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Education

- 2020 Ph.D. Sociology (Expected)
Louisiana State University
- 2017 M.A. Sociology
Louisiana State University
- 2014 B.S. Business Administration/Economics
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- 2014 B.A. Sociology
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Research and Teaching Interests

Corrections
Social and Cultural Determinants of Health
Research Methods
Quantitative Analysis and Statistics
Religion

Manuscripts Accepted for Publication

Drakeford, Leah, Vanessa Parks, Tim Slack, Rajeev Ramchand, Melissa Finucane, and Matthew R. Lee. 2019. "Oil Spill Disruption and Problem Drinking: Assessing the Impact of Community Religiosity in Gulf Coast Communities." *Population Research and Policy Review*. DOI:10.1007/s11113-019-09520-7

Drakeford, Leah. 2019. "Moral Communities and Institutional Misconduct: A Reassessment of Religious Contextual Influences on Inmate Behavior." *Crime & Delinquency*. DOI: 10.1177/0011128719833359

Vanessa Parks, Tim Slack, Rajeev Ramchand, **Leah Drakeford**, Melissa Finucane, and Matthew R. Lee. 2019. "Fishing Households, Social Support, and Depression after the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill." *Rural Sociology*. DOI: 10.1111/ruso.12297

Drakeford, Leah. 2019. "Mental Health and the Role of Religious Context among Inmates in State and Federal Prisons: Results from a Multilevel Analysis." *Society and Mental Health*. 9(1):51-73. DOI: 10.1177/2156869318763248

Drakeford, Leah. 2018. "Correctional Policy and Attempted Suicide among Transgender Individuals." *Journal of Correctional Health Care*, 24(2):171-182. DOI: 10.1177/1078345818764110

Parks, Vanessa, **Leah Drakeford**, Michael R. Cope, and Tim Slack. 2018. "Disruption of Routine Behaviors following the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill." *Society & Natural Resources*, 31(3):277-290. DOI: 10.1080/08941920.2017.1377794

Reling, Timothy T., Sarah Becker, **Leah Drakeford**, and Matthew Valasik. 2018. "Exploring the Influence of Hookup Culture on Female and Male Rape Myths." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. DOI: 10.1177/0886260518801021

Manuscripts under Review

Walker, Mark H., **Leah Drakeford**, Samuel Stroope. "Glad Tidings? Personal Witnessing, Religiosity, and Mental Health among US Adults." R&R received at *Society and Mental Health*.

Drakeford, Leah. "An Assessment of Mental Distress among Inmates Serving Life without Parole." R&R received at *Justice Quarterly*.

Manuscripts in Progress

Drakeford, Leah. "Social Context, Personal Identity Transformation, and Mental Health among Inmates in State and Federal Prisons"

Drakeford, Leah. "Alcohol Involved Driving Deaths and the Religious Composition of US Counties."

Other Publications

Ramchand, Rajeev, Vanessa Parks, **Leah Drakeford**, and Bonnie Ghosh-Dastidar. 2018. *Survey of Trauma, Resilience, and Opportunity among Neighborhoods in the Gulf (STRONG) Codebook*. DOI: 10.7249/TL276

Awards and Honors

Roland J. Pellegrin Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Louisiana State University 2017-2018

Conference Presentations

Drakeford, Leah. “Moral Communities and Institutional Misconduct: A Reassessment of Religious Context and Inmate Behavior.” Presented as a poster at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA. November 15, 2018.

Drakeford, Leah, Vanessa Parks, Tim Slack, Rajeev Ramchand, Melissa Finucane, and Matthew R. Lee. “Social Resources, Community Religiosity, and Depression among Gulf Coast Residents.” Presented at the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill and Ecosystems Science. New Orleans, LA. February 6, 2018.

Parks, Vanessa, Tim Slack, Rajeev Ramchand, **Leah Drakeford**, Melissa Finucane, and Matthew R. Lee. “Understanding Social Capital’s Effect on Health: Opportunities for Resilience Activation in the Gulf Coast Region.” Presented at the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill and Ecosystems Science. New Orleans, LA. February 6, 2018.

Drakeford, Leah, Vanessa Parks, Rajeev Ramchand, Melissa Finucane, and Matthew R. Lee. “Assessing the Effects of Religion and Disruption on Mental Health in Vulnerable Gulf Communities.” Presented at the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill and Ecosystems Science Conference. New Orleans, LA. February 8, 2017.

Parks, Vanessa, **Leah Drakeford**, Rajeev Ramchand, Tim Slack, Melissa Finucane, and Matthew R. Lee. “Local Ties, Natural Resource Employment, and Oil Spill Exposure: Effects of Mental Health Outcomes in Gulf coast Communities.” Presented at the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill and Ecosystems Science Conference. New Orleans, LA. February 8, 2017.

Drakeford, Leah. “The Effect of Incarceration Experiences on Suicide Attempts among Transgender Individuals.” Presented as a poster at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. New Orleans, LA. November 17, 2016.

Drakeford, Leah. “Dealing with Disaster: Turning to Religion in the Wake of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Atlanta, GA. October 29, 2016.

Drakeford, Leah. “The Consumption of Faith and Symbolic Religious Goods in America.”
Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
Atlanta, GA. October 28, 2016.

Drakeford, Leah. “The Consumption of Faith and Symbolic Religious Goods in America.”
Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA. April
15, 2016

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant (June 2015-August, 2018) and Data Manager (November 2015-
August, 2018) Consortium for Resilient Gulf Communities

Teaching Experience

Methods of Sociological Research
Instructor of Record Fall 2019

Introduction to Sociology
Instructor of Record Spring 2019, enrollment 113

Professional Service

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Sociological Focus*