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### **EDUCATION**

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- Doctorate of Philosophy in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park, graduated in August, 2017.
    - Dissertation Title: “Evaluating Racial Disparities Across Multiple Dispositional Outcomes in the Criminal Court System for Felony Cases”
    - Dissertation Committee: Thomas Loughran (chair), Brian Johnson, Jean McGloin, Lauren Porter, Wayne McIntosh
  - Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park, graduated in May, 2014.
  - Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park, graduated in May, 2011.
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### **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS**

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University at Albany, SUNY, School of Criminal Justice  
Associate Professor (with Tenure)  
Assistant Professor

September 2023 – Present  
September 2017 – August 2023

Northwestern University, Northwestern Network and Neighborhood Initiative  
Faculty Affiliate

February 2020 – Present

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### **OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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University of Maryland, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice  
Research Assistant to Professor Paternoster  
Research Assistant to Associate Professor Maimon  
Cybercrime Research Group Member

May 2014 – March 2017  
July 2012 – May 2014  
October 2011 – May 2014

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### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Faculty Mentor of the Year Award  
Hindelang Research Award (\$3,850)  
All-S.T.A.R. Fellowship (\$10,000)  
International Research Fellowship (\$2,000)

May 2025  
December 2017  
August 2016 – May 2017  
August 2012

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## EXTERNAL FUNDING

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### AWARDED GRANTS

- “Deterrence and Deterrability in Transportation Security” October 2024 – Terminated by DHS  
Co-Principal Investigator with Brandon Behlendorf (PI)  
US Department of Homeland Security (\$454,015)
- “Toward the Understanding & Support of Violence Intervention Workers: Deepening & Expanding the Violence Intervention Worker Study (VIEWS)” March 2023 – May 2025  
Co-Investigator with David Hureau (PI)  
Fund for Safer Futures (\$240,000)
- “Understanding the Inequalities of Gun Punishment” May 2020 – January 2023  
Co-Principal Investigator with David Hureau (PI)  
The Joyce Foundation (\$142,283)

### PROPOSALS NOT FUNDED

- ““It is Not Plea Bargaining. It is Coercion.” Guilty Plea Decision Making with Incarcerated Individuals” March 2025  
Principal Investigator with Christi Metcalfe  
The Russell Sage Foundation (Requested \$46,500)
- “The Contextual Process of Bystander Intervention in Bias-Motivated Violent Victimization: An Experimental Approach” May 2023  
Principal Investigator with Brandon Behlendorf and Dana Peterson  
National Institute of Justice (Requested \$799,827)
- “The Contextual Process of Bystander Intervention in Bias-Motivated Violent Victimization: An Experimental Approach” May 2022  
Principal Investigator with Brandon Behlendorf and Dana Peterson  
National Institute of Justice (Requested \$723,650)
- “A Methodologically Rigorous Multi-Site Evaluation of In-Jail Provision of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder, Wrap-Around Re-Entry Service, and 3-Year Recidivism” April 2021  
Co-Investigator with Tomoko Udo (PI) and Melissa Tracy  
National Institute of Justice (Requested \$1,528,603)
- “Police Responses to Low-Level Offenses in the Wake of COVID-19” November 2020  
Principal Investigator with Samantha Penta and Megan Kurlychek  
The Russell Sage Foundation (Requested \$30,000)

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## RESEARCH

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Offender Decision Making
  - Integrating components of behavioral economics into criminological models of offender decision making
- Criminal Justice Practitioner Decision Making
  - Understanding criminal justice system processing
  - Integrating components of behavioral economics and psychology into evaluating decision making by criminal justice practitioners
- Quantitative methods
  - Simulations
  - Parametric assumptions and consequences to their violation

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

\* denotes graduate student author at the time of manuscript submission.

- Metcalfe, Christi, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2025. “Comparability of YouGov and Qualtrics Samples in Survey Experiments: A Short Report.” Accepted at *Journal of Experimental Criminology*.
- Thompson<sup>#</sup>, Andrew, **Theodore Wilson**<sup>#</sup>, & Brandon Behlendorf. 2025. “Is Updating Racialized? Differential Effects of (Dis)Respectful Police Contact on Perceptions of Police Legitimacy.” Accepted at *Criminology*.
  - <sup>#</sup> denotes equal authorship on work
- **Wilson, Theodore**, Shi Yan, Matthew Kijowski, & Jacob Forston\*. 2025. “Testing an Expanded Model of Deterrence Applied to Guilty Plea Decision Making.” Online First at *Justice Quarterly*.
- **Wilson, Theodore**, & Brandon Behlendorf. 2025. “Report: Visual Deterrence in Transportation Security – A Replication and Extension.” Online First at *Journal of Experimental Criminology*.
- Silver, Amber, Natt Cohen, **Theodore Wilson**, & Brandon Behlendorf. 2025. Exploring the Interplay Between Threat Appraisal, Efficacy Appraisal, and Behavior Change During a “Once-in-a-Lifetime” Storm. *Proceedings of the International ISCRAM Conference*.
  - Recipient of Best Research Paper Runner-Up Award from ISCRAM.
- Behlendorf<sup>#</sup>, Brandon, & **Theodore Wilson**<sup>#</sup>. 2025. “Security Theatrics: The Role of Visual Cues in Simulated Attacker Target Selection.” *Crime and Delinquency* 71(3).
  - <sup>#</sup> denotes equal authorship on work
- Kijowski\*, Matthew, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2023. “Integrating Subjectively-Derived Choice Sets to Expand Offender Decision-Making.” *Journal of Crime and Justice* 46(1): 24-43.
- Hureau, David M., **Theodore Wilson**, Hilary M. Jackl\*, Jalon Arthur, Christopher Patterson, & Andrew V. Papachristos. 2022. “Exposure to Gun Violence Among the Population of Chicago Community Violence Interventionists.” *Science Advances* 8(51).
- Hureau, David M., **Theodore Wilson**, Wayne Rivera, & Andrew V. Papachristos. 2022. “The Experience of Secondary Traumatic Stress among Community Violence Interventionists in Chicago.” *Preventive Medicine* 165.
- Jaynes, Chae Mamayek, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2022. “Dreading Delayed Punishment: Reconceptualizing Sanction ‘Celerity.’” *Journal of Crime and Justice* 45(3): 285-303.
- Kijowski\*, Matthew, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2022. “Examining How Conditioning on Different Wave Lengths Alters Sample Characteristics and Results in a Panel Dataset of Youth Who Have Committed Serious Offenses.” *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology* 8(3): 481-515.
- Kijowski\*, Matthew, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2022. “Examining the Effect of Residential Mobility on Crime Through the Mechanism of Perceived Informal Social Costs.” *Crime and Delinquency* 68(11): 2033-2060.

- Thompson\*, Andrew, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2022. "Procedural (In)Justice as Inclusivity and Marginalization: Evidence from a Longitudinal Study of Mexican-American Adolescents." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 59(1): 44-81.
- Hureau#, David, & **Theodore Wilson**#. 2021. "The Comorbidity of Illegal Gun Carrying and Gun Violence Exposure: Evidence for Practitioners." *American Journal of Epidemiology* 190(12): 2544-2551.
  - # denotes equal authorship on manuscript
- Garnier-Dykstra#, Laura M., & **Theodore Wilson**#. 2021. "Behavioral economics and framing effects in guilty pleas: A defendant decision making experiment." *Justice Quarterly* 38(2): 224-248.
  - # denotes equal authorship on manuscript
- Pickett, Justin, JC Barnes, **Theodore Wilson**, & Sean Roche. 2020. "Prospect Theory and Criminal Choice: Experiments Testing Framing, Reference Dependence, and Decision Weights." *Justice Quarterly* 37(6): 1140-1168.
- Roche, Sean, **Theodore Wilson**, & Justin Pickett. 2020. "Perceived Control, Severity, Certainty and Emotional Fear: Testing an Expanded Model of Deterrence." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 57(4): 493-531.
- **Wilson, Theodore**, Tom Loughran, & Robert Brame. 2020. "Substantial Bias in the Tobit Estimator – Making a Case for Alternatives." *Justice Quarterly* 37(2): 231-257.
- **Wilson, Theodore**. 2019. "Behavioral Economics and Courtroom Actor Decision Making." *Criminology and Public Policy* 18(4): 785-805.
- Paternoster, Ray, Chae Mamayek Jaynes, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2017. "Rational Choice Theory and Interest in the 'Fortune of Others.'" *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 54(6): 847-868.
- **Wilson, Theodore**, Ray Paternoster, & Tom Loughran. 2017. "Direct and Indirect Experiential Effects in an Updating Model of Deterrence: A Research Note." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 54(1): 63-77.
- Loughran, Tom, Ray Paternoster, Aaron Chalfin, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2016. "Can Rational Choice Be Considered a General Theory of Crime? Evidence from Individual-Level Panel Data." *Criminology* 54(1): 86-112.
- Loughran, Tom, **Theodore Wilson**, Dan Nagin, & Alex Piquero. 2015. "Evolutionary Regression? Assessing the Problem of Hidden Biases in Criminal Justice Applications using Propensity Scores." *Journal of Experimental Criminology* 11(4): 631-652.
- Maimon, David, **Theodore Wilson**, Wuling Ren, & Tamar Berenblum. 2015. "On the Relevance of Spatial and Temporal Dimensions in Assessing Computer Susceptibility to System Trespassing Incidents." *British Journal of Criminology* 55(3): 615-634.
- **Wilson, Theodore**, David Maimon, Bertrand Sobseto, & Michel Cukier. 2015. "The Effect of a Surveillance Banner in an Attacked Computer System: Additional Evidence for the Relevance of Restrictive Deterrence in Cyberspace." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 52(6): 829-855.

## UNREFEREED BOOKS

- Bachman, Ronet, Raymond Paternoster, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2021. Statistical Methods for Criminology and Criminal Justice, 5<sup>th</sup> edition. Sage Publishing.

## GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER REPORTS

- Behlendorf, Brandon, **Theodore Wilson**, Gary Ackerman, Anna Wetzel, & Douglas Clifford. 2022. "Assessing the Visually Deterrent Capabilities of Security Infrastructure at Transportation Security

Checkpoints: An Experimental Approach.” Prepared for the Center for Accelerating Operational Efficiency, a Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Thompson, Andrew, **Theodore Wilson**, & Brandon Behlendorf. 2025. “Is Updating Racialized? Differential Asymmetric Effects of (Dis)respectful police contact on perceptions of police legitimacy.” Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.
- Behlendorf, Brandon, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2024. “The Converse Effects of Negative and Positive Police Experiences on Legitimacy: Updating Results from Pathways to Desistance Study.” The Stockholm Criminology Symposium. Stockholm, Sweden.
- Yan, Shi, **Theodore Wilson**, Matthew Kijowski, & Jacob Forston. 2023. “Testing an Expanded Model of Deterrence Applied to Guilty Plea Decision-Making.” Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Hureau, David M., **Theodore Wilson**, Hilary Jackl, Jalon Arthur, Christopher Patterson, & Andrew Papachristos. 2022. “Exposure to Gun Violence Among the Population of Chicago Community Violence Interventionists.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Hureau, David M., **Theodore Wilson**, Wayne Rivera, & Andrew Papachristos. 2022. “Secondary Traumatic Stress Among Chicago Violence Interventionists.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- **Wilson, Theodore**, Shi Yan, Matthew Kijowski, & Jacob Forston. 2022. “Certainty Perceptions in the Court: Relevance for Plea and Offender Decision Making Scholars.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- **Wilson, Theodore**, & David Hureau. 2021. “The Comorbidity of Gun Carrying with Gun Victimization.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.
- Kijowski, Matthew, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2021. “Examining how Conditioning on Different Wave Lengths in Panel Data Alters Sample Representativeness.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.
- **Wilson, Theodore**, & David Hureau. 2020. “The Comorbidity of Gun Carrying with Gun Victimization.” Accepted for Presentation at Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.
- Kijowski, Matthew, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2020. “Examining the Effect of Residential Mobility on Perceived Informal Social Costs.” Accepted for Presentation at Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington DC.
- Hureau, David M., Andrew V. Papachristos, **Theodore Wilson**, & Hilary Jackl. 2020. “Preliminary Results from a Survey of Street Outreach Workers.” Accepted for Presentation at Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington DC.
- **Wilson, Theodore**. 2019. “Public Defender Decision Making.” Invited Webcast to Indigent Defense Research Association.
- **Wilson, Theodore**, & Megan Kurlychek. 2019. “Cumulative Impact in Criminal Justice Processing: An Examination Across Decision Points in New York State.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Darby, Maureen, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2019. “Police Discretion and the Racial Disparities in Arrests of NY PL 265.01 and PL 265.02.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Herman, Shaina, **Theodore Wilson**, & Justin Pickett. 2019. “A Longitudinal Examination of Remorselessness and Offending.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

- Kijowski, Matthew, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2019. "Expanding Offender Decision-Making: A Choice Set Approach." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Thompson, Andrew, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2019. "Assimilation and Marginalization: Do Changes in Subjective Procedural Justice Influence Assimilation Among Mexican American Adolescents?" Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- **Wilson, Theodore**. 2018. "Public Defender Plea Decision Making." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Gagnon, Alysha M., Evelien Hoebe, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2018. "Under Pressure: The Role of Peer Influence on Making Risky Decisions." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Hureau, David, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2018. "Gun Mandatory Minimums, Incarceration, and Racial Disparity." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Jaynes, Chae Mamayek, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2018. "Reconceptualizing Sanction 'Celerity'." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Kijowski, Matthew, **Theodore Wilson**, & Chae Mamayek Jaynes. 2018. "Attitudes on Sentence Severity: Focal Concerns and Outcome Bias." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Pickett, Justin Tyler, J.C. Barnes, **Theodore Wilson**, & Sean Patrick Roche. 2018. "Prospect Theodore and Criminal Choice: Experiments Testing Framing, Reference Dependence, and Decision Weights." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Reynolds, Danielle, Paul Taylor, & **Theodore Wilson**. 2018. "Goal Conflict and Decision Making in Police Encounters with Suicidal Subjects." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Roche, Sean Patrick, **Theodore Wilson**, & Justin Pickett. 2018. "Testing a Risk Sensitivity Model of Deterrent Fear." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- **Wilson, Theodore**. 2018. "Behavioral Economics and Framing Effects in Guilty Pleas: A Defendant Decision Making Experiment." Decision Making Symposium, University at Albany, SUNY.
- **Wilson, Theodore**, & Laura Garnier-Dykstra. 2017. "Framing Effects and the Decision to Accept a Plea Deal." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
- **Wilson, Theodore**, James Jessup, & Ray Paternoster. 2016. "Beyond the Vignette: Mapping Offender Decision-Making." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.
- **Wilson, Theodore**, Ray Paternoster, & Tom Loughran. 2015. "Romantic Partnerships – Beyond the Dyad" Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.
- **Wilson, Theodore** & Tom Loughran. 2014. "Direct and Indirect Effects in a Bayesian Learning Model of Deterrence" Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- **Wilson, Theodore**, David Maimon, & Michel Cukier. 2013. "Restrictive Deterrence and the Severity of Hackers' Attacks on a Compromised Computer System" Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Maimon, David, **Theodore Wilson**, Bertrand Sobesto, Ren Wulling, & Tamar Berenblum. 2013. "Restrictive Deterrence and Session Lock Policies: Preliminary Findings." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Maimon, David, **Theodore Wilson**, Michel Cukier, Gary LaFree, & Anthony Lemieux. 2013. "Think Before You Click! The Effect of a Cyber Awareness Campaign on Computer Network's Reported Intrusion Alerts. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- **Wilson, Theodore**. 2013. "Cyber Surveillance and the Severity of Hacker's Attacks on Compromised Computer Systems" BRIDGES, College Park, MD.
- **Wilson, Theodore**, David Maimon, & Michel Cukier. 2012. "Experimentation: Warning Honeypots and Reoffending" Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, MI.

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## TEACHING

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### COURSES TAUGHT

Offender Decision Making (RCRJ496Z; B.A., University at Albany)  
Applied Statistics I (RCRJ504; M.A., University at Albany)  
Deterrence and Offender Decision Making (RCRJ632; M.A./Ph.D., University at Albany)  
Statistical Techniques in Criminal Justice I (RCRJ681; Ph.D., University at Albany)  
Longitudinal Data Analysis (RCRJ710; Ph.D., University at Albany)  
Introduction to Justice Research II (JLC681; M.A., American University)

### GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES

#### Current:

Member, Dissertation Committee – Nathaniel Schutten  
Chair, Dissertation Committee – Stefana LoTempio  
Outside Member, Dissertation Committee – Jeesoo Jung (University at Albany - SSW)  
Chair, Comprehensive Exam Committee – Manuela Brunner Carrasco

#### Defended:

Member, Dissertation Committee – Guillermo Escano (Defended Spring 2025)  
Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee – Taylor Oathout (Defended Spring 2025)  
Chair, Dissertation Committee – James Hubbell (Defended Summer 2024)  
Outside Member, Dissertation Committee – Emily Suiter (University of South Carolina) (Defended Summer 2024)  
Outside Member, Thesis Committee – Carolyn Solimine (University at Albany – CEHC) (Defended Summer 2024)  
Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee – Lichen Chu (Defended Fall 2023)  
Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee – Stefana LoTempio (Defended Summer 2023)  
Chair, Dissertation Committee – Matthew Kijowski (Defended Summer 2023)  
Member, Dissertation Committee – Shaina Herman (Defended Spring 2023)  
Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee – Hilary Jackl (Defended Fall 2022)  
Member, Dissertation Committee – Andrew Thompson (Defended Fall 2022)  
Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee – Guillermo Escano (Defended Summer 2022)  
Outside Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee – Emily Suiter (University of South Carolina) (Defended Summer 2022)  
Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee – Stefan Ivanov (Defended Spring 2022)  
Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee – Alysha Gagnon (Defended Summer 2021)  
Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee – Benjamin Kuettel (Defended Fall 2020)  
Chair, Comprehensive Exam Committee – Zachariah Biggers (Defended Summer 2020)  
Chair, Comprehensive Exam Committee – Maureen Darby (Defended Summer 2020)  
Member, Dissertation Committee – Luzi Shi (Defended Summer 2020)  
Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee – Byungu Kang (Defended Spring 2020)  
Chair, Comprehensive Exam Committee – Matthew Kijowski (Defended Fall 2019)  
Member, Comprehensive Exam Committee – Shaina Herman (Defended Spring 2019)

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## SERVICE

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### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

#### *University at Albany*

Member, College of Integrated Health Sciences Bylaws Working Group	October 2024 – Present
Member, University Senate CAFFECOR	September 2024 – Present
Senate Representative, University Senate	September 2024 – Present
Member, Committee for Open and Accessible Scholarship and Teaching	September 2024 – Present
Member, Open Access Policy Implementation Group	September 2021 – September 2024
Member, Downtown Campus & Health Campus Dining Committee	October 2021 – May 2023
Member, Open Access Policy Working Group	November 2018 – September 2021

#### *Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy*

Member, Rockefeller College Strategic Planning Committee	February 2024 – Present
Member, Rockefeller College Dean Search Committee	September 2021 – August 2022

#### *School of Criminal Justice*

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee	September 2024 – December 2024
Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee	September 2022 – August 2024
Member, Hiring Committee	August 2022 – April 2023
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee	September 2020 – August 2022
Member, Graduate Committee	September 2019 – August 2020
Member, Hiring Committee	July 2019 – December 2019
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee	September 2018 – August 2019
Member, Committee on Student Performance	September 2017 – August 2018

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Program Committee for Annual Meeting of *American Society of Criminology*
  - Sub-area chair for Sentencing for 2021 Annual Meeting in Chicago
- Research Support to Practitioners
  - Academic Liaison, Niskayuna Police Department (NPD)
  - Academic Partner, New York's Criminal Justice Research Consortium
  - Member, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Evaluation Group
- Editorial Board Member at *Criminology*
- Periodic Reviewer
  - *Criminology*; *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*; *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*; *Justice Quarterly*; *Social Problems*; *Social Forces*; *Journal of Experimental Criminology*; *Criminology & Public Policy*; *Journal of Crime and Justice*; *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*; *Health & Justice*; *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*; *Scientific Reports*; *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*; *Psychology, Crime and Law*; *Psychological Science*
- External Data Auditor for Measures for Justice