# **Becca Pickus**

## **EDUCATION**

2015 Master of Social Work, Interpersonal Practice and Mental Health

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

2010 Bachelor of Arts, Honors RC Creative Writing and Literature &

**Honors RC Social Theory & Practice** University of Michigan, Residential College

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2018-Present Lecturer, Social Theory and Practice

Residential College, University of Michigan

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**2018-Present** Lecturer, Residential College, University of Michigan

Theater and Incarceration (Prison Creative Arts Project Course)
The Atonement Project (Prison Creative Arts Project Course)

Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program Course: Mass Incarceration and

Conscientization - Critical Pedagogy as Resistance

Restorative Justice, Prison Reform, Abolition: From Theory to Practice Narratives of Confinement, Narrative of Liberation (First-Year Writing

Seminar)

**2013-2015** Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan

Introduction to Psychology as a Natural Science, Psychology Department

22 Ways to Think about Sport, English Department

Media Psychology, Psychology Department

## PEDAGOGY WORKSHOPS, CONSULTATIONS & FACILITATION

**2015-Present** Graduate Student Instructional Consultant, Center for Research

on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan

2015-Present Workshop Facilitator: GSI Training Orientation, Center for Research on

Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan

2016-Present English Language Institute Practice Teaching Facilitator (ELI 994)

Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan

Interim Program Coordinator   Curriculum Specialist, Office of Community-Engaged Academic Learning, University of Michigan
Living/Learning Advisor, Residential College, University of Michigan
UMS Course Development Grant, University Musical Society, University of Michigan
Course Development Grant, Office of Community-Engaged Academic Learning, University of Michigan (Winter 2019 and Fall 2019)
Instructional Development Fund Grant, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan
Course Development Grant, Office of Community-Engaged Academic Learning, University of Michigan

# GUEST LECTURES, CONFERENCE ACTIVITY & PANEL PRESENTATIONS

2020	EDU 391: Human Development and Educational Psychology. Guest Lecture: "A Trauma-Responsive Approach to Interrupting the School-to-Prison Pipeline." University of Michigan
	St. Mary's Student Parish Justice Series. Invited Talk: "What and Whom do we Criminalize? Exploring Mass Incarceration, Racial Justice, and Restorative Justice." University of Michigan
2019	Lead Conference Organizer: "Confined Minds II: Education, Programming, Incarceration." Macomb Correctional Facility. New Haven, Michigan
	ELI 560: US Language and Culture in Context: Community-Engaged Learning for International Graduate Students. Guest Lecture: "Introduction to Mass Incarceration and Conscientization." University of Michigan
2018	Carceral Studies "Best Practices" Pedagogy Workshop. Guest Facilitator. University of Michigan
	Engaged Pedagogy Initiative Symposium, Faculty Mentor. Office of Community-Engaged Academic Learning. University of Michigan

Campus-Community Engagement Panel: "Do's and Don't: Challenges of Collaborative Community Engagement." Institute for Social Change, Rackham Graduate School Program in Public Scholarship. University of Michigan

2017 Inclusive Campus Corp, Alumni Panel. University of Michigan

Sociology 225, Project Community: Facilitated Discussion, Criminal Justice Section: "Preparing to Facilitate Arts Workshops in Carceral Settings."

Leadership in Action: "Your Role in Improving Campus Climate." Invited Panelist. University of Michigan

Institute for Social Change Respondent and Mentor. Rackham Graduate School Program in Public Scholarship. University of Michigan

Engaged Pedagogy Initiative, Community Partner Panel. Office of Community-Engaged Academic Learning, University of Michigan

Martin Luther King, Jr. Spirit Award, Alumni Panel. Office of Community-Engaged Academic Learning, University of Michigan

## **PUBLICATIONS & EDITING PROJECTS**

2016 "Using International Videoconferencing to Extend the Global Reach of

Community Health Nursing Education." *Public Health Nursing*, *33*(4), 360-70 (July 2016). Co-authored with Rosemary Ziemba, Norma Sarkar, and

Amber Dallwig.

**2011** Co-Editor, I've Somehow Swallowed the Night: Third Annual Anthology of

Creative Writing by Michigan Prisoners. Prison Creative Arts Project,

University of Michigan

## **CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES**

2017 Inside Out Prison Exchange Program Instructor Certification

2015 Graduate Teaching Certificate, Center for Research on Learning and

Teaching, University of Michigan

Limited License Master of Social Work (LLMSW)

# SELECTED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**2018-Present** Michigan Inside-Out Theory Group (Think Tank) Co-Coordinator. Macomb

Correctional Facility, New Haven, Michigan

Michigan Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program Restorative Justice Class Co-

Facilitator. Macomb Correctional Facility, New Haven, Michigan

**2013-Present** Ele's Place: Grief Group Facilitator for Children and Adults. Ann Arbor,

Michigan

2016-2017 Ginsberg Center Community Advisory Board. Ann Arbor, Michigan

**2015-2017** Family Learning Institute Volunteer Coordinator & Program Manager.

Ann Arbor, Michigan