

Education

- Ph.D.** University of Wisconsin – Madison Expected May 2024
 Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology
 Affiliations: *Justice Lab; Poehlmann-Tynan Lab; Institute for Legal Studies*
 Preliminary Exams: *Race & Ethnic Studies (August 2020); Communities & Urban Sociology (in progress, expected August 2022)*
- J.D.** University of Wisconsin Law School Expected May 2023
 Juris Doctor with Criminal Law Concentration
- M.S.** University of Wisconsin – Madison December 2020
 Master of Science in Sociology
 Thesis: *How Do Incarcerated Parents Explain the Criminal Justice System to Their Children?: Narratives of Structural Inequality and Individual Autonomy*
- B.A.** Kenyon College May 2018
 Bachelor of Arts in English with Law & Society Concentration
 Magna Cum Laude; Merit List (2014-2018)

Research Interests

Collateral Consequences of Incarceration; Children of Incarcerated Parents; Juvenile Justice; Mental Health and Illness; Crime, Deviance, and Social Control; Law & Society

Professional Experience

Research Assistant, Dane County Criminal Justice Council 2018-Present
Supervised by Colleen Clark-Bernhardt; Criminal Justice Council, Dane County Board of Supervisors
Previously: Capstone Project Intern (2018-2019); Criminal Justice Council Intern (2019-2020)

- Co-author/assist on a variety of reports, including on cash bail, behavioral health, racial disparities in pretrial justice, law enforcement contacts, and COVID policy changes
- Assist on data management, validation, and merge between law enforcement, jail booking, Public Safety Assessment (PSA), and Court datasets
- Collaborate with interagency stakeholders, including representatives from the Judiciary, Sheriff, District Attorney, Clerk of Courts, County Executive, County Board Chair, Public Defender, local police representatives, and other city, county, and state criminal justice stakeholders, and staff monthly meetings of these stakeholders
- Assist on initiatives to make data more publicly through graphics, visualizations, reports, and videos
- To learn more about this work, please visit: cjc.countyofdane.com

Research/Project Assistant, Enhanced Visits in Jail Project 2019-Present
Supervised by Dr. Julie Poehlmann-Tynan; Poehlmann Lab, School of Human Ecology, UW-Madison

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Charles, Pajarita, Luke Muentner, **Sarah Jensen**, Chiara Packard, Chloe Haimson, John Eason, and Julie Poehlmann-Tynan. 2021. "Incarcerated during a Pandemic: COVID-19 and its Implications for Jailed Individuals and their Families." *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*. doi: 10.1080/23774657.2021.2011803
2. Tadros, Eman, Kerrie Fanning, **Sarah Jensen**, and Julie Poehlmann-Tynan. 2021. "Coparenting and Mental Health in Families with Jailed Parents." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 18(16): 8705. doi: 10.3390/ijerph18168705
3. Tadros, Eman, Noemi Aguirre, **Sarah Jensen**, and Julie Poehlmann-Tynan. 2021. "COVID-19 responsive telemental health services for incarcerated individuals and their families." [Published online ahead of print, April 12, 2021.] *Contemporary Family Therapy*, 1-12. doi: 10.1007/s10591-021-09578-6
4. Charles, Pajarita, Margaret Kerr, Jennifer Wirth, **Sarah Jensen**, Michael Massoglia, and Julie Poehlmann-Tynan. 2020. "Lessons from the Field: Developing and Implementing an Intervention for Jailed Parents and their Children." *Family Relations* 70(1): 171-178. doi: 10.1111/fare.12524

Book Chapters

1. Kerr, Margaret L., Pajarita Charles, Michael Massoglia, **Sarah Jensen**, Jennifer Wirth, Kerrie Fanning, Karen Holden, and Julie Poehlmann-Tynan. In press. "Development and implementation of an attachment-based intervention to enhance visits between children and their incarcerated parents." In *Children of incarcerated parents: Impact, support and collaboration* (1st ed.), edited by N. Rodriguez and J. Krysik: Springer.

Papers in Progress

1. **Jensen, Sarah**. "Incarcerated Parents' Explanations of the Criminal Justice System to their Children: Structural Inequality and Individual Autonomy." (Draft available; Master's thesis)
2. **Jensen, Sarah**. "Attrition among Families with Incarcerated Parents during a Child-Friendly Visit Intervention Study." (Paper 1 of Dissertation)
3. Eason, John and **Sarah Jensen**. "Towards a Rural Neighborhood Effect: A Review of Rural Criminology." (Draft available; invited manuscript)
4. Erler, H. Abbie and **Sarah Jensen**. "Incentivizing Compliance: The Use of Rewards and Sanctions in a Juvenile Mental Health Court." (Draft available)
5. Erler, H. Abbie and **Sarah Jensen**. "Producing Mental Health: The Function of Discourse in Juvenile Mental Health Courts." (Draft available)

Academic Conference Presentations

1. **Jensen, Sarah.** 2022. "Stopping the Rural 'Revolving Door': The Relationship between Mental Health Services and Incarceration in Rural Communities." Paper accepted to Law and Society Association International Meeting (Lisbon, Portugal): July 13-16.
2. Erler, H. Abbie and **Sarah Jensen.** 2022. "Mental Health and Citizenship: Rights, Regulations, and Autonomy." Paper accepted to Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (Chicago, IL): April 6-10.
3. **Jensen, Sarah.** 2022. "Attrition among Families with Incarcerated Parents during a Child-Friendly Visit Intervention Study." Paper accepted to Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting (Las Vegas, NV): March 15-19.
4. **Jensen, Sarah,** Chloe Haimson, Chiara Packard, Luke Muentner, Pajarita Charles, John Eason, and Julie Poehlmann-Tynan. 2021. "Incarcerated during a Pandemic: COVID-19 and its Implications for Families and Children with Jailed Parents." Paper accepted to American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL): November 17-20. (Withdrawn due to COVID-19 concerns.)
5. Holden, Karen, Yao Zhao, Pajarita Charles, **Sarah Jensen,** Margaret Kerr, Michael Massoglia, and Julie Poehlmann-Tynan. 2021. "Financial Characteristics and Stress of Parents in Jail: Investigating the Relationship of Parent's Incarceration and Family Financial Stress and Practices." Poster presented at the American Council on Consumer Interest Annual Meeting (Virtual): May 18-20.
6. Muentner, Luke, **Sarah Jensen,** Chloe Haimson, Chiara Packard, Pajarita Charles, John Eason, and Julie Poehlmann-Tynan. 2021. "Incarcerated during a Pandemic: COVID-19 and its Implications for Families and Children with Jailed Parents." Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biannual Conference (Virtual): April 7-9.
7. Charles, Pajarita, Kerrie Ann Fanning, **Sarah Jensen,** Margaret Kerr, Michael Massoglia, Julie Poehlmann-Tynan, and Jennifer Wirth. 2021. "'Hi Dad. Look at me!': Keeping Fathers and Children Connected with Video Visits during Incarceration." Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference (Virtual): January 19-22.
8. **Jensen, Sarah.** 2020. "Incarcerated Parents' Explanations of the Criminal Justice System to their Children: Structural Inequality and Individual Autonomy." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Virtual): August 8-11.
9. Charles, Pajarita, Margaret Kerr, Jennifer Wirth, **Sarah Jensen,** Michael Massoglia, and Julie Poehlmann-Tynan. 2020. "Lessons from the Field: Developing and Implementing an Intervention for Jailed Parents and their Children." Paper accepted to the Society for Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA): August 7-9. (Conference cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)

10. Poehlmann-Tynan, Julie, Pajarita Charles, Margaret Kerr, **Sarah Jensen**, and Jennifer Wirth. 2020. "A Transdisciplinary Approach to Designing, Implementing, and Evaluating an Intervention for Children with Incarcerated Parents and their Families: From Awareness to Action." Panel presentation accepted at Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference (Litchfield Park, AZ): April 20-22. (Conference cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)
11. Erler, H. Abbie and **Sarah Jensen**. 2018. "Mass Shootings and Mental Illness: Public Perceptions, Policy Responses, and Legal Action." Paper presented at the Law and Society Association, Annual Meeting (Toronto, Canada): June 7-10.
12. Erler, H. Abbie and **Sarah Jensen**. 2018. "Mental Illness and the Transformation of Juvenile Justice." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Conference (Chicago, Illinois): April 5-8.
13. Erler, H. Abbie and **Sarah Jensen**. 2017. "Incentivizing Compliance: The Use of Rewards and Sanctions in a Juvenile Mental Health Court." Paper presented at the Law & Society Association, International Meeting (Mexico City, Mexico): June 20-23.
14. Erler, H. Abbie and **Sarah Jensen**. 2017. "Producing Mental Health: The Function of Discourse in Juvenile Mental Health Courts." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Conference (Chicago, Illinois): April 6-9.

Professional Association Presentations

1. **Jensen, Sarah**, Bryce Peterson, and Lindsey Cramer. 2021. "Incarcerated Parents' Explanations of the Criminal Justice System to their Children: Family Experiences and Policy Implications." Presentation accepted to the Biannual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference (Virtual): April 28.
2. **Jensen, Sarah**, Jennifer Wirth, and Kerrie Fanning. 2020. "Developing and implementing an intervention to enhance contact between children and incarcerated parents." University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate Research Showcase at the Capitol: April 23. (Presentation cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)
3. Erler, H. Abbie and **Sarah Jensen**. 2018. "Juvenile Mental Health Courts: Specialized Dockets Supporting Youth with Mental Illness." Workshop presented at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Conference on Juvenile Justice (San Diego, California): March 18-21.

Guest Lectures

1. **Jensen, Sarah**. 2022. "An Introduction to the American Criminal Justice System." Families and Incarceration, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison. January 31.

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2. **Jensen, Sarah.** 2021. "Community-Engaged Research in Criminal and Juvenile Justice." *Methods in Cultural Anthropology*, Department of Anthropology, Kenyon College. April 12.
3. **Jensen, Sarah.** 2018. "Empirical Evidence on the Effects of Criminal Punishment." *Philosophy and Criminal Punishment*, Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Madison. October 12.

Teaching Experience

Project Assistant, Enhanced Visits in Jail <i>Supervise and train 30+ undergraduate interns enrolled in Criminal Justice Certificate, Sociology, Human Development & Family Studies, and Social Work</i>	Spring 2019-Present
Grader/Reader, Sociology 134: Criminal Justice	Summer 2021
Grader/Reader, Sociology 421: Processes of Deviant Behavior	Spring 2019
Grader/Reader, Sociology 446: Juvenile Delinquency	Spring 2019

Honors and Awards

Conference Fee Waiver Scholarship <i>Midwest Political Science Association</i>	2022
Student Research Grants Competition – Conference Presentation Award <i>UW-Madison Graduate School</i>	2022
Hauser Research Scholar Awards <i>Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>	2019; 2020; 2021
Law-in-Action Scholarship <i>Law School, University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>	2020-2023
Law and Society Graduate Fellow <i>Institute for Legal Studies, Law School, University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>	2020-2022
National Conference on Children of Incarcerated Parents Scholarship <i>Center for Child Well-Being, Arizona State University. Conference cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.</i>	2020
Law School Scholarship (Deferred) <i>Law School, University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>	2018
Samson Fellowship (Deferred) <i>Law School, University of Wisconsin–Madison</i>	2018

Two-Year Graduate School Fellowship (Year 1) 2018
UW–Madison Graduate School

John W. Adams Summer Legal Scholars 2016–2018 (Summers)
Department of Law and Society, Kenyon College

Service

Department and University

Sociology Graduate Student Association: Mental Health and Wellness Committee 2018–2019

Professional

Ohio Attorney General Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness 2018–2019

Volunteer

Expert Mentor – Advanced Placement Research 2021

Illinois Science and Technology Institute Mentoring Program 2018–2019

Knox County Juvenile Mental Health Court Study Hours 2017–2018

Knox County Juvenile Mental Health Court Mentoring Program 2017–2018

National Alliance on Mental Illness on Campus: Kenyon College 2016–2018

National Alliance on Mental Illness: Knox/Licking Counties 2016–2018

Other Experience

Special Collections & Archives Student Manager 2015–2018

Greenslade Special Collections and Archives, Chalmers Library, Kenyon College

Previously: Student Assistant (2015–2016)

References

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