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1. Introduction

The Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research (Center) is the research arm of the Florida State University (FSU) College of Criminology and Criminal Justice (College). The Center was designated in 2004 as a Type II Research Center by the FSU Office of the Provost and secures and expends both public and private research funds. The Center is designed to fulfill the College's translational research mission of "Research Brought to Life." The Center's primary purpose is to expand the influence of scholarship on public policy and to promote evidence-informed criminal justice policy and practice at the local, state, and national levels. The Center facilitates and supports data collection and research initiatives that simultaneously advance the academic discipline of criminology and inform juvenile and criminal justice policy and practice.

Specifically, the Center's objectives are to:

- Obtain and maintain external funding that supports policy research,
- Conduct rigorous and empirical policy research,
- Contribute to the discipline of criminology through theoretically relevant and methodologically sound research and peer-reviewed publications,
- Disseminate and promote research that informs policy and practice at the national, state, and local levels, and
- Provide opportunities for students to participate in translational research and policy activities.

To better assist in meeting these objectives, the Center established research and policy institutes representing areas of expertise, experience, and interest among the College faculty. The institutes reflect critical areas of juvenile and criminal justice where research translates into effective public policy aimed at reducing the pain and suffering associated with crime.

As of June 2024, fourteen research & policy institutes were established within the Center. The institutes and directors are listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Research & Policy Institutes	
Institute	Directors, Co-Directors, & Faculty Affiliates
Aging Adult Fraud Research & Policy Institute	Thomas Blomberg Julie Brancale
Biosocial Criminology Research & Policy Institute	Kevin Beaver Joseph Schwartz
Corrections Research & Policy Institute	Daniel Mears William Bales

Hate Crime Research & Policy Institute	Brendan Lantz Marin Wenger Sylwia Piatkowska
International and Comparative Criminology Research & Policy Institute	Sylwia Piatkowska Cecilia Chouhy
Jail Research & Policy Institute	Jennifer Copp Thomas Blomberg
Juvenile and Adult Correctional Education Research & Policy Institute	Thomas Blomberg George Pesta
Juvenile Justice Research & Policy Institute	Carter Hay Sonja Siennick
Life Course Research & Policy Institute	Megan Augustyn Sonja Siennick Jennifer Copp
Native American Crime and Justice Research & Policy Institute	Thomas Blomberg William R. Latchford
Policing Research & Policy Institute	Thomas Blomberg Darrel Stephens Keller Sheppard Nicolas Swagar
Race and Crime Research & Policy Institute	Patricia Warren
Violence and Victimization Research & Policy Institute	Emma Fridel Jillian Turanovic Krista Flanigan
Capital Region Real Time Crime Center	Thomas Blomberg Brian Stults Julie Brancale Young-an Kim

The institutes are led by members of the College faculty who serve as directors, co-directors, and faculty affiliates. These faculty are experts in the substantive area of their institute, where they pursue funding opportunities, manage research projects and grants, support student learning, and coordinate institute activities with Center staff, College faculty, research partners, and funding sponsors. Through the development of translational curricula, institute faculty actively incorporate their research into their teaching practices, develop specialized courses, and provide students with opportunities for dissertation and thesis research, directed individual studies, and research practicums. As the research and policy institutes become more established and develop sustainable funding sources, the roles and responsibilities of institute directors will continue to evolve.

In 2023, the Capital Region Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) held its official opening. The

RTCC is a collaboration between the College, the FSU Police Department, the Leon County Sheriff's Office, the Tallahassee Police Department, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The RTCC team is partly comprised of analysts from these three agencies, including multiple college alumni, and three current graduate students from the College. The RTCC uses a suite of technologies to assist law enforcement in the region, providing timely analysis and research. Early anecdotal data suggests that the RTCC is helping in the recovery of stolen vehicles and reducing case closure times.

In addition to the RTCC, the College established the Native American Crime and Justice Research & Policy Institute in 2023. This institute is a partnership with the Seminole Tribe of Florida and is devoted to studying crime and justice as they relate specifically to Native American populations. With funding from the Seminole Tribe, the College has established the Tom Bowers Memorial Seminole Law Enforcement Fund to provide financial support to students who participate in internships with the Seminole Police Department. In recognition of the partnership and to honor the memory of Tom Bowers, the first Seminole Tribe Police Chief, the College plans to incorporate a Seminole Tribe Law Enforcement Exhibit as part of the renovations to the Kellogg building.

As evidenced by these new additions to the Center, the number of institutes is anticipated to grow along with expanded College and Center faculty expertise and juvenile and criminal justice policy and practice needs. Establishing institutionalized partnerships is a key factor that facilitates the growth and sustainability of the institutes and the Center. In FY2024, the Center continued its partnerships with the Walton County Sheriff's Office and Johns Hopkins University and expanded its partnerships with the Leon County Sheriff's Office and the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission (PBCJC). In addition, the Center maintains umbrella agreements with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

The Center has also established a variety of funding sources. Proposals and contracts during FY2024 were among the most diverse in the Center's history. They included proposals to various local, state, and federal government agencies as well as private organizations. The Center requested or received funding from the National Institute of Justice, the National Institute of Health, the National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration, the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Department of Defense, the National Science Foundation, the Environmental

Protection Agency, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Funding from state and local agencies across Florida included the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, the Leon County Sheriff's Office, the Walton County Sheriff's Office, and the Palm Beach Criminal Justice Commission.

2. Funded Research

Research Proposals—FY2024

Table 2 provides information on research proposals submitted and contracts pursued for FY2024 (July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024). As shown in Table 2, 20 proposals, letters of interest, and negotiated contracts totaling **\$8,012,330** were submitted by 16 Center faculty, three outside faculty members, and one graduate research assistant for funding consideration.

Table 2: Proposals & Contracts Pursued				
Proposal Title	Sponsor/ Partner	Faculty	Submit Date	Amount
Adaptation of the STAIR-NT Intervention to Respond to Psychological Health Conditions for First Responders with a History of Traumatic Brain Injury	DOD & FSU Social Work	Schwartz	Sept. 28, 2023	\$377,277
A Legal Policy Analysis of Existing and Proposed State-Level Legislation on Financial Exploitation and Consumer Protection of Older Adults	Borchard Foundation	Brancale	Oct. 6, 2023	\$20,000
An Evaluation of the Impacts and Implementation of Florida's Risk Protection Order (RPO) Law on Suicide, 2018-2023	NCGVR & CU Boulder	Fridel	Nov. 15, 2023	\$361,060
Understanding Exposure to Targeted Violence, Mental Health Disparities, and Disparities in the Sequelae of Ableist-Motivated Violence Among People with Disabilities: A Between- and Within-Person Study	NIH	Lantz Wenger	Nov. 24, 2023	\$563,315
The Virtual Reality Consortium for Training Development for Law Enforcement	BJA & FSU Psychology	Swagar	Dec. 6, 2024	\$35,472
Evaluation of the Leon County Smart Reentry: Expanding Collaborative Efforts in the Community for More Successful Reentry	BJA & LCSO	Copp	Feb. 15, 2024	\$79,610

Table 2: Proposals & Contracts Pursued				
Proposal Title	Sponsor/ Partner	Faculty	Submit Date	Amount
Bias-Motivated Victimitizations and Observed Hate: Unraveling the Contextual Effects Using Data from the National Crime Victimitization Survey School Crime Supplement	NIJ	Piatkowska Lantz Wenger	Mar. 22, 2024	\$593,102
Victimitization Experiences Among Justice-Involved Individuals with Cognitive Disabilities	OVW & U of Cincinnati	Anderson	Mar. 28, 2024	\$95,030
A Life Course Perspective on the Abuse and Financial Exploitation of Older Adults	NIJ & BGSU	Copp	Apr. 10, 2024	\$899,547
An Evaluation of Two Palm Beach County Initiatives Intended to Improve Pretrial Compliance: Court Date Reminders and the Public Defender	MacArthur Foundation & PBCJC	Blomberg Copp	Apr. 11, 2024	\$99,926
Measuring Misconceptions, Myths, and Stereotypes about Hate Crimes: The Creation and Validation of a Hate Crime Myth Acceptance Scale	NIJ	Vanden Bosch Lantz	Apr. 12, 2024	\$169,973
Felony Disenfranchisement Reforms and their Effect on Civic Engagement	Russell Sage	Brancale Chouhy	Apr. 16, 2024	\$128,139
The Tracking Fatal Transgender Violence Database: Improving Accountability for Transgender Murder Victimitization in America	NIJ	Lantz Wenger	Apr. 17, 2024	\$522,088
Persistence and Desistance Across Generations: A Longitudinal Investigation	NIJ & BGSU	Copp	Apr. 23, 2024	\$87,077
The Consequences and Impacts of Hate Crime and Post-Victimitization Experiences: The Longitudinal Hate Crime Victimitization Survey (LHCVS)	NIJ	Lantz Wenger Piatkowska	Apr. 29, 2024	\$942,544
A Focused Deterrence Program for Juveniles with Firearm Offenses: A Randomized Controlled Trial and Process Evaluation	NIJ	Sheppard Siennick	Apr. 30, 2024	\$1,120,256
Adapting a Safety Decision Aid Intervention to Improve Outcomes for Sexual and Gender Minorities Impacted by Hate Crimes: A Mixed-Methods Study	NIJ & FSU College of Nursing	Lantz	May 1, 2024	\$1,420,537

Table 2: Proposals & Contracts Pursued				
Proposal Title	Sponsor/ Partner	Faculty	Submit Date	Amount
Evidence-Based Criminal Justice System Planning, Assessment of Police Training, and Research on Crimes Against Older Adults in Florida (LOI)	FDLE	Blomberg Brancale Copp Holmes Kim Pesta Sheppard Siennick Swagar	May 17, 2024	TBD
Developing a Local Evidence-Informed Criminal Justice Planning System: A Researcher-Practitioner Institutional Partnership	NIJ & FDLE	Blomberg Swagar Copp Pesta	Jun. 17, 2024	\$397,377
Planning CRISES: Social Cybersecurity Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Policy, and Education	NSF & FSU School of Communication	Blomberg Pesta Brancale Lantz	Jun. 25, 2024	\$100,000
Total				\$8,012,330

Active Research Projects—FY2024

Table 3 lists the research projects that were awarded or active for any amount of time in FY2023. The projects involved 16 Center faculty and one faculty affiliate. There were 25 projects with operating budgets totaling **\$8,799,582**.

Table 3. Active Projects in 2023-2024			
Project Title	Sponsor/ Partner	Faculty	Amount
An Evaluation of the Capital City Real Time Crime Center	FSU	Blomberg Stults Brancale Kim	\$270,000
Addressing Violence and Gun Crime in Tallahassee and Leon County, Florida Through the Multi-Agency Capital Region Real Time Crime Center: An Operational and Research Partnership	BJA & LCSO	Blomberg Stults Brancale Kim	\$137,267
Tallahassee-Leon County ALLin Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative	BJA & LCSO	Blomberg Davidson Fridel	\$357,815

Table 3. Active Projects in 2023-2024			
Project Title	Sponsor/ Partner	Faculty	Amount
Evaluation of Walton County's Jail and Reentry Program	WCSO	Blomberg Copp Brancale	\$386,818
The Cumulative Financial Costs of Victimization among College Students at Minority Serving Institutions	NIJ & UTSA	Augustyn	\$47,330
Life-course and intergenerational effects of crime and criminal justice involvement: Identifying risks and the search for resilience	NIJ	Augustyn	\$1,372,994
Pretrial Changes Intended to Reduce the Jail Population	MacArthur & PBCJC	Copp Blomberg	\$94,368
First Appearance Frequent Utilizer Pilot Project	MacArthur & PBCJC	Copp	\$242,629
A Mixed-Method Examination of the Effectiveness of Money Bail and other Pretrial Release Options	NIJ	Copp	\$560,195
Evaluation of the Leon County Smart Reentry: Expanding Collaborative Efforts in the Community for More Successful Reentry	LCSO	Copp	\$79,610
An Evaluation of the Impacts and Implementation of Florida's Risk Protection Order (RPO) Law on Suicide, 2018-2023	NCGVR	Fridel	\$361,060
A Mixed Methods Evaluation of the Impacts and Implementation of Florida's Risk Protection Order (RPO) Laws, 2018-2023	NIJ	Fridel	\$700,241
The Second Chance Act: Enhanced Transition Services and Youth Reentry 2023	FDJJ	Hay	\$23,330
The Individual, Situational, and Contextual Risk Factors for Violent Firearm Injury and Firearm Homicide: A Comparative, Policy-Focused Approach	NIH	Lantz Wenger Fridel	\$490,436
The Consequences and Impacts of Hate Crime and Post-Victimization Experiences: The Longitudinal Hate Crime Victimization Survey	FSU Seed Grant	Lantz Wenger	\$85,687
Assessment of the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Restrictive Housing Practices	BOP & RTI	Mears Schwartz Copp Siennick	\$871,020
Hate Crime Victimization and Reporting: Unraveling the Contextual Effects Using Data from the National Crime Victimization Survey	NSF	Piatkowska Lantz	\$236,985
Digital Extremism, Physical Hate Crimes, and Mass Shootings: A Novel Analysis using Natural Language Processing and Econometric Modeling	FSU Seed Grant	Piatkowska	\$21,389
A Randomized Controlled Trial of the HeartMath Resilience Program: Exploring the Impact of Stress on Jail Staff Performance and Retention	NIJ & FSU College of Social Work	Schwartz	\$498,497

Table 3. Active Projects in 2023-2024			
Project Title	Sponsor/ Partner	Faculty	Amount
A Two-State Examination of Varied Measurement Strategies for Juvenile Reoffending	NIJ	Siennick	\$512,718
Identifying the Unique Root Causes of School Violence	NIJ	Siennick Turanovic Brancale Fridel	\$578,722
Innovative Approaches to Advancing Traffic Safety and Enforcement	NHTSA & JHU	Stephens	\$480,157
The Future of Police and Private Security Collaboration: An Executive Roundtable	BJA & ICF	Stephens	\$22,779
FDLE Statistical Analysis Center Research	FDLE	Swagar	\$237,072
Sources and Consequences of Prison Violence	Arnold Ventures	Turanovic	\$517,281
Total			\$8,799,582

Proposals and funded projects included sponsors from eight federal agencies, five private foundations, two state agencies, one local agency, and internal research funding from FSU. Research partners and collaborators included six external universities, five other departments and colleges at FSU, five local agencies, two state agencies, and one national research organization.

Peer-Reviewed Publications from Center Research Projects

Nineteen academic publications listed below originated from Center projects in the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The publications included contributions by 12 faculty members, eight graduate students, and seven project partners (i.e., faculty in other departments at FSU, faculty at other universities, and criminal justice agency staff).

Aranda-Hughes, Vivian, and Mears, D.P. (2023). Solitary Confinement and Prison Personnel: Emotional Numbing as a Response to Work in Extended Restrictive Housing. *Incarceration* 4:1-19.

Aranda-Hughes, Vivian, and Mears, D.P. (2024). Stressed Out in Lock Down: The Impacts of Work in Extended Restrictive Housing on Prison Personnel. *Justice Quarterly* 41(1):62-86.

Augustyn, M.B., Tillyer, M.S., Lynch, K.R., & Pinchevksy, G. In Press. The Prevalence and Nature of Victimization among First Semester Students at Urban, Hispanic-serving Institutions (HSIs). *Journal of Higher Education*

Casey, William, Copp, J.E., & Demuth, S. (2024). Disparities in the Pretrial Process: Race, Ethnicity, and Citizenship. *Justice Quarterly*, 41(2), 268-290.

Casey, William M., and Siennick, S.E. (2023). Juvenile recidivism: An examination of state measurement strategies. *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 48(3): 786-807.

- Lantz, Brendan, Malcom, Z.T., and Wenger, M.R. (2024). The Consequences of Hate Crime Victimization: Considering Prejudicial Attitudes as an Outcome of Interracial Bias-Motivated Conflict. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 61(5), 772-809.
- Lantz, Brendan, and Wenger, M.R. (2023). Anti-Asian Xenophobia, Hate Crime Victimization, and Fear of Victimization During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 38(1), 1088-1116.
- Lantz, Brendan, Wenger, M.R., Fridel, E.E., Malcom, Z.T., and Knapp, K. (2024) A comparative framework for understanding risk factors and developing policy approaches to interpersonal gun violence. *Journal of Public Health Policy*.
- Lantz, Brendan, Wenger, M.R., and Malcom, Z.T. (2024). Historical Markers or Markers of White Supremacy? Confederate Memorials and Hate Crimes. *Social Problems*, 71(2), 334-352.
- Lantz, Brendan, Wenger, M.R., and Mills, J.M. (2023). Fear, Political Legitimization, and Racism: Examining Anti-Asian Xenophobia During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Race and Justice*, 13(1), 80-104.
- Lynch, K.R., Pinchevsky, G, Tillyer, M.S., & Augustyn, M.B. In Press. I Don't Think a Broken Spirit can be Quantified: Perceptions of College Victimization and its Consequences Among Students at a Hispanic Serving Institution. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
- Malcom, Zachary T., Wenger, M.R., and Lantz, B. (2023). Politics or Prejudice? Separating the Influence of Political Affiliation and Prejudicial Attitudes in Determining Support for Hate Crime Law. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, 29(2), 182-195.
- Mears, Daniel P., Aranda-Hughes, V., and Pesta, G.B. (2024). Managing Prisons through Extended Solitary Confinement: A Necessary Approach or a Signal of Prison System Failure? *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* 68(1):62-84.
- Mears, Daniel P., Aranda-Hughes, V., Pesta, G.B., Brown, J.M., and Bales, W.D. (2023). Captives of the 'Society of Captives': Working in Solitary Confinement. *The Prison Journal* 103(4):513-540.
- Schwartz, Joseph A. and Allen, S.L. (2024). The Effects of Direct and Indirect Workplace Violence Exposure on Mental Health and Stress Responsivity among Correctional Officers. Revised and resubmitted at *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 93, 102212
- Schwartz, Joseph A., Kim, Y., Dark, T., and Siennick, S.E. (2023). Racial and Ethnic Differences in the Availability of Community Medical Services after Leaving Prison. *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*, 77, 501-506.
- Siennick, Sonja E., Brown, J.M., Mears, D.P., and Clayton, J. (2023). A Within-Person Test of the Impact of Extended Solitary Confinement on Mental Health Functioning and Service Use. *Criminal Justice and Behavior* 50(4):459-479.
- Siennick, Sonja E., and Pupo, J.A. (2023). Exploring variation in the strength of association of a validated recidivism risk score with seven common measures of juvenile recidivism: A research note. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 22(1): 72-80.

Siennick, Sonja E., Pupo, J.A., Casey, W.M., Cowell, D., and Stults, B.J. (2024). Does measurement matter? Examining the impact of outcome measurement variation on the rates and predictors of juvenile recidivism. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.

Presentations at Academic Conferences

Twenty presentations at academic conferences originated from Center projects in the 2023-2024 fiscal year and are listed below. Conferences attended by Center researchers and research assistants included, among others, the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and the Law and Society Association.

Allen, Samantha L. and Schwartz, J.A. (2023). Examining the effects of direct and indirect workplace violence exposure on mental health and stress responsivity among correctional officers. Presented at the annual meeting at the American Society of Criminology in Philadelphia, PA.

Augustyn, M. B., Kurlychek, M., & Henry, K. L. (2023). Value in Longitudinal Research: A Life-course Perspective on the Consequences of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Presented at the Annual Meeting for the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Augustyn, M. B., Tillyer, M., Pinchevsky, G., & Lynch, K. (2023). Patterns of Formal and Informal Help-Seeking Following Victimization among a Cohort of First-semester College Students. Paper presented at Annual Meeting for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, National Harbor, MD.

Billmeier, Alex, Brian Stults, Julie Brancale, and Jonathan Caswell. (2023). RTCC Prevalence, Operational Characteristics, and Reasons for Development: Results from a National Survey. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Brancale, Julie, Stults, B.J., Caswell, J., Billmeier, A., Kim, Y., and Blomberg, T.G. (2023). Public Perceptions of the Use of Technology in Law Enforcement. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Casey, William M. and Siennick, S.E. (2023). Race/ethnicity, risk, and juvenile recidivism: Does outcome variation matter? Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology in Philadelphia, PA.

Caswell, Jonathan, Brancale, J., and Stults, B.J. (2023). Perceptions among Law Enforcement Personnel About Real Time Crime Centers and Technology in Policing. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Copp, Jennifer E., Giordano, P.C., Manning, W., and Longmore, M. (2023). A Life Course Perspective on Criminal Continuity and Change: Exploring the Roles of Structural and Family of Origin Factors. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Giordano, Peggy C., Copp, J.E., Manning, W., and Longmore, M. (2023). Relationship Dynamics and Desistance from Crime. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

- Jodis, Christopher A. and Schwartz, J.A. (2023). Examining the influence of job characteristics on self-reported sleep quality among correctional officers. Presented at the annual meeting at the American Society of Criminology in Philadelphia, PA.
- Lantz, Brendan, Wenger, M.R., and Fridel, E.E. (2023). Assessing a choice-based interactionist framework for understanding differences in situational risk factors for gun violence victimization. Presented at the National Research Conference on the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms, Chicago, IL.
- Lantz, Brendan, Wenger, M.R., and Fridel, E.E. (2024). Disaggregating the impacts of gun violence policy on lethal and nonlethal gun violence: A comparative analysis. Presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Lynch, K., Pinchevsky, G., Tillyer, M., & Augustyn, M. B. (2023). A Qualitative Investigation of First Generation and Non-First Generation Students' Thoughts on College Victimization. Paper presented at Annual Meeting for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, National Harbor, MD.
- Noorman, Kaylee, Fridel, E.E., Pesta, G.B., Blomberg, T.G., and Davidson, K. (2023). Confronting the problem of gun violence and homicide through community-based violence interventions: A researcher-practitioner partnership. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- Noorman, K. (2023). Navigating the Voting Rights Restoration Process for Individuals with Prior Felony Convictions: A Florida Case Study. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology Conference. Philadelphia, PA.
- Piatkowska, Sylwia J. and Lantz, B. (2023). Hate Crime Victimization and Reporting: Unraveling the Contextual Effects Using Data from the National Crime Victimization Survey. Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Services, National Harbor, MD.
- Piatkowska, Sylwia J., Whittington, W., and Lantz, B. (2024). Hate Crime in the United States: Understanding Contextual Influences, Regional Dynamics, and Victimization Patterns by Race/Ethnicity of the Victim. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the British Society of Criminology, Glasgow, Scotland.
- Siennick, Sonja E., Judd, J., and Copp, J.E. (2023). Family-related adversity and recidivism among residentially committed youth. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
- Tomlinson, Tiffaney A., and Mears, D.P. (2023). Social Capital, Prison Personnel, and Prison Systems. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
- Whittington, Whitney, Piatkowska, S.J., & Lantz, B. (2024). The Gendered Effects of Context on Hate Crimes Motivated by Sexual Orientation. Annual Meeting of the British Society of Criminology, Glasgow, Scotland.

3. Translational Criminology

The following section illustrates the Center's efforts to conduct translational research, work

with policymakers and practitioners, and inform policy and practice with rigorous research findings. These translational and dissemination efforts primarily include presenting research findings to our practitioners and policymaker partners, presenting at practitioner conferences, publishing research reports and research briefs, and marketing our research findings through the web, news outlets, and social media.

Presentations to Policymakers and Practitioners

The list below includes translational presentations to criminal justice policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. These presentations originated from Center research projects. Three presentations were for federal agencies, four for state and local agencies, and two for private or other organizations.

- Augustyn, M. B., Kurlychek, M., & Henry, K. L. (2023). Value in Longitudinal Research: Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adolescent to Adult Patterns of Offending. Presentation to the National Institute of Justice, Pentagon City, VA.
- Brancale, Julie. (2024). Financial exploitation of older adults. Presentation to staff and members of the Tallahassee Senior Center, Tallahassee, FL.
- Copp, Jennifer E. (2023). The Efficacy of Pretrial Changes Intended to Reduce the Jail Population through Pretrial Services' Supervision Unit. Presentation to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach, FL.
- Copp, Jennifer E. (2024). Evaluating the Efficacy of Pretrial Changes Intended to Reduce the Jail Population: The Palm Beach County Public Defender Initiative. Presentation to the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission, Palm Beach, FL.
- Copp, Jennifer E. (2023). Evaluating the Efficacy of Pretrial Chances Intended to Reduce the Jail Population. Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission. Palm Beach County, FL.
- Lantz, Brendan. (2023). Policing Hate Crimes: Expanding Definitions of the Violence of Hate. National Law Enforcement Museum Public Program, Washington DC.
- Lantz, Brendan. (2024). Impediments to the Effective Measurement of Hate Crimes in State and Federal Data. Workshop on Bias, Discrimination, and Hate Crimes, The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Washington, DC.
- Piatkowska, Sylwia J. & Lantz, B. (2024). Understanding Hate Crime Victimization and Reporting. Workshop on Bias, Discrimination, and Hate Crimes, The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Washington, DC.
- Swagar, Nic. (2023). "Why do criminals (dis)obey the law? An exploration of resistance to police authority." Presented at the Criminal Justice Information Services Annual Training Symposium, Orlando, FL.

Research Reports & Briefs

The list below includes research reports submitted to partner organizations and funding sponsors during FY 2023-2024. Five were submitted to federal agencies, seven to state or local agencies or organizations, and two were submitted to private or other organizations.

Augustyn, M.B., Tillyer, M.S., Lynch, K. & Pinchevsky, G.P. (2023) The Cumulative Financial Costs of Victimization among College Students at Minority Serving Institutions. Final Report. US Department of Justice.

Augustyn, M.B. (2023). The Rochester Youth Development Study (DOJ-2020-MU-MU-0017). Final Report. US Department of Justice.

Blomberg, Thomas G., Emma E. Fridel, Kim Davidson, Kaylee Noorman, Rachel Strickland, Shayna Arrigo, Chloe Zook, and George Pesta. (2023). “Leon County community-based violence intervention and prevention initiative: Phase I report.” Leon County Sheriff’s Office and Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Brancale, Julie, Brian Stults, Jonathan Caswell, Alex Billmeier, Thomas G. Blomberg. 2024. Use and Perceptions of Technology and Real Time Crime Centers Among Law Enforcement Personnel in Tallahassee and Leon County. Submitted to the Capital Region Real Time Crime Center.

Copp, Jennifer E., William M. Casey, and Thomas G. Blomberg. (2024). Evaluating the Efficacy of Pretrial Changes Intended to Reduce the Jail Population: The Palm Beach County Public Defender Initiative. Submitted to the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission.

Copp, Jennifer E., Thomas G. Blomberg. (2023). Evaluating the Efficacy of Pretrial Changes Intended to Reduce the Jail Population: Pretrial Services’ Supervision Unit. Submitted to the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission.

Copp, Jennifer E., Thomas G. Blomberg, Jacob Judd, and Nia La Tosa. (2023). Pretrial Release Practices in Palm Beach County, FL: An Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Existing Pretrial Release Mechanisms at Promoting Court Appearance and Public Safety. Submitted to the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission.

Giordano, Peggy C., Monica A. Longmore, Wendy D. Manning, & Jennifer E. Copp. (2023). Mechanisms Underlying Desistance from Crime: Individual and Social Pathways. Submitted to the National Institute of Justice.

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Marketing & Dissemination

In January 2024, the College and Center hired a new marketing and communications manager. Among other duties, their primary activities have sought to use various strategies and tactics to consistently embed the College's translational research mission into all communications and marketing disseminations. To that end, the Center began using a faculty questionnaire to gather research and project-related information from Institute Directors and Principal Investigators focused on capturing the salient research and policy activities within the Center's institutes.

The questionnaire holds value beyond its original intent and proved to be a good source of information for the College and the Center's communications and marketing efforts. It provides another opportunity to identify and elevate research papers, reports, and presentations that warrant being nationally disseminated. Ultimately, the questionnaire provides the College and Center with another source of information from which research stories, social media posts, student spotlights, and plans for upcoming work can be drawn.

Research marketing and dissemination include actionable stories, content, and efforts to highlight how College and Center research translates into policy and practice. This year, marketing efforts included publicizing faculty research, creating alumni profile stories, highlighting faculty attendance at national conferences, and publishing notices of grant awards through news stories published on the College and Center website and supported by direct media outreach and social media distribution.

Some examples of this work include: This spring, Brendan Lantz and Sylwia Piatkowska were invited to lend their expertise on the topic of hate crimes at a White House symposium.

Emma Fridel was awarded over \$1 million in grants by the NIJ and the National Collaborative on Gun Violence to study the effectiveness of Florida's red flag laws. Our communications team also wrote and distributed a profile story on distinguished graduate and renowned criminology researcher Diana Fishbein and a retrospective story on the College's decades of collaborative research work with the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Council and other criminal justice agencies in Palm Beach County.

With the addition of the new marketing manager, the College and Center have also begun utilizing their social media accounts (Instagram, X, and Facebook) with greater regularity, helping to build the Center's online profile beyond the website. Social media channels remain a fixture of regular outreach and connection between the Center, its stakeholders, peer institutions, government agencies, and students.

4. Student Engagement

The Center is committed to providing the College's graduate and undergraduate students with opportunities to have transformative and empowering educational experiences in which they not only acquire knowledge through traditional classroom learning but learn to create and apply knowledge through hands-on research and policy experiences. Beyond funding for graduate students and the opportunity to collaborate with faculty on research projects, the Center also provides experiential learning opportunities through directed individual study (DIS) courses, dissertations, theses, and area papers. The number of DIS and supervised research activities during FY 2023-2024 are listed below.

- Twenty-three graduate research assistants were funded for 55 semesters to work on various Center research projects.
- Eight DIS courses using data from a Center project were offered to graduate students.
- Eighteen DIS courses using data from a Center project were offered to undergraduate students.
- Nine students were supervised on Center-related research projects through the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP).
- Three graduate students worked as non-funded volunteers on Center research projects.
- Three undergraduate students worked as non-funded volunteers on Center research projects.
- One undergraduate student was employed as a full-time Research Assistant on a Center

research project.

Additionally, two graduate students completed their dissertations with project-related data in the Spring 2024 semester.

- Kuper, Julie L. An Immigrant Paradox in the Black Box? Evaluating In-Prison Maladaptive Behaviors Among Foreign- and Native-Born Persons. Doctoral dissertation.
- Tomlinson, Tiffaney A. Prison Personnel and Workplace Social Capital. Doctoral dissertation.

5. Future Directions

Over the past ten years, the Center has experienced measured growth in terms of college faculty involvement, the number of proposals submitted for funding annually, the number of research projects awarded, and the total amount of awarded research funding. This year the Center's institutes had 25 research projects involving 16 Center faculty that were awarded and/or active during the fiscal year with budgets totaling \$8,799,582. In addition, faculty submitted twenty proposals totaling \$8,012,330. Central to this development and growth has been establishing and fostering research partnerships. Partnerships are critical for sustaining funding and informing policy and practice through translational criminology. In FY2024, proposals and funded projects included sponsors from eight federal agencies, five private foundations, two state agencies, one local agency, and internal research funding from FSU. Research partners and collaborators included six external universities, four other departments and colleges at FSU, five local agencies, two state agencies, and one national research organization.

As the Center continues to grow, institute directors and faculty affiliates are likely to engage and participate in more translational activities, such as disseminating their research findings, engaging the media, engaging practitioners and policymakers, presenting at practitioner conferences, and working on joint publications with partners. In addition, the Center is working to provide student support and preparation for the next generation of translational criminologists. Institute faculty increasingly incorporate their institute research into their teaching practices and provide more opportunities for students to actively engage in research. The Center aims to increasingly promote post-graduate, graduate, and undergraduate research opportunities.

This year, there were several new developing and notable Center translational partnership initiatives. First, the Center and College are in the final stages of finalizing an MOU with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, which will officially establish a partnership with the Tribe that will facilitate research regarding Native American crime and victimization. The Center has increased its collaborations with FDLE to establish and fund three research projects; piloting an evidence-based criminal justice system planning process for Florida counties, assessing police training in Florida's law enforcement academies, and examining the prevalence and location of crimes committed against older adults across Florida. The Center is also beginning a partnership with the U.C. Berkeley Law School, Criminal Law and Justice Center regarding older adults and financial exploitation in Florida and California.

In January 2024, Mark Thomas began working as the new marketing manager for the College and Center, focusing his efforts on highlighting faculty research, redesigning the website, and marketing translational accomplishments. First, individual institute web pages will be revised to position them as a repository where site visitors can easily locate and download research and project information specific to each institute. Second, using a more direct marketing approach, the Center and College plan to leverage its status as a national leader in translational criminology and research productivity with greater frequency. Traditional public relations, media outreach, and web-based methods will continue to be used. However, they will include specific mentions of productivity and success. To that end, specific rankings information will be featured prominently on the College's new website landing page. Future communication efforts will focus on conveying specifically how research conducted in the Center translates into the real world. Relevant media outreach, news releases, and social media posts will duly reflect the "how" of translational research with respect to its practical application. This emphasis will bolster the College and Center's messaging and overall brand as we address key constituencies via policy briefs, op-eds, and research letters to lawmakers.