

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2022 University of Cincinnati
Doctor of Philosophy, Criminal Justice

Dissertation: *The Only Thing Constant Is Change: Longitudinal Analyses of Race, Gender, and District-Level Effects in Federal Sentencing, 1998 – 2016.*

Committee: Ben Feldmeyer (chair), Jim Frank, John Wooldredge, Jeffery Ulmer

2017 University of Cincinnati
Master of Science, Criminal Justice

2016 University of Central Florida
Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice
Magna Cum Laude

Relevant Employment

2022 – Florida State University
Assistant Professor

2017 – 2022 University of Cincinnati
Graduate Research Assistant

2019 – 2021 Northern Kentucky University
Instructor

2016 – 2017 University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute
Research Assistant

Research Interests

Sentencing
Courts

Discretion
Corrections

Punishment
Quantitative Methods

Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles

**denotes graduate student co-author*

Holmes, B. & Arrigo, S. R*. (2026). What is theoretical support? Explanation as a central barometer in sentencing research. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 104, 1-13.

Holmes, B. & Mears, D. P. (2026). A legal-structural theory of sentencing (in)consistency. *Justice Quarterly*, 43(2), 335-362.

Holmes, B. & Mears, D. P. (2026). Citizenship & level-change threat effects on sentencing. *Social Problems*, 73(1), 314-335.

Holmes, B. (2026, online first). Sentencing along procedural fault lines: The implications of mandatory minimum thresholds for sentencing research, theory, & policy. *Crime & Delinquency*, 1-28, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287261416428>.

Koo, D., **Holmes, B.**, & Feldmeyer, B. (2026). Educational Attainment and Sentencing: An Analysis Across Offense Type, Sex, and Race/Ethnicity in Federal Sentencing Outcomes. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 106, 1-20.

Holmes, B., & Stults, B. (2025). The problem of uneven contribution: Investigating the implications of place for system-wide estimates of race/ethnicity. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 41, 215-239.

Holmes, B. (2025). Crimmigration in the wake of Title 42's summary expulsions. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 50, 616-640.

➤ Awarded the 2026 American Journal of Criminal Justice Springer Outstanding Article.

Holmes, B. (2025, online first). Skew for skew: A cautionary tale of log-transforming sentence length in studies of race/ethnicity. *Crime & Delinquency*, 1-29, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287251341854>.

Holmes, B., & Ruhland, E. (2025). The non-constant effect of defendant sex across criminal history: How and when does criminal history condition sex disparity at sentencing? *Women & Criminal Justice*, 35, 50-70.

Holmes, B., & Feldmeyer, B. (2024). Modeling matters: Comparing the presumptive sentence versus base offense level approaches for estimating racial/ethnic effects on federal sentencing. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 40, 395-420.

Holmes, B., & Feldmeyer, B. (2024). Taking the long view: A temporal assessment of minority threat theory in 21st century sentencing. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 93, 1-13.

Feldmeyer, B., **Holmes, B.**, & Sun, D. (2024). Federal drug sentencing and the overdose epidemic. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 49, 814-841.

Holmes, B., Feldmeyer, B., Sun, D., & Arrigo, S. R*. (2024). Criminal court responses to the modern opioid and methamphetamine twindemic. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 91, 1-13.

Park, I., Sullivan, C.J., & **Holmes, B.** (2024). An Assessment of Juvenile Justice Reform in Ohio: Impact on Youth Placement and Recidivism From 2008 to 2015. *Crime & Delinquency*, 70(3), 975-1004.

Holmes, B., & Feldmeyer, B. (2023). The only thing constant is change: Temporal analyses of racial/ethnic sentencing disparities. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 48, 1080-1104.

Ruhland, E., & **Holmes, B.** (2023). An examination of sentencing outcomes in rural and urban locations. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 48, 701-722.

Holmes, B., D'Amato, C., & Holmes, S.T. (2022). The offense-specific nature of gender and familial responsibility in United States federal sentencing, 2010 – 2016. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 33(4), 399-428.

Koo, D., Feldmeyer, B., & **Holmes, B.** (2022). Citizenship and sentencing: Assessing the effects of citizenship by national origin on federal sentencing outcomes. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 59(2), 203-239.

D'Amato, C., **Holmes, B.**, & Feldmeyer, B. (2021). Economic competition and racial disparities in sentencing: A test of economic threat perspective. *Social Sciences*, 10(6), 206-230.

Ruhland, E. L., Petkus, A.A., Link, N.W., Hyatt, J., **Holmes, B.**, & Pate, S. (2021). Monetary sanctions in community corrections: Law, policy, and their alignment with correctional goals. *Contemporary Journal of Criminal Justice*, 37(1), 108-127.

Holmes, B., Feldmeyer, B., & Kulig, T. (2020). Sentencing departures and focal concerns: The joint effect of race and gender on departures in United States District Courts. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 43(5), 598-622.

Holmes, B., & D'Amato, C. (2020). Judicial and prosecutorial decision making: Assessing the effects of race, gender, and age on federal downward sentencing departures. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 43(4), 449-466.

- Awarded the 2019 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award by the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association.

Holmes, B. (2020). A multi-level analysis of the direct and joint effects of gender and mode of disposition on sentencing in federal courts. *Criminal Justice Studies*, 33(4), 373-393.

Ruhland, E., **Holmes, B.**, & Petkus, A. (2020). The role of fines and fees on probation outcomes. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 47(10), 1244-1263.

Holmes, B., & Feldmeyer, B. (2019). Reassessing the influence of criminal history in federal criminal courts. *Justice Quarterly*, 36(7), 1206-1228.

Books

Holmes, S. T., & **Holmes, B.** (2026). *The Hidden World of the Sex Offender: Readings on Sex Crimes and the Criminal Justice System*, 2nd edition. San Diego, CA: Cognella Publishing.

Holmes, S. T., & **Holmes, B.** (2023). *Introduction to Data Analysis for Criminal Justice*, 2nd Edition. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing.

Chapters, Entries, and Other Writings

Sullivan, C. J., Park, I., & **Holmes, B.** (2019). *A micro and macro-level assessment of juvenile justice placement reform in Ohio: Final technical report*. Washington, DC: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice Office.

Sullivan, C. J., Strange, C. C., Sullivan, C., Newsome, J., Lugo, M., Mueller, D., Petkus, A., **Holmes, B.**, Lonergan, H., & McCafferty, J. (2019). *Multi-method study on risk assessment implementation and youth outcomes in the juvenile justice system*. Washington, DC: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice Office.

Holmes, S.T., Wolf, R., & **Holmes, B.** (2018). Private vs. public policing: Innovation and creativity in local law enforcement. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.525.

Works in Progress (under review or draft available)

Holmes, B. & Arrigo, S. R. (revise and resubmit). A Redeliberation of the Liberation Hypothesis: Moderation in Contribution v. Moderation in Effect.

Holmes, B. & Feldmeyer, B. (under review). Needs Must When the Beast Drives: A Remedy to a Methodological Dilemma in Sentencing Research.

Holmes, B., & Anderson, C. (draft available). How Relevant is Relevant? Identifying and Quantifying a Constitutional Gap in Federal Sentencing.

Professional Presentations

- Holmes, B.** & Arrigo, S. R. (2026). A Redeliberation of the Liberation Hypothesis: Moderation in Contribution v. Moderation in Effect. Paper. Accepted to American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Holmes, B.** (2025). Sentencing Along Procedural Fault Lines: What Legislative Thresholds Can Tell Us About Sentencing Research, Theory, & Policy. Paper. Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Holmes, B.,** Stevens, J., & McDaniel, M. (2024). *Assessing the Implications of Title 42 for Crimmigration*. Paper. Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Holmes, B.,** & Feldmeyer, B. (2023). *How have courts responded to the opioid epidemic and emerging methamphetamine threat?* Paper. Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- Feldmeyer, B., **Holmes, B.,** & Sun, D. (2023). *Federal drug sentencing and the overdose epidemic*. Paper. Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- Koo, D., **Holmes, B.,** & Feldmeyer, B. (2023). *Is the undocumented immigrant the new face of the war on drugs? Evidence from federal courts*. Paper. Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- Arrigo, S. R., **Holmes, B.,** Feldmeyer, B., Painter-Davis, N., & Steffensmeier, D. (2023). *Melding the liberation and organizational efficiency hypotheses to understand trial penalties*. Paper. Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- Holmes, B.,** & Feldmeyer, B. (2022). *Presumptive Sentence v. Base Offense Level: Contrasting Racial/Ethnic Disparity Across Analytic Approaches*. Paper. Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Koo, D., **Holmes, B.,** & Feldmeyer, B. (2022). *Educational attainment and sentencing: Assessing the effects of education on federal sentencing outcomes, 2018-2020*. Paper. Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Holmes, B.,** & Feldmeyer, B. (2021). *A longitudinal analysis of race/ethnicity and gender in federal sentencing, 1998-2016*, Paper. Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- D'Amato, C., **Holmes, B.,** & Feldmeyer, B. (2021). *Economic competition and racial disparities in sentencing: A test of economic threat perspective*. Invited presentation at GRADS Group at University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, OH.

- Holmes, B.** (2020). *You take my time, I take yours? An analysis of time to conviction on sentencing*, Paper. Invited presentation at Incarceration Group at University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, OH.
- Holmes, B., & Feldmeyer, B.** (2020). *Has racial/ethnic disparity declined in federal sentencing outcomes? Evidence from federal criminal courts, 1998-2016*, Paper. Accepted to American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. Conference Cancelled due to Covid-19.
- Holmes, S. T., & **Holmes, B.**, & D'Amato, C. (2020). *When does parenthood matter? An examination of federal criminal courts*, Paper. Accepted to American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. Conference Cancelled due to Covid-19.
- Petkus, A., Ruhland, E., & **Holmes, B.** (2020). *Formal assessment as a guide for monetary sanctions*, Paper. Accepted to American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. Conference Cancelled due to Covid-19.
- Lancaster, M., Manchak, S., Farringer, A., Strange, C., & **Holmes, B.** (2020). *How treatment context impacts addiction service providers*, Paper. Accepted to American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. Conference Cancelled due to Covid-19.
- Holmes, B.**, Ruhland, E., Petkus, A. (2019). *Assessing the impact of legal financial obligations on revocation from supervision*, Paper. Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- Petkus, A., **Holmes, B.**, & Ruhland, E. (2019). *Fines and fees in community corrections: Policies and practices governing the assessment, waiver, and collection of fines and fees in seven US states*, Paper. Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- Holmes, B.** (2019). *Judicial and prosecutorial decision making: Assessing the effects of race, gender, and age on federal downward sentencing departures*, Paper. Presentation at Midwest Criminal Justice Association, Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- Awarded the 2019 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award by the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association.
- Sullivan, C. J., Strange, C. C., Petkus, A., **Holmes, B.**, & Newsome, J. (2019). *No two scores alike...? An exploration of the stories created by juvenile justice assessment and their implications for youth outcomes*, Paper. Presentation at Society for Community Research and Action Biennial Meeting, Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.
- Holmes, B.**, Feldmeyer, B., & Kulig, T. (2019). *Sentencing departures and focal concerns: The joint effect of race and gender on departures in United States District Courts*, Paper. Invited presentation at Incarceration Group at University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, OH.

- Holmes, B.**, Petkus, A., & Ruhland, E. (2019). *Community corrections fines and fees: A multi-site study*, Poster. Presentation at American Criminal Justice Society, Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD.
- Holmes, B.**, Petkus, A., & Ruhland, E. (2018). *Community corrections fines and fees: A multi-site study*, Poster. Invited presentation at Incarceration Group at University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, OH.
- Holmes, B.**, Strange, C., & Sullivan, C.J. (2018). *Divergence from juvenile risk and needs assessment results: Prevalence, nature, and impact of override decisions*, Paper. Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- Mueller, D.J., **Holmes, B.**, Newsome, J., Mueller, L.M., Sullivan, C.J. (2018). *Youth appraisals by geography? Examining racial disparities and county-level differences in risk and needs assessments and juvenile court outcomes*, Paper. Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- Holmes, B.**, Sullivan, C.J., Park, I., & Schweitzer, M. (2017). *Juvenile justice reform and juvenile crime: Exploring the impact of declining felony adjudications and residential placements*, Paper. Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- Park, I., Sullivan, C. J., & **Holmes, B.**, Schweitzer, M. (2017). *The shifting placements of delinquent youth: Assessing the relationship to reform to risk, record, and sociodemographic characteristics*, Paper. Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

Research Grants and Awards

Research Grants

Funded

Life-course and Intergenerational Effects of Crime and Criminal Justice Involvement: Identifying Risks and the Search for Resilience (Co-Investigator). Funded by National Institute of Justice. (15PNIJ-23-AG-01491-MUMU). Total award \$1,372,994. Co-Investigators: Megan Augustyn and Kimberly Henry. Project began in 2023, I was added in 2026.

The implications of charge adjustments for cumulative disadvantage: When and where does racial disparity accumulate in criminal court processing? (Primary Investigator). Funded by Florida State University Council on Research and Creativity, First Year Assistant Professor Award for \$20,000.

The only thing constant is change: A longitudinal analysis of race, gender, and district-level effects in federal sentencing, 1998 – 2016 (Primary Investigator). Funded by National Institute of Justice, Graduate Research Fellowship Program for \$74,722 (2020-R2-CX-0016).

Assessing the effect of court-involved time on sentencing and plea bargaining (Co-Investigator). Funded by University of Cincinnati Research Council for \$5,000. Collaborator: Christopher Sullivan. Term: Fall 2018 to Spring 2019.

Assessing the effect of court-involved time on sentencing and plea bargaining (Co-Investigator). Funded by University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Humanities Graduate Student and Faculty Research Mentoring Grant for \$1,000. Collaborator: Christopher Sullivan. Term: Fall 2018 to Spring 2019.

Pending

Research and Evaluation of the Leon County Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative. Submitted to Bureau of Justice Assistance. Amount Requested \$324,873, Submitted 2025. Collaborators: Thomas Blomberg, Kimberly Davidson, Kaylee Noorman.

Unfunded

An Independent Assessment of Sarasota County School Police Department (Co-Investigator), Sarasota County, FL, Amount Requested \$469,994, Submitted: 2025. Collaborators: Keller Sheppard, Sonja Siennick, Kimberly Davidson.

An Assessment of Police Training in Florida (Co-Investigator), Florida Sheriff Association, Amount Requested \$491,891, Submitted: 2023. Collaborators: Keller Sheppard, Thomas Blomberg, Sonja Siennick.

Awards

American Journal of Criminal Justice Springer Outstanding Article, 2026. *Crimmigration in the Wake of Title 42's Summary Expulsions*. Southern Criminal Justice Association.

Benjamin Steiner Outstanding Doctoral Student Scholarship Award, 2020-2021. University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Humanities: School of Criminal Justice.

Midwest Criminal Justice Association Graduate Student Paper Award, 2019. *Judicial and prosecutorial decision making: Assessing the effects of race, gender, and age on federal downward sentencing departures*. Amount Awarded: \$150.

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Law, Society, & the Administration of Justice
- Criminal Justice Research Methods
- The Courts
- Criminal Justice Administration

Supervisor for Undergraduate Directed Individual Studies

- Sentencing

Supervisor for Graduate Directed Individual Studies

- Sentencing

Supervisor for Graduate Student Supervised Teaching

- Introduction to Criminal Justice

Student Advising

Doctoral

Knapp, Kyle G (Present). Dissertation Committee Member, Florida State University.

Masters

Bradford, Jackie (Present). Area Paper Committee, Florida State University.

McDaniel, Mykaela (2026). Area Paper Committee, Florida State University.

Arrigo, Shayna R (2025). Area Paper Committee, Florida State University.

Undergraduate

Ricketts, Phoenix (Present). Honors Thesis Committee, Florida State University.

Emmerich, Jacqueline (2024). Honors Thesis Committee, Florida State University.

Professional Service and Organizations

Professional Service

Editorial Board Member, *Justice Quarterly*, 2026 to Present.

Topic Chair, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2027 Annual Conference, Criminal Justice System - Courts: Sentencing, 2027.

Committee Member, American Society of Criminology Division of Corrections and Sentencing Special Events Committee, 2026, 2024.

Committee Member, American Society of Criminology Division of Corrections and Sentencing Distinguished & New Scholar, Lifetime Award Committee, 2025.

Committee Member, American Society of Criminology Division of Corrections and Sentencing Outreach Committee, 2023.

Volunteer, American Society of Criminology Division for Corrections and Sentencing. November 2019.

University Service

Reviewer, Graduate Student Research and Creativity Award, Florida State University. Spring 2026.

College and Departmental Service

Committee Member, Administrative Advisory Committee, College of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Florida State University. Fall 2023 to Present.

Student Mentor, University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Resources. Fall 2020 to Spring 2021.

Treasurer, Graduate Student Government, University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Resources Branch. Fall 2019 to Spring 2020.

Volunteer, American Society of Evidence-Based Policing, Annual Conference. May 2019.

Reviewer

American Journal of Criminal Justice
American Sociological Review
Crime & Delinquency
Criminal Justice Review
Criminology
Criminology & Public Policy
Deviant Behavior
International Criminal Justice Review
Journal of Crime and Justice
Journal of Criminal Law
Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology
Journal of Criminal Justice
Journal of Drug Issues
Journal of Experimental Criminology
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
Journal of Quantitative Criminology
Justice Quarterly
SN Social Sciences
Social Problems

Current and Past Organizational Membership

American Sociological Association

Midwestern Criminal Justice Association
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
American Society of Criminology