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Education

2003-2007	PhD Supervisor: Prof. Robin Room Title: Socially Integrated Drug Users: Between Deviance and Normality	Sociology Department Stockholm University, Sweden
2002	Master's Sociology (equiv.) (Fordypningskurs i sosiologi)	Sociology Department Stockholm University, Sweden
1999 – 2002	B. Soc. Sc. /Sociology	The University of Manchester Manchester, England UK

Professional Experience

01.01.2012 – present	Lecturer	School of Public Health University of Haifa, Israel
10.2007-07.2010	Post Doctoral Fellow	The Annenberg Public Policy Center University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
05.2003-06-2007	Research Assistant	Sorad -Center for Social Research on Alcohol and Drugs Stockholm University, Sweden
01.2006-12.2006	Visiting Research Assistant	ISGF - Research Institute for Public Health & Addiction University of Zurich, Switzerland

Publications

Sharon R. Sznitman, (2013) Peer Social Network and Adolescent Alcohol Use, *OA Alcohol*, 1:9

Sharon R. Sznitman and Daniel Romer, (in press) Student Drug Testing and Negative School Climates: Testing the Effects of Two Different School Based Drug Prevention Efforts in a National Longitudinal Study, *Journal of Studies of Alcohol and Drugs*,

Sharon R. Sznitman, (2013) Exploring the promise of mandatory random student drug testing by comparing it to other school drug prevention strategies, *Addiction*, 108:846-851

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Sharon R. Sznitman, Sally Dunlop, Priya Nalkur, Atika Khurana and Daniel Romer, (2012), Student drug testing in the context of positive and negative school climates: result from a national survey, *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 41:146-155.

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effects of community-based STI screening and mass media HIV prevention messages on sexual risk behaviours of African American Adolescents, *AIDS and Behavior*, 15(5):1755-1763.

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Sharon R. Sznitman, Liza Reisel, Daniel Romer, (2011) The Neglected Role of Adolescent Emotional Well-Being in National Educational Achievement: Bridging the Gap Between Education and Mental Health Policies, *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 48(2): 135-142.

Sharon R. Sznitman, Michael P. Carey, Peter A. Vanable, Ralph J. DiClemente, Larry K. Brown, Robert F. Valois, Michael Hennessy, Christie Rizzo, Angela Caliendo, Naomi Farber, Laura F. Salazar, Bonita Stanton, Daniel Romer (2010) The impact of community-based STI screening results on sexual risk behaviors of African-American adolescents. *Journal of Adolescent Health* 47:12-19

Daniel Romer, Angela L. Duckworth, **Sharon R. Sznitman**, Sunhee Park, (2010), Can adolescents learn self-control? Delay of gratification in the development of control over risk taking, *Prevention Science*, 11(3):319-330

Daniel Romer, **Sharon R. Sznitman**, Michael Hennessy, Ralph J. DiClemente, Laura F. Salazar, Peter A. Vanable, Michael P. Carey, Larry K. Brown, Robert F. Valois, Bonita Stanton, (2009) Mass media as an HIV-preventive strategy: using culturally sensitive messages to reduce HIV-associated sexual behavior of high-risk African-American youth. *American Journal of Public Health*, 99(12):2150-2159.

Sharon R. Sznitman, Daniel Romer, Larry K. Brown, Ralph J. DiClemente, Robert F. Valois, Peter A. Vanable, Michael P. Carey, Bonita Stanton, (2009) Prevalence, correlates, and STI risk related to coitus interruptus (withdrawal) among African-American adolescents, *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*, 36(4):218-220.

Sharon R. Sznitman, Jennifer Horner, Laura F. Salazar, Daniel Romer, Peter A. Vanable, Michael P. Carey, Ralph J. DiClemente, Robert F. Valois, Bonita F. Stanton (2009) Condom failure: Examining the objective and cultural meanings expressed in interviews with African American adolescents, *Journal of Sex Research* (46):1-10.

Sharon Rödner Sznitman, (2009) Drug normalization and the case of Sweden, *Contemporary Drug Problems*, 35(2-3):447-480.

Sharon Rödner Sznitman, Robin Room, and Börje Olsson, eds., (2008) *A Cannabis Reader: Global Issues and Local Experiences*. EMCDDA monograph series 8, Volume 1 & 2, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, Lisbon, Portugal.

Sharon Rödner Sznitman, (2008) Cannabis treatment in Europe, a review, in **Sharon Rödner Sznitman**, Robin Room, and Börje Olsson, eds., (2008) *A Cannabis Reader: Global Issues and Local Experiences*. EMCDDA monograph series 8, Volume 1 & 2, p. 282-295, European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, Lisbon, Portugal.

Sharon Rödner Sznitman, (2007) *Socially Integrated Drug Users: Between Deviance and Normality*, Doctoral Thesis, SoRAD, Stockholm University, Universitetsservice US-AB, Stockholm.

Sharon Rödner Sznitman, (2007) An examination of the normalization of cannabis use among 9th grade school students in Sweden and Switzerland, *Addiction Research and Theory*, 15(6):601-616.

Sharon Rödner, (2007) Gendered drug use: a contradictory project, *Nordic Studies on Alcohol and Drugs, English Supplement*, 24(2):107-126.

Sharon Rödner, Max Hansson, and Börje Olsson, (2007) Socialt integrerade narkotikaanvändare, myt eller verklighet? En studie av unga vuxnas narkotikaanvändande i Stockholmsområdet. (Socially integrated drug users, myth or reality?) (SoRAD Rapportserie nr 47). Stockholm: Stockholms universitet, SoRAD.

Sharon Rödner, (2006) Practicing risk-control in a socially disapproved area: Swedish socially integrated drug users and their perception of risk. *Journal of Drug Issues*, 36(4):933-952.

Sharon Rödner, (2005) "I'm not a drug abuser, I'm a drug user": a discourse analysis of 44 drug users' construction of identity. *Addiction Research and Theory* 13(4):333-346.

Papers Submitted for Publication & Papers in Preparation

Sharon R. Sznitman, Tanya Kolobov, Tom ter Bogt, Emmanuel Kuntsche, Sophie D. Walsh, Meyran Boniel-Nissim, Yossi Harel-Fisch, Exploring Substance Use Normalization among Adolescents: A Multi Level Study in 35 countries, submitted to *Social Science and Medicine*

Conferences & Presentations

Smith, M. L., Barry, A. E., Rossheim, M. E., **Sznitman, S.**, Warne, R. T., & McKyer, E. L. J. Alcohol use among middle and high school students: An examination of initiation age and other substance use. Roundtable to be presented at the Annual International Conference on the Health Risks of Youth, January 1-4, 2014, Nassau, Bahamas.

Sharon R. Sznitman, Daniel Romer, Batya Engel Yeger, Gustavo Mesch, Social network theory and adolescent substance use –Developing an analytical framework for studying the combined and separate effects of personality, participation in daily life activities and peer network, XXXIII Sunbelt Social Network Conference of the International Network for the Social Network Analysis (INSNA), Hamburg, Germany, 21-26 May, 2013.

Sharon R. Sznitman & Daniel Romer, Examining the role of schools' social environment and random drug testing in substance use prevention, American Sociological Association annual meeting, NY, USA, 10-13 Aug, 2013

Sharon R. Sznitman, Orna Baron Epel, Lital Boker-Keinman, Convergence of Drinking Patterns of Young Russian Immigrants and Veteran Israelis Decades after Mass Immigration – Results from a Bidirectional Acculturation model, Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, NY, USA, 9-11 Aug, 2013.

Sharon R. Sznitman, Tanya Kolobov, Myriam Weiss, Yossi Harel-Fisch, Sophie Walsch, Myran Bonell-Nissim, Has alcohol use among adolescent in Israel become normal? The Israeli Society for Research on Adolescence – ISRA, Bar Ilan University, 20th Feb. 2013.

Sharon R. Sznitman, Alcohol trends among adults in Israel, University of Haifa, 11th Feb. 2013.

Sharon R. Sznitman, Myriam Weiss, Yossi Harel-Fisch (2012), Developing & Testing the Drug Normalization Theory Using the HBSC Israeli Data from 2010, HBSC international meeting, Cambridge, UK, June 6-10th, 2012

Sharon R. Sznitman, Liza Reisel, Daniel Romer, Poverty, adolescent mental health and educational achievement: combining HBSC and PISA data, HBSC international meeting, Cambridge, UK, June 6-10th, 2012

Atika Khurana, **Sharon Sznitman**, Sally Dunlop, Priya Nalkur, Daniel Romer (2011) Active coping, Perceived stress and Suicide ideation among Adolescents, poster presentation, Society for Prevention Research 19th Annual Meeting, Prevention Scientists Promoting Global Health: Emerging Visions for Today and Tomorrow, Washington, DC, May 31 - June 3, 2011.

Sharon R. Sznitman, Daniel Romer, Larry K. Brown, Michael P. Carey, Ralph J. DiClemente, Bonita F. Stanton, Robert F. Valois, Peter A. Vanable, Michael Hennessy, Naomi Farber, Christie Rizzo, Angela Caliendo, Laura F. Salazar, Examining sexual behavior effects of community-based STI screening directed at African American Adolescents, poster presented at 18th Annual Meeting of Society for Preventive Research, Denver, CO, June 1-4, 2010.

Sharon R. Sznitman, Daniel Romer, Larry K. Brown, Michael P. Carey, Ralph J. DiClemente, Robert F. Valois, Peter A. Vanable, Bonita F. Stanton, Michael Hennessy, Thierry Fortune, Ivan Juzang, Laura F. Salazar Slowing sexual risk trajectories among African-American adolescents through culturally sensitive mass media messages, paper presented at 18th Annual Meeting of Society for Preventive Research, Denver, CO, June 1-4, 2010.

Sharon R. Sznitman, Liza Reisel, Daniel Romer, Examining the relationship between poverty, adolescent mental health and educational achievement: an ecological cross-sectional study, Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA, March 18-21, 2010.

Sharon R. Sznitman, Sally, Dunlop, Priya G. Nalkur, Daniel Romer, Examining the relationship between school climate and drug testing policies and their association with student's substance use, Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 11-13, 2010.

Priya G. Nalkur, Sally, Dunlop, **Sharon R. Sznitman**, Daniel Romer, high school climates and mental health of students, Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 11-13, 2010.

Sharon R. Sznitman, Examining the effectiveness of U.S. drug testing policies in the context of different school climates, Invited lecture, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA, November 1st, 2009.

Sharon R. Sznitman, Daniel Romer, Michael Hennessy, Ralph J. DiClemente, Laura F. Salazar, Peter A. Vanable, Michael P. Carey, Larry K. Brown, Robert F. Valois, Bonita Stanton, Mass media as an HIV-prevention strategy, poster presented at 17th Annual Meeting of Society for Preventive Research, Washington, D.C., May 26-29, 2009.

Sharon R. Sznitman, Daniel Romer, Michael Hennessy, Ralph J. DiClemente, Laura F. Salazar, Peter A. Vanable, Michael P. Carey, Larry K. Brown, Robert F. Valois, Bonita Stanton, Mass media as an HIV-prevention strategy: using culturally sensitive messages to reduce HIV-associated sexual behavior of high-risk African-American youth, The 59th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Chicago, IL, USA, May 21-25, 2009.

Sharon Rödner Sznitman, Prevalence and correlates of coitus interruptus (withdrawal) among African American teens, The 2008 National STD Prevention Conference, Chicago, USA, March 10-13, 2008.

Sharon Rödner Sznitman, Drugs and gender: a contradictory project in interviews with socially integrated men and women who use drugs, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 57th Annual Meeting, New York, USA, August 10-12, 2007.

Sharon Rödner Sznitman, Drug normalisation and the case of Sweden, 33th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society for Social and Epidemiological Research on Alcohol, 4-8 June 2007, Budapest, Hungary.

Sharon Rödner Sznitman, Review of drug policy impact studies, First Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, March 22-23, 2007, Oslo, Norway.

Sharon Rödner, Practising risk-control in a socially disapproved area: Swedish socially integrated drug users and their perceptions of risk, Health, Risk and Society Conference, 3-5 September, 2006, Kent, UK.

Sharon Rödner, Examining the normative framework of gendered drug use, 32th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society for Social and Epidemiological Research on Alcohol, 29 May - 2 June, 2006, Maastricht, The Netherlands.

Sharon Rödner, Gender and drugs: an interplay, Nordic Alcohol and Drug Research Days, 24-26 April 2006, Oscarsborg, Norway.

Sharon Rödner, Cannabis use and its relation to conventional social bonds among teenagers in Sweden and Switzerland: a critical examination of the normalisation of drugs, European Society for Social Drug Research 16th Annual Conference, 27-29 October 2005, Manchester, UK.

Sharon Rödner, A discourse analysis of 47 drug users' construction of identity, 30th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society for Social and Epidemiological Research on Alcohol, June 2004, Helsinki, Finland.

Sharon Rödner, The social world of Swedish recreational drug users and their perception of risk, 3rd International Conference on Nightlife, Substance Use and Related Health Issues, April 2004, Melbourne, Australia.

Grants & Prizes

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| 2013 | Dusty and Ettie Miller Prize for outstanding young scholar from the University of Haifa (awarded to one untenured faculty at the University of Haifa annually) (10.000 USD) |
| 2013 | Media representation of medical marijuana: monitoring patterns of press coverage of medical cannabis issues in Israel over a 6 year period, 10.000 NIS, Pfizer Public Health Policy Forum, PI, coinvestigator: Dr. Nehama Lewis |
| 2012 | Developing the Substance Use Normalization Theory (SUNT): Explaining Adolescent Substance Use in Contemporary Society, 100.000EUR, European Union, Marie Curie Reintegration grant, Grant number: 293591. PI. |
| 2011 | Educational Trajectories, The research council of Norway, 6.983.000 NOK, Co-investgator with Idunn Brekke, Liza Reisel, Ines Hardoy, Paal Schone, Arne Mastekaasa, Paul Attewell |
| 2007 | The Lee Student Support Fund of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), 660 USD. |

- 2006 Travel grant from John Söderberg Stiftelse, Stockholm University, Sweden, 10,000 SEK (1,400 USD).
- 2006 Sociology Department Student Grant, Stockholm University, Sweden, 2000 SEK (280 USD).
- 2006 EMCDDA (European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addictions, Lisbon, Portugal). Funds were given to conduct a literature review on the effects of drug-related legislation. Principal Director: Börje Olsson, Study director: Sharon R. Sznitman. 20,000 Euro (25,400 USD).
- 2005 EMCDDA (European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addictions, Lisbon, Portugal). Funds were given to manage, edit and author the EMCDDA monograph: Cannabis in Europe: Patterns of use, Problems and Public Health. Principal Director: Robin Room, Study Director: Sharon R. Sznitman. 54,500 Euro (69,170 USD).
- 2005 STINT (The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education), 100,000 SEK (13,800USD).
- 2003 Travel grant from jubileumsdonationen, Knut och Alice Wallenbergs Stiftelse, Stockholm University, Sweden 12,000 SEK (1,660 USD).

Media Coverage

Sharon R. Sznitman, ePatienting, debate article published in *Jerusalem Post*, March 4th, 2011.

I was interviewed on Dan Gottlieb's show *Voices in the Family*, WHYY. During the radio program we discussed how the Internet can both be an obstacle and a help for patients in times of illness and medical treatment, June 6, 2010.

Jessica Palm, **Sharon Rödner**, and Kalle Tryggvesson, "Överdriven oro för gravidas drickande" (exaggerated concern for pregnant woman's alcohol consumption), *Dagens Nyheter* (Swedish daily newspaper, opinion piece), July 9, 2004, p- 4.

Citation from "Var tionde gravid har alkoholproblem" (every tenth pregnant woman has alcohol problems), *Dagens Nyheter* (Swedish daily newspaper), July 14, 2004.

Skills

Computer: Stata, SPSS, Mplus, Nvivo, Microsoft Office (PowerPoint, Word, Excel), EndNote.
Languages: Norwegian (mother tongue), English (fluent), German (good), Hebrew (basic), Swedish (conversational), Danish (conversational).