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Education

- Ph.D.** **Northeastern University**, Boston, Massachusetts, 2023, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, College of Social Sciences and Humanities
Dissertation: Fatal police use of force: Cameras, communities, and crime reporting. Committee: Gregory M. Zimmerman (chair), Anthony A. Braga, and Jack McDevitt
- M.A.** **Northeastern University**, Boston, Massachusetts, 2020, Criminology and Criminal Justice, College of Social Sciences and Humanities
- B.A.** **University of Georgia**, Athens, Georgia, 2015, Sociology and Criminal Justice, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Academic and Research Positions

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| 2023-Present | Assistant Professor, College of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Florida State University |
| 2021-2023 | Senior Research Analyst, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice |
| 2017-2023 | Doctoral Student and Research Assistant, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Northeastern University |
| 2015-2017 | Grant Administrator, Governor's Office of Highway Safety, State of Georgia |

Scholarship/Research

Research Interests

Juvenile justice; Police-Citizen violence; Police discretion; Communities and crime; Quantitative methods

Refereed Articles

(* Denotes graduate student co-author; † denotes practitioner co-author)

Sheppard, Keller G., Annette Rivera, Krystine Mora-Becerra, Kenneth V. Bevan III, Collin Paoli, Kayla Berge, Kevin R. Petrosenko et al. (2026). Measuring assaults on the police: a systematic review of national data sources for researching police assaults in the USA. *Policing: An International Journal*, 1-23.

- Sheppard, Keller G.** 2026. Police body-worn cameras and fatal police shootings: A national quasi-experimental study of aggregate effects and treatment effect heterogeneity. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 104, 102625.
- Sheppard, Keller G.,** Billmeier, A.* , & Swagar, N. 2026. Diverging Realities: Differential George Floyd Effects on Violence Against the Police. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.
- Wilson, Michaela M.*† and **Sheppard, K. G.** 2026. Understanding the Status of Juvenile Institutional Misconduct Research: A Systematic Review of Quantitative Research on Delinquency Behind Bars. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.
- Sheppard, Keller. G.,** Talaugon, A. R.* , & Hernandez, J. L.*† 2024. Assessing the feasibility and performance of risk assessment instruments for early intervention and prevention services in Juvenile Justice. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 94, 102262.
- Sheppard, Keller G.,** Jorge L. Hernandez*†, Jovontae Butts*†, Orlando Mendonca†, and Julie C. Orange†. 2024. "Working upstream: A statewide analysis of individual and contextual risk factors for future juvenile justice involvement among youth receiving prevention services." *Criminology & Public Policy*.
- Sheppard, Keller G.** 2023. "Florida Trauma Responsive and Caring Environment (TRACE): Exploratory factor analysis of a staff and youth Trauma-Informed Self-Assessment Tools in juvenile residential programs." *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 21(1).
- Sheppard, Keller G.,** Michaela M. Wilson†, Lacy H. Reddick†, Garrett O. Tucker†, and Ashley H. Schwab†. 2022. "Reducing staff burnout and turnover intentions in juvenile justice residential commitment programs: The promise of trauma-informed care." *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 82: 1-10.
- Sheppard, Keller G.** and Riley Tucker. 2022. "Police Shooting Mortality: Investigating Individual, Incident, and Contextual Factors Differentiating Fatal and Non-Fatal Police Shootings." *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*, published online before print September 19, 2022.
- Sheppard, Keller G.,** and Brandon C. Welsh. 2022. "Can police use of less-than-lethal weapons reduce harm during violent police-citizen encounters? A systematic review and directions for future research." *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 64: 101748.
- Sheppard, Keller G.,** Gregory M. Zimmerman, and Emma E. Fridel. 2022. "Examining the Relevance of Contextual Gun Ownership on Fatal Police Shootings." *Justice Quarterly*, 39(6): 1214-1236.
- Sheppard, Keller G.,** and Jacob I. Stowell. 2021. "Police fatal force and crime reporting: a test of community responses to fatal police-civilian encounters." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 37(21): 1-29.

- Zimmerman, Gregory M., Emma E. Fridel, **Keller G. Sheppard**, and Nathaniel L. Lawshe. 2021. "Contextualizing fatal police-resident encounters with a focus on Hispanic or Latin American Places: Does macro-level racial and ethnic composition distinguish resident fatalities by the police and police fatalities by residents?" *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 72: 101749.
- Braga, Anthony A., Elizabeth Griffiths, **Keller G. Sheppard**, and Stephen D. C. Douglas. 2021. "Firearm Instrumentality: Do Guns Make Violent Situations More Lethal?" *Annual Review of Criminology*, 4(1): 147-164.
- Braga, Anthony A., Lisa Barao, Gregory M. Zimmerman, Stephen D. C. Douglas, and **Keller G. Sheppard**. 2020. "Measuring the Direct and Spillover Effects of Body Worn Cameras on the Civility of Police-Citizen Encounters and Police Work Activities." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 36(4): 851-876.
- Fridel, Emma E., **Keller G. Sheppard**, and Gregory M. Zimmerman. 2020. "Integrating the Literature on Police Use of Deadly Force and Police Lethal Victimization: How Does Place Impact Fatal Police–Citizen Encounters?" *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 36(4): 957-992.
- Martinez, Ramiro and **Keller G. Sheppard**. 2019. "Were Mexican-American Communities Safer than Others?" *UCLA Law Review*, 66(6): 1588-1615.

Non-Refereed Publications

- Sheppard, Keller G.**, Alyssa Talaugon, Sonja Siennick, and Malia Grumblatt. 2025. Juvenile Firearm Offenders in Florida: Profiles and Pathways to Referral. Report to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and the National Institute of Justice.
- Sheppard, Keller G.** and Michaela Wilson. 2023. Analysis of Civil Citation and Other Alternatives to Arrest Program Outcomes, Report to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.
- Sheppard, Keller G.** 2022. When Justice Flies Blind: A Multi-Level Analysis of Judicial Utilization of Risk Assessment Instruments and Their Impact on Juvenile Dispositions, Report to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.
- Sheppard, Keller G.** and Sherry Jackson. 2022. Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Pathways to Impact Report, Report to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
- Sheppard, Keller G.** 2021. Predisposition Placement Status and Offending, Report to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.
- Sheppard, Keller G.** 2021. Detention Risk Assessment Instrument Evaluation, Report to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.

Sheppard, Keller G., Nathaniel L. Lawshe, and Jack McDevitt. 2021. "Hate Crimes in a Cross-Cultural Context." *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*.

Sheppard, Keller G. and Anthony A. Braga. 2019. Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative 2019 City of Boston Annual Report, Report to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

McDevitt, Jack, Stephen D. C. Douglas, and **Keller G. Sheppard**. 2018. Descriptive Analysis of Police-Community Reactions to Body Worn Cameras, the Potential Influence of Body Camera Videos on Judicial Decision Making, and the Quality of Video and Audio Generated by Body Worn Cameras in Boston. Report to the Boston Police Department.

McDevitt, Jack, **Keller G. Sheppard**, and Stephen D. C. Douglas. 2018. Examining the Meaning of Boston's 911 Call Data and Implications for Public Policy. Report to the Boston Research Center.

National Conference Presentations

Rivera, Annette & Keller G. Sheppard. 2025. November. National Data Sources on Police Assault: A Systematic Review and Comparative Analysis. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Wilson, Michaela & Keller G. Sheppard. 2025. November. Aftercare and Juvenile Recidivism: An Evaluation of Efficacy and Heterogeneity of Treatment Effects. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

La Tosa, Antonia, Emma E. Fridel, & Keller G. Sheppard. 2025. November. Exploring the Individual and Contextual Correlates of Juvenile Firearm Offending. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Huaman, Emma, Keller G. Sheppard, & Jennifer E. Copp. 2025. November. Expanding the Pretrial Service Continuum: An Evaluation of Juvenile Pretrial Supervised Release's Impact on Youth Outcomes. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Geathers, Kendyl & Keller G. Sheppard. 2025. November. Civilian Complaint Review Boards: An Evaluation of Impacts on Police-Citizen Violence. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Billmeier, Alex & Keller G. Sheppard. 2024. November. Police-Citizen Violence During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Exploring the Changing Dynamics During a Public Health Crisis. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Sheppard, K. G. & Jackson, S. 2023. November. Assessing the Feasibility and Performance of Risk Assessment Instruments for Early Intervention and Prevention Services in Juvenile Justice. (Listed in Program as Criminogenic Needs of Youth in Residential Commitment

Programs: A Latent Class Analysis). American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Sheppard Keller G. and Sherry Jackson. 2022. November. Reducing Secure Detention: Testing the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice's Revised Detention Risk Assessment Instrument. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Stowell Jacob I., Ramiro Martinez, and Keller G. Sheppard. 2022. November. Justice Change on Change: Comparing Ecological Processes and Crime During a Period of Dramatic Social Transformation. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Sheppard, Keller G. and Jacob I. Stowell. 2019. November. *Police Homicides and Community Perceptions of Police Legitimacy*: American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Sheppard, Keller G., Gregory M. Zimmerman, and Emma E. Fridel. 2019. November. *Contextualizing Fatal Police-Citizen Encounters: Does Community Racial Composition Impact the Odds of Police Use of Deadly Force Relative to Police Lethal Victimization?* American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Zimmerman, Gregory M., Emma E. Fridel, and Keller G. Sheppard. 2019. August. *Does Community Racial and Ethnic Composition Distinguish Police Use of Deadly Force from Police Lethal Victimization?* American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

Sheppard Keller G., Gregory M. Zimmerman, and Emma E. Fridel, and. 2018, November. *Exploring the Community Context of Police Victimization and Use of Lethal Force*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Invited Presentations

Sheppard, K. G. 2023. October. Translational Criminology and Implementation Science: Implications for Juvenile Justice Practitioners. Restoring Hope Training Summit, Orlando, FL.

Garrett Tucker, Ashley Schwab, and Keller G. Sheppard 2022. October. *Creating a Trauma Responsive and Caring Environment (TRACE)*. Restoring Hope, Orlando, FL.

Sheppard, Keller G. 2018. November. *Officer Involved Fatal Shootings: The Role of Police Organizations*. School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Northeastern University.

Research Positions

Research Assistant for Boston Opioid Epidemic Project (Spring 2021). Developing New Tools to Fight the Opioid Epidemic. Funded by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation (Principal Investigators: Anthony A. Braga, Rod Brunson, and Gregory M. Zimmerman).

Field Researcher and Shift Supervisor for Cambridge, Massachusetts study site (Spring 2018-Spring 2020). Enhancing Procedural Justice in Hot Spots Policing: A Multi-Site

Randomized Trial. Funded by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, \$1,787,679 (Principal Investigator: David Weisburd; Co-Principal Investigators: Anthony A. Braga, Tracey Meares, and Cody Telep).

Co-Author for Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Fall 2019-Summer 2020). City of Boston Local Action Research Partner. Funded by Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Grants and Research (Principal Investigator: Anthony A. Braga).

Research Assistant for Boston Police Department Body-Worn Camera Randomized Control Trial (Fall 2017-Summer 2018). Evaluation of Boston Police Department Body-Worn Camera Pilot (Principal Investigators: Anthony A. Braga, Jack McDevitt, and Gregory M. Zimmerman).

Funding and Grants

Sheppard, Keller (PI), Ichplani, P., & Pesta, G. (Jan 2026–Dec 2026). *Florida Juvenile Pre-arrest Diversion Program*. Funded by FSU. (None). Total award \$22,843.

Sheppard, Keller (PI), & Siennick, Sonja (Co-PI). (Jan 2025–Dec 2029). *A Focused Deterrence Program for Juveniles with Firearm Offenses: a Randomized Controlled Trial and Process Evaluation*. Funded by National Institute of Justice. (15PNIJ-24-GG-03092-MUMU). Total award \$1,255,241.

Sheppard, Keller (PI). (May 2024–Aug 2024). *FYAP: Secure Detention and Community-Based Alternatives: Impact on Youth Outcomes*. Funded by FSU CRC. (None). Total award \$20,000.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Interests: juvenile justice, policing, research methods

<i>University</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Course Name</i>	<i>Course Level</i>
Florida State	Instructor	Juvenile Justice	Undergraduate
Florida State	Instructor	Police Problems and Practices	Undergraduate
Florida State	Instructor	Law Enforcement	Undergraduate
Florida State	Instructor	Police and Society	Graduate
Northeastern	Instructor	Criminology	Graduate

Service

FSU College Service

Committee Member, Administrative Advisory Committee (2025–present).

Committee Member, Scholarship Committee (2025–present).

FSU Program Service

Co-Faculty Advisor, Lambda Alpha Epsilon (2025–present).

Doctoral Committee Member

Li, N., graduate. (2025). *The Relationship Between Attributes of Police Agencies and Crime Rates, Arrest Rates, Clearance Rates, and Racial Differences in Arrest.*

Noorman, K., graduate. (2024). *Exploring Mediating and Moderating Effects of Juvenile Justice System Involvement on High School Graduation.*

Paintsil, I., graduate. (2024). *Devaluation and Solvability: The Quest for Factors Affecting Violent Crime Clearance.*

Billmeier, A., doctoral student. *Exploring the Relationship Between Private Police and Racial Composition in U.S. Cities.*

Bachelor's Committee Chair

English, A., graduate (2026)

Bevan III, K. V., graduate. (2025).

Beliard, B., graduate. (2025).