

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- PhD** Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Criminology & Criminal Justice 2021
Dissertation: *Care for the aging: Long-term care facilities willingness to accept persons convicted of sexual offending* (in progress)
Committee: Breanne Pleggenkuhle, PhD (chair), Raymund Narag, PhD, Matthew Giblin, PhD, Audrey Hickert, PhD, Kimberly Kras, PhD
- MS** University of Cincinnati, Criminal Justice 2016
Advisor: Bonnie Fisher, PhD
High Honors
- BS** Harrison College, Criminal Justice 2014
Honors
- AAS** Harrison College, Criminal Justice 2012
High Honors

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Research Interests

Corrections, Criminological Theory, Criminal Justice System, Research Methods, Survey Methodology, Comparative Criminology, Criminal Justice Policy, Sex Offender Policy and International Prison Governance

Research Experience

Field Research Coordinator, Tammy Kochel, PhD, Principal Investigator 2019-2020
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

“Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction Program,” St. Louis, MO

- Prepared and conducted annual training sessions to train new research assistants on how to perform systematic social observation and phone and in-person surveys
- Supervised a team of 7 research assistants
- Administered job schedule and field research assignments
- Organized and planned administrative functions related to field research
 - Reserved rental vehicles
 - Prepared paperwork for capturing field data
 - Approved time cards
 - Data entry
- Prepared and planned social systematic observation and in-person survey strategies
- Entered data collected in the field into Remark and web-based data entry software
- Frequently used Microsoft Access, Excel, SPSS statistics software to clean several waves of raw survey data

Research Assistant, Tammy Kochel, PhD, Principal Investigator
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

2018-2019

“Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction Program,” St. Louis, MO

“Partnership and Strategies to Reduce Violent Crime,” Springfield, Illinois

“Police Officer Implicit Bias Training,” St. Louis, MO

- Conducted primary research
- Analyzed crime data, calls for service data and arrest data
- Conducted systematic social observation
- Conducted in-person and phone surveys with participants from St. Louis, MO and Springfield, IL for multiple waves of a nationally funded research project
 - Research investigated citizens perceptions of police legitimacy and neighborhood levels of crime and collective efficacy
- Prepared and set up survey instruments in Remark
- Utilized survey methodology and analysis for community-based research
- Designed and monitored online survey utilizing Survey Monkey
- Researched and reported results of community approaches to solving issues relating to blight property
- Advised a midwestern police department of traffic management schemes to reduce crime on high-volume street segments
- Formatted and maintained codebooks for existing datasets

Research Assistant, Raymund Narag, PhD
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

2017-2019

- Conducted primary research in the Philippines
- Coded and analyzed offender interview data manually using Microsoft Excel
- Analyzed offender narratives to seek emerging themes
- Searched and summarized literature concerned with applying western criminological theories to an international context, comparative criminology, and consequences related to offender re-entry
- Collaborated on three manuscripts in preparation to send for journal publication consideration
- Presented findings of primary research at the Asian Criminology Society’s annual conference in Cebu City, Philippines

Research Assistant, Breanne Pleggenkuhle, PhD
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

2017

- Analyzed a large dataset to find additional lines of inquiry for future research considerations
- Used SPSS to clean several waves of raw qualitative data concerned with offender re-entry and residential mobility
- Presented findings of secondary research at the Midwest Criminal Justice Association annual conference in Chicago, IL

Works in Progress

Jerstad, S (In Progress.) The role of legislation for sex offenders living in long-term care facilities:
A statutory review

Jerstad, S & Narag, Raymund (In Progress.) Exploring factors related to post-release failures:
Evidence from the Philippines

Jerstad, S & Narag, Raymund (In Progress.) Shared governance: A collaborative approach to prison
experiences and offender re-entry

Jerstad, S & Narag, Raymund (In Progress.) Exploring factors related to post-release success:
Evidence from the Philippines

Presentations

- Paper Presentation**, “Exploring factors related to post-release success and failures: Evidence from the Philippines,” American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California 2019
- Paper Presentation**, “Shared governance: A collaborative approach to prison experiences and offender re-entry”, Asian Criminological Society, Cebu City, Philippines 2019
- Paper Presentation**, “Exploring factors related to post-release success: Evidence from the Philippines”, American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia 2018
- Paper Presentation**, “Changing conditions: How incarceration impacts residential context” Midwest Criminal Justice Association, Chicago, Illinois 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, Criminology and Criminal Justice

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

2020-Present

Introduction to Criminological Theory CCJ 290

Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems CCJ 201

- Developed course syllabus
- Produced and delivered lectures
- Designed and graded collaborative exams, weekly homework assignments, and final paper
- Incorporated adult learning principles
- Mentored undergraduate students

Teaching Assistant, Criminology and Criminal Justice

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

2017-2020

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Raymund Narag, *Introduction to Criminal Justice Research*

- Attended class to assist the professor with classroom engagement
- Recorded weekly attendance and graded weekly course assignments
- Proctored and graded final exam
- Assisted students with final course project, including analyzing their survey data using SPSS statistics
- Delivered lecture in the professor’s absence

Teaching Assistant, Criminology and Criminal Justice

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

2017-2020

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Breanne Pleggenkuhle, *Effective Correctional Practices*

- Attended class to assist the professor with classroom engagement
- Recorded weekly attendance
- Graded weekly course assignments
- Proctored final exam
- Delivered lecture in the professor’s absence

Guest Lectures

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Southern Illinois University, *Introduction to Criminological Theory*

2019

Department of Social Work, Southern Illinois University, *Research Methods*, Graduate level

2019

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Southern Illinois University, *Introduction to Corrections*

2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

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- Case Manager**, Volunteers of America, Evansville, IN 2014-2017
“Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)”, Funded in whole by the Department of Veteran Affairs
- Developed individualize case management plan to assist veterans who were homeless or in imminent risk of losing their permanent nighttime shelter
 - Worked with area (15 counties) landlords to assist veterans with housing applications, acquisition of required documentation, payment of deposits, and purchased housing supplies necessary for housing stability
 - Wrote community grant proposals to secure small grants to support homeless veterans that was not covered by the budget
 - Assisted veterans with Social Security insurance and disability benefits
- Loss Prevention Specialist**, T.J. Maxx Distribution Center, Evansville, IN 2012-2014
- Led, conducted and delivered results regarding investigations of employee and vendor Theft and Fraud
 - Prepared prompt and complete reports of employee and vendor Theft and Fraud
 - Delivered results through policy Guidance, Education, and Mitigation strategies to help meet business demands
 - Analyzed data, conducted audits and identified trends to create actionable plans to mitigate risk
 - Maintained confidentiality in matters involving security and/or personnel issues in the work place
 - Effectively partnered with internal customers in evaluating current and future security services, processes and initiatives
 - Trained and oriented new Associates in LP culture
 - Developed projects while continuously improving physical security, processes, standards, training, and policies for future growth
 - Promoted and executed security best practices
 - Audited physical security infrastructure (i.e. intrusion detection, access control, cameras) and ensured functionally of all systems
- Volunteer Supervisor**, Vanderburgh County CASA, Evansville, IN 2010-2012
- Provided professional support to volunteer advocates of children under the supervision of the Department of Child and Family Services
 - Attended court hearings and other family or team meetings as needed
 - Assisted volunteers with the writing of court report, as well as proofread and edit their reports as needed
 - Provided training and mentoring to new volunteer trainees
 - Effectively communicated with abused and/or neglected children, court personnel, caseworkers, foster parents and biological parents as needed
- Associate Director**, American Diabetes Association, Evansville, IN 2005-2010
- Managed a 15-county area in southern Indiana
 - Supervised staff and agency volunteers
 - Created and executed fundraising strategies to raise \$300,000 annually from corporations and worked to grow additional sources of revenue
 - Developed and nurtured corporate and community relationships to accomplish local area financial goals
 - Secured corporate and individual sponsorships, retail campaigns, grants, donations and other partnerships to advance the organization’s mission
 - Developed revenue projections and provided financial analysis
 - Recruited high-level volunteers to provide local leadership, resources and partnerships
 - Delivered a high level of customer service to all constituents
 - Engaged in advocacy efforts relating to education and healthcare

- District Director, Muscular Dystrophy Association** 1998-2004
- Managed a 25-county area in southern Indiana and western Kentucky
 - Supervised staff, temporary employees and agency volunteers
 - Created and executed fundraising strategies to raise \$1,000,000 annually from corporations, local fundraising events and worked to grow additional sources of revenue
 - Developed and nurtured corporate and community relationships to accomplish local area financial goals
 - Secured corporate and individual sponsorships, retail campaigns, grants, donations and other partnerships to advance the organization's mission
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HONORS AND AWARDS

Keynote Address, "The 3 M's to success after Graduation," Harrison College Graduation Ceremony 2017

Indiana Criminal Justice Association Scholarship Recipient Scholarship awarded to a member and full-time student majoring in criminal justice 2012

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery 2016-Present

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Description: SOAR Case Manager, a program designed to increase access to SSI/SSDI for eligible adults and children who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and have serious mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder

Indiana Criminal Justice Association Leadership Academy 2012-2013

Description: One-year professional development academy to foster leadership skills for emerging criminal justice leaders

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology 2010-Present

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2010-Present

Asian Criminological Society 2019-Present

PROFESSIONAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

President 2019-Present

Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization, Southern Illinois University

Task Force Member 2019-2020

Southern Illinois University, University Benefits committee member, Graduate Assistant Union representative

Vice-President 2017-2019

Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization, Southern Illinois University

Task Force Member 2015-2016

University of Cincinnati, eLearning Strategic Plan, Distance Learner student representative

Task Force Member 2014

Harrison College, Learning Management System, Distance Learner student representative

Peer-Reviewed Articles for:

- Criminal Justice and Behavior
- Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sparrow Coalition 2018-2019

Co-President, Carbondale, IL

Warrick County Court Appointed Special Advocate 2005-2010

Officer of the Court, Warrick County, IN

Angel Food Ministries 2005-2007

Director, Newburgh, IN

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Applications: SPSS, Remark, MS Office Suite (Access, Excel, PowerPoint, Word), Stata (familiar), MPlus (familiar)

REFERENCES

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