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Education

- 2014 Ph.D., *Criminology & Criminal Justice*, University of Missouri-St. Louis
The Role of Violence within and across Self-identified Gang Youth.
Finn-Aage Esbensen (Chair), Beth M. Huebner, Terrance J. Taylor,
Jody Miller (Rutgers University), & Dena C. Carson (Indiana University
Indianapolis)
- 2008 M.S.C.J., *Criminal Justice*, Bowling Green State University
*Do Unto Others: Correlations Between Specific Juvenile Delinquency and
Victimization Experiences.*
Steven P. Lab (Chair) & Michael E. Buerger
- 2007 B.S.C.J., *Criminal Justice (magna cum laude)*, Bowling Green State University
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- 2024 *Ignatian Pedagogy Certificate*, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy,
Loyola University Chicago
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Substantive Interests

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| ▪ Youth Violence & Victimization | ▪ Youth Gangs |
| ▪ Causes & Consequences of Victimization | ▪ Community & Social Justice |
| ▪ Research & Evaluation Methods | ▪ Qualitative Methods |
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Current Academic Appointment

- 2026 – Present *Teaching Associate Professor*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology,
Associate Graduate Faculty, The Graduate School,
Loyola University Chicago

Prior Academic Appointments

- 2022 – 2026 *Lecturer*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, and
Associate Graduate Faculty, The Graduate School,
Loyola University Chicago
- 2021 – 2022 *Professional Lecturer*, Department of Criminology,
DePaul University
- 2014 – 2021 *Assistant Professor*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, and
Associate Graduate Faculty, The Graduate School,
Loyola University Chicago
- 2013 – 2014 *Assistant Professor*, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice,
Western Carolina University
- 2011 *Instructor*, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice,
University of Missouri-St. Louis
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Refereed Journal Articles

- Vecchio, J. Michael**, and Dena C. Carson. 2023. Understanding the role of violence and conflict across the gang tenure. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 21(1):27-43. [[Publisher link](#)]
- Vecchio, J. Michael**. 2013. Once bitten, thrice wise: The varying effects of victimization on routine activities and risk management. *Deviant Behavior* 34(3):169-190. [[Publisher link](#); [eCommons link](#)]
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Book Chapters

- Carson, Dena C., and **J. Michael Vecchio**. 2025. Understanding Gang Violence: Extent, Causes, Consequences, and Solutions. In the *Research Handbook on Violent Crime and Society*, eds. Wendy C. Regoeczi and Terance D. Miethe: Edward Elgar Publishing Limited. [[Publisher link](#); [Google Books link](#)]
- Carson, Dena C., and **J. Michael Vecchio**. 2015. Leaving the gang: A review and thoughts on future research. In *The Wiley Handbook of Gangs*, eds. Scott H. Decker and David C. Pyrooz, New York: Wiley-Blackwell. [[eCommons link](#); [Google Books link](#)]
- Taylor, Terrance J., and **J. Michael Vecchio**. 2014. Youth Gangs: An Overview of Key Findings and Directions for the Future. In *Violent Offenders: Understanding and Assessment*, eds. Christina A. Pietz and Curtis A. Mattson, New York: Oxford University Press. [[eCommons link](#); [Google Books link](#)]

Technical Reports & Other Publications

Vecchio, J. Michael. 2010. “Messin’ with drugs...you could lose your life”: The effect of victimization on routine activities and risk management. In *Men’s Drug Use and Re-Entry Challenges in St. Louis: The Role and Impact of the Gateway Foundation*, ed. Jody Miller. Research report submitted to the Gateway Foundation, the Missouri Department of Corrections, and the Missouri Department of Mental Health. [[eCommons link](#)]

Miller, Jody, Debarr, Mark, Namgung, Hyon, **Vecchio, J. Michael**, and Stephanie Wiley. 2010. Study Methodology. In *Men’s Drug Use and Re-Entry Challenges in St. Louis: The Role and Impact of the Gateway Foundation*, ed. Jody Miller. Research report submitted to the Gateway Foundation, the Missouri Department of Corrections, and the Missouri Department of Mental Health. [[eCommons link](#)]

Vecchio, J. Michael. 2010. Moving from the Masters to Doctoral Level. In *The MCJA Minute* 1(1), ed. **J. Michael Vecchio**. Original contribution to the newsletter of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association.

Research & Grant Experience

2017 – 2021 *Supporting Researcher*, BRAVE (Building Resilience Against Violence Engagement) Minority Youth Violence Prevention funded by the Office of Minority Health, \$1,700,000 (YEPMP170101). Principal Investigator: Caleb K. Kim.

2011 – 2013 *Research Assistant*, A Multi-method, Multi-site Study of Gang Desistance funded by the National Institute of Justice, \$501,337 (2011-MU-MU-0027). Principal Investigator: Finn-Aage Esbensen.

2008 – 2013 *Research Assistant*, Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program funded by the National Institute of Justice, \$2,497,585 (2006-JV-FX-0011). Principal Investigator: Finn-Aage Esbensen.

2010 *Interviewer*, Men’s Drug Use, Crime, and the Efficacy of Treatment funded by the University of Missouri-St. Louis (Grant Incentive Fund). Principal Investigator: Jody Miller.

Unfunded Proposals

2017 *Investigator Development Core*, PEACE (Positive Effective Adolescent Connections for Empowerment) Institute at Loyola University Chicago. Unfunded – National Institute for Minority Health and Health Disparities. Principal Investigator: Maryse Richards.

Research & Grant Experience (cont.)

Unfunded Proposals (cont.)

- 2014 *Supporting Researcher*, Process and Outcome Evaluation of the G.R.E.A.T. Families Component. Unfunded – National Institute of Justice. Principal Investigator: Chris Melde.

Supervised Student Research

Loyola University Chicago

- 2023 – Present *Faculty Advisor* (CJC 408) – Graduate Program, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- Schrage, Ava. *Functional Family Therapy & Youth Gang Intervention*, September 2026 to Present.
 - Sanchez, Alicia. *An Examination on Gang Involvement and its Impact on Youth Levels of Offending*, October 2023 to May 2024.
- 2025 – Present *Faculty Reader* (CJC 408) – Graduate Program, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- Morales, Danielle. *Chicago Police Consent Decrees*, September 2026 to Present.
 - Shahar, Karni. *Intimate Partner Violence*, January 2026 to Present.
 - Gerbick, Rebekah (Beki). *Quality Friendships, Peer Behavior, and Delinquency*, January to May 2025.
- 2026 – Present *Faculty Advisor (Course Assistants)* – Graduate Program, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2026 Nuzman, Leah G. Restorative justice and gang desistance: Assessing the conditions for long-term change. – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association, Chicago, IL.
Winner – Undergraduate Student Paper Award
- 2026 Lutz, Sydney. Examining family-based interventions through the lens of addiction-affected family needs. – Poster Presentation – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association, Chicago, IL.
Winner – Undergraduate Student Registration Waiver Award
- 2016 Konefal, Kaitlyn Ann. School-based bullying: An overview of trends, problems, and steps towards a better future. – Poster Presentation – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association, Chicago, IL.
Honorable Mention – Undergraduate Student Paper Award

Supervised Student Research (cont.)

Loyola University Chicago (cont.)

- 2014 – 2017 *Faculty Research Advisor – Graduate Program, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology*
- Fahrner, Meggie. *Graduate Research Assistantship* (supervised 384 hours), August 2016 to May 2017.
 - Mahoney, Meghan. *Graduate Research Assistantship* (supervised 55 hours), February to May 2016.
 - Wszolek, Lora. *Graduate Research Assistantship* (supervised 222 hours), August 2015 to February 2016.
 - Frutos, Vivian. *Graduate Research Assistantship* (supervised 384 hours), August 2014 to May 2015.

Western Carolina University

- 2013 Park, Chulwon, Jeong, Dayeon, and Soojin Seong. Dynamics of School Violence in Korean Middle Schools. – Poster Presentation – American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- 2013 – 2014 *Undergraduate Honors Research Projects – The Honors College, Western Carolina University (WCU)*
- Atha, Sutton. Field Research in Criminology & Criminal Justice in Research Methods for Criminology & Criminal Justice (CJ 280), Spring 2014.
- 2013 – 2014 *Undergraduate Honors Research Projects – The Honors College, WCU (cont.)*
- Chase, Kayla. Field Research in Criminology & Criminal Justice in Research Methods for Criminology & Criminal Justice (CJ 280), Spring 2014.
 - Jaynes, Emily. Human Trafficking of United States Youth in Victimology (CJ 310), Spring 2014.
 - Lindsey, David. Domestic Partner Victimization in Victimology (CJ 310), Spring 2014.
 - Denver, Ryan. School-based bullying: A deep look into the epidemic in Violence in American Society (CJ 351), Fall 2013.
 - Marshall, Katie. Intimate partner violence in Violence in American Society (CJ 351), Fall 2013.
 - McKerlie, Rebecca. Hate crimes against members of the LGBT community: Trends and promising avenues of prevention in Violence in American Society (CJ 351), Fall 2013.

Teaching Experience

2022 – Present Loyola University Chicago

- *Teaching Associate Professor & Associate Graduate Faculty* (2026-Present)
- *Lecturer & Associate Graduate Faculty* (2022 – 2026)

Undergraduate:

- *Criminal Justice in a Global Context* (CJC 101) – 13 times
- *Theories of Criminal Behavior* (CJC 201) – 10 times
- *Policing* (CJC 203) – 2 times
- *Gangs* (CJC 352) – 3 times
- *Crime Prevention* (CJC 366) – 2 times
- *Victimology* (CJC 371) – 3 times

Graduate:

- *Theories of Criminal Behavior* (CJC 402) – 1 time

2021 – 2022 Professional Lecturer, DePaul University

- *The Criminal Legal System* (CRIM 101) – 1 time
- *Criminology Goes to the Movies* (CRIM 107) – 2 times
- *Gangs in Society* (CRIM 215) – 2 times
- *Juvenile Justice* (CRIM 235) – 1 time
- *Victimology* (CRIM 305) – 3 times

2014 – 2021 Assistant Professor & Associate Graduate Faculty, Loyola University Chicago

Undergraduate:

- *The Criminal Justice System* (CJC 101) – 5 times
- *Theories of Criminal Behavior* (CJC 201) – 8 times
- *Juvenile Justice System* (CJC 302) – 1 time
- *Gangs* (CJC 352) – 5 times
- *Crime Prevention* (CJC 366) – 1 time
- *Victimology* (CJC 371) – 1 time
- *Juvenile Delinquency* (CJC 395) – 1 time

Graduate:

- *Theories of Criminal Behavior* (CJC 402) – 5 times

2013 – 2014 Assistant Professor, Western Carolina University

- *Research Methods for Criminology & Criminal Justice* (CJ 280) – 2 times
- *Victimology* (CJ 310) – 1 time
- *Violence in American Society* (CJ 351) – 1 time
- *Crime Prevention* (CJ 493) – 1 time

2011 Instructor, University of Missouri-St. Louis

- *Research Methods in Criminology & Criminal Justice* (CRIM 2210) – 1 time

Teaching Experience (cont.)

2004 – 2006 *Co-Facilitator*, Bowling Green State University

- *University Success* (UNIV 100)

– 3 times

Teaching & Pedagogical Workshops Attended

2026 Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) Annual Conference.

- Teaching Without Easy Answers: Helping Student Think Through Controversial Issues in Criminal Justice
- Understanding the Process of Authoring and Editing Academic Books
- “War Stories” as a Teaching Tool
- Applied Criminology and the Common Good: Can Thoughtful Scholarship and Active Citizenship Coexist?
- Innovative Pedagogies and Training Models for Criminal Justice

2026 Student Success Blueprint: How to Support Your Students Outside the Classroom,
Student Academic Services, Loyola University Chicago.

2026 Student Success Strategy Overview, Office of the Provost, Loyola University Chicago.

2026 Program Array Open Forum, Office of the Provost, Loyola University Chicago.

2026 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Annual Conference.

2025 Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) Annual Conference.

- Mentoring Across Generation: Shaping Students, Scholars, & Careers
- Enhancing Classroom Teaching with Real-World Experiences
- Assistant Professors in Action: Adjusting & Academic Culture
- Criminal Justice Education: Innovations in Pedagogy, Assessment, & Program Excellence

2024 The Academic Labor Movement Now (2024-25 Feinberg Family Distinguished Lecture Series), Department of History, College of Humanities & Fine Arts, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

2024 MCJA Annual Conference.

- Enhancing Education with VR, Core Courses, and Interactive Assessments
- Being a Peer Reviewer for Criminology and Criminal Justice Journals: Strategies and Approaches
- Enhancing Classroom Teaching with Real-World Experiences

2024 Applying IP (Ignatian Pedagogy) Theme “*Cura Personalis*” to Classroom Strategies,
Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.

Teaching & Pedagogical Workshops Attended (cont.)

- 2024 Applying IP (Ignatian Pedagogy) Theme “Accompaniment” to Classroom Strategies, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2024 Applying IP (Ignatian Pedagogy) Theme “Contemplatives in Action” to Classroom Strategies, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2023 Ignatian Pedagogy and Related Pedagogical Theories: Feminist Pedagogy and Environmentalism, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2023 Ignatian Pedagogy and Related Pedagogical Theories: Anti-racist Pedagogy, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2023 MCJA Annual Conference.
- The Role of “War Stories” in the Teaching-Learning Process: Instruction Craft or Crap?
 - Criminal Justice Pedagogy Unicorns: Examining the Differences Between Theory and Practice in the Classroom
 - Criminal Justice Education: A Look Back to the Future
 - Criminal Justice Pedagogy
- 2023 Introduction to Ignatian Pedagogy, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2023 Union Steward Training, LUC Faculty Forward; Local 73, *Service Employees International Union* (SEIU).
- 2023 Seeing the Whole Student, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2023 Working Effectively with Graduate Students, the Graduate School; Office of the Provost, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2023 Weaving Ignatian Pedagogy into Your Course Design: Course Policies and Syllabus, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2023 What Makes Teaching at Loyola Different?, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2023 Protecting Academic Freedom, Empowering Muslim Students After the Hamline Controversy, Center for Security, Race, & Rights; School of Law, Rutgers University.
- 2023 Every Semester Needs a Plan/Guided Semester Planning Workshop, Center for Faculty Excellence; Office of the Provost, Loyola University Chicago.

Teaching & Pedagogical Workshops Attended (cont.)

- 2022 Inclusive Hiring, Division of Human Resources; Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2022 Classroom Disengagement: Strategies and Supports for Instructors, Academic Affair; Office of Online Learning; Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy; Wellness Center; Dean of Students; Student Accessibility Center, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2022 MCJA Annual Conference.
 - Sexual Harassment and Professional Misconduct at Academic Meetings
 - Criminal Justice Pedagogy
 - A Discussion on Mentoring Students
- 2022 Specifications Grading and Assessment Innovation, Office for Online Learning; Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, & Scholarship, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2022 Managing Zoom Fatigue, Center for Teaching & Learning; Teaching Commons, DePaul University.
- 2022 Consistent Course Design Using D2L Templates, Teaching Commons; Center for Teaching & Learning, DePaul University.
- 2022 Negotiating Identity in the Classroom and the Community, Steans Center for Community-based Service Learning, DePaul University.
- 2022 Building Your Capacity for Student Course Reflection, Steans Center for Community-based Service Learning, DePaul University.
- 2021 Classroom Technology Training, Information Services; Center for Teaching & Learning; Teaching Commons, DePaul University.
- 2021 How to Leverage D2L to Create a Course that “Sparks Joy”, Center for Teaching & Learning; Teaching Commons, DePaul University.
- 2021 Teaching Forward: Keeping the Best of Our Pandemic Pedagogy, Teaching Commons, DePaul University.
- 2021 Audio and Video Assignments Made Easy, Teaching Commons, DePaul University.
- 2021 Mental Wellness among Young Scholars, MCJA Annual Conference.
- 2021 Supporting Teaching at DePaul, Center for Teaching & Learning; University Center for Writing-Based Learning, DePaul University.

Teaching & Pedagogical Workshops Attended (cont.)

- 2021 Supporting Minority Students & Junior Faculty: Understanding How to be an Ally, Division of Victimology, American Society of Criminology.
 - 2021 Bullying in Academia, Division of Victimology, American Society of Criminology.
 - 2020 Educating for Justice, Wholeness, & Liberation Teaching through Sentipensante Pedagogy Workshop, National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity; Office of Academic Diversity, Office of the Provost, Loyola University Chicago.
 - 2019 Odyssey Project Envisioning Workshop: Reimagining Freedom Workshop, Envisioning Justice; Illinois Humanities; Safety & Justice Challenge, MacArthur Foundation.
 - 2015 Getting it Right: Ethics for Social Service Providers Workshop, Counseling Center & Department of Psychology–Clinical Program, Bowling Green State University.
 - 2014 Focus on Teaching and Learning Workshop, Loyola University Chicago.
 - 2014 Supporting Student Success Workshop, Division of Student Success, Western Carolina University.
 - 2013 Liberal Studies Advising Workshop, Advising Center, Western Carolina University.
 - 2013 Coulter Faculty Commons Day Workshop, Coulter Faculty Commons for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, Western Carolina University.
 - 2013 Supporting You & Supporting Students Matter Workshop, Western Carolina University.
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Invited Presentations

- 2018 Delinquency & Drift in *Theories of Criminal Behavior* (CJC 201), Loyola University Chicago.
- 2018 The Role & Influence of Gangs in Youth Behavior & Violence, Civitas ChildLaw Center – School of Law, Loyola University Chicago.
- 2016 Youth Gang Joining & Leaving: Motivations & Methods in ‘*Community Gang Education & Awareness, Course II*’, Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office – Community Justice Center-South Side & Chicago Police Department – 22nd District.
- 2014 National Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program & A Multi-method, Multi-site Study of Gang Desistance in *Research Methods in Criminology & Criminal Justice* (CJ 280), Western Carolina University.

Invited Presentations (cont.)

- 2012 Youth Gangs in *Juvenile Justice* (CRJ 123), St. Louis Community College–Meramec.
- 2012 National Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program in *Research Methods in Criminology & Criminal Justice* (CRIM 2210), University of Missouri-St. Louis.
- 2011 Youth Gangs in *Violence in America* (CRIM 1150), University of Missouri-St. Louis.
- 2011 Youth Violence in *Violence in America* (CRIM 1150), University of Missouri-St. Louis.
- 2011 Juvenile Corrections & Aftercare in *Juvenile Justice & Delinquency* (CRIM 3270), University of Missouri-St. Louis.
- 2011 Gang Delinquency in *Juvenile Justice & Delinquency* (CRIM 3270), University of Missouri-St. Louis.
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Professional Presentations

- 2026 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** Region 3 Business Meeting – Midwest. – Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 **Vecchio, J. Michael,** Stemen, Don D., and Dave E. Olson. Sentencing the emerging adult: The effects of age, race, and gender on sentence outcomes in Illinois. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** Stash, duck, and dash: Strategies to elude the police. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 Owens, Jennifer Gatewood, and **J. Michael Vecchio.** Is gang victimization more detrimental?: An exploration of gang violence using the NCVS. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** Police ain't dumb—they job to catch you: Managing risk in the drug economy. – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Carson, Dena C. **Vecchio, J. Michael,** and Dana Peterson. The Desistance Study. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** Mixed methods assessment of the role of violence and gang desistance. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Professional Presentations (cont.)

- 2012 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** Pathways into and out of youth gangs. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2012 **Vecchio, J. Michael,** and Terrance J. Taylor. Youth victimization and gender effects on target hardening behaviors, perceived risk, and fear of crime. – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2011 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** Exploring and theorizing youth gang leaving. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2010 **Vecchio, J. Michael,** Peterson, Dana, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. The apostasy of the gang: Motivations for youth gang desistance. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2010 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** “Messin’ with drugs...you could lose your life”: The effect of victimization on routine activities and risk management in the drug economy. – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
Honorable Mention – Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2009 **Vecchio, J. Michael,** Esbensen, Finn-Aage, and Terrance J. Taylor. Self-control, delinquent lifestyles, and subsequent victimization. – American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009 Haberman, Cory P., and **J. Michael Vecchio.** Theft from within the ivory tower: The proliferation of technology and campus victimization trends. – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2009 Haberman, Cory P., and **J. Michael Vecchio.** Targets of opportunity: New consumer technology and campus larceny victimization. – Poster Presentation – Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference, Boston, MA.
- 2008 **Vecchio, J. Michael.** Do unto others: Correlations between specific juvenile delinquency and victimization experiences. – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
Winner – Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2007 **Vecchio, J. Michael,** and Melissa W. Burek. Location, location, location: Do environmental factors influence drinking rates? – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2007 Burek, Melissa W., **Vecchio, J. Michael,** and Hector Hernandez. Libations and locale: Structural influences on campus drinking rates. – Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

Undergraduate & Graduate Student Service

Loyola University Chicago

- 2023 – Present *Applied Research (CJC 408) Faculty Advisor & Grader*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2026 – Present *Course Assistants Faculty Advisor*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2023 *Comprehensive Exam Grader*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2014 – 2021 *Comprehensive Exam Grader*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2019 *Faculty Representative – Majors & Minors Fair*, Student Academic Services
- 2018 *Faculty Representative – University Open House*, Office of Admissions
- 2018 *Faculty Representative – Majors & Minors Fair*, Student Academic Services
- 2017 *Faculty Representative – Career & Graduate School Fair*, Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Faculty Representative – Career & Graduate School Fair*, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Faculty Reviewer – Gad J. Bensinger Graduate Award*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2015 *Faculty Representative – University Open House*, Office of Admissions
- 2014 *Faculty Representative – Career & Graduate School Fair*, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

DePaul University

- 2022 *Faculty Representative – Criminology Senior Night*, Department of Criminology
- 2022 *Faculty Reviewer – Outstanding Senior Award*, Department of Criminology
- 2021 *Faculty Representative – Open House*, Criminology Program

Western Carolina University

- 2013 – 2014 *Open House Planning Committee*, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
- 2014 *Faculty Presenter & Representative*, Academic Department Session – University Open House, Office of Admissions
- 2014 *Faculty Presenter & Representative*, Academic Department Session – University Open House, Office of Admissions
- 2013 *Advisor in Development*, Carolina Lifting Team
- 2013 *Faculty Presenter & Representative*, Academic Department Session – University Open House, Office of Admissions
- 2013 *Faculty Presenter & Representative*, Academic Department Session – University Open House, Office of Admissions

Undergraduate & Graduate Student Service (cont.)

Bowling Green State University

- 2013 – 2020 *ASSET Volunteer*, Office of Admissions and Office of Alumni and Development,
Bowling Green State University (BGSU)
- 2009 – 2013 *Alumni Advisory Board*, Delta Beta Chapter – Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
- 2010 – 2011 *Accredited Chapter Advisor*, Delta Beta Chapter – Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
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Student Advising Service

Loyola University Chicago

- 2022 – Present *Student Faculty Advisor* – Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- ◆ 536+ Student academic & career advising meetings
 - ◆ 41+ Letters of recommendation
 - ◆ 7+ Interviews for student class requirements
 - ◆ 2+ Interviews for student internship/employment background checks
- 2014 – 2021 *Student Faculty Advisor* – Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- ◆ 450+ Student academic & career advising meetings
 - ◆ 40+ Letters of recommendation
 - ◆ 10+ Interviews for student class requirements
 - ◆ 5+ Interviews for employment background checks

DePaul University

- 2021 – 2022 *Student Faculty Advisor* – Department of Criminology
- ◆ 75+ Student academic & career advising meetings
 - ◆ 13 Letters of recommendation

Western Carolina University

- 2013 – 2014 *Major Faculty Advisor* – Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
- ◆ 50+ Undergraduate student majors
 - ◆ *University Advising Day* (October 29, 2013; February 25, 2014)
- 2013 – 2014 *Student Faculty Advisor* – Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- ◆ 100+ Student academic & career advising meetings
 - ◆ 3 Letters of recommendation

Other Internal & External Service

Loyola University Chicago

- 2023 – Present *Union Steward*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology & LUC Faculty Forward; Local 73, *Service Employees International Union* (SEIU)
- 2023 – Present *Undergraduate Curriculum Committee*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2025 – 2026 *Bargaining Committee* for Collective Bargaining Agreement, LUC Faculty Forward; Local 73, *Service Employees International Union* (SEIU)
- ◆ 16+ Bargaining Sessions with University Administration
 - ◆ 20+ Economic & Non-economic Proposals
 - ◆ 8+ Tentative Agreements (TAs) on Proposals
 - ◆ Ratification of the 3rd Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)
- Compensation Subcommittee*
- ◆ 3rd CBA – Key Accomplishments:
 - ◆ FT Faculty
 - ◆ Compensation:
 - ◆ +5% Minimum salaries for new faculty [vs. Fall 2025]
 - ◆ +4% Salaries for existing faculty [vs. Fall 2025]
 - ◆ +35% Promotional raises [vs. 2nd CBA]
 - ◆ +8.9% Summer & J-Term salary
 - ◆ Professional Development:
 - ◆ +100% Total fund [vs. 2025-26 AY]
 - ◆ +108% Individual reimbursement maximum [vs. 2nd CBA]
 - ◆ Course Releases:
 - ◆ ↓5.3% Credit hour threshold [vs. 2nd CBA]
 - ◆ Guaranteed release every 3 years for those otherwise ineligible
 - ◆ Exceptional Service release for advanced-level faculty
 - ◆ Temporary FT Faculty
 - ◆ +11% Starting salary [vs. 2nd CBA]
 - ◆ Removal of 3-year cap on 1-year temporary contracts
 - ◆ Guarantee of 8 consolidations &/or conversions over 3rd contract
 - ◆ PT Faculty
 - ◆ +2.9% Standard pay rates per credit hour [vs. 2nd CBA]
 - ◆ +67% Paid parental leave (5-weeks)
 - ◆ ↑Course cancellation fee
- 2022 – 2023 *Search Committee Chair*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2022 – 2023 *Search Committee*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2017 – 2021 *Undergraduate Curriculum Committee*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2020 – 2021 *Faculty Mentor* – Jones College Prep High School (HS), Dual Credit Program
Honors Pre Law III: Law & Psychology (CJC 201)
- 2016 – 2020 *Social Media Coordinator*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology

Other Internal & External Service (cont.)Loyola University Chicago (cont.)

- 2019 – 2020 *Faculty Mentor – Jones College Prep HS, Dual Credit Program, Honors Pre Law III: Law & Psychology (CJC 201)*
- 2018 – 2019 *Faculty Mentor – Jones College Prep HS, Dual Credit Program Honors Pre Law III: Law & Psychology (CJC 201)*
- 2018 *Academic Council, College of Arts & Sciences Elections Committee*
- 2017 – 2018 *Faculty Mentor – Jones College Prep HS, Dual Credit Program Honors Pre Law III: Law & Psychology (CJC 201)*
- 2016 – 2017 *Faculty Mentor – Jones College Prep HS, Dual Credit Program Honors Pre Law III: Law & Psychology (CJC 201) Research Methods (CJC 205)*
- 2014 – 2016 *Academic Council, College of Arts & Sciences Bylaws Committee*
- 2016 *Course Proposal Reviewer – Jones College Prep HS, Dual Credit Program Research Methods (CJC 205)*
- 2016 *Search Committee, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology*
- 2015 – 2016 *Faculty Mentor – Jones College Prep HS, Dual Credit Program Honors Pre Law III: Law & Psychology (CJC 201)*
- 2014 *Search Committee, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology*
- 2014 *Faculty Research Productivity Committee, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology*

DePaul University

- 2021 – 2022 *Faculty Planning Representative – Crimmigration: Interrogating the Intersection of Criminal Justice & Immigration event (Winter 2022), Department of Criminology*
- 2021 *New Faculty Seminar 2021-22, College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences*

Western Carolina University

- 2013 – 2014 *Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice Administration of Justice Admissions Committee Open House Planning Committee Web Design Committee*
- 2013 – 2014 *Qualitative Research Group, Faculty Associates for Campus Engagement*

Professional & Public (cont.)

- 2017 – Present *Volunteer, Midwest Shiba Inu Rescue*

Other Internal & External Service (cont.)Professional & Public (cont.)

- 2026 – 2027 *Immediate Past President*, Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA)
- ◆ Facilitation of 2027 Elections (*pending Summer 2027*)
 - ◆ Secretary (2027-2029) & 1st Vice President (2027-2031)
 - Reviewer* – Practitioner & Tom Castellano [service] awards
 - Faculty Reviewer* – Graduate Student Travel Scholarship awards & Undergraduate Student Registration Waiver awards
- 2025 – 2026 *President*, Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA)
- ◆ Leadership & Committee Positions Filled
 - ◆ Membership Chair appointed (2027-2028)
 - ◆ Student Affairs Committee appointed (2026)
 - ◆ Student Travel Scholarship awards review & modification
 - ◆ Graduate Student Travel Scholarship awards
 - ◆ Undergraduate Student Registration Waiver awards
 - ◆ Student Paper Awards Committee appointed (2026)
 - ◆ Student Poster Competition Committee appointed (2026)
 - ◆ Elections for Treasurer (2026-2028) & 1st Vice President (2026-2030)
 - ◆ *Journal of Crime & Justice* special issue for MCJA 50th Anniversary
 - ◆ Guest Editors selected
 - ◆ Dena C. Carson & Breanne Pleggenkuhle
 - ◆ *Regional Contexts, National Questions: Criminal Justice Research in the Flyover States*
 - ◆ Expected publication in mid-2027 (Vol 50, Issue 3)
 - ◆ Review & selection of conference hotel (2028-2030)
 - ◆ 2025 Audit Report
 - ◆ Recommendations & best practices implemented
 - ◆ 2026 Constitutional Amendments ratified
 - ◆ Art. IV, § 7 (Officers – Secretary)
 - ◆ Art. VI, § 7 (Chairpersons and Committees – Auditing Committee)
 - ◆ 2026 Bylaws Amendment ratified
 - ◆ Art. III, § 4 (Duties of Officers – Secretary)
 - ◆ 49th Annual Conference & Meetings (September 24-25, 2026)
 - ◆ Theme: *Will the Center Hold?: Evidence-Based Practice & Community Trust in an Era of Shifting Truths*
 - ◆ Keynote: Chris Sullivan – E. Desmond Lee Professor of Youth Crime & Violence, *University of Missouri-St. Louis*
 - ◆ ~\$4,700 Sponsorship facilitated
 - Reviewer & Chair* – Practitioner & Tom Castellano [service] awards
 - Faculty Reviewer & Chair* – Graduate Student Travel Scholarship awards & Undergraduate Student Registration Waiver awards
 - Faculty Reviewer* – Undergraduate Student Poster Competition

Other Internal & External Service (cont.)Professional & Public (cont.)

- 2024 – 2025 *1st Vice President, MCJA*
 Reviewer – Practitioner & Tom Castellano [service] awards
 Faculty Reviewer – Student Travel Scholarship awards
 Chair – Program Committee
 ♦ 48th Annual Conference & Meetings (September 25-26, 2025)
 ♦ Organized & supported conference
 ♦ 30 Sessions, 108 papers, & 14 student posters
 ♦ +50% Sessions & +64% papers vs. 2024
 ♦ ~\$4,000 Sponsorship facilitated
- 2025 *External Reviewer (Chair) – Program Assessment & Review, Department of Justice Studies, Missouri Southern State University*
- 2023 – 2024 *2nd Vice President, MCJA*
 Faculty Reviewer – Student Travel Scholarship awards
 Co-Chair – Program Committee
 ♦ 47th Annual Conference & Meetings (September 26-27, 2024)
 ♦ \$18,000 Sponsorship facilitated
 ♦ 28 Sponsors, 12 advertisers, & 3 exhibit hall tables
 ♦ +187% Sponsorships & +125% money raised vs. 2023
- 2024 *Volunteer, Chicagoland Lab Rescue*
- 2020 – 2024 *Homeowners Association Board of Directors, Prairie Avenue Lofts*
 ♦ Oversaw annual operations (~\$1 million) for 136-unit building
 President (2021 – 2022; 2022 – 2023; 2023 – 2024)
 At-Large Director (2020 – 2021)
- 2023 *Faculty Reviewer – Graduate Student Poster Competition, MCJA*
- 2023 *Faculty Reviewer – Undergraduate Student Poster Competition, MCJA*
- 2023 *Hotel Selection Committee, MCJA*
- 2022 *Faculty Reviewer – Graduate Student Poster Competition, MCJA*
- 2022 *Faculty Reviewer – Undergraduate Student Poster Competition, MCJA*
- 2022 *Faculty Reviewer – Graduate Student Paper Competition, MCJA*
- 2021 *Session Chair – “Exploring Criminal Gangs, Groups, & Organizations” panel, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL*
- 2019 – 2021 *Level II Volunteer, Chicago Public Schools*
- 2020 *Election Judge, Chicago Board of Election Commissioners*
- 2017 – 2020 *Ambassador – BGSU One Day Fundraising Campaign, Bowling Green State University (BGSU)*
- 2019 *Session Chair – “Questions of Victimization & Offending” panel, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL*
- 2017 *Session Chair – “Surveys & Assessments: Studying Offenders & Correctional Practitioners” panel, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL*
- 2013 – 2016 *Membership Committee, Division of Victimology – American Society of Criminology (ASC)*

Other Internal & External Service (cont.)Professional & Public (cont.)

- 2016 *Session Chair* – “Prison Misconduct & Critiques of Mass Incarceration” panel, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Career & Graduate School Fair: Representative* – Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL), MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *Session Chair* – “Qualitative Research on Specific Offenders and Offenses” panel, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *Faculty Representative* – Division of Victimology – ASC, ASC Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA
- 2012 *Session Chair* – “Issues in Juvenile Justice: Victimization, Changes in Family Structure, & Life without Parole” panel, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2011 *Discussant* – “Why Should I Attend a Ph.D. Program in Criminal Justice or Criminology?” panel, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2010 *Editor, The MCJA Minute*, MCJA
- 2009 – 2010 *Vice-President*, Criminology & Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association, UMSL
- 2007 – 2008 *Criminal Justice Senator*, Graduate Student Senate, BGSU
- 2006 – 2008 *Student Member*, University Discipline Committee, BGSU
- 2006 – 2007 *Senator*, Undergraduate Student Government, BGSU
Academic Affairs Committee
- 2006 – 2007 *Undergraduate Student Representative*, Committee on Academic Affairs – Faculty Senate, BGSU
- 2006 – 2007 *University Advising Network*, BGSU
- Summer 2006 *Dignitary Protection Division Intern*, U. S. Department of State: Diplomatic Security Service (Washington, D.C./Arlington, VA)
- Summer 2005 *Service Port of Cleveland Intern*, U. S. Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Customs & Border Protection (Middleburg Heights, OH)

Ad-hoc Peer Reviewer

Crime & Delinquency; Criminal Justice and Behavior; Journal of Crime & Justice; Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology; Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology; Justice Quarterly; Policing & Society; Social Problems; The Sociological Quarterly; Youth

Ad-hoc Manuscript & Proposal Reviewer

Oxford University Press; Routledge/Taylor & Francis Publishing; Rowman & Littlefield; Sage Publications

Awards & Honors
Teaching

- 2025 [Top Finalist](#) – St. Ignatius of Loyola Award for Excellence in Teaching, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy & Office of the Provost, LUC
- 2024 *Candidate* – St. Ignatius of Loyola Award for Excellence in Teaching, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy & Office of the Provost, LUC
- 2024 *Nominee** – Magis Teaching Award for Part-Time Instructors, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy & Office of the Provost, LUC [**Ineligible due to FT status*]
- 2023 *Nominee* – St. Ignatius of Loyola Award for Excellence in Teaching, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy & Office of the Provost, LUC
- 2023 *Nominee* – Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching Freshmen, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy & Office of the Provost, LUC
- 2021 *Nominee* – St. Ignatius of Loyola Award for Excellence in Teaching, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy & Office of the Provost, LUC
- 2020 *Candidate* – Sujack Award for Teaching Excellence, College of Arts & Sciences, LUC
- 2017 *Candidate* – St. Ignatius of Loyola Award for Excellence in Teaching, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy & Office of the Provost, LUC
- 2017 Faculty Appreciation Award (Spring 2017), Lambda Mu Chapter – Chi Omega Fraternity, LUC

Other

- 2010 Graduate Student Paper Award – Honorable Mention, MCJA
- 2009 E. Desmond Lee Collaborative Vision Scholarship, UMSL
- 2009 E. Desmond Lee Scholarship in Comparative Criminology, UMSL
- 2009 Study Abroad Scholarship, Center for International Studies, UMSL
- 2008 Graduate Student Paper Award, MCJA
- 2007 Gerald Rigby Honor Student Award, Criminal Justice Program, BGSU
- 2007 Outstanding Senior Award, Alumni Association and Student Alumni Connection, BGSU
- 2007 The Sabre & Key Honor Society, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
- 2007 Falcon Top 10% Award, Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities, BGSU
- 2007 Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities
- 2007 PILLARS Grant, College of Health and Human Services, BGSU
- 2007 Order of Omega Greek Leadership Honor Society
- 2006 Andrew Lawrence Rowe Memorial Award, Criminal Justice Program, BGSU
- 2006 Alumni Book Scholarship, College of Health and Human Services, BGSU
- 2006 Gregory T. DeCrane Applauding Excellence Student Life Award – Leadership, Office of Campus Involvement, BGSU
- 2006 Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon Award – Class of 2007 Recipient, Student Alumni Connection, BGSU

Awards & Honors (cont.)*Other (cont.)*

- 2006 Falcon Top 10% Award, Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities, BGSU
- 2006 Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities
- 2006 Gamma Sigma Alpha National Academic Greek Honor Society
- 2006 PILLARS Grant, College of Health and Human Services, BGSU
- 2006 Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society
- 2005 Gregory T. DeCrane Applauding Excellence Student Life Award – Leadership, Office of Campus Involvement, BGSU
- 2004 Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society for First Year Collegiate Students
- 2003 Avon Lake Scholarship, North Coast Regional Chamber of Commerce

BGSU Alumni Association

- Roll Along Society (2019 – Present)
- Leadership Circle (2012 – Present)
- Carillon Society (2009 – Present)

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Criminology
 Division of Victimology
 Eurogang Research Program
 Midwestern Criminal Justice Association

Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 73 (2022 – Present)
 LUC Faculty Forward (2022 – Present)