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CURRENT POSITION

Research and Evaluation Associate

MediaSmarts: a Canadian non-for-profit charitable organization for digital media literacy.

Recent report: From Access to Engagement: Building a Digital Media Literacy Strategy for Canada

EDUCATION

2022 • Carleton University
PhD, Sociology

2012 • University of Ottawa
Master of Arts, Criminology

2009 • University of Ottawa
Honours Bachelor of Social Sciences
with Specialization in Criminology

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2022 Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) Outstanding Graduating PhD Student Award
2017 SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship
John Porter Memorial Scholarship (Carleton University)
2016 Ontario Graduate Scholarship
2014 Entrance Scholarship (Carleton University)
Departmental Scholarship (Carleton University, Sociology)
2012 Dean's Scholarship (University of Ottawa)
2011 Admission Scholarship (University of Ottawa)
2010 Admission Scholarship (University of Ottawa)
2009 Student Award (University of Ottawa's Association of Professors)
Merit Scholarship (University of Ottawa)
Admission Scholarship (University of Ottawa)
2006 Admission Scholarship (University of Ottawa)
2005 Admission Scholarship (University of Ottawa)

OVER
\$130,000

PUBLICATIONS

articles

- 2020 **McAleese, S.** & Kilty, J.M. "Walls are put up when curiosity ends": Transformative Education in the Canadian Carceral Context. *Journal of Prison Education and Reentry*, Vol. 6(3), 275-293.
Klostermann, J., **McAleese, S.**, Montgomery, L., & Rodimon, S. Working the Project: Research Proposals and Everyday Practices for Emerging Feminist Researchers. *Canadian Review of Sociology*, Vol. 57(2).
2019 Suspension, not expungement: Rationalizing misguided policy decisions around cannabis amnesty in Canada. *Canadian Public Administration*, Vol. 62(4). 612-633.
Doing public criminology with the criminal justice voluntary sector: Methodological reflections and considerations. *The Howard Journal of Crime and Justice*, Vol. 58(3), 366-383.
McAleese, S. & Kilty, J. M. Stories matter: Reaffirming the value of qualitative research. *The Qualitative Report*, Vol. 25(4), 822-845.
2016 Looking back on learning inside the walls: A review of previous special issues on prison education. *Journal for Prisoners on Prisons*, Vol. 25(2), 112-130.

book chapters

- 2016 Job search, suspended: Changes to Canada's pardon program and the impact on finding employment. In R. Ricciardelli & A. M. F. Peters (Eds.), *After prison: Navigating employment and reintegration* (pp. 83-104). Waterloo, ON: Wilfred Laurier University Press.

peer-reviewed reports

2018 **McAleese, S.** & Schick, L. Housing, Shelter, and Safety: Needs of Street-Level/Survival Sex Workers in Ottawa. The Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa.

reports

2022 **McAleese, S.**, & Brisson-Boivin, K. From Access to Engagement: Building a Digital Media Literacy Strategy for Canada. MediaSmarts. Ottawa.

2021 Brisson-Boivin, K. & **McAleese, S.** Algorithmic Awareness: Conversations with Young Canadians About Artificial Intelligence and Privacy. MediaSmarts. Ottawa.

2020 **McAleese, S.**, Johnson, M., & Ladouceur, M. Young Canadians Speak Out: A Qualitative Research Project on Privacy and Consent. MediaSmarts. Ottawa.

Steeves, V., **McAleese, S.**, & Brisson-Boivin, K. Young Canadians in a Wireless World, Phase IV: Talking to Youth and Parents about Online Resiliency. MediaSmarts. Ottawa.

2017 Pepper, M., & **McAleese, S.** CRIMVOL: The International Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Research Network: American Society of Criminology 2017 Philadelphia. Sheffield University Centre for Criminological Research.

McAleese, S., Simpson, E., & Hughes, N. The Voluntary Sector in Criminal Justice: Setting the Research Agenda'. Sheffield University Centre for Criminological Research.

McAleese, S. & Latimer, C. Reforming the Criminal Records Act. Prepared for: The John Howard Society of Canada.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022 Brisson-Boivin, K. & **McAleese, S.** "It gets kinda creepy sometimes": Young Canadians share concerns and solutions about online privacy and surveillance. Erasmus University Rotterdam/Online. 3 June 2022. Surveillance Studies Network 2022 Conference. *forthcoming*

Brisson-Boivin, K. & **McAleese, S.** Young Canadians in a Wireless World. Online. 19 May 2022, Congress 2022: Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences - Canadian Sociological Association.

Finding Home with a Criminal Record: Navigating Stigma in Ottawa's Rental Housing Market. Online. 16 May 2022, Congress 2022: Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences - Canadian Sociological Association.

2021 Brisson-Boivin, K. & **McAleese, S.** Advancing Algorithmic Literacy: Raising Awareness of Digital Inequities through Game-Based Learning with Youth. Online, 16-18 July 2021, Media Literacy + Social Justice: National Association for Media Literacy Education (NAMLE).

McAleese, S. & Brisson-Boivin, K. Countering Adultism and Empowering Youth Through Research. Online, 3 June 2021, Congress 2021: Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences - Canadian Sociological Association

Brisson-Boivin, K. & **McAleese, S.** My Friend the Algorithm: Conversations with Young Canadians about Algorithms and AI. Online, 31 May 2021, Congress 2021: Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences - Canadian Sociological Association

Brisson-Boivin, K. & **McAleese, S.** Young Canadians Speak Out: Considerations for Privacy and Cybersecurity in Canada. Online, 21 May 2021, The Cybersecurity Revolution: SECREV.

2020 **McAleese, S.** & Brisson-Boivin, K. Engaging and Empowering Youth Through Research on Media and Digital Literacy Across Canada. Online, 17-18 October 2020, Critical Media Literacy Conference of the Americas.

2019 Eliminating the Collateral Consequences of Punishment After Cannabis Legalization in Canada. Vancouver (BC) - University of British Columbia, 6 June 2019, Congress 2019: Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences - Canadian Sociological Association

Klostermann, J., **McAleese, S.**, Montgomery, L. Inflecting Feminist Ethnographic Methods: Comedy, Critique, and Community Engagement. Vancouver (BC) - University of British Columbia, 4 June 2019, Congress 2019: Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences - Canadian Sociological Association

'We're like a little family here': Understanding how street-level sex workers feel 'at home' in unsafe spaces and places. Vancouver (BC) - University of British Columbia, 4 June 2019, Congress 2019: Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences - Canadian Sociological Association

Ilea, A. & **McAleese, S.** 'As long as they are not sex offenders': Obstacles securing and maintaining employment and re-building identity amongst men convicted of sexual offences. Brantford (ON) – Wilfred Laurier University, 3 May 2019, 9th National Conference on Critical Perspectives: Criminology and Social Justice.

2018 Political Activist Ethnography: Considerations for Public Criminology and Sociology. Toronto (ON) – Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 16 July 2018, XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology.

McAleese, S. & Kilty, J. Stories matter, it's not just anecdotal: Reaffirming the value of qualitative research. Halifax (NS) – St. Mary's University, 21 June 2018, 8th National Conference on Critical Perspectives: Criminology and Social Justice.

Supporting People with Criminal Records: The Role of the Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector in Ottawa, Canada. Sheffield, England – Leopold Hotel, 14 June 2018, The Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector in Comparative Perspective.

From Democratic Under-Labourer to Political Activist... and Beyond: Reflections on the Role(s) of the Public Criminologist. London, England – The British Academy, 10 January 2018, The Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector: Emerging Scholarship – University of Sheffield Centre for Criminological Research.

2015 Community to University: Transferring Frontline Experiences into Academic Works. Ottawa (ON) – University of Ottawa, 5 June 2015, Congress 2015: Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences – Canadian Sociological Association.

Frontline Criminology: Incorporating Personal Experiences into Graduate Research. Ottawa (ON) – University of Ottawa, 29 May 2015, Critical Perspectives: Criminology and Social Justice – Fifth National Conference.

Ilea, A., **McAleese, S.**, & McKendy, L. Public Dissertations: Energizing Graduate Research through Community Activism. Ottawa (ON) – Carleton University, 27 March 2015, Sociology & Anthropology Graduate Student Caucus Conference – Social Research in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities.

2014 Coady, K., Doyle, A., Ilea, A., Hughes, A., **McAleese, S.**, Piché, J. & Rice, S. Public Criminologies: The Criminalization and Public Education Project, Ottawa (ON) – Carleton University, 11 June 2014, Critical Perspectives: Criminology and Social Justice – Fourth National Conference.

COMMUNITY - BASED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019 **McAleese, S.**, Desai, A., Davis, S. Providing Housing Supports to Women with Criminal Records. Ottawa (ON) – Carleton University, 1 June 2019, Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies Conference: No Woman Left Behind.

Thiele, M., Ferrer, M., **McAleese, S.**, Desai, A., MacDonald, A. & Vicente, A. Mobilizing Effective Partnerships to Improve Tenant Landlord Relations. Ottawa. Ottawa (ON) – RA Centre, 24 January 2019, Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa: Community Forum on Ending Homelessness in Ottawa.

2016 **McAleese, S.** & Schick, L. Housing, Shelter, and Safety: Needs of Sex Workers in Ottawa. Ottawa (ON) – RA Centre, 22 November 2016, Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa: Community Forum on Ending Homelessness in Ottawa.

Criminal Record Act Reform. Vancouver (BC) – Coast Plaza Hotel and Suites, 5 May 2016, The John Howard Society of Canada National Staff Conference.

ORGANIZED EVENTS

2022 Researching Digital and Media Literacy in Canada Beyond the Academy. Online. CSA-SCS Webinars. MediaSmarts and the CSA's Internet, Technology and Digital Sociology Research Cluster.

2021 Researching Digital Media Literacy in Canada. Online. Media Literacy Week 2021. MediaSmarts

2017 Friction at the Margins: Emerging Perspectives and Methods. Carleton University. Sociology & Anthropology Graduate Student Conference.

2016 Mapping the Landscape of the Social Sciences and Humanities: From the Local to the Global (and Beyond!). Carleton University. Sociology & Anthropology Graduate Student Conference.

PUBLIC WRITING

2022 A criminal record shouldn't follow people for life. Ottawa Citizen. April 4.

Misguided funding priorities leave people out in the cold. New Edinburgh News. February.

- 2021** Brisson-Boivin, K. & **McAleese, S.** Include young Canadians in conversation about privacy laws. The Hill Times. April 15.
- Brisson-Boivin, K. & McAleese, S. How digital literacy can help close the digital divide. Policy Options. April 13.
- Reflections on Conducting Qualitative Research During a Pandemic. MediaSmarts. March 31.
- McAleese, S. & d'Orgeville, M. Let's keep the conversation going about policing. New Edinburgh News. February.
- 2020** Let's find a more compassionate response to homelessness. New Edinburgh News. October.
- McAleese, S.** & Fowler, D. Keeping up with kids in a wireless world. MediaSmarts. March 9.
- 2019** Will a minority government bring a renewed approach to cannabis amnesty? The Hill Times (Policy Briefing). October 30.
- Canada's new lacklustre law for cannabis amnesty. The Conversation. June 27.
- Spratt, M. & **McAleese, S.** Canada's record suspension system is punitive and must be fixed. Ottawa Citizen. March 4.
- Homelessness and the criminal justice non-profit/voluntary sector. The International Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Research Network (CRIMVOL) Blog. January 24.
- McAleese, S.** & Latimer, C. Time for action on pardons! John Howard Society of Canada Blog. January 21.
- 2018** Liberals, we're still waiting for "Real Change" on pardons. Ottawa Citizen. April 7.
- 2017** Here's why Canada needs more automatic pardons for crimes. Ottawa Citizen. September 25.

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

- 2022** "Canadian marijuana producers watch closely as Democrats aim to rewrite U.S. cannabis laws", The Canadian Press, James McCarten (author), 30 March.
- "Should people who have been convicted of crimes get automatic pardons when they have served their sentences?", The Toronto Star, Jacques Gallant (author), 8 January.
- 2021** "Federal Liberals slash criminal pardon application fee to \$50 as of new year", The Canadian Press, Erika Ibrahim and Jim Bronskill (authors), 21 December.
- 2020** «Protection des renseignements personnels : les ados ont des choses à dire», Magazine OC par Option Consommateurs, Maryse Guénette (auteure), 13 Octobre.
- 2019** "Federal Liberals slash criminal pardon application fee to \$50 as of new year", The Canadian Press, Erika Ibrahim and Jim Bronskill (authors), 21 December.
- "'Incredibly low': Only 118 pardons granted for pot possession in first 4 months", CBC News, Kathleen Harris (author), 1 December.
- "Caméras dans le marché By: «Faisons les choses différemment»", Le Droit, Julien Paquette (author), 31 October.
- "Citizen group focused on stopping ByWard Market surveillance cameras", CBC News Ottawa, Ryan Tumilty (author), 14 October.
- CKCU FM 93.1 Midweek (Interviewed by: Meaghan Brackenbury) 9 October.
- "Harper was touch on crime, Trudeau promised a new approach – did he deliver?" Global News, Jane Gerster (author), 6 October.
- "Experts and advocates skeptical pot conviction pardons will benefit northerners", CBC News North, Avery Zingel (author), 14 August 14.
- CHNL 680AM, NL Newsday (Interviewed by: Brett Mineer) 2 August.
- 2018** "Canada's cannabis advocates turn to pardons as the new front in the struggle for equitable drug policy", The Georgia Straight, Travis Lupick (author), 31 October.
- 2017** "Peak Pardons", VICE News Canada, Rachel Browne (author), 20 April.
- "Criminal records and pardons: Exploring the politics of punishment", CKCU FM 93.1 OPIRG Roots Radio (Interviewed by: Jarrod Shook), 3 October.
- 2013** "Requests for pardons drop in wake of changes", CBC News, Alison Crawford (author), 21 November.
- "Stigmatized former convicts reluctant to go public for forum on pardon changes", The Canadian Press, Bruce Cheadle (author) 2 April.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2014 - 2019** Teaching Assistant: Carleton University, Department of Sociology & Anthropology
- 2009 - 2011** Teaching Assistant: University of Ottawa, Department of Criminology

GUEST LECTURES

- 2021** 'Focus Groups, Interviews, and Working with Peer Researchers'
CRCJ 3002: Qualitative Research Methods
Carleton University - Dr. Madelena Santos (Recording for Online Lecture)
- 2020** 'The Effect of a Criminal Record on Housing'
CC412B - Homelessness and the Criminal Justice System
Wilfred Laurier University - Dr. Erin Dej (Recording for Online Lecture)
- 'Focus Groups, Interviews, and Working with Peer Researchers'
CRCJ 3002: Qualitative Research Methods
Carleton University - Dr. Madelena Santos and Dr. Lara Karaian
(Both in Person and Recording for Online Lecture)
- 2019** 'Criminal Records as Punishment: Navigating and Resisting Barriers to Re-Entry'
CRCJ 1000: Introduction to Criminology
Carleton University - Dr. Adina Ilea
- 'Health, Housing, & Safety amongst Street-Level Sex Workers in Ottawa'
HLTH 2003: Social Determinants of Health
Carleton University - Dr. Renate Ysseldyk
- 2018** 'Supporting People with Criminal Records in the Community'
LAWS 3909: Canadian Correctional Policies in Historical Perspective
Carleton University - Dr. Maeve McMahon
- 'Supporting People with Criminal Records in the Community'
FYSM 1506: Sociology of Ottawa
Carleton University - Dr. Tonya Davidson
- 'Criminal Records as Punishment: Navigating and Resisting Barriers to Re-Entry'
CRCJ 1000: Introduction to Criminology, Carleton University
Carleton University - Dr. Adina Ilea
- 'Community Based Participatory Action Research'
HTLH 5100: Fundamentals of Research Methods
Carleton University - Dr. Renate Ysseldyk
- 'Criminal Records as Punishment: Navigating and Resisting Barriers to Re-Entry'
CRM 2302: Societal Reaction Theories in Criminology
University of Ottawa - Dr. Adina Ilea
- 2017** 'Criminal Records as Punishment: Navigating and Resisting Barriers to Re-Entry'
CRM 1300: Introduction to Criminology
University of Ottawa - Dr. Claire Delisle
- 'Community Based Participatory Action Research'
SOCJ 3004: Qualitative Research, Approaches and Strategies
Carleton University - Dr. Tonya Davidson
- 2016** 'Community Based Participatory Action Research'
SOCJ 3004: Qualitative Research, Approaches and Strategies
Carleton University - Dr. Tonya Davidson

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019 - Present** Research and Evaluation Associate, MediaSmarts
Supervisor: Dr. Kara Brisson-Boivin, Director of Research
- 2018-2019** Research Assistant, TRaCE 2.0 (McGill University & Carleton University)
Supervisors: Dr. Bianca Brigidi and David Lafferty
- 2015-2018** Research Assistant and Project Coordinator, Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa
Supervisors: Mike Bulthuis (Executive Director) and Dr. Fran Klodawsky
- 2011** Research Assistant, University of Ottawa, Department of Criminology
Supervisor: Dr. Steven Bittle

INVITED TALKS

- 2021** 'Breaking Down the Unfair Stigma of a Criminal Record'
Law Society of Ontario (Law & Design CoLab)
- 'Coalition Building and Activism'
The International Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Research Network
- 2020** Keynote Speaker, Sociology & Anthropology Graduate Student Conference
Carleton University
- 'Looking Back: Year One of Cannabis Legalization in Canada'
The Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC)
- 2019** Keynote Speaker, Annual General Meeting
Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa
- 'Record Suspensions and Reintegration – An Overview of Canada's Criminal Records Act'
Parole Board of Ottawa's Citizen Advisory Committee
- 2018** 'Supporting People with Criminal Records through Meaningful Justice Reform'
Public Safety Canada
- 2015** 'A Discussion on Record Suspension Policies and Procedures in Canada'
John Howard Society of Nova Scotia

EXPERT TESTIMONY & POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Submission to United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, General Comment on Children's Rights in Relation to the Digital Environment. 2021. MediaSmarts.

Submission to the Modernizing Privacy in Ontario Consultation. Legislative Assembly. Ontario. 2020. MediaSmarts.

Submission to the Special Committee to Review the Personal Information Protection Act. Legislative Assembly. British Columbia. 2020. MediaSmarts.

Chu v. Canada (Attorney General), 2017 BCSC 630. Expert report provided.

Charron/Rajab v. Canada (Attorney General), 2017 ONSC 16-67821/16-67822. Expert report provided.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- 2015 - Present** Proposal Writer, Project Manager, Research Assistant, Policy & Operations Advisor
Various Non-Profit Organizations
- 2010 - 2015** Practicum Student Supervisor; Program Manager: Adult Literacy and Basic Skills
Program Facilitator: Community Maintenance Program
Program Administrator: Employment Services
John Howard Society of Ottawa

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

- 2019 - 2020** Graduate Student Representative
Conference Planning Committee
10th National Conference on Critical Perspectives in Criminology and Social Justice
- 2015 - 2016** Peer Reviewer for The Disestablishmentarian
Department of Sociology & Anthropology at Concordia University.

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT & UNIVERSITY

- 2018 - 2019** Graduate Student Mentor
- 2016 - 2017** Chair of Graduate Student Conference Planning Committee
Member of the Social Committee (Graduate Student Caucus)
Social Media Coordinator (Graduate Student Caucus)
- 2015 - 2016** Member of Graduate Student Conference Planning Committee
- 2014 - 2015** Department Representative to the Graduate Student Association
Secretary (Graduate Student Caucus)

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 2021 - Present** Board Member, Secretary, New Edinburgh Community Association
- 2020 - Present** Board Member at Large, St. Leonard's Society of Canada
Co-Chair, Community Adult Justice Network
- 2013 - 2018** Volunteer, Circles of Support and Accountability

RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY NETWORKS

The Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa's Research and Evaluation Working Group (ATEH-REWG)
Ottawa

International Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Research Network (CRIMVOL)
University of Nottingham School of Sociology and Social Policy

Coalition Against More Surveillance (CAMS)
Ottawa

Criminalization and Punishment Education Project (CPEP)
University of Ottawa & Carleton University

MEMBERSHIPS (ACADEMIC & COMMUNITY)

Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa

Canadian Sociological Association

St. Leonard's Society of Canada

Surveillance Studies Network