

Sarah Jensen

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Education

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin – Madison

In Progress

J.D., University of Wisconsin – Madison

Expected 2023 (deferred admission)

B.A., English, Kenyon College

2018

Research Interests

Crime, Deviance, and Social Control; Law & Society; Juvenile Justice; Mental Illness; Probation; Diversion; Problem-Solving Courts

Honors and Awards

Law School Scholarship, University of Wisconsin – Madison (Law School)

2018

Samson Fellowship, University of Wisconsin – Madison (Law School)

2018

Two-Year Graduate School Fellowship, University of Wisconsin – Madison (Sociology)

2018

Magna Cum Laude, Kenyon College

2018

Merit List, Kenyon College

2014–2018

Paper Presentations

Erler, H. Abbie and **Jensen, Sarah**. “Mass Shootings and Mental Illness: Public Perceptions, Policy Responses, and Legal Action.” Paper to be presented at the Law and Society Association, Annual Meeting (Toronto, Canada): June 7–10, 2018.

Erler, H. Abbie and **Jensen, Sarah**. “Mental Illness and the Transformation of Juvenile Justice.” Paper to be presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Conference (Chicago, Illinois): April 5–8, 2018.

Erler, H. Abbie and **Jensen, Sarah**. “Incentivizing Compliance: The Use of Rewards and Sanctions in a Juvenile Mental Health Court.” Paper presented at the Law & Society Association, International Meeting (Mexico City, Mexico): June 20–23, 2017.

Erler, H. Abbie and **Jensen, Sarah**. “Producing Mental Health: The Function of Discourse in Juvenile Mental Health Courts.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Conference (Chicago, Illinois): April 6–9, 2017.

Professional Conferences

Erler, H. Abbie and **Jensen, Sarah**. “Juvenile Mental Health Courts: Specialized Dockets Supporting Youth with Mental Illness.” Workshop to be presented at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Conference on Juvenile Justice (San Diego, California): March 18–21, 2018.

Research Experience

John W. Adams Post-Baccalaureate Socio-Legal Scholar

May 2018–July 2018

- Project Title: “Mass Shootings and Mental Illness: Public Perceptions, Policy Responses, and Legal Action”
 - Qualitative study analyzing local news discourse regarding mental illness in the wake of a mass shooting and examining whether these findings correlate with state and local legislation

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John W. Adams Socio-Legal Scholar

May 2017-August 2017

- Project Title: “Incentivizing Compliance: The Use of Rewards and Sanctions in a Juvenile Mental Health Court”
 - Quantitative study investigating the impact of court outcomes on participant behavior in a juvenile mental health court

Knox County Juvenile Mental Health Court

June 2016-July 2018

- Conducted mixed-methods program evaluation of specialized docket over the course of 2+ years

John W. Adams Socio-Legal Scholar

May 2016-August 2016

- Project Title: “Mental Health Courts: An Innovative Approach to Decriminalize Mental Illness”
 - Qualitative study surveying mental health court practices in the state of Ohio

Service

Knox County Juvenile Mental Health Court Mentoring Program

January 2017-July 2018

- Founded and coordinated a mentoring program pairing youth probationers living with mental illness with Kenyon College students

Knox County Juvenile Mental Health Court Study Hours

March 2017-May 2018

- Founded and coordinated an academic enrichment program providing additional support to youth probationers living with mental illness

Ohio Attorney General Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness

June 2016-December 2017

- Examined the intersection between mental illness and the justice system in collaboration with major political figures, mental health professionals, and law enforcement agents

National Alliance on Mental Illness on Campus: Kenyon College

May 2016-May 2018

- Founded and coordinated a student organization aimed to destigmatize mental illness, educate the public about mental health conditions, and advocate for neurodivergent individuals

National Alliance on Mental Illness: Knox/Licking Counties

April 2016-May 2018

- Served on the Board of Trustees to oversee mental health programming in central Ohio