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Introduction

The Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research (Center) is part of the Florida State University (FSU) College of Criminology and Criminal Justice (College). The Center is designated as a Type II Research Center by the FSU Office of the Provost and secures and expends both public and private research funds. The Center’s primary purposes are to expand the influence of scholarship on public policy and to promote evidence-based criminal justice policymaking and practice at the local, state, and national levels. The Center facilitates and supports data collection and research initiatives that simultaneously advance the academic discipline of criminology and criminal justice policy and practice.

Specifically, the Center’s objectives are to:

- Obtain and maintain external funding that supports policy-relevant research
- Conduct rigorous policy and practice-relevant empirical research
- Contribute to the discipline of criminology through theoretically-relevant and methodologically sound research
- Disseminate and promote evidence-based research that informs policy and practice at the national, state, and local levels
- Provide opportunities for students to participate in research and policy and practice-related activities

To further these objectives, the Center has been undergoing structural and organizational changes. The changes include 1) the establishment of Research and Policy Institutes that focus on specific research and policy areas, 2) hiring of additional staff and the sharing of postdoctoral scholar positions with the College, 3) the renovation and move into the Kellogg building.

As of December 2019, 11 Research and Policy Institutes had been established within the Center. The Institutes and the Institute Directors are listed below. Importantly, it is anticipated that the number of institutes will continue to grow along with expanded College and Center faculty expertise and criminal justice policy and practice needs. The Institute Directors manage
projects, grants, and coordinate project activities with Center staff, College faculty, undergraduate and graduate students, and grantee representatives. The Institute Directors are experts in the substantive area of their institute and actively pursue and direct funded research in that area.

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<td>Biosocial Criminology Research &amp; Policy Institute</td>
<td>Kevin Beaver</td>
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<td>Patricia Warren, Eric Stewart</td>
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Dr. Julie Brancale began serving as Co-Director of the Center in December 2019. Dr. Brancale’s duties include collaborating with the Center’s Executive Director and Co-Director to identify possible funding opportunities, prepare research proposals, conduct research, manage exiting projects, and supervise undergraduate and graduate students.

The Center is in the process of expanding and hiring other staff including a Center Manager and additional researchers. The Center Manager would provide support to the Executive Director, the Center Directors, and Center Staff for funded research projects and the day-to-day operations of the Center. Duties would include 1) daily administrative grant management
involving personnel, purchasing, travel, bookkeeping, etc., 2) identifying sources of potential sponsored project funding, 3) supporting pre and post award grant activities, 4) project budgeting, monitoring, and reporting, and 5) proposal development support.

As the College and Center have expanded, the need has developed for additional space. Plans have been developed to fully remodel the entire Kellogg building for the College and Center. The remodel project will include four distinct phases. Phase one, which includes the full remodel of the fourth floor of the Kellogg building to accommodate the growing center have begun. The remodeled Kellogg building will include offices for the Center and Institute Directors and students, along with classroom, meeting, and workspace. The Center is expected to relocate into the Kellogg building during the Summer of 2021.

The remainder of this annual report presents descriptive statistics and summary information relating to each of the goals set forth in the Center’s strategic plan. This report includes information gathered from 2018–2019 (this report includes information gathered from August 2018 through December 2019). The Center’s goals that are described in the following sections include: sustainability and the development of partnerships, pursuing funded research, conducting research, impacting criminal justice policy and practice, and establishing a unique learning environment.

**Goal 1— Sustainability and Development of Partnerships**

*Establish base or reoccurring funding to support the overall sustainability and general budget needs of the Center. Establish and maintain collaborative partnerships with government agencies, professional organizations, and private industry.*

The Center has had $22,838,280 awarded in external research grants from 2004 through 2019. Partnerships have included state and local agencies such as the Florida Senate and the Florida Departments of Juvenile Justice, Corrections, and Law Enforcement, the Palm Beach
County Criminal Justice Commission, the Palm Beach County Office of Victim Services, and several county sheriffs’ offices including Broward, Leon, Palm Beach and Walton. External to Florida the Center has partnered with the Maryland State Departments of Education and Juvenile Services as well as private organizations such as Merrill Lynch, the Pew Charitable Trusts, Arnold Ventures, and the MacArthur Foundation.

The Center continues to pursue funding to bolster its capacity for conducting criminal justice policy and practice research. Among the Center’s strategic priorities are obtaining endowments that would support specific research institutes and long-term reoccurring contracts with public and private organizations.

**Goal 2– Pursuing Funded Research**
*Pursue project-specific funding that encourages faculty participation and fulfills the purpose of the Center to conduct policy relevant research and the mission of the College to “Bring Research to Life”.*

Table 1 provides information on research proposals submitted and contracts pursued from 2018 through 2019. Table 2 provides information on the research projects awarded from 2018 and 2019. As shown in Table 1, 26 proposals, letters of interest, and negotiated contracts totaling **$4,289,378** were submitted for funding consideration. Seven proposals were submitted to federal agencies, six to state agencies, and 13 to private organizations.

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Table 2 lists the projects that were awarded and ongoing/active for any amount of time in 2018 and 2019. There were 15 projects with operating budgets totaling $4,437,419.

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<td>A Comprehensive Assessment of Deadly Mass Shootings, 1980-2018</td>
<td>NIJ</td>
<td>Turanovic</td>
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<td>The Impacts of Restrictive Housing on Inmate Misconduct, Mental Health, and Recidivism, and Prison Systems and Personnel</td>
<td>NIJ</td>
<td>Bales Mears Siennick Pesta</td>
<td>$770,000</td>
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<td>Individual, Institutional, and Community Sources of School Violence: A Meta-Analysis</td>
<td>University of Cincinnati – NIJ</td>
<td>Turanovic</td>
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<td>Relationship Dynamics in the National Survey of Teen Relationships and Intimate Violence</td>
<td>NORC – NIJ</td>
<td>Copp</td>
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<td>The Palm Beach County School Safety and Student Performance Partnership Research Project</td>
<td>NIJ</td>
<td>Mears Siennick Pesta</td>
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<td>DUI Homicide Victim Response Demonstration Initiative</td>
<td>Palm Beach County Victim Services – OVC</td>
<td>Blomberg Turanovic Pesta</td>
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<td>Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents with Minor Children</td>
<td>Miami Dade County –</td>
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Goal 3 – Conducting Research

Conduct research that is germane to the interests of the College and Center faculty and fulfills the purpose of the Center to conduct policy relevant research and mission of the College to “Bring Research to Life”.

The lists below provide all publications and presentations that originated from Center funded projects and were accepted from 2018 through 2019. Twelve research studies were published in peer-reviewed journals and book chapters. The publications included contributions by 7 faculty members, 10 graduate students, and 5 project partners (i.e. professors at other universities and criminal justice agency staff). Fourteen presentations were given at academic conferences that featured faculty, graduate students, and project partners.

Publications from Center Research Project


**Presentations at Academic Conferences**


Goal 4 – Impacting Criminal Justice Policy and Practice
Facilitate the use of research to impact criminal justice policy and practice at the federal, state, and local levels.

The list below includes 15 presentations that were given to criminal justice policymakers and practitioners based upon Center research projects.

Translational Presentations


Blomberg, T.G., Fitzpatrick, K., Pesta, G.B., & Brancale, J. (2019, October). Prioritizing the Research and Policy Needs of the CJCA. The council of juvenile correctional administrators:
Research Reports

The list below includes 26 research reports that were submitted to Center funding agencies from 2018-2019. The reports listed below are grouped according to the funded project and then in alphabetical order.


Goal 5 – Creating a Unique Learning Environment
Provide unique learning opportunities for post-graduate, graduate, and undergraduate students.
In addition to providing funding for graduate students, which includes the opportunity to collaborate with Center and College faculty on research projects, the Center also provides the opportunity for unique learning experiences for students through directed individual study (DIS) courses, dissertations, theses, and area papers. The number of DIS and supervised research activities are listed below.

From 2018–2019

- Sixteen different graduate research assistants worked on various research projects through the Center.
- Six graduate students completed Direct Individual Studies (DIS) on specific research projects related to racial bias in pre-trail detention and mass shootings.
- Four undergraduates competed a DIS with Center faculty.
- One student completed their Garnet and Gold Scholar Society research requirement with the Center.
- Nine students were supervised on Center related research projects under the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP).

**Goal 6 – Marketing and Outreach**

*Market the Center’s services and research through traditional and social media sources.*

The Center faculty works closely with the College’s Communications Manager, Natalie Edwards-Heller, to create marketing materials that showcase the Center’s research and outreach activities. The specific reoccurring marketing materials that are developed include pamphlets, handouts, news briefs, social media postings on Facebook and Twitter, and website updates. For example, news briefs were written and disseminated for Center related faculty presentations to the Florida Senate. Importantly, the Center has also been featured prominently in the fundraising materials for the remodeling of the Kellogg Building.
In addition, the Center is frequently highlighted with the College at conferences and presentations. For example, the College was the Presidential Sponsor at the September 2019 annual meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association in Nashville, TN. For this event, the College and Center were featured at a table, on conference swag, and in full-page color ads in the conference program (including the back cover). The Center was also featured during the November 1 “Speed Deaning” presentation that was given to the FSU Board of Trustees by Center Executive Director, Dr. Blomberg.

Summary and Future Directions

The Center continues to seek external funding to conduct criminal justice policy-and practice-related research. The funding and its related research projects help to support faculty research initiatives and provide students with opportunities for research experience, professional presentations, publications, and student funding.

The Center has continued to build upon its established trajectory of excellence. From 2018-2019, the Center pursued and achieved several strategic initiatives including the establishment of additional Research and Policy Institutes, the strengthening of existing and additional new partnerships, and the awarding of new funded research projects. The Center applied to or received research funding from 17 different public and private organizations. This resulted in applications for $4,289,378 and management of $4,437,419 in new and ongoing research funding. Involvement in the Center included 14 faculty, 16 graduate students, and 14 undergraduate students.

As the Center continues to expand, it has become necessary to increase the number of staff and office space. Dr. Julie Brancale began serving as the Center’s Co-Director, with Drs. Thomas Blomberg and George Pesta. Plans are in place to hire additional administrative support.
staff and renovate the fourth floor of the Kellogg building. In addition, the Center has plans to establish a full-time internship program for undergraduate students to work with Center and College faculty on research projects while simultaneously earning credit for their undergraduate degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice.