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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2019 Master of Science in Education Policy, University of Pennsylvania

2017 Bachelor of Arts in History, Ithaca College

Professional Experience

- 2026- Research Project Manager, Rutgers Center for State Health Policy, Rutgers University
- 2025-2026 Project Director of Cross Systems Initiatives, Policy and Analytics Center, A.J. Drexel Autism Institute
- 2023-2025 Assistant Director of Cross Systems Initiatives, Policy and Analytics Center, A.J. Drexel Autism Institute
- 2021-2023 Research Associate II, Policy and Analytics Center, A.J. Drexel Autism Institute
- 2019-2021 Research Associate I, Policy and Analytics Center, A.J. Drexel Autism Institute

Publications

1. Wilson, A. B., Shea, L., **Cooper, D.**, Lee, W.-L., Ventimiglia, J., Carlton, C., Okoye, S., Roux, A., & Lovell, A. (2026). Unpacking housing needs: Utilization of rental assistance among a national sample of households with children with disabilities. *Disability and Health Journal*, 19(2), Article 102015. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dhjo.2025.102015>
2. **Cooper, D.**, Frisbie, S., Wang, S., Ventimiglia, J., Gibbs, V., Love, A. M. A., Mogavero, M., Benevides, T. W., Hyatt, J. M., Hooven, K., Basketbill, I., & Shea, L. (2024). What do we know about autism and policing globally? Preliminary findings from an international effort to examine autism and the criminal justice system. *Autism Research*, 17(10), 2133–2143.
3. Shea, L., Roux, A., Wilson, A. B., Ventimiglia, J., Carlton, C., Lee, W.-L., **Cooper, D.**, & Frisbie, S. (2024). Colliding public health priorities: A call to improve the understanding of autistic individuals utilizing housing assistance. *PloS One*, 19(12), e0315008. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0315008>
4. Shea, L., **Cooper, D.**, Ventimiglia, J., Frisbie, S., Carlton, C., Song, W., Salzer, M., Lee, B., Hotez, E., & Vanness, D. J. (2024). Self-Reported COVID-19 Vaccine and Booster Acceptance and Hesitancy Among Autistic Adults in Pennsylvania: Cross-Sectional Analysis of Survey Data. *JMIR public health and surveillance*, 10, e51054.
5. Koffer Miller, K. H., **Cooper, D. S.**, Tao, S., Mandell, D. S., Field, R. I., & Shea, L. L. (2024). “Everyone should at least get a Kia”: Policymaker perspectives on equity of Medicaid among transition age autistic youth. *Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders*, 118, 102482-.
6. Shea, L., Villodas, M. L., Ventimiglia, J., Wilson, A. B., & **Cooper, D.** (2024). Foster Care Involvement among youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities. *JAMA Pediatrics*, 178(4), 384–390.
7. Love, A. M. A., Gibbs, V., **Cooper, D.**, Benevides, T. W., Mogavero, M. C., Basketbill, I. L., & Shea, L. L. (2024). Creating the Global Criminal Justice Survey: A Questionnaire Designed to Gather Perspectives from the Autism Community and Criminal Justice Professionals. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, 54(4), 1425–1437. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10803-022-05835-1>
8. Shea, L., **Cooper, D.**, Wilson, A. B., Hyatt, J., Msipa, D., Hofvander, B., Øverland, S., da Silva, W. C., Mogavero, M., Green, D., Wall, N., Lerner, M., Stahmer, A., Hooven, K., Bornman, J., Robinson, K., & Burke, J. (2024). A response to and caution of “Language is a

- critical mediator of autistic experiences within the criminal justice system.” *Autism Research*, 17(3), 450–451. <https://doi.org/10.1002/aur.3111>
9. Song, W., Salzer, M. S., Becker, A., Vanness, D. J., Lee, B. K., **Cooper, D.**, Ventimiglia, J., & Shea, L. L. (2023). Exploring the relationship between COVID-19 and autistic adults' community participation: Findings from a two-timepoint longitudinal study. *Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders*, 109, Article 102278. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rasd.2023.102278>
 10. Roux, A. M., Chvasta, K., Koffer Miller, K. H., **Cooper, D.**, Tao, Sha; Assing-Murray, E. Shattuck, P.T., Shea, L.L. *National autism indicators report: Introduction to Medicaid and autism*. Philadelphia, PA: Policy and Analytics Center, A.J. Drexel Autism Institute, Drexel University, March 2023.
 11. Koffer Miller, K. H., **Cooper, D. S.**, Ventimiglia, J. C., & Shea, L. L. (2023). Feeling intimidated and uncomfortable: Established and exacerbated educational inequities experienced by black parents of autistic children. *Autism Research*, 16(5), 1040–1051.
 12. Shea, L. L., Becker, A., Lee, B. K., Miller, K. K., **Cooper, D.**, Anderson, K., Salzer, M. S., & Vanness, D. J. (2022). Self-reported COVID-19 vaccination acceptance and hesitancy among autistic adults. *Vaccine*, 40(24), 3288–3293. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2022.04.060>
 13. Koffer Miller, K.H., Becker, A., **Cooper, D.S.**, Shea, L.L. (2022). Justice system interactions among autistic individuals: A multiple methods analysis. *Crime & Delinquency*, 68(9), 1579–1603.
 14. **Cooper, D. S.**, Uppal, D., Railey, K. S., Blank Wilson, A., Maras, K., Zimmerman, E., Bornman, J., & Shea, L. L. (2022). Policy gaps and opportunities: A systematic review of autism spectrum disorder and criminal justice intersections. *Autism*, 26(5), 1014–1031.
 15. Koffer Miller, K.H., **Cooper, D.S.**, Song, W., Shea, L. (2022). Self-reported service needs and barriers reported by autistic adults: differences by gender identity. *Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders*, 92, 101916.
 16. Shea, L. L., **Cooper, D.**, & Wilson, A. B. (2021). Preventing and improving interactions between autistic individuals and the criminal justice system: A roadmap for research. *Autism Research*, 14(10), 2053–2060.

Conference Presentations

1. Carlton, C., **Cooper, D.**, Wright, J., Rast, J. (2024, Oct 27-30). *Hospitalizations of pedestrians with intellectual and developmental disabilities injured in motor vehicle accidents: Insights from the 2019 national emergency department sample*. American Public Health Association 2024 Annual Meeting and Expo, Minneapolis, MN, USA.
2. Wilson, A., Shea, L., Wright, J., Ventimiglia, J., **Cooper, D.**, Villodas, M. (2024, Oct 27-30). *Prevalence of co-occurring mental health conditions among transition-aged autistic youth in foster care*. American Public Health Association 2024 Annual Meeting and Expo, Minneapolis, MN, USA.
3. **Cooper, D.**, Koffer Miller, K.H., Sadowsky, M., Shea, L. (2024, May 15-18). *Employing cross-system collaboration to support autistic individuals in court*. International Society for Autism Research 2024 Annual Meeting, Melbourne, Australia.
4. **Cooper, D.**, Hotez, E., Wilson, A.B., Carlton, C., Shea, L. (2024, May 15-18). *Characteristics of health-related social needs among autistic individuals living in the United States*. International Society for Autism Research 2024 Annual Meeting, Melbourne, Australia.
5. Wilson, A., Shea, L., Ventimiglia, J., **Cooper, D.** (2024, May 15-18). *Prevalence and Correlates of Co-Occurring Intellectual Disability and Mental Health Conditions Among a US Sample of Transition Age Autistic Youth in Foster Care*. International Society for Autism Research 2024 Annual Meeting, Melbourne, Australia.
6. **Cooper, D.**, Steinberg, H., Hyatt, J., Shea, L., *What's the point?: A mixed methods inquiry of reasons & differences in reported fear or hesitancy to contact police among autistic adults &*

their caregivers. Academic Consortium for Criminal Justice Health 2024 Conference. Phoenix, AZ, USA.

7. **Cooper, D.**, Shea, L., Hyatt, J., Strange, C.C., Voltaire, S. (2023 Nov 15-18). *Identifying trends in incarceration pathways and experiences of autistic adults*. American Society of Criminology 2023 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, USA.
8. **Cooper, D.**, Hyatt, J., Hofvander, B., Overland, S., Nonnemacher, S., Shea, L., (2023, May 03-06). *Exploring international differences to sentencing settings and practices for autistic individuals: A qualitative comparative study*. International Society for Autism Research 2023 Annual Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden.
9. Song, W., Salzer, M., Becker, A., **Cooper, D.**, Vanness, D., Lee, B., Shea, L. (2022, Nov 6-9) *How does the COVID-19 pandemic impact community participation of autistic adults?* American Public Health Association 2022 Annual Meeting and Expo, Boston, MA, USA.
10. **Cooper, D.**, Hyatt, J., Hofvander, B., Overland, S., Shea, L. (2022, Oct 07-09). *Social and justice system policies and police experiences among autistic individuals: A survey of Scandinavia and the United States*. 13th Autism-Europe International Congress, Cracow, Poland.
11. **Cooper, D.**, Zimmerman, E., Hyatt, J. Shea, L. (2022, May11–14). *Autism in courtrooms: A scoping review of court opinions in criminal cases involving autism*. International Society for Autism Research 2022 Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, United States.