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### EDUCATION

*Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice, Newark, NJ*

PhD, Criminal Justice, expected May 2018

Dissertation Committee: Elizabeth Griffiths (Chair), Jody Miller, Sarah Lageson, Daniel Medwed, Professor of Law and Criminal Justice at Northeastern University (Outside reader)

*Penn State University, University Park, PA*

MFA: Creative Nonfiction, 2003

*Knox College, Galesburg, IL*

BA: English Writing, 1996

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Miscarriage of Justice, Criminal Justice Policy, Courts, Corrections, Law and Society, Theories of Crime, Qualitative Research Methods, Crime and the Media, Gender and Crime, Race and Crime

### ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Webster, Elizabeth. "A Post-Conviction Mentality? Prosecutorial Assistance in Exoneration Cases." Revise and Resubmit at *Justice Quarterly*

Webster, Elizabeth and Jody Miller. (2014) "Gendering and Racing Wrongful Conviction: Intersectionality, 'Normal Crimes,' and Women's Experiences of Miscarriage of Justice." *The Albany Law Review* 78, 973

### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

"A Postconviction Mentality: Prosecutorial Assistance as a Pathway to Exoneration"  
(dissertation research in progress)

"Criminal Record Data Accuracy" (w/ Dr. Sarah Lageson, in progress)

"Legal Consciousness among Family Advocates of the Unjustly Incarcerated" (w/ Dr. Johnna Christian, in preliminary stages)

## RESEARCH AND RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

*Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice, Newark, NJ*

Research Assistant for Dr. Sarah Lageson: Collecting data and conducting background research for “Criminal Justice Data Practices in Newark” project, 2017

*National Registry of Exonerations, University of California Irvine Newkirk Center for Science & Society, University of Michigan Law School & Michigan State University College of Law*  
Research Fellow: Developed a coding system for official misconduct in exoneration cases, 2014

*Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice, Newark, NJ*

Research Assistant for Dr. Jody Miller: Assisted in preparing *Qualitative Research in Criminology. Volume 20, Advances in Criminological Theory* for publication. Jody Miller and Wilson R. Palacios, eds., 2013

*Innocence Project, New York, NY*

Publications Manager: Produced and edited the Innocence Project Magazine, annual reports, research reports, the Innocence Project blog, and other print and web-based communications, 2008-2013

*Innocence Project, New York, NY*

Communications Associate: Assisted Communications Director with strategic initiatives, including publications, press conferences, speaking engagements and media campaigns, 2006-2008

## FUNDING AND AWARDS

Dissertation Fellowship, Rutgers University, Graduate School Newark, 2017-2018 (\$20,000)

Graduate Assistant Professional Development Fund Award, Rutgers University, 2017 (\$1,000)

Dean’s Research Grant, Rutgers University, School of Criminal Justice, 2016 (\$2,379)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

*The American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA*

“Defense Attorney Perceptions of Prosecutorial Assistance in Exoneration Cases,” 2016

*The American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC*

“Postconviction Mentality: Prosecutorial Assistance in Exoneration Cases,” 2015

Invited participant, “Elephants in the Courtroom: Examining Overlooked Issues in Wrongful Convictions” workshop co-funded by National Science Foundation and National Institute of

Justice, 2015

*The American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA  
“Gendering Wrongful Conviction: Focal Concerns, ‘Normal Crimes,’ and Women’s Experiences of Miscarriage of Justice” with Dr. Jody Miller, 2014

*Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference*, Baltimore, MD  
“The Writer in the Community” Panelist, 2003

## **UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice, Newark, NJ*

Instructor, (2014-2017)

- Criminology (Spring 17)
- Miscarriages of Justice (Fall 16)
- Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice (Fall 14, Spring 15)
- Gender, Crime and Justice (Fall 15)
- Introduction to Criminal Justice (Spring 16)

*NJ-Step, New Jersey Scholarship and Transformative Education in Prisons Consortium*

- Race and Crime (Fall 16, Spring 16)

*Penn State University Rhetoric and Composition Department, State College, PA*

Instructor (2002-2004)

- Rhetoric and Composition
- Introduction to Creative Writing
- Creative Nonfiction Writing

## **PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL WORKS**

Webster, Elizabeth. “Can Prosecutors Help Free Innocent Prisoners?” *The Society Pages*, Oct. 17, 2016

Webster, Elizabeth. “A Women’s Innocence Project,” *The Nation*, Dec. 24, 2012 issue

Webster, Elizabeth. “Wikipedia of Innocence,” *The Nation*, June 18, 2012 issue

Innocence Project. *Making up for Lost Time: What the Wrongfully Convicted Endure and How to Provide Fair Compensation*, Innocence Project Report, Dec. 2009

## **SERVICE**

Event Organizer, “Safety and Justice without Prison: A Victim-Centered Approach to Ending Mass Incarceration.” Guest speaker Danielle Sered of Vera Institute’s Common Justice. Sponsored by the Rutgers School of Criminal Justice, Sept. 14, 2016

Event Co-Organizer, “Brown Bag Lunch with Raymond Santana.” Guest speaker Raymond Santana, exonerated of the Central Park Five crime. Sponsored by the Rutgers School of Criminal Justice, April 14, 2015

Secretary, Rutgers School of Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association, 2014-2015

Event Co-Organizer, “Stop Solitary” A Criminal Justice Meetup Event co-organized with the Innocence Project; ACLU; John Jay Center on Media, Crime and Justice; and the Brennan Center for Justice, October 2012