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EDUCATION

The City University of New York Graduate Center & John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY — Criminal Justice — Ph.D. 2009-2015
Dissertation: *Collisions of the personal and the public in post-Realignment California: How women and frontline workers manage post-incarceration work*
– Graduate Research Fellowship, National Institute of Justice, 2013
– Outstanding Dissertation Award, PhD Program in Criminal Justice, 2015

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA — Social Work — MSW 2005-2008
Concentration: Public Policy & Community Organizing

University of California, Berkeley — Social Welfare — BA 1998-2005

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

San Diego State University - School of Public Affairs
Core faculty in Public Administration, Criminal Justice, & City Planning
– Professor of Public Administration & Criminal Justice 2024-present
– Associate Professor 2019-2024
– Assistant Professor 2015-2019
Institute for Innovative Governance
– Director June 2024-present
Office for Academic Community Engagement (Faculty Advancement and Student Success)
– Academic Director 2022-2024
Social and Economic Vulnerabilities Initiative
– Interim Director Spring 2019
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY
– Presidential Fellow, Misdemeanor Justice Project (Data Collaborative for Justice) 2013-2016
– Research & Special Projects Associate, Prisoner Reentry Institute 2009-2011
Temple University School of Social Administration, Philadelphia, PA
– Research Coordinator (full time) 2008-2009
– Research Assistant 2005-2008
City of Philadelphia Department of Human Services
– MSW Community & Policy Intern, Juvenile Reintegration Initiative 2007-2008
– MSW Intern, Youth Study Center (Philadelphia's main juvenile detention facility) 2006-2007
Case manager for incarcerated youth
University of Pennsylvania Presbyterian Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA 2004-2005
– Mental Health Technician for people in mental health crisis
Mental Health Association of Los Angeles County, The Village Integrated Service Agency 2002-2004
– Personal Service Coordinator for unhoused adults living with co-occurring disorders

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

***= mentored undergraduate or graduate student co-author, **=mentored faculty co-author, ^= community partner collaborator, underlined text=hyperlink to article or abstract:**

Peer-reviewed journal articles published or accepted for publication

1. Gutierrez, N.* & **Welsh Carroll, M**. (2026). "They Really Target People for Helping Other People": The Criminalization of Mutual Aid During Encampment Sweeps in Los Angeles, CA. *Punishment & Society.*

2. **Welsh Carroll, M.** (2025). "It's not something that can wait": Defining and promoting gender-inclusive standards for WaSH access for Californians without housing. *Health & Place, 95*.

3. Sangsefidi, Y.,* Rios, A.,* Bagheri, K.,* **Welsh Carroll, M.**, Davani, H.** (2025). Integrating social data and engineering solutions for developing resilient water infrastructure against coastal climate change. *Scientific Reports, 15*, 7241.

4. **Welsh Carroll, M.,** O'Donnell, R.,* Rios, A.,* Kodituwakku, L.,* Zampa, G.,* Swayne, M.R.E.,** Felner, J.K.,** Calzo, J.P. (2025). There's no place to go in "America's Finest City": Basic sanitation deprivation as punishment in San Diego, California, USA. *Punishment & Society, 27*(1).

5. Rios, A.,* Davani, H.,** & **Welsh Carroll, M.** (2024). Perceptions of flooding risk and water resilience in the southernmost city in California. *Resilience Findings*.

6. Calzo, J., Carson, J., Felner, J.,** Swayne, M.R.E.,** & **Welsh Carroll, M.** (2024). Restroom access and health among people experiencing homelessness: A focus on San Diego, CA. *Journal of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Development, 14*(11), 1155–1168.

7. Swayne, M.R.E.,** Calzo, J.P., Felner, J.K.,** & **Welsh Carroll, M.** (2023). Developing evidence for building sanitation justice: A multi methods approach to understanding public restroom quantity, quality, accessibility, and user experiences. *PLoS ONE, 18*(7): e0288525.

8. Hoang, T.,* Felner, J.,** Flanigan, S.T., & **Welsh Carroll, M.** (2023). Psychological costs and administrative burdens produce systemic service avoidance among people experiencing homelessness. *Journal of Health and Human Services Administration, 45*(3), 220-242.
   – **Best Article Award of 2023** from the *Journal of Health and Human Services Administration*

9. Rios, A.,* O'Donnell, R.,* Swayne, M.,** **Welsh Carroll, M.** (2023). Where can you go on the go? An assessment of public restroom access along transit in San Diego, CA, USA. *Transport Findings*.
   – **Featured in** Halverstadt, L. (June 27, 2023). SDSU Analysis: Restroom Access Lacking Along Trolley Lines. *Voice of San Diego.*

10. Adams, B., **Welsh Carroll, M.,** & Gutierrez III, N.* (2023). Community Acceptance of, and Opposition to, Homeless-Serving Facilities. *International Journal on Homelessness, 3*(2), 156-183.

11. **Welsh Carroll, M.,** Flanigan, S., & Gutierrez III, N.* (2022). Black lives experiencing homelessness matter: A critical conceptual framework for understanding how policing drives system avoidance among vulnerable populations. *Public Integrity*, *25*(3), 285-300.

– **Public impact:** Invited presentation to San Diego City Council, March 14, 2023.
– **Featured in** Hargrove, D. (2023, March 13). 'I know I'm Black, but I'm not a criminal' | SDSU researchers find racism in SDPD's treatment of unhoused Black people | cbs8.com
– **Featured in** Halverstadt, L. (2023, March 15). Council Grapples With Report on Policing Impacts Unhoused Black San Diegans*, Voice of San Diego*

12. **Welsh, M.,** Chanin, J., & Henry, S. (2021). Complex colorblindness in police processes and practices. *Social Problems, 68*(2), 374-392.

13. Chanin, J. & **Welsh, M.** (2021). Examining the validity of traffic stop data: A mixed-methods analysis of police officer compliance. *Police Quarterly, 24*(1), 3-30.

14. Flanigan, S. & **Welsh, M.** (2021). Unmet needs of individuals experiencing homelessness near San Diego waterways: The roles of displacement and overburdened service systems. *Journal of Health and Human Services Administration, 43*(2), 105-130.
– **Best Article Award of 2021** from the *Journal of Health and Human Services Administration*

15. Verbyla, M., Calderon, J., Flanigan, S., Garcia, M., Gersberg, R., Kinoshita, A., Mladenov, N., Pinongcos, F., & **Welsh, M**. (2021). An assessment of ambient water quality and challenges with access to water and sanitation services for individuals experiencing homelessness in riverine encampments. *Environmental Engineering Science, 38*(5), 389-401.
– Selected for the AEESP spotlight (Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors) via a competitive process by the publications committee which features especially important contributions to the journal.

16. Abdel-Samad, M., Calzo, J., Felner, J., Urada, L., Verbyla, M., Madanat, H., Adams, B., Alves, T., Appleyard, B., Chanin, J., Flanigan, S., Foad, H., Ginsberg, M., Higgins, M., Ko, E., Maher, K., Mladenov, N., Peattie, P., **Welsh, M**., & Sleet, D. (2021). Conceptualizing an interdisciplinary collective impact approach to examine and intervene in the chronic cycle of homelessness. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 18*(4).

17. **Welsh, M.** & Leyva, K.* (2020). Collisions of the personal and the public: How front-line welfare workers manage carceral citizens. *Affilia: Feminist Inquiry in Social Work, 35*(1), 17-33.

18. **Welsh, M.** (2019). Conceptualizing the personal touch: Experiential knowledge and gendered strategies in community supervision work. *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, 48*(3), 311-338.

19. **Welsh, M.** (2019). How formerly incarcerated women confront the limits of caring and the burdens of control amid California's carceral realignment. *Feminist Criminology, 14*(1), 89-114.
– Winner of the American Society of Criminology's Division on Women and Crime graduate student paper competition, 2015.

20. **Welsh, M.** & Abdel-Samad, M. (2018). "You're an embarrassment": Un-housed people's understandings of policing in downtown San Diego. *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society, 19*(3), 33-49.
– **Featured by** the Urban Institute's Housing Matters initiative: How Do Unhoused People in Downtown San Diego Perceive Police Treatment? | Housing Matters

21. **Welsh, M.** (2018). "We are humans first": Expanding learning outcomes in an undergraduate research

methods course through an experiential learning project on homelessness. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education, 29*(3), 414-435.

22. Barrett, C. & **Welsh, M.** (2018). Petty crimes and harassment: How community residents understand low-level enforcement in three high-crime neighborhoods in New York City. *Qualitative Sociology, 41*(2), 173-197.

23. Chanin, J., **Welsh, M.**, & Nurge, D. (2018). Traffic enforcement through the lens of race: A sequential analysis of post-stop outcomes in San Diego, California. *Criminal Justice Policy Review, 29*(6-7), 561-583.
    – **Featured on** the London School of Economics' American Politics and Policy blog: Police use traffic stops as a form of 'catch and release' to disproportionately target Black Americans. | USAPP

24. **Welsh, M.** (2017). "Losing the humanity of the street": Tracing the evolution of low-level enforcement in New York City. *Qualitative Criminology, (5)*2, 227-260.

25. **Welsh, M.** (2015). Categories of exclusion: The transformation of formerly-incarcerated women into "Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents" in welfare processing. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare, 42*(2), 55-77.

26. **Welsh, M.** & Rajah, V. (2014). Rendering invisible punishments visible: Using Institutional Ethnography in feminist criminology. *Feminist Criminology, 9*(4), 323-343.

Papers/projects in progress

1. Felner, J., Calzo, J., Binavi, T., Slewa, I., & **Welsh Carroll, M.** Photovoice as Critical Pedagogy for Participatory Community Health Assessment: Examining Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Access on a University Campus.

2. Arceo, M. & **Welsh Carroll, M.** San Diego Homeless Response System of Care Needs Assessment.

3. Dalton, P., DeStefano, P., Peattie, P., & **Welsh Carroll, M.** Action Research to Address the Specific Health, Healthcare, and Safety Needs of Women on the Street in San Diego, California.

4. Petersen, E., Mewkill, A., & **Welsh Carroll, M.** "You Have to Know It's There:" Gender-Neutral Restroom Access on a U.S. Public University Campus.

5. Lindlar, N., Barakos-Zweifel, E., Cupani, B., & **Welsh Carroll, M.** Action research to identify, develop, and test short-term interventions to provide advanced flood warning notifications to unhoused communities living near the San Diego River.

Peer-reviewed book chapters

1. **Welsh Carroll, M.** (2024). Studying out: Institutional ethnographic fieldwork as post-incarceration activism. In Doll, A., Bisaillon, L, & Walby, K. (Eds.) *Political Activist Ethnography: Studies in the Social Relations of Struggle.* Edmonton: Athabasca University Press.

2. **Welsh, M.** (2020). Women's experiences of the criminal justice system. In *The Routledge Companion to Rehabilitative Work in Criminal Justice,* Raynor, P., McNeil, F., Taxman, F., Trotter, C., Ugwudike, P., & Graham, H. (Eds.). Routledge.

3. Kaufman, N. & **Welsh, M.** (2020). Contested forms of knowledge in the criminal-legal system: Evidence-based practice and other ways of knowing among front-line workers. In *Institutional Ethnography Handbook*, Luken, P. & Vaughn, S. (Eds.). Palgrave MacMillan.

4. Henry, S., Chanin, J., **Welsh, M.**, & Nurge, D. (2019). Police noncompliance: Why law enforcers may deviate from laws, rules, and reform procedures. In *Contextualizing Compliance: Individual Motivations, Social Processes, and Institutional Design*, Siddiki, S., Heikkila, T., & Espinosa, S. (Eds.). Routledge.

Public research reports

1. **Welsh Carroll, M.**, Calzo, J., Felner, J., Kellogg, D., Mladenov, N., O'Donnell, R., Swayne, M., & Verbyla, M. (2024, June). *Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Services: Basic Standards of Care for All Californians*. San Diego, CA: Project for Sanitation Justice.

2. **Welsh Carroll, M.**, O'Donnell, R.,* Rios, A.,* Swayne, M.,** Felner, J.,** & Calzo, J. (2022, December). *Public restroom access in Downtown San Diego*. San Diego State University: Project for Sanitation Justice.
   Research presented to and cited by 2022/2023 San Diego County Grand Jury in Downtown Area Public Restrooms in the City of San Diego: Stop Kicking the Can down the Road.
   – **Featured in** Halverstadt, L. (2023, June 6). Proposed camping ban aims to transform San Diego's homelessness epicenter. *Voice of San Diego.*
   – **Featured in** *San Diego Union-Tribune* Editorial Board op-ed (2022, December 14): Opinion: Persistence of Downtown San Diego bathroom nightmare fuels frustration over homelessness

3. **Welsh Carroll, M.,** Swayne, M.,** Rios, A.,* & O'Donnell, R.* (2022, March). *Public restrooms in San Diego: A regional assessment*. San Diego State University: Project for Sanitation Justice.
   – **Featured in** McWhinney, J. & Halverstadt, L. (2022, April 4). San Diego Still Working to Add More Downtown Restrooms. *Voice of San Diego.*

4. Adams, B., **Welsh, M., &** Gutierrez III, N.* (2021). *Community Acceptance and Opposition to Homeless-Serving Facilities.* San Diego State University: Social and Economic Vulnerabilities Initiative.

5. Mladenov, M., Verbyla, M., Kinoshita, A., Gersberg, R., **Welsh, M**. & Flanigan, S. (2020). *Increasing preparedness in the San Diego River watershed for potential contamination events.* Report and presentation to the San Diego River Conservancy.

6. Cirina-Chiu, C., Battapadi, D., **Welsh, M.**, & Braun, M. (2017). *Validation of the Imperial County Sheriff's Office Pretrial Assessment Instrument.* Report produced by the Social Science Research Lab at SDSU and submitted to the Imperial County Chief Deputy of Corrections on May 31, 2017.

7. Chanin, J., **Welsh, M.,** Nurge, D., & Henry, S. (2016). *Traffic enforcement in San Diego: An analysis of SDPD vehicle stops in 2014 and 2015.* Report presented to the San Diego City Council's Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods committee on October 26, 2016 and November 30, 2016, and presented to the full City Council on February 27, 2017.
   – **Featured in** Mento, T. (2016, November 30). Council members, community hope real change will come after SDPD report. *KPBS.*

8. **Welsh, M.** & Abdel-Samad, M. (2016). *An assessment of homeless individuals' perceptions of service accessibility in downtown San Diego.* Report completed through the Sage Project with students in my CJ 540 class (Spring 2016), and presented to members of the City of San Diego executive staff on October 5, 2016.

9. Chauhan, P., Warner, T., Fera, A., Balazon, E., Lu, O., & **Welsh, M,** with an introduction by Jeremy Travis. (2015). *Tracking enforcement rates in New York City, 2003-2014.* Report presented to the Citizens Crime Commission. New York, NY: John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

10. Chauhan, P., **Welsh, M.,** Fera, A., & Balazon, E., with an introduction by Jeremy Travis. (2015). *The summons report: Trends in issuance and dispositions of summonses in New York City.* Report presented to the Citizens Crime Commission. New York, NY: John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
    – **Featured in** O'Brien, R.D. & Shallwani, P. (2015, April 27). Officials debate decriminalizing minor offenses. *The Wall Street Journal*.

11. **Welsh, M.** (2014). *Formerly-incarcerated people's encounters with the welfare system: Findings and recommendations.* Submitted to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services.

12. Chauhan, P., Fera, A., **Welsh, M.**, Balazon, E., & Misshula, E. with an introduction by Jeremy Travis. (2014). *Trends in misdemeanor arrest rates in New York.* Report presented to the Citizens Crime Commission. New York, NY: John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
    – **Featured in** Goodman, J.D. (2014, October 28). Crime dips in New York as misdemeanor arrests rise, report says. *The New York Times.*

Policy briefs

1. Felner, J.,** **Welsh, M.,** & Calzo, J. (2020, February 11). *Increasing access to public bathrooms is critical for San Diegans' health.* Scholars Strategy Network.

2. **Welsh, M.** & Felner, J.** (2020, February 11). *Why cities must end their reliance on police to manage homelessness – and how they can do it.* Scholars Strategy Network.

Invited academic talks

1. *Environmental justice impacts of WASH-related challenges on the unhoused population in the San Diego River area.* Permanent Forum on Binational Waters. July 24, 2025

2. *Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Services: Basic Standards of Care for All Californians.* California State Library - CRB Nexus. March 14, 2025

3. *Black Lives Experiencing Homelessness Matter: Understanding How Policing Drives System Avoidance Among Vulnerable Populations.* With Shawn Flanigan. Invited presentation to San Diego City Council, March 14, 2023.
    Featured in Hargrove, D. (2023, March 13). 'I know I'm Black, but I'm not a criminal' | SDSU researchers find racism in SDPD's treatment of unhoused Black people | cbs8.com
    Featured in Halverstadt, L. (2023, March 15). Council Grapples With Report on Policing Impacts Unhoused Black San Diegans

4. *HUMC 394: Homelessness in the U.S. – Intersections with Race and Policing*, University of San Diego. October 27, 2021. Talk title: "You're an embarrassment": Un-housed people's experiences of racialized policing in San Diego.

5. *Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (JEDI) Scholars series*, convened by the Center for Inclusive Excellence at SDSU. February 2021. Talk title: "Colorblind Racism in Police Processes and Practices."

6. *Gender Justice in the 2020 Elections*, convened by the SDSU Department of Women's Studies. October 14, 2020.

7. *(Re)Frame: Structural Racism Across the Disciplines series*, convened by the Institute for Dialogue and Social Justice and the Center for Transformative Justice. September 18, 2020.

8. Chanin, J., **Welsh, M. (presenter),** & Nurge, D. (2017). Traffic enforcement through the lens of race: A sequential analysis of post-stop outcomes in San Diego, California. Paper invited and presented at the Misdemeanor Justice Conference, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York City.

9. Research presentation, "Realigning justice? Prisoner reentry in an era of decarceration." SDSU *Discovery Slam*, November 10, 2015.

Papers presented at professional conferences (selected and since SDSU only):

1. Felner, J.K.,** **Welsh Carroll, M.,** Swayne, M.R.E.,** Woodson, M.^, Watanabe, M.,^ Lopez, C.,^ Turner, L.,^ Vazquez Ramirez, J.,* Brandsness, A.,* Lopez, A., Kellogg, D., & Calzo, J.P. (2023). Is the public truly opposed to increased public restroom access? Insights from a participatory assessment to drive policy change in San Diego, CA. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition, Atlanta, GA.

2. Schultze-Allen, P., Yin, L., Atre, V., & **Welsh Carroll, M**. (2023). Unhoused Populations and Water Quality Impacts: Municipal Best Management Practices From the Bay Area and San Diego. California Stormwater Quality Association Annual Conference.

3. **Welsh Carroll, M.,** O'Donnell, R.,* Zampa, G.,* Chavez, R.,* Calzo, J.P., Felner, J.K.,** Swayne, M.R.E.,** Kodituwakku, L.,* Rios, A.* (2023). There's no place to go in "America's Finest City": Basic sanitation deprivation as punishment in San Diego, California, USA. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting.

4. Sangsefidi, Y.,* Rios, A.,* Bagheri, K.,* Davani, H.,** & **Welsh Carroll, M**. (2023). Social Data Analytics and Numerical Modeling of Resilient Infrastructure Systems for Stormwater Drainage. World Environmental & Water Resources Congress.

5. Rios, A.,* O'Donnell, R.,* Swayne, M.,** & **Welsh Carroll, M.** (2022). Lessons Learned from Building a Spatial Database of Public Restrooms in San Diego, USA. Paper presentation for panel on Using GIS to Answer Sociological Questions. Society for the Study of Social Problems.

6. **Welsh Carroll, M.,** Swayne, M.,** Rios, A.* (2022) Mobilizing for Sanitation Justice in San Diego, USA: Key Takeaways from a Public Restrooms Needs Assessment. Critical dialogue session on Social Problems Research and Sustainable Development Goals. Society for the Study of Social Problems.

7. **Welsh, M.,** Gutierrez III, N.,* & Flanigan, S. (2021). Black lives experiencing homelessness matter: Perspectives of policing from African Americans experiencing homelessness in San Diego. Society for the Study of Social Problems. Panel presentation, August 2021.

– Paper also presented by student co-author for SDSU's Student Research Symposium 2021

8. Adams, B., Gutierrez III, N.,* & **Welsh, M.** (2021). An examination of attitudes toward homelessness and homeless-serving facilities in San Diego, CA. Society for the Study of Social Problems. Panel presentation.

9. **Welsh, M.,** Gutierrez III, N.,* & Flanigan, S. (2021). Black lives experiencing homelessness matter: Perspectives of policing and other institutional interactions from African Americans experiencing homelessness in San Diego. Public Administration Theory Network Conference.

10. **Welsh, M.** & Flanigan, S. (2020). Using research to drive homeless policy: Partnerships between universities and the homeless system of care. San Diego Housing Federation annual conference.

11. **Welsh, M.** "We are humans first": Implementing an experiential learning project on homelessness in the criminal justice classroom. Division on Women and Crime Professional Development seminar: Teacher Training and Pedagogy on Experiential Learning. Paper presentation at 2019 American Society of Criminology annual meeting, San Francisco.

12. **Welsh, M.**, Flanigan, S., & Verbyla, M. Homelessness, health, and the natural environment: The hygiene and sanitation practices and survival strategies of unhoused people dwelling near the San Diego River. Paper presentation at 2019 American Society of Criminology annual meeting, San Francisco.

13. **Welsh, M.** & Flanigan, S. Unmet needs of individuals experiencing homelessness near San Diego waterways: The roles of displacement and overburdened service systems. Paper presentation at 2019 Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, NYC.

14. Kaufman, N. & **Welsh, M.** Contested forms of knowledge in the criminal-legal system: Tracing the evolution of "evidence-based practice" and front-line worker resistance. Paper presentation at 2019 Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, NYC.

15. **Welsh, M.,** Flanigan, S., Garcia, M., Mladenov, N., & Verbyla, M. Water, sanitation, and hygiene for people experiencing homelessness: A transdisciplinary approach for developing sustainable solutions. Water, Health, & Environmental Justice in Marginalized Communities symposium in the Division of Environmental Chemistry for the American Chemical Society annual meeting.

16. Flanigan, S. & **Welsh, M.** (2019). Homelessness and access to water and sanitation in the San Diego Riverbed. Lighting talk presentation at the Sustainability Shorts: Water and Poverty event at SDSU.

17. **Welsh, M.** (2019). Teaching research methods through E.P.I.C. partnerships. Panel presentation with other SDSU Sage Project faculty, entitled "University-Municipal Partnerships and the Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities (EPIC-N) Model," at the Western Social Science Association annual meeting, San Diego.

18. Flanigan, S. & **Welsh, M.** (2019). Homelessness and access to water and sanitation in the San Diego Riverbed. Roundtable discussion for a session entitled "Homeless encampments and waterways: Interdisciplinary potential for research and solutions" at the Western Social Science Association annual meeting, San Diego.

19. **Welsh, M.,** Chanin, J., & Henry, S. (2018). Discourses of colorblindness and moral disengagement among police officers. Paper presentation at the Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Philadelphia.

20. **Welsh, M.** (2018). Teaching research methods through E.P.I.C. partnerships. Panel presentation with other SDSU Sage Project faculty, entitled "Matching local government sustainability goals with university capacity," at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management summer conference, Mexico City.

21. **Welsh, M.** (2018). "We are humans first": Implementing an experiential learning project on homelessness in the criminal justice classroom. Paper presentation at the CSU Symposium on University Teaching, Cal Poly Pomona.

22. **Welsh, M.** (2018). "You're an embarrassment": Un-housed people's understandings of policing in the bulimic society. Paper presentation at the Western Society of Criminology annual conference in Long Beach, CA.

23. Chanin, J., **Welsh, M.,** & Nurge, D. (2017). Toward a holistic analysis of traffic stop contexts and outcomes. Complete thematic panel at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting, Philadelphia.

24. **Welsh, M.** & Abdel-Samad, M. (2017). "We are humans first": Expanding learning outcomes in a research methods course through an experiential learning project on homelessness. Thematic panel on interactive and critical issues in teaching at the Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

25. **Welsh, M.** & Chanin, J. (2017). "Nobody knows where it goes": Police officer narratives of the symbolic value of data in policing. Critical dialogue on working with narratives in institutional ethnographic analysis at the Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

26. **Welsh, M.** & Barrett, C. (2016). Trends in misdemeanor enforcement and case processing in New York City: The perspectives of court officials and retired police officers. Thematic panel at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

27. Barrett, C. & **Welsh, M.** (2016). Community residents' narratives of violence, safety, and low-level enforcement. Thematic panel at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting, New Orleans.

28. **Welsh, M.** & Abdel-Samad, M. (2016). "We are all still humans": Teaching research methods to criminal justice and public administration students through an experiential learning project on homelessness. Paper panel at the Rutgers University Teaching Public Administration annual conference, Newark, NJ.

29. **Welsh, M.** (2016). Confronting the limits of caring and the burdens of control in post-Realignment California: Formerly-incarcerated women's self-governance techniques. Paper panel at the Western Society of Criminology annual meeting, Vancouver, BC.

Funded research support (^= community partner collaborator, **=mentored faculty collaborator):

External funding

1. **Welsh Carroll, M** (PI), Calzo, J., Felner, J.,** Mladenov, N., Swayne, M.,** Verbyla, M. (Co-PIs). (April 2023 - June 2024). What should the future of WaSH access and infrastructure look like for unhoused Californians? ($279,840, invite-only competition via California Department of Public Health)

2. Davani, H, (PI) & **Welsh Carroll, M.** (Co-PI). (2022-2024). Enhancing the resilience of underserved coastal communities against compound flooding. University of Southern California, National Sea Grant College Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce, Grant #NA22OAR4170104. ($149,570)

3. McMillan, H. (PI), Kinoshita, A., Mladenov, N., Tavakol, H., & **Welsh, M.** (Co-PIs). (2021-2024). Missing the main load? Quantifying marine debris loadings from storm drain and river margin sources in the San Diego River. National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce, Marine Debris Research FY 2021. ($594,160)

4. Davani, H, (PI–SDSU), Merrifield, M (Co-PI–UCSD), **Welsh, M.** (Co-PI). (2021-2024). Collaborative research: Sustainable water infrastructure for adapting to coastal climate change. National Science Foundation. ($349,999)

5. Goharian, E. (PI), Davani, H., Tong, Y., **Welsh Carroll, M.** (Co-PIs). (October 2023 - July 2026). Intelligent Flood Detection and Warning System to Assist Homeless Communities and Emergency Management Entities. National Science Foundation. ($150,502, 1-year planning grant)

6. Flanigan, S. & **Welsh, M.** (April 2020). Service utilization and survival strategies of unsheltered homeless during the COVID-19 pandemic. University of California Research Grants Program Office, Emergency COVID-19 Research Seed Funding. ($16,050)

7. Chanin, J. (PI); Nurge, D. & **Welsh, M.** (Co-PIs). (2016). An examination of police-community relations in San Diego, CA. The City of San Diego. ($62,500)

8. **Welsh, M.** (2013). Principal Investigator. National Institute of Justice Graduate Research Fellowship, Award Number 2013-IJ-CX-0052. How women and front-line workers navigate the bureaucratic process of prisoner reentry. ($30,000)

Internal funding

9. Swayne, M.** (PI), **Welsh Carroll, M.** (Co-PI). (2023-2024). Developing and pilot-testing a smartphone application to increase public restroom access in San Diego County. SDSU Seed Grant Program ($7,500)

10. **Welsh Carroll, M.** Mobilizing for sanitation justice and health equity in San Diego. Sabbatical leave application. (Two semesters at half pay; awarded for 2022-2023)

11. Felner, J. (PI),** Calzo, J. & **Welsh, M.** (Co-PIs). (2022-2024). Leveraging Mixed Methods Research and Health Communication Strategies to Address Community Opposition to Equitable Public Bathroom Access in San Diego. SDSU Seed Grant Program ($7,498)

12. **Welsh, M.** (PI), Felner, J.,** & Swayne, M.** (Academic Co-PIs); Think Dignity (Community Partner).^ (2021). Mobilizing for sanitation justice and health equity in San Diego. SDSU Rapid Response Proposal competition. ($24,355)

13. **Welsh, M.** (PI), Chanin, J. & Swayne, M.** (Co-PIs). (2021-2022). SDSU Division of Research and Innovation. Team Grant Competition Assigned Time for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities. (One course release for each PI)

14. **Welsh, M.** (2021). Poverty, Race, and Policing on San Diego's Metropolitan Transit System: A Participatory Action Research Project. University Grants Program, San Diego State University ($9,805)

15. **Welsh, M.** (2019). An exploratory study of dwelling patterns and sanitation practices among un-housed people living near the San Diego River. University Grants Program, San Diego State University ($9,979)

16. **Welsh, M.** (2017). A qualitative examination of police officer narratives of vehicle stops in San Diego. University Grants Program, San Diego State University ($9,345)

Training grants and student support

17. SDSU Undergraduate Research Program, Fall 2026 (Sergio Olivas Coto)

18. SDSU Undergraduate Research Program, Summer + Fall 2025 (Tavee Binavi)

19. Project Rebound Research Lab mentor 2024-25 (Andy José Lopez, Charlie Wolf)

20. SDSU Undergraduate Research Program, Fall 2024 (Andy José Lopez)

21. SDSU PSFA Dean’s Office Mini Grants for Research Scholarly and Creative Activities, 2024

22. Summer Undergraduate Research Program, 2022, co-mentor with M. Swayne** (Giovanna Zampa, Social Work; Nidhi Gopagani, Psychology)

23. Grants Research and Enterprise Writing (GREW) Fellowship, Division of Research and Innovation, San Diego State University, 2021

24. Summer Undergraduate Research Program, 2021, co-mentor with M. Swayne** (Christin Lacey, Computer Science)

25. Emergency Funding for Student Assistance with Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (RSCA) Award, SDSU, Spring 2021. Hired and mentored three undergraduate transfer students in social science research. ($8,840).

26. Summer Undergraduate Research Program, 2020. (Keyera Johnson, Criminal Justice)

27. Weber Honors College Research Fellows Program, 2018 (Kayla Cleven and Kylie Borchard, Biology)

TEACHING & MENTORING EFFECTIVENESS

Teaching and mentoring awards (all at SDSU, **denotes student co-mentoring with mentored faculty member):

1. Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities (RSCA) Mentor Award, 2026

2. Faculty-Student Mentoring Program, 2025-present
    a. 2025-2026 students mentored: Brandon Le, Nicholas Lindlar, Sergio Olivas Coto, Isamira Slewa, Abigail Wan, Erin Petersen, Isabel Gutierrez, Vincent Stalcup, Ian Ellis

3. SDSU Excellence in Community Engaged Learning (EXcel) Award, 2025

4. Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts, 2023

5. Weber Honors College Research Fellows Program, 2023, co-mentor with M. Swayne** (Vanessa Silva, Public Health)

6. Outstanding Faculty Award for most influential faculty member, Criminal Justice (graduate), 2021-2022

7. Faculty mentor for Nicolas Gutierrez III (Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology) for the Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship (2021-2022)

8. Outstanding Faculty Award for most influential faculty member, Criminal Justice (graduate), 2020-2021

9. Outstanding Faculty Award for most influential faculty member, Public Administration (graduate), 2020-2021

10. Service Learning and Community Engagement Faculty Fellowship, Spring 2020-Spring 2021. SDSU Office of Faculty Advancement and Student Success. Taught a section of General Studies 480, *Engaged Citizenship and Social Responsibility* in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021, in partnership with Think Dignity, a local non-profit that empowers people to meet their basic needs while experiencing homelessness.

11. Outstanding Faculty Award for most influential faculty member, Criminal Justice (graduate), 2019-2020

12. Faculty International Program Development Grant to investigate the possibility of developing a summer study abroad course to comparatively analyze homelessness issues and policy in Mannheim, Germany, Office of International Programs, San Diego State University, 2017

13. Outstanding Faculty Award for most influential faculty member, Criminal Justice (undergraduate), 2015-2016

14. PSFA College Council Inspiration Award, Public Administration, 2015-2016

Faculty mentorship

1. Dr. Valerie Stahl (SDSU City Planning), 2023-
2. Dr. Madison Swayne (SDSU City Planning), 2021-present
3. Dr. Jennifer Felner (SDSU Public Health): member of mentoring team for NIH Health Disparities Loan Repayment Program Award application, 2022 (awarded)
4. Dr. Hassan Davani (SDSU Environmental Engineering): member of mentoring team for NSF CAREER award, 2023-2028 (awarded)

Courses taught (all at San Diego State University, unless otherwise noted; *= New course developed from scratch, S=Course involved in the Sage Project, ^= Service Learning / community-partnered course):

1. CJ 304 Race, Equity, and the Criminal Justice System
2. CJ 543 Community Resources in Criminal Justice^
3. Gen S 480 Engaged Citizenship and Social Responsibility^
4. PA 795 Capstone Seminar in Public Affairs^
5. CJ 596 Special Topics: Race, Gender, and (In)Justice*
6. PA 604 Methods of Analysis in Public and Urban Affairs
7. PA 605 Seminar in Research Methods*^
8. PA 606 Seminar in Quantitative Techniques
9. CJ 497 Investigation and Report/Senior Seminar
10. CJ 540 Planning and Evaluation in Criminal Justice^{S}
11. PSFA 350 International Studies
12. HONOR 495 Honors Integrative Capstone
13. CRJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice (at John Jay College)
14. SOC 328 Qualitative Research Methods (at John Jay College)
15. SOC 203 Criminological Theory (at John Jay College)
16. SWK 799 Advanced Research Methods (MSW course taught at Cal State Dominguez Hills and Long Island University Brooklyn)
17. SWK 790 Capstone Seminar (MSW course taught at Cal State Dominguez Hills and Long Island University Brooklyn)

Doctoral dissertation committees:

1. Sangsefidi, Yousef. Joint doctorate (SDSU/UCSD) in Engineering Science and Applied Mechanics. *Compound flooding (or climate change) impacts on water infrastructure security and environmental resilience in disadvantaged coastal communities*. Completed May 2023.

Masters-level theses chaired:

1. Gutierrez III, Nicolas, Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology. *Services, not sweeps: Community responses to homeless encampment sweeps in Los Angeles, CA*. Completed Summer 2023.
   - **– Outstanding Graduate** of the SDSU Criminal Justice & Criminology Program, 2022
   - **– Library Award**, SDSU Student Research Symposium 2023
   - **– Dean's Award** for Best Oral Presentation, SDSU Student Research Symposium 2022
   - **– Began PhD in Sociology** at the University of Southern California, Fall 2023

2. Rebecca Riddle, Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology. *Perceptions of homelessness and safe parking program in Encinitas, California*. Completed Summer 2021.

3. Anzhelika Levytska, Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology. *How did the leaders of organized prostitution syndicates operate during the pinnacle of the White slavery panic of New York*

in 1891-1901? Completed Spring 2021.
– **Outstanding Graduate** of the SDSU Criminal Justice & Criminology Program, 2021

4. Valeria Ramirez, Master of Public Administration and Latin American Studies dual-degree program. *Food insecurity in the CSU system: An examination of administrators' perspectives.* Completed Spring 2021.

5. Tania Mejia, Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology. *Exploring inmates' pen pal experiences through writeaprisoner.com.* Completed Summer 2019.
– **Began PhD** in Criminology at the University of Cambridge, Fall 2019

6. Dania Gonzalez, Master of Public Administration. *A process evaluation of the Chula Vista Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team*. Completed Spring 2019.

Student research projects and special studies directed:
2025-2026 - ^ denotes Faculty-Student Mentoring Program participant

1. Charlie Wolf. IS3D Major (Undergraduate). *Oversight and Regulations of Sober Livings in San Diego County.*
– **President's Award**, SDSU Student Research Symposium 2026

2. Martin Arceo. M.D. Candidate at Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University Chicago. *San Diego Homeless Response System of Care Needs Assessment.*

3. Tavee Binavi. Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. *Translating Community Realities into Sanitation Justice.*
– Project presented at SDSU Student Research Symposium 2026

4. Hayden Hughes. (High School student). *CrossroadsSD: A new tool to solve an age-old problem.*
– Project presented at SDSU Student Research Symposium 2026

5. Nitya Remias. (High School student). *How much do public restrooms cost to build and maintain? A San Diego Case Study.*
– Project presented at SDSU Student Research Symposium 2026

6. Penelope Dalton (Pre-Medicine Undergraduate) & Paul DeStefano (Pre-Physician's Assistant Undergraduate). *Understanding the specific health and healthcare needs of women on the street in San Diego, CA.*
– Co-mentor: Dr Peggy Peattie, SDSU Journalism & Media Studies
– Project presented at SDSU Student Research Symposium 2026

7. Abigail Wan & Isamira Slewa.^ Bachelor of Science in Public Health. *The Right to Relief? Exploring Community Attitudes Toward Public Restroom Expansion in San Diego.*
– Project presented at SDSU Student Research Symposium 2026

8. Sergio Olivas Coto (SDSU-Imperial Valley)^. Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration. *How does the lack of public bathroom access in Imperial County affect our daily lives?*
– **Dean's Award**, SDSU Student Research Symposium 2026

9. Erin Petersen.^ Bachelor of Arts in Sociology & Anthropology. *Partnership with SDSU Pride Center*

to Update the Campus Gender-Neutral Restrooms Map.

10. Isabel Gutierrez^ & Zissi Winkler. Bachelor of Arts in Social Work. *Using ADA Guidelines to audit and grade public restroom accessibility and usability.*
    – Project presented at SDSU Student Research Symposium 2026

11. Vincent Stalcup^ (Bachelor of Arts in Social Work) & Ian Ellis^ (Bachelor of Science in Public Health). *Policy Advocacy for Sanitation Justice.*

12. Brandon Le,^ Frederico Molina (SDSU-Imperial Valley),^ Bryan Alexander (SDSU-Imperial Valley),^ Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration, & Annie Mewkill, Masters of Science in Geography. *Mapping for Sanitation Justice Across San Diego & Imperial Counties.*

13. Nicholas Lindlar.^ Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration. *How Flooding is Drowning Out Unhoused Voices: Information Across the San Diego Riverbed.*
    – Project presented at SDSU Student Research Symposium 2026

2025 and earlier

14. Aurora Bryant. Graphic Design Major. *Interdisciplinary Research and Design: Making Knowledge Actionable.*
    – Project presented at SDSU Student Research Symposium 2025

15. Andy Jose Lopez. IS3D Major (Undergraduate). *Sanitation Justice in San Diego: Identifying Opportunities for Coalition Building and Narrative Change.*
    – Project presented at SDSU Student Research Symposium 2023

16. Sabina Borbon. Bachelor of Environmental Science. *Recommendations for Debris-Reduction Strategies Along the San Diego River.* Senior Capstone Project. AY 23-24.

17. Malaya Cilley, Master of Public Health. *Understanding community views of public restrooms* (co-mentor with Drs. Felner** and Aceves). Independent Learning Experience, AY 23-24.

18. Adriana Rios, Master of Science in Psychology. *Where can you go on the go? An Assessment of Public Restroom Access within a Quarter-mile of San Diego's Metropolitan Transit System Trolley Stops* (co-mentor with Dr. Swayne).
    – Winner, 2023 Communication in Spatial Thinking Award, International Statistics Institute and Esri Student Competition
    – StoryMap: https://arcg.is/1G9qaL0
    – Completed Master of Psychology at SDSU, Spring 2024

19. Giovanna Zampa, Social Work undergraduate. *Development and deployment of a comprehensive social survey to understand public restroom access and related health concerns among San Diegans experiencing homelessness.* Completed Spring 2023.
    – President's Award, SDSU Student Research Symposium 2023
    – Began Master of Social Work (Advanced Standing), Summer 2023

20. Lahiru Kodituwakku, Master of Public Health. *No Safe Place to Go: Perceptions of Safety in Public Restrooms in Downtown San Diego* (co-mentor with Drs. Calzo and Swayne**). Independent Learning Experience. Completed Spring 2023.
    – Project presented at SDSU Student Research Symposium 2023

21. Rafael Chavez, Master of Public Health. *Exploring the association between public restroom discrimination and demographics among San Diegans experiencing homelessness.* (co-mentor with Dr. Calzo). Completed Spring 2023.
    – Project presented at SDSU Student Research Symposium 2023

22. Sara Rodrigue, Public Health undergraduate. *Creating a Scorecard for Public Restrooms in San Diego County to Address Accessibility, Cleanliness, and Safety* (co-mentor with Dr. Calzo). Completed Spring 2023.
    – President's Award, SDSU Student Research Symposium 2023
    – Research Award for Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice, SDSU Student Research Symposium 2022

23. Tiffany Hoang, Master of Public Health. Integrated Learning Experience: Capstone Project. *Needs Assessment & Impacts of COVID-19 on People Experiencing Homelessness in San Diego County* (co-directed with Dr. Felner**). Completed Spring 2022.

24. Rebekah O'Donnell, Sociology undergraduate, and Adriana Rios, Psychology undergraduate. *Service learning through non-profit data analysis*, in partnership with Think Dignity. Completed Summer 2021.
    – **Project presented at** SDSU Student Research Symposium 2021
    – **Project presented at** Service Learning Town Hall 2021
    – **Project presented at** SDSU's Social Justice Summit 2021: *How a service learning project got us passionate about social justice.*
    – Began Master of Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University, Fall 2023

25. Christine Montgomery, Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology. *Police officers' narratives of the meaning of race and place.* Completed Spring 2019. (Co-directed with Dr. Chanin.)

26. Joyce Liou, Rene Velazquez, and Elisa Villareal, PA 797. *"Reduce the demand" on human trafficking in the San Diego region.* Spring 2016. Culminated in a public forum attended by approximately 100 people, as well as the creation of a student group.

27. Tina Camera, MCP 798. *San Diego Comprehensive Homeless Resource Guide*. Spring 2017. Student conducted interviews with homeless service provider agencies and created a comprehensive local resource booklet for people living in homelessness.

Masters-level capstone projects directed:
2021-2022

1. *Officer Diversity and Recruitment Survey* – Nathalia Martinez, Zoe Hull, Hemeira Kepner, Jorge Vargas, Anjanette Mendoza, Anthony Malevich
   Client: SDSU University Police Department

2. *Transit Rider Safety & Security Pilot Survey* – Melissa Languren, Dmitry Entin, Connor Ryan, Nathan Homer, D'Andre Brooks
   Client: San Diego City Council Member Monica Montgomery Steppe (District 4)

3. *Evaluation of the 30th Street Cycle Track* – Chris Velasco, Tim Garrett, Daniel Zavala, Shannon Mulderig

Client: City of San Diego

4. *Exploring the Potential of Libraries to Provide Comprehensive Community Services* – Brittany Huth, Alexis Morris, Shawna McCann
   Client: City of Carlsbad

2020-2021

5. *Developing a Program Assessment Tool: A Qualitative Approach to Augmenting Recovery Residence Data Collection* – Molly Smith, Sara Verdusco Singh, Michael Worman
   Client: Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP)

6. *Riding with Dignity: Perceptions of Safety, Surveillance, and Equity Across San Diego's Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)* – Kianna Anvari, Erika Espinosa Araiza, Aly Neumann
   Client: San Diego MTS

7. *Equity in Cycling* – Amber Mallard, Kathy Reyes, Becca Smith
   Client: Circulate San Diego

2019-2020

8. *Addressing Student Homelessness and Housing Insecurity* – Alejandro Contreras, Jasmine Henderson, Aracely Maldonado, Myra Martinez, Chevelle Newell-Tate
   Client: Cuyamaca College

9. *Addressing the Quality of Quasi-Regulated Shared Housing: An Analysis of CHIP's Independent Living Association Residences* – Denise Alvarez, Kevin Horton, Julia Kramer, Tammy Truong
   Client: Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP)

10. *Understanding the Needs of the Immigrant Population of El Cajon* – Melissa Bailey, Devan Benchetrit, Mackenzie Decker, Amanda McGimpsey
    Client: City of El Cajon

11. *Evaluating the City of El Cajon's Deemed Approved Ordinance* – Timothy Briggs, Taylor Brown, Benjamin Lukowski, Cory Vasalenko
    Client: Community Action Service Advocacy

Masters-level thesis committees as second or third reader:

1. Mary Gonzales, Master of Arts in Communication Studies. *Women experiencing homelessness in San Diego County: A critical ethnographic case study of nonprofit organizations supporting women*. In progress for completion Fall 2024.

2. Juliana Vega, Master of Public Administration and Latin American Studies dual-degree program. *CalFresh border study.* In progress, expected completion Fall 2023.

3. Paul Crawford, Master of Public Administration. *Aging-in-place in the city of Chula Vista: How its Hispanic/Latino senior population age and an exploration of the Village Model*. Completed Spring 2023.

4. Laura Murray. Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology. *Centering women's experiences*

and narratives within the pathways to desistance. Completed Summer 2021.

5. Kariar Tarek Al-Naiem, Master of Arts in Sociology. *Pentagon 1033 and minority threat: Examining 1033 equipment acquisitions by law enforcement agencies from 2006-2015.* Completed Spring 2021.

6. Chuck Kaminski, Master of Arts in Communication Studies. *Breaking capitalistic notions of resilience: How individuals without homes constitute resilience through communication and community.* Completed Spring 2020.

7. Madison Kausen, Master of Arts in Political Science. *Culture and neighborhood effects in San Diego communities*. Completed Spring 2020.

8. Angela Somo, Master of Science in Psychology. *Ethnic diversity and implicit black-weapon associations over time: A repeated cross-sectional analysis.* Completed Spring 2020.

9. Derick Abrigu, Master of Public Administration and Latin American Studies dual-degree program. *El caso de los desechables: Exposing the socio-legal realities of three migrant populations trapped along Mexico's Northern border.* Completed Summer 2019.

10. Kylie Anderson, Master of Science in Psychology. *Relating the ethnic diversity of a context to disproportionate use of deadly force.* Proposal defended April 6, 2018.

11. Vileana de la Rosa, Master of Arts in Women's Studies. *Community accountability responses to gender violence in Los Angeles*. In progress.

12. Marsela Rojas-Salas, Master of Arts in Women's Studies. *Mentoring girls in lock-up: An intersectional feminist and transformative justice framework.* Completed Fall 2017.

13. Courtney Hook, Master of Arts in Communication. *'It's nice to be treated like a human being': An ethnographic investigation of female inmates communicating support behind bars.* Completed Spring 2017.

14. Elliott Alvarado, Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology. *The effect of race on traffic searches: A meta-analysis.* Completed Spring 2016.

15. Stacey Davis, Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology. *From hero to victim: A narrative analysis of media constructs and survivor accounts of military sexual assault.* Completed Summer 2016.

16. Caitlin O'Hea, Master of Social Work. *Assessing the efficacy of the Reading Legacies program for incarcerated individuals and their families.* Completed Summer 2016.

17. Alicia Montellanos, Master of Arts in Philosophy. *Trans prison abolition arguments and ethics of care.* Completed Spring 2016.

ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL, & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Training to support student success and wellbeing:

1. Certified in Mental Health First Aid (2021-2024) through the National Council for Mental Wellbeing and the CSU's Office of Innovative Teaching and Learning.

2. Trained as an SDSU Economic Crisis Response Team Advocate (2020)

3. Trained as an UndocuAlly through SDSU's Undocumented Resource Area (2019)

Service to the university (SDSU unless otherwise noted):

1. University Research Council, 2023-

2. Consultant for Irma Cano Murphy, LCSW, University Police and Counseling & Psychological Services, on an SDSU campus-wide restroom mapping project, 2022-

3. SDSU Sustainability Major Academic Review, **review team member**, Fall 2021

4. Interdisciplinary Studies Advisory Council, 2021-2022, 2023-

5. SDSU Transfer Student Success Summit panel presenter, 2020, 2021, 2023

6. Service Learning Faculty Fellows committee, 2020-2022

7. Field instructor for Master of Social Work program (SDSU), 2020, 2026 - Project Rebound

8. Institutional Review Board, **voting member,** February 2017-2022, 2023-

9. SDSU Student Research Symposium **moderator** (2016) and **judge** (2021, 2022, 2023).

10. Criminal Justice Doctoral Students' Association, CUNY Graduate Center/John Jay College of Criminal Justice, **Co-founder, President**, 2011-2012.

Service to SDSU's School of Public Affairs:

1. **Committee work**
    a. **Chair** of School of Public Affairs Undergraduate Practicum Committee, 2025-2026
    b. **Co-Chair**, School of Public Affairs Retention, Tenure, and Promotion committee, 2024-present
    c. **Chair** of School of Public Affairs Race and Social Justice committee, 2020-2022
    d. **Chair** of faculty search committee for an assistant professor of Criminal Justice, Fall 2019. (Hire successfully completed.)
    e. Graduate Capstone program for all master's-earning students in SPA (City Planning, Criminal Justice, and Public Administration
        i. **Developed core capstone curriculum (PA 605 / PA 795),** 2017
        ii. **Capstone coordinator**, 2020-2021
        iii. **Core capstone faculty,** 2017-2022, 2023-
    f. Faculty search committee for an assistant professor of Criminal Justice in Fall 2018, **member.** (Two hires successfully completed.)
    g. Faculty search committee for an assistant professor of City Planning/Public Administration in Fall 2017, **member**. (Hire successfully completed.)

2. **Campus interviewer** for International Fellowships program, Rhodes Scholarship candidate (Criminal Justice), Fall 2018.

3. "Reduce the demand," a Public Administration student organization aimed at raising awareness about human trafficking, **faculty founder and advisor**, 2015-2016.

Service to the academic profession:

1. **Reviewer** for National Science Foundation grant applications – Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) and Environmental Sustainability Program, 2022

2. **Executive Counselor,** Executive Board of the Western Society of Criminology, 2019-2022; counselor at large, 2018-2019.
   – Program committee co-chair (2019 and 2020 annual meetings)
   – Program committee chair for 2022 annual meeting

3. **Report reviewer** for the Public Policy Institute of California, 2020.

4. Toronto University Press, **reviewer** for book manuscript on institutional ethnography, Fall 2018

5. Columbia University Press, **reviewer** for book manuscript on incarceration and parole, Fall 2015.

6. **Ad hoc reviewer** for the following academic journals (2013-present): *American Sociological Review, Punishment & Society, Social Problems, Law & Social Inquiry, British Journal of Social Work*, *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons*, *Feminist Criminology, Cogent Social Sciences*

Public Service Awards & Recognitions:

1. Community Champion Award, 2026 - Project for Sanitation Justice recognized through the inaugural "Flushy" Awards program honoring individuals, cities, agencies, and organizations advancing access to clean, safe, and equitable restrooms.

2. Dignity Defender of the Year, 2023 - Recognized by San Diego grassroots non-profit Think Dignity for collaborative efforts to document needs and advocate for universal access to water, sanitation, and hygiene resources via the Project for Sanitation Justice.

Service to the community (underlined text=hyperlink to more information):

1. Elected as a **board member** of Community Advocates for Just and Moral Governance, August 2023-present

2. Elected as a **board member** of the American Restroom Association, April 2023-present

3. Authored an academic opposition letter to an anti-encampment ordinance proposed by the City of San Diego and got more than 160 local researchers to sign on, May 2023.

4. Appointed as an **inaugural member** of San Diego Metropolitan Transit System's Security and Passenger Safety Community Advisory Group (as an educator with primary study focus in public safety), January 1, 2022-December 31, 2024
   – Elected and served as **Chair** of the CAG for 2022
   – Elected and serving as **Vice-Chair** for 2023

5. Transit and Homelessness working group member (convened by UCSD), 2022

6. Invited speaker, "Homelessness and Trash Management," Trash Monitoring Workgroup, Encampments Subcommittee, which advises the California State Water Board on policies for monitoring trash and marine debris around homeless encampments, November 1, 2021.

7. With the Coalition for Police Accountability and Transparency, I co-authored the academic support letter for the PrOTECT (Preventing Overpolicing through Equitable Community Treatment) ordinance. Summer/Fall 2021.

8. Invited speaker, "Police accountability and PrOTECT," Community Advocates for Just and Moral Governance and the Coalition for Police Accountability & Transparency, August 24, 2021.

9. Invited speaker, "Homelessness, criminalization, and survival in San Diego," South Bay Forum, July 19, 2021.

10. Nominated to be a member of an ad-hoc local steering committee for the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System's independent peer review of its transit enforcement and policing practices. Fall 2020.

11. Worked with a team of community advocates to host a three-day visit to San Diego by Leilani Farha, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to housing, August 12-14, 2019.
    – Featured in Warth, G. (2019, August 15). "It's as bad, if not worse, than I anticipated": UN appointee gets a look at San Diego homelessness. *San Diego Union-Tribune.*

12. Research presentation on policing/municipal code enforcement and homelessness for the San Diego Leadership Alliance Fellows, April 6, 2018.

13. Worked with the Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA), the Criminal Justice Honors Society (CJHS), the Graduate Social Work Association (GSWA), and the Guardian Scholars Advisory board to host a film screening of *Tony-the Movie*, a documentary on homelessness in San Diego, at the SDSU Student Union theater, March 13, 2018.

14. San Diego Regional Task Force on Homelessness, Point-in-Time Count volunteer, 2016-2022

15. Panel discussant at screening of *Tony-the Movie*, hosted by the San Diego chapter of the American Planning Association, January 24, 2018.

16. Research presentation for "Homelessness: A story of fear and loathing in San Diego," SDSU Downtown Gallery, San Diego Architecture and Design month, October 7, 2017.

17. Volunteer mentor, Women's Prison Association WomenCare Program, NYC, 2013–2014

18. Volunteer, Public Counsel CARES public assistance advocacy program, Los Angeles, 2012–2013

Opinion-editorials published in news outlets (^= community partner co-author, **=mentored faculty co-author, underlined text=hyperlink to article):

1. **Welsh Carroll, M.** (2023, May 8). Opinion: California cities don't have enough public bathrooms.

Here's one solution. *Los Angeles Times*.

2. Woodson, M.,^ Felner, J.,** & **Welsh, M.** (2021, June 7). Opinion: Universal bathroom access in San Diego could help save lives. Here's how. *San Diego Union-Tribune.*

3. **Welsh, M.**, Chanin, J., & Henry, S. (2020, June 17). Commentary: Our research showed racial disparities in San Diego police stops. Our report was shelved. *San Diego Union-Tribune.*

Media interviews (print, radio, tv, and podcasts, underlined text=hyperlink to story):

1. Tu, M. (2026, March 23). L.A. invested millions in public bathrooms. Why are they closed? *AfroLA*.

2. Stocker, C. (2025, May 22). Public Bathrooms: San Diego Keeps Kicking The Can Down The Road. *San Diego Sun.*

3. Cheney, A. (2025, May 7). Several public restrooms on the chopping block in San Diego's proposed city budget. *CBS8.*

4. Santa Cruz, N. (2024, December 27). What I Learned Reporting in Cities That Take Belongings From Homeless People. *ProPublica.*

5. Erlich, A. (2024, July 15). The Willamette River has a trash problem. Homeless camp removals could be making it worse. *Oregon Public Broadcasting.*

6. Tu, M. (2023, December 2). Emails show Traci Park removed toilets, showers, and handwashing stations across district. *Los Angeles Public Press.*

7. Scholars Strategy Network. (2023, June 6). Unhoused and underserved. *No Jargon podcast*.

8. Dulaney, C. (2023, April 6). 'They cannot say no': San Diego officials target homeless encampments despite pushback. *KPBS.*

9. Dulaney, C. (2023, March 31). San Diego officials double down on using police for homelessness. *inewsource.*

10. Hindmon, J. & Will, N. (2023, March 29). Racial bias is well-documented in SDPD, but agency calls proposed solution 'radical'. *KPBS Midday Edition*.

11. Menezes, S. (2023, March 14). Disconnect Between How SDPD Says It Interacts With Homeless and What Unhoused People Report: Study – NBC 7 San Diego.

12. Sitton, K. (2023, March 6). Lack of public restrooms acute issue Downtown. *SDNews.com*.

13. Rivas, A. (2023, February 14). Hep A Returns to San Diego, Kills One Homeless Person, Sickens Four Other People. *NBC 7 San Diego.*

14. San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial Board (2023, January 27). Opinion: Could ending California's ban on pay toilets mean more, cleaner, safer restrooms? Discuss. *San Diego Union-Tribune.*

15. Murga, T. (2022, August 14). How can Imperial Beach residents participate in solutions against flooding? This group wants to help. *San Diego Union-Tribune.*

16. McWhinney, J. & Halverstadt, L. (2022, April 4). San Diego Still Working to Add More Downtown Restrooms. *Voice of San Diego.*

17. Moran, G., Winklely, L., & Schroeder, L. (2022, January 16). Stopped by police in San Diego? A lot depends on where you live, drive. *San Diego Union-Tribune.*

18. Ross, B. (2021, November 23). San Diego Still Can't Solve Its Public Restroom Problem. *Voice of San Diego*.

19. Little, J., (2021, September 1). Looking to Keep Imperial Beach Above Water. *NBC 7.*

20. Casanova, S. (2021, May 28). Tucson Solutions: Outreach officers treat homelessness as a symptom, not a crime | Local news. *Arizona Daily Star.*

21. Halverstadt, L. (2020, July 27). Black MTS Riders Cited Disproportionately. *Voice of San Diego*.

22. Ocen, P. (2019, December 30). Awakening to a Mass-Supervision Crisis. *The Atlantic.*

Expert testimony on police identity profiling (litigation)

2022 *Cirincioni v. City of San Diego*, et al., Case No. 3:20-CV-01644-WQH-KSC
Deposition