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BIOGRAPHICAL BRIEF

Andrew J. Harris is Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. He received his doctorate in public administration from New York University's Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service, and holds a Master of Public Policy & Administration from Columbia University.

Before beginning his academic career, Dr. Harris spent more than 16 years developing and managing innovative public sector policies and programs in both the criminal justice and human service arenas. Between 1990 and 1998, Dr. Harris held several senior management positions in New York City government, serving as a supervising analyst in the Mayor's Office of Management and Budget, as Assistant Commissioner in the New York City Department of Correction, and as Associate Executive Director for Correctional Health Services in the City's Health and Hospitals Corporation. Between 1998 and 2005, he served as Deputy Director of Health and Criminal Justice Programs at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, where he helped establish the University's nationally recognized program providing health and mental health services to the Massachusetts inmate population.

Over the years, Dr. Harris has served as a consultant to state policy boards, public behavioral health agencies, community-based service providers, and state and municipal correctional systems on issues related to mental health populations and the criminal justice system. Building on his professional experience, his academic research has focused on the implementation of public policies at the intersection of criminal justice and health and human services. He has written and conducted policy research on such topics as substance abuse, behavioral health, prisoner re-entry, correctional health care, and sex offender management.