

Jolene M. Sanders, Ph.D.
Hood College

Education:

Ph.D., Sociology, American University, Washington, D.C., August 2003

- Dissertation: *Twelve-Step Recovery and Feminism: A Study of Empowerment among Women in Alcoholics Anonymous.*

M.A., Sociology, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD, May 1995

- Concentration in Human Services & Applied Research

B.A., Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, May 1989

- Thirty credit hours in Psychology

Teaching Experience:

Associate Professor, Hood College (2013- present). Assistant Professor, Hood College (2006 – 2012).

- Courses: *Addictions; Advanced Methods of Social Research; Criminology; Deviance & Social Control; First Year Seminar; Gender & Crime; Grant Writing & Community-Based Research; Honors Practicum; Juvenile Delinquency; Methods of Social Research; Practicum in Social Research; Principles of Sociology; Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences; Senior Seminar in Sociological Theory; Social Problems; Sociology of Gender; Sociological Theory*

Service to Hood College:

- Department Chair, Sociology & Social Work, spring 2021; fall 2023-current.
- Hood's Ombudsperson (2018-2020; spring 2023).
- Chair, Institutional Review Board (2020-current; 2016-2019 member)
- Chair, Academic Judicial Council (2024-current).
- Chair, Grievance Board for Harassment (2008-2010).
- Junior Marshal (2012-2016).
- Program Coordination: Criminology & Juvenile Delinquency Minor (2013-current); Women's Studies Minor (2011-2014).
- Advisory Committee: Law and Criminal Justice (2015-2019; 2020-current); Honors Advisory Committee (2019-current).
- Committee Membership: Faculty Personnel Committee 2025-current; Bias Incident Response Team (2019-2020); Curriculum Committee (Spring 2019); Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (2010-2013; 2016-2019; 2020-current); Academic Technology and Infrastructure Committee (2017-2018); Student Retention Committee (2016-2017); Diversity and Inclusion Committee (2008); Libman NEH Professor of Humanities, Search Committee (2010-2012).
- Student Advising: Sociology majors, Criminology & Juvenile Delinquency minors, Women's Studies minors, and Freshman & Sophomore advising. Advise students in

Independent Study, Internships, and Departmental Honors Papers. Advise students who have received Summer Research Institute and Second Century Grant awards. Member of the Freshman & Sophomore Advising Group (2008-2014). First Year Seminar (FYS) advising (2017-2019).

- Departmental Activities: Departmental representation at Hood Preview/Discover Hood Days, Accepted/Admitted Student days. Facilitate other activities such as new student diversity training and first year read discussions.
- Faculty Search Committees: Sociology (2018; 2022; 2023, 2 positions); Social Work (2023; 2024-2025, 2 positions); Law & Criminal Justice (2023, 2024-2025)
- Ruth Whitaker Holmes School of Behavioral & Health Sciences, Dean Search (2024-2025)

Scholarly Publications:

Books:

Sanders, J. (2014). *Women in Narcotics Anonymous. Overcoming Stigma and Shame*. Pelgrave Macmillan a division of St Martin's Press LLC, New York, NY.

Sanders, J. (2009). *Women in Alcoholics Anonymous: Recovery and Empowerment*. First Forum Press a division of Lynne Rienner Publisher, Inc., Boulder, CO.

Chapters:

Sanders, J. (2014). Linking Past to Present: Forecasting the Feminist Focus on Women and Substance Abuse Treatment. In *Feminism: Perspectives, Stereotypes/Misperceptions and Social Implications*, 1-17. Nova Science Publishers, Hauppauge, NY.

Articles:

Sanders, J. (2025). A Qualitative Cohort Analysis of Older Women in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*. Vol. 43, No. 1, 13-26. Published online, Nov. 2024.

Sanders, J. (2021). A Continuum of Older Women's Experiences as Members of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): A Qualitative Analysis. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*. Vol 39, No. 1, 30-46.

Sanders, J. (2020). Seeking Acceptance: LGBTQ and Membership in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Vol 38, No. 4, 430-445.

Sanders, J. (2019). Resistance and Fitting In: A Qualitative Analysis of Young Women in Alcoholics Anonymous. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*. Vol. 37, No. 4, 442-461.

Sanders, J. (2019). An Impressionistic Account of Diversity Among Women in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*. Vol. 37, No. 3, 315-327.

Sanders, J. (2018). A Gendered Account of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA's) 'Singleness of Purpose.' *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Vol. 36, No. 3, 293-313.

Sanders, J. (2018). The Sick Role: A Contemporary Analysis of Women, Alcoholism, and Gender Ideology. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Vol. 36, No.1, 127-149.

Sanders, J., Harris, K., Nelson, J., White, W., & McGovern, T. (2014). Gendered Members of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Varieties of Spiritual Experience in Recovery. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*. Vol. 32, No. 2-3, 248-270.

Sanders, J. (2012). Use of Mutual Support to Counteract the Effects of Socially Constructed Stigma: Gender and Drug Addiction. *Journal of Groups in Addiction and Recovery*, Vol. 7, No. 2-4, 237-252.

Sanders, J. (2011). Feminist Perspectives on 12-Step Recovery: A Comparative Descriptive Analysis of Women in Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Vol. 29, No. 4, 357-378.

Sanders, J. (2011). Coming of Age: How Adolescent Boys Construct Masculinities via Substance Use, Juvenile Delinquency and Recreation. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*, Vol. 10, No. 2, 48-70.

Sanders, J. (2010). Acknowledging Gender in Women-only Meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous. *Journal of Groups in Addiction and Recovery*, Vol. 5, No. 1, 17-33.

Sanders, J. (2006). Women and the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous: A Gendered Narrative. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Vol. 24, No. 3, 3-29.

Scholarly Presentations:

"Conscious Couples: Embodying the Divine Feminine and the Divine Masculine." American Sociological Association, Aug. 2024.

"The Alcoholic Archetype: What Does Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) Look Like?" Alcohol Awareness Month, Hood College, April 2022.

"Older women in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): A qualitative analysis." American Sociological Association, Aug. 2019.

"Acknowledging Difference among Women in AA." Eastern Sociological Society, Feb. 2018.

"Gender Roles, Mental Health and Alcoholism: A Historical Perspective of Women in Alcoholics Anonymous." Eastern Sociological Society, Feb. 2017.

"Women and the 12-Steps: A Feminist Lens," McKenzie Lectureship Series, Keynote Address, Texas Tech University, April 2015.

"Women Helping Women: The Invisible Work of 12-Step Programs." Eastern Sociological Society, Feb. 2014.

"Substance Use, Abuse and Addiction" and "Substance Use, Abuse and Addiction: Qualitative Analysis." Session (2) Organizer, American Sociological Association, August 2013.

"Intimate Partner Violence and Important Demographic Intersections," Into the Light-Domestic Violence Conference, Hood College, Oct. 2012.

"Once an Addict, Always an Addict: Stigma as a Lived Experience." Eastern Sociological Society, Feb. 2012.

"Illuminating Addiction and Recovery through Feminism(s)." National Women's Studies Association, Nov. 2011.

“Gender, Race, and Class in the Twelve-Step Recovery Movement.” Food for Thought Lecture Series, Hood College, Oct. 2010.

“Women Working the Twelve-Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous: A Comparative Descriptive Analysis.” American Sociological Association, Aug. 2010.

“Results Accountability across Human Services during the Recession.” Eastern Sociological Society, March 2010.

“Women’s Empowerment as Seen from the Perspective of Alcoholics Anonymous and Second-Wave Feminism.” American Sociological Association, Aug. 2009.

“Acknowledging Gender: A Feminist Critique of Women-only Meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous.” Eastern Sociological Society, March 2009.

“Coming of Age: How Adolescent Boys Construct Masculinities via Substance Use, Juvenile Delinquency and Recreation.” American Sociological Association, Aug. 2008.

“Mapping Masculinities via the Narrative.” Eastern Sociological Society, March 2007.

Editorial:

Associate Editor, *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Taylor & Francis. 2016-Current.

Editorial Reviewer, *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, Taylor & Francis. Current.

Editorial Reviewer, *Journal of Groups in Addiction and Recovery*, Taylor & Francis. Journal discontinued 2018.

Peer Review Board, *Addiction, Recovery, & Aftercare*, J. Charlton Publishing. Current.

Peer Reviewer for an additional 22 different journals (2010-current).

Awards/Other Scholarly Activities:

Board of Associates (BOA) Grant, “Getting Sober & Growing Older in Alcoholics Anonymous: Women’s perspectives.” Hood College, Summer 2019.

Student Research Institute (SRI) Grant, “Gender Roles and Alcoholism.” Hood College, Summer 2016.

Member, Core Interdisciplinary Panel, a three-year funded commitment overseeing the project “Can the 12-Step Program be Applied to Ameliorate a Wider Set of Addictive Problems?” Principal: Stephen. G. Post, PhD, Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine, Division Head of Medicine in Society, Stony Brook University School of Medicine, 2015.

Contributing Participant, “Feminism and Addiction Workshop: Research on Addictions Informed by Sex / Gender Differences (RAISD).” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Sept. 2013.

Student Research Institute (SRI) Grant, “Stigma & Shame: A Study of Women in Narcotics Anonymous.” Hood College, Summer 2010.

Journal Articles Reviewed:

Drinking Civility: An Initial Conceptual Review. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Sept. 2025; Nov. 2025.

Lived experiences of Women growing up with a drug/alcohol using parent/guardian in Greece: a qualitative study on the quality of interpersonal relations in adult life. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, May 2025.

Religion and Spirituality in Addiction Recovery. *Religion Compass*, Dec. 2024.

Alcohol Use Disorder-The Forgotten Epidemic: A Follow-Up Study of Mandated Treatment & Successful Treatment Completion by Sex and Race/Ethnicity. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Nov. 2024.

Recovery Community Center Visits and Activities: A Description Using a Daily Diary Approach. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Aug. 2024; Sept. 2024.

The Mechanisms Underlying Relationship between Prayer and Life Satisfaction of Alcoholics Anonymous from Poland. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Feb. 2024.

Recollection of childhood memories from parental drug and alcohol misuse in a qualitative study of women in Greece. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Dec. 2023.

Recovering Safety: A Pilot Study of a Women's Empowerment Group for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence with Substance Use Disorders. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Oct. 2023.

With Grief and Grace: Mourning and Resilience in the Rooms of Addiction Recovery. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Sept. 2023.

Work like you don't have children; parent like you don't work:" A qualitative analysis investigating competing work and family demands and their link to increased alcohol use. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, Sept. 2023.

The Mechanisms Underlying Relationship between Prayer as a Spiritual Practice and Life Satisfaction of Alcoholics Anonymous from Poland. *Journal for the Study of Spirituality*, April 2023; July 2023.

Polyphonic narratives: the mixing of ideas from Alcoholics Anonymous and Relapse Prevention in personal stories of recovery and relapse. *Drugs: Education, Prevention, and Policy*, March 2023.

Moral Narratives of Sobriety: A Qualitative Study of a Lived Religion Framework of Alcoholics Anonymous. *Sociological Spectrum*, Jan. 2023; April 2023; Oct. 2023.

Perspectives of Integrative Body-Mind-Spirit Interventions among Women with Substance Misuse: A Qualitative Study. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Nov. 2022.

Understanding the Social and Community Support Experiences of Sexual and Gender Minority Individuals in 12-Step Programs. *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services*, Oct. 2022.

Capacity for Meaningful Relationship in Severe Substance Use Recovery: A Qualitative Study. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Sept. 2022.

Obvious benefits but hidden costs: A critical exploration of the impact of adopting the "master narrative" in Alcoholics Anonymous. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, Sept. 2022.

Drug use disorder and family politics evolution: How can Chinese PWUD families quit drugs? *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*, June 2022; Aug. 2022.

Alcoholism is a single disease, but it is much worse for women”: An ethnography of alcoholic women undergoing treatment at Alcoholics Anonymous in the city of São Paulo, Brazil. *Ethos: Journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology*, May 2022.

Policy and Scientific Implications of Compromised Replications. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, April 2022.

Contextualizing cannabis use frequency and motives among sexual and gender minorities. *Substance Use & Misuse*, April 2022.

Rethinking Recovery: A qualitative study of American Indian perspectives on Peer Recovery Support. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*, March 2022.

Innovation meets reality: An introduction and roadmap for Wellbridge Addiction Treatment and Research. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, February 2022.

Drinker Identity: A Case of Unintentional Achievement. *Society & Mental Health*, January 2022.

Predictors for Abstinence in socially stable Women receiving Treatment for Alcohol Use Disorder. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, October 2021.

Tangible and Intangible Values of a CRP: A Cost-Benefit Analysis. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, September 2021.

Romantic Relationships in Alcohol Use Disorder Recovery: A Qualitative Content Analysis. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, June 2021; August 2021.

Implementation of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Training in Large Cohorts of Second Year Medical Students at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, June 2021.

‘Getting Older is a Part of Life isn’t it?’: A Qualitative Investigation of how members of Alcoholics Anonymous with Long-term Recovery Experience Aging. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, April 2021.

‘A Bottle is a Safe Closet’: Justifications for Heavy Alcohol Use among Gender and Sexually Diverse People. *Global Public Health: An International Journal for Research, Policy, and Practice*, February 2021; May 2021.

Rates and Predictors of Alcoholics Anonymous Attendance across Sexual Orientations. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, Oct. 2020; March 2021.

The Role of Reflective Consequences in Developing Recovery Capital for the Recovering Substance Abuser Population of Tehran City. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*, July 2020.

Adaptation and Pilot Testing of the Women’s Recovery Group for Young Adults (WRG-YA). *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, June 2020; September 2020.

The Benefits of Sponsorship as a Dialectical Relationship in the Maintenance of Recovery from Substance Use. *Addiction Research & Theory*, June 2020.

The Interface of Drug and Alcohol Addiction, Suicide, and Surrender: Implications for Treatment and Approaches. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, May 2020; August 2020.

Representation of Addiction and Drugs victims through TV Media. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*, April 2020.

Daily Associations Between Helping Behavior, Gratitude, and Selfishness in Members of Alcoholics Anonymous. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, March 2020.

The Women's Recovery Group for Individuals with Co-occurring Substance Use and Eating Disorders: Feasibility and Satisfaction in a Residential Eating Disorders Program. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, March 2020.

Adolescent Substance Abuse: An Introduction to Attachment and Systems Theories. *SAGE Open*, July 2019.

Alcohol: From Mesopotamia to Modern Iraq. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*. June 2019.

Is there evidence to support that Alcoholics Anonymous is effective in non-Christian and non-Western cultures? *Journal of Experimental Neuroscience*, May 2019.

'In My Own Time and In My Own Way': Talk and the Creation of a Group Identity in Narcotics Anonymous. *SAGE Open*, May 2019.

Role and success of women in Alcoholics Anonymous remains poorly studied. *Journal of Experimental Neuroscience*, May 2019.

Awakening and Recovery. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Jan. 2019.

Youth Male Identities in a Correctional Setting. *Men and Masculinities*, Dec. 2018.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a Fellowship of People: A Qualitative Study. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, Oct. 2017.

Partial Efficacy of Vipassana Mindfulness Approach in Alcohol-Dependent Persons. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, May 2017.

A Revised Multifamily Group Curriculum: The Need for Family Member Recovery from Addiction. *Journal of Groups for Addiction and Recovery*, April 2017.

Integration: Too Much of a Bad Thing? *Journal of Groups in Addiction & Recovery*, Nov. 2016.

Harm Reduction at Music Festivals: Paternalism, Risk Assessment, and Issues of Legality. *Journal of Integrated Social Sciences*, Aug. 2016.

Relationships in the Lives of Israeli Women Coping with Drug Abuse: An Eco-Systemic Perspective. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, July 2016; March 2017.

Women in Recovery: An Exploration of Employment Goals and Barriers. *Journal of Groups in Addiction & Recovery*, July 2015.

Good Job, Bad Job: The Employment Experiences of Women in Recovery from Substance Abuse. *Journal of Groups in Addiction & Recovery*, March 2015.

Recovery Spirituality. *Religions*, Jan. 2015.

When a Man Drinks and a Woman Suffers: Women's Autobiographical Identities and Coping Strategies for Dealing with Their Problem Drinking Spouses. *Addiction Research & Theory*, Sept. 2014.

Methodological Challenges of Qualitative Research with Protected Populations. *National Council on Family Relations*, May 2014.

Finding God through Spirituality of the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. *Religions*, May 2014.

A House of Cards: The Long-term Recovery Experience of Former Drug-Dependent Israeli Women. *Women's Studies International Forum*, April 2014.

Outpatient Family Systems Therapy as the Treatment Modality for Adolescent Substance Abuse. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse*, Oct. 2013.

The 12 Steps in Best Practices in Referral to Mutual Self-Help Groups. *Journal of Groups in Addiction and Recovery*, July 2013.

Contradictory Effects of Gender and Alcoholism on Women in Alcoholics Anonymous and Their Relationship to the Alcoholism Movements in Twentieth Century America. *Signs*, Feb. 2013.

Empowering Your Sober Self: The LifeRing Approach to Addiction Recovery. *Journal of Groups in Addiction and Recovery*, Jan. 2012.

Psychopathology and Offense Types in Detained Male Juveniles. *Psychiatry Research*, Aug. 2011.

The Rural Context of Illicit Substance Offers: A Study of Appalachian Rural Adolescents. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, Feb. 2011.

Twelve Step Group Facilitation for Supporting Recovery from Stimulant Abuse. *Journal of Groups in Addiction and Recovery*, Nov. 2010.

Interviews with Young Drivers: What Do They Say about Risks of Driving? *Journal of Adolescent Research*, May 2010.

Professional Memberships & Certification:

American Sociological Association (ASA): Sections on Alcohol, Drugs & Tobacco/Sociological Practice and Public Sociology; Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)

Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor (CAC-AD) & Approved Supervisor, Maryland State Board of Professional Counselors. Certification kept current (renew every two years) since 1998. Attend the National Council on Alcohol & Drug Dependence of Maryland (NCADD-MD), Tuerk Conference, annually.