

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- Sep 2015 – Present **Drexel University**, Philadelphia, PA
Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, expected June 2020
Major Area of Study: Forensic Psychology
- Jan 2014 – May 2016 **Florida Atlantic University**, Boca Raton, FL
M.S. in Criminology and Criminal Justice
Thesis: *Can I Ask for Help? The Relationship among Incarcerated Males' Sexual Orientation, Incarceration History, and Perceptions of Rape in Prison*
- Sep 2010 - May 2012 **Columbia University**, New York, NY
M.S. in Social Work
Advanced Clinical Practice
Concentration in Health, Mental Health, and Disabilities
- Sep 2005 - May 2009 **Tufts University**, Medford, MA
B.S. in Clinical Psychology, Community Health

STUDY ABROAD

- Jul 2015 **University of the West of Scotland**, Hamilton, Scotland
Graduate course: Criminal Justice in Scotland
- Mar 2012 **Columbia University**, Havana, Cuba
Graduate course: Cuba and Social Work – Revolution and Evolution
- Jul 2007 - Dec 2007 **Universidad de Buenos Aires**, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Council on International Educational Exchange
Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales
Studied Spanish language and Argentine social movements

ADDITIONAL GRADUATE COURSEWORK

- Jan 2013 - Dec 2013 **Florida International University**, Miami, FL
Courses: Death Penalty, Measurement and Appraisal in Counseling
- Jan 2010 - May 2010 **Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA
Course: The Psychology of Addiction

POST-GRADUATE TRAINING

- Sep 2013 – Sep 2014 **Advanced Mental Health Training Institute**, West Palm Beach, FL
Sex Therapy Certification Program
120 hours of sexuality education and 20 hours of clinical supervision
Met Florida Department of Health educational requirements for sex therapists

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

State of Pennsylvania & State of Florida

Certified Sex Therapist

State of Florida

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Jun 2017 – May 2019 Larry J. Siegel Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Gender and Crime
Awarded \$5,000 to develop a gender-responsive intervention to improve relationships between female youth of color and police officers
- Jun 2016 The Melanie Foundation Graduate Student Award
Awarded \$1,000. Award given to student who studies the impact of mental health issues on community violence
- May 2016 Fay Honey Knopp Scholarship, Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers
Awarded cost of travel, registration and lodging to the 2016 ATSA conference
- Mar 2016 American Psychology-Law Society Diversity Travel Award
Awarded \$500 toward cost of travel to the 2016 AP-LS conference
- Mar 2016 American Psychology-Law Society Continuing Education Grant
Received funding toward fees of continuing education workshops
- Sep 2015 – May 2017 Drexel University Dean's Fellowship
Awarded \$5,000 of additional funding per year
- Jul 2014 Tufts Alumni Association Chapter Leadership Award
- Jan 2008 – May 2009 Tufts University Dean's List

PUBLICATIONS

- Ratkalkar, M. & Atkin-Plunk, C.** (in press). Can I ask for help? The relationship among incarcerated males' sexual orientation, sexual abuse history, and perceptions of rape in prison. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
- Ratkalkar, M.,** Ding, B., Clarke, M., Morrison, M., Thames, J., Elmished, L.,...Daly, B. (2017). Partnering with teachers in the delivery of a classroom-based universal socio-emotional intervention program in urban elementary schools. *Report on Emotional and Behavioral Disorders in Youth*, 17(2), 39-46.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- Ratkalkar, M., & Atkin-Plunk, C.A.** (2017, November). *In the "hole" and needing help: Solitary confinement of women and mental health treatment in prison*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

- Ratkalkar, M., & Atkin-Plunk, C.A.** (2017, March). *In the "hole" and needing help: Solitary confinement of women and mental health treatment in prison.* Paper presented at the Helen I. Moorehead-Laurencin, MD, Sex and Gender Research Forum at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.
- Ratkalkar, M.,** Wagage, S., Cole, L. M., Barry, M., Thirunagaru, S. & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2017, March). *Adapting the Pennsylvania DMC youth/law enforcement curriculum for female officers and youth: Process and perceptions.* In *Addressing DMC in 21st century policing: National and local efforts.* (Chair) Goldstein, N.E.S. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
- Singer, S. C., **Ratkalkar, M.,** Giles, E. S., Gale-Bentz, L., & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2017, March). *Facing the facts: What the data say about the Pennsylvania DMC youth/law enforcement curriculum through the lens of the president's task force on 21st century policing final report.* In *Addressing disproportionate minority contact (DMC) in 21st century policing: National and local efforts.* (Chair) Goldstein, N.E.S. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
- Wagage, S., April, K., **Ratkalkar, M.,** Singer, S., & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2017, March). *A call to action: National efforts to address disproportionate minority contact (DMC).* In *Addressing disproportionate minority contact (DMC) in 21st century policing: National and local efforts.* (Chair) Goldstein, N.E.S. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
- Newsham, R., April, K., Janssen, J., Phillips, S., Pietruszka, V., **Ratkalkar, M.,** Thornewille, A., & Heilbrun, K. (2017, March). *The Drexel Reentry Project: Empirical Data.* In *The Drexel Reentry Project.* (Chair) Heilbrun, K. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
- Goldstein, N. E. S., Cole, L. M., Tiger, A., Houck, M., **Ratkalkar, M.,** & Gale-Bentz, L. (March 2017). *The Philadelphia Police School Diversion Program: Year 2 reductions in arrests, behavioral incidents, and recidivism rates.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
- Ratkalkar, M., & Klein, A.** (2016, June). *Humanizing your clients in court: Collaborating with filmmakers to create social biography films.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, New York, New York.
- Klein, A., & **Ratkalkar, M.** (2016, June). *Clinical considerations for crossover youth: Evaluating foster children involved in the juvenile justice system.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, New York, New York.
- Ratkalkar, M.** (2016, April). *Policing in the bedroom: Ambiguous consent standards for sexual activity among older adults with dementia.* Paper presented at the 53rd annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.
- Ratkalkar, M.** (2016, April). *Do HIV disclosure laws actually undermine public safety?* Paper presented at the 53rd annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.

- Ratkalkar, M.,** Winter, S., Wagage, S., & Goldstein, N.E.S. (2016, March). *Inmates' perceived threats of prison rape and frequency of having sought mental health treatment in prison: An examination of gay, bisexual, and straight incarcerated men.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
- Durham, K., Brogan, L., **Ratkalkar, M.,** Janssen, J., & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2016, March). *Prevalence of suicidal ideation and substance dependence in individuals: Comparing individuals with violent and non-violent arrest histories.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
- Ratkalkar, M.,** & Needle, R. (2015, November). *Sexting legislation for juveniles: To punish or protect?* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Albuquerque, NM.
- Ratkalkar, M.** (2015, March). *Sexting and revenge porn: Do new laws persecute or protect?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.
- Ratkalkar, M.** (2014, June). *Addressing sexual cyberbullying of female students: Implications of legislation.* Poster presented at the annual meeting for the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists, Monterey, CA.
- Ratkalkar, M.** (2013, June). *Sexual attitudes and behaviors of second-generation Hindu Indian-American females.* Poster presented at the annual meeting for the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists, Miami, FL.
- Steiner, N.J, Sidhu, T.K., **Ratkalkar, M.,** Sheldrick, R.C., & Perrin, E.C. (2010, September). *A randomized trial of computer attention training in children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.* Poster presented at the annual meeting for the Society of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, Boston, MA.
- Steiner, N.J, Sheldrick, R.C., Perrin, E.C., Sidhu, T.K., & **Ratkalkar, M.** (2010, June). *Methodological complexities of a randomized controlled trial using computer-based attention training systems in schools for children with ADHD.* Poster presented at the 5th annual Institute of Education Sciences Research Conference, National Harbor, MD.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Ratkalkar, M.** (2017, December). *Juvenile life without parole: Advocating for a second chance post-Montgomery.* Lecture to be presented at the Department of Psychology, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.
- Ratkalkar, M.** (2016, July). *Road(s) to graduate school: There is more than one way to get there!* Lecture presented at the Department of Psychology to undergraduates at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.

WORKSHOPS

- Loya, J., **Ratkalkar, M.,** & Wagage, S. (2016, March). *Respecting differences: Reducing volatile interactions between youth and law enforcement on the street.* Workshop presented at Beyond the Bars, the annual conference of the Center for Justice and the School of Social Work at Columbia University, New York, NY.

Ratkalkar, M. (2014, June). *From arrest to resolution: The experience of your court-mandated client*. Workshop presented at the annual conference of the National Association of Social Workers of Florida, Weston, FL.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- May 2017 – Present **Juvenile Law Center**, Philadelphia, PA
Psychology Research Collaborator
- Collaborated with the Juvenile Law Center, a public interest law firm that advocates for youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems, for preparation of a legal brief on youths' right to privacy in court-ordered services
 - Examined ethical codes across mental health fields surrounding confidentiality
 - Provided guidance on best practices for ethical and evidence-based practice with youth charged with sex offenses
- May 2017 – Present **Systems for Psychosocial Advances Research Center**, Philadelphia, PA
University of Massachusetts Medical School
Research Assistant, Supervisor: Gina Vincent, Ph.D.
- Pennsylvania research assistant for a multi-site study assessing the long-term impact and cost-effectiveness of risk assessment and risk-need-responsivity reforms in juvenile justice
 - Code active and terminated juvenile probation cases for data analysis
 - Collect data on child welfare involvement, demographic information, and service utilization among justice-involved youth
- Sep 2015 – Present **Juvenile Justice Research and Reform Lab**, Philadelphia, PA
Drexel University, Department of Psychology
Doctoral Student, Supervisor: Naomi Goldstein, Ph.D.
- Examine outcomes of the Pennsylvania Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Youth/Law Enforcement Curriculum
 - Adapt DMC Curriculum to be gender-responsive for girls and gender non-conforming youth of color with funding from the Larry J. Siegel Fellowship
 - Assist in evaluation of the Philadelphia Police School Diversion Program, a city-wide initiative to reduce youth arrests in Philadelphia public schools
 - Submit continuing reviews to the Drexel Institutional Review Board
- Sep 2014 – April 2015 **Whole Health Psychological Center**, West Palm Beach, FL
Research Assistant, Supervisor: Rachel Needle, Psy.D.
- Research assistant for a study about the impact of social media on relationships
 - Prepared documentation to ensure that sexuality workshops met American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists standards
- Sep 2009 – Aug 2010 **Tufts Medical Center**, Boston, MA
Department of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics
Research Assistant, Computer Attention Training in Schools Project
Supervisor: Naomi Steiner, M.D.
- Recruited subjects with ADHD in 17 elementary schools in the Boston area
 - Trained and supervised five undergraduate interns to administer measures
 - Analyzed data, prepared abstracts, and presented original findings
 - Corresponded with Institutional Review Boards on research standards
 - Administered psychological and achievement tests to participants

- Sep 2009- Aug 2010 **Tufts Medical Center, Boston, MA**
Department of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics
Research Assistant, Yoga Project, Supervisor: Naomi Steiner, M.D.
 - Co-facilitated yoga sessions at an urban elementary school in Boston
 - Collected outcome data to study the impact of yoga on stress levels in students
 - Assisted with grant writing and submission
- Jan 2007 - May 2007 **Tufts University, Medford, MA**
Spatial Cognition Laboratory
Research Assistant, Supervisor: Tad Brunye, Ph.D.
 - Wrote experimental scripts using SuperLab software
 - Scheduled research participants
 - Assisted in a study examining the impact of pronouns on readers' perspectives
- May 2006 – Aug 2006 **Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ**
Anxiety and Aging Lab
Literature Reviewer, Supervisor: Jan Mohlman, Ph.D.
 - Conducted literature searches and review to help develop programming to reduce test anxiety in university students
 - Researched measures of anxiety and their use across a wide range of studies

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- June 2017 - Present **Forensic Assessment Clinic, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA**
Practicum Forensic Evaluator; Supervisor: Kirk Heilbrun, Ph.D.
 - Conduct forensic mental health and competency evaluations in Philadelphia-area correctional facilities for competency to stand trial, juvenile decertification, risk assessments, and federal sentencing evaluations
 - Evaluate plaintiffs civil personal injury cases
 - Write comprehensive reports for use in criminal and civil court proceedings
- Sep 2016 - Present **Philadelphia Alliance for Child Trauma Services (PACTS), Philadelphia, PA**
Practicum Evaluator; Supervisor: Hilary Dingfelder, Ph.D.
 - Administer clinical assessments for children and families who are receiving trauma focused cognitive behavioral therapy (TF-CBT) at community agencies
 - Prepare reports for use by child therapists to gauge treatment progress
- May 2016 - Present **Federal Reentry Court, Philadelphia, PA**
Supervision to Aid Reentry (STAR) Therapist; Supervisor: Kirk Heilbrun, Ph.D.
 - Lead group counseling sessions for individuals released from federal prison
 - Provide individual therapy for clients exonerated after wrongful incarceration
 - Conduct forensic assessments for federal reentry court
- May 2016 – Jun 2017 **Drexel Psychological Services Center, Philadelphia, PA**
Practicum Therapist; Supervisor: Margot Burke, Psy.D.
 - Provided evidence-based interventions for adults, youth and families coping with anxiety, depression, and other mental health concerns
 - Conducted individual and family therapy sessions

- April 2016 - Present **Youth Sentencing and Re-entry Project**, Philadelphia, PA
Mitigation Specialist; Supervisors: Kirk Heilbrun, Ph.D. and Lauren Fine, J.D.
- Lead mitigation teams and collaborate with defense attorneys to represent clients sentenced to mandatory life without parole as juveniles
 - Interview clients in Pennsylvania prisons and their families
 - Prepare reports for sentencing and parole hearings
- April 2016 **Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center**, Philadelphia, PA
Female Youth Engagement Subcommittee; *Supervisor: Naomi Goldstein, Ph.D.*
Group Facilitator
- Facilitated break-out groups of female youth in juvenile detention to discuss issues surrounding contact with law enforcement
 - Created a community resource map of social service organizations with female-specific programming in Philadelphia
- Oct 2015 – Mar 2016 **Morton McMichael School**, Philadelphia, PA
Incredible Years
Practicum Student; Supervisor: Brian Daly, Ph.D.
- Co-led a culturally adapted, evidence-based intervention to foster social and emotional competency with second grade students in West Philadelphia
 - Taught problem-solving strategies and appropriate classroom behavior
- Jul 2012- June 2015 **Office of the Public Defender Carlos J. Martinez**, Miami, FL
Mitigation and Placement Unit
Mitigation Specialist, Felony Unit; Supervisor: Susan Mankita, LCSW
- Advocated for indigent clients by creating individualized sentencing reports
 - Assessed clients accused of felony crimes in county jails and forensic hospitals
 - Collaborated with forensic psychologists to create treatment recommendations
 - Created original biographical documentaries for use in sentencing
 - Developed treatment plans as viable alternatives to incarceration
 - Conducted extensive analysis of criminal, medical, and social service records
- Sep 2011 – May 2012 **New York Presbyterian Hospital**, New York, NY
Cornell Internal Medical Associates
Medical Social Work Intern; Supervisor: Jill Stolbach, LCSW
- Counseled adult patients and families in English and Spanish
 - Assisted a diverse patient population in navigating healthcare resources
 - Led groups for weight loss, nutrition, and wellness
 - Conducted assessments and supportive counseling in the intensive care unit
- Sep 2010 - May 2011 **New York City Department of Education**, Bronx, NY
Turnaround for Children, Wade Academies M.S. 117X
School Social Work Intern; Supervisor: Andrea Vazquez, LCSW
- Provided individual counseling, family counseling, and crisis intervention for middle school students
 - Led social skills and sexual health groups for adolescent girls
 - Developed and implemented school-wide sexual harassment, cyberbullying, and online safety programs
 - Partnered with school staff and families to formulate appropriate interventions

- Sep 2008 - May 2009 **McLean Hospital, Belmont, MA**
Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders Institute
Behavioral Coach; Supervisor: Szu-Hui Lee, Ph.D.
- Implemented behavioral therapy plans for residential patients with obsessive-compulsive spectrum disorders
 - Collaborated with therapists and unit staff to facilitate patients' progress
 - Participated in weekly interdisciplinary group supervision meetings
- Jun 2008 – Dec 2008 **Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA**
The Family Van
Medical Screening Counselor; Supervisor: Davette Roundtree
- Performed medical screening for underserved populations in the Boston area
 - Counseled a multicultural group of clients on healthy lifestyle choices
 - Provided health education on HIV/AIDS, contraception use, and sexuality
 - Collected and entered service utilization data for Harvard Medical School

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Mar 2016 – Jun 2016 **Drexel University Department of Psychology**
Teaching Assistant, Sensation and Perception
- Developed and implemented an original mock trial to teach about the use of eyewitness testimony in the legal process
 - Grade online assignments utilizing Drexel Learn's online platform
- Jan 2016 – March 2016 **Drexel University Department of Psychology**
Teaching Assistant, Psychology 101
- Created original lecture for over 100 students on topics related to gender, sexual orientation, sexuality, mass incarceration and mental illness
 - Graded online assignments utilizing Drexel Learn's online platform
 - Guided students through instruction during office hours and online forums
- Sept 2015 – Dec 2015 **Drexel University Department of Psychology**
Teaching Assistant, Honors Psychology 101 Laboratory
- Individually taught a class of 12 students in Honors Psychology 101 lab
 - Designed syllabus to teach the scientific method and research skills
 - Graded written assignments, lab reports, and oral presentations
- Jun 2011 – Aug 2011 **Building Educated Leaders for Life**
Summer Enrichment Teacher and Teaching Assistant
- Developed an original curriculum for a Character Development course for middle school students in an urban school in the Bronx, NY
- Jan 2010 – May 2010 **Tufts University Department of Drama and Dance**
Middle Eastern Dance Teacher
- Composed weekly lesson plans for undergraduate and graduate students
 - Taught fundamentals of belly dance and choreography

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **American Society of Criminology**
 Member of the Division on Women and Crime

- **Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers**
Member of the Student Committee
- **American Psychology-Law Society**, Div. 41 of the American Psychological Association
Member of the Minority Affairs Committee
- **Pennsylvania Disproportionate Minority Contact Youth/Law Enforcement Corporation**
Member of the Female Youth Engagement Subcommittee
- **Diversity Advocacy Committee, Drexel University**
Member of the Department of Psychology's student-led diversity committee

REVIEWER POSITIONS

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Journal of International Forensic Mental Health Services*

Reviewer, *American Psychology-Law Society* annual conference, 2017

Reviewer, *Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality* annual conference, 2015

SKILLS

Computer: SPSS, Microsoft Office

Languages: Proficient Spanish, conversational Hindi