

# Mahri Irvine, PhD

## Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

- PhD in Anthropology May 2014  
American University, Washington, DC  
*Dissertation Title: "A Lot of People are Being Locked Up because A Lot of People are Numbing Themselves": Rape Culture in the Lives of Incarcerated Women in Washington, D.C.*
- Graduate Certificate in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies May 2014  
American University, Washington, DC
- MA in Public Anthropology May 2013  
American University, Washington, DC
- BA in Anthropology and English, *Summa Cum Laude* May 2007  
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN
- Undergraduate Certificate in Museum Studies May 2007  
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2016 – present      Director of Campus Initiatives  
Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault  
Indianapolis, IN  
*Responsible for creating, managing, and ensuring success of federally-funded statewide campus consortium; responsible for developing campus SARTs and improving campus procedures for sexual violence response and prevention on 10 campuses*
- 2015 – 2016      IU Statewide Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Specialist  
Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis  
Indianapolis, IN  
*Responsible for conducting needs assessments and providing guidance and assistance to six Indiana University campuses*

## **ADJUNCT FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

- 2017 – present      Faculty  
Department of Anthropology  
Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis  
Indianapolis, IN
- 2013 – 2015      Assistant Professor  
Department of Anthropology  
St. Mary’s College of Maryland  
St. Mary’s City, MD
- 2011 – present      Professorial Lecturer  
Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program  
American University  
Washington, D.C.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

- 2016                      “In My Head, I Didn’t Feel Like I Had Done Anything Wrong”: Women’s  
Experiences Prostituting Women and Girls. *Studies in Law, Politics, and  
Society* 71:19-42.
- 2012                      Public Anthropology in the Field: Balancing Dual Identities as Researcher  
and Staff Member. *North American Dialogue* 15(1):17-22.

### **Book Manuscript in Preparation**

Violence, Victim-Blaming, and Structural Inequalities: Rape Culture in  
the Lives of Incarcerated Women. First round of review for NYU Press in  
2015; next submission in March 2018.

### **Web-Based Publications**

- 2011                      Praxis and Collaborative Action in the Midst of Hegemonic Bureaucracy.  
*Society for Applied Anthropology* online newsletter.
- 2010                      Myth-Busting: False Rape Reports. *American University American Way  
of Life* online magazine.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2016	College Sexual Assault Policy and Prevention Initiative, United States Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health (\$643,000; three years) (co-authored grant)
2016	Rape Prevention and Education, Indiana State Department of Health (\$195,000; one year) (co-authored grant)
2013	Dissertation Fellowship Award, American University (\$10,000; one year)
2012	Doctoral Student Research Award, American University
2011	Mellon Graduate Student Research Award, American University
2011-2012	Merit Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, American University
2010-2011	Merit Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, American University
2009-2010	Merit Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, American University
2008-2009	Merit Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, American University

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND TRAININGS

2018	Impact of Trauma on Students. Midwest Regional Gender Studies Consortium. 60-minute presentation. February 16.
2017	Adult and Adolescent Victims of Sexual Violence; Offender Typologies and Characteristics; and Campus Sexual Assault. 90-minute training. Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner statewide didactic training. September 14.
2017	Intersection of Education and Domestic Violence: Prevention and Response on College Campuses. 90-minute training. Domestic Violence Network. July 11.
2017	Neurobiology of Trauma, False Reports, and Trauma-Informed Investigations. 120-minute training. Indiana Core 40 Victim Advocacy Training. May 24.
2017	Best Practices for Preventing and Responding to Campus Sexual Assault: The Value and Importance of Title IX. 120-minute panel. Freedom From Sexploitation National Policy Briefing. National Center on Sexual Exploitation. March 20.
2016	Neurobiology of Trauma, False Reports, and Trauma-Informed Investigations. 120-minute training. Indiana Core 40 Victim Advocacy Training. November 16.
2016	Rape Culture: Defining, Identifying, and Critiquing Rape Culture Norms. 90-minute training. Indiana Core 40 Victim Advocacy Training. November 14.

- 2016 Sexual Violence in the United States: History, Resistance, and Culture Change. 60-minute training. Indiana Core 40 Victim Advocacy Training. November 14.
- 2016 Language, Violence, and Victim-Blaming. 120-minute training. Indiana University Southeast. October 19.
- 2016 Working with Formerly and Currently Incarcerated Women: Considerations for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners. 120-minute training. Indiana chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nurses. August 16.
- 2016 Rape Myths and Personal Biases: How Culture and Life Experiences Affect our Responses to Sexual Violence Allegations. 90-minute training. Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis. April 14.
- 2015 Women's Pathways to Crime and Prison: Psychological and Social Impact of Gender-Based Violence. 120-minute training. *and* Structural Violence in the Lives of Incarcerated Women. 120-minute. South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Charleston, SC. October 2.
- 2013 Interrupting Violence: A Critical Dialogue. 120-minute panel. University of Maryland, College Park, MD. February 26.
- 2010 Responding to Sexual Violence Disclosures: How to Help Survivors and Take Care of Yourself. 60-minute training. American University. September 4.

## **INVITED CONSULTATIONS**

- 2017 American Bar Association Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence. Project on Improving Campus Student Conduct Processes for Domestic, Dating, Sexual and Stalking Violence. Peer Reviewer.

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

### **In-Depth Trainings**

- 2017 Women's Pathways to Crime and Prison: The Psychological, Social, and Legal Impact of Sexual Victimization. 90-minute training. National Center for Victims of Crime National Training Institute. December 7.

- 2017 Strengthening Our Movement through Self-Reflection and Solidarity. 120-minute workshop and panel. Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault conference. April 10.
- 2016 Gender-Based Violence in Women’s Pathways to Prison: Understanding the Impact of Violence in Incarcerated Women’s Lives. 120-minute training. National Sexual Assault Conference. August 31 – September 2.
- 2015 Gender-Based Violence in Women’s Pathways to Prison: Understanding the Impact of Violence in Incarcerated Women’s Lives. 75-minute training. Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence conference. October 27.
- 2015 Gender-Based Violence in Women’s Pathways to Prison: Understanding How High Rates of Pre-Incarceration Trauma Influence Women’s Decisions to Commit Crimes. 90-minute training. End Violence Against Women International conference. April 9.

### **Presentations**

- 2017 Engaging New Voices to Counter Sexual Violence: Sharing Initial Data from the College Sexual Assault Policy & Prevention Initiative. 75-minute panel. Improving Population Health: Now, Across People’s Lives and Across Generations to Come. October 2.
- 2014 Helping Students Negotiate Emotional Responses when Learning about Gender-Based Violence. American Anthropological Association. December 3-7.
- 2013 “I’m Feeling that I’m Releasing Something”: The Potentially Therapeutic Nature of Research Interviews. American Anthropological Association. November 20-24.
- 2013 An Auto-Ethnography of Anger: Why I Support a Punitive State. Society for Anthropology of North America. March 15-16.
- 2012 Ideological Values of Self-Sufficiency in Formerly Incarcerated Women’s Narratives: Identifying Connections between Neoliberalism, Drug Treatment Programs, and Christianity. American Anthropological Association. November 13-18.
- 2012 Surviving Sexual Violence: Structural Inequities and Systemic Indignities. Society for Applied Anthropology. March 27-31.
- 2011 Punishing Survival? Rethinking the Incarceration of Sexual Violence Survivors. American Anthropological Association. November 15-20.

- 2011 Criminalizing Survival: Preliminary Research Findings on Connections between Sexual Victimization and Incarceration in the United States. National Women's Studies Association. November 10-13.
- 2011 Gender-Based Violence: Confronting Applied, Theoretical, and Methodological Issues roundtable participant. Society for Applied Anthropology. March 29 – April 2.
- 2010 A Critical Feminist Reflection of Street Harassment in Washington, D.C. American Anthropological Association. November 16-21.
- 2010 “Frankly, We Weren’t in Those Meetings”: Identifying and Challenging Hegemonic Bureaucracy in a Rape Crisis Center. Association for Black Anthropologists and Society for Anthropology of North America. April 15-16.
- 2009 Toward an Archaeology of Gender-Based Violence. American Anthropological Association. December 2-6.

### **Conferences Coordinated**

- 2017 ICESA Campus Consortium statewide conference. September 6 – 7.
- 2016 Creating Cultures of Care and Compassion: Commuter and Regional Campuses’ Role in the Prevention of Sexual Violence. Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis. August 11.
- 2014 New Directions in Mental Health Research and Practice. Anthropology and Mental Health Interest Group. American University. December 2.
- 2010 Seventh Annual Public Anthropology Conference: Revolutions! Building Emancipatory Politics and Action. American University. October 16-17.
- 2009 Sixth Annual Public Anthropology Conference: Advancing Social Justice in Times of Crisis. American University. October 9-10.

### **Panels Organized**

- 2014 Teaching about Violence: Helping Students Navigate their Emotional Responses to Learning about Violence. American Anthropological Association. December 3-7.
- 2013 Feminism in the Field: Feminist Reflections on Methodologies, Goals, and Risks during Fieldwork. American Anthropological Association. November 20-24.

- 2009                      When Times of Crisis are the Norm: Activism against Gender-Based Violence. Public Anthropology Conference. October 9-10.
- 2008                      Strengthening the Anti-Sexual Violence Movement. Public Anthropology Conference. October 31 – November 1.

**Discussant**

- 2009                      When Times of Crisis are the Norm: Activism against Gender-Based Violence. Public Anthropology Conference, American University. October 9-10.
- 2008                      Strengthening the Anti-Sexual Violence Movement. Public Anthropology Conference, American University. October 31 – November 1.

**Workshop Organizer and Facilitator**

- 2010                      Revolutionizing Ourselves through Self-Care: Making the Connection between Minds, Bodies, and Research. Public Anthropology Conference. October 16-17.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Instructor of Record**

American University

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| Fall 2017, Fall 2016,<br>Spring 2016, Fall 2015 | Gender and Violence (undergrad, online)                   |
| Spring 2017, Summer 2015                        | Gender, Violence, and Inequality (undergrad/grad, online) |
| Spring 2015, Fall 2014,<br>Spring 2013          | Gender and Violence (undergrad, in-person)                |
| Fall 2012                                       | Gender, Culture, and Conflict (undergrad, in-person)      |
| Spring 2012                                     | Language and Culture (undergrad, in-person)               |
| Summer 2012, Summer 2011                        | Sex, Gender, and Culture (undergrad, in-person)           |

St. Mary's College of Maryland

Summer 2015	Anthropology of Gender and Violence (undergrad, online)
Spring 2015, Fall 2014	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (undergrad, in-person)
Summer 2014, Fall 2014	Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality (undergrad, in-person)
Spring 2014, Fall 2013	Four-Field Introduction to Anthropology (undergrad, in-person)

**Teaching Assistant**

2008 – 2011	Department of Anthropology American University Washington, DC
2007 – 2008	Department of Anthropology Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis Indianapolis, IN

**Advising**

2016	Independent Study Adviser. "Gender and Violence in India." 3-credit project. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program. American University. Summer semester.
2014	Independent Study Adviser. "Gender and Violence." 3-credit project. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program. St. Mary's College of Maryland. Fall semester.
2013	Undergraduate Honors Capstone Adviser. "Sexual Assault Policies on College Campuses: A Beginning Look at Which Policies Influence Reports of Sexual Assault at Institutions of Higher Education." 3-credit project. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program. American University. Spring semester.

**Online Teaching Certifications**

2016	Advanced Online Faculty Training. Training in online pedagogies and technologies. American University.
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2015 Training in online pedagogies and technologies. Development of online “Gender, Violence, and Inequality” graduate/undergraduate course. American University.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### **IRB-Approved Research Studies**

2010 – 2012 Impact of Sexual Victimization on Incarcerated Women. “Open Arms” prison reentry organization. Washington, D.C.

### **Research Assistant**

2010 - 2011 Department of Anthropology, American University.

2007 Center for Aging and Community, University of Indianapolis.

### **Data Coder and Interviewer**

2009 – 2011 Randi Korn & Associates, Inc., Alexandria, VA.

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

2013 – 2015 Webmaster. Anthropology and Mental Health Interest Group

2010 – 2014 List Serve Moderator. Society for Anthropology of North America

2010 – 2013 Peer Reviewer. National Association for Student Anthropologists.

2009 – 2012 Graduate Student Board Member. Society for Anthropology of North America

## **DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2009 Graduate Student Representative. Education Policy Committee. American University

2009 Anthropology Department Graduate Student Representative. College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Council. American University

2008 – 2009 Treasurer. Anthropology Department Student Council. American University

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2010 – present	Society for Applied Anthropology
2017 – present	International Association of Chiefs of Police (academic member)
2009 – 2015	American Anthropological Association
2013 – 2015	Anthropology and Mental Health Interest Group
2012 – 2015	Association for Feminist Anthropology
2010 – 2015	Society for Anthropology of North America

## REFERENCES

### **Lauren Weis, PhD**

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