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Academic Appointments and Other Work Experience

Assistant Professor Columbia University, Department of Epidemiology, Department of Sociomedical Sciences	November 2018-present
Postdoctoral Research Fellow Columbia University, Department of Sociomedical Sciences and School of Social Work	July 2016- October 2018
Researcher Trajectories of Substance Use and Comorbid Mental Illness, Magdalena Cerda, Principal Investigator, National Institute on Drug Abuse grant 5K01DA030449-05	2013 - 2015
Researcher Columbia University Systems Science Program, Rockefeller Foundation, Abdulrahman El-Sayed, Principal Investigator	2014 - 2015
Associate Researcher University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, County Health Rankings Project, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	2010-2011
Senior Policy Analyst Council of State Governments Justice Center Criminal Justice/Mental Health Consensus Project	2005-2010

Education

PhD in Epidemiology Columbia University	2011-2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dissertation title: Is criminogenic risk assessment a prisoner of the proximate? Challenging the assumptions of an expanding paradigmDissertation sponsor: Sharon Schwartz. Committee and readers: Bruce G. Link, Lisa M. Bates, Adam Reich, Jennifer Skeem	
MPH in Sociomedical Sciences Columbia University	2008-2010
BA in Psychology McGill University	2000-2004

Honors and Awards

The William Farr Award in Epidemiology, Department of Epidemiology, Columbia University	2016
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Academic Service University

Co-Convener, Inequalities Cross-Cutting Theme, Columbia Population Research Center	2020-
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Department

Methods Exam Committee	2019-2020
Co-designer and co-facilitator, Power, Privilege, and Allyship training for faculty and teaching assistants on identifying and responding to microaggressions in the classroom	2015
Facilitator, required journal club for masters student certificate in social determinants of health	2012-2015

Professional Organizations and Societies

Memberships

American Psychopathological Association
American Public Health Association
American Sociological Association
Society for Epidemiologic Research

Journal Reviewer

Addiction Research & Theory
American Journal of Epidemiology
American Journal of Industrial Medicine
American Journal of Public Health
American Journal of Orthopsychiatry
BMC Psychiatry
Canadian Journal of Psychiatry
Criminal Behavior and Mental Health
Drug and Alcohol Dependence
Family Medicine and Community Health
International Journal of Health Services
Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health
JAMA Psychiatry
Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
Psychiatry, Psychology, and Law
Occupational and Environmental Medicine
Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology
Social Science & Medicine
Society and Mental Health
Sociology of Health & Illness

Fellowship and Grant Support

Fellowships

HIV, Substance Use, and Criminal Justice T32 Fellowship Program
National Institute on Drug Abuse grant T32-DA-37801, Nabila El-Bassel and Lisa Metsch, Principal Investigators 2016-2018

Psychiatric Epidemiology Training Program Predoctoral Fellow
National Institute of Mental Health grant 5-T32-MH-13043, Bruce G. Link, Principal Investigator 2011-2016

Grant Support

Active Research Funding

National Institute on Drug Abuse K01DA045955
Adolescent substance use as determinant and consequence of the school-to-prison pipeline: Disentangling individual risk, social determinants, and group disparities
• Total direct costs: \$862,573
Role: Principal Investigator
Project period: 02/01/2019 - 01/31/2024

Columbia Population Research Center Seed Grant
Community policing, school discipline, and school safety: Disentangling student-, school-, and community-level determinants of adolescent violence and victimization
• Total direct costs: \$16,215
Role: Principal Investigator
Project Period: 01/15/2021 - 06/30/2022

Calderone Research Prize for Junior Faculty

Adolescent health consequences of school- and community-level policing, criminalization, and securitization in New York City

Role: Principal Investigator

Project period: 04/05/2021 - 04/05/2022

- Total direct costs: \$25,000

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities L60MD013029

Role: Principal Investigator

Racial and LGBTQ disparities in the role of substance use as determinant and consequence of the school-to-prison pipeline: Disentangling individual risk and social determinants

Project Period 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2020

Educational Contributions

Teaching

Instructor

Applications of Epidemiologic Research Methods II P9489, Columbia University
Department of Epidemiology, second-year doctoral course

Spring 2019, 2020

Epidemiology, Bard Prison Initiative, Bard College, Woodbourne Correctional Facility

Fall 2015

Teaching Assistant

Publications, Presentations, and Grants, Columbia University, Department of Epidemiology,
first-year doctoral course

2015

Psychiatric Epidemiology Reading Seminar, Columbia University Mailman School of Public
Health

2014

Principals of Observational Epidemiology, Columbia University Mailman School of Public
Health

2013, 2014

Principals of Epidemiology and Introduction to Biostatistical Methods, Columbia Summer
Research Institute

2012, 2013

Social Epidemiology, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

2012, 2013

Masters Thesis I and II, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

2012, 2013

Epidemiology of Drug and Alcohol Problems, Columbia University Mailman School of
Public Health

2012

Advising and mentorship

Dissertation and Thesis Committees

PhD Dissertation Sponsor, Sandhya Kajeepeta

2020-

PhD Dissertation First Reader, Shadiya Moss

2020-

PhD Dissertation First Reader, Emilie Bruzelius

2020-

PhD Dissertation First Reader, Sarah McKetta

2020-

DrPh Dissertation Project, Trena Mukherjee

2020-

Masters Thesis Second Reader, Megan Marziali

2020-

Masters Thesis Sponsor, Sara Atlas

2020-

Masters Thesis Sponsor, Martha Mulugeta: Student Loan Debt and Depressive
Symptomatology: A Longitudinal Cohort Analysis

April 25, 2020

PhD Dissertation Committee (Defended), Caroline Bancroft, Do alternatives to
incarceration mitigate the health effects of criminal justice involvement? An examination of
the effects of probation on chronic disease risk and access to care

Fall 2019

DrPH Qualifying Exam Committee, Trena Mukherjee

Fall 2019

Academic Advising

PhD	Sheffner, Ruth	2020-
PhD	Hu, Gloria	2020-
MPH	Christensen, Dana	2020-
MS	Zazanis, Noah	2020-
MPH	Russell, Matthew	2020-
MPH	Thigpen, Shelby	2020-
MPH	Singham Goodwin, Alicia	2019-
MPH	Young, Chloe	2019-
MPH	Hill, Isabella	2019-

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Research

1. McKetta, S., Prins, S. J., Bates, L. M., Platt, J. M., & Keyes, K. M. (2021). US trends in binge drinking by gender, occupation, prestige, and work structure among adults in the midlife, 2006–2018. *Annals of Epidemiology*, 62, 22–29. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.annepidem.2021.06.004>
2. Prins, S. J., & Reich, A. (2021). Criminogenic risk assessment: A meta-review and critical analysis. *Punishment & Society*, 14624745211025751. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14624745211025751>
3. Kajeepeta, S., Mauro, P. M., Keyes, K. M., El-Sayed, A. M., Rutherford, C. G., & Prins, S. J. (2021). Association between county jail incarceration and cause-specific county mortality in the USA, 1987–2017: A retrospective, longitudinal study. *The Lancet Public Health*. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667\(20\)30283-8](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667(20)30283-8)
4. Reich, A. D., & Prins, S. J. (2020). The Disciplining Effect of Mass Incarceration on Labor Organization. *American Journal of Sociology*, 125(5), 1303–1344. <https://doi.org/10.1086/709016>
5. Eisenberg-Guyot, J., & Prins, S. J. (2020). Relational Social Class, Self-Rated Health, and Mortality in the United States. *International Journal of Health Services: Planning, Administration, Evaluation*, 50(1), 7–20. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0020731419886194>
6. Hatzenbuehler, M. L., Rutherford, C., McKetta, S., Prins, S. J., & Keyes, K. M. (2020). Structural stigma and all-cause mortality among sexual minorities: Differences by sexual behavior? *Social Science & Medicine (1982)*, 244, 112463. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2019.112463>
7. Kajeepeta, S., Rutherford, C. G., Keyes, K. M., El-Sayed, A. M., & Prins, S. J. (2020). County Jail Incarceration Rates and County Mortality Rates in the United States, 1987–2016. *American Journal of Public Health*, 110(S1), S109–S115. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2019.305413>
8. Prins, S. J., McKetta, S., Platt, J., Muntaner, C., Keyes, K. M., & Bates, L. M. (2020). “The Serpent of their Agonies”: Exploitation As Structural Determinant of Mental Illness. *Epidemiology, Volume Published ahead of Print*. <https://doi.org/10.1097/EDE.0000000000001304>
9. Prins, S. J., & Story, B. (2020). Connecting the Dots Between Mass Incarceration, Health Inequity, and Climate Change. *American Journal of Public Health*, 110(S1), S35–S36. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2019.305470>
10. Prins, S. J., Kajeepeta, S., Pearce, R., Beardslee, J., Pardini, D., & Cerdá, M. (2020). Identifying sensitive periods when changes in parenting and peer factors are associated with changes in adolescent alcohol and marijuana use. *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00127-020-01955-0>
11. Prins, S. J. (2019). Criminogenic or criminalized? Testing an assumption for expanding criminogenic risk assessment. *Law and Human Behavior*, 43(5), 477–490. <https://doi.org/10.1037/lhb0000347>
12. Prins, S. J., McKetta, S., Platt, J., Muntaner, C., Keyes, K. M., & Bates, L. M. (2019). Mental illness, drinking, and the social division and structure of labor in the United States: 2003–2015. *American Journal of Industrial Medicine*, 62(2), 131–144. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ajim.22935>
13. Beardslee, J., Datta, S., Byrd, A., Meier, M., Prins, S., Cerda, M., & Pardini, D. (2018). An Examination of Parental and Peer Influence on Substance Use and Criminal Offending During the Transition from Adolescence to Adulthood. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 45(6), 783–798. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0093854818764767>

14. Keyes, K. M., Gary, D. S., Beardslee, J., Prins, S. J., O'Malley, P. M., Rutherford, C., & Schulenberg, J. (2018). Joint Effects of Age, Period, and Cohort on Conduct Problems Among American Adolescents From 1991 Through 2015. *American Journal of Epidemiology*, *187*(3), 548–557. <https://doi.org/10.1093/aje/kwx268>
15. McKetta, S., Prins, S. J., Platt, J., Bates, L. M., & Keyes, K. (2018). Social sequencing to determine patterns in health and work-family trajectories for U.S. Women, 1968–2013. *SSM - Population Health*, *6*, 301–308. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2018.10.003>
16. Prins, S. J., & Reich, A. (2018). Can we avoid reductionism in risk reduction? *Theoretical Criminology*, *22*(2), 258–278. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1362480617707948>
17. Hatzenbuehler, M. L., Prins, S. J., Flake, M., Philbin, M., Frazer, M. S., Hagen, D., & Hirsch, J. (2017). Immigration policies and mental health morbidity among Latinos: A state-level analysis. *Social Science & Medicine (1982)*, *174*, 169–178. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2016.11.040>
18. Platt, J., Prins, S., Bates, L., & Keyes, K. (2016). Unequal depression for equal work? How the wage gap explains gendered disparities in mood disorders. *Social Science & Medicine (1982)*, *149*, 1–8. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2015.11.056>
19. Cerdá, M., Prins, S. J., Galea, S., Howe, C. J., Pardini, D., Cerdá, M., Prins, S. J., Galea, S., Howe, C. J., & Pardini, D. (2016). When psychopathology matters most: Identifying sensitive periods when within-person changes in conduct, affective, and anxiety problems are associated with male adolescent substance use. *Addiction*, *111*(5), 924–935. <https://doi.org/10.1111/add.13304>
20. Sohler, N., Adams, B. G., Barnes, D. M., Cohen, G. H., Prins, S. J., & Schwartz, S. (2016). Weighing the evidence for harm from long-term treatment with antipsychotic medications: A systematic review. *The American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, *86*(5), 477–485. <https://doi.org/10.1037/ort0000106>
21. Schwartz, S., Prins, S. J., Campbell, U. B., & Gatto, N. M. (2016). Is the “well-defined intervention assumption” politically conservative? *Social Science & Medicine (1982)*, *166*, 254–257. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2015.10.054>
22. Prins, S. J., Bates, L. M., Keyes, K. M., & Muntaner, C. (2015). Anxious? Depressed? You might be suffering from capitalism: Contradictory class locations and the prevalence of depression and anxiety in the USA. *Sociology of Health & Illness*, *37*(8), 1352–1372. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-9566.12315>
23. Muntaner, C., Ng, E., Chung, H., & Prins, S. J. (2015). Two decades of Neo-Marxist class analysis and health inequalities: A critical reconstruction. *Social Theory & Health: STH*, *13*(3-4), 267–287. <https://doi.org/10.1057/sth.2015.17>
24. Muntaner, C., Ng, E., Prins, S. J., Bones-Rocha, K., Espelt, A., & Chung, H. (2015). Social Class and Mental Health: Testing Exploitation as a Relational Determinant of Depression. *International Journal of Health Services*, *45*(2), 265–284. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0020731414568508>
25. Prins, S. J., Skeem, J. L., Mauro, C., & Link, B. G. (2015). Criminogenic factors, psychotic symptoms, and incident arrests among people with serious mental illnesses under intensive outpatient treatment. *Law and Human Behavior*, *39*(2), 177–188. <https://doi.org/10.1037/lhb0000104>
26. Prins, S. J., Elliott, J. E., Meyers, J. L., Verheul, R., & Hasin, D. S. (2014). Substance Use Disorders. In J. M. Oldham, A. E. Skodol, & D. S. Bender (Eds.), *The American Psychiatric Publishing Textbook of Personality Disorders* (pp. 407–428). American Psychiatric Publishing.
27. Prins, S. J. (2014). Prevalence of Mental Illnesses in U.S. State Prisons: A Systematic Review. *Psychiatric Services*, *65*(7), 862–872. <https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.201300166>
28. Prins, S. J. (2014). Why determine the prevalence of mental illnesses in jails and prisons? *Psychiatric Services (Washington, D.C.)*, *65*(8), 1074. <https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.650809>
29. Prins, S. J., Osher, F. C., Steadman, H. J., Robbins, P. C., & Case, B. (2012). Exploring Racial Disparities in The Brief Jail Mental Health Screen. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *39*(5), 635–645. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0093854811435776>

- Prins, S. J. (2011). Does transinstitutionalization explain the overrepresentation of people with serious mental illnesses in the criminal justice system? *Community Mental Health Journal*, 47(6), 716–722. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10597-011-9420-y>

Book Chapter

- Prins, S. J., Elliott, J. E., Meyers, J. L., Verheul, R., & Hasin, D. S. (2014). Substance Use Disorders. In J. M. Oldham, A. E. Skodol, & D. S. Bender (Eds.), *The American Psychiatric Publishing Textbook of Personality Disorders* (pp. 407–428). American Psychiatric Publishing.

Federal Reports

- Fabelo, T., Nagy, G., & Prins, S. J. (2011). *A Ten-Step Guide to Transforming Probation Departments to Reduce Recidivism*. Council of State Governments Justice Center.
- Prins, S. J., & Osher, F. C. (2009). *Improving Responses to People with Mental Illnesses: The Essential Elements of Specialized Probation Initiatives*. Council of State Governments Justice Center.
- Prins, S. J., & Draper, L. (2009). *Improving Outcomes for People with Mental Illnesses Under Community Corrections Supervision: A Guide to Research-Informed Policy and Practice*. Council of State Governments Justice Center.

Popular Press

- Seth J. Prins, Justin Feldman, & Abigail Cartus. (2021, February 19). Teachers and Their Unions Are Demanding Truly Safe Schools Reopening — Not “Ignoring Science.” *Jacobin*. <https://jacobinmag.com/2021/02/teachers-unions-schools-covid-reopening>
- Feldman, J., Cartus, A., & Prins, S. J. (2021, February 3). Biden’s Coronavirus Plan Will Not Prevent Death and Devastation. *The Nation*. <https://www.thenation.com/article/politics/covid-shutdown-biden/>
- Seth J. Prins, Sandhya Kajeepeeta, Brad Mauer, & Kayla Simpson. (2020, December 31). How to save lives in jail right now: Learn from mistakes made in earlier COVID waves. *New York Daily News*. <https://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/ny-oped-to-save-lives-jail-mass-releases-mass-testing-20201231-wie2cxm5g5xorzyvfpbdub4i.html>
- Brad Mauer, Sandhya Kajeepeeta, & Seth J. Prins. (2020, July 9). There Must Be Mass Releases From NYC Jails Immediately: It’s The Only Way To Protect Public Health. *The Appeal*. <https://theappeal.org/there-must-be-mass-releases-from-nyc-jails-immediately-its-the-only-way-to-protect-public-health/>
- Sandhya Kajeepeeta, & Seth J. Prins. (2020, March 24). Why Coronavirus in Jails Should Concern All of Us. *The Appeal*. <https://theappeal.org/coronavirus-jails-public-health/>
- Prins, S. J., Tergas, A., & Goldberg, S. (2019, October 16). Opinion: A Bad Post-Rikers Jail Plan for New York. *The New York Times: Opinion*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/16/opinion/letters/socialism-jails-new-york.html>
- Brett Story, & Seth J. Prins. (2019, August 28). A Green New Deal for Decarceration. *Jacobin*. <https://jacobinmag.com/2019/08/green-new-deal-decarceration-environment-prison-incarceration>

Invited and/or Peer-Selected Presentations _____

Invited Talks

'The serpent of their agonies': Exploitation as structural determinant of mental illness	October 28
Sociology Seminar, Nuffield College Oxford University	2020
Criminogenic or criminalized? Gendering, racialization, and the assumptions of criminogenic risk assessment	December 6
Seminar Series in Gender, Sexuality, and Health, Department of Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University	2017

How an epidemiologist encountered critical realism, and what critical realism might gain from debates about causal inference in epidemiology Beyond Positivism: Theory, Methods, and Values in Social Science Conference. Quantitative Methods Plenary Panel, Montreal, QC	August 8-10 2017
Moving beyond socioeconomic status to social class processes in public health Region 2 Public Health Training Center Webinar	August 1 2017
Health Disparities and the Criminal Justice System Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai	October 21 2016

Conference Symposia

Adolescent health determinants and consequences of the school-to-prison pipeline: Public health implications of mass criminalization Society for Epidemiologic Research, Virtual Conference	December 18 2020
'The serpent of their agonies': Exploitation as structural determinant of mental illness Society for Epidemiologic Research, Minneapolis, MN	June 18 - 21 2019
Changes in county jail incarceration rates are associated with changes in county mortality rates in the United States from 1987-2016 Society for Epidemiologic Research, Minneapolis, MN (Poster)	June 18-21 2019
Relational Social Class, Self-Rated Health, and Mortality in the United States Society for Epidemiologic Research, Minneapolis, MN (Poster)	June 18-21 2019
Contemporary Class Relations as Structural Determinant of Mental Illness: Moving Beyond Stratification to Relational Social Processes Society for Epidemiologic Research, Seattle, WA (Poster)	June 21-23 2017
Testing Contemporary Class Relations as a Structural Determinant of Mental Illness: Moving Beyond Stratification to Relational Social Processes Population Association of America, Chicago, IL	April 27-29 2017
Substance use over the lifecourse: When do peers and parents matter most? Society for Epidemiologic Research, Epidemiology Congress of the Americas, Miami, Florida	June 21-24 2016

Selected Media Coverage

- Closson, T., & Bromwich, J. E. (2021). City Jails Are Crowded Again, Stoking Covid Fears: "It's a Ticking Time Bomb." *The New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/10/nyregion/nyc-jail-covid.html>
- Chelsea Cirruzzo. (2021). Incarceration Tied to Early Death in U.S., Study Suggests. *US News & World Report*. <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2021-02-23/jail-incarceration-rates-tied-to-premature-death-study-suggests>
- Meagan Day. (2020). New Research Confirms It: Exploitation Makes People Miserable Mentally. An interview with Seth Prins. *Jacobin*. <https://jacobinmag.com/2020/12/exploitation-marx-mental-health-capitalism>
- Christopher Robbins. (2020). Photos & Video Show NYPD Officers, Including Top Brass, Openly Flouting Mask Mandate. *Gothamist*. <https://gothamist.com/news/photos-video-show-nypd-officers-including-top-brass-openly-flouting-mask-mandate>
- Eaton, E. (2020). One month later, no sign of respite at jail in San Antonio. *San Antonio Express-News*. <https://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/When-coronavirus-strikes-One-month-later-no-15260509.php>
- McCullough, J. (2020). 70% of Texas prisoners tested have the coronavirus. Experts say it's time for more testing and fewer inmates. *The Texas Tribune*. <https://www.texastribune.org/2020/05/04/coronavirus-texas-prisons-testing/>

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13. Cha, A. E. (2015). The Perilous Plight of Middle Managers. *The Washington Post*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/to-your-health/wp/2015/08/20/why-middle-managers-are-more-likely-to-be-depressed/>
14. Lam, B. (2015). The Secret Suffering of the Middle Manager. *The Atlantic*. <https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2015/08/middle-managers-stress-depression/402193/>