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**Curriculum Vitae**

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**EDUCATION**

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**Ph.D. Candidate in Social Work, 2020 - present**

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

**Dissertation:** *Co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders among criminal justice-involved adults: Trajectories, positive coping strategies, and service utilization profiles*

Committee: Orion Mowbray (Chair), Lydia Aletraris, Sarah Shannon

**MSW in Social Work, 2020**

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Concentration: Macro Social Work

**BS in Psychology, magna cum laude, 2017**

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

**BA in Criminal Justice, magna cum laude, 2017**

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

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**AREAS OF INTEREST**

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My research is focused on the intersection of social work and the criminal justice system.

Specific areas of interest include: 1) substance use, mental health, and co-occurring disorders among justice-involved populations, 2) reentry services for formerly incarcerated individuals, 3) criminal justice policies and their impacts, 4) community-based behavioral health treatment, and 5) juvenile justice system.

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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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**University of Georgia School of Social Work, Athens, GA**

Part-time Faculty, 2023

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**PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS**

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- Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O., Aletraris, L., Paseda, O., & Dias, C. (2023). Examining correlates of substance use treatment needs for adults under community supervision. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*. (In Press).
- Woodiwiss, J. L., **Graves, B. D.**, Pless, J., Afroz, F., & Dodd, K. (2023). Conquering chaos: Critical reflections of beginning doctoral education in 2020. *Reflections: Narratives of professional helping*. (In Press).
- Aletraris, L., **Graves, B. D.**, & Ndung'u, J. J. (2023). Assessing the impact of recreational cannabis legalization on cannabis use disorder and admissions to treatment in the United States. *Current Addiction Reports*, 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40429-023-00470-x>
- Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O., & Aletraris, L. (2023). The impact of mental health risks and needs on substance use among adults in community supervision: A multilevel model examining moderation by age and variation across statewide judicial circuits. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 62(3), 174–190. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10509674.2023.2182866>
- O'Shields, J. D., **Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O. (2023). Sex differences in childhood maltreatment, inflammation, and adulthood depression: A network analysis. *Brain, Behavior, & Immunity – Health*, 29. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bbih.2023.100611>
- Robinson, M. A., **Graves, B. D.**, Grubb, L. M., & McIntosh, T. (2023). Black bodies on the ground II: Examining impactful policing policies and analysis of policing disparities affecting unarmed African American men (2015-2020). *Victims & Offenders*, 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2023.2175094>
- Wolfer, T. A., Pooler, D., & **Graves, B. D.** (2022). Finding joy in social work: Practical strategies. *Social Work*, 67(3), 266-275. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swac021>

## RESEARCH REPORTS

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- Mowbray, O., Robinson, M., Risler, E., Skinner, J., **Graves, B. D.**, & Scheyett, A. (2023). *State of Georgia DRC Program Assessment Tool II (DRC-PAT II): Instrument update and assessment of outcomes*. Athens, University of Georgia.
- Carl Vinson Institute of Government. (2023). *Georgia criminal justice data landscape report insights: A closer look at probation, crime, and arrest data; Atlanta Policing Alternatives and Diversion case study; Chatham County Juvenile Court's the Front Porch case study*. Client: Public Welfare Foundation. Athens, University of Georgia.
- Carl Vinson Institute of Government. (2023). *Georgia Department of Administrative Services workforce report: Law enforcement workgroup*. Client: Department of Administrative Services. Athens, University of Georgia.
- Carl Vinson Institute of Government. (2023). *Georgia Department of Administrative Services*

*workforce report: Accounting workgroup.* Client: Department of Administrative Services. Athens, University of Georgia.

Carl Vinson Institute of Government. (2022). *The estimated economic impacts of accountability court programs in Georgia: Evidence from a survey of program participants.* Client: Council of Accountability Court Judges. Athens, University of Georgia.

Carl Vinson Institute of Government. (2021). *Raising the age for juvenile offenders: Literature review, fiscal analysis, and implications for Georgia.* Athens, University of Georgia.

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### BOOK REVIEWS

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**Graves, B. D.** (2023). "Review of *Psychiatric Casualties: How and Why the Military Ignores the Full Cost of War* by Mark C. Russell & Charles Figley," *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare.* (In Press).

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### SOCIAL WORK CASE STUDIES & TEACHING NOTES

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**Graves, B. D.,** Wolfer, T. A., & Reitmeier, M. C. (2021). No way to drive: Teaching note. In T. A. Wolfer & M. C. Reitmeier, *Dilemmas in social work field education: Decision cases.* New York: Columbia University Press.

Reitmeier, M. C., Wolfer, T. A., & **Graves, B. D.** (2021). Inner struggles: Teaching note. In T. A. Wolfer & M. C. Reitmeier, *Dilemmas in social work field education: Decision cases.* New York: Columbia University Press.

DiNovo, R., Wolfer, T. A., **Graves, B. D.,** & Bassett, M. (2020). Expert witness of criminal defense. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina

Vasoo, S., **Graves, B. D.,** & Wolfer, T. A. (2019). Fareez (A) [Decision case]. Singapore: National University of Singapore.

Vasoo, S., **Graves, B. D.,** & Wolfer, T. A. (2019). Fareez (B) [Decision case]. Singapore: National University of Singapore.

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### PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

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**Graves, B. D.,** Mowbray, O., Aletraris, L., & O'Shields, J. D. Sixteen-year trends in cannabis use disorder treatment utilization. *Substance Use & Misuse.* (Under Review).

**Graves, B. D.** & Fendrich, M. Community-based substance use treatment programs for reentering justice-involved adults: A scoping review. *Journal of Substance Use & Addiction Treatment.* (Under Review.)

Pless, J., Dodd, K., Afroz, F., **Graves, B. D.,** & Woodiwiss, J. "I just be chillin.'" CBD use &

anxiety among college students. *Social Work*. (Under Review).

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### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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- O'Shields, J., **Graves, B. D.**, & Mowbray, O. The hidden toll of incarceration: The longitudinal association between a history of incarceration and inflammation.
- Mowbray, O. **Graves, B. D.**, et al. Short-term outcomes among substance using participants in a rapid rehousing program: The H.O.P.E. project.
- Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O., O'Shields, J., & Aletraris, L. Examining strain theory, gender, and substance use: Results from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health.

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### RESEARCH GRANTS

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Bureau of Justice Assistance (2023). Virtual reality de-escalation site-based initiative. Subaward from Clarke County Sheriff's Office, Athens-Clarke County Government. Role: Principal Investigator. Decision: In review.

National Institute of Justice (2023). A community-engaged approach to improving jail reentry: Identifying barriers, supports, and resources for success in the rural southeast. Role: Key Personnel. Decision: In review.

State of Georgia Department of Community Supervision (2023). Modification and evaluation of the Georgia DRC-PAT. Total direct costs: \$152,898. Role: Research Assistant.

R01 National Institute of Drug Abuse (2019). 1R01DA047291-01. Cannabis legalization: Assessing its impact on treatment for substance use disorders. Amount: \$2,180,818. Role: Key Personnel.

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### PRESENTATIONS

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#### *Juried Conference Presentations*

- O'Shields, J., **Graves, B. D.**, & Mowbray, O. (Accepted for 2024). *The hidden toll of incarceration: The longitudinal association between a history of incarceration and inflammation*. Poster presentation at the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Society for Social Work Research, Washington, D.C.
- Mowbray, O., Fatehi, M., **Graves B. D.**, & Cooper, Z. (Accepted for 2024). *Service use outcomes among peer support, wellness, and respite center users*. Poster presentation at

- the 28th annual Society for Social Work Research, Washington, D.C.
- Fendrich, M. & **Graves, B. D.** (2023, October 18-20). *Community-based substance use treatment programs for reentering justice-involved adults: A scoping review*. Poster presentation at the Addiction Health Services Research Conference, New York City, New York.
- Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O., & Aletraris, L. (2023, January 11-15). *The impact of mental health risks and needs on substance use in community supervision: A multilevel model examining moderation by age*. Poster presentation at the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Society for Social Work Research, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O., Aletraris, L., & O'Shields, J. D. (2023, January 11-15). *Sixteen-year trends in cannabis use disorder treatment utilization*. Poster presentation at the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Society for Social Work Research, Phoenix, Arizona.
- O'Shields, J. D., **Graves, B. D.**, & Mowbray, O. (2023, January 11-15). *Exploring the relationship between major depression, childhood maltreatment, and the immune system: A psychometric network analysis approach*. Oral paper presentation at the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Society for Social Work Research, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Mowbray, O., Robinson, M., Tenant, E., **Graves, B. D.**, O'Shields, J. D., & Purser, G. (2023, January 11-15). *Short-term outcomes among substance using participants in a rapid rehousing program: The H.O.P.E. project*. Poster presentation at the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Society for Social Work Research, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Afroz, F., Pless, J., Dodd, K., Woodiwiss, J., & **Graves, B. D.** (2023, January 11-15). *"I just be chillin'": CBD use and anxiety among college students*. Poster presentation at the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Society for Social Work Research, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O., Aletraris, L., & Paseda, O. (2022, January 12-16). *Examining correlates of substance use treatment needs for adults under community supervision*. Oral paper presentation at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Society for Social Work Research, Washington, D.C.
- Graves, B. D.**, Aletraris, L., & Mowbray, O. (2022, January 12-16). *Criminal justice referred clients and wraparound services in substance use treatment centers: Examining moderation of public funding on service provision*. Oral paper presentation at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Society for Social Work Research, Washington, D.C.
- Mowbray, O., Fatehi, M., Robinson, M., **Graves, B. D.**, & Paseda, O. (2022, January 12-16). *Outcomes of forensic peer support provision for persons in community supervision settings*. Oral paper presentation at the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Society for Social Work Research, Washington, D.C.
- Graves, B. D.**, Mowbray, O., Aletraris, L., & Paseda, O. (2021, October 13-15). *Examining correlates of substance use treatment needs for adults under community supervision*. Poster presentation at the Addiction Health Services Research. (Online).
- Woodiwiss J. L., **Graves B. D.**, Pless J., Dodd K., Afroz F. (2021, October 1). *Conquering*

*Chaos: Critical reflections of beginning doctoral education in 2020.* Poster presentation for Preparing Diverse Populations for Graduate Admissions, University of Georgia, Graduate School. Athens, Georgia.

Wolfer, T. A., & Graves, B. D. (2020, March) *Teaching joy in social work.* NASW-SC Symposium. Columbia, SC. (Conference canceled).

### ***Invited Presentations***

Graves, B. D. (2023, September). *Joy in social work field education: Making connections,* Online module presentation, Baylor University, Waco, TX.

Wolfer, T., Pooler, D., & Graves, B. D. (2022, November). *Finding joy in social work: Practical strategies,* Virtual CEU Workshop, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

Graves, B. D. (2022, April). *Substance use and mental health among justice-involved populations,* SOCI 4000: Society, Bodies, and Health, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

Graves, B. D. (2021, November). *Ethical communication: Working with justice-involved and at-risk youth populations,* SOWK 2155: Social Work Communication, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

Graves, B. D. (2021, October). *Second year student experiences,* PhD Program Information Session: Panel for Prospective Students, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

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## **HONORS & AWARDS**

**Blue Key Honor Society,** University of Georgia, Spring 2023

**Pre-doctoral Fellowship,** University of Georgia, School of Social Work, Fall 2020-Spring 2023

**Dean's List,** University of Georgia, Fall 2017

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## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Graduate Student Researcher,** 2021-Present

*Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia*

- Conducted case studies, qualitative interviews, and county-level criminal justice trend analyses for a criminal justice landscape report and statewide workforce development project.
- Assisted in writing research reports and creating materials for dissemination to state agencies, researchers, and government employees.

- Performed a fiscal cost and savings analysis for relocating juveniles sentenced in superior court to the juvenile justice system and wrote a research report on the findings.

### **Graduate Research Assistant, 2020-Present**

*School of Social Work, University of Georgia*

- Supervisor: Dr. Orion Mowbray.
- Assisted in program evaluations of Day Reporting Centers across different sites statewide for the Georgia Department of Community Supervision.
- Utilized advanced statistical modeling techniques for several research projects examining substance use and mental health among criminal justice-involved populations.
- Prepared and submitted manuscripts for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
- Submitted conference abstracts and presented at Society for Social Work and Research annual conference.

### **Pre-doctoral Fellowship, 2020-2023**

*School of Social Work, University of Georgia*

- Supervisor: Dr. Lydia Aletraris.
- Assisted in examining treatment implementation for substance use disorders through a federally funded R01 grant from the National Institute of Health.
- Collaborated on survey instrument development and data collection of two waves among a nationally representative sample of substance use treatment centers.
- Performed statistical analysis and policy review for several research projects involving recreational cannabis policies and cannabis use disorder treatment.
- Prepared and submitted manuscripts for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
- Submitted conference abstracts and presented at Society for Social Work and Research annual conference and Addiction Health Services Research conference.

### **Graduate Assistant, 2018-2020**

*College of Social Work, University of South Carolina*

- Supervisor: Dr. Terry Wolfer.
- Co-authored several case studies, teaching notes, and a manuscript that was accepted for publication.
- Organized and prepared to co-present “Teaching Joy in Social Work” for National Association of Social Workers- SC Symposium.

### **Student Laboratory Assistant, 2017**

*Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, University of Georgia*

- Assisted with experiment design set-up and data collection.
- Measured and recorded quantitative and qualitative results.
- Collected and prepared various data samples.
- Provided manual labor to upkeep facility and field plots for research.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Instructor of Record**

SOWK 5326: Foundations of Social Work Research (BSW), Fall 2023

SOWK 5524: Generalist Practice of Social Work I (BSW), Summer 2023

### **Teaching Assistant**, Spring 2022

Professor of Record: Dr. Rebecca Mathew

SOWK: 7133: Community Organizing & Social Action (MSW)

University of Georgia

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## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Carl Vinson Institute of Government**, 2022-Present

*Temporary Clerk*, Athens, GA

- Worked on a law enforcement workgroup and assisted at all workgroup meetings for a statewide workforce development project.
- Assisted in writing, formatting, and finalizing reports for dissemination.
- Provided comprehensive notes through fast and accurate typing and extracting all relevant information for workgroup meetings and facilitated stakeholder conversations.

### **Growing Home Southeast, INC.**, 2018-2020

*Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services Specialist*, Cayce, SC

- Provided individual and family therapy as well as psychosocial rehabilitative services to RBHS and TFC program clients.
- Assisted youths at risk of criminal justice involvement and their foster families to eliminate or replace disruptive, harmful or negative behaviors with positive actions.
- Collected and provided all necessary documentation required to provide services.

### **Substance Abuse Prevention Education Office**, 2019-2020

*Carolina Community Coalition Graduate Intern*, University of South Carolina

- Facilitated Carolina Awareness on Alcohol Policies & Safety (CAAPS) courses as a co-



instructor in conjunction with the Student Conduct & Academic Integrity Office.

- Organized and led various ongoing community Coalition Workgroups.
- Served on a Coalition steering committee with various university department supervisors.
- Analyzed university data on substance use and summarized trends for presentation ready materials.

**Walton County Sheriff's Office, 2017-2018**

*Detention Officer in Jail Division, Monroe, GA*

- Supervised inmates and inmate activity.
- Utilized social skills to ensure inmates act according to agency policies.
- Maintained jail security.
- Performed necessary functions to ensure safety of inmates, visitors, and fellow employees.
- Documented reports detailing jail operations and inmate incidents.

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**Ad Hoc Reviewer, Health & Social Care in the Community, 2023**

**Graduate Student Association Council, School of Social Work Representative, University of Georgia, 2022-Present**

**Student Advocacy Committee, Graduate Student Association Council, University of Georgia, 2022-Present**

**Promote Smart Decarceration Working Group, Behavioral Health Team, 2022-Present**

**Doctoral Student Peer Mentorship Program, Student Mentor, University of Georgia, 2022**

**Criminal Justice Alumni Networking Event, Alumni Speaker, University of Georgia, 2022-2023**

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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**Blue Key Honor Society, UGA Chapter**

Member, 2023-Present

**Society for Social Work and Research**

Member, 2021-Present

**The National Society for Collegiate Scholars, Athens, GA**

Member, 2013-Present

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## TRAININGS

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**Human Research Social & Behavioral Research- Children**, University of Georgia  
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program, February 2023

**Human Research Social & Behavioral Research**, University of Georgia  
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program, September 2020

**Human Research Social & Behavioral Research- Prisoners**, University of Georgia  
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program, September 2020

**Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)**, Columbia, SC,  
Certification received August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**SMART Recovery Facilitator**, Columbia, SC  
Certification received July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Together Facing the Challenge, Duke University Medical Center**, Columbia, SC  
Evidence-Based Practice Training, Certification received November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Trauma Informed Care in South Carolina, Joint Council on Children and Adolescents**,  
Lexington, SC, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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## SKILLS

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- Analytical software: STATA, SAS, SPSS, R, and Mplus
- Regression based analyses (OLS, Logistic, Negative Binomial)
- Multilevel modeling, structural equation modeling, longitudinal data analysis
- Qualitative interviewing, coding, and thematic analysis