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EDUCATION

- 2013-2018 Ph.D., Public Policy Analysis, M.S., Public Policy Analysis
Duke University
- 2012-2013 M.Sc., Social Policy Research
London School of Economics
- 2006-2010 B.A., American History
Occidental College

CURRENT POSITIONS

- 2022-present Full Policy Researcher, RAND Corporation
- 2018-2021 Associate Policy Researcher, RAND Corporation
- 2020-present Professor of Policy Analysis, RAND Corporation

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- 2018 John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Doctoral Fellowship Philanthropy
- 2017 Domestic Dissertation Research Travel Fellowship
- 2017 Aleane Webb Research Fellowship
- 2017 Duke's Center for Philanthropy and Volunteerism Doctoral Fellowship
- 2016 Innovation and Impact Grant, Duke University
- 2016 Visiting Scholar, United States Centre at the London School of Economics
- 2016 National Fellow, Scholar Strategy Network
- 2016/2015 Graduate School Competitive Summer Fellowship
- 2015 Kenan Institute of Ethics Award

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed and Invited Articles and Book Chapters

Smucker, Meadows, & Beckman (2023). Use of Electronic Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Among Active Component Services Members. *Military Medicine*, 188(1-2), e220-e227.

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Farmer, Carrie, **Sierra Smucker**, Natalie Ernecoff. Benchmarks for High Quality Care for Veterans. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2022.

Meadows, Sarah, **Sierra Smucker**, Dionne Barnes-Proby, Julia Vidal Verastegui, Rosemary Li, and Elliot Brennan. Diversity in Military Families: A Systematic Review of Race/Ethnic Variation in Select Well-being Outcomes. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2022.

Whitaker, Laura, **Sierra Smucker**, and Stephanie Brooks Holliday, A Gap Analysis of the Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act Portfolio, Santa Monica, Calif.: RAND Corporation, RR-A1663-1, 2022.

Barnes-Proby, Dionne, Mallika Bhandarkar, Melissa M. Labriola, **Sierra Smucker**, Emily Hoch, and Yael Katz, Empowerment-Based Domestic Violence Programming Within a Family Court Setting: An Implementation Guide. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2022.

Smucker, Sierra, Esther M. Friedman, Meagan Cahill, Jirka Taylor, John Daly, Regina A. Shih. An Initial Evaluation of the Weinberg Center for Elder Justice’s Shelter Model for Elder Abuse and Mistreatment. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2021.

Farris, Coreen, Melissa M. Labriola, **Sierra Smucker**, Thomas E. Trail, Samuel Peterson, Brandon Crosby, and Terry L. Schell, Healthy Relationship Approaches to Sexual Assault Prevention: Programs and Strategies for Use Within the U.S. Military, Santa Monica, Calif.: RAND Corporation, RR-4241-OSD, 2021.

Harassment and Discrimination on the Basis of Gender and Race/Ethnicity in the FEMA Workforce, Homeland Security Operational Analysis Center operated by the RAND Corporation, RR-A383-1, 2020.

Smart, R., Morral, A. R., **Smucker, S.**, Cherney, S., Schell, T. L., Peterson, S., ... & Gresenz, C. R. (2020). The Science of Gun Policy: A Critical Synthesis of Research Evidence on the Effects of Gun Policies in the United States.

Smucker, Sierra, Eric R. Pedersen, and Terri Tanielian, "Improving Behavioral Health Care Access and Treatment Options for Veterans with Co-Occurring Behavioral Health Problems," *RAND Working Paper*, 2019

Cherney, Samantha, Andrew Morral, Terry Schell, & **Sierra Smucker** (2019 & 2022). RAND State Firearm Law Database.

BRIEFS, BLOGS, INTERVIEWS, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Tamkin, Emily (2022). [Guns still take priority over safety, despite closure of “boyfriend loophole.”](#) The New Statesman. **Sierra Smucker** quoted.

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Smucker, Locker, & Nejera (2021). After COVID-19: Prevent Homelessness Among Survivors of Domestic Abuse. The RAND Blog.

PRESENTATIONS

Smucker, Sierra. 2017. “Disarming Men: The Influence of Local Civil Society Actors on Policy Change in Polarized States.” Presentation, American Political Science Association.

Smucker, Sierra. 2017. “The Role of Women’s Collective Action in State Gun Regulation,” European Conference of Politics and Gender.

Smucker, Sierra. 2016. “Gun Violence in America.” Poster Presentation, Association of Public Policy and Management.

Smucker, Sierra. 2016. “Ammunition for Change: The Diffusion of New Gun Regulation in the United States,” Presentation, American Political Science Association.

Smucker, Sierra & Kristin Goss. 2015. “Indecision in Action: Millennial Women’s Collective Action,” Presentation, European Conference on Politics and Gender.

Smucker, Sierra. 2015. “When Identities Intersect: Identity Politics in the Face of Increasing Diversity,” Presentation, Midwest Political Science Association.

Smucker, Sierra. 2016. “Domestic Violence and Gun Control Politics,” Presentation, Gender Based Violence Seminar, UNC Public Health.

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research

2016-2017 Research Consultant, Liberal Democrats, United Kingdom

2016 Research Consultant, Geena Davis Institute

2014-2015 Policy Analyst, Office of Baroness Judith Jolly, House of Lords, UK

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Gender and American Politics, Brilliant Club, London

Gun Politics in the United States, Brilliant Club, London

Teaching Assistant

Research Methods and Writing for MPP Theses, Duke University

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