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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Washington, Sociology, In Progress.

Dissertation: Labor Unions and the Development of the Penal State

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Megan Ming Francis

M.A. University of Washington, Sociology, 2020.

B.A. University of Oklahoma, Psychology, Philosophy (minor), 2012.

RESEARCH AREAS

Punishment; Law & Society; Prison Labor; Monetary Sanctions; Historical Sociology; Penal History

PUBLICATIONS - PEER REVIEWED

Shannon, Sarah, Alexes Harris, **Tyler Smith**, Mary Pattillo, Andrea Giuffre, Aubrianne Sutherland, Robert Stewart, and Ilya Slavinski. 2025. "It's like a Reverse Robin Hood - We All Know They Can't Pay: How Court Actors Navigate the Competing Logics of Monetary Sanctions." *Criminology*, 63, 26-57.

Smith, Tyler, Kristina Thompson, and Michele Cadigan. 2022. "Sensemaking in the Legal System: A Comparative Case Study of Changes to Monetary Sanction Laws." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, 8(1), 63-81.

Harris, Alexes, and **Tyler Smith**. 2022. "Monetary Sanctions as Chronic and Acute Health Stressors: The Emotional and Physical Strain of People who Owe Court Fines and Fees." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, 8(2), 36-56.

O'Neill, Kate, **Tyler Smith**, and Ian Kennedy. 2022. "County Dependence on Monetary Sanctions: Implications for Women's Incarceration." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, 8(2), 157-172.

Cadigan, Michele and **Tyler Smith** (*equal authorship). 2021. "Are you Able-Bodied?: Embodying Accountability in the Modern Criminal Justice System." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 37(1), 25-44.

Harris, Alexes, **Tyler Smith**, and Emmi Obara. 2019. "Justice 'Cost Points': Examination of Privatization within Public Systems of Justice." *Criminology & Public Policy*, 18, 343-359.

Beasley, Lana, Leigh Ridings, **Tyler Smith**, Jennifer Shields, Jane Silovksy, William Beasley, and David Bard. 2018. "A Qualitative Evaluation of Engagement and Attrition in a Nurse Home Visiting Program: From the Participant and Provider Perspective." *Prevention Science*, 19(4), 528-537.

PUBLICATIONS – UNDER REVIEW

Smith, Tyler. "To Protect Honest Labor: Labor Unions, Prison Labor, and the Discursive Field of Punishment." Under Review.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

2024	Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG) – <i>American Sociological Association</i>
2023	Graduate Student Research Grant – <i>University of Washington Department of Sociology</i>
2021	Clarence and Elissa Schrag Endowed Fellowship – <i>University of Washington Department of Sociology</i>
2018	Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable mention– <i>National Science Foundation</i>
2016	Top Scholar Award – <i>University of Washington Graduate School</i>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS & WRITINGS

Smith, Tyler, and Alexes Harris. 2023. "The United Payment (UP) Program and Washington State Driver's License Suspension Laws." White Paper. University of Washington.

Cadigan, Michele, **Tyler Smith**, and Alexes Harris. 2023. "Monetary Sanctions in the Age of Mass Incarceration: Addressing the Harms of Mass Criminal Legal Debt." In *Beyond Bars: A Path Forward from 50 Years of Mass Incarceration*, edited by K. Budd, D. Lane, G. Muschert, and J. Smith. Bristol: Policy Press.

Cadigan, Michele, **Tyler Smith**, and Alexes Harris. 2023. "Monetary Sanctions are a Barrier to Successfully Addressing Mass Incarceration." Blog of United States Politics and Policy (London School of Economics), <https://bit.ly/44Qy9XF>.

Kirk, Gabriela, Daniel Boches, Michele Cadigan, and **Tyler Smith**. 2019. "'What are You Here for?' Graduate Student Positionality in Qualitative Research." *The Criminologist Doctoral Student Forum*, 44(5), 40-42.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

2020 Alexes Harris, **Tyler Smith**, and Emmi Obara. "Justice 'Cost Points': Examination of Privatization within Public Systems of Justice." Paper presentation to the West Coast Poverty Center's Criminal Justice Roundtable, University of Washington, Seattle.

Conference Presentations

- 2025 **Smith, Tyler**. "To Protect Honest Labor: Labor Unions, Prison Labor, and the Discursive Field of Punishment." Session presentation at *American Sociological Association*, Chicago.
- 2024 **Smith, Tyler**. "Punishment as Labor: Labor Unions and the Historical Struggle to Classify Prison Work." Roundtable paper at *American Sociological Association*, Montreal.
- 2024 **Smith, Tyler**. "Punishment as Labor: Labor Unions and the Historical Struggle to Classify Prison Work." Session presentation at *Law & Society Association*, Denver.
- 2023 **Smith, Tyler**. "Prisoner, Laborer, or Slave: The Historical Struggle over Classifying Prison Laborers." Roundtable paper at *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia.
- 2022 O'Neill, Kate, **Tyler Smith**, and Ian Kennedy. "County Dependence on Monetary Sanctions: Implications for Women's Incarceration." Session presentation at *American Sociological Association*, Los Angeles.
- 2021 **Smith, Tyler**, Kristina Thompson, and Michele Cadigan. "Sensemaking in the Legal System: A Comparative Case study of Changes to Monetary Sanction Laws" Paper presented at *Russell Sage Foundation Conference: The Cost of Justice- An Eight-State Study of Monetary Sanctions*, Virtual.
- 2021 Michele Cadigan and **Tyler Smith**. "'Are you Able-Bodied?' Embodying Accountability in the Criminal Justice System." Paper presented at *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Virtual.
- 2020 **Tyler Smith**. "The Net of Privatized Punishment: Examining the use of Private Probation in Colorado." Session presentation at *Law & Society Association*, Virtual.
- 2018 Cadigan, Michele, and **Tyler Smith**. "Controlling the Flow of Information Inside the Prison: The Role of the Prison Library." Poster presentation at *American Sociology of Criminology*, Atlanta.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2022 – 2024 Research Assistant – *Monetary Sanctions Collective*; PI: Alexes Harris
- 2018 – 2020 Research Assistant – *Multi-State Study of Monetary Sanctions*; PI: Alexes Harris
- 2012 – 2016 Research Technician – *OUHSC Center on Child Abuse and Neglect*; Supervisor: Jane Silovsky

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

2025 (Summer)	Introduction to Criminology
2024 (Summer)	Introduction to Criminology

Teaching Assistant

2021 (Fall)	Crime, Politics, and Justice	Instructor: Magda Boutros
2021 (Spring)	Data and Society	Instructor: Zach Almquist
2020 (Winter)	Deviance and Social Control	Instructor: Heather Evans
2020 (Fall)	Law & Society	Instructor: Ann Frost
2018 (Spring)	Deviance and Social Control	Instructor: Callie Burt
2018 (Winter)	Drugs & Society	Instructor: Katherine Beckett
2017 (Fall)	Methods of Social Inquiry	Instructor: Kyle Crowder

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
 American Society of Criminology
 Law & Society Association
 Social Science History Association

SERVICE

Section Service

2023 – 2024	Web Editor – Comparative-Historical Section of ASA
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Reviewer

2025 (Summer)	Reviewer- <i>Criminology & Public Policy</i>
2023 (Fall)	Reviewer – <i>Demography</i>
2022 (Fall)	Reviewer – <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>

Student Advising

2023 – 2024	Advisor – UW Sociology Honors Student
2022 – 2023	Advisor – UW Sociology Honors Student