Men, Masculinities and Trauma
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For some boys and men the institutional expectations that necessitate becoming competitive physically, developing emotional control, and having economic success are constrained. These structural and interpersonal impediments to traditional masculine performances include childhood experiences in psychologically and socially painful traumatic interpersonal experiences as well as micro-aggressions and macro-aggressions that include poverty and racism. Life history interviews with twenty-five incarcerated men uncover these early histories of child physical, sexual and emotional abuse and neglect compelling them to repress their feelings by acting out through crime and substance abuse. Moreover, structural poverty and institutional racism further propel these men into crime and substance abuse.

Professor Katz’s research focuses on institutional, structural and interpersonal racial, economic and gender inequalities and traumatic victimization and substance abuse. She has published in Critical Criminology; Contemporary Justice Review; Journal of Pan-African Studies; International Criminal Justice Review; Violence Against Women; Crime, Law, and Social Change; Western Criminology Review; Sociological Focus, and Journal of Criminal Justice Education. She published a book in 2004 called ‘The Georgian Regime Crisis of 2003-2004 A Case Study in Post-Soviet Media Representations of Politics, Crime and Corruption’. Dr Katz has taught at Morehead State University for the last twenty years and spent twelve years in the mental health and substance abuse field as a mental health counsellor. Prior to that she was an officer in the U.S. Military serving during the cold war.

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