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## EDUCATION

- 2021 P.h.D., Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University  
Dissertation: “I Just Wanna Give Myself a Chance”: A Qualitatively-Informed Simulation Model of Disengagement from Prostitution”  
Committee: Drs. Jennifer Wood (Chair), Elizabeth Groff, Jamie J. Fader, and Corey Shdaimah
- 2011 LL.M. with specialization in mediation and conflict resolution, Faculty of Law, Bar-Ilan University - graduated *magna cum laude*
- 2009 Mediation Training Certificate, Bar-Ilan University
- 2000 LL.B. (JD), Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Minor in French Language and Literature
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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2023-present Research fellow, Juvenile Justice Research and Reform Lab, Department of Psychology, Drexel University
- 2021-2023 Postdoctoral research fellow, The Anderson Sexual Violence Prevention Lab  
Department of Psychology, University of North Dakota (Remote)
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## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Anderson, R., **Gesser, N.**, Helm, V. Tom, K. and Homes, S.E. (2023). Promoting violence recovery and prevention simultaneously through peer provided intervention: Proof-of-concept for reducing the impact of childhood sexual abuse. Paper abstract accepted for a special issue of *Psychotherapy* on “Big Needle Jumps: Proof-of-Concept Research in Psychotherapy,” to be published in 2024.
- Gesser, N.**, Eby, F. G., and Anderson, R. E. (2023). “Expanding the confluence model: Sexual motives and alcohol expectancies predict sexual violence perpetration.” In press at *Sexual Abuse*

- Wood, J., Watson, A. C., Pope, L., Warnock, A., Nelson, V., **Gesser, N.**, Zern, A., Stagoff-Belfort, A., de Bibiana, J. T., and Compton, M. T. (2023). “Contexts shaping misdemeanor system interventions among people with mental illnesses: Findings from a multi-site system mapping exercise.” *Health & Justice*, *11*(1), 20. DOI: <https://doi.org/kmr3>
- Gesser, N.** (2022). “[Peers give] you hope that you can change too”: Peer support in women’s exiting trajectories out of street-based prostitution. Special Issue in *Ethics & Social Welfare* “*Cooptation, Complicity, and the ‘Helping Relationship’ in Sex Work,*” *16*(2), 151-168. DOI: 10.1080/17496535.2022.2033292
- Gesser, N.**, Bodas-LaPollo, A., Peters, A., Weiland, D., Belenko, S., and Perron, L. (2022). “To be part of the fully functional team, there needs to be clear roles”: Peer recovery specialists provide benefits to drug court despite role challenges. Special issue in *Journal for Advancement of Justice* “*Achieving Evidence-Based Practices in Community Corrections to Promote Recovery,*” *4*, 23-51.
- Compton, M. T., Zern, A., Pope, L., Barber, C., **Gesser, N.**, Stagoff-Belfort, A., de Bibiana, J. T., Watson, A. C., Wood, J., and Hall, D. (2022). “Over-representation of specific misdemeanor charges in arrests involving individuals with serious mental illnesses: A statewide analysis of more than two million arrests.” *Psychiatric Services*, *74*(1), 31-37
- Gesser, N.** (2021). “What you expect is not what you get: The anti-therapeutic impact of sex offender community notification meetings on community members.” *Psychology, Public Policy, & the Law*, *27*(3), 432. DOI: 10.1037/law0000303
- Gesser, N.** (2021). “‘Important but not critical’: Why intention matters in the creation of Victim Assistance Units in Israel.” *Victims & Offenders*, *17*(2), 284-312. DOI: 10.1080/15564886.2021.1912870
- Gesser, N.** and Shdaimah, C. (2021). “‘I’m doing everything *right* all over again’: How women manage the prostitution exiting process over time.” *Qualitative Criminology*. DOI: 10.21428/88de04a1.e639c1ce
- Belenko, S., Bodas-LaPollo, A., **Gesser, N.**, Perron, A., Johnson, I., and Weiland, D. (2021). “Augmenting treatment in the drug court: A pilot randomized trial of the peer recovery support model.” *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, *131*, 108581. DOI: 10.1016/j.jsat.2021.108581

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Belenko, S., Bodas-LaPollo, A., **Gesser, N.**, Peters, A., Perron, A., Johnson, I., and Weiland, D. (2018) “Augmenting treatment in the drug court by using peer recovery specialists”: Final report submitted to Arnold Ventures Foundation

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Gesser, N.** “‘I was already there once’: Preventing relapse and return to prostitution using cumulative attempt capital as another dimension of recovery capital.” Revise and resubmit at the *American Journal of Community Psychology*
- Gesser, N.** and Wight, H. “‘The opportunity was there’: Preventing relapse using Routine Activity Theory.” Submitted to *Criminal Justice Studies*
- Gesser, N., Katz, B., Chiu, T., Burmeister, E., and Anderson, R.** “‘I think you covered the three levels of drugs and consent’”: How well do we measure alcohol-involved rape? Qualitatively testing different operationalizations of an alcohol-involved rape question.” Submitted to *Archives of Sexual Behavior*
- Owen-Edington, E., **Gesser, N.**, Johnston, S., Grossman, A., and Harvey, P. “‘I fail to meet society’s but not my own expectations’: Challenging the allosexual/asexual binary.” Submitted to *Culture & Sexuality*
- Chiu, T., **Gesser, N.**, Katz, B., Burmeister, E., and Anderson, R. A qualitatively-informed approach of measuring construct validity to examine alcohol-facilitated sexual victimization. Submitted to *Psychology of Violence*
- Hanebutt, R., Malorni, A., Relajo-Howell, D., Wright, M., Mohyuddin, H., Kapur, I., **Gesser, N.** and Brady, L. “Digital Resilience and Models for Cultivating Resilience Online: A Scoping Review.” Abstract submitted to a special issue of *Trauma, Violence & Abuse* on “The Role of Resilience Portfolios in Overcoming Trauma”

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Gesser, N.** “‘Knowledge, experience, and Love’”: The contribution of spirituality to women exiting street prostitution
- Gesser, N.** “‘The Women Exiting with Support over Time (WEST) Agent-Based Model (ABM): A qualitatively-informed simulation model of exiting street prostitution with and without support’”
- Gesser, N.** “‘Researching vulnerable populations: The importance of integrating qualitative data and Agent Based Modelling in criminal justice’”

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## GRANTS UNDER REVIEW

Title: *A Community Led Roadmap for Ending Sexual Assault and Reclaiming Sovereignty of the Soul*  
Dates: September 2023 – September 2024  
Role: PI (10%)

Mechanism, Source: NIH COBRE to UND; Indigenous Trauma Research and Resilience Center pilot awards at the University of North Dakota

Major Goals: Develop a research agenda via community-based participatory research for interventions targeting the disruption of intergenerational continuity of sexual assault

Total Direct Costs: \$75,000

Status: Awaiting final approval from NIH

Project Title: *Understanding the Screening to Treatment Seeking Transition for Sexual Violence Survivors*

Dates: January 2024 – December 2029

Role: PI, co-Is: Jocelyn Anderson, RaeAnn Anderson

Mechanism, Source: R01, Association for Research on Healthcare Quality

Major Goals: Expand an existing longitudinal study with 200 diverse rape survivors

Total Direct Costs: \$2.1 million

Status: Revised and resubmitted to ARHQ

Project Title: *Examining Care Seeking and Justice System Involvement in a Diverse Cohort of Sexual Violence Victims: Impacts of Multilevel Factors and Interventions*

Dates: January 2024 – December 2029

Role: PI, co-PIs: Jocelyn Anderson, RaeAnn Anderson

Agency: National Institutes of Justice

Major Goals: Expand an existing longitudinal study with 200 diverse rape survivors

Total Direct Costs: \$1.1 million

Status: Submitted to NIJ

Project Title: *The Longitudinal Course of Multiple Sexual Violence Related Chronic Conditions in Diverse, Marginalized Women: Perceptions and Engagement with Care over Years*

Dates: January 2024-December 2028

Role: PI, co-Is: Jocelyn Anderson, Nili Gesser

Mechanism, Source: R01, Office of Research on Women's Health, NIH

Major Goals: Expand an existing longitudinal study with 200 diverse rape survivors

Total Direct Costs: \$1.9 million

Status: Submitted to ORWH

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Resilience, prevention science, street prostitution, addiction and recovery, sexual violence prevention, treatment courts (drug treatment courts, mental health courts, prostitution courts), therapeutic jurisprudence, mixed-methods research, agent-based modeling (ABM)

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## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2022	Life Paths Promising Scholar Award
2021	California Institute of Integral Studies, Sexuality Research Fellow
2021	The Ronit Horowitz Fellowship for Academic Mothers (Israel)

2020	Dissertation Completion Grant, Temple University
2020	Best Graduate Student Poster Award, Division of Women and Crime, American Society of Criminology (ASC)
2019	Graduate Student International Travel Award, Temple University
2018	Doctoral Summit Fellow, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
2018	College of Liberal Arts Advanced Scholar Fellowship, Temple University
2017	Graduate Student International Travel Award, Temple University
2016	The Larry Siegel Graduate Award for Victimology Studies, Division of Victimology, ASC
2016	International Student Fellowship, Temple University
2013	International Student Fellowship, Temple University
1999	Dr. Hava Zusman Award for Outstanding Research Paper, French Department, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
1998	Dean's List, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
1998	Belgian government fellowship - French Studies Summer Course in Brussels
1997	Shibolet Award for Outstanding Students in Contract Law, Faculty of Law, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2021-2023	Led and managed a study on peer-led dialectical behavioral training group intervention online for survivors of childhood sexual assault at the Anderson Sexual Violence Prevention Lab (PI: Dr. RaeAnn Anderson). Led the analysis of qualitative data for a cognitive interview testing the validity of alcohol-related items on common survey measures of sexual assault.
Summer 2021	Led a group of scholars from the California Institute of Integral Studies in conducting a secondary data analysis of the Sexuality and Pleasure Study (Harvey, 2020) to explore the experiences of sexual minorities in partnered sex
2020-2021	Research assistant to Dr. Caterina Roman (Department of Criminal Justice) and Marla Davis Bellamy (School of Medicine), Temple University, on the "HUB – a model for community agencies working together to reduce risk and increase well-being in the community" study (funded by Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency)

- 2020-2021 Research assistant to Dr. Jennifer Wood, Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University, on the “Minor Charges with Major Impacts: Understanding the Use of Select Misdemeanor Charges among Persons with Serious Mental Illnesses” study (funded by NSF, Co-PI: Drs. Michael Compton and Leah Pope - Columbia University; Dr. Amy Watson – University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee)
- 2017-2018 Research assistant to Dr. Steven Belenko, Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University, on the “PROSPER study – studying peer support in a drug court setting” (funded by Arnold Ventures)
- 2015-2016 Research assistant with Donna Gray, Director of Victim Advocacy Services, Temple University Police Department – studying reactions of female student victims of crime and assisting female students in a self-defense course
- Summer 2015 Research assistant to Dr. Ralph Taylor, Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University – studying changing neighborhood crime in Baltimore
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## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

Specialty Courts, Gender and Crime, Drugs and Crime, Prostitution, Victimology, Therapeutic Jurisprudence, Agent-Based Modeling, Research Methods, Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **As primary instructor at Temple University Department of Criminal Justice:**

Summer 2019 CJ 4097 Capstone Seminar (writing-intensive) on Gender and Crime

Summer 2017 CJ 2002 Victims in Society

Summer 2016 CJ 2201 Criminal Courts and Criminal Justice

Summer 2014 CJ 2002 Victims in Society

### **As teaching assistant:**

2019-2020 Teaching Assistant to Dr. Wendy Thompson, CJ 4097 Capstone Seminar (writing-intensive) on Gender and Crime, CJ 2002 Victims in Society, CJ 0812 Criminal Behavior, CJ 0853 Doing Justice, and CJ 3000 Restorative Justice.

- Fall 2016 Teaching Assistant to Dr. Jerry Stahler, GUS 4013 Drugs in Urban Society – an Inside-Out Prison Exchange course, taught at CSI Graterford prison / Department of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University
- Spring 2015 Teaching Assistant to Professor Cathy Rosen, CJ 0853 Doing Justice (General Studies course), CJ 2501 Introduction to Criminal law, and CJ 3502 Criminal Procedure, Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University
- Fall 2014 Teaching Assistant to Dr. Jamie Fader, CJ 2001 Introduction to Juvenile Justice, and CJ 4096 Writing Seminar - Crime and Social Policy (writing-intensive), Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University
- 2007-2008 Teaching Assistant to Adv. Irit Kohn, Extradition Law, Faculty of Law, Bar-Ilan University and College of Management Academic Studies, Israel
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## INVITED TALKS

**Gesser, N.** (2023). Giving myself a chance: A qualitatively-informed simulation modeling of recovery from substance use and street prostitution. Invited talk for the School of Criminology, Haifa University.

**Gesser, N.** (2023). “I just wanna give myself a chance”: A qualitatively-informed computerized simulation of exiting street prostitution. Invited talk for the Institute of Criminology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

**Gesser, N.** (2022). Prostitutes vs. human trafficking victims as forgotten victims? Invited talk for the Department of Criminal Justice at Stockton University, NJ.

**Gesser, N.** (2022). “You have to have faith and believe in yourself to stay totally out of it”: Secondary and tertiary prevention of relapse and return to prostitution. Invited talk for Jefferson College of Population Health and the Lankenau Institute for Medical Research.

**Gesser, N.** (2022). “A lot of times, it's best to get the information from the member that's already been [t]here”: Peer support can assist women who are exiting substance use and street prostitution.” Invited talk for the conference “The Wounded Healer – Therapy of and by Convicts.” The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College (virtual)

**Gesser, N.** (2022). “I Just Wanna Give Myself a Chance”: A Qualitatively-Informed Simulation Model of Disengagement from Prostitution.” Invited talk for Rutgers University – Camden Department of Anthropology, Sociology, and Criminal Justice.

**Gesser, N.** (2021). “Counseling is big”: The need for trauma counseling among women exiting street prostitution. Invited talk for Global Association of Human Trafficking Scholars (GAHTS) for a panel acknowledging Mental Health Awareness Month (virtual)

**Gesser, N.** (2018). Prostitutes as victims. Invited talk for the International Post-Graduate Seminar in Victimology, Stockton University, NJ

**Gesser, N.** (2016). Examining Victim Assistance Units through a therapeutic jurisprudence (TJ) lens. Invited talk for a graduate seminar on TJ, School of Criminology, Haifa University, Israel

**Gesser, N.** (2016). Combatting human trafficking hands on: An Israeli American perspective. Invited talk presented during the International Week of Social Work, School of Social Work, Temple University

**Gesser, N.** (2012). The relationship between victims and the District Attorney’s Office. Invited talk at the Noga Center for Victims of Crime at Ono Academic College, Israel (in Hebrew)

**Gesser, N.** (2012). Victims of crime in the criminal justice system and in restorative justice conferences. Invited talk for the course “Restorative Justice,” Bar-Ilan University, Israel (in Hebrew)

**Gesser, N.** (2009). Intimate partner violence and the criminal justice process. Invited talk presented at the Tel Aviv District Police Department, Tel Aviv, Israel (in Hebrew)

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## PANELS

Clarke, N., Gesser, N., Leon, S., Mendlein, A., Mueller, D., & Shdaimah, C. (July 2022). Navigating boundaries: Personal and professional roles and risks in criminal legal contexts. Panel at the Law and Society Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal. **Panel organizer and presenter**

Cimino, A., **Gesser, N.**, Mueller, D., Shdaimah, C., & Weichelt, Sh. (January 2021). Relationships of women engaged in sex trading: The social context and influence of interactions with family, significant others, peers, service providers, and police officers. Panel at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference (virtual). **Panel organizer and presenter**

**Gesser, N.**, Mueller, D., Cimino, A., & Shdaimah, C. (November 2020). Women’s interactions with peers, police officers, and significant others: The influence of relationships on their engagement in street prostitution. Panel at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., subsequently cancelled due to Covid-19. **Panel organizer and chair**



**Gesser, N.,** Shdaimah, C., and Peled, E. (May 2019). Voices from the ground: The influence of people's relationships on their engagement in street prostitution. Panel at the Israeli Association of Criminology Bi-Annual Meeting, Netanya, Israel. **Panel organizer, chair, and presenter**

Shdaimah, C., Leon, S., Murarescu, L., and **Gesser, N.** (October 2017). Research on street-based sex work and other vulnerable populations. Panel at Temple University. **Panel organizer and chair**

**Gesser, N.** (2008). Victims' Rights Conference of the In-Service Lawyer Training Institute, Israeli Ministry of Justice, Jerusalem, Israel. **Conference organizer and presenter**

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## **REFEREED PRESENTATIONS**

Helm, V., **Gesser, N.**, Tom, K., and Anderson, R. (November 2023). Participant Feedback on a Group Interpersonal Skills Intervention for Women who Experience Child Sexual Abuse. Poster to be presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

**Gesser, N.** (November 2023). "It Was a Process": Relapse Trends in Women's Exiting Trajectories out of Street Prostitution and Substance Use. Paper to be presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

**Gesser, N.** (2023). "Knowledge, experience, and love": The role of spirituality in exiting street prostitution and substance use. Paper to be presented at the International Conference on Religion and Society, Greece (virtual).

**Gesser, N.** (2023). "I've had Sobriety Time Before": Cumulative Attempt Capital of Marginalized Women Exiting Substance Use and Street Prostitution. Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, District of Columbia, MD.

**Gesser, N.,** Belenko, S., Bodas La Pollo, A., Peters, A., & Weiland, D. (2023). Augmenting substance use treatment in the drug court: A pilot randomized trial of peer recovery support and role challenges of peers in drug court. Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, District of Columbia, MD.

Chiu, T., **Gesser, N.**, & Anderson, R. (2023). A qualitatively-informed approach of measuring construct validity to examine alcohol-facilitated sexual victimization. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, District of Columbia, MD.

**Gesser, N.** (2023). "You better find a God or something": The contribution of spirituality to resilience of women exiting street prostitution. Paper presented at ResilienceCon Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.

**Gesser, N., & Wight, H. (2022).** “The Opportunity Was There”: Reformulating relapse in terms of routine activity theory. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Chiu, T., Burmeister, E., **Gesser, N., & Anderson, R-A (2022).** "It could skew answers and create bias": Testing different operationalizations of an alcohol-facilitated rape question. Paper to be presented at the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

**Gesser, N. (2022).** Confidant or advocate? The tension between different roles of peer recovery specialists in drug treatment court. Paper presented at the Law and Society Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal

**Gesser, N. (2022).** Therapeutic jurisprudence practices and victims’ needs: The role of Victim Assistance Units. Paper presented at the International Academy of Law and Mental Health (TJ Stream) Annual Meeting, Lyon, France

**Gesser, N. (2022).** “You get out of this experience what you put into it”: Women’s readiness to exit street prostitution and their difficulty to for help. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Israeli Association of Prostitution and Sex Work, Israel (virtual).

**Gesser, N. (2022).** “Sometimes you need to talk with someone who’s been through what you have”: Peer support can assist women exiting street prostitution. Paper to be presented at the International Association of Criminology Bi-Annual Meeting, Netanya, Israel (in Hebrew).

**Gesser, N. (2022).** “I was already there once”: Cumulative attempt capital of marginalized women exiting substance abuse and street prostitution. Paper presented at ResilienceCon Annual Conference (virtual).

**Gesser, N. (2021).** The Women Exiting with Support over Time (WEST) Agent-Based Model (ABM): A qualitatively-informed simulation model of exiting street prostitution with and without support. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

**Gesser, N. (2021).** “If I reach out for help that means you can too”: Help-seeking among women exiting street prostitution. Paper presented at the Annual International Human Trafficking & Social Justice Conference (virtual)

**Gesser, N. (2021).** “It’s not easy being good”: Women’s exiting trajectories in and out of street prostitution and substance use. Paper presented at the first Conference of the Association of European Qualitative Researchers in Psychology (EQuIP) (virtual)

**Gesser, N. (2021).** “[Peers give] you hope that you can change too”: Mutual aid and resilience for women exiting street prostitution. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Law and Society Association (virtual)

**Gesser, N.** (2021). “[Peers give] you hope that you can change too”: Peer support in women’s exiting trajectories. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society (virtual)

**Gesser, N.** (2021). "They started sharing [...] that it was actually possible": Peer support in women's prostitution-exiting trajectories. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference (virtual)

**Gesser, N.** (2020). “They started sharing [...] that it was actually possible”: Peer support in women’s exiting trajectories. Paper accepted to be presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. [Annual meeting subsequently cancelled due to Covid-19]

**Gesser, N.** (2020). All stars must align: Readiness as a critical component of exiting street prostitution. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Criminology Consortium (virtual)

**Gesser, N.** (2020). “They started sharing [...] that it was actually possible”: Peer support in women’s exiting trajectories. Poster presented at the Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting (virtual). **This poster subsequently won the graduate student poster competition of the Division of Women and Crime of the ASC, 2020**

**Gesser, N. & Shdaimah, S.** (2019). “[You should] utilize the people there... but it takes a willingness too”: How women manage the prostitution exiting process over time. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

**Gesser, N.** (2019). Professional support in women’s exiting trajectories: The importance of care and availability. Paper presented at the Israeli Association of Criminology Bi-Annual Meeting, Netanya, Israel (in Hebrew)

**Gesser, N.** (2018). Integrating methodologies: Using qualitative interviews and Agent Based Modeling to explore desistance from prostitution. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA

**Gesser, N., Belenko, S., Bodas La Pollo, A., & Weiland, D.** (2018). Philadelphia Revived - Obtaining Success through Peer Encouraged Recovery (PROSPER): Peer support specialists in an urban drug treatment court. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

**Gesser, N.** (2017). Using Agent-Based Modeling to predict disengagement from street prostitution. Paper presented at the Israeli Association of Criminology Bi-Annual Meeting, Jerusalem, Israel (in Hebrew)

**Gesser, N.** (2016). Victims’ needs through a therapeutic jurisprudence lens: What can Victim Assistance Units do? Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

**Gesser, N.,** Taylor, R. B., & Wood, J. (2015). What you expect is (not?) what you get: Sex offender community notification meetings in Wisconsin. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

**Gesser, N.,** & Groff, E. (2014). Trapped in the trade: A simulation model of desistance from prostitution. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

**Gesser, N.** (2013). Families of murder victims. Lecture to prosecutors at the Tel Aviv District Attorney's Office, Tel Aviv, Israel (in Hebrew)

**Gesser, N.** (2008-2013). Victims' rights in the criminal justice system. Bi-annual lectures to legal interns at the District Attorney's Office in Tel Aviv, Israel (in Hebrew)

**Gesser, N.** (2012). Families of fatal road accident victims. Lecture to prosecutors at the Tel Aviv District Attorney's Office, Tel Aviv, Israel (in Hebrew)

**Gesser, N.** (2008). Victims and the Rights of Victims of Crime Law from a historical perspective (in Hebrew). Lecture at the Victims' Rights Conference of the In-Service Lawyer Training Institute, Israeli Ministry of Justice, Jerusalem, Israel

**Gesser, N.** (2005). Essential guarantees of the procedure and protection of the rights of the accused. Paper presented at the European Union's EuroMed Justice Program on Cooperation and International Judicial Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, Istanbul, Turkey

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## **PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

2007-2013      **Founder and head of the Victim Assistance Unit at the Tel Aviv District Attorney's Office:** Implemented Israel' Rights of Victims of Crime Law in the criminal process; responded to daily approaches of victims and victim advocates on various criminal justice issues; lectured on victims and victims' rights to DA's Office prosecutors, staff, legal clerks, students and police officers; conducted research and drafted directives on issues related to victims' rights; established a support group for prosecutors to deal with vicarious trauma.

2000-2007      **Prosecutor and head of the Extradition Division in the Department of International Affairs at the State Attorney's Office:** Represented the State Attorney in extradition cases in the Magistrates, District, and Supreme Court; drafted petitions, briefs, appeals and motions with respect to extradition; was a delegate to the Parliamentary Committee on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings; prepared parts of the report to the U.S. State Department on efforts to combat human trafficking in the field of transnational crime.

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## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2022-2023	ASC 2023 annual meeting program committee member
2022-2023	Writing group facilitator, Anderson Sexual Violence Prevention Lab, Department of Psychology, University of North Dakota
2022-2023	Mentor of graduate students, the Anderson Sexual Violence Prevention Lab
2021	Consulting member of forum of Ministry of Justice in Israel on Victim Compensation
2017-2021	Founder and Chair of the Graduate Peer Mentorship Program in the Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University – mentored 4 students and supervised 31 pairs of mentor-mentee.
2019	Member of the Departments of Criminal Justice and Psychology Special Search Committee for Professor of Integrated Knowledge, Temple University
2017-2019	Representative of the Department of Criminal Justice - Graduate Student Advisory Board, College of Liberal Arts, Temple University
2016-2017	Secretary, Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association, Temple University
2016-2017	Member of the Department of Criminal Justice Search Committee, Temple University
2015-present	Journal Reviewer for <i>Policing &amp; Society</i> , <i>Journal of Crime and Justice</i> , <i>Journal of Offender Rehabilitation</i> , and <i>Psychology, Crime, and the Law</i>
2014-2015	Graduate Committee Student Representative, Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association, Temple University
February 2014	Employment Exchange Volunteer at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting
2013-2014	Mentoring Center Volunteer, Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University

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## **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

2016-present	Volunteer at the Salvation Army's <i>New Day</i> Drop-in Center for Women Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation: Provide company, food and clothing to women engaged in street prostitution
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- 2016- 2018 Board Committee member, North Central Victim Services, Philadelphia: Supervised and suggested agency programs, collaborated in organizing projects for National Crime Victims’ Rights Week
- 2011 – 2013 Volunteer at *Saleet* – an Israeli organization aiming to assist women in prostitution: Provided live crisis support to cisgender and transgender women on a hotline and in an emergency shelter in Tel Aviv
- 2010 – 2013 Volunteer teacher at “A Different Lesson”: Taught elementary and high school students in Israel about the criminal justice system and the consequences of violence in and outside of school
- 2002 – 2006 Founder and volunteer at “Tamar – the soul beneath the clothes,” a non-for-profit organization aiming to assist anyone involved in the sex trade: Planned organization strategy; conducted outreach; provided support and legal advice
- 1997 – 2007 Volunteer, the Jerusalem Sexual Violence Prevention Center: Provided support to women on a hotline and through hospital checks, police investigation and court testimony; a member of the Board of Directors; head of a special committee established to revise the articles of the organizations of the Center; trainer of new volunteers

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## PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

- 2023 Meta-analysis workshop, Society for Prevention Research
- 2022 PI Crash Course by Columbia University (virtual)
- 2021 Critical Qualitative Research Workshop, ASC, Chicago, IL
- 2021 CITI Training Human Research Curriculum, certificate of completion (current for Temple University and University of North Dakota)
- 2020 Teach-In training of the Division of Women and Crime, ASC (virtual)
- 2020 Research Talk Institute Summer Workshop on Qualitative Research (virtual)
- 2019 Workshop on using visual methods in criminological research, ASC
- 2018 Teaching Workshop of the Division of Women and Crime, ASC
- 2018 BJS Analyzing Victimization Trends in the United States, England, and Wales Workshop using NCVS and CSEW, ASC

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Prevention Research (2022-present)

National Prevention Science Coalition (2022-present)  
Global Association of Human Trafficking (2020-present)  
American Psychological Association (2020-present)  
Law and Society Association (2018-present)  
Sociologists for Women in Society (2018-2020)  
International Society for Therapeutic Jurisprudence (ISTJ) (2017-present)  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) (2015, 2017-present)  
Israeli Association of Criminology (2017-present)  
ASC Division of Women and Crime (2015-present)  
ASC Division of Victimology (2014-present)  
American Society of Criminology (ASC) (2014-present)  
Israeli Bar Association (2000-2013)

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## **LANGUAGES**

Hebrew (native language)  
French (fluency in reading, writing, and speaking)  
Spanish (intermediate level)

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## REFERENCES

Professor RaeAnn Anderson, Ph.D. – postdoctoral supervisor

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