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CAREER SUMMARY

George B. Pesta is Director of the Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research and a research faculty member in the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Florida State University (FSU). He has worked in the field of criminal and juvenile justice research and policy since 1997. Since 2013, he has facilitated the growth of the Center by working collaboratively with college faculty and agency partners. He has managed millions of dollars in external research funding and developed and sustained research and policy partnerships with several state and local organizations.

In addition to higher education administration, Dr. Pesta has actively been engaged in collaborative research, particularly in juvenile justice and corrections, including conducting interviews and focus groups, survey development and administration, and data collection. His research has resulted in 32 co-authored articles and chapters, 50 research reports, and over 100 presentations at professional academic, policy, and practitioner meetings.

He has spent his career employing research to help inform policy and practice. As Director of Education Planning and Development for G4S Youth Services, he developed policies focused on evidence-informed transition and reentry services, education services, and evaluation for delinquent youth in residential facilities.

For 12 years, Dr. Pesta worked on the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program as a research faculty member in the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. He conducted program evaluations and performance monitoring of juvenile justice education programs. He also conducted research in the areas of delinquency, education, and reentry. Notably, he worked to implement research evidence into policies and practices across the U.S. that could improve conditions for residential youth and increase their likelihood of desistance from further delinquency.

CURRENT POSITIONS

Director May 2013 to Present
Florida State University, Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research, Tallahassee, FL

Research Faculty May 2013 to Present
Florida State University, College of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Tallahassee, FL

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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

Juvenile Justice Education Specialist/Research Faculty 1998–2010
Florida State University, College of Criminology and Criminal Justice, The Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program, Tallahassee, FL

Juvenile Justice Education Consultant 1997–1998
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 2012
Ph.D. Education Research & Policy Studies
Dissertation: *Court Intervention and Institutional Reform: The Bobby M. Case and Its Impact On Juvenile Justice Education in Florida, (2012)*. Committee Members: Drs. Thomas Blomberg, William Bales, Sande Milton, and Patrice Iatarola.

DePaul University, Chicago, IL 1996
M.A. English

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
B.A. English 1992

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Chouhy, Cecilia, Nic Swagar, 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. 2023. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 48, 123-150.

Copp, Jennifer E., William Casey, Thomas G. Blomberg, and **George B. Pesta**. 2022 “Pretrial Risk Assessment Instruments (PRAIs): The Role of Judicial Discretion in Pretrial Reform.” *Criminology and Public Policy*. 21(2), 329-358.

Aranda-Hughes, Vivian, **George B. Pesta**, and Daniel P. Mears. 2022. “Transitioning Incarcerated Individuals Out of Extended Restrictive Housing.” *Corrections Today* 84(3):44-49.

Montes, Andrea N., Daniel P. Mears, Nicole L. Collier, **George B. Pesta**, Sonja E. Siennick, & Samantha J. Brown. 2021. “Blurred and Confused: The Paradox of Police in Schools.” *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, 15(2), 1546-1564.

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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. 2020. "Education versus punishment? Silo effects and the school-to-prison pipeline." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 57(4):403-443.

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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 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.

FUNDED RESEARCH

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Palm Beach County Victim Services Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Related Deaths Demonstration Project, Project Director. PI: Thomas G. Blomberg, Co-PIs: William D. Bales, Jillian Turanovic. Sponsor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime 2016-XV-GX-K018, \$148,446 (2016-2019).

The Palm Beach County School Safety and Student Performance Partnership Research Project, Project Director. PIs: Daniel P. Mears and Sonja E. Siennick. Sponsor: National Institute of Justice 2014-CK-BX-0018, \$981,481 (2015-2018).

Translational Criminology: Research and Public Policy, Principal Investigator. Sponsor: National Institute of Justice 2014-IJ-CX-0035, \$58,545 (2015-2017).

The Florida State University and Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnership Project, Project Director. PI: William D. Bales. Sponsor: National Institute of Justice 2013 R2-CX-0009, \$495,329 (2014-2017).

Assessing the Department of Juvenile Justice's Sourcebook of Delinquency Interventions, Principal Investigator. Sponsor: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, \$25,000 (2017).

Phase II, An Evaluation of the Educational Services in the Polk County Jail, Principal Investigator. Sponsor: Polk County School Board, \$15,000 (2016-2017).

An Evaluation of the Educational Services in the Polk County Jail, Principal Investigator. Sponsor: Polk County School Board, \$10,000 (2013-2014).

Evaluation of the Palm Beach County Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstration Initiative, Researcher. PIs: Thomas G. Blomberg and William D. Bales. Sponsor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, \$138,289 (2013-2014).

Evaluation of the Palm Beach County Family Drug Court, Researcher. PI: Thomas G. Blomberg. Sponsor: Palm Beach County, \$15,000 (2013).

The Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program. Research Coordinator. PI: Thomas G. Blomberg. Sponsor: Florida Department of Education, ~\$18 million (2022-2010).

The National Juvenile Justice No Child Left Behind Collaboration Project, Research Coordinator. PI: Thomas G. Blomberg. Sponsor: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, \$2 million (2005-2008).

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Stephens, Darrel., Brian Stephens, and **George B. Pesta**. *Forging Problem-Solving Partnerships to Address Unprecedented Community Safety Challenges: Police and Private Security Relationships*. Bureau of Justice Assistance (2023).

Blomberg, T. G., Fridel, E., Davidson, K., Noorman, K., Strickland, R., Arrigo, S., Zook, C., & **Pesta, G. B.** *Leon County Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative: Phase I Report*. Prepared for the Leon County Sheriff's Office (2023).

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, Award No. 2016-IJ-CX-0014, September 2020.

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. Award No. 2016-XV-GX-K018, October 2020 .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 Sheriff'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, and Thomas Blomberg. Translational Criminology-Research and Policy: Final Summary Report. National Institute of Justice (Document No. 250597) February 2017.

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.

Blomberg, Thomas G., **George B. Pesta**, et al. 2009-2010 Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education: by the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program (2010).

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Orange, Julie, **George B. Pesta**, and Lisa Robinson. 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 (2005).

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Pesta, George B. “Juvenile Justice Cooperative Agreements and Contracts,” Technical Assistance Paper ESE 10969, Florida Department of Education (2001).

Blomberg, Thomas G., **George B. Pesta**, et al. 2000 Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education: by the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program (2001).

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Blomberg, Thomas G., **George B. Pesta**, et al. 1998 Annual Report to the Florida Department of Education: by the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program (1999).

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

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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*. George B. Pesta. 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*. George B. Pesta. The Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators: Juvenile Justice Research Summit. Orlando FL, October 2018.

Invited Presentation. *Translational Criminology: Toward Validated Best Practices*. George B. 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 B. 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. *Juvenile Justice Education.* George B. Pesta. 2012 Justice Summit, Florida Smart Justice Alliance, Orlando, FL, December 13, 2012.

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

Invited speaker. *House Bill 441 and Senate Bill 1406, Juvenile Justice Education Programs.* George B. Pesta. Florida Senate Education, Criminal Justice and Appropriations Committees, 2013 Florida Legislative Session.

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

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

George B. Pesta, Discussant. Substantive Implications of Variation in Official Measures of Juvenile Recidivism. The Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 2022.

Siennick, Sonja E., George B. Pesta, and Mayra Picon. *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, 2020).

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

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.

George B. Pesta. *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.

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

Julie Brancale, Jennifer M. Brown, George B. Pesta, and Sonja E. Siennick. *Exploring the Impact of a Juvenile Arrest on High School Completion*. The Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 2018.

Daniel P. Mears. George B. Pesta, Vivian Hughes, and William D. Bales. *Officers' Views of Restrictive Housing*. The Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta GA, November 2018.

Thomas G. Blomberg, Jillian Turanovic, George B. Pesta, and Darinka Milojevic. *Identifying and Validating Best Practice Responses for DUI Homicide Survivors*. The Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta GA, November 2018.

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

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.

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*. The Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, 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*. The Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, P.A., November 2017.

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.

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.

Javier Ramos, George B. Pesta, and J.W. Andrew Ranson. *Translational Criminology: Research and Public Policy in Florida's Adult and Juvenile Corrections System*. The Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C., November 2015.

Tracey Woodard, Julie Mestre Brancale, Mark A. Greenwald, and George B. Pesta. *Understanding the Relationship between First Arrest, School Disciplinary Practices, and Involvement in the Juvenile Justice System*. The Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C., November 2015.

Julie Mestre Brancale and George B. Pesta. *Examining the School-to-Prison Pipeline in Florida*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando FL, March 2015.

George B. Pesta. *Fringe Populations and Organizational Reform*. The Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco CA, November 2014.

Thomas G. Blomberg, George B. Pesta, and William D. Bales. *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, Palm Beach FL, August 27, 2014.

Thomas G. Blomberg and George B. Pesta. *Building Effective Partnerships between Researchers and Practitioners*. Florida Police Chiefs Association, Boca Raton, FL, June 30, 2014.

George B. Pesta. *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.

George B. Pesta. *Implementing Technology Based CTE for High-Risk Juvenile Offenders*. The Correctional Education Association Leadership Forum, Columbus MD, March 18, 2013.

George B. Pesta. *Court Intervention and Institutional Reform in Juvenile Justice*. The Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia PA, November 2009.

Thomas G. Blomberg and George B, Pesta. *Findings from the Juvenile Justice No Child Left Behind Collaboration Project*. Correctional Education Association Leadership Forum, Annapolis MD, March 2009.

Thomas G. Blomberg and George B, Pesta. *Updates from the Juvenile Justice No Child Left Behind Collaboration Project*. Correctional Education Association Leadership Forum, Annapolis MD, March 2008.

George B. Pesta, Sabris Cifti, Cathy Oakley, and Thomas G. Blomberg. *Criminal Justice Policy Making: Beyond Agenda Setting*. Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta GA, November 2007.

Thomas G. Blomberg and George B, Pesta. *Implementing NCLB in Juvenile Justice Facilities*. Correctional Education Association Leadership Forum, Annapolis MD, March 2007.

George B. Pesta. *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.

George B. Pesta. *Court Intervention and Sustained Social Change in Florida's Juvenile Justice*

Education System. Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles CA, November 2006.

Thomas G. Blomberg, William D. Bales, George B. Pesta, and Richard Berk. *Educational Achievement and Delinquency Transition*. Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles CA, November 2006.

George B. Pesta and William D. Bales. *Beyond Agenda Setting the Process of Policy Making*. Justice Research Statistics Association Conference, Denver CO, October 2006.

Thomas G. Blomberg, William D. Bales, George B. Pesta, and Kathy G. Padgett. *Life Event Transitions: The Role of Education in the Delinquent Life-Course*. Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto Canada, November 2005.

Thomas G. Blomberg and George B. Pesta. *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.

Thomas G. Blomberg and George B. Pesta. *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.

George B. Pesta, Kristen Winokur, Spencer, De Li, and Thomas G. Blomberg. *Education and Delinquent and Non-Delinquent Life Course Consequences*. Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago IL, November 2002.

George B. Pesta and Spencer De Li. *Implementing a Comprehensive Database for Statewide Research on the Education of Delinquent Youth*. Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta GA, November 2001.

Thomas G. Blomberg and George B. Pesta. *Integrating Research Findings into Program Practices*. 7th Joint Conference on Juvenile Services, hosted by the National Juvenile Detention Association. Pittsburgh PA, October 2001.

Thomas G. Blomberg and George B. Pesta. *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.

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

George B. Pesta. *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.

Thomas G. Blomberg and George B Pesta. *Implementing Research-Based Best Practices in Juvenile Justice Education*. Behavioral Institute for Children and Adolescents, International Adolescent Conference. Portland OR, November 2000.

George B. Pesta. *Promising Practices in Juvenile Justice Education: An Overview of the Literature and an Examination of Florida Facilities*. Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco CA, November 2000.

Planned, hosted, and presented annually from 1998-2010 at the Annual Juvenile Justice Education Institute. Topics included research findings, effective transition services, juvenile justice and education accountability, evaluation, and curriculum and instruction. Throughout Florida.

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

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

- CCJ3010—Corrections
- CJJ4010—Juvenile Justice
- CCJ4938—Delinquency and Education

Research and Thesis Supervision

- Graceanne Hoback, Honors Thesis Committee Member (2024).
- Kristen Neville, Honors Thesis Committee Member (2018).
- Robel Daniel, Garnet and Gold Scholar Society Research Supervisor. “The Use of Social Media in Higher Education” (2020).
- Nicole Collier, Master’s Thesis Committee Member (2016).*
- Chloe Zook and Jessica Kaelin. Experiential Learning Supervision (2022).

Independent Study Supervision

- Quenisha Moffett. “Real Time Crime Center” (2023).
- Lauren Kaldor. “Violence Intervention Research” (2023).
- Jacob Lockhart. “Translational Criminology” (2023).
- Olivia Oles. “Predictors of Financial Exploitation” (2023).
- Lindsey Davis. “Real Time Crime Center Research” (2023).
- Rachel Erickson. “Real Time Crime Center Research” (2022).
- Jessica Kaelin. “Real Time Crime Center Research” (2022).
- Chloe Zook. “Criminology Research” (2022).
- Ryan Cook. “Police Technology and Practice” (2022).
- Michael Cabrera. “Survey of Center Institutes” (2022).
- Gianella Canepa. “Criminology Research” (2021).
- Lillian Cabrera. “Introduction to Criminology Research and Policy” (2020).
- Gabrielle Lazazzara. “Racial Disparity in Sentencing” (2020).
- Juliana Da Silva. “Elder Fraud” (2019).

- Carrington Cook. “Correctional Research and Practice” (2019).
 - Joseph Ianno. “Criminological Research & Policy Application” (2019).
 - Kyle Hood. “Transitional Housing for Ex-Offenders” (2018).*
 - Sarah Horne, Hannah Lamoureux, Olivia Stephenson. “Research in Cyber Security” (2018).
 - Kaci Holmes. “Higher Education in Chinese Criminology” (2018).
 - Hannah Lamoureux. “Research Center Practicum” (2018)
 - Claude-Allen Milhomme. “Schools and Delinquency” (2017).
 - Sarah Horne. “Racial Disparity in the Justice System” (2017).
 - Kristen Neville. “Juvenile Civil Citation” (2016).
 - Javier Ramos. “Translational Criminology” (2016).*
 - Jacob McAllister. “Homeland Security” (2016).
 - Sam Wyatt. “Mentoring for At-Risk Youth” (2016).
 - Jacob McAllister. “Elder Financial Fraud” (2015).
 - Alexa Singer. “Schools and Delinquency” (2015).*
 - Javier Ramos. “Translational Criminology” (2015).*
 - Taylor Pope. “History of Dozier School for Boys” (2015).
 - Mackenzie Ligas. “Campus Sexual Assault” (2015).
 - Erica Diog. “Veterans and Community Reentry” (2015).
- *indicates graduate student

Student Workshops and Guest Lecturing

- Graduate Student Workshop. “Funded Research in Criminology & Criminal Justice” (2023).
- Graduate Student Workshop. “Program Evaluation” (2019).
- FSU Fellows Forum. “Translational Criminology: Toward Validated Best Practices” (2017).
- Graduate Student Workshop. “Data Security and Human Subjects” (2016).
- Graduate Student Workshop. “Collaboration and Partnership” (2015).
- Guest Lecturer. “Police Problems and Practices” (2022).
- Guest Lecturer. “Crime Policies” (2006).
- Guest Lecturer. “Corrections” (2002).
- Guest Lecturer. “Inequality and Crime” (1999).

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 tutors and tutored academically at-risk students.

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 at a Weed & Seed site, ages 16 to 65, with diverse learning needs.

University of Illinois, Chicago, IL

Spring 1995

- Student-Teacher. “English Composition II.”

SERVICE

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

Faculty Liaison. Student Veterans Center, Florida State University. (2014-Present)

Faculty Advisor. Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Florida State University. (2020-Present)

Faculty Advisor. 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

- Criminal Justice and Behavior (2022, 2024)
- Justice Quarterly (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- 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)

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)