

Curriculum Vitae
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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-
Purdue 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

Substantive Interests

- Research Evaluation & Management
- Youth Violence & Victimization
- Causes & Consequences of Victimization
- Community & Social Justice
- Youth Gangs
- Qualitative Methods

Academic Appointments

- 2014 – Present *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

Refereed Journal Articles

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. [[eCommons link](#)]

Book Chapters

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 – Present *Supporting Researcher*, BRAVE (Building Resilience Against Violence Engagement) Minority Youth Violence Prevention funded by the Office of Minority Health, \$425,000 (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.

Research & Grant Experience (cont.)

- 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 (unfunded research project). 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.
- 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.

Teaching Experience

- 2014 – Present *Assistant Professor & Associate Graduate Faculty*, Loyola University Chicago
Undergraduate: *The Criminal Justice System* (CJC 101); *Theories of Criminal Behavior* (CJC 201); *Juvenile Justice System* (CJC 302); *Gangs* (CJC 352); *Crime Prevention* (CJC 366); *Victimology* (CJC 371)
Graduate: *Theories of Criminal Behavior* (CJC 402)
- 2013 – 2014 *Assistant Professor*, Western Carolina University
Research Methods for Criminology & Criminal Justice (CJ 280);
Victimology (CJ 310); *Violence in American Society* (CJ 351);
Crime Prevention (CJ 493)
- 2011 *Instructor*, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Research Methods in Criminology & Criminal Justice (CRIM 2210)
- 2004 – 2006 *Co-Facilitator*, Bowling Green State University
University Success (UNIV 100)

Invited Presentations

- 2018 Delinquency & Drift in *Theories of Criminal Behavior* (CJC 201), Loyola University Chicago.

Invited Presentations (cont.)

- 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.
- 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.

Professional Presentations

- 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.

Professional Presentations (cont.)

- 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.
- 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

Professional Presentations (cont.)

- 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.

Internal & External ServiceLoyola University Chicago

- 2014 – Present *Comprehensive Exam Grader*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2016 – Present *Social Media Coordinator*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2017 – Present *Undergraduate Curriculum Committee*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2018 – 2019 *Faculty Mentor* – Jones College Prep High School (HS), Dual Credit Program
Honors Pre Law III: Law & Psychology (CJC 201)
- 2019 *Faculty Representative* – Majors & Minors Fair, Student Academic Services
- 2018 *Academic Council*, College of Arts & Sciences
Elections Committee
- 2018 *Faculty Representative* – University Open House, Undergraduate Admission
- 2018 *Faculty Representative* – Majors & Minors Fair, Student Academic Services
- 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 *Faculty Reviewer* – Gad J. Bensinger Graduate Award, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 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)
- 2015 *Faculty Representative* – University Open House, Undergraduate Admission
- 2014 *Search Committee*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2014 *Faculty Research Productivity Committee*, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2014 *Career & Graduate School Fair: Faculty Representative* – Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

External University & Professional

- 2013 – Present *ASSET Volunteer*, Office of Admissions and Office of Alumni and Development, Bowling Green State University (BGSU)
- 2017 – Present *Volunteer*, Midwest Shiba Inu Rescue
- 2019 – Present *Level II Volunteer*, Chicago Public Schools
- 2017 – 2019 *Ambassador* – #BGSUOneDay Fundraising Campaign, 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)
- 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
- 2013 – 2014 Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Western Carolina University (WCU)
- Administration of Justice Admissions Committee*
- Open House Planning Committee*
- Web Design Committee*
- 2013 – 2014 *Qualitative Research Group*, Faculty Associates for Campus Engagement, WCU
- 2009 – 2013 *Alumni Advisory Board*, Delta Beta Chapter – Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
- 2013 *Advisor in Development*, Carolina Lifting Team, WCU
- 2012 *Session Chair* – “Issues in Juvenile Justice: Victimization, Changes in Family Structure, & Life without Parole” panel, MCJA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2010 – 2011 *Accredited Chapter Advisor*, Delta Beta Chapter – Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity
- 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

External University & Professional (cont.)

- 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; Journal of Crime & Justice; Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology; Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology; Social Problems; The Sociological Quarterly

Ad-hoc Manuscript & Proposal Reviewer

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

Awards & Honors

- 2017 Nominee – St. Ignatius Loyola Award for Excellence in Teaching (2017), Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy & Office of the Provost, Loyola University Chicago (LUC)
- 2017 Faculty Appreciation Award (Spring 2017), Lambda Mu Chapter – Chi Omega Fraternity, LUC
- 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 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
- 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

Awards & Honors (cont.)

- 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

BGSU Alumni Association

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

Professional Affiliations

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Victimology Section

American Society of Criminology
Division of Victimology

Eurogang Research Program

Midwestern Criminal Justice Association