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### EDUCATION

- 2012      PhD, Applied Anthropology, University of South Florida  
Concentration: Bio-cultural Medical Anthropology  
Dissertation: *Love and Risk: Intimate Relationships among Female Sex Workers who Inject Drugs and their Non-Commercial Partners in Tijuana, Mexico*
- 2009      MPH, University of South Florida  
Concentration: Epidemiology
- 1996      BA, Anthropology, Baylor University

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2017-      Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of California, Riverside  
2014-2017 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, The Ohio State University  
2012-2013 Postdoctoral Fellow, Global Public Health, University of California, San Diego

### RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2009-2012 Research Assistant, University of California, San Diego, Division of Global Public Health.
- 2007-2009 Project Coordinator, University of South Florida Center for HIV Education and Research.
- 2006-2007 Graduate Research Assistant, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida.
- 2002-2006 Research Associate, Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of Delaware Field Office in Miami, Florida.

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Critical medical anthropology, applied anthropology, health disparities, injection drug use, sex work, HIV/AIDS, the anthropology of hope, institutional and sociocultural conceptions of care, gender, ethnographic and visual methods, Mexico-US border, Kenya, and the US

### SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2016      Social & Behavioral Sciences International Travel Grant, OSU.
- 2015      Social & Behavioral Sciences International Travel Grant, OSU.
- Declined      2013 International Summer School in Medical Anthropology, *Wellbeing at the Margins: Seeking Health in Stratified Landscapes of Medicine and Healing*. Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.
- 2013      Scholarship to the *Annual Summer Clinical Institute in Addiction Studies*, UCSD Center for Criminality & Addiction Research, Training & Application.

- 2008 Selected for *Outstanding New Investigators in Drug Abuse Research* Panel, Annual Meetings of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse.
- 2007-2011 Conference travel awards, Annual Meetings of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse.
- 2007 National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse, Summer Research Training Institute, Houston, Texas.
- 2007 University of South Florida conference travel award.
- 2006-2011 Presidential Doctoral Fellowship, University of South Florida.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. **Syvertsen, JL**, AR Bazzi & ML Mittal.\* Hope amidst Horror: Documenting the “War on Drugs” in Tijuana, Mexico. *Medical Anthropology*, 36(6):566-583.
2. Malone, J, **JL Syvertsen**, BE Johnson, MJ Mimiaga, KD Mayer & AR Bazzi. Negotiating sexual safety in the era of biomedical HIV prevention: relationship dynamics among male couples using pre-exposure prophylaxis. *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, DOI: 10.1080/13691058.2017.1368711
3. Bazzi, AR, KA Yotebieng\*, K Agot, G Rota\* & **JL Syvertsen**. Perspectives on biomedical HIV prevention options among women who inject drugs in Kenya. *AIDS Care*, DOI: 10.1080/09540121.2017.1363369
4. **Syvertsen, JL**, C Paquette & RA Pollini. 2017. Down in the Valley: Trajectories of Injection Initiation among Young Injectors in California’s Central Valley. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 44:41-49.
5. Wagner, KD, **JL Syvertsen**, S Viridugo, JL Molina & SA Strathdee. 2017. A mixed methods study of the social networks of female sex workers and their primary, non-commercial male partners. *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*, 1-21.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1558689816688974>
6. Yotebieng, KA\* G Rota,\* K Agot, C Cohen and **JL Syvertsen**. 2016. A qualitative study of substance use during pregnancy: Implications for sexual and reproductive healthcare in western Kenya. *African Journal of Reproductive Health*, 20(4):51-59.
7. Yotebieng, KA\*, **JL Syvertsen** & N Romero-Daza. 2016. Introduction to the Special Issue: Building an Applied Anthropology of Global Health. Guest edited issue of *Practicing Anthropology*, 38(4):3-4.
8. **Syvertsen, JL** & A Guise. 2016. Navigating the Symbolic Violence of Applied Social Science Research with Vulnerable Populations. *Practicing Anthropology*, 38(4):23-26.
9. **Syvertsen, JL**, K Agot, S Ohaga, M Dimova, A Guise, T Rhodes & KD Wagner. 2016. An ethnographic exploration of drug markets in Kisumu, Kenya. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, Special Issue on Drug Policy in Africa, 30:82-90.

**See coverage in Kenyan media:** <http://www.nation.co.ke/lifestyle/DN2/Making-drug-use-safer-for-those-who-are-hooked/957860-3429470-12spqj0/index.html>

10. Palinkas, LA, AM Robertson, **JL Syvertsen**, DO Hernandez,\* GM Rangel, G Martinez & SA Strathdee. 2016. Measuring current drug use in female sex workers and their non-commercial male partners in Mexico: Concordance between data collected from surveys versus semi-structured interviews. *Substance Use & Misuse*, 51(1): 23-33.
11. Bazzi AR, **JL Syvertsen**, ML Rolón,\* H Amaro, DO Hernandez,\* GM Rangel, G Martinez, A Vera, H Amaro, MD Ulibarri & SA Strathdee. 2016. Social and structural challenges to drug cessation among couples in Northern Mexico: implications for drug treatment in underserved communities. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 61:26-33.
12. **Syvertsen, JL**, AM Robertson, KB Fergus, MD Ulibarri, H Amaro, G Martinez, G Rangel & SA Strathdee. 2015. Love, trust, and HIV risk among female sex workers and their intimate male partners. *American Journal of Public Health*, 105(8):1667-1674.  
**See AJPH photo blog:** <http://ajphtalks.blogspot.com/2015/07/q-with-jennifer-syvertsen-of-ohio-state.html>
13. **Syvertsen, JL** & AM Robertson. 2015. Sex Work, Heroin Injection, and HIV Risk in Tijuana: A Love Story. Special Issue on the ethnography of affect for *Anthropology of Consciousness*, 26(2):191-206.
14. Ludwig-Barron N, **JL Syvertsen**, T Lagare, LA Palinkas & JK Stockman. 2015. Live to Tell: Narratives of female methamphetamine users taken hostage by intimate partners. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 26(9): 843-850.
15. **Syvertsen, JL**, K Agot, S Ohaga, SA Strathdee, CS Camlin, E Omanga, P Odonde, G Rota, K Akoth, J Peng & KD Wagner. 2015. Evidence of injection drug use in Kisumu, Kenya: Implications for HIV prevention. *Drug & Alcohol Dependence*, 151:262-266.
16. Pines, HA, TA Patterson, GM Rangel, G Martinez, AM Robertson, MD Ulibarri, **JL Syvertsen**, N Martin & SA Strathdee. 2015. STI/HIV test result disclosure between female sex workers and their primary, non-commercial male partners in two Mexico-U.S. border cities. *Sexually Transmitted Infections*, 91(3):270-213.
17. Robertson, AM, G Rangel, G Martinez, MD Ulibarri, **JL Syvertsen**, SA Bazzi, S Roesch, HA Pines & SA Strathdee. 2015. Incidence and predictors of HIV and sexually transmitted infections among female sex workers and their intimate male partners in Northern Mexico: a longitudinal, multilevel study. *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 181(9):723-731.
18. **Syvertsen, JL**, AM Robertson, A Scheibe, S Adebajo, SA Strathdee & WM Wechsberg. 2014. The promise and peril of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis: Using social science to inform PrEP interventions among female sex workers. *African Journal of Reproductive Health (Special Edition)*, 18(3):73-82.

19. Scheibe A, B Kanyemba, **JL Syvertsen**, S Adabajo, I Orazulike, S Baral. 2014. Money, Power and HIV: economic influences and HIV among men who have sex with men in sub-Saharan Africa. *African Journal of Reproductive Health (Special Edition)*, 18(3):83-91.
20. Ludwig-Barron N, KD Wagner, **JL Syvertsen**, TL Patterson, SJ Semple & JK Stockman. 2014. *When you get old like this...you don't run those risks anymore*: Influence of age on sexual risk behaviors and condom use attitudes among heterosexual women with histories of drug use and partner violence. *Women's Health Issues*, 24(6):620-8.
21. **Syvertsen, JL**, AM Robertson, SA Strathdee, G Martinez, GM Rangel & KD Wagner. 2014. Rethinking Risk: Gender and injection drug-related HIV risk among female sex workers and their intimate partners in Northern Mexico. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 25(5): 836-844.
22. Stockman JK, **JL Syvertsen**, N Ludwig-Barron, AM Robertson & LA Palinkas. 2014. Women's perspectives on female-initiated barrier methods for the prevention of HIV in the context of methamphetamine use and partner violence. *Women's Health Issues*, 24(4):e397-e405.
23. Palinkas, LA, AM Robertson, **JL Syvertsen**, DO Hernandez,\* GM Rangel, G Martinez & SA Strathdee. 2014. Client perspectives on design and implementation of a couples-based intervention to reduce sexual and drug risk behaviors among female sex workers and their noncommercial partners in Tijuana and Ciudad Juárez, México. *AIDS & Behavior*, 18(3):583-594.
24. Robertson, AM, **JL Syvertsen**, MD Ulibarri, MG Rangel, G Martinez & SA Strathdee. 2014. Prevalence and correlates of HIV and sexually transmitted infections among female sex workers and their non-commercial male partners in two Mexico-U.S. border cities. *Journal of Urban Health*, 91(4):752-767.
25. Robertson AM, **Syvertsen, JL**, LA Palinkas, A Vera, GM Rangel, G Martinez & SA Strathdee. 2013. Sex workers' non-commercial male partners who inject drugs report higher risk sexual behaviors. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*, 40(10):801-803.
26. **Syvertsen, JL**, AM Robertson, ML Rolón,\* LA Palinkas, GM Rangel, G Martinez & SA Strathdee. 2013. *Eyes that don't see, heart that doesn't feel*: Coping with sex work in intimate relationships and its implications for HIV/STI prevention. *Social Science & Medicine*, 87:1-8.
27. **Syvertsen, JL**, AM Robertson, LA Palinkas, GM Rangel, G Martinez & SA Strathdee. 2013. *Where sex ends and emotions begin*: Love and HIV Risk among Female Sex Workers and their Non-Commercial Partners along the Mexico-U.S. border. *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, 15(5):540-554.
28. Robertson, AM, **JL Syvertsen**, H Amaro, GM Rangel, H Staines, TL Patterson & SA Strathdee. 2013. Can't Buy My Love: a typology of female sex workers' commercial relationships in the Mexico-U.S. border region. *Journal of Sex Research*, 1-10.

29. Rolón, ML,\* **JL Syvertsen**, AM Robertson, GM Rangel, G Martinez & SA Strathdee. 2013. The influence of having children on HIV-related risk behaviors among female sex workers and their non-commercial partners in the Mexico-U.S. border region. *Journal of Tropical Pediatrics*, 59(3):214-219.
30. Hiller, SP, **JL Syvertsen**, R Lozada & VD Ojeda. 2013. Social support and recovery among Mexican female sex workers who inject drugs. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 45(1):44-54.
31. Robertson, AM, **JL Syvertsen**, GM Rangel, H Staines, JK Stockman, M Ulibarri, TL Patterson & SA Strathdee. 2013. Acceptability of vaginal microbicides among female sex workers and their intimate male partners in two Mexico-U.S. border cities: a mixed methods analysis. *Global Public Health*, 8(5):619-633.
32. Robertson, AM, **JL Syvertsen**, GM Rangel, H Staines, M Morris, TL Patterson, M Ulibarri & SA Strathdee. 2012. Concurrent sexual partnerships among female sex workers and their intimate male partners in Tijuana and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. *Sexually Transmitted Infections*, 0:1-3.
33. **Syvertsen, JL**, AM Robertson, D Abramovitz, MG Rangel, G Martinez, TL Patterson, MD Ulibarri, A Vera, N el-Bassel & SA Strathdee. 2012. Study Protocol for the Recruitment of Female Sex Workers and their Non-Commercial Partners into Couple-Based HIV Research. *BMC Public Health*, 12:136.
34. **Syvertsen, J**, RA Pollini, R Lozada, A Vera, G Rangel & SA Strathdee. 2010. Managing *la malilla*: Exploring drug treatment experiences among injection drug users in Tijuana, Mexico, and their implications for drug law reform. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 21(6):459-465.
35. Inciardi, JA, **JL Syvertsen** & HL Surratt. 2005. HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean Basin, *AIDS Care*, 17(Supplement 1):S9-S25.

#### MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

1. Mittal, ML\* AR Bazzi, GM Rangel, H Staines, K Yotebeing,\* SA Strathdee & **JL Syvertsen**. Toward an understanding of intimate male partner involvement in female sex work: Implications for HIV programming and health service provision. (*Revise & resubmit*).
2. Ulibarri, MD, M Salazar, AR Bazi, **JL Syvertsen**, G Rangel, H Staines & SA Strathdee. Intimate Partner Violence among Female Sex Workers Who Use Drugs and Their Non-commercial Male Partners in Mexico: A Mixed Methods Study. (*Revise & resubmit*).
3. Paquette, CE, **JL Syvertsen** & RA Pollini. Stigma at Every Level: A Qualitative Analysis of Stigma Experienced in Health Services Contexts by People Who Inject Drugs. (*Under review*).

\* Denotes student mentee as co-author

## BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Inciardi, JA and **JL Syvertsen**. 2007. OxyContin: Miracle Medicine or Problem Drug? In James A. Inciardi and Karen McElrath, Eds. *The American Drug Scene, Fifth Edition*. Los Angeles: Roxbury.
2. **Syvertsen, JL**. 2007. Some Considerations on the Disease Concept of Addiction. In James A. Inciardi and Karen McElrath, Eds. *The American Drug Scene, Fifth Edition*. Los Angeles: Roxbury.

## TECHNICAL REPORTS

1. **Syvertsen, JL**, J Clapp, H Toneff & D Ruderman. 2016. *A Qualitative Study of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome in Ohio: Implications for Prevention and Treatment*. Columbus, Ohio: Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
2. **Syvertsen, J**, H Leon, J Beal, M LaLota, S Riley & MD Knox. 2009. HIV Testing Policies in Florida. *Florida Public Health Review*, 6:46-47.
3. Brown, R, R King, J Papa, J Seillac & **J Syvertsen**. 2008. *The "Culture of Water" in the Monteverde Zone: Perceptions of Water Use, Availability, and Behaviors by Households and Hotels*. Monteverde, Costa Rica: Monteverde Institute.
4. Brown, L, **J Syvertsen**, J Schinka, A Mando & L Schonfeld. 2007. *Project Recovery: Final Program Evaluation*. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida.

## INVITED TALKS

1. "Substance use, violence, and HIV risk among sex workers in Kisumu: Results from a qualitative study." *CDC/KEMRI lecture series*. Kisumu, Kenya, June 24, 2017.
2. "Emergent injection drug use and HIV risk in Nyanza, Kenya." *Consortium of Universities for Global Health Conference*. Boston, MA, March 27, 2015.
3. "Injection drug use in Kisumu, Kenya: Preliminary findings & gendered HIV risk." *OSU Institute for Population Research*. Columbus, OH, February 3, 2015.
4. "Social context and high risk injection practices in Nyanza, Western Kenya: Implications for further research and interventions." *CDC/KEMRI lecture series*. Kisumu, Kenya, July 11, 2014.
5. "Collaboration between research and practice: Understanding injection drug use in Nyanza, Kenya." *CDC/KEMRI Friday lecture series*. Kisumu, Kenya, Nov. 29, 2013.
6. "HIV Prevention for Female Sex Workers: Global Lessons." *2013 Biomedical HIV Forum*. Abuja, Nigeria, Nov. 18-19, 2013.

## ACADEMIC CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS

### Oral presentations:

1. **Syvertsen, JL** "Shifting priorities, new biosocialities: HIV programming for "key populations" in sub-Saharan Africa." *Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology*, Santa Fe, NM, March 28 – April 1, 2017.
2. **Syvertsen, JL** "Connecting the 'hot spots': The case of injection drug use in Kisumu, western Kenya." *International AIDS Conference*, Durban, South Africa, July 18-22, 2016.
3. **Syvertsen, JL** (with co-authors K Yotebieng, G Rota and K Agot). "Alcohol cleans the baby in the womb: Reproductive health concerns among women who inject drugs in Western Kenya." *Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology*, Vancouver, BC, Canada, March 23-April 5, 2016.
4. **Syvertsen, JL** (with co-authors AR Bazzi and ML Rolón). "Embodying the "War on Drugs": A Photo Essay from Tijuana, Mexico." *Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association*, Denver, CO, November 18-22, 2015.
5. **Syvertsen, JL**, (with co-authors D Ruderman, H Toneff, K Beuoy and JD Clapp). Qualitative perspectives on Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) from healthcare providers in Ohio. *Appalachian Translational Research Network Annual Meeting*, Charleston, WV, October 15, 2015.
6. **Syvertsen, JL** (with co-authors Margarita Dimova, Andy Guise & Tim Rhodes). "The barons are "tricky": An ethnographic analysis of dynamic drug markets in Kenya and implications for health policy in sub-Saharan Africa," *Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy*, Ghent, Belgium, May 20-22, 2015.
7. **Syvertsen, JL**. "Structural vulnerability and HIV risk among women who inject drugs in Nyanza, Kenya." *Annual Meeting of the University of Nairobi Collaborative Centre for Research and Training in HIV/AIDS/STIs*. Nairobi, Kenya, January 26-30, 2015.
8. **Syvertsen, JL**. "Harm Reduction Policies for People Who Inject Drugs: A View from Western Kenya," *Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association*, Washington DC, December 3-7, 2014.
9. **Syvertsen, JL**. "Using Ethnographic and Visual Research Methods to Understand the Lives of Female Sex Workers and Their Intimate Male Partners in Tijuana, Mexico." Panel organized for the *Annual Meetings of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse*, El Paso, TX, September 3-6, 2014.
10. **Syvertsen, JL**. "Can you help us stop using drugs? Collaborating with an NGO in health education and research with people who inject drugs in Kenya." Panel, "Anthropologists as Health Educators," *Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology*, Albuquerque, NM, March 18-22, 2014.

11. **Syvertsen, JL.** "Reconfiguring Risk: Gender and injection drug-related HIV risk among female sex workers and their non-commercial partners along the Mexico-U.S. border." Invited workshop, Annual Meetings of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, San Diego, CA, June 15-20, 2013.
12. **Syvertsen, JL,** (with co-authors N Ludwig-Barron, SJ Semple, TL Patterson & JK Stockman). "Narratives of Resistance: Strategies of fighting back among women with histories of drug use and intimate partner violence." *Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology*, Denver, CO, March 19-23, 2013. (Session Chair)
13. **Syvertsen, JL.** "Sex Work, Heroin Injection, and Love in Tijuana: A Case Study." Invited Panel, "Steps Toward an Anthropology of Affect," *Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association*, San Francisco, CA, November 14-18, 2012.
14. **Syvertsen JL,** (with co-authors AM Robertson, LA Palinkas, MG Rangel, GA Martinez & SA Strathdee). "A mixed methods approach to understanding injection drug-related HIV risk among female sex workers and their non-commercial partners: A case study from Northern Mexico." *Center for AIDS Research International HIV/AIDS Research Day*, UCSD, San Diego, CA, Sept 18, 2012.
15. **Syvertsen, JL.** "Cindy and Beto: An Ethnographic Case Study of Heroin Injection, Love, and Risk." *Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology*, Baltimore, March 27-31, 2012.
16. **Syvertsen, JL,** (with co-authors ML Rolón,\* LA Palinkas, A Vera, GA Martinez & SA Strathdee). "*Ojos que no ven, corazón que no siente*: Coping with Sex Work among Female Sex Workers and their Non-Commercial Partners in Tijuana and Cd. Juarez, Mexico." *Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology*, Seattle, March 29-April 2, 2011.
17. **Syvertsen, JL.** "Mapping Methadone: Using GIS for a Multiple Indicator Analysis of Methadone Misuse in Florida." *Annual Meetings of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse*, Wash. DC, Oct. 1-3, 2008.

**Co-authored conference papers:**

1. Pollini RA, Paquette CE, **Syvertsen JL.** "'Hooked on' prescription opioids prior to heroin use among people who inject drugs in Fresno, California." *Annual Meetings of the College on Drug Dependence*, Montreal, Canada, June 17-22, 2017.
2. Pollini RA, Coffin P, Banta-Green C, Paquette CE, **Syvertsen JL.** "'Overamping' – An understudied overdose experience among people who inject drugs." Accepted to the *Harm Reduction International Conference*, Montreal, Canada, May 14-17, 2017.
3. Toneff, H\*, D Ruderman, J Clapp & **JL Syvertsen.** "Addressing the Stigma of the Bad Mother: The Complexities of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome." Accepted to the *Annual*



*Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology*, Santa Fe, NM, March 28 – April 1, 2017.

4. G Rota\*, K Akoth\*, K Agot, S Ohaga, SA Strathdee, KD Wagner & **JL Syvertsen**. "Sharing behaviors and views on needle and syringe exchange programs among people who inject drugs in Kisumu: Implications for the HIV epidemic in Nyanza, Kenya." *Semiannual UCSF East Africa Collaborative Scientific Symposium*. Kisumu, Kenya, January 21-22, 2015. Honorable mention for best abstract.
5. Robertson AM, **JL Syvertsen**, S Bazzi, E Reed, G Martinez, G Rangel, JL Burgos & SA Strathdee. "Economies of risk and resilience: sex work earnings and implications for HIV/STI prevention for female sex workers' households in the Mexico-U.S. border region." *Annual Meetings of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse*, El Paso, TX, Sept 3-6, 2014.
6. Robertson, AM, G Rangel, G Martinez, MD Ulibarri, **JL Syvertsen**, SA Bazzi, S Roesch, HA Pines & SA Strathdee (presenter). "Incidence and predictors of HIV and sexually transmitted infections among female sex workers and their intimate male partners in Northern Mexico: a longitudinal, multilevel study." Oral poster, *International AIDS Conference*, Melbourne, Australia, July 20-25, 2014.
7. Hernandez, DO\* Robertson, AM, **JL Syvertsen**, ML Rolón,\* A Vera, G Martinez, G Rangel, and SA Strathdee. "Drug treatment experiences among female sex workers and their non-commercial partners along the Mexico-US border." *Annual Meetings of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence*, San Diego, CA, June 15-20, 2013.
8. Wagner, KD, SR Verdugo, **JL Syvertsen**, M Rusch, MG Rangel, M Morris. "Personal social networks of female sex workers and their non-commercial male sex partners in Tijuana, Mexico: implications for HIV/STI risk" *Annual Meetings of the International Network for Social Network Analysis*, Hamburg, Germany, May 21-26, 2013.

#### **Conference posters:**

1. Clapp, J, **JL Syvertsen**, D Ruderman & H Toneff. "A Qualitative Study of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome in Ohio: Implications for Maternal and Child Health Programs." Accepted to the *Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research*, New Orleans, LA, January 11-15, 2017.
2. **Syvertsen, JL**, K Yotebieng, G Rota, AR Bazzi and K Agot. "I wouldn't try something I don't trust: Perceptions of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among women who inject drugs in Kenya." *International AIDS Conference*, Durban, South Africa, July 18-22, 2016.
3. AM Robertson, **JL Syvertsen**, G Rangel, G Martinez, LA Palinkas, SA Strathdee. "Motivations for sexual partner concurrency among female sex workers and their intimate male partners in two Mexico- US border cities." UC Global Health Day, Riverside, CA, February 23, 2013.
4. **Syvertsen, JL**, AM Robertson, LA Palinkas, A Vera, MG Rangel, G Martinez, and SA

- Strathdee. "He's not my Pimp: Intimate male partner involvement in women's sex work in the Mexico-U.S border region." *Annual Meetings of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse*, San Diego, CA, September 26-29, 2012.
5. Robertson, AM, **JL Syvertsen**, JL, LA Palinkas, MG Rangel, GA Martinez, and SA Strathdee. "Non-commercial male partners of female sex workers in the Mexico-U.S. border region: a hidden risk for HIV?" *Annual Meetings of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse*, San Diego, CA, September 26-29, 2012.
  6. Robertson AM, **JL Syvertsen**, MG Rangel, H Staines, M Morris, TL Patterson, M Ulibarri and SA Strathdee. "Concurrent sexual partnerships among female sex workers and their intimate male partners in Tijuana and Ciudad Juárez, Mexico." *International AIDS Conference*, Washington DC, July 22-27, 2012.
  7. Robertson AM, **JL Syvertsen**, GA Martinez, MG Rangel, LA Palinkas, JK Stockman, M Ulibarri and SA Strathdee. "Acceptability of vaginal gel microbicides among female sex workers and their intimate male partners in two Mexico-U.S. border cities: a mixed methods analysis." *International AIDS Conference*, Washington DC, July 22-27, 2012.
  8. **Syvertsen, JL**, ML Rolón,\* LA Palinkas, A Vera, AM Robertson, and SA Strathdee. "Ojos que no ven, corazón que no siente: Contending with Sex Work within Female Sex Workers' Relationships with their Non-Commercial Partners in Tijuana, Mexico." *Annual Meetings of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse*, Miami, FL, Aug. 24-27, 2011.
  9. Robertson, AM, **JL Syvertsen**, MG Rangel, H Staines, VD Ojeda, and SA Strathdee. "Prevalence of Sexual Partner Concurrency among High Risk Female Sex Workers and their Intimate Male Partners in Mexico." *Annual Meetings of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse*, Miami, FL, Aug. 24-27, 2011.
  10. **Syvertsen, JL**, AM Robertson, A Vera, LA Palinkas, R Lozada, GA Martinez, and SA Strathdee. "Eligibility Screening for Couples-based Research with Female Sex Workers and their Non-commercial Partners in Tijuana and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico." *Annual Meetings of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse*, New Orleans, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2010.
  11. **Syvertsen, Jennifer** and Elizabeth Barnett Pathak. "Physical and Mental Health Comorbidities Among Hispanic, Black, and Non-Hispanic White Methadone Overdose Patients in Florida, 2005-2007." *Annual Meetings of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse*, Miami, FL, October 29-31, 2009.
  12. Papa, Jillian, **Jennifer Syvertsen**, Racine Brown, and Robert King. "The 'Culture of Water' in the Monteverde Zone, Costa Rica." *Annual Meetings of the American Public Health Association*, Philadelphia, PA, November 7-11, 2009.
  13. **Syvertsen, Jennifer**, Jason C. Weaver, and Steven P. Kurtz. "Ecstasy Use in Miami: Patterns of Use by Ethnicity in Cultural Context." *Annual Meetings of the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse*, Miami Beach, FL, Sept. 26-28, 2007.

14. **Syvertsen, Jennifer**, Ahed Mando, Lisa Brown, John Schinka, and Julie Framingham. "Substance Abuse Service Provision to Hurricane Survivors in Florida." *Annual Meetings of the American Psychological Association*, San Francisco, Aug 17-20, 2007.
15. **Syvertsen, Jennifer**, Ahed Mando, Lisa Brown, and Julie Framingham. "Project Recovery: The Cultural Acceptability of a Disaster Mental Health Program." *Annual Meetings of the American Psychological Association*, San Francisco, CA, Aug 17-20, 2007.
16. **Syvertsen, Jennifer L.**, Yamilka Lugo and Steven P. Kurtz. "The Sexual Risk Behaviors of Ecstasy Users in Miami, Florida." *Annual Meetings of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence*, Orlando, FL, June 18-23, 2005.
17. Lugo, Yamilka, **Jennifer L. Syvertsen** and Steven P. Kurtz. "Depression and Associated Health Problems among Ecstasy Users." *Annual Meetings of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence*, Orlando, FL, June 18-23, 2005.
18. Inciardi, James. A., Amy Hernandez, **Jennifer L. Syvertsen** and Yamilka Lugo. "Trends in the Diversion of Prescription Opioids in the United States." *Annual Meetings of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence*, Orlando, FL, June 18-23, 2005.

## **RESEARCH SUPPORT**

### **Ongoing Research Support**

NIDA – Syvertsen (PI) 07/2017 – 07/2020

*Characterizing the effects of alcohol and other drug use on engagement in the HIV care cascade among patients in IeDEA-affiliated clinics in East Africa: A Social Network Approach (East Africa IeDEA Regional Consortium Supplement)*

The objective of this study is to use a mixed methods social network approach to characterize the effects of alcohol and other drug use on engagement in care and HIV clinical outcomes in four East Africa IeDEA-affiliated clinics (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda).

Role: Principal Investigator

NIAID – Wools-Kaloustian (PI) 10/2016 – 10/2021

*East Africa International Epidemiologic Databases to Evaluate AIDS Regional Consortium (IeDEA)*

This research consortium includes aims to 1) establish a sentinel behavioral cohort to assess the syndemic effects of substance use and mental health issues on engagement in the HIV care cascade among newly enrolling HIV+ patients in three East African countries, and 2) use qualitative methods to understand the social and contextual issues shaping retention within the cascade and subsequent health outcomes.

Role: Co-Investigator

### **Completed Research Support**

Faculty Resources Grant, The Ohio State University – Syvertsen (PI) 07/2016 – 07/2017

*Exploring the syndemic of substance use, violence, and HIV among sex workers in Kenya*

This exploratory study uses qualitative methods to characterize the syndemic effects of substance use and violence on HIV/STI risk among female and male sex workers in Kenya.  
Role: Principal Investigator

5R01 DA035098 – Pollini (PI) 06/2015 – 12/2016

*OTC Syringe Sales to Prevent HIV in Underserved Areas of Inland California*

This mixed methods study assesses syringe availability with the goal of improving access and reducing the harms associated with injection drug use in California's Central Valley.

Role: Co-Investigator

OH Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services – Clapp (PI) 07/2014 - 6/2015

*Exploring the Etiology of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome in Appalachia.*

The purpose of this research is to use in-depth interviews with service providers and women who use opiates (e.g., prescription drugs and injection drug use) to better understand and prevent harmful reproductive health outcomes in Ohio.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Faculty Resources Grant, The Ohio State University – Syvertsen (PI) 07/2014 – 07/2015

*Improving healthcare services for women who inject drugs in Kisumu, Kenya*

The purpose of this research is to use in-depth interviews with women who inject drugs to explore experiences with healthcare access, service use, and perceived healthcare needs.

Role: Principal Investigator

R25 TW009343 – Cohen (PI) 07/2013 – 08/2014

*University of California Global Health Institute Program for Fellows and Scholars.*

The purpose of the Fogarty-University of California Global Health training program is to produce multidisciplinary global health leaders through engagement in research projects with international collaborating institutions. This grant supported the independent project entitled, "*Emergent injection drug use and HIV risk in Nyanza, Kenya*" (Syvertsen, PI).

Role: Fellow

R01 DA031074 – Strathdee (PI) 07/2012 – 12/2014

*Proyecto Parejas: HIV and STI risks among female sex workers and their non-commercial partners in Mexico.*

The goal of this project is to use mixed methods to examine the social context and epidemiology of HIV, STIs, and high risk behaviors among female sex workers and their non-commercial partners in Mexico.

Roles: Graduate research assistant, Postdoctoral fellow, Co-Investigator

T32 DA023356 – Strathdee (PI) 07/2012 – 07/2013

*Training Program in Substance Use, HIV and Related Infections (T32)*

The purpose of this training program is to mentor behavioral scientists with expertise in substance abuse, HIV/STIs, and other infectious diseases by providing interdisciplinary research training in epidemiology and health behavior in international settings with a large burden of injection drug use.

Role: Postdoctoral trainee

Center for AIDS Research, UCSD – Wagner (PI) 07/2012 – 07/2013

*Personal networks of female sex workers who inject drugs and their partners*

The purpose of this project was to understand the influence of social network factors on HIV/STI risk among female sex workers who inject drugs and their intimate partners.

Role: Qualitative consultant

K01 DA031593 – Stockman (PI) 07/2011 – 07/2012

*Impact of violence and power on an HIV behavioral intervention for female meth users*

The purpose of the project was to use mixed methods to characterize the effects of intimate partner violence and sexual relationship power differentials on HIV risk among women with histories of intimate partner violence and methamphetamine use who were enrolled in a behavioral intervention in San Diego, California.

Role: Qualitative consultant, interviewer

OMH-5-MPCMP101038 – Quinteros (PI) 06/2009 – 12/2009

*HHS Office of Minority Health: Hispanic Serving Health Professions Schools Research Fellowship*

This grant supports research on substance use, HIV/AIDS, and related comorbidities the U.S.-Mexico border region.

Role: Research Fellow

Florida Dept. of Children and Families – Brown (PI) 10/2006 – 07/2009

*Project Recovery*

The purpose of this research was to evaluate a post-hurricane substance abuse and mental health services program for hurricane survivors in Florida.

Role: Research Assistant

R01 DA019048 – Inciardi (PI) 01/2006 – 07/2006

*Prescription Drug Abuse among Club Drug Users*

The purpose of this study was to assess the health and social consequences of prescription drug use among people who use club drugs and are actively involved in the club culture.

Role: Research Assistant

R01 DA014854 – Cottler (PI) 12/2002 – 12/2004

*Tri-City Study of Club Drug Use, Abuse and Dependence*

The purpose of this multi-site study was to assess the applicability, reliability and validity of abuse and dependence concepts as they apply to "club drugs."

Role: Research Assistant

Purdue Pharma – Inciardi (PI) 12/2002 – 07/2006

*Cross-National Survey of Pharmaceutical Diversion*

The purpose of this study was to monitor the diversion of prescription drugs reported by a nationally representative sample of law enforcement.

Role: Research Assistant

Ortho McNeil – Inciardi (PI) 12/2002 – 12/2005

*Tramadol Diversion Survey*

The purpose of this study was to monitor the diversion of tramadol (and other prescription drugs) reported by a sample of law enforcement.

Role: Research Assistant

## **TEACHING**

The Ohio State University

*Introduction to Medical Anthropology*. Spring, 2014; Fall 2014

*Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Honors)*. Spring, 2014

*Research Design and Ethnographic Methods*. Spring, 2015 and 2016

*Anthropology of Sex, Drugs & HIV*. Spring, 2015, 2016, 2017

*Anthropology of Global Mental Health*. Spring, 2017

University of California, San Diego

*Introduction to Medical Anthropology*. Spring, 2013

## **STUDENT COMMITTEE SERVICE**

### **Ohio State students - in progress**

2015 – PhD Committee Co-Chair, Kelly Yotebieng, OSU Dept. of Anthropology

2016 – PhD committee member, Jennifer Dush, OSU School of Nursing

2014 – PhD committee member, Genevieve Ritchie-Ewing, OSU Anthropology

### **Ohio State students – interim service**

2016 MD research advisor, Miriam El-Rif, OSU College of Medicine

2016 PhD committee member, Mark Anthony Arceño, OSU Dept. of Anthropology

2015 PhD committee member, Elizabeth Gardiner, OSU Dept. of Anthropology

2014 PhD Candidacy Exam committee, Chris Brown, OSU Dept. of Anthropology

### **Ohio State students - graduated**

2015 – Master’s committee member, Frederick Reppun, OSU Environmental Science

2014 – Master’s committee member, Mark Anthony Arceño, OSU Dept. of Anthropology

2014 – Master’s committee member, Richard Bargielski, OSU Dept. of Anthropology

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2015-2017 Steering Committee Member, College of Arts and Sciences Representative, *Public Health Preparedness in Infectious Diseases*, The Ohio State University

2015-2017 Research Advisory Committee Member, *Community Engagement Program at the Center for Clinical and Translational Science*, The Ohio State University

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2017 – Editorial Board member, *International Journal of Drug Policy*

2013 Judge for *Virchow Award* (Undergraduate best medical anthropology paper)

2012 – Reviewer for: *Medical Anthropology, Human Organization, International Journal of Drug Policy, BMC Public Health, PloS One, Drug and Alcohol*

*Dependence, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Journal of Women's Health Care,  
Theory of Social Behavior*

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Anthropological Association (AAA)  
Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)

**LANGUAGES**

English (native), Spanish (proficient), Swahili (beginner)