

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Leibowitz, G.S., Akakpo, T., & Burton, D.L. (2015). Comparison of non-sexual crimes committed by juvenile sexual offenders and delinquent youth in residential treatment in the USA. *Journal of Sexual Aggression: An International, Interdisciplinary Forum for Research, Theory and Practice*. DOI:10.1080/13552600.2015.1026854

Ryan, S.M., Leibowitz, G.S., Nauheimer, J., & Mackie, P.F.E. (2014). Differences between children and youth with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders: Implications for prevention, assessment and treatment in rural social work. *Contemporary Rural Social Work*, 6, 40-57.

Marini, V., Leibowitz, G.S., Burton, D.L., & Stickle, T.R. (2013). Victimization, substance use, and sexual aggression in male adolescent sexual offenders. *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, 20 (10), 1-15. DOI: 10.1177/0093854813507567

Mackie, P.F.E., & Leibowitz, G.S. (2013). Teaching community organizing? A postmodernist comparison between Alinsky's conflict and Eichler's consensus models. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*, 18 (18), 73-88.

Burton, D.L., & Leibowitz, G.S. (2013). Guest editorial. *Smith College Studies in Social Work*, 83(1), 1.

Leibowitz, G.S. (2012). Correlates of modus operandi (coercion and force) among male sexually victimized adolescent sexual abusers: An exploratory study. *Journal of Forensic Social Work*, 2, 94-107.

Leibowitz, G.S., Burton, D.L., & Howard, A. (2012). Part II: Differences between sexually victimized and nonsexually victimized adolescent sexual abusers and delinquent youth: Further group comparisons of developmental antecedents and behavioral challenges. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 21, 315-326.

Leibowitz, G.S., Laser, J.A., & Burton, D.L. (2011). Exploring the relationships between dissociation, victimization, and juvenile sexual offending. *Journal of Trauma and Dissociation*, 12 (1), 38-52. Received Richard P. Kluft Award 2011 Best Article.

Burton, D.L., Duty, K.J., & Leibowitz, G.S. (2011). Differences between sexually victimized and nonsexually victimized male adolescent sexual abusers: Developmental antecedents and behavioral comparisons. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 20 (1), 77-93.

Burton, D.L., Leibowitz, G.S., Eldredge, M.A., Ryan, G., & Compton, D. (2011). The relationship of trauma to non-sexual crimes committed by adolescent sexual abusers: A new area of research. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, & Trauma*, 20 (5), 579-593.

Burton, D.L., Leibowitz, G.S., Booxbaum, A. & Howard, A. (2010). Comparison by crime type of juvenile delinquents on pornography exposure: The absence of relationships between exposure to pornography and sexual offense characteristics. *Journal of Forensic Nursing*, 6, 121-129.

Das, S., & Leibowitz, G.S. (2010). Mental health needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in India: A literature review. *AIDS Care: Psychological and Socio-Medical Aspects of AIDS/HIV*, 23 (4), 417-425.

Laser, J.A. & Leibowitz, G.S. (2009). Promoting positive outcomes for healthy youth development: Utilizing social capital theory. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 36 (1), 85-100.

Peer-Reviewed Articles Under Review

Leibowitz, G.S., Chabot, S., Evans, C.B.R, & Burton, A.F. (under review). An Evaluation of Brain Based Educational Strategies for At-Risk Youth with Special Education Needs at The New England Adolescent Research Institute (NEARI).

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Jencks, J., Leibowitz, G.S., & Burton, D.L. (Revisions resubmitted). The impact of types and extent of trauma on depressive affect among male juvenile sex offenders. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Akakpo, T., & Burton, D.L. (under review). The relationship between Youth Self-Report (YSR) scores and the characteristics of adolescent sexual offenders. Submitted to the *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, & Trauma*.

Books

Robbins, S.P., Chatterjee, P., Canda, E.R. & Leibowitz, G.S. (Eds.) (under contract).

Contemporary human behavior theory: A critical perspective for social work practice (4th. Ed), Boston: Allyn & Bacon/Pearson.

Maschi, T. & Leibowitz, G.S. (Eds.) (under contract, forthcoming 2017). *Forensic social work: Psychosocial and legal issues across diverse populations and settings*. New York: Springer Publishing Company.

Leibowitz, G.S. (2009). *Trauma and dissociation among sexually abusive juveniles. Exploring the relationships between victimization, trauma-related symptoms, and sexual offenses*. Saarbrücken Germany: VDM Verlag Dr. Müller Aktiengesellschaft & Co. ISBN: 978-3-639-12979-3.

Refereed Conference Presentations

Leibowitz, G.S., Akakpo, T., & Burton, D.L. (2015, May 31). Families of Sexually Abusive Youth: Research Comparing Incest and Non-Incest Offenses and Implications for Treatment. 30th Annual National Adolescent Perpetration Conference (NAPN), Kempe Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse, Denver, CO.

Leibowitz, G.S., Yoder, J., & Brown, A. (2015, January 16). Symposium Organizer/Presenting Author. Exploring Risk and Protective Factors for Juvenile Sexually Abusive Behavior: Violence Exposure as a Pathway to Delinquency, and the Relationships Between Family Service

Engagement, School-based factors, and Treatment Outcomes. 19th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.

Maschi, T., Leibowitz, G.S., & Fontaine, S. (2014, July 15-18). Aging and Restorative Justice: Evidence From Older Adults with Sex Offenses in Prison. Restorative Justice, Responsive Regulation, & Complex Problems Conference, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Gilligan, C (2014, July 25-27). Racial and cultural disparities in the assessment and treatment of juvenile sex offenders. National Organization of Forensic Social Work Conference: 21st Century Forensic Practice Moving Beyond Cultural Competence. Fordham University, New York.

Burton, D.L., & Leibowitz, G.S. (2014, April 9). Evidence-Based Practice for Male Juvenile Sexual Abusers. Full Day Pre-Conference Presentation at the Massachusetts Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MASOC/MATSA), Marlborough, MA.

Burton, D.L., Leibowitz, G.S., & Morrell, L. (2013, November 1). Psychopathy, Trauma, and Offense Characteristics of Incarcerated Male Adolescent Sexual Offenders. Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), Chicago, Illinois.

Leibowitz, G.S. (2013, January 17). Symposium Organizer/Presenting Author. Developmental Trajectories to Delinquency, Socioemotional Disturbance, and the Characteristics of Family Environments Among Male Adolescent Sexual Offenders. 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), San Diego, CA.

Burton, D.L., & Leibowitz, G.S. (2012, October 18). Escalation, Specialization, Crossover and Paths through Sexual and Nonsexual Crimes of Juveniles with Sexual Behavior Problems. Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), Denver, CO.

Leibowitz, G.S. (2012, January 12). Symposium Organizer/Presenting Author. Identifying the Pathways and the Risk and Protective Factors for Male Adolescent Sexual Offending and Delinquency. 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR),

Washington, D.C.

Burton, D.L., Leibowitz, G.S., & Thomas, G. (2011, November 4). Moderator/presenting author. Understanding Family Systems. Families of Adolescent Sexual Offenders: Research and Practice. Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), Toronto, Ontario/Canada.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Burton, D.L. (2011, April 3). The Sexually Abusive Youth's Family in Treatment. National Adolescent Perpetration Network (NAPN) 26th Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

Leibowitz, G.S. (2011, January 13). Moderator/presenting author. Sexual Well-Being and Offending Among Adolescents. 15th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), Tampa, Florida.

Invited Speaker: Burton, D.L. & Leibowitz, G.S. (2010, February 20-22). Needed Empirically Based Changes in Treatment of Adolescents who Sexually Offend. National Adolescent Perpetration Network (NAPN) 25th Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

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Leibowitz, G.S., & Burton, D.L. (2010, January). Exploring the Relationships Between Trauma, Dissociation, and Juvenile Sexual Offending. Paper accepted for the 14th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), San Francisco, CA.

Invited Speaker: Leibowitz G.S. with Steve Bengis and David Burton (2009, Sep 30-October 2). Twelve hour adolescent track: Research Implications for Adolescent Treatment. Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), Dallas, Texas.

Burton D.L., Brown, A., & Leibowitz, G.S. (2009, October 1). Adolescent Sexual Abusers Are Not Adult Sex Offenders: Exploration and Comparison of Salient Treatment Concepts. Paper presentation at ATSA, Dallas, Texas.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Burton, D.L. (2009, April 2). A further exploration of modus operandi: Can we predict whether adolescent sexual abusers will use force? Presentation at the Massachusetts

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MASOC/MATSA), Marlborough, MA.

Leibowitz, G.S., Laser, J., Burton, D.L. (2008, November 15). Exploring the Relationships Among Dissociation, Victimization, and Juvenile Sexual Offending. Paper presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS), Chicago, Illinois.

Leibowitz, G.S. (2008, July 28). Exploring the Relationships Among Dissociation, Victimization, and Juvenile Sexual Offending. Paper presented at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference, David Finkelhor, Chair, University of New Hampshire, Portsmouth, NH.

Leibowitz, G.S. (2008, April 10). Exploring the Relationships Among Dissociation, Trauma, and Juvenile Sexual Offending. Workshop presentation at the Massachusetts Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MASOC/MATSA), Marlborough, MA.

Robinson, S. & Leibowitz, G.S. (2001) Research, Etiology, and Practice with Sexually Abusive Female Adolescents. National Adolescent Perpetration Network (NAPN). Kansas City, MO.
Invited Presentations (International)

Leibowitz, G.S. (2013, December 30). Global Health Disparities: How Immunization Helps to Level the Playing Field. Center for Health Policy and Management, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, India.

Leibowitz, G.S. (2012, January 12). Cross Cultural Perspectives on Mental Health. Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, India.

Invited Presentations and Trainings (National and State)

Leibowitz, G.S., & Robinson, S.L. (May 27 & June 12, 2015). Sexual Abuser Risk of Sexual Harm to Children Assessments: Using the ROSAC. Two day training developed with Georgia Cumming and Robert McGrath. University of Vermont Child Welfare Training Partnership, Williston and Rutland, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Robinson, S.L. (2015, March 13). Sexual Abuse of Children and

Adolescents. Department for Children and Families and University of Vermont Child Welfare Partnership, South Burlington Police Department, VT.

Torres, M., & Leibowitz, G.S. (2015, March 12). Improving Quality of Care for Individuals Seeking Behavioral Health Treatment: The Role and Impact of Health Care Reform, Trauma Informed Care, and Recognized Service Delivery Gaps in Research and Practice. Mental Health Matters Conference, University of Vermont.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Robinson, S.L. (2015, February 6 and 13). The Characteristics, Assessment, Treatment and Supervision of Youth With Sexually Harmful Behavior. Two day training for the Department for Children and Families and University of Vermont Child Welfare Partnership, South Burlington Police Department, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Yoder, J. (2015, January 2). Evidence-based Practices for Male Juvenile Sexual Abusers and Implementation of the Colorado Youth Project. Sponsored by the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board, Denver, CO.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Maschi, T. (2014, April 11). Assessing Life Course Stress, Trauma, & Resilience Among Victims and Offenders. Full day training for the Department for Children and Families, Family Service Division. Consultation, Assessment, Screening and Treatment Contract (CAST) Professional Development Training, Barre, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Robinson, S.L. (2014, April 4). Supervising Youth with Sexually Offending Behaviors. Department for Children and Families and University of Vermont Child Welfare Partnership, South Burlington Police Department, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S. (2013, March 31). Screening and Assessment for Substance Abuse in Rural Social Work Practice. Invited presentation, Champlain College, Department of Social Work, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S. (2014, March 18). Victimization Among Youth With Sexually Harmful Behavior. Guest presentation in Bernice Garnett's course Bullying and Violence Prevention

(EDHE 150), University of Vermont.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Robinson, S.L. (2013, June 7). Sexual Abuse of Children and Adolescents: Introduction to Working with Victims and Offenders. Department for Children and Families and University of Vermont Child Welfare Partnership, Barre, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S. & Burton, D.L. (2013, December 6). Guided Practice Using Assessment Tools with Sexually Abusive Youth: The ERASOR and J-SOAP II. Full day training for the Department for Children and Families, Family Service Division, Consultation, Assessment, Screening and Treatment Contract (CAST) Professional Development Training, Barre, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Burton, D.L. (October 2012- April 2013). Basic Information and Skills for Working with Adolescents with Sexually Harmful Behaviors. Vermont Department of Corrections (DOC) and Department for Children and Families (DCF) year long (5 full day sessions) training course. Montpelier, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S. (2012, November 12). Invited Presentation Understanding and Working with Trauma Among Adolescents in the Juvenile Justice System. Champlain College, Burlington, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S., Invited Plenary Speaker (2012, May 2). Psychopathic Traits, Antisociality, Borderline Traits, and Dissociation: Roll the Dice?! National Adolescent Perpetration Network (NAPN) 27th Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Robinson, S.L. (2012, March 16). Sexual Abuse of Children and Adolescents: Introduction to Working with Victims and Offenders. Department for Children and Families and University of Vermont Child Welfare Partnership, Burlington, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Robinson, S.L. (2012, February 17). Family Perspectives on Safety Planning in Child Sexual Abuse Cases. Department for Children and Families and University of Vermont Child Welfare Partnership, Burlington, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S. (2011, October 28). Conducting Research with Adolescents in Juvenile Justice Settings. University of Vermont, College of Education and Social Services Research Council

Brown Bag. Burlington, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Robinson, S.L. (2011, September 13). Sexual Abuse of Children and Adolescents: Introduction to Working with Victims and Offenders. Department for Children and Families and University of Vermont Child Welfare Partnership, Waterbury, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Robinson, S.L. (2011, June 2). Perspectives on Family Centered Practice: Working with Families Affected by Sexual Abuse. Department for Children and Families and University of Vermont Child Welfare Partnership, Waterbury, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S. & Behrsing, E. (2011, April 15). Current Research and Risk Assessment of Sexually Harmful Youth: Using the ERASOR. Youth Justice Training Day, University of Vermont, Child Welfare Training Partnership. Waterbury, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Robinson, S.L. (2011, January 21). Working with Youth with Sexually Harmful Behaviors. Department for Children and Families and University of Vermont Child Welfare Partnership, Waterbury, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Robinson, S.L. (2010, June 10). Safety Planning, Clarification and Reunification in Sex Abuse Cases. University of Vermont, Child Welfare Training Partnership, Burlington, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S., Schnipper, S., Hjemvik, L. (2010, April 27). Adolescent Brain Development and Implications for Treatment. Youth Justice Training, University of Vermont, Child Welfare Training Partnership. Waterbury, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Robinson, S.L. (2009, November 4; 2009, June 5; 2008, September 10). Sexual Abuse of Children and Adolescents. Department for Children and Families and University of Vermont Child Welfare Partnership, Waterbury, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S., & Robinson, S.L. (2009, March 20). Supervising Youth with Sexually Offending Behaviors. Department for Children and Families and University of Vermont Child Welfare Partnership, Waterbury, VT.

Leibowitz, G.S. (2005, April). Characteristics of Juvenile Sex Offenders and Components of the Treatment Process, Juvenile Sex Offender Resource Committee, Department of Probation, Ft. Collins, CO

Leibowitz, G.S. (2002, July). The Treatment and Management of Sexually Abusive Youth, Denver Human Services, Inservice Training, Denver, CO.

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH GRANTS

Project Title: Maltreatment, Types of Disinhibition, and Substance Abuse Vulnerability
Proposal submitted to National Institute of Health (NIH), in response to R01 PA-15-003, Epidemiology of Substance Abuse. Examines vulnerability for substance abuse and life outcomes among adolescents in the juvenile justice system (pending, submitted June 2015).

C-PIs: Tim Stickle, Dept. of Psychology and George Leibowitz, Dept. of Social Work

Total Amount Requested: \$1,593,000

Project Title: Director, Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Partnership

Provide oversight of the budget (3 million), supervision, and operations of the training and academic sides of the grant, in partnership with the Vermont Department of Children and Families (DCF), 2014-present

Co-PI: George S. Leibowitz

Project Title: Pathways of Risk, Resilience and Well Being Reentry Project

CESS Research Council Support Grant, in collaboration with the Vermont Department of Corrections (V-DOC), Funded February 2014.

PI: George S. Leibowitz Co-PI: Tina Maschi, Fordham University

Total Amount Awarded: \$11,073

Project Title: Vermont SBIRT Training Collaborative: Changing Care Through Systems

Redesign and Team Based Training. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration (SAMHSA), Grant #TI025395-01, Fall 2013-present

University of Vermont College of Medicine, \$900,000

PI: Rodger Kessler, PhD; Project Coordinator for Social Work, George Leibowitz

Project Title: An Investigation into the Role of Juvenile Protective Factors & Resiliency On Physical and Mental Health Among Younger and Older Offenders. CESS Research Council Support Grant, Funded April 2013.

PI: George S. Leibowitz Co-PI: Tina Maschi, Fordham University

Total Amount Awarded: \$5,778.58

Project Title: Trauma, Substance Abuse, Disinhibition, and Callous Unemotional Traits Among Male Juvenile Sexual Abusers and Delinquent Youth. Neuroscience, Behavior, and Health (NBH) grant writing support award to apply for the National Institute of Drug Abuse's Epidemiology of Drug Abuse (RO1; PA-11-230) grant, October 2012.

Co-PIs: George S. Leibowitz and Timothy Stickle

Total Amount Awarded: \$2,500

Project Title: Vermont Child Trauma Collaborative. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative, in collaboration with the Department of Children and Families (DCF), State of Vermont

UVM PI: Jessica Strolin-Goltzman, UVM Department of Social Work

Co-PI: George S. Leibowitz , Sub-award Amount: \$1 million (submitted June 2012, not funded)

Project Title: Universal Screening Tools and the Prevention of Disruptive Behavior in Children With Traumatic Stress. UVM Center for Disability and Community Inclusion (CDCI) Research Support Grant, Funded March 2012.

Co-PIs: Haley Woodside-Jiron, Jesse Suter and George S. Leibowitz,

Total Amount Awarded: \$14,358.90

Project Title: Trauma, Executive Functioning Deficits, Socioemotional and Behavioral Disturbance Among Youthful Sexual Offenders. UVM Center for Disability and Community

Inclusion (CDCI) Research Support Grant, Funded March 2012.

PI: George S. Leibowitz, Co-PI: Timothy R. Stickle

Total Amount Awarded: \$12,364.69

Project Title: Trauma, Disinhibition and Callous Unemotional Traits Among Male Juvenile Sexual Abusers and Delinquent Youth. 2011 National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Junior Faculty Grant Program to Promote Criminal Justice Research Practitioner Partnerships. Laboratory tasks and self-report measures study investigating the etiological mechanisms, and risks and protective factors associated with sexual offending and nonsexual offending among youth in the State of Vermont. Submitted March 2011.

Total Amount Requested: \$398,468 (not selected for funding, resubmission pending)

PI: George S. Leibowitz; Co-PI: Timothy R. Stickle, University of Vermont, Psychology

Project Title: Diversion Enhancement Assessment Plan (DEAP). University of Vermont, Jeffords Center. 2010-2013. Subgrant from larger OJJDP grant, from State Advisory Council. \$349,100 per year for three years; subgrant for DEAP evaluation is \$45,000.

Co-PIs: Bud Meyers & George S. Leibowitz.

Vermont Juvenile Justice System Improvement Grant. Three year project evaluating the implementation of the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YASI) in each of the Court Diversion Districts in Vermont. Long term evaluation project in collaboration with the State to include an assessment of youth outcomes and recidivism data.

Project Title: Infusing Global Competencies in Social Work Education

Instructional Incentives Grant, University of Vermont, 2008-2009, \$2500

PI: George S. Leibowitz, Co-PI: Julie Richards. Purpose was to develop and infuse technology in the Social Work in India course.