

Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor	Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, The University of Alabama	2022 - Present
Associate Professor	Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University	2020 - 2022
Assistant Professor	Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University	2014 - 2020
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Undergraduate Director	Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, The University of Alabama	2024 - Present
Senior Fellow	Far-Right Analysis Network (FRAN)	2022 - Present
Fellow	Institute for Research on Male Supremacism (IRMS).	2020 - 2022

EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine, Ph.D. in Criminology, Law & Society 2014
Dissertation: "Saving the World, One Neighborhood at a Time": Exploring the Role of Civil Gang Injunctions in Influencing Gang Behavior
Committee: George E. Tita (Chair), C. Ronald Huff, Cheryl L. Maxson, & Charis E. Kubrin
The Ohio State University, B.A. in Criminology 2006
The Ohio State University, B.A. in History; B.S. in Zoology 2004

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gangs, alt-right, white power movement, policing, community context of crime, spatial analysis, social networks, quantitative methods

AWARDS

NGCRC Frederic Milton Thrasher Award	2022
LSU Alumni Association Faculty Excellence Award	2020
LSU Rainmaker Award (Emerging Scholar)	2019
LSU Alumni Association Rising Faculty Research Award	2019
UC Irvine Criminology, Law & Society Graduate Student Peer Mentoring Award	2012

BOOKS: 1 Total

Reid, S. E.¹ & **Valasik, M.**¹ (2020) *Alt-Right Gangs: A Hazy Shade of White*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Highlighted:

[*The Topline: Democracy's Digest*](#), Mary Anna Mancuso. May 2, 2023.

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- Valasik, M.**, Gravel, J., Tita, G. E., Brantingham, P. J., & Griffiths, B. (2023). "Territory, Residency and Routine Activities: A Typology of Gang Member Mobility Patterns with Implications for Place-based Interventions." *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 86: 102048
- Valasik, M.**¹ & Torres, J.¹ (2022). "Civilizing Space or Criminalizing Place: Using Routine Activities Theory to Better Understand How Legal Hybridity Spatially Regulates 'Deviant Populations.'" *Critical Criminology*. 30(2), 443-463.
- Valasik, M.** & Reid, S. E. (2022) "Alt-Right Gangs and White Power Youth Groups." *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Criminology*. Beth M. Huebner (Ed.). New York: Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/OBO/9780195396607-0243 (Original work published in 2018).
- Yu, S., Brantingham, P. J., **Valasik, M.**, & Vorobeychik, Y. (2022). "Learning Binary Multi-Scale Games on Networks." *Proceeding of the 38th Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence, in PMLR*, 180: 2310-2319.
- Valasik, M.** & Reid, S. E. (2021) "Classifying Far-right Groups as Gangs." *Contexts*, 20(4): 74-75.
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Highlighted:

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- Weil, F. D., Barton, M. S., Rackin, H., **Valasik, M.**, & Maddox, D. (2021). "Collective Resources and Violent Crime Reconsidered: Violence in New Orleans Before and After Hurricane Katrina." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 36(13-14): NP7045-NP7069.

- Valasik, M.** & Reid, S. E. (2021) “‘The more things change, the more they stay the same’: Research on Gang-Related Violence in the 21st Century — Introduction to Special Issue.” *Social Sciences* 10(6): DOI: 10.3390/socsci10060225
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- Valasik, M.** & Reid, S. E. (2021). “East Side Story: Disaggregating Gang Homicides in East Los Angeles.” *Social Sciences* 10(2), 48: DOI: 10.3390/socsci10020048
- Reling, T. T.², Becker, S., Drakeford, L.² & **Valasik, M.** (2021). “Exploring the Influence of Hookup Culture on Female and Male Rape Myths.” *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. 36(9-10): NP5496-NP5520.
- Barton, M. S., **Valasik, M.**, Brault, E.² & Tita, G. E. (2020). “‘Gentefication’ in the Barrio: Examining the Relationship between Gentrification and Homicide in East Los Angeles.” *Crime & Delinquency*, 66(13-14): 1888-1913.
- Barton, M. S., Weil, F.D. **Valasik, M.**, Rackin, H., & Coto, L.² (2020). “What was Washed Away and What Remained: An Assessment of the Influence of Hurricane Katrina on Crime in New Orleans.” *Journal of Crime and Justice*. 43(5): 640-658.
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- Valasik, M.**, Brault, E. E.², & Martinez, S. M.³ (2019) “Forecasting Homicide in the Red Stick: Risk Terrain Modeling and the Spatial Influence of Urban Blight on Lethal Violence in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.” *Social Science Research*. 80: 186-201.

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- Reid, S. E. & **Valasik, M.** (2018). "CTRL+ALT+RIGHT: Reinterpreting our Knowledge of White Supremacy Groups through the Lens of Street Gangs." *Journal of Youth Studies*. 21(10): 1305-1325.
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- Reling, T. T.², Barton, M. S., Becker, S., & **Valasik, M.** (2018). "Rape Myths and Hookup Culture: An Examination of Collegiate Perceptions." *Sex Roles* 78(7): 501-514.
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- Valasik, M.**, Barton, M. S., Reid, S. E., & Tita, G. E. (2017). "Barriocide: Investigating the Temporal and Spatial Influence of Neighborhood Structural Characteristics on Gang and Non-Gang Homicides in East Los Angeles" *Homicide Studies*. 21(4): 287-311.
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- Stroope, S., Cohen, I. F. A.², Tom, J. C., Franzen, A. B., **Valasik, M.** & Markides, K. S. (2017). "Neighborhood Perception and Self-Rated Health among Mexican American Elders." *Geriatrics and Gerontology International*. 17(12): 2559-2564.
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Lynch, M., Omori, M., Roussell, A., & **Valasik, M.** (2013). "Policing the "Progressive" City: The Racialized Geography of Drug Law Enforcement." *Theoretical Criminology* 17(3):335-357

Reprinted:

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Valasik, M., Reling T. T., & Reid, S. E. (2024). "The (Non)Threatening Nature of 'White Power' Music."

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Valasik, M., & Reid, S. E. (*Collecting Data*). "Protests, Proud Boys, and Police: Rethinking Police Strategies of White Power Groups in Post 2020 America."

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JOURNAL ISSUES EDITED: 3 Total

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Valasik, M., Reid, S. E., Gravel, J. (2021). *Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research*. Special issue on "Reimagining Gang Research without the Police: Moving the Field Forward in the Era of 'Defund the Police.'"

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EDITED BOOKS: 1 Total

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BOOK CHAPTERS, BOOK REVIEWS & ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES: 20 Total

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Valasik, M. (2024). “Crime Mapping and Spatial Analysis.” In H. N. Pontell (Ed.) *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. New York, NY. Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.821

Valasik, M. & Brantingham, P. J. (2024) “Somebody’s Watching Me”: Surveilling Police Surveillance of Gangs. In D.C. Pyrooz, J.A. Densley, & J. Liverso (Eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Gangs and Society* (pp. 809-831). New York, NY. Oxford University Press.

Brantingham, P. J., & **Valasik, M.** (2024). “Gang Ecological Diversity in the Hollenbeck Area of Los Angeles, 1978-2012.” In D.C. Pyrooz, J.A. Densley, & J. Liverso (Eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Gangs and Society* (pp. 518-542). New York, NY. Oxford University Press.

Valasik, M., Reid, S. E., & Barton, M. S. (2024). “Barriocide Reloaded: An Updated Analysis of the Temporal and Spatial Characteristics of Gang Homicide in East Los Angeles.” In K. Burgason & M. DeLisi (Eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Homicide Studies* (pp. 382-409). New York, NY. Routledge.

Valasik, M. & Reid, S. E. (2023) “Demystifying Alt-Right Gangs: Are White Power Groups Cut from the Same Cloth as Conventional Gangs?” In J. M. Ortiz (Eds.) *Critical and Intersectional Gang Studies* (pp. 23-46). New York, NY. Routledge.

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Valasik, M. (2022) Culture Warlords: My Journey into the Dark Web of White Supremacy by Talia Lavin. *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books*.

Valasik, M. (2022) American Zealots: Inside Right-Wing Domestic Terrorism by Arie Perliger. *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books*.

Valasik, M. (2021) Oath Keepers: Patriotism and the Edge of Violence in a Right-WingA antigovernment Group by Sam Jackson. *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books*.

Valasik, M. & Reid, S. E. (2021). “Taking Stock of Gang Violence: An Overview of the Literature” in R. Geffner, V. Vieth, V. Vaughan-Eden, a. Rosenbaum, L.K. Hamberger, & J. White (Eds.) *Handbook of Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan*. Springer Science/ Nature. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-62122-7_105-1

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- Valasik, M.** (2020). *The Three Pillars Of Radicalization: Needs, Narratives, And Networks* by Arie Kruglanski, Jocelyn Bélanger & Rohan Gunaratna. *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books*.
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- Valasik, M.** & Reid, S. E. (September 20, 2023). "[How local police could help prevent another January 6th-style insurrection.](#)" *The Conversation*.
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- Valasik, M. & Reid, S. E.** (February 23, 2021) "[The 'Right' Way to Study White Power Groups: The Value of Comparisons.](#)" *UC Press Blog*.
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- Valasik, M.** (Sept. 21, 2017). "[Halting Gang Database a Concern.](#)" *The Portland Tribune*.

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- Valasik, M.** (2024). "The myths and realities around alt-right gangs and their members." Presented at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, January 29.
- Valasik, M.** (2022). "A Gentle Introduction to Alt-Right Gangs: Reconceptualizing White Power Groups." Presented at the National Gang Crime Research Center Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, August 1-3.
- Valasik, M.** (2021). "Spatial Analysis of Social Data" Presented at the Crime & Security Data Analytics Lab (CASDAL), Fayetteville, AR, April 1.

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PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS: 42 Total

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Enkhtugs, B., Urbanik, M., Maier, K., Greene, C., & **Valasik, M.**, (2024). “Trap Houses and Crack Shacks: The Intimate Relationship between Drug Dealers, Gang Members, and Homeless Persons.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 13-16.

Valasik, M., Barton, M. S. & Daquin, J. C. (2024). “Urban renewal’s paradox with street gangs: Unpacking the causal ordering of gang-related violence and gentrification.” Presented at the British Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Glasgow, Scotland, July 10-12.

Reid, S. E. & **Valasik, M.** (2024). “Where are the white gang members? The role of race and police discretion in gang decisions.” Presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, June 6-9.

Urbanik, M., **Valasik, M.**, Maier, K., & Greene, C. (2024). “It’s a trap! Exploring Gang-Led Cuckooing’s Relationship To Homelessness.” Presented at the Eurogang XXII Workshop, Boulder, CO, June 3-6.

Valasik, M., Barton, M. S. & Reid, S. E. (2023). “Revisiting the Temporal and Spatial Characteristics of Gang Homicide in East Los Angeles.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 15-18.

Valasik, M., Barton, M. S. & Reid, S. E. (2023). “Resisting the Structural Characteristics of Gang Homicide in East Los Angeles: A Temporal and Spatial Analysis.” Presented at the European Society of Criminology Conference, Florence, Italy, September 6-9.

Valasik, M., Reling T. T. & Reid, S. E. (2022). “The (Non)Threatening Nature of ‘White Power’ Music.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 16-19.

Yu, S., Brantingham, P. J., **Valasik, M.**, & Vorobeychik, Y. (2022). “Learning Binary Multi-Scale Games on Networks.” Presented at the 38th Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence, Eindhoven, The Netherlands, August 1-5.

Reid, S. E. & **Valasik, M.** (2021) “Author Meets Critic: *Alt-Right Gangs: A Hazy Shade of White*.” Panelists: Jennifer Ortiz, David C. Pyrooz. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 17-20.

Reid, S. E., **Valasik, M.**, & Bagavathi, A. (2019). “Echoes of Hate: Examining Echo Chambers and White Power Social Networks” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 13-16.

- Valasik, M.**, Barton, M. S., & Brault, E. E. (2019) "Disadvantage or disorder: Investigating the tension between the physical landscape and neighborhood social structure on lethal violence." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 13-16.
- Reid, S. E., **Valasik, M.**, & Hyatt, J. M. (2019) "Exploratory Consideration of the Prevalence of Self-Reported Gang Involvement in a Population Representative Prison Sample." Presented at the Eurogang XVIII Workshop, Canterbury, UK, June 26-29.
- Valasik, M.**, Reid, S. E., & Hyatt, J. M. (2019) "Alt-Right Gangs: Are White Power Groups Cut from the Same Cloth as Conventional Gangs?" Presented at the Eurogang XVIII Workshop, Canterbury, UK, June 26-29.
- Reid, S. E., **Valasik, M.**, Krishnan, S., Phillips, M. D., & Bagavathi, A. (2019). "Social Media, Extremism, and the Alt-Right: A Cross-Platform Exploration of Hate Speech" Presented at the Radical Right Research International Network Workshop, Swansea, Wales, March 6-7.
- Reid, S. E., **Valasik, M.**, Krishnan, S., Phillips, M. D., & Bagavathi, A. (2018). "The Gift of GAB: Analyzing the Alt-Right's Social Media Platform." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 14-17.
- Barton, M. S., **Valasik, M.**, & Brault, E. E. (2018) "*Gentrification or 'Gentefication': Exploring the Relationship of Gang Homicide with Gentrification in East Los Angeles, 1990 to 2010*" Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 14-17.
- Mohler, G. O., Carter, J., Raje, R. **Valasik, M.** & P. J. Brantingham. (2018). "A Penalized Likelihood Method for Balancing Accuracy and Fairness in Predictive Policing." Presented at the IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics, Miyazaki, Japan, October 7-10.
- Reid, S. E., Wesslan, R., Fair, G., Phillips, M. D. & **Valasik, M.** (2018). "*Social Media and White Power: Alt-right youth and the mainstreaming of white nationalism in the United States.*" Presented at the Eurogang XVIII Workshop, Almen, NL, June 26-29.
- Brault, E. E., Barton, M. S., & **Valasik, M.** (2018). "'Gentefication' in the Barrio: Examining the Relationship of Gentrification and Gang Homicide in East Los Angeles." Presented at the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, April 4-7.
- Reid, S. E., & **Valasik, M.** (2017). "*Will the Real Slim Shady Please Stand Up*": Do Racist Skinheads Resemble Street Gangs? Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 15-18.
- Barton, M.S., **Valasik, M.**, Weil, F. D., Rackin, H., & Coto, L. (2017). *Community as a Life Preserver: Examining Hurricane Katrina's Impact on the Relationship Between Serious Crimes and Social Capital in the Crescent City, 2000-2015*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 15-18.

- Reid, S. E., & **Valasik, M.** (2017). *People, Folks, Crips, Bloods & Skins: Can Street Gangs Inform Our Comprehension of the Alt- Right?* Presented at the Eurogang XVII Workshop, East Lansing, MI, June 27-30.
- Valasik, M.**, & Reid, S. E. (2016). *Barrioside: A Growth-Curve Analysis of Neighborhood Correlates of Murder in East Los Angeles*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, November 16-19.
- Reid, S. E., & **Valasik, M.** (2016). *Crips & Cops: A Social Network Analysis of Gang Member & Law Enforcement Officer Interactions*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, November 16-19.
- Reid, S. E., & **Valasik, M.** (2016). *East Side Story: A Latent Class Analysis of Gang Homicides in East Los Angeles*. Presented at the Eurogang XVI Workshop, Gothenburg, Sweden, June 19-22.
- Valasik, M.**, Reid, S. E., & Philips, M. D. (2015). *A CRASH Course in Policing: The Temporary Abatement of a LAPD Anti-Gang Unit*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 18-21.
- Gravel, J., **Valasik, M.**, Pyrooz, D. C., & Mitchell, M. M. (2015). *The Small World of Gang Research: "Gangs" of Gang Scholars in a Co-Authorship Network*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 18-21.
- Hickey, D., Shihadeh, E., **Valasik, M.**, Barton, M. S. (2015). *Fear of Crime: Exploring Regional Differences*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 18-21.
- Valasik, M.** (2014). *Defending Neighborhoods or Commuting to Turf?: The influence of Residency and Mobility on the Territoriality Patterns of Gang Members*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 19-22.
- Valasik, M.** (2013) "Saving the World, One Neighborhood at a Time": *Exploring the Role of Civil Gang Injunctions in Influencing Gang Behavior*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 20-23.
- Tita, G. E, Butts, C., **Valasik, M.** & Brantingham, J. (2013). *Rivalries & Reciprocity: A Relational Event Model of Gang Violence*. Presented at the Network Perspectives on Criminology and Criminal Justice, Phoenix, AZ, January 10 & 11.
- Tita, G. E., Butts, C., Brantingham, J., & **Valasik, M.** (2012). *A Relational Event Model of Gang Violence*. Presented at the International Network of Social Network Analysis' Sunbelt Conference, Redondo Beach, CA, March 12-18.
- Valasik, M.**, & Tita, G. E. (2011). *Hanging Out in Hollenbeck: The Influence of Territoriality, Residency, and Injunctions on Gang Members' Mobility Patterns*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 16-19.

- Halvorson, M., **Valasik, M.**, Reid, S. E., & Tita, G. E. (2011). *CRASH & Burn: The Continued Consequences of the Rampart Scandal*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 16-19.
- Brantingham, J., Mohler, G., **Valasik, M.**, Reid, S., Tita, G. E., & Short, M. (2011). *Modeling the Social Organization of Gang Violence*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 16-19.
- Tita, G. E., Butts, C., Brantingham, J., & **Valasik, M.** (2011). *A Relational Event Model of Gang Violence*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 16-19.
- Wo, J., Tita, G. E., Faust, K., **Valasik, M.**, Reid, S., Halvorson, M. (2011). *Social Networks: Gang Networks in Hollenbeck and the Conditions That May Impact Stability*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 16-19.
- Valasik, M.** (2011). *The Spatial and Social Nexus of Gangs, Police, and Violence in Hollenbeck*. Presented at the Hollenbeck Community Policing Advisory Board (C-PAB) monthly meeting, Los Angeles, CA, October, 19.
- Valasik, M.**, & Tita, G.E. (2011). *Gang Territoriality and Residency in East Los Angeles*. Presented at the Western Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC, February 3-5.
- Tita, G., E. Faust, K., Reid, S., **Valasik, M.**, Wo, J., Halvorson, M., & Rousell, A. (2010). *Measuring the Patterns of Association Among Gang Members*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 17-20.
- Lynch, M., Verma, A., Omori, M., Rousell, A., **Valasik, M.**, Diggs, R., & Reyes, W. (2010). *Race, Justice, and Reforming Drug Policy*. Roundtable discussion at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 17-20.
- Valasik, M.** (2010). *Social Capital in Southland: The Role of Intergenerational Closure and Collective Efficacy on Juvenile Delinquency*. Presented at the Western Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI, February 4-6.

APPOINTMENTS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Appointments

UA CCJ Director of Undergraduate Studies	2024 - Present
UA Graduate Faculty (Full Member)	2023 - Present

Fellowships

Far-Right Analysis Network (FRAN) Senior Fellow	2022 - Present
Institute for Research on Male Supremacism (IRMS) Fellow	2020 - 2022

Awards Received

National Gang Crime Research Center (NGRC) Frederic Milton Thrasher Award	2022
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LSU CCELL Service-Learning Faculty Scholar 2020
 •Awarded: \$1,500.00

LSU ORED Summer Institute Award 2020
 •Awarded: \$1,000.00

LSU Alumni Association Faculty Excellence Award 2020
 •Awarded: \$2,000.00

LSU Rainmaker Award (Emerging Scholar) 2019
 •Awarded: \$1,000.00

LSU Alumni Association Rising Faculty Research Award 2019
 •Awarded: \$5,000.00

UC Irvine Criminology, Law & Society Graduate Student Peer Mentoring Award 2012
 •Awarded: \$500.00

Awards Nominated

National Gang Crime Research Center (NGRC) Frederic Milton Thrasher Award 2022

Phi Kappa Phi Outstanding Non-tenured Professor Award 2020

LSU Robert Udick Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award 2020

Phi Kappa Phi Outstanding Non-tenured Professor Award 2019

LSU Tiger Athletic Foundation President's Award 2017

Proposed Projects

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) 2024
 •Co- Implementor w/Marta-Marika Urbanik, Katharina Maier, Justin Tetrault, & Carolyn Greene
 •Awarded: \$73,205.00

Funded Projects

UA Honor Course Design Fellowship Award 2024
 •Awarded: \$5000.00

UA Southeastern Conference Faculty Travel Award 2023-2024
 •Awarded: \$2456.00

UA Capstone International Center and the Office of Academic Affairs - Williams Fund 2023
 •Awarded: \$500.00

LSU ORED Faculty Travel Grant 2014-2019
 •Principle Implementor
 •Awarded: \$4,750.00

LSU HSS Strategic Excellence Fund (November) 2017
 •Principle Implementor
 •Awarded: \$150.00

LSU Manship Summer Research Grant	2017
•Principle Implementor	
•Awarded: \$5,000.00	
LSU Student Technology Fee	2016
•Co-Principle Implementor with Michael Leitner	
•Awarded: \$69,076.88	
BJA Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)	2015-2016
•Co-Principle Investigator with Keith Nordyke & Ed Shihadeh	
•Awarded: \$1,750,000.00	
LSU Student Technology Fee	2015
•Principle Implementor	
•Awarded: \$20,064.00	
LSU Teaching Enhancement Fund	2015
•Principle Implementor	
•Awarded: \$500.00	
LSU ORED Council of Research Summer Stipend Program	2015
•Principle Investigator	
•Awarded: \$5,000	
LSU Student Technology Fee	2014
•Co-Principle Implementor w/ Ed Shihadeh, William Clark, & Michelle Meyer	
•Awarded: \$40,000.00	
UCI Criminology, Law & Society Professional Development Fellowship	2014
•Principle Investigator	
•Awarded: \$5,885.00 (plus fees)	
Social Ecology Dean's Dissertation Writing Fellowship	2013
•Principle Investigator	
•Awarded: \$5,885.00 (plus fees)	
UC Irvine Newkirk Center for Science and Society Fellowship	2013
•Principle Investigator	
•Awarded: \$500.00	
UC Irvine Public Impact Fellowship	2013
•Principle Investigator	
•Awarded: \$1,000.00	
UC Irvine Summer Research Grant	2008 - 2011
•Principle Investigator	
•Awarded: \$10,600.00	
Martha Newkirk and Social Ecology Tuition Fellowship	2007 - 2008
•Principle Investigator	

- Awarded: \$14,694.00 (plus fees)

Unfunded Projects & Awards

Russell Sage Foundation (RSF) Presidential Grant 2024

- Co-Principle Implementor with Michael Barton
- Awarded: \$57,776.00

UA CARSCA 2024

- Principle Implementor
- Proposed: \$4,7940.00

Russell Sage Foundation (RSF) Presidential Grant 2024

- Co-Principle Implementor with Michael Barton
- Awarded: \$57,776.00

UA CARSCA 2024

- Principle Implementor
- Proposed: \$5,980.00

UA CARSCA 2023

- Principle Implementor
- Proposed: \$5,680.00

NIJ Research & Evaluation on Domestic Terrorism Prevention 2020

- Subcontractor
- Proposed: \$750,000.00

NSF RAPID: Role of Prisoners in Disaster Recovery 2017

- Co-Principle Investigator with Michelle Meyer, Sarah Becker & Lori Martin
- Proposed \$50,000.00

LSU HSS Strategic Excellence Fund (September) 2017

- Principle Implementor
- Proposed: \$750.00

LSU HSS Strategic Excellence Fund (April) 2017

- Principle Implementor
- Proposed: \$695.00

LSU HSS Strategic Excellence Fund (February) 2017

- Principle Implementor
- Proposed: \$695.00

LSU Teaching Enhancement Fund 2017

- Principle Implementor
- Proposed: \$500.00

LSU Manship Summer Research Grant 2016

- Principle Implementor
- Awarded: \$5,000.00

LSU Economic Development Assistantship Proposal	2016
•Co-Principle Investigator with Michael Leitner & Fahui Wang	
•Proposed: \$100,000	
Future Deltas 2016 - Pilot Study (Utrecht University)	2016
•Co-Principle Investigator with Michael Leitner, Marco Helbich, & Stijn Ruiter	
•Proposed: €14,800.00	
LSU Instructional Impact Fee	2015
•Principle Implementor.	
•Proposed: \$31,750.00	
LSU Teaching Enhancement Fund	2014
•Principle Implementor	
•Proposed: \$500.00	
Crime Analysis for the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office	2014
•Co-Principle Investigator with Ed Shihadeh & Michael Barton	
•Proposed: \$194,817.00	

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND MEDIA RELATIONS

Quoted in Trump's Return to Power Puts Militias and Border Patrol in Spotlight	
Inkstick Media	
- New Market, MD	January 21, 2025
Quoted in Gun Violence: New State Laws 'Ineffective' Unless Root Causes Dealt With	
<i>Newsweek</i>	
- New York, NY	January 14, 2025
Quoted in Chases, crashes, arrests: Jeff Landry's Troop Nola takes names, criticism over new patrols	
<i>The Times-Picayune</i>	
- New Orleans, LA	June 16, 2024
Quoted in Urban Violence	
<i>Areva Martin in Real Time (KBLA TALK 1580)</i>	
- Los Angeles, CA	Dec. 20, 2023
Quoted in Alabama legislation removes 'gangs' in favor of 'criminal enterprises'	
<i>AL.com (Alabama Media Group)</i>	
- Birmingham, AL	May, 31, 2023
Quoted in Who is a gang member? Question sparks racially charged debate in Alabama Legislature	
<i>AL.com (Alabama Media Group)</i>	
- Birmingham, AL	April, 23, 2023
Quoted in Mobile Mardi Gras: 1.1 million visitors, only 20 arrests	
<i>AL.com (Alabama Media Group)</i>	

- Birmingham, AL Feb, 22, 2023
- Quoted in [Queensland shootings a 'wake-up call' for the nation](#)
The New Daily
 - Melbourne, Australia Dec. 14, 2022
- Quoted in [Proud Boys: o gangue de extrema-direita que se transformou numa rede internacional.](#)
setenta e quatro
 -Lisbon, Portugal July 13, 2021
- Quoted in [Addressing Blight a Good Start to Addressing Shreveport's Gun Violence.](#)
Shreveport Times
 - Shreveport, LA July 4, 2021
- Quoted in [The Rise and Fall of the Proud Boys.](#)
Rolling Stone
 -New York, NY June 15, 2021
- Quoted in [Understanding the Capitol riot suspects and their motivations.](#)
TribLIVE
 - Tarentum, PA May 1, 2021
- Quoted in [White Power Youth Gangs.](#)
The Lowdown
 - Cape Cod, MA April 5, 2021
- Quoted in [¿Quiénes son los Proud Boys y por qué Canadá los designó como organización terrorista?](#)
Voice of America (VOA)
 - New York, NY Feb. 6, 2021
- Quoted in [Proud Boys, ¿cómo catalogarlos?](#)
Voice of America (VOA)
 - New York, NY Feb. 5, 2021
- Quoted in [Proud Boys Are at War With Their Female Extremist Wing.](#)
The Daily Beast
 - New York, NY Dec 30, 2020
- Quoted in [THE INVESTIGATORS: Sheriff's office hands over surveillance from Burbank Walmart debacle in early August.](#)
WAFB9 CBS
 - Baton Rouge, LA Aug. 21, 2019
- Quoted in [Researchers: Battling blight in Baton Rouge can play a key role in fighting crime.](#)
The Advocate
 - Baton Rouge, LA Feb. 24, 2019

Quoted in [Latest LSU Study ties Blight to Homicides.](#)

The Louisiana Weekly

- New Orleans, LA

Feb. 18, 2019

Quoted in [LSU Study On Blight & Crime.](#)

Of Interest to You Baton Rouge

- Baton Rouge, LA

Feb. 15, 2019

Quoted in [New Study Linking Blight and Homicide May Help Predict Where Murder May Occur.](#)

LSU Media Relations

- Baton Rouge, LA

Feb. 8, 2019

Quoted in [Louisiana Might Finally Get Rid of its Century-Old, Racist Jury System.](#)

Slate

- Washington DC

Oct. 22, 2018

Quoted in [Making Case for Labeling White Supremacist Groups as Gangs.](#)

Public News Service

- Boulder, CO

Aug. 20, 2018

Quoted in [Could scrapping gang list have unintended consequences?](#)

Portland Tribune

- Portland, OR

Oct. 5, 2017

Quoted in [Can Gang Violence Be Treated Like a Health Issue?](#)

Medill News Service

- Washington, DC

July 26, 2017

Quoted in [Can Gang Violence Be Treated Like a Health Epidemic?](#)

Sojourners

- Washington, DC

July 24, 2017

Quoted in [Local Agencies Encounter Rise in Murders.](#)

Daily Comet

- Thibodaux, LA

Feb. 7, 2017

Quoted in [Parish Pays High Costs for HIV Medical Care.](#)

Shreveport Times

- Shreveport, LA

Sept. 21, 2015

Interviewed by Tyler Hicks from Inkstick Media - New Market, MD

January 10, 2025

Interviewed by Missy Wilkinson from *The Times-Picayune* - New Orleans, LA

June, 13, 2024

Interviewed by Areva Martin from *KBLA Talk 1580* - Los Angeles, CA

Dec 20, 2023

Interviewed by John Sharp from *Alabama Media Group* - Birmingham, AL

Dec 18, 2023

Interviewed by John Sharp from *Alabama Media Group* - Birmingham, AL

May 30, 2023

Interviewed by John Sharp from *Alabama Media Group* - Birmingham, AL

April 21, 2023

Interviewed by John Sharp from <i>Alabama Media Group</i> - Birmingham, AL	Feb. 22, 2023
Interviewed by George Hyde from <i>The New Daily</i> - Melbourne, Australia	Dec. 13, 2022
Interviewed by John Sharp from <i>Alabama Media Group</i> - Birmingham, AL	Sept. 28, 2022
Interviewed by Bill Lunn from <i>KTBS-3 ABC</i> - Shreveport, LA	Nov. 9, 2021
Interviewed by Stephanie Crider from <i>Strategic Studies Institute</i> - Carlisle, PA	Sept. 1, 2021
Interviewed by Deborah Austin-Bayliss from <i>Shreveport Times</i> - Shreveport, LA	May 7, 2021
Interviewed by Ricardo Cabral Fernandes, Freelance Journalist	May 3, 2021
Interviewed by Paula Reed Ward for <i>Pittsburgh Tribune - Review</i> , Pittsburgh, PA	April 13, 2021
Interviewed by Ira Wood from <i>The Lowdown</i> (WOMR- FM) - Cape Cod, MA	March 23, 2021
Interviewed by E. J. Dickson from <i>Rolling Stone</i> - New York, NY	March 3, 2021
Interviewed by Laura Sepulveda from <i>VOA News</i> - New York, NY	Feb. 4, 2021
Interviewed by Alexander Reid Ross for <i>The Daily Beast</i> - New York, NY	Dec. 28, 2020
Interviewed by Scottie Hunter from <i>WAFB 9 CBS</i> - Baton Rouge, LA	Aug. 21, 2019
Interviewed by Anyi Cárdenas Forero from <i>RCN Radio</i> - Bogota, Colombia	Feb. 27, 2019
Interviewed by Jeremy Poursine from <i>Of Interest to You</i> - Baton Rouge, LA	Feb. 15, 2019
Interviewed by Fritz Esker from <i>The Louisiana Weekly</i> - New Orleans, LA	Feb. 13, 2019
Interviewed by Lea Skene from <i>The Advocate</i> - Baton Rouge, LA	Feb. 6, 2019
Interviewed by Chris Nakamoto from <i>WBRZ 2 ABC</i> - Baton Rouge, LA	Jan. 25, 2019
Interviewed by Dillon Lowe from <i>LSU School of Mass Communication</i>	Sept. 5, 2018
Interviewed by Chris Nakamoto from <i>WBRZ 2 ABC</i> - Baton Rouge, LA	Sept. 5, 2018
Interviewed by Eric Tegethoff from <i>Oregon News Service</i>	August 17, 2018
Interviewed by Danielle Jackson from <i>WBRZ 2 ABC</i> - Baton Rouge, LA	May 23, 2018
Interviewed by Jeff Palermo from <i>Louisiana Radio Network</i> - Baton Rouge, LA	Jan. 5, 2018
Interviewed by Abigail Rocha from <i>The Reveille</i> - Baton Rouge, LA (LSU)	Dec. 7, 2017
Interviewed by Jim Redden from <i>Portland Tribune</i> - Portland, OR	Sept. 26, 2017
Interviewed by Kaylah Jackson from <i>Medill News Service</i> - Washington, DC	July 20, 2017
Interviewed by Chris Nakamoto from <i>WBRZ 2 ABC</i> - Baton Rouge, LA	May 25, 2017
Interviewed by Allan Couvillion from <i>The Reveille</i> - Baton Rouge, LA (LSU)	March 13, 2017
Interviewed by Bridget Mire from <i>Daily Comet</i> - Thibodaux, LA	Feb. 6, 2017
Interviewed by Sue Esker from <i>The Volunteer</i> - Brunswick, OH	August 2016
Interviewed by David Mitchell from <i>The Advocate</i> - Baton Rouge, LA	July 7, 2016
Interviewed by Timothy Williams from <i>The New York Times</i>	July 6, 2016
Observed by Jamari Nelson - Senior Project, Woodlawn High School	March - April 2016
Interviewed by Alexandria Burris from <i>Shreveport Times</i> - Shreveport, LA	Sept. 18, 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The White Power Movement	(Honors undergraduate level) - UA
Crime & Public Policy	(graduate level) - UA
Crime Mapping	(undergraduate/graduate level) - UA
Principles of Criminology & Criminal Justice	(undergraduate level) - UA
Gangs	(undergraduate level) - UA
Crime Mapping	(undergraduate/graduate level) - LSU
The White Power Movement	(honors undergraduate level) - LSU
Sociology of Gangs	(undergraduate level) - LSU
Sociology of the Criminal Justice System	(undergraduate level) - LSU
Sociology of Youth and Crime	(undergraduate level) - LSU
Aspects of Federal, State, & Local Law Enforcement	(undergraduate level) - LSU
Directed Reading and Research in Sociology	(undergraduate level) - LSU
Research Practicum in Sociology	(undergraduate level) - LSU
Crime & Public Policy	(graduate level) - LSU
Social Networks & Social Capital	(graduate level) - LSU
Proseminar in Sociology	(graduate level) - LSU
The Community Context of Crime	(undergraduate level) - UCI
Federal Law Enforcement	(undergraduate level) - UCI

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

UA CCJ Director of Undergraduate Studies	2024 -
UA Arts & Science College Retention Committee (Member)	2024 -
UA Office of Academic Affairs Parking and Transportation Committee (Member)	2024 -
UA Out 2 Lunch (Faculty).	2024 -
ACJS National Criminal Justice Month Committee (Member)	2023 -
Alpha Phi Sigma / CJSA (Chair) - Dept. of CCJ, UA	2023 -
Outreach/Colloquium Committee (Chair) - Dept. of CCJ, UA	2023 - 2024
UA Faculty Senate (Alternate)	2023 -
UA Faculty Senate (Senator)	2023 -2024
- UA Community and Legislative Affairs Committee (Member)	
UA Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Conference (URCA) (Judge)	2023 - 2024
UA Mock Trial Association (Judge)	2022
Faculty Search Committee (Chair) - Dept. of Criminology & Criminal Justice, UA	2022-2023
Undergraduate Student Committee - Dept. of Criminology & Criminal Justice, UA	2022-2023
LSU Athletics Council (Committee Member)	2021 - 2022
Graduate Certificate in Crime Mapping & Geospatial Intelligence Analytics	2020
- Created w/ Dr. Michael Leitner	

LSU Humanities & Social Science Faculty Senate (Senator)	2017 - 2022
- 2nd Vice President	2019 - 2022
- Subcommittee on Teaching & Scholarship (Chair)	2019 - 2022
- Subcommittee on Teaching & Scholarship (Committee Member)	2018 - 2019
LSU Discover Undergraduate Research Grant <i>Ad Hoc Reviewer</i>	2020 - 2022
LSU Humanities & Social Science Instructional Impact Committee	2017 - 2022
Social Media Committee (Chair) - Department of Sociology, LSU	2017 - 2022
Undergraduate Student Committee - Department of Sociology, LSU	2019 - 2021
LSU Crime and Policy Evaluation Research Group Committee (C.A.P.E.R.)	2014 - 2021
Graduate Student Committee - Department of Sociology, LSU	2016-2017
Faculty Recruitment Committee - Department of Sociology, LSU	2014-2016
Dean's Representative (PhD Dissertation) - Lindsay Clark (Psychology)	2020 - 2022
Dean's Representative (PhD Dissertation) - Lauren Rackley (English)	2021
Dean's Representative (PhD Dissertation) - Lawrence Salone (Ag. & Ext. Ed.)	2020
Dean's Representative (PhD Dissertation) - Jovan Thomas (Education)	2018
Dean's Representative (PhD Dissertation) - Laura Alford (Accounting)	2018
Dean's Representative (PhD Dissertation) - Richard White (Communication Studies)	2016
Dean's Representative (PhD Dissertation) - Melissa Munson (Psychology)	2015
Dean's Representative (General Exam) - Norman Clark (Political Science)	2015

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES

Rachel Lapointe (Masters Thesis) - Chair	2024-
Willie Brock (Masters Thesis) - Chair	2023-
Bilguundari Enkhtugs (PhD Specialization Exam) - Committee Member	2024
Elizabeth Brault (PhD Dissertation) - Co-Chair (Defended)	2016 - 2022
Brooke Barrett (PhD Dissertation) - Chair	2018 - 2022
Jennifer LaRose (PhD Dissertation) - Committee Member	2020 - 2022
Joy Ngelor (PhD Dissertation) - Committee Member	2020 - 2022
Tim Reling (PhD Dissertation) - Committee Member (Defended)	2020
Carlee Smith (PhD Dissertation) - Committee Member (Defended)	2019
Jordan Pedalino (PhD Dissertation) - Committee Member	2018 - 2020
Landon Douglas (PhD Dissertation) - Committee Member	2015 - 2017
Marcus Venable (Masters Thesis) - Chair (Defended)	2020
Mominul Haque (Masters Thesis) - Committee Member	2022
Yoon Jung Jeong (Masters Thesis) - Committee Member	2022
Joy Ngelor (Masters Thesis) - Committee Member (Defended)	2020
Jennifer LaRose (Masters Thesis) - Committee Member (Defended)	2020
Indraja Kornu (Masters Thesis) - Committee Member	2017 - 2018

Bryant Devillier (Masters Thesis) - Chair (Defended)	2017
Elizabeth Brault (Masters Thesis) - Committee Member (Defended)	2016
Tim Reling (Masters Thesis) - Committee Member (Defended)	2016
Carlee Smith (Masters Thesis) - Committee Member (Defended)	2016
Darien Hickey (Masters Thesis) - Committee Member (Defended)	2016

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES

Erin Alpandinar (Honors Thesis) - Committee Member (Defended)	2021
Connor Burruss (Honors Thesis) - Committee Member (Defended)	2018
Elizabeth Weltman (Honors Thesis) - Committee Member (Defended)	2017

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Parental & Community Involvement Committee - Zachary Community Schools	2018 - 2021
Stroke and Turn Official - USA Swimming	2024 -
Tuscaloosa Police Department Citizens Academy - Tuscaloosa Police Department	2025 -

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committee Member, <i>ACJS, National Criminal Justice Month Committee</i>	2024-2025
Committee Member, <i>ASC, Division of Terrorism & Bias Crimes Awards Committee</i>	2021
Committee Member, <i>ASC, Division of Communities and Place Awards Committee</i>	2019 - 2021
Committee Member, <i>ASC's Hindelang Book Award Committee</i>	2019 - 2020
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Criminology</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Journal of Quantitative Criminology</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Journal of Criminal Justice</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Criminal Justice and Behavior</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Theoretical Criminology</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Critical Criminology</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Criminal Justice Review</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Criminal Justice</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Journal of the American Statistical Association</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Social Problems</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Sociological Inquiry</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Homicide Studies</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Journal of Youth Studies</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Journal of Research in crime and delinquency</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Aggression and Violent Behavior</i>	
Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Journal of Criminological Research, Policy and Practice</i>	

Ad hoc Reviewer, *Deviant Behavior*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *International Journal of Criminology & Sociology*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Current Sociology*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Applied Geography*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Geography Compass*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *World Development*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Applied Network Science*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Urban Affairs*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Global Crime*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Perspectives on Terrorism*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Democracy and Security*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Terrorism Research*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Police Quarterly*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Nature Human Behavior*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Computers in Human Behavior*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Big Data & Society*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *SAGE Open*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *PLOS one*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Housing Policy Debate*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Health Affairs*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Borderlands Studies*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *International Journal of Research and Public Health*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Africa Education Review*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Genealogy*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *University of California Press*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Palgrave MacMillan*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Routledge*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Springer*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Rowman & Littlefield Publishers*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Sage*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Rutger's Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Office of Justice Programs*
Ad hoc Reviewer, *Bureau of Justice Statistics*

Ad hoc Reviewer, *Bureau of Justice Assistance*
 Ad hoc Reviewer, *National Institute of Justice*
 Ad hoc Reviewer, *Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention*
 Ad hoc Reviewer, *Office for Victims of Crime*
 Ad hoc Reviewer, *Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, Tracking (SMART)*
 Ad hoc Reviewer, *National Science Foundation*
 Ad hoc Reviewer, *National Science Foundation's Law and Science Program*
 Ad hoc Article Editor, *SAGE Open*
 Special Issue Editor, *Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research*
 Special Issue Editor, *Social Sciences*
 Editor, *academia.com*

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

LSU's CCELL Service-Learning Faculty Scholars Program	2020
Rutgers Center on Public Security <i>Risk Terrain Modeling</i>	2018
Esri's GIS Training MOOC: <i>Going Places with Spatial Analysis</i>	2015

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology	2009 - Present
Eurogang Program of Research	2016 - Present
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences	2021 - Present
Southern Criminal Justice Association	2014 - Present
International Association of Crime Analysts	2017 - Present
Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice Honor Society Faculty Advisor)	2023- Present
American Sociological Association	2010 - 2022
Southern Sociological Society	2014 - 2021
International Network of Social Network Analysis	2012 - 2015
Western Society of Criminology	2009 - 2015

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