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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022-Present **Postdoctoral Sr. Research Scientist**
Law & Psychiatry Program
Implementation Science & Practice Advances Research Center (iSPARC)
Department of Psychiatry
University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School, Worcester, MA
Mentor: Gina M. Vincent, Ph.D.
- 2022-Present **Instructor**
School of Criminal Justice
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

EDUCATION

Michigan State University:

2022 **Ph.D. Criminal Justice**, School of Criminal Justice; East Lansing, MI

Dissertation: *Occupational Stress among Employees in Criminal-Legal Systems: A Meta-Analysis*

Dissertation Committee: Scott Wolfe, Ph.D. (Chair); Evan M. Lowder, Ph.D.; Edmund McGarrell, Ph.D.; Jeff Rojek, Ph.D.

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis:

2017 **M.S. Criminal Justice & Public Safety**, Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA); Indianapolis, IN

Thesis: *The Effect of a Re-entry Court in a Midwestern State: A Retrospective Quasi-Experimental Evaluation*

Thesis Committee: Eric Grommon, Ph.D. (Chair), Jeff Gruenewald, Ph.D., Brad Ray, Ph.D.

2017 **Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security and Emergency Management**, Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA); Indianapolis, IN

2016 **B.S. Criminal Justice**, Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA); Indianapolis, IN

Study Abroad: Participated in SPEA London Program - US and UK National & Homeland Security, Summer 2015

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Criminal-legal behavioral health populations
Organizational justice

Safety and wellness of criminal-legal professionals
Pretrial reform

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles (N = 10):

- 2022 **Lawson, S. G.**, & Lowder, E. M. (*Online First*). Differential prediction by race in IRAS-PAT assessments: An application of debiasing strategies. *Justice Quarterly*. (First Published June 2022). doi: 10.1080/07418825.2022.2086481
- 2022 Foudray, C. M. A., **Lawson, S. G.**, & Lowder, E. M. (*Online First*). Jail-based court notifications to improve appearance rates following early pretrial release. *American Journal of Criminal Justice* (First Published March 2022). doi: 10.1007/s12103-022-09676-7
- 2022 **Lawson, S. G.**, Lowder, E. M., & Ray, B. Correlates of suicide risk among Black and White adults with behavioral health disorders in criminal-legal systems. *BMC Psychiatry*, 22(163), 1-13 (First Published March 2022). doi: 10.1186/s12888-022-03803-8
- 2022 **Lawson, S. G.**, Wolfe, S., Rojek, J., & Alpert, G. P. Occupational stress and attitudes toward misconduct in law enforcement: The moderating role of organizational justice. *Police Practice and Research: An International Journal*, 23(1), 95-110 (First Published June 2021). doi: 10.1080/15614263.2021.1946395
- 2021 **Lawson, S. G.**, Grommon, E., & Ray, B. Does reentry court completion affect recidivism three years after exit? Results from a retrospective cohort study. *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*, 6(4), 288-304 (First Published September 2019). doi: 10.1080/23774657.2019.1663562
- 2020 Lowder, E. M., **Lawson, S. G.**, Grommon, E., & Ray, B. Five-county validation of the Indiana Risk Assessment System – Pretrial Assessment Tool (IRAS-PAT) using a local validation approach. *Justice Quarterly*, 37(7), 1,241-1,260. (First Published October 2020). doi: 10.1080/07418825.2020.1829006
- 2020 Lowder, E. M., **Lawson, S. G.**, O'Donnell, D., Sights, E., & Ray, B. Two-year outcomes following Naloxone administration by police officers or emergency medical services personnel. *Criminology & Public Policy*, 19(3), 1019-1040 (First Published July 2020). doi: 10.1111/1745-9133.12509
- 2020 Wolfe, S., & **Lawson, S. G.** The organizational justice effect among criminal justice employees: A meta-analysis. *Criminology*, 58(4), 619-644 (First Published May 2020). doi: 10.1111/1745-9125.12251
- 2020 Wolfe, S., **Lawson, S. G.**, Rojek, J., & Alpert, G. Predicting police officer seatbelt use: Evidence-based solutions to improve officer driving safety. *Police Quarterly*, 23(4), 472-499 (First Published May 2020). doi: 10.1177/1098611120923159
- 2018 Marlowe, D. B., Shannon, L. S., Ray, B., Turpin, D. P., Wheeler, G. A., Newell, J., & **Lawson, S. G.** Developing a culturally proficient intervention for young African American men in drug court: Examining feasibility and estimating an effect size for Habilitation Empowerment Accountability Therapy (HEAT). *Journal for Advancing Justice*, 1(1), 109-130 (First Published May 2018). [[Link](#)]

Technical Reports and Policy Briefs (N = 31):

- 2022 Lowder, E. M., **Lawson, S. G.**, Foudray, C., Vibhute, H., & Rodriguez, A. *Differences in the predictive accuracy of IRAS-PAT assessments as a function of age, sex, and race: An updated*

- report*. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society. Report to the Pretrial Work Group, Indiana Office of Court Services, State of Indiana.
- 2022 Nam, Y., Carter, T., Wolfe, S. E., Rojek, A., & **Lawson, S. G.** *Project Safe Neighborhoods: A Final Report on the Saginaw Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice. Report to Saginaw Police Department.
- 2022 Carter, T., Wolfe, S. E., Nam, Y., & **Lawson, S. G.** *Saginaw Initiative to Reduce Violence (SIRV): A Final Report*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice. Report to Saginaw Police Department.
- 2022 Lowder, E. M., Foudray, C. M. A., Vibhute, H., **Lawson, S. G.**, & Rodriguez, A. *Vigo County: IRAS-PAT validation final report*. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society. Report to the Pretrial Work Group, Indiana Office of Court Services, State of Indiana
- 2022 Lowder, E. M., Foudray, C. M. A., Vibhute, H., **Lawson, S. G.**, & Rodriguez, A. *Starke County: IRAS-PAT validation final report*. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society. Report to the Pretrial Work Group, Indiana Office of Court Services, State of Indiana.
- 2022 Lowder, E. M., Foudray, C. M. A., Vibhute, H., **Lawson, S. G.**, & Rodriguez, A. *St. Joseph County: IRAS-PAT validation final report*. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society. Report to the Pretrial Work Group, Indiana Office of Court Services, State of Indiana. [[Link](#)]
- 2022 Lowder, E. M., Foudray, C. M. A., Vibhute, H., **Lawson, S. G.**, & Rodriguez, A. *Tipton County: IRAS-PAT validation final report*. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society. Report to the Pretrial Work Group, Indiana Office of Court Services, State of Indiana. [[Link](#)]
- 2021 Lowder, E. M., Foudray, C. M. A., **Lawson, S. G.**, McPherson, M., & Rodriguez, A. *Grant County: IRAS-PAT validation final report*. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society. Report to the Pretrial Work Group, Indiana Office of Court Services, State of Indiana. [[Link](#)]
- 2021 **Lawson, S. G.** *An investigation of occupational stressors in Ingham County Sheriff's Office during the COVID-19 pandemic*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice. Report to the Ingham County Sheriff's Office.
- 2021 Lowder, E. M., Foudray, C. M. A., **Lawson, S. G.**, McPherson, M., & Rodriguez, A. *Porter County: IRAS-PAT validation final report*. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society. Report to the Pretrial Work Group, Indiana Office of Court Services, State of Indiana. [[Link](#)]
- 2020 Lowder, E. M., **Lawson, S. G.**, & Foudray, C. *Differences in the predictive accuracy of IRAS-PAT assessments as a function of age, sex, and race: Final report*. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society. Report to the Pretrial Work Group, Indiana Office of Court Services, State of Indiana. [[Link](#)]

- 2020 Wolfe, S. E., Carter, T., Nam, Y., & **Lawson, S. G.** *Pre-test community survey and front-porch roll call survey results*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice. Report to Saginaw Police Department.
- 2020 **Lawson, S. G.**, Grommon, E., & Ray, B. *Marion County Reentry Court recidivism analysis. Issue 20-C30*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana University Public Policy Institute, Center for Health and Justice Research. Policy brief to Marion (IN) Superior Court, Re-entry Court Program. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2020 Lowder, E., **Lawson, S. G.**, Foudray, C., Grommon, E., & Ray, B. *Bartholomew County: IRAS-PAT validation*. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society. Report to the Pretrial Work Group, Indiana Office of Court Services, State of Indiana. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2020 Carter, T., Nam, Y., Rojek, A., Wolfe, S. E., & **Lawson, S. G.** *Spatial analysis of crime hot spots: City of Saginaw (2019-2020)*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice. Report to Saginaw Police Department.
- 2020 Carter, T., Nam, D., **Lawson, S. G.**, Rojek, A., & Wolfe, S. E. *Spatial analysis of crime hot spots: City of Saginaw (2017-2019)*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice. Policy brief to Saginaw Police Department.
- 2020 **Lawson, S. G.**, Ray, B., Sights, E., & Alton, M. *Recidivism of released individuals with drug offenses: A 1-year follow-up in Jefferson County*. Detroit, MI: Wayne State University, Center for Behavioral Health and Justice. Policy brief to the Jefferson County Treatment, Justice, and Prevention Coalition.
- 2020 **Lawson, S. G.**, Ray, B., Sights, E., & Alton, M. *Recidivism of released individuals with drug offenses: A 1-year follow-up in Hamilton County*. Detroit, MI: Wayne State University, Center for Behavioral Health and Justice. Policy brief to the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs.
- 2020 Lowder, E., **Lawson, S. G.**, Lin, Z., Grommon, E., & Ray, B. *Hendricks County: IRAS-PAT validation*. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society. Report to the Pretrial Work Group, Indiana Office of Court Services, State of Indiana. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2020 Rojek, A., Wolfe, S. E., **Lawson, S. G.**, Carter, T., & Nam, D. *Analyzing the spatial distribution of crime: City of Saginaw (2017-2019)*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice. Policy brief to Saginaw Police Department.
- 2020 Lowder, E., **Lawson, S. G.**, Foudray, C., Grommon, E., & Ray, B. *Jefferson County: IRAS-PAT validation*. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society. Report to the Pretrial Work Group, Indiana Office of Court Services, State of Indiana. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2020 Lowder, E., **Lawson, S. G.**, Hanninen, L., Grommon, E., & Ray, B. *Allen County: IRAS-PAT validation*. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society. Report to the Pretrial Work Group, Indiana Office of Court Services, State of Indiana. [\[Link\]](#)

- 2019 **Lawson, S. G.**, Rojek, J., & Wolfe, S. E. *A safety and wellness toolkit for law enforcement: Ensuring resilience and survivability*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice. Toolkit to the VALOR Officer Safety Initiative, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice.
- 2018 **Lawson, S.**, Rising Paquet, S., & Grommon, E. *Community-based violence prevention partnership: A violence prevention toolkit for faith-based and community organizations*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana University Public Policy Institute, Center for Criminal Justice Research. Toolkit to the City of Indianapolis, Office of Public Health and Safety. [[Link](#)]
- 2018 Bailey, K., & Ray, B. *Evaluation of the Indianapolis mobile crisis assistance team*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana University Public Policy Institute, Center for Criminal Justice Research. Report to the City of Indianapolis, Office of Public Health and Safety, and the Fairbanks Foundation. [[Link](#)]
- ❖ Contributing Authors: Grommon, E., Lowder, E., & Rising-Paquet, S.; Research Support: **Lawson, S.**, Martin, J. K., & Yang, E.
- 2017 **Lawson, S.**, Grommon, E., Ray, B., Popiela J., & Gruenewald, J. A. *Review of Justice System Evidence-Based Programs and Practices in Indianapolis*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Paul H. O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Report to the City of Indianapolis, Office of the Mayor and Office of Public Health and Safety.
- ❖ A continuation of Lawson et al.’s (2016) review of evidence-based programs and practices. The current review deviates from the 2016 product in several ways, but primarily by identifying criminal justice programs and practices originating in Indianapolis or Marion County, Indiana.
- 2016 **Lawson, S.**, Grommon, E., & Ray, B. *Review of evidence-based programs and practices in the criminal justice system*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Paul H. O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Report to the City of Indianapolis, Office of the Mayor and Office of Public Health and Safety.
- ❖ Report integrated into Recommendation A1 of the “Report to the Mayor | Indianapolis Criminal Justice Reform Taskforce Recommendations” to inform Mayor Joe Hogsett’s criminal justice reform plan for Marion County, Indiana. [[Link](#)]
- 2016 Hackett, L., Angermeier, A., & **Lawson, S.** *Re-entry policy study commission recommendations: Final update*. Indianapolis, IN: Community Solutions, Inc. Report to the City-County Council of Marion County and Indianapolis.
- ❖ Supplementary material provided to the City-County Council Public Safety & Criminal Justice Committee supporting this report is available here. [[Link](#)]
- 2016 Hackett, L., Angermeier, A., & **Lawson, S.** *Marion County annual conference on re-entry evaluation summary*. Indianapolis, IN: Community Solutions, Inc. Report to the Marion County Re-entry Coalition, Conference Planning Committee.
- 2015 Ray, B., **Lawson, S.**, & Hood, B. *Indiana problem-solving court multi-site evaluation Allen County Restoration Court report: Volume 1*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Paul H. O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Report to the Indiana Judicial Center.

- 2015 Ray, B., **Lawson, S.**, & Hood, B. *Indiana problem-solving court multi-site evaluation Hendricks County Drug Treatment Court report: Volume 1*. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Report to the Indiana Judicial Center.

Book Chapters (N = 2):

- 2022 **Lawson, S. G.**, Rising, S. J., Grommon, E., & Lowder, E. M. Pretrial risk assessment tool adoption and pretrial operations. In C. S. Scott-Hayward, J. Copp, & S. Demuth (Eds.), *Handbook on Pretrial Justice* (Vol. 6, pp. 276-295). Routledge.
- 2021 **Lawson, S. G.**, & Wolfe, S. E. Organizational justice and policing. In R. G. Dunham, G. P. Alpert, & K. D. McLean (Eds.), *Critical Issues in Policing: Contemporary Readings* (8th ed., pp. 560-579). Waveland Press.

Op-Eds and Invited Publications (N = 1):

- 2021 **Lawson, S. G.** *Suicide and firearms among American youth: Two problems intrinsically linked*. Published on website of Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence. July 13. [[Link](#)]

Manuscripts Under Review and In Preparation:

Lawson, S. G., & Grommon, E. (*In Preparation*). Occupational stress and pretrial GPS supervision of intimate partner and domestic violence defendants: Insights from probation officers in a single jurisdiction.

Lawson, S. G., Foudray, C. M. A., & Lowder, E. M. (*In Preparation*). The role of co-occurring diagnosis in recovery outcomes for justice-involved adults with opioid disorders.

DeJong, C., Morgan, S. J., & **Lawson, S. G.** (*In Preparation*). The impact of religiosity and race on suicide risk in lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth: An empirical application of racialized general strain theory.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

In Progress

- 2022-Present MacArthur Foundation
Pretrial Risk Assessment: The Confounding Effects of Mental Illness, Substance Use and Race
Amount: \$1,700,000
PI: Drs. John Monahan & Sarah Desmarais
Role: Co-Investigator (with Dr. Gina Vincent)

Completed

- 2021-2022 Indiana Office of Court Services
Indiana Pretrial Project Evaluation: Phase V (continuation)
Amount: \$125,000
PI: Dr. Evan Lowder
Role: Research Consultant

- 2019-2021 U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance
Project Safe Neighborhoods – Saginaw Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program
Award No. 2019-GP-BX-0060
Amount: \$351,844
PI: Dr. Scott Wolfe
Role: Graduate Research Assistant
- 2019-2021 U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI)
Saginaw Community, Offender, and Victim Cooperation Initiative
Award No. 2019-WY-BX-0003
Amount: \$646,706
PI: Dr. Scott Wolfe
Role: Graduate Research Assistant
- 2020-2021 Indiana Office of Court Services
Indiana Pretrial Project Evaluation: Phase V
Amount: \$125,000
PI: Dr. Evan Lowder
Role: Research Consultant
- 2020-2021 Michigan State University, College of Social Science
COVID-19 Small Grant – Law enforcement and public health emergencies: Policing during the COVID-19 pandemic
Amount: \$3,000
PI: Spencer Lawson
- 2021 PACE, Inc. (Public Advocates in Community re-Entry)
Lilly Proposal Evaluation Plan
Amount: \$14,000
PI: Dr. Brad Ray
Role: Research Consultant
- 2019-2020 U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance
Subcontracted by the National Police Foundation
VALOR Officer Safety Initiative – National Coordinating Team
Amount: \$86,433
PIs: Drs. Jeff Rojek and Scott Wolfe
Role: Graduate Research Assistant
- 2018 City of Indianapolis, Office of Public Health & Safety
Academic Partnership between Indianapolis Office of Public Health and Safety and the Center for Criminal Justice Research: Phase II
Amount: \$30,000
PIs: Drs. Eric Grommon and Brad Ray
Role: Project Manager

- 2016-2020 National Institute on Drug Abuse
Developing SUPPORT, a Community-Driven, Recovery-Oriented System of Care
Award No. R34DA041640
Amount: \$653,464
PIs: Drs. Dennis Watson and Brad Ray
Role: Graduate Research Assistant
- 2016-2020 Indiana Judicial Center
Evaluation of Indiana Pretrial Risk Assessment Pilot
Amount: \$250,000
PIs: Drs. Brad Ray, Eric Grommon, and Evan Lowder
Role: Research Consultant
- 2016-2017 City of Indianapolis, Office of Public Health & Safety
Academic Partnership between Indianapolis Office of Public Health and Safety and the Center for Criminal Justice Research: Phase I
Amount: \$15,000
PIs: Drs. Eric Grommon, Brad Ray, and Deanna Malatesta
Role: Project Manager
- 2015-2016 U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance
Problem-Solving Court Discretionary Grant Program
Award No. 2013-DC-BX-0018
Amount: \$85,000
PI: Dr. Brad Ray
Role: Undergraduate Research Assistant

PRESENTATIONS

Invited

- 2020 **Lawson, S. G.** *Local validations for local practice.* Presentation given as part of the “Pretrial Risk Assessment in Practice: Lessons and Research from Indiana” webinar sponsored by the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice at Wayne State University; Web presentation. July 15. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2019 Ray, B., & **Lawson, S. G.** *Pretrial risk assessment tool and evaluation project.* Presentation given as part of the Indiana Pretrial Summit sponsored by the Indiana Supreme Court and in partnership with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, Indiana Department of Correction, Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council, Indiana Public Defender Council, Indiana Sheriffs’ Association, and the Association of Indiana Counties; Indianapolis, IN. October 4.

Professional

- 2022 Lowder, E. M., **Lawson, S. G.**, Foudray, C. M. A. *Sources of variability in the predictive validity of IRAS-PAT assessments overall and across subgroups.* Paper will be presented at the American Society of Criminology; Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 **Lawson, S. G.**, DeJong, C , & Morgan, S. J. *The impact of religiosity and race on suicide risk in lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth: An empirical application of racialized general strain theory.* The 10th Annual LGBTQ Research Symposium; Web presentation.

- 2021 **Lawson, S. G.** & Lowder, E. M. *Differential prediction by race in IRAS-PAT assessments: An application of debiasing strategies*. The 76th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology; Chicago, IL.
- 2021 Wolfe, S. & **Lawson, S. G.** *The organizational justice effect among criminal justice employees: A meta-analysis*. The 76th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology; Chicago, IL
- 2021 Kheibari, A., Szechy, K., **Lawson, S. G.**, & Sheehan, R. *Suicide and the COVID-19 pandemic: A qualitative study of discourse on an online suicide discussion forum*. The 54th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Suicidology; Web presentation.
- 2020 **Lawson, S. G.**, Lowder, E. M., & Grommon, E. *Multi-site investigation of the predictive accuracy of IRAS-PAT assessments by race*. The 1st Annual Meeting of the Criminology Consortium (CrimCon); Web presentation. [[Link](#)]
- 2019 Grommon, E., Lowder, E., Ray, B., **Lawson, S. G.**, & Hanninen, L. *Assessing pretrial risk assessment: Evidence from Indiana*. The 75th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology; San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 **Lawson, S. G.**, Wolfe, S., Rojek, J., & Alpert, G. *Occupational stressors and misconduct in law enforcement: The moderating role of organizational justice*. The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association; Chicago, IL.
- 2018 **Lawson, S. G.**, & Grommon, E. *How is pretrial GPS supervision of intimate partner and domestic violence defendants perceived? Insights from pretrial probation officers*. The 41st Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association; Chicago, IL.
- 2018 **Lawson, S. G.**, Lowder, E., & Ray, B. *EMS and criminal justice outcomes following police-involved opioid overdose encounters*. The 74th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology; Atlanta, GA.
- 2017 **Lawson, S. G.**, Grommon, E., Ray, B., & Gruenewald, J. *The effect of a re-entry court in a midwestern state: A retrospective quasi-experimental evaluation*. The 40th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association; Chicago, IL.
- 2016 Ray, B., Marlowe, D., **Lawson, S. G.**, & Turpin, D. *A pilot study of the H.E.A.T. intervention among re-entry court participants*. The 72nd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology; New Orleans, LA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University

Undergraduate Classroom Instruction

Methods of Criminal Justice Research

Spring 2022 - Primary Instructor | asynchronous online [Enrolled: 39]

Fall 2022 - Primary Instructor | asynchronous online [Enrolled: 40]

Criminology and Public Policy

Fall 2021 - Primary Instructor | in-person [Enrolled: 24]

Graduate Classroom Instruction

Design and Analysis in Criminal Justice Research

Fall 2019 - Guest Lecturer | in-person, Lecture: *Program evaluation: Communication and utilization of findings* (21 November 2019)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

08/2018 – 05/2022 **Michigan State University**
School of Criminal Justice
Graduate Teaching Assistant (08/2021-05/2022)
Graduate Research Assistant
▪ for Dr. Scott Wolfe (08/2018-05/2021)

08/2017 – 06/2018 **Indiana University Public Policy Institute**
Center for Health and Justice Research
Research Assistant

- ❖ A multidisciplinary research institute within the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indianapolis. The Center for Health and Justice Research is a research center affiliated with the institute that works with public safety stakeholders and community-based organizations to provide applied research on public safety and criminal justice issues.

04/2015 – 12/2017 **Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis**
Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs
Graduate Research Assistant
▪ for Dr. Eric Grommon (08/2017- 12/2017)
▪ for Dr. Jeremy G. Carter (01/2016 – 05/2017)
Undergraduate Research Assistant
▪ for Dr. Brad Ray (04/2015 – 12/2015)

08/2015 – 08/2017 **Community Solutions, Inc.**
Project Assistant (08/2016 – 08/2017)
Research & Project Support Intern (08/2015 – 07/2016)

- ❖ An Indianapolis-based community development and evaluation consulting firm focusing on grassroots involvement, coalition building, cross-sector collaboration, and program/system evaluation in a variety of sectors, including criminal justice and public health.

RECOGNITION, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Michigan State University

2018 College of Social Science Dean's Graduate Assistantship
Awarded to recognize nine outstanding graduate applicants each year in the College of Social Science; selected for past achievements and future promise in the College; nominated by School of Criminal Justice faculty.

School of Criminal Justice

2020 Alumni Graduate Endowed Assistantship
Awarded for the potential to make a professional contribution to the criminal justice career field.

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis:

2018 William M. Plater Civic Engagement Medallion
Awarded for exemplary commitment to community-based research and demonstrating an ethic of civic mindedness at IUPUI.

2017 Sherry Queener Graduate Student Excellence Award
Awarded for exemplary graduate school accomplishments at IUPUI and community involvement in Indianapolis; nominated by SPEA faculty.

Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA)

2018 Outstanding Student in M.S. Criminal Justice and Public Safety Program
Awarded as an outstanding graduate student in SPEA M.S. Criminal Justice and Public Safety Program; nominated by SPEA faculty.

2017 Outstanding Student in B.S. Criminal Justice Program
Awarded as an outstanding undergraduate student in SPEA B.S. Criminal Justice Program; nominated by SPEA faculty.

2015 Cory R. Elson Scholarship
Awarded to outstanding undergraduate students who wish to pursue a career in the criminal justice field.

2015 International Experience Scholars Scholarship
Awarded to support outstanding students who are studying abroad.

Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA):

2017 Honorable Mention, MCJA Student Paper Competition

Media:

2018 *SPEA-IUPUI* (Indianapolis, IN), 10 April 2018, "Spencer Lawson: Serving the community through research." [[Link](#)]

2016 *Fox 59 WXIN* (Indianapolis, IN), 12 December 2016, "Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett unveils criminal justice reform and new jail project." [[Link](#); Time Index 00:14:50 – 00:15:30]

SERVICE

Within the University

Mentor: School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, Graduate Student Network, Summer 2021 – Spring 2022

Graduate Employee Union (GEU) Department Steward Representative: School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, Graduate Student Association (GSA) Executive Committee, Spring 2020 – Spring 2022

Department Steward: Michigan State University, Graduate Employee Union (GEU) AFT Local 6196, Spring 2020 – Spring 2022

Member: School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, SPEA Commencement Student Speaker Committee, Spring 2017 & Spring 2018

Member: Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, IUPUI Tree Campus Advisory Committee, Spring 2016

Member: Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, SPEA Ambassador Executive Board, Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

Vice President: Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Alpha Phi Sigma-Sigma Alpha Chapter Executive Board, Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

Within the Broader Community

Panelist: City of Indianapolis, Office of Public Health and Safety, Community-Based Violence Prevention Partnership Grant Review Panel, Summer 2018

Within Scholarly and Professional Organizations

Manuscript Reviewer for Academic Journals:

Criminal Justice and Behavior

Journal of Community Psychology

Journal of Offender Rehabilitation

Justice Quarterly

Police Quarterly

Theoretical Criminology

Member: American Society of Criminology, 2018 – Present

Division for Corrections and Sentencing, 2018 – Present

Division on Queer Criminology, 2021 – Present

❖ Event/Social Committee, 2021 – Present

Member: Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society, 2015 – Present

REFERENCES

Available upon request