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- **Education**

PhD	Sociology (certificate in Statistics)	The Graduate Center, City University of New York	2009
MPhil	Sociology	The Graduate Center, City University of New York	2008
MPH	Public Health (Honors)	University of Kansas School of Medicine	2003
BA	Journalism	New York University	2002

- **Academic/Research Positions**
  1. University of Kansas School of Medicine, Preventive Medicine and Public Health, *Assistant Professor and Associate Director of the MPH/MS Programs.* Courses taught/advising: Health Care for Special Populations, MPH/MS Programs Advisor. July 2009-present.
  2. Hunter College, City University of New York, Urban Public Health, *Instructor* (full-time faculty position). Courses taught/advising: AIDS and Society, Controversial Issues in Health, Introduction to Health Care, Women, Health and Society, Undergraduate Advisor, Undergraduate Fieldwork Coordinator. August 2007-May 2009.
  3. The Graduate Center, City University of New York, Sociology, *Principal Investigator* on study of masculinity and risk among formerly incarcerated individuals who use community-based organizations as a reentry resource: Conducting focus groups, qualitative data analysis, manuscript preparation. December 2007-May 2009.
  4. Hunter College, City University of New York, Urban Public Health, *Research Associate* on NIDA-supported study of an intervention to reduce HIV risk, drug use and recidivism among adolescent males leaving jail: Data management and analysis of primary and comparable data sets, grant-writing, manuscript preparation. January 2006-May 2009.
  5. Hunter College, City University of New York, Urban Public Health, *Teaching Fellow.* Courses taught/advising: AIDS and Society, Controversial Issues in Health, Introduction to Health Care, Women, Health and Society, Undergraduate Advisor, Undergraduate Fieldwork Coordinator. August 2005-August 2007.
  6. Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Psychiatry, *Study Coordinator* on NIDA-supported study of an intervention to improve HIV medication adherence in methadone patients: Implementation of intervention and development of research protocols, audio computer-assisted self-interview programming, relational database creation, research participant recruitment and interviewing. data analysis, grant writing, manuscript preparation. October 2003-October 2005.
  7. Project EAGLE Community Programs and University of Kansas School of Medicine, *Practicum Intern* with Project HOPE teen pregnancy case management: Participation in case management services, facilitation of social support "girlfriends" group for teen mothers with focus on safe sex, research on repeat pregnancy prevention for program development. April-July 2003.
  8. University of Kansas School of Medicine, Health Policy and Management, *Teaching Assistant.* Course assisted with: Public Health Administration. August-December 2002.

- **Publications**
  1. Daniels J, Crum M, **Ramaswamy M**, Freudenberg N. (2009). Creating REAL MEN: Description of an Intervention to Reduce Drug use, HIV Risk and Rearrest among Young Men Returning to Urban Communities from Jail. *Health Promotion Practice,* May.
  2. Valera P, Epperson M, Daniels J, **Ramaswamy M**, Freudenberg N. (2009). Substance Use and HIV-Risk Behaviors among Young Men Involved in the Criminal Justice System. *The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, 35(1): 43-47.
  3. **Ramaswamy M**, Freudenberg, N. (2007). Health Promotion in Jails and Prisons: An Alternative Paradigm

for Correctional Health Services. In Greifinger R, Bick J, Goldenson J (Eds.), *Public Health is Public Safety: Improving Public Health Through Correctional Health Care.* New York: Springer Publishing Company.

4. **Ramaswamy M**, Harris K, Stein MR, Arnsten JH. (2006). Prevention and Treatment of HIV Infection in Injection Drug Users in the Bronx. *Einstein Journal of Biology and Medicine*, 22(1): 41-48.
5. Parish SJ, **Ramaswamy M,** Stein MR, Kachur EK, Arnsten JH. (2006). Teaching About Substance Abuse Using Objective Structured Clinical Exams. *Journal of General Internal Medicine,* 21(5): 453-459.
6. Freudenberg N, **Ramaswamy M.** (in press). The Impact of Incarceration on the Health of African-Americans. In Braithwaite RL, Taylor SE, Treadwell H (Eds.), *Health Issues in the Black Community, 3rd Edition.* San Francisco: Jossey Bass.
7. **Ramaswamy M.** (under review). Progressive Paths to Masculinity among Young Men in an Urban Alternatives-to-Incarceration Program.
8. **Ramaswamy M**, Freudenberg N. (under review). The Cycle of Social Exclusion for Urban, Young Men of Color in the United States: What is the Role of Incarceration?
9. **Ramaswamy M.** (in progress). Understanding How Sex Partners in the Community Mitigate the Health and Social Risks of Young Men Involved in Corrections.
10. Freudenberg N, **Ramaswamy M,** Daniels J, Crum M. (in progress). Evaluating an Intervention to Reduce Drug Use, HIV Risk, and Recidivism Among REAL MEN Leaving Jails.

- **Grants/ Fellowships**

Ford Foundation Research Award, The Graduate Center, CUNY	2008-2009
Doctoral Student Research Grant, The Graduate Center, CUNY	2007-2008
Graduate Teaching Fellowship, The Graduate Center and Hunter College, CUNY	2005-2007

- **Professional Presentations**

1. **Ramaswamy M.** Alternative Paths to Masculinity Among Young Men in an Urban Alternatives-to-Incarceration Program. To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2009.
2. Valera P, Epperson M, Daniels J, **Ramaswamy M**, Freudenberg N. The Association between Substance Use and Sexual HIV Risk Behaviors among Young Incarcerated Men. Presented at the 13th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, January 2009.
3. **Ramaswamy M.** Rethinking Masculinity Among Young Men in an Alternatives-to-Incarceration Program: A Discourse on Manhood, Family and Love. Presented at the NIMH Annual International Research Conference on the Role of Families in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS, October 2008.
4. Valera P, Epperson M, Daniels J, **Ramaswamy M**, Freudenberg N. Substance Use and Sexual HIV Risk Behaviors among Young Men who have been Incarcerated. Presented at the 136th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Exposition, October 2008.
5. Epperson M, Valera P, Daniels J, Freudenberg N, **Ramaswamy M**. Substance Use and Sexual HIV Risk among Incarcerated Adolescent Males. Presented at the XVII International AIDS Conference, August 2008.
6. **Ramaswamy M,** Freudenberg N. Incarceration and Social Exclusion: What are the Connections? Presented at the 78th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, February 2008.
7. Parish SJ, **Ramaswamy M,** Stein MR, Kachur EK, Modali L, Arnsten JH. Assessing and Teaching Substance Abuse Skills With Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCEs). Presented at the 12th Annual International Ottawa Conference on Clinical Competence, May 2006.
8. Parish SJ, **Ramaswamy M,** Stein MR, Kachur EK, Modali L, Arnsten JH. Teaching and Assessing Substance Abuse Skills With Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCEs). Presented at the Society for General Internal Medicine 29th Annual Meeting, May 2006.
9. Berg KM, Cooperman NA, Arno P, Villanueva M, Parker F, **Ramaswamy M**, Akmal H, Modali L, Arnsten JH. Cost and Efficacy of Directly Observed Antiretroviral Therapy in Methadone Clinics. Presented at Enhancing Adherence: A State of the Science Meeting on Intervention Research to Improve Anti-Retroviral Adherence, New Haven, CT, November 2005.
10. Parish SJ, Stein M, Kachur EK, **Ramaswamy M**, Arnsten JH. Teaching About Substance Abuse Using Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCES). Presented at the Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse 28th Annual National Conference, Washington, DC, November 2004.

11. Parish SJ, Stein M, Kachur EK, **Ramaswamy M**, Arnsten JH. Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCES) Teach About Substance Abuse. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 2004; 19 (Suppl 1). Presented at the Society for General Internal Medicine 27th Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 2004.
12. Parish SJ, Stein M, Kachur EK, **Ramaswamy M**, Arnsten JH. A Substance Abuse Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE). Presented orally at the 2004 Society for General Internal Medicine Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 2004.

- **Dissertation**
  Title: "Incarceration, Gender, and Health: Real Men and Social Implications"
  Committee: Juan Battle (Chair), Nicholas Freudenberg, Barbara Katz Rothman
  Defended: March 2009 at The Graduate Center, City University of New York

- **Current Research Interests**

Criminology (Incarceration, Reentry)	Medical Sociology	Race and Gender
Health Disparities	Sex Behavior and Drug Use	Quantitative Methods

- **Special Skills**

Multivariate statistical analysis, SPSS, SAS	Structural Equation Modeling, LISREL
Hierarchical and mixed linear modeling, SAS	GIS computer mapping, MapInfo
Relational database creation, Microsoft Access	Computer-assisted interview programming, QDS

- **Professional/ Community Service**
  - University of Kansas School of Medicine, MPH Capstone Committee, *Committee Member,* 2009-present
  - Hunter College, City University of New York, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, *Committee Member,* 2008-2009
  - Eastern Sociological Association, *Member*, 2007-present
  - Hunter College, City University of New York, Search Committee for Epidemiologist, *Committee Member*, 2007
  - Public Health Association of New York City, *Board Member, Chairperson for student section, Organized 2nd, 3rd Annual Student Conference, Moderator at 1st Annual Student Conference*, 2006-2009
  - American Sociological Association, *Member*, 2006-present
  - New York Cares, *Volunteer*, 2006
  - The Graduate Center, City University of New York, Sociology, *Invited Instructor, Doctoral Seminar in Statistics*, 2006
  - Kansas Public Health Association, *Board Member, Chairperson for student section*, 2002-2003
  - MPH Student Organization Kansas City Campus, University of Kansas School of Medicine, *Communications Director, Founding Member*, 2002-2003
  - New York University, *Manhattan South*, *Magazine Co-Editor*, 2002

- **References**
  1. Nicholas Freudenberg, Distinguished Professor of Public Health, Hunter College and The Graduate Center, City University of New York, (212) 481 4363, nfreuden@hunter.cuny.edu
  2. Juan Battle, Professor of Sociology and Public Health, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, (212) 817 8775, jbattle@gc.cuny.edu
  3. Barbara Katz Rothman, Professor of Sociology, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, (646) 312 4470, bkatzrothman@gc.cuny.edu
  4. Julia H. Arnsten, Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine and Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology and Psychiatry, Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center, (718) 920 4571, jarnsten@montefiore.org