Women Inmates: An Exploration of Misconduct and Victimization Behind Bars

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Good morning, are you all ready? Alright,
well you're not ready until you turn

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your cell phones off. So this is your
reminder to silence all electronic

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devices please and I will check and make
sure I did that the minute I get back to

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my seat. Another bit of nuts and
bolts, each speaker will have a period of

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time that is 30 minutes long, to
give their presentation and then to take

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questions afterwards. So think about
followup questions as you listen to

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these talks. Our first speakers Karen Lahm.
Karen is an Associate Professor in the

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Department of Sociology and Anthropology
with an interest in Criminology. She's

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been on the faculty since 2006 teaching
courses in a variety of areas including

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research methods, deviant behavior, and
crime victims. Her courses form part of

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the curriculum for our Crime and Justice
Studies undergraduate major and the

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applied behavioral sciences graduate
degree. Karen's understanding of the ABS

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degree is multifaceted since she is both
a graduate of the program and

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was the program director. Her
present research focuses on women

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inmates and issues of violence and
victimization. The title of her talk is

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Women Inmates: An Exploration of
Misconduct and Victimization Behind Bars,

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but I just have to say one more thing,
she's also the star of the front page of

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the Wright State website this morning.

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An article about Karen is there, so be
sure to visit that after her talk. Karen.

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It's a pleasure to be here today. I just
want to thank the Dean and all the COLA

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folks down there for all their
cooperation in putting this together,

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specially Stephanie in terms of
coordination and all that. Really

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appreciate the opportunity to share some
of my research here today. Got a

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professional development grant actually
back in 2008 and 2009, which actually

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enabled me to go out and do this
research and then I was given some PDL time

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last spring that actually enabled me to complete this research and

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prepare some manuscripts from the
research I had collected a few years ago.

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So it's nice to be given the funding and
the time to do that here, so I thank COLA

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and also Research and Sponsored Programs for that as well.

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The biggest thing -- I'm usually kind of a
walker here, so I apologize here rather

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than standing at the podium -- the biggest
thing I always get with my students in

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teaching classes on prisons and just even

talking to folks in general, is the usual

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"say who cares?

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These are bad people, we lock them up,
throw away the key and who really cares?"

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Well looking at prison is very
important for many reasons. First and

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primarily important, as you can see on
the PowerPoint there like I tell my

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students, you're paying for it. We pay for
their health care, we pay for their food,

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we pay for their rehabilitation. So you
are paying for it. That's why I always

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take my students, every time I teach
penology, to different men's and women's

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prisons so they can actually see what
they're paying for. Some are certainly

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interested in that for occupations, so as
typically as soon as that door slams,

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some of them to stay there and think "wow this is great for me" and some want to

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hit the road, just not for them.
Totally understand. The second thing here

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and it's not on the PowerPoint, but
typically the numbers I have from last

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year is anywhere between 600,000... 600,000 and 700,000 inmates are released every

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year from state prisons. That's a huge
number and these people aren't going to

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live under a bridge or not going to a
certain location. They could be coming to

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any neighborhood. So how we treat these
individuals inside prisons, how they act

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inside prisons, their overall
socialization and experience in prison

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directly affects how they're going to
behave when they get out and we are out

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there with them. Don't think that we are
not. I talk to COs all the time, they'll

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see ex-inmates at the grocery store, at Walmart. So they're getting out. Again, between 600

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and 700 thousand each year, both men and
women combine. You can see on the

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PowerPoint there that we have just a
little under seven million people in

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this country under what we call the
correctional umbrella. Now that includes

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prisons, that includes probation, that
includes parole, and that includes local

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jails. Specifically speaking of prison,
state prisons and federal prisons, we

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have just over 1.5 million Americans. We
are typically one and two behind Russia as

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the top incarcerating country in the
world. I don't know if that's a good looks to

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be on but, we're up there.

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Ohio specifically, were typically in the
top five to top eight or so, with a

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number of state inmates. We typically
have about anywhere from about forty

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five and fifty thousand here just in
Ohio and spend about 1.5 billion dollars

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on inmates. That's about $68 per inmate
per day. I just read a study that talked

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to my class about last semester and
there are some states that actually spend

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more on inmates than they do higher
education. So we kind of see that turning

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the corner here involve five or six
states, again spending more on inmates

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and corrections than they do on higher
education for folks. The concern for

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women in prison has become apparent to
me in the last few

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years. Most of my research has been done
on men. Typically there's a lot more men.

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About 94% of the prison population in the
USA is comprised of men, so women being a

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small number often forgotten. But women's

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incarceration has been
changing over the past 30 years or so. That

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has kind of caught our attention to
possibly an increase in possibly more

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violence and misconduct behind bars.

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Some of the changes we're seeing is just
basically a drastic increase in the

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number of women offenders. You can
see from some of the statistics there

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that in 1990 -- twenty thirty years ago
or so -- we had just under forty five

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thousand women inmates in state and
federal facilities combined. In 2011 that

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number shot up to over a hundred and ten
thousand. So huge, huge increases in the

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population of women inmates, this is due
to economic issues. Certainly the war on

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drugs had a huge effect on women.

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We're also seeing some changes with the
kinds of female inmates that we see in

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prison. It used to be mostly drug
offenders, but we're seeing a huge

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increase in the number of women
committing violent offenses or at least

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being sentenced for violent offenses. There
used to be a notion back in the sixties

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and seventies that was called chivalry,
where men and women would often be

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having engaged in the same kind of crime and a woman would

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go in front of a judge and a man would go
in front of the judge and a woman could

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maybe sometimes turn on some tears -- this sounds terrible this explanation, but she

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also may have some children at home and
often the judge would treat these women

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are more chivalrous way and sentences
man to longer time in facilities than

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they would women. So not only have we
seen increases in women offenders, but

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this idea of chivalry treating women a
little bit kinder in the system, that is

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dead as well, so say penologists. So
we're seeing women serving longer

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sentences, engaging in more violent crimes. Now most of those violent crimes. Now most of those violent crimes are

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assault, not that I would prefer homicide
over assault, but you know what I mean by that.

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There's also been an overall decrease in
programming back in 1994 with the major

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crime bill that was passed by Bill

Clinton. A lot of the Pell grant money

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was cut and that's a lot of the money
that was used for inmates to take

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educational programs, to improve
themselves, and hopefully improve their lives when

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they get out. So we're seeing a lot more
inmates packed and facilities, especially

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for females that have a lot less
programming so that means a lot more

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idle time and we know what idle time
does too many folks and many of them

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sitting there for years and years,
literally with nothing to do

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or waiting five, six, seven years on a
waiting list just to actually get into a

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program. Many do want to improve
themselves. There's also again, been a lot

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of the get tough on crime policies here
and another interesting fact is that

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many states only have one or two women's
facilities. In Ohio we have three. So I

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told my students I guess we're lucky, but
we have one of the biggest here,

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the Ohio Reformatory for Women, which has about 2,000 inmates and that's where I

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conducted this research. I'll speak to that
in just a moment.

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Excuse me. Again, the facilities here often very very crowded

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even at ORW. I've been there several times
with my students and we've seen cots in

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the hallway, cots in the visitation room,
because they just don't have

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anywhere for these inmates to stay. About
two years ago I took my students there

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and they just opened a brand new -- it sounds like it's like some big amazing brand

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new building here -- a five hundred-person
dormitory. Took my students next semester,

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it was completely filled, 500 inmates in
less than six months and the trick is you've

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got to remember that at a lot of facilities okay, we have these open dorm type settings, which

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is basically a large gymnasium with
bunk beds. That's all it is. So 500 women

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and typically per shift, maybe one or two
corrections officers per 500 women.

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That's a scary ratio. So there's
going to be things that happened, going to

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be things that go on. There are
cameras and they are monitoring folks,

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but they can't look in every nook and
cranny of the facility at every moment.

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So we have facilities that are crowded, lack
of programming, more violent inmates,

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serving longer time. Obviously this could
be a recipe for disaster in terms of

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misconduct and victimization. In general
and probably the most important comments

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here as are the last two on the PowerPoint there. There's just a general lack

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of literature, in general on women
inmates. most of it looks at sexual behavior,

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a la Orange is the New Black and shows like that, especially areas of misconduct and victimization,

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very very little on women, because
typically this is kind of a man's area.

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Men typically are more violent so that's
why they are looked at a little bit more.

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The last point on there is also very
very important for my particular

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research. A lot of folks who do look at
victimization of misconduct will lump

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a whole bunch of different indicators
together into one variable. So you'll

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have one variable for misconduct or
victimization that's not only measuring

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physical assault, but maybe also somebody
being out of bounds or out of place or

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spitting on someone. So what I did with
his researches pull that misconduct in

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victimization in apart -- excuse me --
and looked at several different types of

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specific victimization and specific
misconduct to see what the indicators

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are rather than using a global measure
for that, which sometimes that is

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necessary because the victimization and
misconduct is pretty low. In terms of

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victimization and misconduct, the
literature and again this is kind of two

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papers I'm cramming into one here. So
we'll try to go over each one a little

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bit here. In terms of victimization what
the researchers shown

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is that typically females are often less
victimized than males, always that

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comparison to males. Those that are
victimized in prison are typically

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victimized in terms of some kind of theft
or some kind of verbal altercation. We

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know women like to speak. That's something the CEO's always tell me when I'm at a

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facility, "it's just so damn loud in here
with these women. Nobody takes no for an

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answer and are always asking me why, why,
why, why can't I do this? Why can't I do

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that?" Whereas with males "okay I can't do it, I'm moving on". And my students will often

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notice that noise level when we do go to
facilities. We also see higher rates of

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sexual victimization for female inmates
when compared to male and I do need to

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comment on that because sexual
victimization that is not forceful

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sexual victimization, something like rape.
It is oftentimes a little bit more

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consensual for females and often more of
a sexual touching, not to get too

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involved with that there. Other variables
like age, current offense, race and

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criminal history have shown a lot of
mixed results over the past. So all of

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those variables were thrown into my
model here to try to clear some of that

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up. The last set of variables on there
especially aggression,

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sentence length, program participation, the number of children and actually engaging in

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misconduct herself, because a lot of
times we see in victimization

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literature that people that are victimized
in prison are often acting out

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themselves. So it's kind of a retaliatory
event there. I'm provoking my own

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victimization and I'm not trying to
blame the victim there, but when you read

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a lot of scenarios you typically see
that. It will be some kind of

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altercation that escalates into a fight.
Maybe a verbal altercation: I say

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something about you or I attack first
and then I am then victimized as a

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result of that. So those variables were
new, those understudied ones in italics

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down there. In terms of the misconduct
literature we also see that women

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inmates are less involved in misconduct
as well.

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Age is without a doubt for male and
female inmates, the most robust, the

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strongest predictor typically younger
inmates -- excuse me for being a

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little colloquial -- but they're just
acting a fool typically and they're the

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ones that typically get in trouble. If I
take my inmates.. excuse me, if I take my inmates.

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That was a Freudian slip. If I take my
students

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to a facility... Whoopsie [laughing] If I take my students to a facility and they do happen to have

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maybe a smaller section of that facility
that has younger inmates there, the

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minute we walk in there, banging their
heads on the door and cussing and

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screaming and just trying to get our
attention. So ages without a doubt the

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most robust predictor of whether or not
you're going to be a victim and or

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engage in some kind of violence or
misconduct behind bars. Also being a

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violent offender and having a criminal
history especially with violent

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offending is a very very strong
predictor, especially of inmates engaging

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in violent behavior behind bars things,
like physical assaults or sexual

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assaults. Other variables like time
served and sentence length have a positive

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association with misconduct, race
education, marital status, employment in

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the presence of children, has shown to
show mixed results in the past. So again

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that's why all of them were included
here to help clear up some of those

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effects on the different types of both
victimization and misconduct. Visits,

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crowding, and program participation have
been non significant in the past and

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those have been primarily studies on male. So kind to improve on that they were

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included in these models to see how they
affected women. Aggression is kind of a

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new variable here, kind of a new twist to my research here. A lot of folks

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have looked at self control in the past,
but I also wanted to include an

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aggression measure as well, because you
would think that folks that are

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more aggressive might fall into that
area of provocation. The methods here,

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again this research was conducted at the
Ohio Reformatory for women, just about an hour

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hear, about an hour northeast of here, up near Columbus. ORW was opened in 1916 and it

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is a huge complex covering over two
hundred and forty acres, operating

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budgets about 44 million dollars, and they
typically have anywhere from about 2,200

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to over 2,500 female inmates. And again,
they built a 500 bedroom dorm, I would

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00:14:36,730 --> 00:14:39,240
say and then again like I told you we
went there about three months later and

206
00:14:39,240 --> 00:14:43,100
it was completely full. So just like
baseball in The Field of Dreams, build it they

207
00:14:43,100 --> 00:14:46,529
will come. I guess that applies to female
inmates as well, okay.

208
00:14:46,529 --> 00:14:52,569
Of those 2,500 inmates, Marysville is
overwhelmingly Caucasian and that has

209
00:14:52,569 --> 00:14:54,259
typically been a trend there, again

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00:14:54,259 --> 00:14:59,019

overwhelmingly Caucasian. That's
typically different than we think for

211
00:14:59,019 --> 00:15:01,779
inmates and what we see the media
present us with that image as well.

212
00:15:01,779 --> 00:15:06,459
80% are also what we call
minimum and medium offenders. That's the

213
00:15:06,459 --> 00:15:10,639
lowest level of offenders at Marysville,
the lowest level of offenders. So please

214
00:15:10,639 --> 00:15:14,240
keep that in mind here in looking at
the dependent variables that I looked at.

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00:15:14,240 --> 00:15:21,040
These are the lowest level offenders
coming in. About 2-3 years ago what the

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00:15:21,040 --> 00:15:25,629
staff at ORW told me is "we got rid of the bad eggs". They sent them to Dayton Correctional

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00:15:25,629 --> 00:15:29,300
Facility. So Dayton Correctional Facility
used to be a mail facility. It's now a

218
00:15:29,300 --> 00:15:33,350
female facility for a lot of, again using
their terms, some of the "bad eggs" at

219
00:15:33,350 --> 00:15:37,050
Marysville were sent there. So Marysville
they said has quiet downed a little bit

220
00:15:37,050 --> 00:15:42,819
since that has happened, okay just to kind of give you a little context there. In terms of

221
00:15:42,819 --> 00:15:47,170
the researcher for these presentations, I

got a sampling frame of over 1,500

222
00:15:47,170 --> 00:15:50,240
inmates and kind of a key factor here
was I wanted them to have spent at least

223
00:15:50,240 --> 00:15:54,910
six months in the facility to kind of
soak up what was being offered in this

224
00:15:54,910 --> 00:15:58,079
facility, maybe take part in some
programs and also to get through that

225
00:15:58,079 --> 00:16:04,480
initial period of classification. From
that list of 1,500... 600 inmates were

226
00:16:04,480 --> 00:16:09,920
selected using a random sampling
technique to come and participate in

227
00:16:09,920 --> 00:16:13,769
self-administered questionnaires. So I went
to Marysville for about two weeks,

228
00:16:13,769 --> 00:16:18,279
took about six days to do this; three
days each week there and about 380 women

229
00:16:18,279 --> 00:16:20,730
actually showed up to take the survey.

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00:16:20,730 --> 00:16:24,120
Got about 334 usable surveys from those women and I do

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00:16:24,120 --> 00:16:25,750
need to make mention here.

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00:16:25,750 --> 00:16:29,449
Me being there, I think is helpful to
inmates, because I like to roam around the

233
00:16:29,449 --> 00:16:32,420
room and talk to them. Again they are
people. I know they're inmates, but there are

234
00:16:32,420 --> 00:16:36,279
also people too. It helps to clear up any
questions they may have about the

235
00:16:36,279 --> 00:16:39,620
survey or I think just to talk to
somebody different sometimes gives them

236
00:16:39,620 --> 00:16:42,459
a little bit more ease and maybe a little bit
more trust and hopefully increase the

237
00:16:42,459 --> 00:16:46,449
validity and reliability of those survey
results.

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00:16:46,449 --> 00:16:50,749
All the women were seated at separate
tables and a large gymnasium. I've

239
00:16:50,749 --> 00:16:54,809
collected data before on males, where
males will be sitting at a table and a

240
00:16:54,809 --> 00:16:59,720
corrections officer will come over and
say "hey Bob what'd ya put for number four?"

241
00:16:59,720 --> 00:17:03,199
That not only pisses me off when
they do that, but that makes me again worry

242
00:17:03,199 --> 00:17:06,490
about the reliability and validity of
the data. Inmates are often like "are you

243
00:17:06,490 --> 00:17:08,630
sure the warden's not going to look at
this?"

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00:17:08,630 --> 00:17:11,620
You sure my name's not gonna be on here?" "Yes we try to take all those precautions

245
00:17:11,620 --> 00:17:17,420
so that nobody is identified". These are
purely anonymous once they come back to me.

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00:17:17,420 --> 00:17:21,900
Again, self-administered questionnaires were chosen
for this particular data collection,

247
00:17:21,900 --> 00:17:26,679
because a lot of penologists believe that
they often get at that hidden side of

248
00:17:26,679 --> 00:17:31,110
misconduct, because not all misconduct in
prison is written up, some is written up

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00:17:31,110 --> 00:17:35,160
on official documents, some is not. So
sometimes I believe that in research has

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00:17:35,160 --> 00:17:38,960
shown that using self-administered
questionnaires is a way to get at maybe

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00:17:38,960 --> 00:17:42,669
misconduct and victimization that maybe
they didn't officially report or that a

252
00:17:42,669 --> 00:17:46,850
corrections officer didn't see and write
up themselves. We have potentially lot of

253
00:17:46,850 --> 00:17:49,760
bias here with what
individuals choose to write up for a

254
00:17:49,760 --> 00:17:59,570
report or not. Some sample descriptives here and again overall once all these are discussed here, not really

255
00:17:59,570 --> 00:18:04,410
too much different from the population
of the facility. Average age about 36.

256
00:18:04,410 --> 00:18:09,040
34% of the sample here were
non-white, about 36 percent had engaged

257
00:18:09,040 --> 00:18:14,240
in a prior violent offense, 38% had some
kind of prior incarceration or prior

258
00:18:14,240 --> 00:18:18,720
prison experience, little bit under a
high school education, more than half

259
00:18:18,720 --> 00:18:22,309
were employed either part-time or
full-time prior to coming to prison,

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00:18:22,309 --> 00:18:27,500
about 76% had children. That was not just minor children, but

261
00:18:27,500 --> 00:18:30,679
children in general and that's very
common. Typically I've had studies as high

262
00:18:30,679 --> 00:18:36,179
as 80%. So where we have women inmates we
typically have children as well. About

263
00:18:36,179 --> 00:18:39,940
19% were married and I do need to make a
comment there that we also included or I

264
00:18:39,940 --> 00:18:44,350
also included a common law marriage in
there too, because we see that a lot with

265
00:18:44,350 --> 00:18:49,500
women inmates, see that a lot. Average time served: little over five years with the

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00:18:49,500 --> 00:18:52,640
average sentence length for my
particular sample here, just over 11

267
00:18:52,640 --> 00:18:55,429
years. That's a pretty long sentence
there.

268
00:18:55,429 --> 00:18:59,659
61% who received a visit in the last six
months, whether it be from a family member,

269
00:18:59,659 --> 00:19:04,350
friend, or other. About 86% said they felt the facility was crowded,

270
00:19:04,350 --> 00:19:07,750
About 46% little less than half,

271
00:19:07,750 --> 00:19:11,930
had participated in some kind of
educational and/or vocational program in

272
00:19:11,930 --> 00:19:16,580
the past six months. I also included the
Buss and Perry aggression scale on there. I

273
00:19:16,590 --> 00:19:20,840
only did include one element... Excuse me,
one dimension of that scale, which was

274
00:19:20,840 --> 00:19:25,000
the physical aggression dimension.
Because of page restraints, everything

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00:19:25,000 --> 00:19:28,330
that I put on my survey, everything that
I want to ask has to go through the

276
00:19:28,330 --> 00:19:31,520
facility. So they will have me sometimes
take questions off or say "no, you need to

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00:19:31,520 --> 00:19:34,730

make it under three pages. We want to get
these women in here and get them out

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00:19:34,730 --> 00:19:37,430
here when they're doing your survey" and
I'm totally at their mercy and that's

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00:19:37,430 --> 00:19:41,000
totally understandable there. There was
also a question on there about

280
00:19:41,000 --> 00:19:45,160
misconduct, whether they had gotten a
ticket in the past six months, but that

281
00:19:45,160 --> 00:19:47,910
was only used for the victimization study,
again to kind of try to look at that

282
00:19:47,910 --> 00:19:53,530
provocation issue. So again in general
the sample was very very similar to the

283
00:19:53,530 --> 00:19:57,430
population. In terms of the dependent
variables examined here again, one

284
00:19:57,430 --> 00:20:01,760
dependent variable was victimization in the
past six months, the other was any

285
00:20:01,760 --> 00:20:05,970
misconduct that they engaged in the last
six months. For both the dependent

286
00:20:05,970 --> 00:20:08,720
variables here, I looked at violent
victimization, I'll show you some

287
00:20:08,720 --> 00:20:11,530
indicators of those in just a moment,
like what was considered violent.

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00:20:11,530 --> 00:20:17,240
Property and sexual misconduct and
victimization. I do need to mention that

289
00:20:17,240 --> 00:20:21,930
the sexual, both misconduct and victimization did not include any forced acts, because

290
00:20:21,930 --> 00:20:25,640
that is collected by the Prison Rape
Elimination Act where the Census Bureau

291
00:20:25,640 --> 00:20:28,850
comes in and collects issues on rape. So
they did not want me to put that on

292
00:20:28,850 --> 00:20:33,510
there, so I did not. Then we also have
verbal victimization and then also drug

293
00:20:33,510 --> 00:20:37,180
and alcohol misconduct that these women
engaged in behind bars. You might be

294
00:20:37,180 --> 00:20:39,600
thinking "drug and alcohol misconduct
behind bars?"

295
00:20:39,600 --> 00:20:47,090
Yup, it goes on, okay, brought in a number of ways from visitors, unfortunately some

296
00:20:47,090 --> 00:20:51,170
staff. I once had somebody tell me a story
when they opened a new Supermax men's facility

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00:20:51,170 --> 00:20:55,550
up in Youngstown, which is
located in the center city for a change --

298
00:20:55,550 --> 00:20:58,720
usually prisons are way out in the country
because the air's much fresher out

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00:20:58,720 --> 00:21:02,950

there, so better norms, better values of
course -- they would take tennis balls and

300
00:21:02,950 --> 00:21:06,910
put drugs in and hit him over the fence. That's a unique way to get drugs and alcohol

301
00:21:06,910 --> 00:21:11,050
in I guess. So those things happen. Where
there's a will there's a way.

302
00:21:11,050 --> 00:21:15,040
The indicators of misconduct in
victimization were as follows:

303
00:21:15,040 --> 00:21:19,800
Any kind of violent misconduct or
victimization was more of a physical assault,

304
00:21:19,800 --> 00:21:23,220
a physical attack on somebody. Some of
that could have resulted in a serious

305
00:21:23,230 --> 00:21:27,700
injury and I also collected information
also resulting in a non serious injury.

306
00:21:27,700 --> 00:21:32,310
Property misconduct and victimization,
whether or not a cell was broken into. A

307
00:21:32,310 --> 00:21:36,500
lot of women who live in the big storms
just have a footlocker smaller than the

308
00:21:36,500 --> 00:21:39,280
top of this podium here to keep all of
their stuff in, but oftentimes that

309
00:21:39,280 --> 00:21:43,620
stuff gets stolen and broken into.
Destroying or altering state property is

310
00:21:43,620 --> 00:21:46,920

also considered under that property
misconduct and victimization variable.

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00:21:46,920 --> 00:21:52,570
Against sexual misconduct and
victimization: sexual threats, proposals,

312
00:21:52,570 --> 00:21:56,780
and any nonviolent, i.e .consensual
activity as well. Because again, that is

313
00:21:56,780 --> 00:22:00,310
not supposed to go on there and again
nothing collected on any kind of

314
00:22:00,310 --> 00:22:04,730
forceful sexual contact. That's collected
by the Census Bureau with the Prison

315
00:22:04,730 --> 00:22:08,460
Rape Elimination Act. Under misconduct
it asked about drug and alcohol

316
00:22:08,460 --> 00:22:12,830
misconduct. Whether they possessed or
used alcohol illegally, also misused

317
00:22:12,830 --> 00:22:16,800
non-prescription drugs or even possessed
any kind of drug paraphernalia and also

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00:22:16,800 --> 00:22:20,480
verbal -- that was only on the
victimization side -- verbally threatening,

319
00:22:20,480 --> 00:22:27,660
object of abusive language, or
intimidating someone, okay. And also I do

320
00:22:27,660 --> 00:22:30,830
need to mention that all of those
indicators of misconduct and victimization

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00:22:30,830 --> 00:22:35,110
again, were self reports over the last six
months and measured questions both about

322
00:22:35,110 --> 00:22:39,470
engaging on... Excuse me, engaging in
misconduct or being victimized by a

323
00:22:39,470 --> 00:22:44,650
staff or another inmate and then those
were collapsed together. In terms of

324
00:22:44,650 --> 00:22:47,970
results We'll will try... I'm running out of
time here a little bit. In terms of

325
00:22:47,970 --> 00:22:52,410
victimization, victimization's what I call
a little more static model in terms of not

326
00:22:52,410 --> 00:22:56,170
many different variables had an effect
there, but uniquely in all four types of

327
00:22:56,170 --> 00:23:00,570
victimization age had a negative effect,
aggression levels had a positive effect

328
00:23:00,570 --> 00:23:06,530
as did prior education and misconduct
itself. All of those variables typically

329
00:23:06,530 --> 00:23:10,890
fall into one theoretical model called
importation that focus on individual

330
00:23:10,890 --> 00:23:16,000
personality variables as affecting victimization. The misconduct

331
00:23:16,000 --> 00:23:19,290
results are what I call a little bit
more of a dynamic model. They included

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00:23:19,290 --> 00:23:23,820
variables from three different
theoretical perspectives. Age and aggression

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00:23:23,820 --> 00:23:29,550
respectively had a negative and positive
effect in all four types of misconduct.

334
00:23:29,550 --> 00:23:33,390
so they were more robust in what they
predicted. Then we get down to the bottom

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00:23:33,390 --> 00:23:37,250
right-hand corner of that slide there and we
see that different variables from

336
00:23:37,250 --> 00:23:41,260
different models affected different
types of misconduct. In terms of physical

337
00:23:41,260 --> 00:23:46,400
misconduct, employment prior had a
negative effect in terms of sexual

338
00:23:46,400 --> 00:23:51,390
misconduct, both time served and the presence of children had a positive effect. That's

339
00:23:51,390 --> 00:23:55,080
very interesting to me the presence of
children. That's also -- I just did another

340
00:23:55,080 --> 00:23:59,540
paper with a graduate student -- seems to
have a positive effect. Presence of

341
00:23:59,540 --> 00:24:03,570
children, you think that would be one way
to pull people back from engaging in

342
00:24:03,570 --> 00:24:07,670
misconduct, but oftentimes visits can be
very emotional and just very traumatic

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00:24:07,670 --> 00:24:12,890
for some inmates. So that often leads to
misconduct after that. Drug and alcohol,

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00:24:12,890 --> 00:24:17,160
prior violence had a positive effect and
employment prior to prison had a

345
00:24:17,160 --> 00:24:21,820
negative effect and for property
misconduct race, program participation,

346
00:24:21,820 --> 00:24:27,390
and educational programming all had a
positive effect. So little bit more of a

347
00:24:27,390 --> 00:24:32,110
dynamic model including three types of
theoretical explanations, both

348
00:24:32,110 --> 00:24:37,050
importation, deprivation, and what we call
a social bonding and also kind of an

349
00:24:37,050 --> 00:24:41,760
opportunity model there. Again in terms
of conclusions, I've kind of made the first

350
00:24:41,760 --> 00:24:45,530
two points up there with victimization
being more based on personal level

351
00:24:45,530 --> 00:24:48,460
predictors. Again we call that
importation, we call those personal

352
00:24:48,460 --> 00:24:52,590
qualities and misconduct being predicted
by a series of three separate

353
00:24:52,590 --> 00:24:57,560
theoretical predictors with a variety of
variables from each of those. So

354
00:24:57,560 --> 00:25:01,370
misconduct a little bit more dynamic, I
think what all of this tells me here

355
00:25:01,370 --> 00:25:05,210
especially is that we need to continue
to examine these kinds of misconduct and

356
00:25:05,210 --> 00:25:08,930
victimization separately rather than
lumping them into just one model. Again,

357
00:25:08,930 --> 00:25:10,490
is it fair to look at

358
00:25:10,490 --> 00:25:15,090
misconduct when I have a physical
assault or sexual assault combined in

359
00:25:15,090 --> 00:25:19,290
the same dependent variable with maybe
spitting on someone -- for lack of a better

360
00:25:19,290 --> 00:25:23,060
example there I apologize for that -- or
being out of place. I mean I could get

361
00:25:23,060 --> 00:25:26,260
written up for a ticket for not having
my shirt tucked in or having the wrong

362
00:25:26,260 --> 00:25:30,380
uniform and I just don't think we should
mush all those variables together. So I

363
00:25:30,380 --> 00:25:33,850
think we still need to look at those
separately, because I do believe in what

364
00:25:33,850 --> 00:25:35,789
this research shows is they do have

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00:25:35,789 --> 00:25:40,840
specific indicators, so different models
predicting each terms of limitations

366
00:25:40,840 --> 00:25:43,830
again only one prison was looked at here,
so certainly would like to increase the

367
00:25:43,830 --> 00:25:48,330
sampling size both at the micro and
macro level, meaning number of inmates and

368
00:25:48,330 --> 00:25:53,739
number of Prisons. That will also help
with the theory explanations here as well.

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00:25:53,739 --> 00:25:58,299
Again used self-report studies on here
on here, so the reliability is always in

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00:25:58,299 --> 00:26:01,629
question with these folks like always
get that from reviewers when I submit

371
00:26:01,629 --> 00:26:05,659
manuscripts. "Why do you trust these
people? "Tell me about your reliability,

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00:26:05,659 --> 00:26:09,999
they're criminals". If I gave you
all the survey I would not feel the same

373
00:26:09,999 --> 00:26:15,580
way, but I would trust you all or my
students just as much as them. I don't

374
00:26:15,580 --> 00:26:21,470
understand that point. Always brought up,
always brought up. however to help

375
00:26:21,470 --> 00:26:24,769
increase reliability, I do believe that
someday triangulation would be better in

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00:26:24,769 --> 00:26:28,019
the future not only using surveys, but
then collecting information maybe via

377
00:26:28,019 --> 00:26:31,729
personal interviews with these folks and
not until we actually talk to them to see

378
00:26:31,729 --> 00:26:35,450
actually how the interaction occurred,
whether it be a victimization or

379
00:26:35,450 --> 00:26:39,570
misconduct, can we fully understand
a situation and especially

380
00:26:39,570 --> 00:26:46,190
that issue of provocation.
I need to definitely include more variables,

381
00:26:46,190 --> 00:26:50,830
especially for females in particular. So what we call more gender specific variables

382
00:26:50,830 --> 00:26:55,019
like abuse whether or not they have been
a victim of abuse. We typically see

383
00:26:55,019 --> 00:26:59,859
rates as high as 80 to 90% in terms of
physical, sexual, and/or some kind of abuse

384
00:26:59,859 --> 00:27:04,479
that many of these women have endured.
Mental illness issues, just completed a

385
00:27:04,479 --> 00:27:07,759
study recently and 80% of my
samples on the mental health case load.

386
00:27:07,759 --> 00:27:12,299
so that's a very very important variable,
especially for women. Issues of addiction

387
00:27:12,299 --> 00:27:16,619
as well and other possible contextual
prison level variables that were not

388
00:27:16,619 --> 00:27:21,489
included in this model because I only
had one contextual unit, being ORW also

389
00:27:21,489 --> 00:27:25,599
not all forms of victimization were
measured. Self-harm was left off, which is

390
00:27:25,599 --> 00:27:28,379
a very important measure, especially for
women inmates. We tend to see a lot more

391
00:27:28,379 --> 00:27:33,519
self harm, self-mutilation among women
inmates. I also left off issues of like

392
00:27:33,519 --> 00:27:37,470
spitting and throwing objects. Just
completed a study at the Ohio Department

393
00:27:37,470 --> 00:27:41,379
of Rehabilitation and Correction. It's
important to know the issues of like

394
00:27:41,379 --> 00:27:44,389
spitting and throwing objects, that's
actually considered a physical assault.

395
00:27:44,389 --> 00:27:46,860
Even if I don't lay my hands on someone,

396
00:27:46,860 --> 00:27:51,530
if I collect my urine and throw it
out at somebody or take fecies and put

397
00:27:51,530 --> 00:27:55,040
it in a toothpaste tube and then step on it
when the CO walks by, which happens all

398
00:27:55,040 --> 00:27:58,720
the time, or throw cup or throw water,
that is also considered a physical

399
00:27:58,720 --> 00:28:03,370
assault. So didn't have those in there so
possibly future studies would want to

400
00:28:03,370 --> 00:28:06,690
include those as well to make these
dependent variables a little bit more

401
00:28:06,690 --> 00:28:11,020
encompassing here. In terms of
victimization, I did separate slide for

402
00:28:11,020 --> 00:28:13,780
each of these, but they can kind of be
encompassed in both in terms of the

403
00:28:13,780 --> 00:28:18,690
policy implications. With age and
aggression being significant in both, I

404
00:28:18,690 --> 00:28:22,730
think that definitely has issues for
housing. Marysville currently houses

405
00:28:22,730 --> 00:28:26,580
adult women, but they have a separate
building for anybody who was convicted

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00:28:26,580 --> 00:28:30,929
of an adult crime at a younger age like
seventeen or eighteen and all those

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00:28:30,929 --> 00:28:35,540
younger women have to stay within sight
and sound away from all the other inmates.

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00:28:35,540 --> 00:28:39,150
So they eat separately, they rec
separately, and that creates a lot of

409
00:28:39,150 --> 00:28:42,549
problems and they also know that the
COs can't touch them, so they typically

410
00:28:42,549 --> 00:28:46,200
act a fool as we said a little bit
before. Have a lot of issues with the

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00:28:46,200 --> 00:28:49,419
younger inmates and ironically the
younger inmates are in the same housing

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00:28:49,419 --> 00:28:57,419
unit as the lady on death row. Hmm. Aggression, again aggression was important in both

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00:28:57,419 --> 00:29:01,679
victimization and misconduct. So this is
obviously an important variable. Need to

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00:29:01,679 --> 00:29:05,340
get all of the indicators in there, again
only use the indicator for physical

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00:29:05,340 --> 00:29:08,540
aggression here. So I think we're gonna
probably need to start putting that on

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00:29:08,540 --> 00:29:12,110
intake and classification forms and was
actually more important than criminal history,

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00:29:12,110 --> 00:29:16,860
which is always on intake forms. So maybe
some changing and classification tools and

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00:29:16,860 --> 00:29:21,140
intake forms and also changing with
staffing. A lot of the staff and lot of

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00:29:21,140 --> 00:29:24,809
the COs that work at women's facilities
come from men's facilities. So they may

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00:29:24,809 --> 00:29:27,640
need some different training and some
different classes in dealing with women,

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00:29:27,640 --> 00:29:31,980
especially women with mental issues and
aggressive personality and where do

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00:29:31,980 --> 00:29:35,309
we want to house these women that have
highly aggressive personalities. Where are

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00:29:35,309 --> 00:29:39,650
we going put them? And with older ladies who want everything to be quiet and calm, that's not

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00:29:39,650 --> 00:29:44,470
going to work. So housing is a big issue
here, but again got to have money to make

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00:29:44,470 --> 00:29:48,429
more housing and build more housing on
many of these facilities here.

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00:29:48,429 --> 00:29:52,720
Education was also significant in the
presence of tickets and the victimization

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00:29:52,720 --> 00:29:54,000
models suggesting

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00:29:54,000 --> 00:29:57,630
that we have an issue with the
provocation and the education variable

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00:29:57,630 --> 00:30:01,620
suggests that we have an issue with some
of these women who have education prior, more

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00:30:01,630 --> 00:30:05,570
bonded to non-criminal types of
personalities. They may need more

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00:30:05,570 --> 00:30:10,210
orientation, just really don't know what that life is about.

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00:30:10,210 --> 00:30:13,270
Same with misconduct, the first two on there are the same.

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00:30:13,270 --> 00:30:15,500
Issues of time served and children

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00:30:15,510 --> 00:30:19,300
definitely has effects for visitation
for inmates, prisonization, and also

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00:30:19,300 --> 00:30:22,970
relationships. Women are very very
relationship centered and that does not

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00:30:22,970 --> 00:30:28,610
stop when they are in a facility. Issues
of race, program participation, and

437
00:30:28,610 --> 00:30:32,230
education, again ,opportunity. We are in no
way saying just because these variables

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00:30:32,230 --> 00:30:35,580
increase misconduct, that we should take
away programming. I'm not

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00:30:35,580 --> 00:30:40,930
trying to say that all. Program is very
important and we often see issues of

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00:30:40,930 --> 00:30:44,470
lesser types of misconduct for those
women who engage in programming here at...

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00:30:44,470 --> 00:30:47,170
You know what I mean by lesser? It's not
the worst of the worst, because I don't

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00:30:47,170 --> 00:30:51,710

think they want to lose those privileges.
It could be "I forgot to leave this piece

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00:30:51,710 --> 00:30:55,690
of material here" or maybe "I was out of
place for a moment or maybe "I was a little late

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00:30:55,690 --> 00:30:59,650
to work." So the misconduct is different
here so and no way am I advocating that we

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00:30:59,650 --> 00:31:09,440
take away visits or programs, none of
that here. I know I'm running out of time. Thank you, any questions?

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00:31:09,440 --> 00:31:13,140
[applause]

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00:31:13,140 --> 00:31:14,100
Yes, Kristen.

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00:31:14,100 --> 00:31:20,620
I was really interested in the percentages of Caucasian women [inaudible]

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00:31:20,620 --> 00:31:21,460
Yes.

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00:31:21,460 --> 00:31:33,440
I was wondering if anybody has done you know, studies on the media impact of what we think prisons [inaudible]?

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00:31:33,440 --> 00:31:36,899
Okay, Kristen asked about those racial
percentages and the media impact there.

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00:31:36,899 --> 00:31:40,730
None to my knowledge looking directly at
those issues there, but Marysville is

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00:31:40,730 --> 00:31:44,059
really really unique Kristen, with
being such a high percentage of

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Caucasians. I don't know if we'll that in
many other states, I would have to look

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00:31:48,779 --> 00:31:51,960
at those to give you an honest answer
there, but in terms of comparing our

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00:31:51,960 --> 00:31:55,710
media perception and what's actually in
there. No direct studies to my knowledge,

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00:31:55,710 --> 00:31:59,049
but it is kind of a disconcerting issue,
because typically in class when I asked

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00:31:59,049 --> 00:32:02,919
students to describe an inmate, I get a totally different picture from them in terms of

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00:32:02,919 --> 00:32:06,370
race, gender, so that's definitely an
issue there that definitely needs to be

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00:32:06,370 --> 00:32:08,980
addressed in the future. I wish I could
give you more specifics there, but I

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00:32:08,980 --> 00:32:12,899
can't think of any studies off the top
of my head that look directly at that.

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00:32:12,899 --> 00:32:17,019
But definitely an important issue. Yes.

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You said, I think, that their correlation between length of sentence had an increase in violence? I would have assumed it
would have been like [inaudible] more passive or [inaudible]

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00:32:31,100 --> 00:32:35,300
What the research shows there Dr. Weinzimmer, is that a lot of these ladies actually know how to get away

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00:32:35,309 --> 00:32:38,479
with a little bit more the more time

they spend there. So some get a little

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00:32:38,479 --> 00:32:42,320
bit more bold in terms of what they do and
take some more chances. That's recently

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00:32:42,320 --> 00:32:45,450
what I've read a lot about. So you would
think it's kind of a counter-intuitive

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finding there, but they think that many
of them actually again, know better ways to

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00:32:49,659 --> 00:32:55,580
not get caught doing things and I know
that was also a significant variable for

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00:32:55,580 --> 00:32:59,559
the sexual activity and a lot of that
was consensual. So women seeking out that

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00:32:59,559 --> 00:33:05,529
nurturing and touching for lack of a
better term there. Again, not necessarily

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00:33:05,529 --> 00:33:08,919
a violent offense, but again the
institution still poo poos any kind of

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00:33:08,919 --> 00:33:11,529
activity like that and many don't get to
see their children.

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00:33:11,529 --> 00:33:15,090
Estimates between 50 and 60% of
both male and female inmates don't to get

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00:33:15,090 --> 00:33:19,070
to your children the whole time they're
in there. So again your hormones don't

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00:33:19,070 --> 00:33:22,809

shut down. That nurturing that females
have, it doesn't stop. So I think that

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00:33:22,809 --> 00:33:29,409
might be explained by them just seeking
out some comfort from other females.

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00:33:29,409 --> 00:33:30,289
Thank you Karen.

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00:33:30,289 --> 00:33:32,260
Sure. Thank you all, thank you.

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00:33:32,260 --> 00:33:33,120
[applause]