022-2024

SERVICE TO DISCIPLINE

Manuscript reviewer, *Criminology*, *Criminal Justice*, *Law & Society*, 2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology

American Sociological Association