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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Aug 2017-present **Oakland University**
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal Justice
Assistant Professor, Social Work

EDUCATION

PhD
August 2017 **University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration**
Dissertation: *Sex Worker or Victim of Prostitution?: Collaborations
Between Nonprofits that Represent Individuals in the Sex Trade*
Committee: Jennifer Mosley (Chair), Susan Lambert, Ron Weitzer (George
Washington University)

2015 Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies, University of Chicago

MSW
2012 **University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration**
Concentration in Social Administration

AM
2008 **University of Chicago, Social Sciences**
Thesis: *Advocacy Practices in Homeless Service Nonprofits: A Qualitative
Analysis*

BA
2005 **New York University, Psychology**
Minors: Gender & Sexuality Studies, Sociology
Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*
Thesis: *The Efficacy of Housing First vs. the Linear Continuum Approach in
Housing Mentally Ill and Homeless Individuals*

Research Interests

Human Service Nonprofits; Interorganizational Collaboration; Nonprofit Management; Sex Trafficking & Sex Work; Housing and Homelessness; Policy Advocacy, Social Welfare Policy

Teaching Interests

Social Welfare Policy; Policy Advocacy; Harm Reduction Approaches to Practice; Housing and Homelessness; Macro Practice; Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017-Present **Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences, Rochester, MI**
*Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work and Criminal
Justice*
Currently teaching “Introduction to Social Work” (SW 2301), “Social Welfare Policies”
(SW 3220) and “Human Trafficking Policy” (SW 3905)

- 2015-2017 **University of Chicago Division of the Social Sciences, Chicago, IL**
Preceptor, Masters of Arts Program in the Social Sciences (MAPSS)
Advised 20 students in designing and carrying out original MA thesis projects. Taught “Perspectives in the Social Sciences,” a course which addresses multi-methodological approaches to social science research and analysis. Assisted in the interviewing and hiring process of academic staff for the program. Read and evaluated over 100 applications, advising on admittance and funding packages for new student cohorts.
- 2015 Spring **University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL**
Adjunct Instructor, “Organizational Analysis for the Human Services”
- 2015 Winter **University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL**
Teaching Assistant for Dr. Matt Holsapple, “Data for Policy Analysis and Management”
- 2014 Spring **University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL**
Teaching Assistant for Dr. Jennifer Mosley, “Organizational Analysis for the Human Services”
- 2004-05 **New York University Psychology Department, New York, NY**
Teaching Assistant for Dr. Gary Marcus, “Intro to Psychology.”

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Anasti, T.** (2018). “Survivor or Laborer: How Social Service Managers Perceive Sex Workers?” *Affilia*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886109918778075>
- Anasti, T.** (2018). “The Use of Alcohol in Topless Establishments: Protection for Women or Gender Policing?” *Sexualities*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1363460717750822>
- Anasti, T.** (2017). “Radical Professionals?: Sex Worker Rights Activists and Collaboration with Human Service Nonprofits”. *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership and Governance*. 4(41), 416-437.
- * Winner of the 2018 Patti-Slavin Award for Outstanding Practice Research from the Network For Social Work Management*

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Mosley, J., Weiner-Davis, T. & **Anasti, T.** (Forthcoming 2019) “Nonprofit Advocacy and Lobbying” In S. Toepler & H. Anheier (Eds.) *Handbook of Nonprofit Organizations*. New York: Routledge.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Anasti, T.** (2015). Review of *Sex Work Politics: From Protest to Service Provision* by Samantha Majic. *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 44(2). 408-410.
- Anasti, T.** (2015). Review of *Ethan Rogers Embree: The Julius Rosenwald Fund, Foundation Philanthropy and American Race Relations* by Alfred Perkins. *The Journal for Negro Education*, 83 (3). 420-421.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Anasti, T. (2017). From Sex Worker as Character to Sex Worker as Producer: A Review of Nicholas de Villier's "Sexography: Sex Work in Documentary." *Los Angeles Review of Books*.
<https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/sex-worker-character-sex-worker-producer-review-nicholas-de-villiers-sexography-sex-work-documentary/>

Anasti, T. and Mosley, J.E. (2009). "We Are Not Just a Band-Aid": How Homeless Service Providers in Chicago Carry Out Policy Advocacy. School of Social Service Administration: Chicago, IL.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Peer-reviewed)

Wells R. & **Anasti T.** (January 2019). "Hybrid Models for Social Change: Legitimacy in Community-Based Hybrid Nonprofits" Poster presentation at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). San Francisco, CA.

Wells R. & **Anasti T.** (November 2018). "Service-Organizing Hybrids as 'Grassroots' Models of Service Delivery: Legitimacy Amongst Community-Based Nonprofit Organizations" Paper presentation at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), Austin, TX.

Anasti, T. (November 2018). "Organizational Collaboration Within Strategic Action Fields: Study of Nonprofits Working with Individuals in the Sex Trade." Paper presentation, Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). Austin, TX.

Anasti, T. (July 2018). "The Strategic Action Field of Sex Work and Sex Trafficking: A Quest for Legitimacy. Paper presentation at the International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR). Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Anasti, T. (June 2018). "Capacity of Community Based Organizations for Innovation in Human Services: Implications for Management, Welfare Reform and Community Development. Panel presentation at the Network for Social Work Management Conference. San Diego, CA.

Anasti, T. (January 2018). "Human Service Providers' Perspectives on Sex Work: A Qualitative Study." Poster presentation at the Annual Conference for the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Washington, DC.

Anasti, T. (November 2017). "Institutional Complexity in the Field of Sex Work and Sex Trafficking: Efforts to Manage Competing Institutional Logics in a Controversial Field." Paper presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association for Nonprofit Research and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). Grand Rapids, MI.

Anasti, T. (January 2017). "From Radical Advocacy to (Professional) Radical Service Provision: The Transformation of a Sex Worker Rights Organization." Paper presentation at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). New Orleans, LA.

- Anasti, T.** (November 2016). "Survive and Conquer: The Transformation and Formalization of a Sex Worker Rights Organization." Paper presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association for Nonprofit Research and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). Washington, DC.
- Anasti, T.** (January 2016). "Sex Worker or Prostitution Victim?: Collaborations Between Social Service Organizations and Advocacy Organizations that Work with Individuals in the Sex Industry." Panel Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Washington, DC.
- Anasti, T.** (November 2015). " 'Sex Worker or Victim of Prostitution': Advocacy Collaborations Among Nonprofits that Represent Individuals in the Sex Trade." Paper presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). Chicago, IL.
- Anasti, T.** (November 2015). "From the Outskirts to the Mainstream: How Grassroots Activist Organizations Utilize the Field of Social Service Provision to Address Sex Work and Trafficking." Poster Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference (APPAM). Miami, FL.
- Anasti, T.** (May 2015). "Sex Worker or Victim of Prostitution?: Advocacy Collaborations Among Nonprofits that Represent Individuals in the Sex Trade." Paper Presentation at the Sexual and Reproductive Justice Graduate Student Working Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Anasti, T.** (May 2015). "Sex Worker or Victim of Prostitution?: How Advocacy and Human Service Nonprofit Collaboration Improves Representation of Individuals in the Sex Trade." Paper Presentation at Queertopia 8.0. Evanston, IL.
- Anasti, T.** (April 2015). "The Role of Nonprofit Organizations in Representing Individuals in the Sex Trade: A Qualitative Analysis." Paper Presentation at the West Coast Data Conference. San Diego, CA.
- Anasti, T.** (April 2015). "Sex Worker or Victim of Prostitution?: How Competing Ideologies Shape Relationships Between Advocacy Organizations and Human Service Nonprofits." Paper Presentation at the Engendering Change Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Anasti, T.** (March 2013). "Organizational Efforts to Improve Representation and Inclusion in Low-Income Neighborhoods." Paper Presentation at the Chicago Ethnography Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Anasti, T., Mosley, J., & Grogan C.** (January 2013). "Who Represents Whom?: The Role of Nonprofits As Neighborhood Representatives of Low-Income Neighborhood Residents." Paper Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). San Diego, CA.
- Anasti, T., Mosley, J., & Grogan C.** (November 2012). "How Nonprofit Leaders Approach their Role as Community Representatives." Paper Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). Indianapolis, IN.
- Anasti, T., Mosley, J., & Grogan C.** (November 2012). "Improving Representation in Participatory Processes: What Does it Mean to be a "Good" Representative?" Paper Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management. Baltimore, MD.

Anasti, T. (June 2011) “Working in Dedicated Isolation: A Qualitative Study of South Side Homeless Service Organizations.” Poster Presentation for South Side Health and Vitality Studies Conference. Chicago, IL.

Mosley, J. & **Anasti, T.** (November 2010). “‘Not Just a Band Aid:’ How Homeless Service Providers Perceive their Advocacy Efforts.” Paper Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). Cleveland, OH.

INVITED AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Anasti, T. (February 2018). “Radical Professionals.” Guest lecturer for Prof Sara Terrana’s class, *Infused Advocacy for Social Work Practice* at Columbia University. New York, NY

Anasti, T. (September 2016). “Sex Work and Harm Reduction.” Panel Presentation at the Midwest Harm Reduction Conference. Chicago, IL.

Anasti, T. (July 2016). “Harm Reduction and Support for Individuals in the Sex Trade.” Invited Presentation to the Chicago Department of Public Health, HIV/AIDS Bureau. University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Anasti, T. (November 2015). “How Nonprofit Organizations think about Sex Work and Sex Trafficking.” Presentation for the Harm Reduction Roundtable at the Midwest Harm Reduction Institute. Chicago, IL.

Anasti, T. (June 2015). “Sex Worker or Victim of Prostitution?: Inter-Organizational Advocacy Collaborations Among Nonprofits that Represent Individuals in the Sex Trade.” Presentation at the Social Exclusion Seminar at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences. Mumbai, India.

Anasti, T. (January 2015). “Service Ideologies and Attitudes Among Social Service Nonprofits that Collaborate to Represent Individuals in the Sex Trade.” Presentation at the Gender Studies Working Group at the University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.

Anasti, T. (December 2014). “Sex Worker or Victim of Prostitution?: Advocacy Collaborations Among Nonprofits that Represent Individuals in the Sex Industry.” Presentation at City, Society and Space Workshop at University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.

Anasti, T. (July 2014) “Sex Worker or Victim of Prostitution?: Inter-Organizational Collaboration and Advocacy among Nonprofit Organizations that Provide Services to Sex Workers.” Presentation at the PhD Seminar at International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR). Muenster, Germany.

Anasti, T. (March 2012). “How Nonprofits Seek to Represent their Constituents: Preliminary Results from Chicago’s South Side.” Presentation at the University of Chicago’s Social Service Administration Doctoral Group. Chicago, IL.

Anasti, T. (October 2009) “Effective Advocacy Efforts.” Presentation for the Lutheran Child and Family Services Board. Chicago, IL.

Kaiser, E. & **Anasti, T.** (June 2006). “Feminism and Sex Work.” Panel Presentation at the Visions in Feminism Conference. College Park, MD.

HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018 Faculty Research Fellowship, Oakland University
Slavin-Patti Award for Outstanding Practice Research, Network for Social Work Management
- 2016 Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation Doctoral Dissertation Grant
SSA Presenter Travel Grant, Washington, DC
ARNOVA Doctoral Fellow, Washington, DC
ARNOVA Travel Scholarship, Washington, DC (Declined)
- 2015 University of Chicago Urban Network Doctoral Fellow
SSA Presenter Travel Grant, Miami, FL
SSA Presenter Travel Grant, San Diego, CA
University of Chicago Pozen Graduate Lectureship in Human Rights (Declined)
University of Chicago Gender Studies Graduate Lectureship (Declined)
University of Chicago Gender Studies Residential Fellowship (Declined)
- 2014 International Society for the Third Sector Travel Grant, Muenster, Germany
SSA Presenter Travel Grant, Muenster, Germany
- 2013 Center for Social Impact Strategy Doctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
- 2012 Emerging Scholar Award, Association for Nonprofit Research and Voluntary Action
SSA Presenter Travel Grant, Indianapolis, IN & Washington DC
SSA Presenter Travel Grant, Washington DC
- 2010-2015 University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration Doctoral Fellowship
- 2007-2008 University of Chicago Division of Social Sciences Fellowship
- 2005 Founder's Day Award, New York University, New York
- 2001-2005 New York University Dean's Honors List

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2018-present ***Principal Investigator***
Street-Level Bureaucracy and Service Provision to Sex Workers
Qualitative data collection involving in-depth and semi-structured interviews with social workers and other frontline staff in working at the street-level with sex trade-involved persons. Project is ongoing. Funded by the University Research Council at Oakland University (\$10,000)
- 2014-2017 ***Principal Investigator, PhD Dissertation***
Sex Worker or Victim of Prostitution?: Collaborations Between Nonprofits that Represent Individuals in the Sex Trade

Primary data collection involving participant observation and qualitative interviews to better understand how collaboration operates among advocacy organizations and human service nonprofits. Project included 54 semi-structured qualitative interviews, 500+ hours of participant observation, and document review. Funded by the Fahs-Beck Foundation (\$5,000).

- 2011-2013 ***Doctoral Research Assistant to Dr. Colleen Grogan and Dr. Jennifer Mosley***
Project: Representational Legitimacy in Low-Income Urban Neighborhoods
University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration
 Primary research assistant on a large-scale qualitative project determining how community-based organizations perceive their role as representatives of their communities. Managed and trained two MA students in qualitative interviewing techniques. Conducted 70 qualitative interviews. Presented findings from the study at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), and the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) conferences.
- 2008-2012 ***Research Assistant to Dr. Jennifer Mosley***
Project: The Impact of Government Funding on Advocacy Involvement
University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration
 Primary research assistant on a large-scale qualitative project investigating the advocacy involvement of nonprofit homeless service providers in the city of Chicago. Recruited all respondents, assisted in creating interview schedule and conducted 42 in-depth interviews with executive directors. Assisted with coding and analysis of qualitative data using NVIVO qualitative analysis software. Attended and observed advocacy coalition meetings with community members and homeless advocates. Co-wrote report to the community of homeless service providers in Chicago.
- 2008-2010 ***Data and Operations Manager, University of Chicago Survey Lab***
 In charge of all aspects of phone and web survey operations at University-run survey laboratory. Tasks included the training and management of interviewer staff, reviewing and editing of questionnaire design, supervising data entry operations, and conducting qualitative and closed-ended interviews for a variety of academic projects using diverse research methodologies. Programmed web surveys using SensusWeb software. Responsible for sample and database quality management on for academic and nonprofit projects. Was the primary contact for data collection, data cleaning, and statistical analysis using SPSS.
- 2007-2008 ***Principal Investigator, MA Thesis***
“Advocacy Practices in Homeless Service Nonprofits: A Qualitative Analysis”
 Recruited and conducted 11 qualitative interviews with executive directors of homeless service providers in Chicago on their advocacy activities. The thesis examines the meanings that the respondents attributed to the term policy advocacy, the constraints of advocacy involvement, and what aspects of nonprofits’ organizational environment leads to participation in advocacy.
- 2004-2005 ***Research Assistant to Dr. Sam Tsemberis and Dr. Leyla Gulcur, New York***
University, Department of Psychology

Conducted qualitative and quantitative interviews with case managers and homeless individuals in the Pathways to Housing program. Entered and analyzed data using SPSS. Assisted in the production of peer reviewed journal articles.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Sector for Third Society Research (ISTR)

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)

National Association for Social Workers (NASW)

Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)