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EDUCATION

- 2018 (expected) Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dissertation: “Blurring the Thin Blue Line: The Rise of the Military Model in American Policing”
Preliminary Exams: Crime, Deviance, Social Control (with Distinction); Demography and Ecology
Committee: Michael Massoglia, Jenna Nobles, Pamela Oliver, Jason Fletcher
- 2014 M.S., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Master’s Thesis: Immigrant Arrests in an Era of Immigration Federalism: Findings from the Secure Communities Program
Committee: Michael Massoglia, Jenna Nobles, Pamela Oliver
- 2012 M.P.A., International Development, Princeton University
Policy Workshop: Implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in India: A Cross-State Comparison
- 2008 B.A., Sociology (High Honors) and French (Pi Delta Phi), Wesleyan University
Senior Thesis: One Person, No Vote: Socioeconomic Bias in American Civic Engagement
Year abroad: Institut d’études politiques, Paris, France (2006 – 2007)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Crime, deviance, and social control, Policing, Incarceration, Immigration enforcement, Race/ethnicity, Stratification and inequality, Social demography, Public policy.

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2017 Conference Travel Award, Population Reference Bureau
- 2017 Student Research Travel Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate School
- 2017 Travel Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- 2016 Dissertation Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy
- Donald R. Cressey Award for most outstanding project in criminal justice
- 2016 U.S. Policy Communication Training Fellowship, Population Reference Bureau
- 2014–15, 15-16, 16-17 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Pre-Doctoral Traineeship, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2013, 14, 15, 16, 17 Travel Award, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2013 William H. Sewell Summer Research Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2013 Travel Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2012 John L. Gillin Welcome Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2011 Benjamin R. Fielding Summer Internship Award, Princeton University
- 2010–2012 Robertson Fund Grant, Princeton University
- 2008 Mann Prize for outstanding achievement in the Romance Languages, Wesleyan University

MANUSCRIPTS

In Progress

Dinsmore, Ellen. “After Ferguson: Police Militarization, Legitimacy, and Arrests.”

Dinsmore, Ellen. “Between the Blue and Green: Rethinking the False Dichotomy of Police Militarization.”

Dinsmore, Ellen. “Measuring Militarization: Towards a New Typology of the Military Model in American Policing.”

Dinsmore, Ellen. “Militarizing Race: Does Racial Threat Predict Police Militarization?”

Light, Michael, **Ellen Dinsmore**, and Michael Massoglia, and. “How Do Criminal Courts Respond in Times of Crisis? Evidence from 9/11.”

Light, Michael, Michael Massoglia, and **Ellen Dinsmore**. “Judicial Tenure, Political Ideology, and Criminal Court Decision-Making.”

Policy-Related Manuscripts

Dinsmore, Ellen. 2017. “The Long Rise of Police Militarization in America.” Web article.

Dinsmore, Ellen. 2016. “Implementing Standards for Police Use of Paramilitary Units and Combat Gear.” Policy memo.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

- 2018 **Dinsmore, Ellen**. “Militarizing Race: Does Racial Threat Predict Police Militarization?” Poster to be presented at Population Association of America, Denver, CO.
- 2018 **Dinsmore, Ellen**. “After Ferguson: Police militarization, legitimacy, and arrests.” Paper to be presented at Applied Research in Crime and Justice Conference, Brisbane, Australia.
- 2017 **Dinsmore, Ellen**. “From Blue Lines to Black Bars: Does Police Militarization Predict Local Incarceration Rates?” Paper presented at Population Association of America, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 **Dinsmore, Ellen** and Catherine Doren. “Mass Incarceration and the Intergenerational Transmission of Disadvantage: Socioeconomic Attainment among Young Adults with an Incarcerated Parent.” Paper presented at Population Association of America, Washington D.C.
- 2016 **Dinsmore, Ellen**, Jason Fletcher, and Michael Massoglia. “The Effects of Peer Networks on Delinquency across Immigrant Generations.” Poster presented at Population Association of America, Washington D.C.
- 2015 **Dinsmore, Ellen**. “Place, Policy, and Police: Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Arrests in an Era of Secure Communities.” Paper presented at Population Association of America, San Diego, CA.
- 2015 **Dinsmore, Ellen**. “Examining Patterns of Police Militarization: Findings from the 1033 Program.” Poster presented at Population Association of America, San Diego, CA.
- Best Poster Award (top ~5% of posters)
- 2014 **Dinsmore, Ellen**. “Race, Place, and Immigration Enforcement: Do Local Police Characteristics Matter? Findings from the Secure Communities Program.” Poster presented at Population Association of America, Boston, MA.
- Best Poster Award

Other Presentations

- 2017 **Dinsmore, Ellen.** “Communicating Research for Policy.” Presentation at the Center for the Demography of Health and Aging Training Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2012 Bonner, K., J. Daum, J. Duncan, **E. Dinsmore**, et al. “Implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act,” Presentation to the Ministry of Rural Development (Government of India), Princeton University.

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015 – Present *Project Assistant* for Michael Massoglia, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2013 – 2015 *Project Assistant* for Nora Cate Schaeffer, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Wisconsin Survey Center
- 2012 *Graduate Intern*, Center on Immigration and Justice, Vera Institute of Justice, New York, NY
- 2011 *Communications Intern*, West Africa Regional Office, UN Women – United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, Dakar, Senegal
- 2008 – 2010 *Research Assistant*, Department of Research and Evaluations, Breaking Ground (formerly Common Ground), New York, NY
- 2007 – 2008 *Research Assistant*, Psychometric Laboratory on Human Intelligence and Social Behavior, Department of Psychology, Wesleyan University

TEACHING & TUTORING

- 2015 – 2016 *Statistics Tutor*, Graduate Program, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2013 *Teaching Assistant*, Marriage and the Family, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2012 *Teaching Assistant*, Ethnic Movements in the United States, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2007 – 2008 *Teaching Assistant*, French in Action I-II, Department of Romance Languages, Wesleyan University

ACADEMIC & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2017 – Present Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee, Department of Sociology,
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2015 – 2016 Program Evaluation Consultant, Mental Health Officer Unit, City of
Madison Police Department
- 2013 – 2014 Peer Mentor, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2010 – 2012 Graduate Consulting Group, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and
International Affairs, Princeton University
- *Co-chair* (2011-2012)

SKILLS

Computers

Proficient in Stata and Microsoft Office programs
Basic familiarity with SPSS, R, and SAS

Languages

French (fluent), Spanish (elementary)

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