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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** University of Wisconsin-Madison Expected May 2021  
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare  
Dissertation: *Reentry and family reunification: Examining the well-being of children with formerly incarcerated parents*  
Committee: Lawrence Berger (chair), Julie Poehlmann-Tynan, Pajarita Charles
- M.S.W.** University of Wisconsin-Madison May 2020  
Master of Social Work  
Specialization in Child, Youth, and Family Welfare  
Field Units in Juvenile and Criminal Justice & Policy and Administration
- B.S.** University of Wisconsin-Madison May 2017  
Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies with Distinction  
Education and Educational Services Certificate  
Honors Thesis: *Jailed parents and their young children: Residential instability, homelessness, and behavior problems*
- National University of Ireland, Galway 2015  
School of Political Science and Sociology

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Mass incarceration, community reentry, children of incarcerated parents, and criminal justice-related intervention and policy; social policy, social welfare, and poverty; family well-being, family instability, and fatherhood; intervention and prevention science.

### AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Institute for Research on Poverty Graduate Research Fellows Research Training Funds 2019, 2020  
UW-Madison School of Social Work Doctoral Student Research Paper Competition 2020

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Lab Manager, Project Assistant** November 2017 – Present  
*WI Lab for Family Well-being and Justice, School of Social Work* Madison, Wisconsin  
*Supervised by Dr. Pajarita Charles*

Assist with mass incarceration and community reentry-related projects through qualitative interview coding and analysis (Atlas.ti), focus group data collection, program evaluation, and quantitative data analysis (Stata). Disseminate findings in professional presentations and

manuscript development. Oversee lab meetings and administrative tasks (e.g., IRB protocols), and supervise team members (2 masters students, 6 undergraduate students).

**Research Assistant**

**March 2020 - Present**

*Flattening the COVID-19 Curve in Prisons, Jails, and Reentry*

Madison, Wisconsin

*Supervised by Dr. Julie Poehlmann-Tynan, Dr. Pajarita Charles, & Dr. John Eason*

Document the ways that adults in the criminal justice system are responding to and affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Survey individuals currently incarcerated in county jails, state prisons, and who have recently been released. Compile and merge data from multiple sources, analyze results, write and disseminate policy briefs and white papers on trends and issues.

**Project Assistant**

**May 2020 - Present**

*Baby's First Years, Institute for Research on Poverty*

Madison, Wisconsin

*Supervised by Dr. Sarah Halpern-Meekin*

Code qualitative interviews with low-income mothers who receive monthly, unconditional cash gifts in the first three years of their child's life. Collaborate with a team of doctoral researchers to establish inter-rater reliability and manage a dataset of participant demographics and social service experiences in preparation for future manuscripts and presentations.

**Research Assistant**

**June 2019 – December 2019**

*Institut national d'études démographiques*

Paris, France

*(French National Institute of Demographic Studies)*

*Supervised by Dr. Lidia Panico, Dr. Anne Solaz, & Dr. Lawrence Berger*

Collaborated with a cross-national team on a nationally representative, longitudinal birth cohort study of 18,000 French children. Managed datasets, conducted analyses, and presented findings on family instability in France and related child health, cognitive, and socio-emotional outcomes. Affiliated with the Economic Demography and Fertility, Families, & Couples research groups.

**Project Assistant**

**September 2017 – August 2018**

*Project GAIN, Institute for Research on Poverty*

Madison, Wisconsin

*Supervised by Dr. Lawrence Berger & Dr. Kristen Shook Slack*

Worked on a large-scale quantitative randomized control intervention study exploring how financial subsidies reduce instances of Child Protective Services involvement for families. Developed memoranda on a broad array of social welfare topics for local, state, and federal policy stakeholders. Attended weekly research seminars at the Institute for Research on Poverty.

**Research Assistant**

**May 2014 – June 2017**

*Young Children with Jailed Parents Lab, School of Human Ecology*

Madison, Wisconsin

*Supervised by Dr. Julie Poehlmann-Tynan*

Assisted on a multi-tiered observational study with jailed parents, non-incarcerated caregivers, and young children and a multi-site randomized efficacy trial of educational materials for justice-involved families. Analyzed and presented on quantitative and qualitative data in regard to a breadth of child and family outcomes linked to parental incarceration.

### PEER-REVIEWED BOOKS

1. Cuthrell, H., **Muentner, L.**, Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (In progress). *When are you coming? How young children cope when parents go to jail*. Rutgers University Press.

### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. Milavetz, Z., Pritzl, K., **Muentner, L.**, & Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (In press). Unmet mental health needs in jailed mothers and fathers with young children. *Family Relations*.  
*Impact Factor*: 1.317 (2019)
2. Poehlmann-Tynan J., Cuthrell H., Weymouth L., Burnson C., Frerks, L., **Muentner, L.**, Holder, N., Milavetz, Z., Lauter, L., Hindt, L., Davis, L., Schubert, E., Schlafer, R. (2020). Multisite randomized efficacy trial of educational materials for young children with incarcerated parents. *Development and Psychopathology*, 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0954579419001792>  
*Impact Factor*: 3.385 (2019)
3. **Muentner, L.**, & Charles, P. (2020). A qualitative exploration of reentry service needs: The case of fathers returning from prison. *Child and Family Social Work*, 25(S1), 63-72. Special Issue: Parenting Across Diverse Contexts: Illuminating the Voices of Mothers, Fathers, and Children? <https://doi.org/10.1111/cfs.12714>  
*Impact Factor*: 1.337 (2019)
4. Charles, P., **Muentner, L.**, & Kjellstrand, J. (2019). Parenting and incarceration: Perspectives on father-child involvement during reentry from prison. *Social Service Review*, 93(2), 218-261. <https://doi.org/10.1086/703446>  
*Impact Factor*: 0.732 (2018)
5. **Muentner, L.**, Holder, N., Burnson, C., Runion, H., Weymouth, L., & Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (2019). Jailed parents and their young children: Residential instability, homelessness, and behavior problems. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 28(2), 370-386. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-018-1265-3>  
*Impact Factor*: 1.925 (2019)

### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

1. **Muentner, L.**, Kapoor, A., Weymouth, L., & Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (Under review). Getting under the skin: Young children's physiological stress and behavioral responses to witnessing fathers' crime, arrest, and sentencing. Initial submission to *Developmental Psychobiology*.
2. Poehlmann-Tynan, J., **Muentner, L.**, Pritzl, K., Cuthrell, H., Hindt, L., Davis, L., Schlafer, R. (Under Review). The health and development of young children who witnessed their parent's arrest prior to parental jail incarceration. Initial submission to *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.

3. Gerassi, L., Cheng, S., **Muentner, L.**, & Benson, M. (Under review). Sex trafficking risk in a representative sample of high school students: Prevalence and associated characteristics of youth who trade sex. Initial submission to *Public Health Reports*.
4. Pritzl, K., Milavetz, Z., Cuthrell, H., **Muentner, L.**, & Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (Under review). Context matters: Contact between young children and their jailed parents and child behavior problems. Initial submission to *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*.

#### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION (all analyses complete)**

1. **Muentner, L.**, & Washington, D. M. (In progress). Destabilizing consequences of juvenile incarceration: Evidence on imprisoned fathers' mental health, parenting, and pre-incarceration social environment.
2. Eason, J. M., **Muentner, L.**, Abel, R., & Varela, K. (In progress). Maternal incarceration, race, and child protective services involvement as pathways to child separation.
3. Charles, P., Gorman-Smith, D., Schoeny, M., Tolan, P., Henry, D., & **Muentner L.** (In progress). Criminal behavior among fathers: Child outcomes and the mediating role of parenting quality.
4. Charles, P., **Muentner, L.**, Gottlieb, A., & Eddy, J. M. (In progress). Parental incarceration, child contact, and recidivism: Building connections that promote child and family wellbeing in an era of decarceration
5. Panico, L., Solaz, A., **Muentner, L.**, & Berger, L., (In progress). Family instability and child well-being in France.

#### **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS** (^ indicates upcoming)

1. Charles, P. **Muentner, L.**, Eddy, M. (2020, August). *Factors associated with father-child residence and contact after prison*. Symposium presentation: When Fathers are Incarcerated: Post-Release Contact, Commitment to Children, and Legal Socialization. 2020 American Psychological Association annual convention, Washington, D.C. (Presentation withdrawn due to COVID-19).
2. Charles, P., **Muentner, L.**, Gottlieb, A., Eddy, M. (2020, April). *Parental incarceration, child contact, and recidivism: Building connections to promote child and family wellbeing in an era of Decarceration*. Poster presentation. 3rd Annual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, Phoenix, AZ. (Conference canceled due to COVID-19).
3. **Muentner, L.** & Charles, P. (2019, November). *A qualitative exploration of reentry service needs: The case of fathers returning from prison*. Symposium presentation: Assessing and Building the Evidence Base on Reentry: What's Known, What's Needed, and What's Next?. Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management fall research conference, Denver, CO.

4. Charles, P., Eddy, M., **Muentner, L.** (2019, October). *Supporting incarcerated parents and their children: Use of evidence from Parenting Inside Out to inform research and practice efforts in Wisconsin*. Invited talk by the Wisconsin Legislative Children's Caucus, Madison, WI.
5. Pritzl, K., Milavetz, Z., Cuthrell, H., **Muentner, L.**, Watson, S., Asher, A., Zhou, L., Brown, J., & Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (2019, August). *Context matters: Behavioral implications of visits between children and their jailed parents*. Poster presentation. 2019 American Psychological Association annual convention, Chicago, IL.
6. Grendziak, A., Warzewick, S., Zhou, L., Lavender, A., Asher, A., Watson, S., Brown, J., Fanning, K., Pritzl, K., **Muentner, L.**, & Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (2019, August). *Evaluation of a summer camp for children with imprisoned mothers*. Poster presentation. 2019 American Psychological Association annual convention, Chicago, IL.
7. **Muentner, L.**, Poehlmann-Tynan, J., Kapoor, A., & Weymouth, L. (2019, April). *Getting under the skin: Young children's physiological stress and behavioral responses to witnessing fathers' crime, arrest, and sentencing*. Poster presentation. 2nd Annual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
8. Poehlmann-Tynan, J., Grendziak, A., Fanning, K., Pritzl, K., Lavender, A. **Muentner, L.**, Warzewick, S., Zhou, L., & Brown, J. (2019, April). *Evaluation of child-friendly visits at a summer camp for children with imprisoned mothers*. Paper symposium. 2nd Annual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
9. Premo, E., **Muentner, L.**, & Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (2019, March). *Collateral consequences of parental incarceration: Exploring the role of frequency & duration on child development*. Poster presentation. 2019 Society for Research on Child Development biennial meeting, Baltimore MD.
10. Fanning, K., **Muentner, L.**, & Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (2019, March). *A comparative case study of risk and resilience for children experiencing homelessness and parental incarceration*. Poster presentation. 2019 Society for Research on Child Development biennial meeting, Baltimore, MD.
11. Poehlmann-Tynan, J., Grendziak, A., Fanning, K., Cuthrell, H., Pritzl, K., Lavender, A., **Muentner, L.**, Milavetz, Z., & Schlafer, R. (2019, March). *Observational measurement of children's reactions to visits with parents incarcerated in jail or prison*. Paper Symposium. 2019 Society for Research on Child Development biennial meeting, Baltimore, MD.
12. Moore, G., Charles, P., & **Muentner, L.** (2019, January). *The benefits of qualitative pilot studies in social work research: The case of fathers in reentry from prison*. Poster presentation. 2019 Society for Social Work and Research annual conference, San Francisco, CA.
13. Charles, P. & **Muentner, L.** (2018, November). *Reentry revisited: Father's perspectives on program needs to promote positive father involvement*. Symposium presentation: Smart

Decarceration: Self-Identified Needs and Services to Increase the Likelihood of Successful Reentry. 2018 American Society of Criminology Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

14. Poehlmann-Tynan, J., **Muentner, L.**, Milavetz, Z., Peterson, A., Davis, L., & Shlafer, R. (2018, May). *Young children's feelings about their incarcerated parents*. Poster Presentation. 2018 World Association for Infant Mental Health, Rome, Italy.
15. Grendziak, A., Vigna, A., Gerstein, E., Weymouth, L., Burnson, C., Aubel, G., Frerks, G., Haese, D., Johnson, N., Milavetz, Z., **Muentner, L.**, O'Neil, S., Peterson, A., Pritzl, K. Zahn-Waxler, C., & Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (2017, November). *Cognitively based compassion training for parents of young children*. Poster presentation. 2017 National Council on Family Relations annual convention, Orlando, FL.
16. Johnson, N. **Muentner, L.**, Runion, H., & Poehlmann-Tynan, J. (2017, April). *Family drawings and attachment in young children with jailed parents*. Poster presentation. 2017 University of Wisconsin-Madison Undergraduate Research Symposium, Madison, WI.
17. Poehlmann, J., Runion, H., Frerks, A., Johnson, N., Milavetz, Z., **Muentner, L.**, & Nestler, A. (2016, November). *Family drawings: Children of incarcerated parents*. Poster presentation. 2016 National Council on Family Relations annual convention, Minneapolis, MN.
18. **Muentner, L.** & Nestler, A. (2016, April) *Substance abuse, co-parenting, and jail visits*. Presented at the 2016 University of Wisconsin-Madison Undergraduate Research Symposium, Madison, WI.
19. **Muentner, L.** & Tucker, C. (2015, April) *Child distress levels after witnessing parent's arrest and crime*. Poster presentation. 2015 University of Wisconsin-Madison Undergraduate Research Symposium, Madison, WI.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Instructor (3 semesters)**

**September 2019 – Present**

*Human Development and Family Studies 535: A Family Perspective on Policy Making*

School of Human Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Advanced fifteen week seminar for 50 undergraduate students

Explores the relationship between family functioning and public/private policies at the local, state and federal levels and examines different avenues for influencing policy development.

### **Guest Lecturer**

Social Work 206: Introduction to Social Policy

Spring 2020

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Community Organizer**

**August 2019 - Present**

*MOSES (Madison Organizing in Strength, Equality, and Solidarity)*

Madison, Wisconsin

Plan, implement, and participate in grassroots community organizing campaigns for criminal justice reform. Advocate for improved jail conditions, changes to legislation regarding crimeless revocation, the ending of solitary confinement, the promotion of alternatives to incarceration, and voting rights for those on community supervision. Engage in education, training, advocacy, and action opportunities that respond to the root causes of injustice and transform community life.

**Social Work Intern**

**September 2019 - May 2020**

*Pathways for Parents after Prison*

Madison, Wisconsin

Assist with the development, implementation, and evaluation of a community-based intervention program for fathers recently released from prison. Collaborate with an interdisciplinary and inter-professional team of university researchers, community organization leaders, and key informants to increase service delivery for individuals in reentry. Lead administrative duties (e.g., IRB protocols, team oversight) and planning tasks (e.g., needs assessment, logic model, evaluation plan) for operational and feasibility purposes.

**Social Work Intern**

**September 2018 – May 2018**

*Just Dane (previously Madison-area Urban Ministry)*

Madison, Wisconsin

Supported individuals recently released from jail or prison with securing housing, employment, social services, transportation, and treatment to aid in their successful community reentry. Met with clients individually to conduct strengths-based needs assessments, identify intervention plans, and track progress of goals and as a group to facilitate social support and peer-led problem solving. Assisted with organizational strategic planning, marketing, and business development.

**SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY & PROFESSION**

**School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison**

Doctoral Program Committee Member

September 2020 - Present

Curriculum Committee Member

September 2019 - May 2020

**Ad-Hoc Reviewer**

Journal of Offender Rehabilitation

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Society for Social Work and Research

Student Member

2019-Present

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management

Student Member

2019-Present