

Nic Swagar

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

PhD Criminology Florida State University
MS Criminology Florida State University
MA Sociology Queen's University (Canada)
BA Sociology University of Calgary (Canada)

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Chouhy, Cecilia, **Nic Swagar**, Julie Brancale, Kaylee Noorman, Sonja E. Siennick, Jonathan Caswell, William D. Bales, George B. Pesta, and Thomas G. Blomberg. 2021. "Forecasting the Racial and Ethnic Impacts of 'Race-Neutral' Legislation through Researcher and Policymaker Partnerships." *American Journal of Criminal Justice* (2021): 1-28.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, Sonja Siennick, George B. Pesta, **Nic Swagar**, Kaylee Noorman, Jonathan Caswell, and Cecilia Chouhy. 2021. "Building Collaborative Evidence-Based Frameworks for Criminal Justice Policy." *Criminal Justice Policy Review* 32(8):795-815.

Stults, Brian J. and **Nic Swagar**. 2020. "The Conditional Effects of Neighborhood Context and Parental Effectiveness on Self-Control." *Crime & Delinquency* 67(10): 1459-1490.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Sheppard, Keller, Alex Billmeier, and **Nic Swagar**. 2025. "Diverging Realities: Differential George Floyd Effects on Retaliatory Violence Against the Police" Submitted to *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Nic Swagar. 2021. "The Study of Crime Rates." Pp. 144-147 in *The Encyclopedia of Research Methods and Statistical Techniques in Criminology and Criminal Justice*, edited by J.C. Barnes and David R. Forde. New York: Wiley.

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Stults, Brian J. and **Nic Swagar**. 2018. "Racial and Ethnic Threat: Theory, Research, and New Directions." Pp. 147-172 in *The Handbook of Race, Ethnicity, Crime, and Justice*, edited by Ramiro Martinez, Jacob Stowell and Meghan Hollis. Hoboken, New York: Wiley.

RESEARCH REPORTS

Nic Swagar. In progress. "Violent police-suspect interactions; An analysis of assaults of LEOs and use of force in Florida." Completed for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Tallahassee, FL.

Nic Swagar. 2024. "The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on crime patterns in Florida." Completed for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Tallahassee, FL.

Nic Swagar. 2024. "An analysis of drug crime recidivism in Florida: Failure, survival, and death." Completed for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Tallahassee, FL.

Nic Swagar. 2023. "An analysis of traffic crime in Florida: Trends, characteristics, and diversity of offending in traffic-related criminal histories." Completed for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Tallahassee, FL.

Nic Swagar. 2023. "Why do criminals (dis)obey the law? An exploration of resistance to police authority." Completed for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Tallahassee, FL.

Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. 2019. Exploring Racial/Ethnic Differences in the Florida Criminal Justice System. Presented to the Florida Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, 51st legislative session. Tallahassee, FL.

Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. 2019. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement: Senate Bill 522. Presented to the Florida Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, 51st legislative session. Tallahassee, FL.

Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. 2019. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement: Senate Bill 550. Presented to the Florida Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, 51st legislative session. Tallahassee, FL.

Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. 2019. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement: Senate Bill 554. Presented to the Florida Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, 51st legislative session. Tallahassee, FL.

Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. 2019. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement: Senate Bill 574. Presented to the Florida Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, 51st legislative session. Tallahassee, FL.

Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. 2020. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement: Senate Bill 1288. Presented to the Florida Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, 52nd legislative session. Tallahassee, FL.

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Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. 2020. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement: Senate Bill 1308. Presented to the Florida Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, 52nd legislative session. Tallahassee, FL.

Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. 2020. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement: Senate Bill 1396. Presented to the Florida Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, 52nd legislative session. Tallahassee, FL.

Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. 2020. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement: Senate Bill 1504. Presented to the Florida Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, 52nd legislative session. Tallahassee, FL.

Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. 2020. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement: Senate Bill 1716. Presented to the Florida Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, 52nd legislative session. Tallahassee, FL.

Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. 2020. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement: Senate Bill 1866. Presented to the Florida Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, 52nd legislative session. Tallahassee, FL.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES

Criminal Justice Information Services Annual Training Symposium

2024 **Swagar, Nic.** “An analysis of drug crime recidivism in Florida: Failure, survival, and death.”
(Conference cancelled due to weather)

2023 **Swagar, Nic.** “Why do criminals (dis)obey the law? An exploration of resistance to police authority.”

Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology

2020 **Swagar, Nic,** Jonathan Reid, and Brian J. Stults. “Police Organizational Characteristics and Racial Threat on College Campuses: A Test of the Racial Threat Hypothesis.”
(Conference cancelled due to pandemic)

2020 Reid, Jonathan, Brian J. Stults, and **Nic Swagar.** “Systematic Racism, Institutional Commitments, and Homicide.” (Conference cancelled due to pandemic)

2019 **Swagar, Nic.** “Get a Job: An Empirical Test of Competing Theories of the Relationship between Employment and Crime.”

2019 Reid, Jonathan, Brian J. Stults, and **Nic Swagar.** “Race, Institutional Commitments, and Homicide: Incorporating Race into Institutional Anomie Theory.”

2019 Hernandez, Jorge, Brian J. Stults, and **Nic Swagar.** “Immigrant Generation, Youth Exposure to Violence, and the Conditioning Effect of Neighborhood Social Capital.”

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- 2018 **Swagar, Nic** and Brian J. Stults. “A Complete Test of GST’s Main Propositions via a Moderated Mediation Model.”
- 2017 **Swagar, Nic** and Brian J. Stults. “Strain, Neighborhood Context, and Crime: Testing Recent Developments in GST.”
- 2016 **Swagar, Nic**. “A Systematic Review of GST’s Conditioning Hypothesis.”
- 2016 Stults, Brian J., and **Nic Swagar**. “Parenting, Self-control, and Neighborhood Context as Explanations of Delinquency: A Case of Moderated Mediation?”
- 2015 Stults, Brian J., Gyeongseok Oh, and **Nic Swagar**. “The Conditional Effects of Neighborhood Context and Parental Effectiveness on Self-Control.”
- 2014 Stults, Brian J. and **Nic Swagar**. “Disparity in Neighborhood Exposure to Crime as a Consequence of Rising Economic Inequality.”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Faculty, Florida State University 2023 – Present

- Conduct advanced analyses of criminal justice data for the Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research in the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Contracted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to produce research reports on resistance to police authority, traffic crime, drug crime recidivism, the effects of the pandemic on crime in Florida, and violent police-suspect interactions
- Present research findings to academic and professional audiences
- Submit research findings for publication in peer-reviewed scholarly journals

Teaching Faculty, Florida State University 2022 – Present

- Teach undergraduate courses in criminology and criminal justice

Criminal Justice Information Consultant, Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement 2020 – 2023

- Conduct complex analyses of various data sources and produce professional reports which include findings and recommendations for internal and external purposes
- Create, maintain, and analyze research data sets using statistical analysis software (SAS and Stata) as well as other software products. Communicate with technical programmers as well as operational users to improve understanding and interpretation of these datasets
- Contribute to articles and research papers that are disseminated by the Florida Statistical Analysis Center, including newsletter articles, which present summaries of crime data and timely justice topics

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Teaching & Research Assistant, FSU

2013 – 2022

- Provided research and teaching assistance to Dr. Brian J. Stults
- Assisted in lectures, exams, and grading of undergraduate students in Research Methods
- Assisted in conducting original criminological research for presentation at professional meetings and publication in peer-reviewed academic journals

Research Assistant, Center for Criminology and Public Policy, FSU

2019 – 2020

- Conducted advanced statistical analyses using several Florida criminal justice data sources (FDLE, FDC, OBTS, EDR)
- Produced comprehensive literature reviews pertaining to research on racial disparities and bias in criminal justice
- Provided timely research reports to the Florida Senate on the racial impact of proposed criminal justice legislation for the 2020 legislative session
- Conducted original research and write manuscripts for submission to peer-reviewed journals

Research Assistant, Queen's University

2009 – 2011

- Solely responsible for all data collection over approximately 1.5 years in Toronto, ON
- This immersive research project entailed essentially becoming a “street-youth” to gain rapport, credibility, and familiarity with homeless youths
- Coordinated efforts with local social service agencies (shelters, drop-in centers, meal trucks, outreach workers, and various specialized agencies)
- Formally conducted qualitative and quantitative interviews with 450 homeless street youths and informally with many more
- A 601-item quantitative survey was used to investigate the lives and criminal involvement of homeless street youth
- Semi-structured qualitative interviews ranging from approximately one hour to four hours in length were audio-recorded and transcribed

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Florida State University

Introduction to Research Methods (CCJ-4700)

Foundations of Research & Inquiry (IDS-2104)

Human Behavior (CCJ-4601)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Florida Department of Law Enforcement – Post-Critical Incident Seminar

2024 - Present

- Advise program administrators on data collection, survey instruments, proctoring, and methods of data analysis

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- Assist with seeking out and potentially applying for funding to support program evaluation

GRANT PROPOSALS

- 2024 Developing a Local Evidence-Informed Criminal Justice Planning System: A Researcher-Practitioner Institutional Partnership. Submitted to the National Institute of Justice.
\$397,000 – Not funded
- 2024 Analyses of assaults of LEOs and use of force against criminal suspects.
Submitted to the State Justice Statistics Program for Statistical Analysis Centers for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
\$225,000 – Awarded
- 2024 Virtual Reality Training Development for Law Enforcement. Submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance.
\$4,000,000 – Awarded
- 2021 Analyses of drug offending recidivism and the impact of COVID on crime rates.
Submitted to the State Justice Statistics Program for Statistical Analysis Centers for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.
\$150,000 – Awarded