

Roberto R. Aspholm

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Department of Social Work
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EDUCATION

2016 PhD, Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago
Dissertation: ““This Ain’t the ’90s’: Chicago’s Black Street Gangs in the
Twenty-First Century”
2009 MSW, Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago
2008 BSW, Loyola University Chicago
magna cum laude

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016–Present Assistant Professor
Department of Social Work
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscripts

Roberto R. Aspholm. *Views from the Streets: The Transformation of Gangs and Violence on Chicago’s South Side*. New York: Columbia University Press (in press).

Refereed Journal Articles

Mark A. Mattaini and Roberto R. Aspholm. “Contributions of Behavioral Systems Science to Leadership for a New Progressive Movement.” *The Behavior Analyst* 39, no. 1 (2016): 109–121.
Roberto R. Aspholm, Christopher St. Vil, and Kimberly Carter. “Interpersonal Gun Violence Research in the Social Work Literature.” *Health & Social Work* (forthcoming).

Book Chapters

Roberto R. Aspholm and Mark A. Mattaini. "Youth Activism as Violence Prevention." In *Wiley Handbook of Violence and Aggression*, edited by Peter Sturmey. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2017.

Roberto R. Aspholm. "Off the Books and Off the Blocks: The Dual Economic Marginalization of Black Gang Members in Chicago." In *International Handbook of Critical Gang Studies*, edited by David C. Brotherton and Rafael Gude. Routledge (forthcoming).

Reports

John Hagedorn, Teresa Córdova, Roberto Aspholm, Andrew Papachristos, and Lance Williams. *The Fracturing of Gangs and Violence: A Research Based Reorientation of Violence Prevention and Intervention Policy*. Chicago: Great Cities Institute, 2019.

James P. Gleeson, Roberto R. Aspholm, and A. Sarah Agamah. *Family Options IV (FOIV) Project Evaluation Final Report*. Chicago: Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2017.

Joseph A. Strickland and Roberto R. Aspholm. *Preventing Recidivism of Boot Camp Participants: Final Report*. Chicago: Jane Addams Center for Social Policy and Research, 2011.

IN PREPARATION

Refereed Journal Articles

Roberto R. Aspholm and John M. Hagedorn. "Housing, Gangs, and Homicide in Chicago: A Decade Later." In preparation for submission to *Urban Affairs Review*.

Roberto R. Aspholm. "The Anatomy of Contemporary Gangs Violence on Chicago's South Side." In preparation for submission to *Criminology*.

RESEARCH GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2018	Seed Grants for Transitional and Exploratory Research Graduate School, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Funded: \$12,310
2018	Community Based Crime Reduction – East Side Aligned Co-Principal Investigator U.S. Department of Justice Funded: \$1 million; Subcontract: \$59,042
2015–2016	Dean's Scholar Award Graduate College, University of Illinois at Chicago Funded: \$35,754
2014	Provost's Award for Graduate Research Graduate College, University of Illinois at Chicago Funded: \$1,168

AWARDS AND HONORS

2019	Keynote Speaker, Illinois Association for Behavior Analysis
2018	Grad. School Research Award, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
2017	Targeted Funding Initiative, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
2015	GSC Travel Award, University of Illinois at Chicago
2014	Grace Holt Memorial Award, University of Illinois at Chicago
2011–2013	Dean’s Fellowship, University of Illinois at Chicago
2007–2008	Dean’s Scholarship, Loyola University Chicago
2006–2008	Presidential Scholarship, Loyola University Chicago
2005–2008	School of Social Work Dean’s List, Loyola University Chicago
2004–2008	LUC Grant, Loyola University Chicago
2004–2006	Damen Scholarship, Loyola University Chicago

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conference Organizer

2018	“The Fracturing of Gangs Conference.” This one-day, invitation-only working conference convened Chicago’s top gang researchers, street-level experts, community service providers, and other experts to explore the current state of gangs in Chicago, the nature of violence in the city, and the implications of these realities for violence prevention policy. The conference was held at the Great Cities Institute at the University of Illinois at Chicago in April 2018.
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Peer-Reviewed Presentations

2015	Roberto R. Aspholm. “‘This Ain’t the ‘90s’: Chicago Street Gangs and Gang Violence in the Twenty-First Century.” Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC, November 2015.
2015	Roberto R. Aspholm. “‘No Big I’s and Little You’s’: The Structural Breakdown of Chicago’s Black Street Gangs.” Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 2015.
2014	Roberto R. Aspholm. “Views from the Streets: Chicago Gang Members’ Perspectives on Violence Reduction.” Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Tampa, FL, October 2013.
2012	Joseph A. Strickland and Roberto R. Aspholm. “Preparing for Community Reentry: An Exploration of a Correctional Boot Camp.” Poster presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2012.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2019	Roberto R. Aspholm. “Deconstructing the Black Box: Making Sense of Gang Violence in Chicago.” Invited talk given at the Illinois Association for Behavior Analysis Annual Conference, March 2019.
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| 2019 | Roberto R. Aspholm. "Street Gang Research: Lessons from Chicago." Invited talk given to the St. Louis Metropolitan Research Exchange, March 2019. |
| 2017 | Roberto R. Aspholm. "Chicago's Black Street Gangs: Historical Roots and Contemporary Dynamics." Invited talk given to the Black Studies Department at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, September 2017. |
| 2014 | Roberto R. Aspholm. "Conducting Research with Chicago Street Gangs." Invited talk given at University of Illinois at Chicago, October 2014. |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities
 Diversity, Values, Ethics, and Social Justice Principles and Practice
 Social Welfare Policy Analysis
 Substance Abuse Services
 Applied Social Science Research
 Street Gangs: Critical Perspectives
 Understanding Violence in the Human Community

Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago

Social Work Research I (Spring 2015; Spring 2012—Teaching Assistant)
 Community Violence (Fall 2013 & 2014)

Adler University

Collaborative Policy Making & Civic Engagement (Summers 2014–2016)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2018 – Present | Principal Investigator, "Street Gangs and Violence in the St. Louis Area: An Ethnographic Exploration." Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Funding: SIUE Seed Grants for Transitional and Exploratory Research – \$12,310. |
| 2018–Present | Co-Principal Investigator, "Community Based Crime Reduction – East Side Aligned." East Side Aligned. Funding: Bureau of Justice Assistance – \$1 million (subcontract - \$59,042). |
| 2013–2016 | Principal Investigator, "Chicago's Black Street Gangs in the Twenty-First Century." Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago. Funding: Dean's Scholar Award – \$35,754; Provost's Award for Graduate Research – \$1,168. |
| 2013–2016 | Research Assistant, "Family Options IV Project Evaluation." Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago. Funding: Children's Bureau (AIA) – \$300,000. |

2010–2011 Research Assistant, “Preventing Recidivism of Boot Camp Participants.”
Jane Addams Center for Social Policy and Research, University of
Illinois at Chicago.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Manuscript Review

The Behavior Analyst (2019–Present)
Journal of Interpersonal Violence (2013–Present)
Journal of the Criminal Justice Policy Review (2013)
Journal of Offender Rehabilitation (2012)

Community Involvement

East Side Aligned, Safe & Thriving Communities (2017–Present)
CEU Training for Social Work Practitioners in St. Louis Area (2017)
The Dovetail Project, Chairman, Board of Directors (2012–2016)
Perspectives of the Policed: A Forum on Building Community Justice (2015)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Student Behavioral Policy Committee, Chair, SIUE (2018)
Faculty Search Committee, Member, SIUE (2018)
Race Dynamics and Racism on Today’s Campus, Closing Remarks, SIUE (2017)
Doctoral Committee, Jane Addams College of Social Work UIC, Student Rep. (2012–2014)
Graduate Student Council, UIC, Department Rep. (2013–2014)
Jane Addams College of Social Work Admissions Office, UIC, Reviewer (2013–2014)

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Acclivus, Inc., Program Coordinator (2012)
Metropolitan Area Group for Igniting Civilization, Director of Youth Programs (2009–2011)
Chicago Youth Centers, College and Career Readiness Specialist (2009–2010)
Walter H. Dyett High School, Head Coach, Varsity Track and Field Team (2009)
Grand Boulevard Federation, Graduate Student Intern (2008–2009)
U.S. Probation Office – Northern District of Illinois, Student Intern (2007–2008)
Youth Organization Umbrella, Youth Development Worker (2006–2008)
North Community YMCA, Lead Staff, Beacon’s Program (2007)
Hennepin County Adolescent Services, Intern (2006)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Council on Social Work Education (2019)

American Society of Criminology (2015–2017)

Society for Social Work and Research (2014–2016)