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Curriculum Vitae

Assistant Professor, Florida Atlantic University
Phyllis & Harvey Sandler School of Social Work
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Social Work	2024
University of Georgia, Athens, GA	
Dissertation: <i>Co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders among criminal justice-involved adults: Trajectories, positive coping strategies, and service utilization profiles</i>	
M.S.W. in Social Work	2020
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC	
Concentration: Macro Social Work	
B.S. in Psychology, magna cum laude	2017
University of Georgia, Athens, GA	
B.A. in Criminal Justice, magna cum laude	2017
University of Georgia, Athens, GA	

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Florida Atlantic University , College of Social Work & Criminal Justice, Phyllis & Harvey Sandler School of Social Work, Boca Raton, FL	
Assistant Professor	2024–present
University of Georgia , School of Social Work, Athens, GA	
Part-time Faculty	2023

AREAS OF INTEREST

My research is focused on the intersection of social work and the criminal justice system. Specific areas of interest include: 1) substance use, mental health, and co-occurring disorders among justice-involved populations, 2) program and policy evaluation of reentry services for formerly incarcerated individuals, 3) criminal justice policies, practices, and their impacts, 4) behavioral health treatment, and 5) juvenile justice system.

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

- Graves, B. D.** & Fendrich, M. (2024). Community-based substance use treatment programs for reentering justice-involved adults: A scoping review. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence Reports*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dadr.2024.100221>
- Aletraris, L., **Graves, B. D.**, & Ndung'u, J. J. (2023). Assessing the impact of recreational cannabis legalization on cannabis use disorder and admissions to treatment in the United States. *Current Addiction Reports*, 10, 198-209. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40429-023-00470-x>
- Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O., & Aletraris, L. (2023). The impact of mental health risks and needs on substance use among adults in community supervision: A multilevel model examining moderation by age and variation across statewide judicial circuits. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 62(3), 174–190. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10509674.2023.2182866>
- Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O., Aletraris, L., Paseda, O., & Dias, C. (2023). Examining correlates of substance use treatment needs for adults under community supervision. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0306624X231198804>
- O’Shields, J. D., **Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O. (2023). Sex differences in childhood maltreatment, inflammation, and adulthood depression: A network analysis. *Brain, Behavior, & Immunity – Health*, 29, 100611. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bbih.2023.100611>
- Robinson, M. A., **Graves, B. D.**, Grubb, L. M., & McIntosh, T. (2023). Black bodies on the ground II: Examining impactful policing policies and analysis of policing disparities affecting unarmed African American men (2015-2020). *Victims & Offenders*, 19(4), 553-572. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2023.2175094>
- Graves, B. D.** (2023). “Review of *Psychiatric Casualties: How and Why the Military Ignores the Full Cost of War* by Mark C. Russell & Charles Figley,” *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 50 (3), 7. <https://doi.org/10.15453/0191-5096.4765>
- Woodiwiss, J. L., **Graves, B. D.**, Pless, J., Afroz, F., & Dodd, K. (2023). Conquering chaos: Critical reflections of beginning doctoral education in 2020. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*, 29(3), 97–110.
- Wolfer, T. A., Pooler, D., & **Graves, B. D.** (2022). Finding joy in social work: Practical strategies. *Social Work*, 67(3), 266-275. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swac021>

RESEARCH REPORTS

- Carl Vinson Institute of Government. (2024). *Fair chance hiring guide for Georgia employers*. Client: Public Welfare Foundation. Athens, University of Georgia.
- Carl Vinson Institute of Government. (2024). *Georgia criminal justice data landscape report insights: A closer look at incarcerated women, probation, crimes, and arrests*. Client: Public Welfare Foundation. Athens, University of Georgia.

- Carl Vinson Institute of Government. (2024). *Atlanta Policing Alternatives and Diversion case study*. Client: Public Welfare Foundation. Athens, University of Georgia.
- Carl Vinson Institute of Government. (2024). *The Front Porch: A case study on Chatham County juvenile court's resource center*. Client: Public Welfare Foundation. Athens, University of Georgia.
- Mowbray, O., Robinson, M., Risler, E., Skinner, J., **Graves, B. D.**, & Scheyett, A. (2023). *State of Georgia DRC Program Assessment Tool II (DRC-PAT II): Instrument update and assessment of outcomes*. Athens, University of Georgia.
- Carl Vinson Institute of Government. (2023). *Georgia Department of Administrative Services workforce report: Law enforcement workgroup*. Client: Georgia Department of Administrative Services. Athens, University of Georgia.
- Carl Vinson Institute of Government. (2023). *Georgia Department of Administrative Services workforce report: Accounting workgroup*. Client: Georgia Department of Administrative Services. Athens, University of Georgia.
- Carl Vinson Institute of Government. (2022). *The estimated economic impacts of accountability court programs in Georgia: Evidence from a survey of program participants*. Client: Council of Accountability Court Judges. Athens, University of Georgia.
- Carl Vinson Institute of Government. (2021). *Raising the age for juvenile offenders: Literature review, fiscal analysis, and implications for Georgia*. Athens, University of Georgia.

SOCIAL WORK CASE STUDIES & TEACHING NOTES

- Graves, B. D.**, Wolfer, T. A., & Reitmeier, M. C. (2021). No way to drive: Teaching note. In T. A. Wolfer & M. C. Reitmeier, *Dilemmas in social work field education: Decision cases*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- Reitmeier, M. C., Wolfer, T. A., & **Graves, B. D.** (2021). Inner struggles: Teaching note. In T. A. Wolfer & M. C. Reitmeier, *Dilemmas in social work field education: Decision cases*. New York: Columbia University Press.
- DiNovo, R., Wolfer, T. A., **Graves, B. D.**, & Bassett, M. (2020). Expert witness of criminal defense. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina
- Vasoo, S., **Graves, B. D.**, & Wolfer, T. A. (2019). Fareez (A) [Decision case]. Singapore: National University of Singapore.
- Vasoo, S., **Graves, B. D.**, & Wolfer, T. A. (2019). Fareez (B) [Decision case]. Singapore: National University of Singapore.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

- Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O., Aletraris, L., & O'Shields, J. D. (Revise & Resubmit). An analysis of 16-year trends in cannabis use disorder treatment: Predictors, barriers, and utilization patterns. *Substance Use & Misuse*.

Pless, J., Dodd, K., Afroz, F., **Graves, B. D.**, & Woodiwiss, J. (Under Review). “I just be chillin:” CBD use & anxiety among college students. *Journal of Substance Use*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Graves, B. D., Mowbray, O., Aletraris, L., Shannon, S., Atkin-Plunk, C. A., & Pettus, C. (In Progress). Latent class analysis of service utilization patterns among reentering criminal justice-involved adults: Longitudinal mixed-effects model with psychological distress.

Graves, B. D., Mowbray, O., Aletraris, L., & Shannon, S. (In Progress). Trajectories of depressive symptoms, associations with substance use, and gender differences among criminal justice-involved young adults to midlife: A multilevel growth curve model.

Graves, B. D., Mowbray, O., Aletraris, L., Shannon, S., & Pettus, C. (In Progress). Predictors of problem-focused coping strategies among criminal justice-involved adults with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.

Graves, B. D., Mowbray, O., Robinson, M. A., Kunz-Lomelin, A., Atkin-Plunk, C. A., & Snow, S. (In Progress). Impact of forensic peer mentorship on probation and parole outcomes.

O’Shields, J., **Graves, B. D.**, & Mowbray, O. (In Progress). The hidden toll of incarceration: The longitudinal association between a history of incarceration and inflammation.

Mowbray, O., Robinson, M., Tenant, E., **Graves, B. D.**, O’Shields, J., & Purser, G. (In Progress). Short-term outcomes among substance using participants in a rapid rehousing program: The H.O.P.E. project.

Mowbray, O., Fatehi, M., **Graves B. D.**, & Cooper, Z. (In Progress). Service use outcomes among peer support, wellness, and respite center users.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Bureau of Justice Assistance (2024). Palm Beach County Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry. Contract from Palm Beach County Government. Total direct costs: \$60,000. Role: **Co-Principal Investigator**.

Bureau of Justice Assistance (2024). Virtual Reality De-Escalation Site-Based Initiative. Contract from Clarke County Sheriff’s Office, Athens-Clarke County Government. Total direct costs: \$35,005. Role: **Principal Investigator**.

University of Georgia Graduate School and School of Social Work (2024). Presentation and travel expenses to the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference in Washington D.C. Amount: \$1,700. Role: **Recipient**.

National Institute of Justice (2023). A Community-Engaged Approach to Improving Jail Reentry: Identifying Barriers, Supports, and Resources for Success in the Rural Southeast. Role:

Key Personnel. Decision: Unfunded.

State of Georgia Department of Community Supervision (2023). Modification and Evaluation of the Georgia DRC-PAT. Total direct costs: \$152,898. Role: **Research Assistant.**

University of Georgia School of Social Work (2022). Presentation and travel expenses to the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference in Washington D.C. Amount: \$1,000. Role: **Recipient.**

R01 National Institute of Drug Abuse (2019). 1R01DA047291-01. Cannabis Legalization: Assessing its Impact on Treatment for Substance Use Disorders. Amount: \$2,180,818. Role: **Key Personnel.**

PRESENTATIONS

Juried Conference Presentations

Graves, B. D., Mowbray, O., Aletraris, L., Shannon, S., & Pettus, C. (2025, January 15-19; Accepted). *Latent class analysis of service utilization patterns among reentering criminal justice-involved adults: Longitudinal mixed effects with psychological distress.* Oral presentation at the 29th annual Society for Social Work Research, Seattle, Washington.

Graves, B. D., Mowbray, O., Aletraris, L., Shannon, S., & Pettus, C. (2025, January 15-19; Accepted). *Predictors of problem-focused coping strategies among criminal justice-involved adults with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.* Oral presentation at the 29th annual Society for Social Work Research, Seattle, Washington.

Mowbray, O., Fatehi, M., **Graves, B. D.,** Cooper, Z., & O'Shields, J. (2024, August 8-10). *Peer support, wellness, and respite centers: A catalyst for mental health recovery.* Poster presentation at the American Psychological Association, Seattle, Washington.

Fendrich, M. & **Graves, B. D.** (2024, July 22-26). *Community-based substance use treatment programs for reentering justice-involved adults in the US: A scoping review.* Presentation at the 38th Congress of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health, Barcelona, Spain.

Mowbray, O., Robinson, M., Risler, E., Skinner, J., **Graves, B. D.,** & Scheyett, A. (2024, July 22-26). *Probation and criminal justice programs.* Presentation at the 38th Congress of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health, Barcelona, Spain.

O'Shields, J., **Graves, B. D.,** & Mowbray, O. (2024, January 10-14). *The hidden toll of incarceration: The longitudinal association between a history of incarceration and inflammation.* Poster presentation at the 28th annual Society for Social Work Research, Washington, D.C.

Mowbray, O., Fatehi, M., **Graves B. D.,** & Cooper, Z. (2024, January 10-14). *Service use outcomes among peer support, wellness, and respite center users.* Poster presentation at

- the 28th annual Society for Social Work Research, Washington, D.C.
- Fendrich, M. & **Graves, B. D.** (2023, October 18-20). *Community-based substance use treatment programs for reentering justice-involved adults: A scoping review*. Poster presentation at the Addiction Health Services Research Conference, New York City, New York.
- Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O., & Aletraris, L. (2023, January 11-15). *The impact of mental health risks and needs on substance use in community supervision: A multilevel model examining moderation by age*. Poster presentation at the 27th annual Society for Social Work Research, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O., Aletraris, L., & O'Shields, J. D. (2023, January 11-15). *Sixteen-year trends in cannabis use disorder treatment utilization*. Poster presentation at the 27th annual Society for Social Work Research, Phoenix, Arizona.
- O'Shields, J. D., **Graves, B. D.**, & Mowbray, O. (2023, January 11-15). *Exploring the relationship between major depression, childhood maltreatment, and the immune system: A psychometric network analysis approach*. Oral paper presentation at the 27th annual Society for Social Work Research, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Mowbray, O., Robinson, M., Tenant, E., **Graves, B. D.**, O'Shields, J. D., & Purser, G. (2023, January 11-15). *Short-term outcomes among substance using participants in a rapid rehousing program: The H.O.P.E. project*. Poster presentation at the 27th annual Society for Social Work Research, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Afroz, F., Pless, J., Dodd, K., Woodiwiss, J., & **Graves, B. D.** (2023, January 11-15). *"I just be chillin'": CBD use and anxiety among college students*. Poster presentation at the 27th annual Society for Social Work Research, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O., Aletraris, L., & Paseda, O. (2022, January 12-16). *Examining correlates of substance use treatment needs for adults under community supervision*. Oral paper presentation at the 26th annual Society for Social Work Research, Washington, D.C.
- Graves, B. D.**, Aletraris, L., & Mowbray, O. (2022, January 12-16). *Criminal justice referred clients and wraparound services in substance use treatment centers: Examining moderation of public funding on service provision*. Oral paper presentation at the 26th annual Society for Social Work Research, Washington, D.C.
- Mowbray, O., Fatehi, M., Robinson, M., **Graves, B. D.**, & Paseda, O. (2022, January 12-16). *Outcomes of forensic peer support provision for persons in community supervision settings*. Oral paper presentation at the 26th annual Society for Social Work Research, Washington, D.C.
- Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O., Aletraris, L., & Paseda, O. (2021, October 13-15). *Examining correlates of substance use treatment needs for adults under community supervision*. Poster presentation at the Addiction Health Services Research. (Online).
- Woodiwiss J. L., **Graves B. D.**, Pless J., Dodd K., Afroz F. (2021, October 1). *Conquering Chaos: Critical reflections of beginning doctoral education in 2020*. Poster presentation

for Preparing Diverse Populations for Graduate Admissions, University of Georgia, Graduate School. Athens, Georgia.

Wolfer, T. A., & Graves, B. D. (2020, March) *Teaching joy in social work*. NASW-SC Symposium. Columbia, SC. (Conference canceled).

Invited Presentations

Graves, B. D. (2024, October). *Substance use theory, policy, and evidence-based treatment among justice-involved populations*, SW 7806: Addiction Theory and Policy, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.

Graves, B. D. (2023, September). *Joy in social work field education: Making connections*, Online module presentation, Baylor University, Waco, TX.

Wolfer, T., Pooler, D., & Graves, B. D. (2022, November). *Finding joy in social work: Practical strategies*, Virtual CEU Workshop, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Graves, B. D. (2022, April). *Substance use and mental health among justice-involved populations*, SOCI 4000: Society, Bodies, and Health, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

Graves, B. D. (2021, November). *Ethical communication: Working with justice-involved and at-risk youth populations*, SOWK 2155: Social Work Communication, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

Graves, B. D. (2021, October). *Second year student experiences*, PhD Program Information Session: Panel for Prospective Students, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher 2021–2024

Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia

- Conducted case studies, qualitative interviews, and county-level criminal justice trend analyses for a criminal justice landscape report and statewide workforce development project.
- Assisted in writing research reports and creating materials for dissemination to state agencies, researchers, and government employees.
- Performed a fiscal cost and savings analysis for relocating juveniles sentenced in superior court to the juvenile justice system and wrote a research report on the findings.

Graduate Research Assistant 2020–2024

School of Social Work, University of Georgia

- Supervisor: Dr. Orion Mowbray.
- Assisted in program evaluations of Day Reporting Centers across different sites statewide for the Georgia Department of Community Supervision.
- Utilized advanced statistical modeling techniques for several research projects examining

substance use and mental health among criminal justice-involved populations.

- Prepared and submitted manuscripts for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

Pre-doctoral Fellowship

2020–2024

School of Social Work, University of Georgia

- Supervisor: Dr. Lydia Aletraris.
- Assisted in examining treatment implementation for substance use disorders through a federally funded R01 grant from the National Institute of Health.
- Collaborated on survey instrument development and data collection of two waves among a nationally representative sample of substance use treatment centers.
- Prepared and submitted manuscripts for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

Graduate Assistant

2018–2020

College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

- Supervisor: Dr. Terry Wolfer.
- Co-authored several case studies, teaching notes, and a manuscript that was accepted for publication.
- Organized and prepared to co-present “Teaching Joy in Social Work” for National Association of Social Workers- SC Symposium.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Florida Atlantic University

SOW 6305: Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals (MSW), Distance Learning
 SOW 6306: Generalist Social Work Practice with Organizations & Communities (MSW),
 In-person and Distance Learning

University of Georgia

SOWK 5544: General Practice of Social Work III – Macro Practice (BSW)
 SOWK 5326: Foundations of Social Work Research (BSW)
 SOWK 5524: Generalist Practice of Social Work I (BSW)

Teaching Assistant, Spring 2022

Professor of Record: Dr. Rebecca Mathew

SOWK: 7133: Community Organizing & Social Action (MSW)

University of Georgia

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the Profession

<i>Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work</i> , Editorial Board member	2024–present
Ad Hoc Reviewer, <i>Drug & Alcohol Dependence Reports</i>	2024
Ad Hoc Reviewer, <i>Health & Social Care in the Community</i>	2023
Promote Smart Decarceration Working Group, Behavioral Health Team member	2022–present

Service to the School, College, and University

Florida Atlantic University

Post-Doc Search Committee, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice	2024
Non-Tenure Track Committee, School of Social Work	2024–present
MSW Program Committee, School of Social Work	2024–present

University of Georgia

Graduate Student Association Council, School of Social Work Representative	2022–2024
Student Advocacy Committee, Graduate Student Association Council	2022–2024
Doctoral Student Peer Mentorship Program, Student Mentor	2022–2023
Criminal Justice Alumni Networking Event, Alumni Speaker	2022–2023

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Blue Key Honor Society, UGA Chapter, member	2023–present
Society for Social Work and Research, member	2021–present
The National Society for Collegiate Scholars, member	2013–present

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL & PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Carl Vinson Institute of Government 2021–2024

Technical Paraprofessional, Athens, GA

- Collaborated with statewide agencies, local organizations, and advocacy groups around challenges with the criminal justice system including employment, economic impact, and diversion.
- Assisted in a law enforcement workgroup and participated in all workgroup meetings for a statewide workforce development project.
- Provided comprehensive notes through fast and accurate typing and extracting all relevant information for workgroup meetings and facilitated stakeholder conversations.

Growing Home Southeast, INC. 2018–2020

Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services Specialist, Cayce, SC

- Provided individual and family therapy as well as psychosocial rehabilitative services to RBHS and TFC program clients.
- Assisted youths at risk of criminal justice involvement and their foster families to eliminate or replace disruptive, harmful or negative behaviors with positive actions.
- Collected and provided all necessary documentation required to provide services.

Substance Abuse Prevention Education Office

2019–2020

Carolina Community Coalition Graduate Intern, University of South Carolina

- Facilitated Carolina Awareness on Alcohol Policies & Safety (CAAPS) courses as a co-instructor in conjunction with the Student Conduct & Academic Integrity Office.
- Organized and led various ongoing community Coalition Workgroups.
- Served on a Coalition steering committee with various university department supervisors.
- Analyzed university data on substance use and summarized trends for presentation ready materials.

Walton County Sheriff's Office

2017–2018

Detention Officer in Jail Division, Monroe, GA

- Supervised inmates and inmate activity.
- Utilized social skills to ensure inmates act according to agency policies.
- Maintained jail security.
- Performed necessary functions to ensure safety of inmates, visitors, and fellow employees.
- Documented reports detailing jail operations and inmate incidents.

TRAININGS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Human Research Social & Behavioral Research- Children, University of Georgia Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program, February 2023**Human Research Social & Behavioral Research**, University of Georgia CITI Program, September 2020**Human Research Social & Behavioral Research- Prisoners**, University of Georgia CITI Program, September 2020**Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)**, Columbia, SC. Certification received August 20th, 2019**SMART Recovery Facilitator**, Columbia, SC. Certification received July 16th, 2019**Together Facing the Challenge, Duke University Medical Center**, Columbia, SC Evidence-Based Practice Training, Certification received November 15th, 2018**Trauma Informed Care in South Carolina, Joint Council on Children and Adolescents**, Lexington, SC, November 8th, 2018**HONORS & AWARDS**

Blue Key Honor Society Nomination and Acceptance, University of Georgia, Spring 2023
Pre-doctoral Fellowship, University of Georgia, School of Social Work, Fall 2020–Spring 2024
Dean’s List, University of Georgia, Fall 2017