

Curriculum Vitae
JACOBA ROCK, LCSW
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PERSONAL

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EDUCATION

University of Denver Denver, CO
Master of Social Work (MSW), Clinical / High-Risk Youth Track, 4.0 GPA 6/10
OMNI Research Award, Graduate School of Social Work Alumni Scholarship
Capstone Research: *Restorative Practices in Colorado Juvenile Correctional Facilities*
Graduate Certificate of Advanced Study, Alternative Dispute Resolution, 4.0 GPA 11/08
Advanced training in group facilitation, mediation, and conflict resolution

University of Colorado at Boulder Boulder, CO
Bachelor of Sociology, Certificate in Peace and Conflict Studies, 3.9 GPA 5/07
Summa cum laude Honors, Helen and Val Fischer Award Scholarship
Honors Thesis: *Restorative Justice for Young-Adult Offenders*

**AREAS of
INTEREST and
SPECIALIZATION**

Child and adolescent development and trauma experiences
Juvenile and young adult violence and aggression
Culture of punishment and criminological ideology
Alternative dispute resolution in the justice system

**ADJUNCT
TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work Denver, CO
“Restorative Approaches for Social Workers” (online)
“Child and Adolescent Trauma”
“Prevention and Treatment of Youth Violence”
“Building Resilience: Healthy Development in Adolescence”
“Groups for Children and Adolescents”
“Conflict Resolution in Social Work Practice”

Western New Mexico University, School of Social Work Silver City, NM
“Introduction to Social Work Theory” (online)
“Group Treatment” (online)
“Social Welfare Policy” (online)
“Rural Community Organization and Development” (online)

Simmons College, School of Social Work Boston, MA
“Social Work Practice I and II” (online)

University of New England, School of Social Work
“Social Work Practice with Children, Adolescents, and Families” (online)

Arapahoe Community College, Criminology Department Littleton, CO
“Criminology”
“Correctional Process” (concurrently with Englewood High School)
“Introduction to Criminal Justice” (concurrently with Englewood High School)

Metropolitan State University, Criminology Department Denver, CO
“Hate Crimes” (online)

Southern Oregon University, Criminology Department Ashland, OR
“Hate Crimes” (online)

**TEACHING
PHILOSOPHY**

My responsibility as a Social Work and Criminology educator is to create learning opportunities through applied and integrated experiences, catered to diverse learning styles. My belief about learning is that students experience the most growth when they are passionate about the subject matter, they recognize the value and applicability of the content, and they are both supported and held accountable in the learning process. I seek to increase student communication through innovative means, maximize the potential of the student-faculty relationship with appropriate boundaries, and use the classroom as a gateway to the meaningful advancement of these professional fields.

RESEARCH and PUBLICATIONS

J. Rock, with K. Bender (2015). Female Juvenile Delinquency. In C. Thomas (Ed.), *Social Work in Juvenile and Criminal Justice Systems*. In Draft Form.

J. Rock & K. Southerland (2014). Multidisciplinary Representation of Children & Youth. *Colorado Lawyer*. In Draft Form.

J. Rock, with K. Bender & S. Tripodi (2012). Chapter 12: Adolescents. In M. Vaughn & B. Perron (Eds.), *Social Work Practice in Addictions*.

S. Steen, et al. (2012). Putting Parolees Back in Prison: Discretion and the Parole Revocation Process. University of Colorado at Boulder, Sociology Department. Research Assistantship.

J. Rock (2010). Restorative Practices in Colorado Juvenile Correctional Facilities. University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work. Capstone Research.

J. Rock (2007). Restorative Justice for Young Adult Offenders. University of Colorado at Boulder, Sociology Department. Undergraduate Honors Thesis.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Career Preparation for Future Social Workers (University of Denver)	Denver, CO
“Navigating Strange Waters: Social Workers in Interdisciplinary Settings”	10/14
“Where a Kid Can Be a Kid” Training (Public Defender Training)	Denver, CO
“Social Worker Support for Expert Involvement and Client Preparedness”	8/14
Juvenile Law Program (CO Bar Association)	Denver, CO
“Perspectives from Practitioners working with Cross-Over Youth”	4/14
Office of Child’s Representative (OCR) Conference	Boulder, CO
“Multidisciplinary Approach to GAL Practice: Working with Social Workers”	6/11
Colorado Statewide ADR Conference (CO Bar Association)	Denver, CO
“Expanding the Circle”	11/10
Colorado LEADS Summit	Denver, CO
“Introduction to Restorative Justice in Educational Settings”	11/09
ADR Panel at CU-Boulder Law School	Boulder, CO
“Restorative Justice Programs and Processes”	11/07
Midwest Sociological Conference	Chicago, IL
“Encouraging Community Relationships for a Straddled Generation”	4/07

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Alternate Defense Counsel / Colorado Juvenile Defender Coalition	Denver, CO
<u>Contract Social Worker and Social Work Program Supervisor</u>	1/13-7/15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conducted sessions with incarcerated young adults and juveniles, in cases of Juvenile Life Without Parole and Direct File to Adult Court, to assist their attorneys by: documenting life and familial histories; assessing mental health and substance abuse issues; identifying educational, vocational, and therapeutic resources; building living skills; and identifying housing options ▪ Consulted with national experts on topics of adolescent brain development and decision-making, complex trauma, psychiatric medication, and other issues relevant to client mental health ▪ Contacted biological family members, former foster parents, therapists, educational staff members, victim advocates, and others; identified resources and built community relationships ▪ Qualified as an expert of child welfare, youth trauma, and client engagement in court hearings ▪ Recruited, coordinated, trained, and supervised other contract forensic social workers (LSWs) and MSW students from the University of Denver and Metropolitan State University of Denver ▪ Supported program development and trained legal professionals on the growing model of practice of client-centered, comprehensive legal representation in collaboration with social workers 	
Full Circle, LLC, Psycho-educational Groups	Boulder, CO
<u>Founder, Executive Director, and Instructor</u>	1/08-1/14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developed and facilitated a variety of restorative-based groups, including: a Decision-Making Workshop, a Law Enforcement Seminar (in collaboration with local police departments), and an Anger Management Group, based on NVC and CBT methods ▪ Increased and educated referring agencies, including courts and university student conduct offices ▪ Recruited, trained, and supervised three part-time group facilitators and interns ▪ Annually evaluated program data and young adult population needs ▪ Provided an annual report to the community and referring agencies ▪ Consulted with community and referring agencies regarding restorative practices 	

- Radley & Southerland, LLC** Denver, CO
Child Assessment Specialist 1/11-6/13
- Consulted with Guardian ad Litem (GAL) attorneys to advocate for the best interests of children and juveniles, in regards to their permanency, placement, services, education, independent living skills, and contact with family members
 - Performed written, bio-psychosocial assessments and presented recommendations for youth with a variety of psychological, developmental, educational, medical, and safety issues
 - Over 2.5 years, assessed and advocated for ~230 children and juveniles; also made collateral contacts, attended important meetings, and participated in courtroom proceedings
 - Initiated and coordinated program evaluation on the state-wide implementation of the multidisciplinary model of GAL practice with the Office of Child's Representative
- Park County Human Services** Bailey, CO
Social Worker / Caseworker 5/10-12/10
- Performed initial forensic interviews of alleged child victims of abuse and neglect
 - Provided core / life skills and independent living services to teenagers and parents
 - Managed an ongoing caseload of ~10-15 families with allegations of abuse and neglect
 - Participated on several collaborative teams, including SB-94 and SART
- Division of Youth Corrections and Mount View Youth Services** Denver, CO
Individual and Group Counselor / MSW Intern (Second Year) 9/09-5/10
- Counseled, mentored, and monitored incarcerated juveniles in facility and parole settings
 - Facilitated Dialectical Behavioral Therapy groups and pre-treatment groups
 - Toured and interviewed staff members at all state DYC facilities, as well as the YOS facility
- Juvenile Diversion Program, Boulder County District Attorney's Office** Longmont, CO
Juvenile Diversion Counselor / MSW Intern (First Year) 9/08-5/09
- Performed intake and contact meetings with juvenile offenders and their parents
 - Held juveniles accountable for their actions by creating and monitoring the conditions of their contract, including counseling, education, restitution, apology letters, and community service
- University of Colorado, Sociology / Criminology Department** Boulder, CO
Research Assistant for Dr. Sara Steen 5/06-10/08
- Interviewed parole officers and supervisors regarding the parole revocation process
 - Collected, categorized, and analyzed data from parolee participant case files
- Longmont Community Justice Partnership** Longmont, CO
Program Coordinator 8/07-4/08
- Scheduled restorative justice sessions with victims, offenders, and community members
 - Supported, managed, and trained volunteers, and made numerous public presentations
- C.U. Restorative Justice Program** Boulder, CO
Case Manager 8/06-6/07
- Scheduled restorative justice sessions with offenders and community members
 - Monitored agreements with offenders, ensuring their progress in home, school, work, and community, as well as their reparations to victims and community for offenses
- Colorado Public Defender, Boulder Office** Boulder, CO
Investigative Intern 5/06-3/07
- Identified and interviewed victims and witnesses of crimes
 - Assisted clients in understanding discovery and legal documents
- Creative Health Services, Mental Health Outpatient Program** Pottstown, PA
Program Assistant 5/04-11/04
- Scheduled appointments, performed data entry, and organized filing system
 - Responded to client concerns; assisted therapists and social workers

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
National Organization of Forensic Social Work (NOFSW)
National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists (NASAMS)

SUPERVISED STUDENTS and LICENSEES

Ezra Aldern, LSW (Social Work intern, 2013-2014; Forensic Social Worker, 2014)
Stephanie Cichocki (Social Work intern, 2014-2015)
Maya Denola, LSW (Social Work intern, 2013-2014; Forensic Social Worker, 2014)
Emily Erchick (Social Work intern, 2008)
Christina Farnsworth (Conflict Resolution intern, 2008)
Kristy Meyers (Social Work intern, 2014-2015)
Marissa Philipp (Social Work intern, 2014-2015)
Jamie Requa (Social Work intern, 2013-2014)
Claire Schmidt, LSW (Forensic Social Worker, 2014)
Ryan Smith, LSW (Forensic Social Worker, 2014)
Kyle Varvil, LSW (Forensic Social Worker, 2014)
Hillary Vervalin, LSW (Forensic Social Worker, 2014)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

CU Restorative Justice Program, Facilitator, Trainer, & Consultant (8/06-5/13)	Boulder, CO
Boulder County Sheriff's Department, Victim Advocate (4/08-5/09)	Longmont, CO
Workforce Boulder County, Youth Job Interviewer (3/08, 3/09, and 3/10)	Longmont, CO

ADDITIONAL TRAININGS, SKILLS, and INTERESTS

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) through the State of Colorado (#.09923456)
Restorative justice and victim advocacy (over 4,000 hours and 400 cases logged)
Advanced group facilitation and other conflict resolution methods (mediation, negotiation)
Forensic interviewing and assessment
Mitigation and sentencing advocacy
Adolescent and young adult development
Trauma response and recovery
Addictions and substance abuse
Attachment and parent-child interaction
Suicide prevention and intervention
Gang identification and programming
Sexual abuse response and intervention
Domestic violence intervention
Human-animal connection
Mind-body connections and relaxation techniques
Organizational practice; grant writing
Research and program evaluation methods
Self-care and boundaries for helping professionals
Advanced computer skills; 100 WPM, Microsoft Office Suite, and databases

EDUCATION CERTIFICATIONS And SKILLS

Completion of three Online Education Workshops
 "Teaching Online Workshop" (University of Denver, February 2015)
 "Online Faculty Enrichment Training" (University of New England, June 2015)
 "Teaching and Learning Online" (Arapahoe Community College, July 2015)
Credentialed to teach postsecondary Career and Technical Education (August 2013)
Experienced with several Learning Management Systems

Professional references, recommendations, and testimony available upon request.