

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

- 2006 Ph.D. Criminology – University of Maryland
- 2003 M.A. Criminology – University of Maryland
- 1997 B.A. Sociology – University of Colorado at Boulder

Doctoral Dissertation

“The Implications for Desistance of the Developmental Course of Childhood Aggressive Behavior”.

Chair: Dr. Hanno Petras

Committee Members: Dr. Shawn Bushway, Dr. John Laub, Dr. Ray Paternoster, Dr. Seth Sanders

Research Interests

Developmental and life-course theory, capital punishment, delinquency prevention, testing criminological theory

Honors and Awards

Nominee – The National Society of Collegiate Scholars’ 2009 Inspire Integrity Awards

Florida State University First Year Assistant Professor Summer Research Grant. “The early adulthood consequences of delinquency abstention during adolescence”. Funded 2/2008.

Departmental Teaching Assistantship – Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park (8/2005 to 5/2006)

Travel award granted by The Center for Human Resource Research to attend the NLS User’s Workshop – The Ohio State University (8/2004)

Sutherland Fellowship – University of Maryland, College Park (8/2000 to 8/2002)
Distinguished Student – 31st Parole Officer Training Class (4/1998)
Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honors Society

Alpha Kappa Delta Sociological Honors Society

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2009 Mears, Daniel P. and Sarah Bacon. “Improving Criminal Justice Through Better Decision Making: Lessons from the Medical System”. *Journal of Criminal Justice* (forthcoming).
- 2008 Bacon, Sarah, Raymond Paternoster and Robert Brame. “Understanding the Relationship Between Onset Age and Subsequent Offending During Adolescence”. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 38(3):301-311.
- 2008 McGloin, Jean M., Alex Piquero, Chris Sullivan and Sarah Bacon. “Investigating the Stability of Co-offending and Co-offenders Among a Sample of Youthful Offenders”. *Criminology* 46(1):155-188.
- 2004 Paternoster, Raymond, Robert Brame, Sarah Bacon and Andrew Ditchfield. “Justice by Geography and Race: The Administration of the Death Penalty in Maryland 1978-1999”. *Margins: Maryland’s Law Journal on Race, Religion, Gender and Class* 4(1): 1-97.

Invited Publications

- 2009 Bacon, Sarah. (Forthcoming). “The Theoretical Contributions and Empirical Status of Moffitt’s Developmental Taxonomy.” In Cullen, Francis (ed.) Sage Encyclopedia of Criminological Theory.
- 2008 Bacon, Sarah and Patricia Y. Warren. “Total Institutions and Their Impact on Identity Construction.” In Parillo, Vincent (ed.) Sage Encyclopedia of Social Problems.

Reports

- 2001 Paternoster, Raymond, Robert Brame, Sarah Bacon, Andrew Ditchfield, David Bierie, Karen Beckman, Deanna Perez, Michael Strauch and Nadine Frederique “An Empirical Analysis of Maryland’s Death Sentencing System With Respect to the Influence of Race and Legal Jurisdiction”. Report to the Maryland Office of the Governor.

Books

- 2007 Paternoster, Raymond, Robert Brame and Sarah Bacon. Unfit To Live: The Death Penalty In America. Oxford University Press.

Works in Progress

Devers, Lindsey N. and Sarah Bacon. "Interpreting Honor Crimes: The Institutional Disregard Towards Female Victims of Family Violence in the Middle East". Under Review with *Violence Against Women*.

Bacon, Sarah, Marc Gertz and Jake Bratton. "The Evolution of American Attitudes Toward Capital Punishment".

Bacon, Sarah, Marc Gertz and Jake Bratton. "Self- and Socially-Imposed Sanction Risk Perception Among Deterrable Offenders".

Bacon, Sarah, with William Bales, Kelle Barrick, Stephanie Bontrager and Ted Chiricos (authorship ordering to be determined). "Is There a Young Minority Male Penalty in the Felony Labeling Process?"

Bacon, Sarah and Elaine E. Doherty. "Abstainers as Deviants: Antecedents and Consequences of Abstaining from Delinquency".

Professional Presentations

- 2009 Bacon, Sarah. "Can Florida Afford the Death Penalty?" Invited Panelist, Roundtable sponsored by Tallahassee Citizens Against Capital Punishment.
- 2008 Bacon, Sarah, Marc Gertz and Jake Bratton. "Self- and Socially-Imposed Sanction Risk Perception Among Deterrable Offenders". Forthcoming paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in St. Louis, MO.
- 2008 Mears, Daniel and Sarah Bacon. "Decision Making Errors in Criminal Justice and How to Reduce Them". Forthcoming paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in St. Louis, MO.
- 2007 Bacon, Sarah and Elaine E. Doherty. "Is Some Delinquency Healthy? A Comparison of Adolescent Abstainers and Experimenters". Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, GA.
- 2006 Doherty, Elaine E. and Sarah Bacon. "Abstinence as Deviance: Antecedents and Consequences of Adolescent Abstainers". Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Los Angeles, California.
- 2006 Bacon, Sarah, Jean Marie McGloin and Alex Piquero. "Crime and Co-offending Over the Life Course of Juvenile Offenders". Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Baltimore, Maryland.

- 2005 Bacon, Sarah. "The Implications for Desistance of the Course of Early Childhood Aggression. Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Toronto, Canada.
- 2004 Bacon, Sarah, Shawn Bushway and Raymond Paternoster. "Examining Perceptions: Elaboration on the Components of a Rational Choice Model". Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Nashville, Tennessee.
- 2003 Bacon, Sarah. "The American Criminal Justice System". Invited lecturer at Shanghai University, China.
- 2003 Bacon, Sarah, Robert Brame and Raymond Paternoster. "Age of Onset of Criminal Behavior: Its Meaning and Significance". Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Denver, Colorado.
- 2001 Bacon, Sarah, Doris Leighton MacKenzie and Suzanne Kider. "What Works: Examining Juvenile Corrections Programs". Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, Georgia.

Professional Experience

2/09 to present: Program Director – Florida State University Prague Summer Program

8/06 to present: Assistant Professor – Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice

8/05 to 5/06: Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant - Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland

Duties: Work under the direction of Professor Hanno Petras. Serve as teaching assistant for CCJS 699J: Longitudinal Analysis with Latent Variables. This is a Ph.D. level statistics class emphasizing proficiency with Mplus statistical analysis software for latent class growth models.

4/03 to 8/05: Managing Editor, *CRIMINOLOGY*

Duties: Responsible for coordination and publication of *CRIMINOLOGY*, an interdisciplinary journal of the American Society of Criminology and the premier journal in the field. Act as liaison between authors, editor, copy editor, and publishing house to coordinate quarterly publication with circulation of 5000.

8/00 to 4/03: Graduate Research Assistant - Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland

Duties: Manager of the Capital Punishment project, an empirical evaluation of Maryland's administration of the death penalty, under the direction of Professor Raymond Paternoster. Responsible for directing four graduate students and two undergraduates in extensive data collection efforts. Establish working relationships with various courts and corrections agencies to facilitate data collection. Design and maintenance of database.

1/98 to 8/00: Senior Parole Officer – Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles

Duties: Responsible for supervising a caseload of adult offenders in metro Atlanta. Cultivated resources in the community to address criminogenic needs of offenders. Developed intervention plans and activities for each parolee and coordinated follow-up and appropriate responses to compliance or non-compliance. Interacted with other criminal justice professionals. Responsible for arrest and incarceration of parolees who proved to be non-compliant or a danger to the community.

5/98 to 8/00: Certified Instructor - Cognitive Skills/Reasoning and Rehabilitation

Duties: Responsible for selecting and pre-testing experimental and control group of high risk offenders. Conducted seventeen week intensive class aimed at cognitive restructuring of offenders.

10/97 to 12/97: Court Services Associate – Fulton County Court Services Probation Division, Atlanta, Georgia.

Duties: Assisted in legal proceedings in both State and Superior Courts. Researched probation status and criminal history of defendants and advised judges and attorneys accordingly. Directed probationers in intake procedures.

1/96 to 5/96: Research Assistant – Anna Freud Centre of Child Psychiatry, London

Duties: Administered battery of psychological measures to subjects, ages 5-11. Coded and compiled data. Created organizational system for data tracking.

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Level

Introduction to Criminal Justice
Freshman Seminar in Criminology
Statistics for Criminal Justice
Capital Punishment
Life Course Theory
Community Corrections
Race and Crime

Comparative Criminology
Graduate Level
Capital Punishment
Theory in Criminology
Crime and Delinquency Prevention
Longitudinal Methods for Latent Variables
Life Course and Developmental Criminology

Service

Professional Service

Ad hoc reviewer for *Criminology*, *Criminology and Public Policy*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Journal of Drug Issues*, *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Social Problems*, *Law and Society Review*

Departmental Service

Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice: Theory Comprehensive Exam Committee (2006-present)

Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice: Curriculum Committee (2007-present)

University of Maryland Graduate Research Discussion Group (2005-2006)

University of Maryland Chair Search Committee (2004)

University of Maryland Graduate Student Representative (2003-2004)

Philanthropic Service

Founding member of the Jenna Druck Foundation Philanthropy (1997)

Professional Memberships

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

References

Robert Brame, Ph.D.
John Laub, Ph.D.
Ray Paternoster, Ph.D.