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Clinical Associate Professor, Graduate School of Professional Psychology

Apryl primarily teaches in the masters in forensic psychology program in the Graduate School of Professional Psychology and serves as Director of the Forensic Institute of Research, Service, and Training (Denver FIRST) Outpatient Competency Restoration Program, which provides outpatient competency restoration for low-risk, court-ordered adult defendants and juveniles. She also serves as the Founder and Co-Director of the DU Prison Arts Initiative, a program which provides therapeutic, educational creative arts programming to incarcerated men and women in Colorado state prisons. Her research focuses on violence, poly-victimization, and trauma- and culturally-informed practices.



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Associate Professor, Sociology and Criminology

Jeff has taught at the University of Denver since 2008. He studies crime and punishment in the United States, focusing on the complex interactions between institutions and individuals in the criminal justice system. In particular, Jeff is interested in the ways that criminal outcomes are impacted by systemic arrangements of policy and practice.



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Anne is Chair of the Department of Psychology and Director of the Center for Community Engagement to advance Scholarship and Learning. Her research focuses on the consequences of trauma, particularly violence against women and children. She examines social-emotional and cognitive correlates of interpersonal violence in youth and adults with the goal of applying those findings to intervention and prevention efforts. Anne also works to advocate for community-engagement on campus.



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Undergraduate Student, International Affairs, Public Policy

Rosie is a first-year undergraduate student at the University of Denver. Rosie's older brother has an intellectual disability, and her experiences with him have instilled in her a passion for ensuring safety and equality for people living with disabilities. Rosie also served for two years as a peer educator on issues of sexual assault and gender violence and feels that those issues are crucially important.



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Steve protects Colorado insurance consumers through his work at the Colorado Division of Insurance. His educational background includes a B.A. from Lehigh University and J.D. from St. John's University School of Law. He litigated and practiced transactional law for several years.



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Assistant Professor of Theater and Co-Director of DU Prison Arts Initiative

Ashley is an Assistant Professor of Theatre at the University of Denver and the Founder and Co-Director of the DU Prison Arts Initiative (DU PAI). Ashley's work is vast, ranging from teaching full time, creating theatre and performance in medium and maximum security prisons and directing and devising university and professional work in Colorado and New York.



Kathleen Novak | Kathleen.Novak@du.edu
Teaching Assistant Professor, Department of Management

Kathie has been teaching at the graduate and undergraduate level since 1991, and joined Daniels College of Business in 2012. She has worked in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, and served almost 19 years as a city councilwoman and Mayor. During this time she held many leadership positions, including President of the National League of Cities, chair of the Metro Mayor's Caucus and many more. She is the proud mother of 5, including 3 DU alums (and 2CU alums), and 5 grandchildren, so far!!



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Project Manager, Center for Marital and Family Studies/MotherWise, Psychology

Jessie is the Project Manager for the Center for Marital and Family Studies and the MotherWise program. One of her primary roles with MotherWise is to stay current about the landscape of services offered in the Denver community and to partner with community organizations and initiatives that are relevant to the families served at MotherWise. She is particularly interested in how the Crime and Safety Cohort may address intimate partner violence and violence prevention as these areas are a central focus for the MotherWise program.



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Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Social Work

Shannon is an Assistant Professor in the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver, where she conducts national and local research on the impacts of criminal justice policy with an emphasis on innovative justice alternatives. Shannon tracks state-level restorative justice legislation across the U.S., and is currently partnering with Colorado practitioners, policymakers, and advocates to document the impacts of leading-edge restorative justice laws and develop recommendations for policy transfer. Shannon works with other social work researchers on the national Smart Decarceration Grand Challenge for Social Work, coordinating efforts to promote justice reinvestment.



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Andrew has been the Chair of the Business Information and Analytics department since arriving in Denver in 2013. Andrew has a particular interest in human sex trafficking within the United States.



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Assistant to the Chair, Department of Management; Graduate Student, Graduate School of Social Work

Sam is the Assistant to the Chair in the Department of Management at the Daniels College of Business and she is also a part-time graduate student pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the Graduate School of Social Work with a concentration in mental health. Sam completed her BA in International Studies and Spanish at the University of Denver as a first-generation college student. In the future, Sam hopes to work in the field of correctional social work, supporting individuals within the criminal justice system.



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J.D. Candidate, Civil Rights and Constitutional Law

Andrew is a student at the Sturm College of Law with a focus on civil rights, constitutional law, and conflict resolution. When he's not at school, you can find him working at the Colorado State Capitol, debating politics, working on the next big project, making a curry, or playing with his dog, Mars. Upon graduation, Andrew plans to enter politics, where he will focus on negotiating legislation that serves all Coloradans and empowers our communities.



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Undergraduate Student, Political Science & International Studies

Kat is third-year student at the University of Denver, originally from New York City. She has been actively engaged on DU's campus by being a part of DU Service & Change (DUSC), DU's Diversity Committee, DU's LatinX Student Alliance, SFER (Colorado Chapter) and a Sister of Pi Lambda Chi Latina Sorority, Incorporated! She has also been engaged across the Denver metro area by interning for the Denver District's Attorney Office and the Colorado Legislature. Kat loves to dance Latinx music, as well as play chess and eat really good food!