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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Co-Director/Research Faculty May 2013 to Present
Florida State University, College of Criminology and Criminal Justice; Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research, Tallahassee, FL

Responsibilities include research center development, proposal development, managing research projects, collaborating with principal investigators, supervising graduate students, collaborating on research reports and project deliverables, and conducting grant funded research activities such as data collection, program evaluation, and training.

Director of Education Planning and Development January 2011 to April 2013
G4S Youth Services LLC, Tampa, FL

Responsibilities included:

- Working with 15 juvenile justice schools.
- Developing and implementing federal and state grants.
- Writing proposals to operate juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs.
- Conducting school evaluations and assessing performance outcomes.
- Developing and maintaining companywide educational policies and procedures.
- Representing G4S in professional meetings with the Florida Legislature, the U.S. Department of Education, the Correctional Education Association, the Florida Department of Education, Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Juvenile Justice Association.
- Developing and implementing the National School Lunch Program in 15 Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCIs) across the company.

Research Faculty July 1998 to January 2011
Florida State University, College of Criminology and Criminal Justice; Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research, Tallahassee, FL

Juvenile Justice Education Specialist July 1998 to January 2011
Conducted program evaluations and performance monitoring of juvenile justice schools throughout Florida; provided technical assistance to schools and school districts; developed and delivered training for the Florida Department of Education and FSU in juvenile justice education.

Project Manager June 2005 to November 2008
Juvenile Justice No Child Left Behind Collaboration Project: supervised project staff, organized and hosted national meetings and conferences, presenting project material and research findings at national meetings and conferences, and providing project deliverables and research reports to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Research Coordinator

April 2002 to December 2006

Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program: supervised GRAs; conducted research on effective practices in teaching at-risk and delinquent youth and presented at conferences.

- Annually facilitated the development and revision of the Quality Assurance standards used to monitor educational services in Florida’s juvenile justice schools.
- Developed training materials and trained school administrators and teachers as quality assurance peer reviews. Delivered training for newly hired education reviewers.
- Developed, presented, and facilitated workshops to provide juvenile justice education program practitioners with updates relating to legislation, quality assurance standards, DOE policies, and various technical assistance topics.

Juvenile Justice Education Consultant

June 1997 to June 1998

University of North Florida / Florida Institute of Education, Tallahassee FL

The project at the University of North Florida moved to Florida State University. Was re-hired.

EDUCATION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL Ph.D. Education Research & Policy Studies	2012
DePaul University, Chicago, IL M.A. English	1996
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL B.A. English	1992

TEACHING

Florida State University, College of Criminology and Criminal Justice

- Instructor CJJ4010. “Juvenile Justice” (fall 2020).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Translational Criminology” (spring 2020).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Alternatives to Incarceration” (spring 2020).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Racial Disparity in Sentencing” (spring 2020).
- Supervised Research. “The Use of Social Media in Higher Education” (2019-2020).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Elder Fraud” (spring 2019).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Correctional Research and Practice” (summer 2019).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Criminological Research & Policy Application” (fall 2019).
- Co-instructor. “Corrections” (fall 2018).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Higher Education in Chinese Criminology” (fall 2018).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Juvenile Justice Education” (fall 2018).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Elder Financial Fraud” (fall 2018).
- Supervisor for student IDEA research grant recipient. “Crime Online: Evaluating Business Typologies that increase the Vulnerability to Cyber Crime” (spring and summer 2018).
- Co-instructor. “Corrections” (summer 2018).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Cyber Crime” (3 students, spring 2018).
- Honors Thesis Committee Member. “Human Trafficking” (Kristen Neville, spring 2018).

- Independent Study Supervision. “School Discipline and Racial Bias” (spring, 2017).
- Independent Study Supervision. “DUI Homicide and Victim Services” (spring, 2017).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Racial Disparity in the Justice System” (spring, 2017).
- Master’s Committee Member. “Examining the argument for school-based interventions for identified delinquents” (Nicole Collier, summer 2016).*
- Independent Study Supervision. “Schools and Delinquency” (summer, 2016).
- Co-instructor. “Corrections” (spring, 2016).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Translational Criminology” (spring, 2016).*
- Independent Study Supervision. “Homeland Security” (spring, 2016).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Mentor Programs and Delinquency Prevention” (spring, 2016).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Homeland Security” (fall, 2015).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Schools and Delinquency” (fall, 2015).*
- Independent Study Supervision. “Translational Criminology” (fall, 2015).*
- Co-instructor. “Corrections” (fall, 2015).
- Independent Study Supervision. “History of Dozier School for Boys” (summer, 2015).
- Co-instructor. “Corrections” (spring, 2015).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Campus Sexual Assault” (spring, 2015).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Veterans and Community Reentry” (spring, 2015).
- Co-instructor. “Corrections” (fall Semester, 2014).
- Independent Study Supervision. “Juvenile Civil Citation” (summer, 2015).
- Co-instructor. “Corrections” (spring, 2014).
- Co-instructor. “Criminological Research and Public Policy” (spring, 2007).
- Co-instructor. “Delinquency and Education” (spring, 2006).
- Guest Lecturer. “Crime Policies” (spring and fall, 2006).
- Instructor. “Delinquency and the Role of Education” (spring, 2005).
- Instructor. “Delinquency and the Role of Education” (spring, 2003).
- Guest Lecturer. “Corrections” (spring, 2002).
- Co-instructor. “Juvenile Justice Education” (spring, 2000).
- Guest Lecturer. “Inequality and Crime” (fall, 1999).

*indicates graduate student

Mount Marty College, Yankton, SD

August 1996 to May 1997

- Adjunct Instructor. English 103 “Essay Writing.”
- Adjunct Instructor. English 104 “Introduction to Literature.”
- Operated college writing center. Supervised student tutors. Tutored freshman and at-risk students. Supervised mandatory study halls for athletes and students on academic probation.
- Technical manager for the theater auditorium.

Northwest Iowa Community College, Sheldon, IA

August to December 1996

- Adjunct Instructor. “Rural Literature” Taught analytical skills using Native American and Western texts to interpret the Native American oral tradition.

Tolton (Non-profit GED and Literacy Cite), Chicago, IL

January to May 1996

- Tutored students, ages 16 to 65, with diverse learning needs.

- Student-Teacher. "English Composition II."

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Nadel, M.R., **George B. Pesta**, Thomas G. Blomberg, and William D. Bales. "Community Context and Individual Characteristics in Decisions to Divert or Arrest." *Law and Society Review*, 55(2), 320-342.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, Sonja E. Siennick, **George B. Pesta**, Nic Swager, Kaylee Noorman, Jonathon Caswell, & Cecelia Chouhy. Building Collaborative Evidence-Based Frameworks for Criminal Justice Policy. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*. (forthcoming).

Chouhy, Cecilia, Nic Swager, Julie Brancale, Kaylee Noorman, Sonja E. Siennick, Jonathan Caswell, William D. Bales, **George B. Pesta**, & Thomas G. Blomberg. Forecasting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Proposed Criminal Justice Legislation. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. (forthcoming).

Aranda-Hughes, Vivian., Daniel P. Mears, **George B. Pesta**, & Jennifer Brown. "The contemporary salience of deprivation theory: Prison personnel perceptions of Inmates and the pains of solitary confinement." *Crime and Delinquency*, 67(3), 399-430.

Aranda-Hughes, Vivian., Jillian Turanovic, Daniel P. Mears, & **George B. Pesta**. (2020). Women in solitary confinement: Relationships, pseudofamilies, and the limits of control. *Feminist Criminology*, 16(1), 47-72.

Montes, Andrea N., Daniel P. Mears, Nicole L. Collier, **George B. Pesta**, Sonja E. Siennick, & Samantha J. Brown. 2020. "Blurred and Confused: The Paradox of Police in Schools." *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, DOI: 10.1093/policing/paaa045

Siennick, Sonja E., Samantha J. Brown, Daniel P. Mears, **George B. Pesta**, Andrea N. Montes, & Nicole L. Collier. 2020. "School-Based Wraparound Services for Youth with Prior Police Contact: A Randomized Controlled Trial." *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 16(2), 207-226.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, & **George B. Pesta**. 2019. Elder Financial Exploitation in the United States. In Emil Pywaczewski and Ewa Guzik-Makaruk (Eds.), *Current Problems of the Penal Law and Criminology*. Eighth Edition. Warsaw, Poland: C.H. Beck.

Mears, Daniel P., Vivian Hughes, **George B. Pesta**, William D. Bales, Jennifer M. Brown, Joshua C. Cochran, & John Wooldredge. 2019. "The New Solitary Confinement? A Conceptual Framework for Guiding and Assessing Research and Policy on 'Restrictive Housing.'" *Criminal Justice and Behavior* 46(10):1427-1444.

Brown, Samantha J., Daniel P. Mears, Nicole L. Collier, Andrea N. Montes, **George B. Pesta**, & Sonja E. Siennick. "Education versus punishment? Silo effects and the school-to-prison pipeline." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 57(4):403-443.

Young, B.C., Melissa R. Nadel, William D. Bales, **George B. Pesta**, & Mark Greenwald. (2019). Far from home: An examination of the juvenile visitation experience and the barriers to visitation. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 63(8): 1409-1423.

Pesta, George B., Thomas G. Blomberg, Javier Ramos, & J.W. Andrew Ranson (2018). "Translational Criminology: Toward Best Practice." *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. 44: 499–518.

Nadel, M.R., **George B. Pesta**, Thomas G. Blomberg, William D. Bales, & Mark Greenwald (2018). "Civil citation: Diversion or net widening?" *Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency*. 55(2): 278-315.

Nadel, M. R., **George B. Pesta**, Thomas G. Blomberg, William D. Bales, & Mark Greenwald (2018). "In Florida, introducing civil citations for young offenders has met with mixed success." *USApp - American Politics and Policy Blog* (22 May 2018). Blog Entry.

Mears, Daniel P., Andrea N. Montes, Nicole L. Collier, Sonja E. Siennick, **George B. Pesta**, Samantha J. Ladwig, & Thomas G. Blomberg. (2018). "The Benefits, Risks, and Challenges of Get-Tough and Support-Oriented Approaches to Increasing School Safety." *Criminal Justice Policy Review* 30(9):1342-1367.

Collier, Nicole L., Samantha J. Brown, Andrea N. Montes, **George B. Pesta**, Daniel P. Mears, & Sonja E. Siennick. (2018). "Navigating the Get-Tough and Support-Oriented Philosophies for Improving School Safety: Insights from School Administrators and School Safety Staff." *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 44(5):705-726.

Ranson, J.W., Andrew, Javier Ramos, **George B. Pesta**, & Thomas G. Blomberg. "Unlocking Knowledge: Florida's Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships Work." *Corrections Today*. 79.1 (2017): 28-31.

Mears, Daniel P., Joshua J. Kuch, Andrea M. Lindsey, Sonja E. Siennick, **George B. Pesta**, Mark A. Greenwald, and Thomas G. Blomberg. 2016. "Juvenile Court and Contemporary Diversion: Helpful, Harmful, or Both?" *Criminology and Public Policy* 15:1-29.

Pesta, G. B. & Thomas G. Blomberg. 2016. "Education and Delinquency", in. Blomberg, Thomas G., Julie Mestre Brancale, Kevin Beaver, William D. Bales, eds. 2016. *Advancing Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy*. London: Routledge.

Blomberg, Thomas G. and George B. Pesta. "Education and Delinquency." *Encyclopedia of Juvenile Delinquency and Justice*. 2015. Print.

Oakley, Cathy, **George B. Pesta**, Sabri Ciftci, & Thomas G. Blomberg. "A Model and Test of Policymaking as Process." *Journal of Politics and Law*. 6.4 (2013):1-12.

Blomberg, Thomas G., Jeanine Blomberg, Gordon Waldo, **George B. Pesta** & Jon Bellows. "Juvenile Justice Education, No Child Left Behind, and the National Collaboration Project" *Corrections Today*. 68.2 (2006): 143-146.

Blomberg, Thomas G., **George B. Pesta** & Kristin Winokur. "Delinquency, Incarceration, and the Role of Academic Attainment in the Life Course" *The State of Corrections*, 2003 Proceedings American Correctional Association Annual Conferences, 2004, pp. 89-102.

Pesta, G. B., Trinetia Respress, Aline K. Major, Christine Arazan, & Terry Coxe. "Evaluation Research and Quality Assurance," *Evaluation Review*, 26.3 (2002): 281-271.

Pesta, G. B. & Terry Coxe. "Implementing Data-Driven Quality Assurance," Data-Driven Juvenile Justice Education, National Juvenile Detention Association, Richmond Kentucky, 2001, pp. 19-25.

Pesta, G. B. & Terry Coxe. "Improving Program Performance Through Technical Assistance and Corrective Action," Data-Driven Juvenile Justice Education, National Juvenile Detention Association, Richmond Kentucky, 2001, pp. 27-32.

Pesta, G. B. & Aline K. Major. "Curricular Offerings in Juvenile Justice Education," Data-Driven Juvenile Justice Education, National Juvenile Detention Association, Richmond Kentucky, 2001, pp. 91-98.

Pesta, G. B. & Deborah R. Stahly. "Transition and Juvenile Justice Education," Data-Driven Juvenile Justice Education, National Juvenile Detention Association, Richmond Kentucky, 2001, pp. 121-132.

RESEARCH REPORTS

Mears, Daniel P., **Pesta, George B.**, Aranda-Hughes, Vivian, Brown, Jennifer M., Siennick, Sonja E., Cochran, Joshua C., and Bales, William D. The Impacts of Restrictive Housing on Inmate Behavior, Mental Health, and Recidivism, and Prison Systems and Personnel. Final report prepared for the National Institute of Justice September 2020 (Award No. 2016-IJ-CX-0014).

Turanovic, Jillian J., Thomas G. Blomberg, **George B. Pesta**, Julie L. Kuper, and Julie Brancale. Palm Beach County Victim Services Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Related Deaths Demonstration Project. Final Report prepared for the Office for Victims of Crime. October 2020 (Award No. 2016-XV-GX-K018).

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, **George B. Pesta**, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. 2020. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB1866-Assault and Battery Against Special Populations. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, **George B. Pesta**, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. 2020. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB1716-Prison Release Reoffender. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, **George B. Pesta**, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. 2020. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB1504-Driving with a Suspended, Revoked, or Canceled License. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, **George B. Pesta**, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. 2020. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB1396-Driving Under the Influence Diversion Program. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, **George B. Pesta**, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. 2020. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB1308-Resentencing of Youthful and Young Adult Offenders. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, **George B. Pesta**, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. 2020. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB1288-Solicitation of Legal Services. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, **George B. Pesta**, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. 2019. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB574-Conditional Release. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, **George B. Pesta**, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. 2019. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB554-Mitigating Circumstances. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, **George B. Pesta**, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. 2019. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB550-Prison Diversion. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

Brancale, Julie, Thomas G. Blomberg, **George B. Pesta**, Cecilia Chouhy, Kaylee Fitzpatrick, Nic Swagar, William D. Bales. 2019. Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement on SB522-Animal Cruelty. Submitted to the Florida Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

Mears Daniel P., Sonja E. Siennick, **George B. Pesta**, Andrea N. Montes, Samantha J. Brown, and Nicole L. Collier. The Palm Beach County School Safety and Student Performance

Partnership Research Project: Final Research Report. National Institute of Justice, December 2018.

Mears Daniel P., Andrea N. Montes, Sonja E. Siennick, **George B. Pesta**, Samantha J. Brown, and Nicole L. Collier. The Causal Logic Model of the Palm Beach County School Safety and Student Performance Program. National Institute of Justice, December 2018.

Ranson, Andrew, William D. Bales, Thomas G. Blomberg, William Case, Jennifer Copp, and **George B. Pesta**. Evidence-Based Policy Planning for the Leon County Detention Center: Population Trends and Forecasts. Leon County Sherriff's Office, February 2018.

Nadel, Melissa, William Bales, **George B. Pesta**. An Assessment of the Effectiveness of Civil Citation as an Alternative to Arrest among Youth Apprehended by Law Enforcement. National Institute of Justice, October 2017.

Young, Brae Campion, Melissa Nadel, **George B. Pesta**, and William Bales. Family Attachment and Juvenile Justice Outcomes: An Assessment of Visitation of Juvenile Delinquents in Residential Facilities. National Institute of Justice, October 2017.

Brancale, Julie, Jennifer M. Brown, **George B. Pesta**, and William Bales. Assessing the Impact of Individual-, School-, and District-Level Factors on School-Based Arrests to the Department of Juvenile Justice. National Institute of Justice, October 2017.

Pesta, George B., An Evaluation of Educational Services for Youth in the Polk County Jail; Follow-up Report, Polk County School District and Southern Poverty Law Center, June 2017.

Blomberg, Thomas, Julie Mestre-Brancale, **George B. Pesta**, J.W. Andrew Ranson, and Brae Campion. Elder Financial Fraud in The Villages, Florida. Final Report to Merrill Lynch, June 2016.

Pesta, George B., Javier Ramos, J.W. Andrew Ranson, Alexa Singer, and Thomas Blomberg. Translational Criminology-Research and Policy: Final Report. National Institute of Justice, June 2016.

Pesta, George B., An Evaluation of Educational Services for Youth in the Polk County Jail, Polk County School District and Southern Poverty Law Center, February 2014.

Blomberg, Thomas G, William D. Bales. **George B. Pesta**, Ellie Sweeney. Recommended Considerations for the Florida Parole Commission, December 2013.

Pesta, George B., William Bales, Thomas Blomberg and Julie Mestre. An Evaluation of the Palm Beach County Family Drug Court, August 2013.

Hill, Lelsie, William Bales, **George B. Pesta**, Re-Validation of the Florida Department of Corrections' Correctional Operations Trend Analysis System (COTAS), September 2013.

Contributing Author, 2009-2010 Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education: by the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program, December 2010.

Contributing Author, 2008-2009 Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education: by the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program, December 2009.

Contributing Author, 2007-2008 Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education: by the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program, December 2008.

Co Author, The Juvenile Justice No Child Left Behind Collaboration Project: A National Effort to Improve Education for Incarcerated Youth, Final Report to the U.S. Department of Justice, 2008.

Lead Author, Solutions, The Second Annual Conference on Juvenile Justice Education and No Child Left Behind, Conference Training Manual, July 8-10 2007, Tampa Florida.

Editor and Contributing Author, 2006 Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education: by the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program, May 2007.

Contributing Author, Proceedings of the 2006 National Conference on Juvenile Justice Education and No Child Left Behind, December 2006.

Co Editor, The Florida Safe and Drug-Free Schools Quality Data Management Project, Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education, September 2006.

Lead Author, Conference on Juvenile Justice Education and No Child Left Behind, Conference Training Manual, July 16-18, 2006, Orlando Florida.

Contributing Author, Palm Beach Youth Violence Reduction Project Final Report, Submitted to the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission, April 2006.

Contributing Author, Juvenile Justice Accountability and Evaluation Systems: A Special Report to the Florida House of Representatives Criminal Justice Appropriations Committee, March 2006.

Contributing Author, Juvenile Boot Camps: A Special Report to the Florida House of Representatives Criminal Justice Appropriations Committee, February 2006.

Editor and Contributing Author, 2005 Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education: by the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program, May 2006.

Contributing Author, A Transition Guidebook for Educational Personnel of Juvenile Justice Programs; Providing a Continuum of Care for Delinquent Youth in Education, Treatment, and Conditional Release, Second Edition, Florida Department of Education, fall 2005.

Editor and Contributing Author, 2004 Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education: by the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program, spring 2005.

Editor and Contributing Author, 2003 Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education: by the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program, spring 2004.

Contributing Author, 2002 Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education: by the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program, spring 2003.

Contributing Author, 2001 Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education: by the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program, spring 2002.

Lead Author, “Juvenile Justice Cooperative Agreements and Contracts,” Technical Assistance Paper ESE 10969, Florida Department of Education, June 2001.

Contributing Author, 2000 Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education: by the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program, spring 2001.

Lead Author, A Transition Guidebook for Educational Personnel of Juvenile Justice Programs: Providing a Continuum of Care for Delinquent Youth in Education, Treatment, and Conditional Release, Florida Department of Education, 2000.

Contributing Author, 1999 Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education: by the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program, spring 2000.

Contributing Author, 1998 Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education: by the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program, spring 1999.

Unpublished Work, Documentary script on urban youth. Documented work and life of teenage graffiti artists in Chicago with still photos and written stories, 1995.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Invited Presentation. Evaluating and Improving Juvenile Justice Education in Maryland. Thomas G. Blomberg & George B. Pesta. The Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators: Juvenile Justice Research Summit. Safety Harbor FL, October 2019.

Invited Keynote Panel Presentation. Institutionalizing the use of Research in Juvenile Justice Practice: The Case of Florida. Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting. Washington D.C. June 2018.

Invited Presentation. The Translation of Research to Inform Policy and Practice in Florida’s Adult and Juvenile Correctional Systems. The Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators: Juvenile Justice Research Summit. Orlando FL, October 2018.

Invited Presentation. Translational Criminology: Toward Validated Best Practices. George Pesta, Thomas Blomberg, Javier Ramos, and Andrew J.W. Ranson. William T. Grant Foundation meetings, Advancing the Use of Research Evidence, Washington, D.C., February 2017.

Invited Presentation. “Translational Criminology: Toward Validated Best Practices.” George Pesta, Thomas Blomberg, Javier Ramos, and Andrew J.W. Ranson. The 2017 Florida State University Fellows Forum, Tallahassee, FL., March 2017.

Invited Presentation. “The Palm Beach School-Justice Partnership: Implementing a School-Based Delinquency Intervention.” George B. Pesta, Daniel P. Mears, Sonja E. Siennick. NIJ School Safety Meetings 2017, Washington, DC. May 2017.

Invited speaker on juvenile justice education. 2012 Justice Summit, Florida Smart Justice Alliance, Orlando, FL, December 13, 2012.

Invited speaker on Senate Bill 834 Juvenile Justice Education and Workforce Programs, Florida Senate Education, Criminal Justice and Appropriations Committees, 2012 Florida Legislative Session.

Invited speaker on House Bill 441 and Senate Bill 1406, "Juvenile Justice Education Programs," Florida Senate Education, Criminal Justice and Appropriations Committees, 2013 Florida Legislative Session.

Brancale, Julie Mestre, Thomas Blomberg, and George Pesta. Research Brought to Life: Discussing the Epidemic of Elder Financial Fraud. Tallahassee, Florida. October 2016. Invited to present by Merrill Lynch Wealth Management Group at the Governor's Club and Westminster Oaks Retirement Community.

Brancale, Julie Mestre, Thomas Blomberg, George Pesta. Elder Financial Exploitation in The Villages, Florida. WaterSound, Florida. August 2016. Invited to present for board members of The St. Joe Company.

Siennick, Sonja E., George B. Pesta, and Mayra Picon. 2020. New research to better understand recidivism: A two-state examination of varied measurement strategies for juvenile reoffending. Paper presented at the 2020 National Conference on Juvenile Justice (virtual meeting).

Mears, Daniel P., Vivian Hughes, and George B. Pesta. 2019. *Restrictive Housing: Problem or Cure*. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Vivian Hughes, Daniel P. Mears, and George B. Pesta. 2019. *Mental Health Care in Restrictive Housing*. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

George B. Pesta, Nicole Collier, Julie Brancale, Thomas G. Blomberg. *Evaluating and Improving Juvenile Justice Education in Maryland*. Southern Criminal Justice Association.

Nashville, TN, September 2019.

The Translation of Research to Inform Policy and Practice in Florida's Adult and Juvenile Correctional Systems. Southern Criminal Justice Association. Pensacola FL, September 2018.

The Impact of Civil Citation on Juvenile Recidivism. Melissa Nadel, George B. Pesta, Thomas G. Blomberg, William D. Bales, and Mark Greenwald. American Society of Criminology (ASC), Atlanta GA, November 2018.

Exploring the Impact of a Juvenile Arrest on High School Completion. Julie Brancale, Jennifer M. Brown, George B. Pesta, and Sonja E. Siennick. ASC, Atlanta GA, November 2018.

The Placement of Police and Probation Officers in Schools: Goal Alignment or Goal Conflict? Samantha Brown, Nicole L. Collier, Daniel P. Mears, Andrea N. Montes, George B. Pesta, and Sonja E. Siennick. ASC, Atlanta GA, November 2018.

Officers' Views of Restrictive Housing. Daniel P. Mears, George B. Pesta, Vivian Hughes, and William D. Bales. ASC, Atlanta GA, November 2018.

Identifying and Validating Best Practice Responses for DUI Homicide Survivors. Thomas G. Blomberg, Jillian Turanovic, George B. Pesta, and Darinka Milojevic. ASC, Atlanta GA, November 2018.

Inmate Adaptation to Restrictive Housing. Vivian Hughes, Daniel P. Mears, George B. Pesta, Jennifer M. Brown, and William D. Bales. ASC, Atlanta GA, November 2018.

Impact Evaluation of the School Safety and Student Performance Partnership. George B. Pesta, Sonja E. Siennick, Daniel P. Mears, Andrea N. Montes, Samantha Brown, and Nicole L. Collier. ASC, Atlanta GA, November 2018.

Implementing Innovative Victim Services to Survivors of DUI Homicides: A Process Evaluation. Thomas G. Blomberg, William D. Bales, George B. Pesta. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans LA, February 2018.

Daniel Mears, William D. Bales, and George Pesta. Exploring the Goals, Uses, and Impacts of Restrictive Housing. ASC, Philadelphia, P.A., November 2017.

William D. Bales, Melissa Nadel, George Pesta, and Mark Greenwald. Using Diversion: The Contextual and Individual Level Predictors of Civil Citation. ASC, Philadelphia, P.A., November 2017.

Nicole Collier, Samantha Ladwig, Andrea Montes Lindsey, George Pesta Daniel Mears, and Sonja Siennick. The Shifting Tide of Zero Tolerance: School Administrator and School Safety Staff Views on the Blending of Zero Tolerance and Support-Oriented Policies. ASC, Philadelphia, P.A., November 2017.

George Pesta, Andrea Montes Lindsey, Nicole Collier, Daniel Mears, Sonja Siennick, and Samantha Ladwig. Results from a Process Evaluation of a School-Based Delinquency Prevention Program. ASC, Philadelphia, P.A., November 2017.

Julie Brancale, Jennifer M. Brown, George Pesta, Sonja Siennick. Examining the Deterrent and Labeling Effects of School versus Community Based Juvenile Justice Referrals. ASC, Philadelphia, P.A., November 2017.

Sonja Siennick, Samantha Ladwig, Daniel Mears, George Pesta, Andrea Monte Lindsey, and Nicole Collier. Impacts of a School-Based Delinquency Prevention Program. ASC, Philadelphia, P.A., November 2017.

Andrea Linsey, Daniel Mears, Sonja Siennick, George Pesta, and Nicole Collier. A School District and Juvenile Court Partnership for Working with Low-Risk Delinquent Youth, Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, L.A., November 2016.

Nicole Collier, Daniel Mears, George Pesta, Sonja Siennick, and Andrea Lindsey. School-Based Delinquency Interventions: Are They Needed and How Might They Work? Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, L.A., November 2016.

Sonja Siennick, George Pesta, Julie Mestre Brancale, and Jennifer Brown. Exploring the School-Based Labeling Effects of an In-School versus Out-Of-School Arrest on a Cohort of Florida Youth, Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, L.A., November 2016.

Alexa Singer, Sonja Siennick, George Pesta, Julie Mestre Brancale, and Jennifer Brown. The Influence of School-Level Characteristics on the School to Prison Pipeline, Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, L.A., November 2016.

Javier Ramos, George Pesta, and J.W. Andrew Ranson. Developing a Model for Translational Criminology: The Use of Research to Inform Policy and Practice in Florida's Adult and Juvenile Correctional Systems, Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, L.A., November 2016.

George Pesta and Daniel Mears. School-Based Efforts to Help At-Risk Youth, Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, L.A., November 2016.

Melissa Nadel, William Bales, and George Pesta. To See or Not to See: Factors Affecting the Likelihood of Visitation in Juvenile Residential Facilities, Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, L.A., November 2016.

Brancale, Julie Mestre, Thomas Blomberg, George Pesta, J.W. Andrew Ranson, and Brae Campion. *Life Course, Turning Points, and Elder Financial Fraud*. Presented at the June 2016 annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, New Orleans, LA.

Exploring the School-Based Labeling Effects of an In-School versus Out-of-School Arrest on a Cohort of Florida Youth. ASC, New Orleans L.A., November 2016.

School-Based Delinquency Interventions: Are They Needed and How Might They Work?" ASC, New Orleans L.A., November 2016.

Exploring the Risk and Protective Factors of Elder Financial Exploitation Using Life Course Theory. ASC, New Orleans LA, November 2016.

A School District and Juvenile Court Partnership for Working with Low-Risk Delinquent Youth. ASC, New Orleans LA, November 2016.

The Influence of School-Level Characteristics on the School to Prison Pipeline. ASC, New Orleans LA, November 2016.

To See or Not to See: Factors Affecting the Likelihood of Visitation in Juvenile Residential Facilities, ASC, New Orleans LA, November 2016.

The Palm Beach County School Safety and Student Performance Partnership Research Project. ASC, New Orleans LA, November 2016.

Translational Criminology: Research and Public Policy in Florida's Adult and Juvenile Corrections System. ASC, Washington D.C., November 2015.

Elder Financial Exploitation in Florida: An Exploratory Study of Risk and Protective Factors. ASC, Washington D.C., November 2015.

Civil Citations in Florida: The Potential Net-Widening Effect in Juvenile Sanctions. ASC, Washington D.C., November 2015.

Understanding the Relationship between First Arrest, School Disciplinary Practices, and Involvement in the Juvenile Justice System. ASC, Washington D.C., November 2015.

Examining the School-to-Prison Pipeline in Florida. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando FL, March 2015.

Penal Reform. ASC, San Francisco CA, November 2014.

An Evaluation of Florida's Juvenile Civil Citation Program. ASC, San Francisco CA, November 2014.

Punishment Alternatives: Civil Citations and Juvenile Delinquency in Florida. ASC, San Francisco CA, November 2014.

Domestic Violence Program Evaluation, presented to U.S. Embassy Officials and the Barbados and Palm Beach County law enforcement agencies. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office in Palm Beach FL, August 27, 2014.

Building Effective Partnerships between Researchers and Practitioners. Florida Police Chiefs Association, Boca Raton, FL, June 30, 2014.

Today's Strategies for the Continuous Advancement of Correctional Education: Lessons from Florida. Arizona Correctional Educators 11th Annual Professional Development Symposium. Phoenix Arizona, May 2013.

Implementing Technology Based CTE for High-Risk Juvenile Offenders, presented at the Correctional Education Association Leadership Forum, Columbus MD, March 18, 2013. Presented annually from 1998-2010 at the Juvenile Justice Education Institute (approximately 26 presentations). Topics included research findings, effective transition services, education accountability, evaluation, and curriculum and instruction, Florida.

Court Intervention and Institutional Reform in Juvenile Justice. ASC, Philadelphia PA, November 2009.

Findings from the Juvenile Justice No Child Left Behind Collaboration Project. Correctional Education Association Leadership Forum, Annapolis MD, March 2009.

Planned, hosted and presented annually from 2006-2008 at the Justice Education and No Child Left Behind National Conference, Orlando and Tampa Florida.

Updates from the Juvenile Justice No Child Left Behind Collaboration Project. Correctional Education Association Leadership Forum, Annapolis MD, March 2008.

Criminal Justice Policy Making: Beyond Agenda Setting. ASC, Atlanta GA, November 2007.

Differential Education and Community Reintegration Trajectories Among Incarcerated Youth. ASC, Atlanta GA, November 2007.

Implementing NCLB in Juvenile Justice Facilities. Correctional Education Association Leadership Forum, Annapolis MD, March 2007.

No Child Left Behind and the Juvenile Justice Education System: A Plan for National Collaboration. Poster Session; OJJDP Conference, Building on Success: Providing Today's Youth with Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow, Washington D.C. January 2006.

Reforming Education for Incarcerated Youth: the No Child Left Behind Act. ASC, Los Angeles CA, November 2006.

Educational Achievement and Delinquency Transition. ASC, Los Angeles CA, November 2006.

Court Intervention and Sustained Social Change in Florida's Juvenile Justice Education System. ASC, Los Angeles CA, November 2006.

Beyond Agenda Setting the Process of Policy Making. Justice Research Statistics Association Conference, Denver CO, October 2006.

Bridging the Gap between Research and Policy. ASC, Toronto Canada, November 2005.
Life Event Transitions: The Role of Education in the Delinquent Life-Course. ASC, Toronto Canada, November 2005.

Juvenile Justice Education and No Child Left Behind: a National Perspective. ASC, Chicago IL, August 2004.

Juvenile Justice Education: Research Based Accountability and System Improvement, 31st National Conference on Juvenile Justice sponsored by the National Juvenile Court Judges, Las Vegas Nevada, March 2004.

Evaluating Alternative School Discipline Program Practices and Transition Processes. Transition Conference for the National Evaluation and Technical Assistance Center for Education of Children and Youth Who are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk. U.S. Department of Education, Washington D.C., December 2003.

Educational Opportunity as a Turning Point in the Delinquency Life Course. ASC, Denver CO, November 2003.

Quality Education and Academic Attainment as a Turning Point in the Life Course. ASC, Nashville TN, August 2003.

Evaluating Educational Achievement as a Turning Point in the Delinquent Life Course. Southeastern Evaluation Association, Tallahassee FL, January 2002.

Exploring Educational Achievement in Changing the Delinquent Life Course. ASC, Chicago IL, November 2002.

Evaluation Research in Juvenile Justice Education. ASC, Atlanta Georgia, November 2001.

Integrating Research Findings into Program Practices. 7th Joint Conference on Juvenile Services, hosted by the National Juvenile Detention Association. Pittsburgh PA, October 2001.

Integrating Policy, Research, and Practice. National Juvenile Corrections Forum, hosted by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the American Correctional Association. San Diego CA, May 2001.

Best Practices in Juvenile Justice Education. Youth in Turmoil Conference. St. Petersburg, FL, February 2000.

Data-Driven Quality Educational Services for Youth in the Juvenile Justice System. Joint Conference of Juvenile Detention and Correctional Services. New Orleans LA, October 2000.

Implementing Research-Based Best Practices in Juvenile Justice Education. Behavioral Institute for Children and Adolescents, International Adolescent Conference. Portland OR, November 2000.

Database Development for Providing a Research Based Accountability System. ASC, San Francisco CA, November 2000.

Advancing Student Outcomes through College Preparation, Dual Enrollment, and Advanced Diploma Options. Dropout Prevention Statewide Technical Assistance Meeting, Orlando Florida, November 1998.

SERVICE

Faculty Liaison. Veterans' liaison for students in the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Florida State University. (2014-Present)

Council Member. Faculty representative for the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice Development Council, Florida State University. (2016-Present)

Faculty Advisor. Faculty advisor for the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice Student Leadership Council, Florida State University. (2016-Present)

Committee Chair. Engaging Universities in Research sub-committee. Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators. (2018-2019)

Board Member. Leon County Juvenile Regional Detention Facility Advisory Board. Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. (2018-2020)

Participant. National Association of Counties. County-University Research Partnerships Roundtable. (Chicago, November 2018)

Representative. Florida State University Faculty Senate Library Committee. (Fall 2016)

Invited Participant. William T. Grant Foundation Advancing the Use of Research Evidence Meetings in Washington D.C. (2015, 2016, 2017)

Committee Chair. Florida Juvenile Justice Association, Education Committee. Developed and sponsored legislation to reform juvenile justice education in Florida and participated in Association activities. (2012-2013)

Invited Member. National Correctional Education Summit, U.S. Department of Education. Participated in three national meetings to discuss the status correctional education and develop policy recommendations for the U.S. Department of Education. (2012-2013)

Committee Member. Florida Department of Education and Department of Juvenile Justice, Transition Workgroup. Development of an online Exit Transition Plan and Transition

Procedures for juvenile justice educational programs. (2012-2013)

Committee Member. Florida Department of Education. 2004 House Bill 1989, Pre and post academic assessment testing in Florida's juvenile justice schools. Reviewed proposals for a state contract to provide assessment testing in all of Florida's juvenile justice schools. (2004-2005)

Committee Member. Florida Department of Education. Implementation of a Statewide Transition Pilot Project. Developed model procedures for the successful transition of youth. (2004)

Committee Staff. Florida Department of Education. Implementation of the 2004 House Bill 1989, NCLB requirements for Florida's juvenile justice schools. Prepared research materials and conducted presentations for the committee regarding NCLB requirements for juvenile justice schools in Florida. (2004)

Committee Member. Florida Department of Education. Implementation of Senate Bill 2464. Prepared two reports. *Providing Education in Florida's Juvenile Justice Facilities: A Cost Study* and *State Plan: Vocational Education for Youth in Juvenile Justice Commitment Facilities*. (2000-2001).

Committee Member. Florida Department of Education. Implementation of House Bill 349. Developed new state board of education rule for juvenile justice educational services, Rule 6A-6.05281, FAC. Assisted in writing the interagency cooperative agreement between the Department of Education and the Department of Juvenile Justice. Developed statewide procedures for the pre- and post-assessment testing of juvenile justice students. (1999-2000)

Committee Member. Florida Department of Education. Adult and Vocational Assessment Testing. Reviewed assessment instruments in basic skills, vocational, special populations, and English as a Second Language to analyze and rewrite State Board Administrative Rules for Vocational and Adult Education placement testing. (1997-1998).

Committee Member. Gilcrest Elementary School. School Advisory Council. Assisted in annually reviewing school climate survey results, FCAT scores, and revising the school's School Improvement Plan. (2003-2005)

Board Member. Literacy Volunteers of Leon County. (1997-1998)

Peer Reviewer

- Justice Quarterly (2020, 2021)
- William T. Grant Foundation (2019, 2020)
- Youth and Society (2017)
- Evidence and Policy (2017)
- National Institute of Justice (2015, 2017)
- NSF: Title VIII, American Councils for International Education (2014)

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Guidon Award. For support of student veterans at Florida State University (2018).

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Florida State University Chapter #037 (2004).

Davis Productivity Award. For government productivity and efficiency (2001).

Davis Productivity Award. (1998).

MILITARY SERVICE and AWARDS, Member of the Army National Guard

- Honorable Discharge (1992)
- Military Public Affairs, Florida Guardsmen Magazine - 46Q (1991-1992)
- Fire Direction Specialist - 13E (1988-1991)
- Florida Meritorious Service Award (1989)
- Army Medal of Achievement (1987)
- Infantry - 11B (1987)

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Society of Criminology (Current)
- ASC, Division on Corrections and Sentencing (Current)
- Southern Criminal Justice Association (Current)
- Florida Juvenile Justice Association (Former)
- Correctional Education Association (Former)
- American Correctional Association (Former)