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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Criminology and Criminal Justice ♦ 2000 ♦ University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Dissertation Title: A meta-analytic inquiry into the relationship between risk factors and problem behavior

M.A., Criminology and Criminal Justice ♦ 1995 ♦ University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Thesis Title: Does prior criminal history moderate the effect of institutional treatment on subsequent criminal behavior

B.S., Sociology (*magna cum laude*) ♦ 1991 ♦ Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy, University of Maryland
♦ Research Director, October 2005–Present.

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland

- ♦ Research Associate, July 2002–September 2005.
- ♦ Jerry Lee Assistant Research Professor, August 2001–June 2002.
- ♦ Research Associate, January 2001–July 2001.
- ♦ Faculty Research Assistant, August 1998–December 2000.
- ♦ Instructor, September 1997–May 1999.
- ♦ Graduate Research Assistant, September 1992–July 1998.

RESEARCH

Research Director, Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy

October 2005–Present, Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy, University of Maryland.

- ♦ Responsible for oversight of the research activities of the Commission; maintaining the Commission's extensive database of more than 300,000 sentencing records; directing data entry, verification, and analysis activities; performing regular statistical analysis of the sentencing guidelines data to assess sentencing practices and inform sentencing policy across the state; producing periodic research reports, the annual report, and the annual Managing for Results (MFR) report; directing data dissemination activities; serving as the Commission's Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) coordinator; communicating changes in the sentencing guidelines to 1,000 practitioners across the state electronically; serving as quality control officer for the Maryland Automated Guidelines System (MAGS); participating in the training and supervision of junior staff, graduate research assistants, and undergraduate interns; developing budget projections and requests for special projects; preparing fiscal notes at the request of legislators and the Department of Legislative Services; and writing grant and research proposals.

Project Director, Prevention and Intervention Program Evaluation

June 2002–September 2005, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland.

- ◆ Directed a multi-year, statewide evaluation of the Youth Strategies Consolidated Grant (YSG) initiative funded by the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP). Major responsibilities included: managing a meta-analytic study of prevention and intervention strategies throughout Maryland, overseeing individual process and outcome evaluations across the state, providing training to project staff and evaluators, analyzing meta-analytic and outcome data, writing reports to the funding agency, and briefing the funding agency on project findings.

Project Director, Data Analysis Assistance to Maryland’s Division of Parole and Probation (DPP)

June 2003–September 2005, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland.

- ◆ Worked with the DPP to improve the design and use of its data systems to enhance both internal agency management and the supervision of offenders. Major responsibilities included: analyzing data from Maryland’s Offender-Based State Criminal Information System (OBSCIS) to answer research questions of interest to the Division, and providing monthly quantitative feedback to the Division on their Managing for Results (MFR) objectives.

Project Manager, Drug Treatment Court Evaluation

August 2000–May 2003, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland.

- ◆ Managed a randomized study of the Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court and its impact on the criminal activities of participants. Responsible for coordinating the collection of official record data, designing databases for data storage, analyzing process and outcome data, writing reports to the funding agency and for publication, and briefing the funding agency on project findings.

Research Assistant, Meta-Analysis of School-Based Prevention Programs

August 1998–December 2000, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland.

- ◆ Applied meta-analytic techniques to the literature on school-based prevention programs to identify the characteristics of effective programs. Reviewed and coded approximately 200 studies, participated in the development of the code book to capture the features of the programs and their impact on targeted outcomes, and provided data analysis and report writing.

Co-Project Director, Study of the Accuracy of Self-Reported Drug Use

October 1997–April 1999, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland.

- ◆ Served as Co-Project Director on a study assessing differences in the validity of self-reported drug use across gender, ethnicity, age, type of drug, and offense seriousness using data collected as part of the Drug Use Forecasting Program (DUF). Participated in the review of the literature, data analysis, and report writing.

Statistical Consultant, Evaluation of Probation Supervision

March 1997–May 1998, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland.

- ◆ Served as Statistical Consultant on an evaluation of the impact of probation on the criminal activities of offenders. Responsible for conducting survival analyses of self-report calendar data and for estimating structural equation models using LISREL maximum likelihood estimation.

Research Assistant, Evaluation of Prevention Programs for Youth

May 1993–July 1998, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland.

- ◆ Responsible for coding and summarizing the literature on school-based prevention programs. Work contributed to *Preventing Crime: What Works, What Doesn’t, What’s Promising: A Report to the United States Congress* (Sherman et al., 1997) and to *Schools and Delinquency* (Gottfredson, 2001). Also participated in the implementation and evaluation of a number of juvenile delinquency prevention programs. Responsible for coordinating data collection, designing databases for data storage, communicating with program staff, conducting interviews with program youth, analyzing process and outcome data, and drafting process and outcome evaluation reports.

Research Assistant, Multi-Site Study of Boot Camp Prisons

September 1992–August 1993, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland.

- ♦ Participated in a multi-site evaluation of the impact of boot camp prison/shock incarceration programs on the criminal activities of offenders. Provided data documentation and analysis, conducted interviews with inmates and administrative staff at a number of boot camp programs, and contributed to final reports to the funding agency.

TEACHING

Instructor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland

- ♦ Introduction to Criminology (undergraduate course), Spring 1999
- ♦ Juvenile Delinquency (undergraduate course), Summer 1998
- ♦ Research Methods (undergraduate course), Fall 1997

Teaching Assistant and SPSS Instructor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland

- ♦ Research Methods (graduate course), Spring 1997–Spring 1999

PUBLICATIONS

Fox, D.P., Yamagata, H., Najaka, S.S., and Soulé, D.A. (2016). Improving judicial administration through implementation of an automated sentencing guidelines system. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*.

Soulé, D.A., and Najaka, S.S. (2013). Paving a path to informed sentencing decisions. *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 25(3): 181-184.

Rosay, A.B., Najaka, S.S., and Herz, D.C. (2007). Differences in the validity of self-reported drug use across five factors: Gender, race, age, type of drug and offense seriousness. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 23(1): 41-58.

Gottfredson, D.C., Kearley, B.W., Najaka, S.S., and Rocha, C.M. (2007). How drug treatment courts work: An analysis of mediators. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 44(1): 3-35.

Gottfredson, D.C., Najaka, S.S., Kearley, B.W., and Rocha, C.M. (2006). Long-term effects of participation in the Baltimore City drug treatment court: Results from an experimental study. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*(2): 67-98.

Gottfredson, D.C., Kearley, B.W., Najaka, S.S., and Rocha, C.M. (2005). The Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court: 3-year self-report outcome study. *Evaluation Review* 29(1): 42-64.

Gottfredson, D.C., Najaka, S.S., and Kearley, B. (2003). Effectiveness of drug treatment courts: Evidence from a randomized trial. *Criminology and Public Policy* 2(2): 171-196.

Gottfredson, D.C., Wilson, D.B., and Najaka, S.S. (2002). School-based crime prevention. In L.W. Sherman, D.P. Farrington, B.C. Welsh, and D.L. MacKenzie (eds.), *Evidence-Based Crime Prevention*. London, UK: Routledge.

Gottfredson, D.C., Wilson, D.B., and Najaka, S.S. (2002). The schools. In J.Q. Wilson and J. Petersilia (eds.), *Crime: Public Policies for Crime Control*. Oakland, CA: ICS Press.

Najaka, S.S., Gottfredson, D.C., and Wilson, D.B. (2001). A meta-analytic inquiry into the relationship between selected risk factors and problem behavior. *Prevention Science* 2(4): 257-271.

Wilson, D.B., Gottfredson, D.C., and Najaka, S.S. (2001). School-based prevention of problem behaviors: A meta-analysis. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 17(3): 247-272.

MacKenzie, D.L., Browning, K., Skroban, S.B., and Smith, D.A. (1999). The impact of probation on the criminal activities of offenders. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 36(4): 423-453.

Skroban, S.B., Gottfredson, D.C., and Gottfredson, G.D. (1999). A school-based social competency demonstration. *Evaluation Review* 23(1): 3-27.

Gottfredson, D.C., Gottfredson, G.D., and Skroban, S.B. (1998). Can prevention work where it is needed most? *Evaluation Review* 22(3): 315-340.

Gottfredson, D.C., Fink, C.M., Skroban, S.B., and Gottfredson, G.D. (1997). Making prevention work. In R.P. Weissberg, T.P. Gullotta, R.L. Hampton, B.A. Ryan, and G.R. Adams (eds.), *Healthy Children 2010: Establishing Preventive Services*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

MacKenzie, D.L., Elis, L.A., Simpson, S.S., and Skroban, S.B. (1996). Boot camps as an alternative for women. In D.L. MacKenzie and E.E. Herbert, (eds.), *Correctional Boot Camps: A Tough Intermediate Sanction*. Washington DC: National Institute of Justice.

Gottfredson, D.C., Gottfredson, G.D., and Skroban, S.B. (1996). A multi-model school-based prevention demonstration. *Journal of Adolescent Research* 11(1): 97-115.

SELECTED TECHNICAL REPORTS

Soulé, D.A., Najaka, S.S., Bowles, S., and Pembroke, K. (2016). 2016 Annual Report of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy. Prepared for the Maryland General Assembly.

Soulé, D.A., Najaka, S.S., Bowles, S., Bernstein, J.P., and Pembroke, K. (2015). 2015 Annual Report of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy. Prepared for the Maryland General Assembly.

Soulé, D.A., Najaka, S.S., Bowles, S., and Bernstein, J.P. (2014). 2014 Annual Report of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy. Prepared for the Maryland General Assembly.

Soulé, D.A., Najaka, S.S., Bowles, S., and Stewart, C.D. (2013). 2013 Annual Report of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy. Prepared for the Maryland General Assembly.

Soulé, D.A., and Najaka, S.S. (2012). 2012 Annual Report of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy. Prepared for the Maryland General Assembly.

Soulé, D.A., and Najaka, S.S. (2011). 2011 Annual Report of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy. Prepared for the Maryland General Assembly.

Soulé, D.A., and Najaka, S.S. (2010). 2010 Annual Report of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy. Prepared for the Maryland General Assembly.

Soulé, D.A., and Najaka, S.S. (2009). 2009 Annual Report of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy. Prepared for the Maryland General Assembly.

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Soulé, D.A., and Najaka, S.S. (2007). 2007 Annual Report of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy. Prepared for the Maryland General Assembly.

Soulé, D.A., and Najaka, S.S. (2006). 2006 Annual Report of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy. Prepared for the Maryland General Assembly.

Soulé, D.A., and Najaka, S.S. (2005). 2005 Annual Report of the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy. Prepared for the Maryland General Assembly.

Najaka, S.S., Gottfredson, D.C., and Betsinger, S. (2005). Youth Strategies Consolidated Grant: Meta-analysis report for first and second funding cycles. College Park, MD: University of Maryland. Prepared for the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

Najaka, S.S., Gottfredson, D.C., Betsinger, S., and Couture, H. (2004). Youth Strategies Consolidated Grant: Meta-analysis report for first funding cycle. College Park, MD: University of Maryland. Prepared for the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

Gottfredson, D.C., Najaka, S.S., Kearley, B.W., and Rocha, C.M. (2003). The Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court: Final evaluation report. College Park, MD: University of Maryland. Prepared for the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Gottfredson, D.C., and Najaka, S.S. (2003). Youth Strategies Consolidated Grant: Evaluation report for first funding cycle. College Park, MD: University of Maryland. Prepared for the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

Gottfredson, D.C., Kearley, B., Najaka, S.S., and Rocha, C. (2003). Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court: Evaluation of client self-reports at three-year follow-up. College Park, MD: University of Maryland. Prepared for the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, the Abell Foundation, and the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Rosay, A.B., Najaka, S.S., and Herz, D.C. (1999). Differences in the validity of self-reported drug use across five factors: Gender, race, age, type of drug, and offense seriousness. College Park, MD: University of Maryland. Prepared for the National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice.

MacKenzie, D.L., Browning, K.E., Priu, H., Skroban, S.B., and Smith, D.A. (1998). Probationer compliance with conditions of supervision. College Park, MD: University of Maryland. Prepared for the National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice.

Skroban, S.B., and Coblenz, K. (1996). Evaluation report: Project Tomorrow. College Park, MD: University of Maryland. Prepared for the Open Doors Career Center, Inc., Bel Air, Maryland.

Skroban, S.B. (1994). Multi-model school-centered prevention demonstration: Implementation feedback report for the 1993-94 school year. College Park, MD: University of Maryland. Prepared for the Charleston County, South Carolina School District.

MacKenzie, D.L., Elis, L.A., Simpson, S.S., and Skroban, S.B. (1994). Female offenders in boot camp programs. College Park, MD: University of Maryland. Prepared for the National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Fox, D., Najaka, S.S., Soulé, D.A., and Yamagata, H. (2015, March). Maryland Automated Guidelines System (MAGS) Implementation and Evaluation. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando.

- Najaka, S.S., Gottfredson, D.C., and Betsinger, S. (2005, November). A meta-analytic study of prevention and intervention programs for youth. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Ontario.
- Flower, S.M., Najaka, S.S., Connell, N.M., Courtney, S., and Gottfredson, D.C. (2005, November). Are comprehensive case management programs effective at preventing or reducing delinquency and problem behaviors? Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Ontario.
- Najaka, S.S. (2004, June). Methodologically sound impact evaluations. Paper presented at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals 10th Anniversary Drug Court Training Conference, Milwaukee.
- Najaka, S.S., Rocha, C., and Gottfredson, D.C. (2003, November). The Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court Program: Offender and program characteristics associated with early failure. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Denver.
- Gottfredson, D.C., Najaka, S.S., and Kearley, B. (2002, November). A randomized study of the Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court: Results from the three-year follow-up. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago.
- Najaka, S.S., and Gottfredson, D.C. (2001, November). A randomized study of the Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court: Results from the two-year follow-up. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta.
- Najaka, S.S. (2000, November). Results from a meta-analytic inquiry into the relationship between risk and protective factors and problem behavior. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco.
- Wilson, D.B., Gottfredson, D.C., and Najaka, S.S. (2000, November). School-based prevention of problem behaviors: A meta-analysis. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco.
- Skroban, S.B. (1999, November). A meta-analytic inquiry into the relationship between risk and protective factors and delinquent and problem behaviors. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Ontario.
- Rosay, A.B., and Skroban, S.B. (1998, November). Differences in the validity of self-reported drug use across five factors: Gender, ethnicity, age, type of drug, and offense category. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington DC.
- Rosay, A.B., Skroban, S.B., and Herz, D.C. (1998, July). Differences in the validity of self-reported drug use across five factors: Gender, ethnicity, age, type of drug, and offense category. Paper presented to the National Institute of Justice, Washington DC.
- Herz, D.C., Rosay, A.B., and Skroban, S.B. (1997, November). Validity of self-reported drug use across gender and ethnic groups: An examination of between- and within-group differences. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Diego.
- MacKenzie, D.L., Browning, K.E., Priu, H., Skroban, S.B., and Smith, D.A. (1997, November). Probation as public safety protection: Evidence from self reports. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Diego.
- Gottfredson, D.C., Gottfredson, G.D., and Skroban, S.B. (1996, November). School-based social competency promotion. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago.

Skroban, S.B. (1995, November). Does prior criminal history moderate the effect of institutional treatment on subsequent criminal behavior. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Boston.

Gottfredson, D.C., Gottfredson, G.D., and Skroban, S.B. (1995, November). A multi-model school-based prevention demonstration. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Boston.

Skroban, S.B. (1994, November). The effectiveness of a school-based prevention program in meeting its implementation standards. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Miami.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer, Criminology.

Reviewer, Criminology and Public Policy.

Reviewer, Journal of Experimental Criminology.

Protocol Reviewer, Campbell Collaboration.

Program Committee Member, American Society of Criminology, 2003.

Panel Chairperson, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, 1998.