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Professor of Criminology
University of West Georgia
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CURRENT POSITION

2024-present: Professor of Criminology. Department of Civic Engagement & Public Service. University of West Georgia

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2020-2024: Associate Professor of Criminology. Department of Civic Engagement & Public Service. University of West Georgia.

2014-2019. Assistant Professor of Criminology. Department of Criminology. University of West Georgia.

2012-2014. Assistant Professor of Social Justice and Criminology. Division of Social Sciences and History. Delta State University.

EDUCATION

2012 Doctor of Philosophy. Criminal Justice. University of Arkansas at Little Rock.
Dissertation Title: "An Examination of the Correlates of Prison Misconduct in the Arkansas Prison System." Committee members: Jeffrey T. Walker (Chair), Mary Parker, Shaun Thomas.

2012. Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics. Department of Mathematics, University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

2007 Master of Science in Criminal Justice. University of Central Florida.
Thesis Title: "Death Penalty Knowledge, Opinion, and Revenge: A Test of the Marshall Hypotheses in a Time of Flux." Committee members: Robert M. Bohm (Chair), Brandon K. Applegate, and Mark M. Lanier.

2007 Bachelor of Science. Kaplan University. Criminal Justice.

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

1. Barrett, K., Keih, G., Lee, G., and Noori, N (204). *Torture: An interdisciplinary perspective*. Lexington Books.

Edited Book

1. Bohm, Robert M. and Gavin M. Lee Eds. (2017). *Handbook of Capital Punishment*. Routledge Publishing.

Peer-reviewed Works

1. Bounds, Christopher W., Pazzani, Lynn M., and Lee, Gavin M. (2020) Testing the Generalizability of Informal Social Control Theory: Change and Stability of Illicit Substance Use Across the Life Course Among Black and White Subgroups. *The Pursuit: The Journal of the Criminal Justice Association of Georgia*. 3 (2).
2. Bell, Conner, Lee, Gavin M., Pazzani, Lynn M., & Vuk, Mateja. (2019) "If Looks Could Kill: Do Characteristics of Female Offenders Influence Death Penalty Sentencing Decision?" *Women & Criminal Justice*. 1-21
3. Lee, Gavin M. and Maddan, Sean A. (2018) "Correlates of Serial Murder: An Examination of Earl James' Data From "Catching Serial Killers." *The Pursuit: The Journal of the Criminal Justice Association of Georgia*. 71.
4. Griffin, Vanessa, Lee, Gavin M., Vito, Anthony G. & Walker, Jeffrey T. (2017) "It's Not So Black and White: A Conjunctive Analysis of Racial Differences in Incidents of Prison Misconduct." *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*. 4:2, 126-152
5. Lee, Gavin. M., Bohm, Robert. M., and Pazzani, Lynn M. (2014). Knowledge and Death Penalty Opinion: The Marshall Hypotheses Revisited. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 1-18.
6. Moak, Stacy C., Walker, Jeffrey T., and Lee, Gavin M. (2012) Does the Shoe Fit? Using Child Pornography Laws to Address 'Sexting'. *The International Journal of Crime, Criminal Justice and Law*. 5(1) 35-52
7. Metcalf, Roger D., Lee, Gavin M., Gould, Laurie A., and John Stickles. (2010). "Bite This"; The Role of Bite Mark Analysis in Wrongful Convictions. *Southwestern Journal of Criminal Justice*. 7(1):47-64.

Book Chapters

1. Lee, Gavin M. and Bohm, Robert M. (2017) "The Death Penalty" in *Handbook of Corrections*. Routledge Publishing. (Eds. Vanessa Woodward and Hayden Griffin).
2. Lee, Gavin M. (2015). "Corrections" In *Criminal Justice Basics and Concerns*. Carolina Academic Press. (Ed. William Doerner).
3. Lee, Gavin M. (2008). "A Painless Cocktail? The Lethal Injection Controversy." *The Death Penalty Today*. Robert M. Bohm (Ed.). Taylor & Francis: Boca Raton,

Book Reviews

The Globalization of Terrorism, (2005), *International Criminal Justice Review* 15: 80-82.

Encyclopedia Articles

Lee, Gavin M. 2013. "Elliott Currie" *The Encyclopedia of Theoretical Criminal Criminology*.

Lee, Gavin M. 2010. "Missing, Exploited and Murdered Children." *Encyclopedia of Victimology*. Bonnie Fisher and Steven Labs (Eds.) Sage Publishing: Thousand Oaks, CA.

Lee, Gavin M. 2010. "DNA Evidence." *Encyclopedia of American Law and Criminal Justice*. David Schultz (Ed.). Facts on File: New York, NY.

Lee, Gavin M. 2010. "Fingerprint Evidence." *Encyclopedia of American Law and Criminal Justice*. David Schultz (Ed.). Facts on File: New York, NY.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

2023 Southern Criminal Justice Association; Mobile, AL

Ariel Dildy: Serial killers, mental illness, and motivation: What do the data say?

Alexandra Meyer: How serial killer partnerships are associated with length of killing career and level of violence

Carlee Sarna: The relationship between gender, childhood sexual abuse, and perpetrated sexual violence in serial killers

Trinity Velez: The role that childhood physical abuse and mental illness play in serial killers' sexual violence

Sarah Haney: How healthcare occupation influences serial killers' killing career and victim torture

Destiny Morrison: The relationship between a serial killer's family bonds, killing methods, and number of victims

2018 American Society of Criminology; New Orleans, LA

Bell, C., Oduka, C., Pazzani, L., & Lee, G. Death penalty experts' opinions on capital punishment.

Bell, S., Pazzani, L., & Lee, G. Serial killers and race: A comparison of white and non-white killers' victims

I supervised two student posters at the 2018 meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association.

Bell, S., Maddan, S., Lee, G., & Pazzani, L.: Myth busting: The nexus of serial murder, torture, and rape

Oduka, C., Bell, C., Pazzani, L., & Lee, G.: Death penalty experts predict the future: A qualitative analysis

- 2018 Lee, Gavin. Round Table Chair: The Future of Capital Punishment. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. New Orleans, LA.
- 2018 Roundtable discussant: Teaching Capital Punishment in Criminal Justice Programs. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 Lee, Gavin. Round Table Chair: The Future of Capital Punishment. American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 Lee, Gavin. Round Table Chair: The Future of Capital Punishment. Southern Criminal Justice Association, Savannah, GA.
- 2016 Lee, Gavin. Round Table Chair: The Future of Capital Punishment. Southern Criminal Justice Association, Savannah, GA.
- 2016 Lee, Gavin, Lynn Pazzani, Kyle Burgason, and Robert Bohm. Knowledge and the Death Penalty. American Society of Criminology. New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 Lee, Gavin and Lynn Pazzani. Tumbling Dice: The Death Penalty for Serial Killers. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Denver, CO.

- 2016 Lee, Gavin. Participant on Capital Punishment Round Table. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Denver, CO.
- 2015 Lee, Gavin. The Future of Capital Punishment. Southern Criminal Justice Association, Charleston, SC.
- 2015 Lee, Gavin. The Future of Capital Punishment. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.
- 2015 Roundtable discussant: Teaching Capital Punishment in Criminal Justice Programs. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Orlando, FL
- 2015 Pazzani, Lynn and Gavin Lee. The Race of Victim Effect on Death Penalty Sentencing Outcomes in Cases of Serial Homicide. Southern Criminal Justice Association. Charleston, SC.
- 2014 The Future of Capital Punishment. Southern Criminal Justice Association, Clearwater Beach, FL.
- 2014 The Future of Capital Punishment. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2013 The United States Military Death Penalty. Southern Criminal Justice Association, Virginia Beach.
2013. Women and Capital Punishment. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Dallas, TX.
- 2012 The Correlates of Prison Misconduct. American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.
- 2012 The Future of Capital Punishment. American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.
2012. The Future of Capital Punishment Southern Criminal Justice Association, Jacksonville, FL.
2012. The Future of Capital Punishment. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. New York, NY.
- 2011 The Future of Capital Punishment. American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.
2011. A Theoretical Framework for Prison Misconduct. Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN.
2011. A Return to the Electric Chair? Recent Constitutional Challenges to Execution Methods in the United States. Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN.

2011. Stranger Homicide: A Multi-Level Analysis. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Toronto, Ontario.

2011. Discussant, Student Roundtable: Choosing a Ph.D. Program. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Toronto, Ontario.

2011. The Future of Capital Punishment Round Table. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Toronto, Ontario.

2010. Tough on Crime or Tough on the Causes of Crime: An Examination of England's New Penology. Southwestern Criminal Justice Association, Little Rock, AR.

2010. The Future of Capital Punishment Round Table. American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

2010. The Future of Capital Punishment Round Table. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Diego, CA.

2008. Student Roundtable: Choosing a Ph.D. Program. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, OH.

2007. Serial Killers: Specifying a Theoretical Model for an Extreme Outlier. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Seattle, WA.

2007. The Rise and Rise of the Lethal Injection Controversy. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Seattle, WA.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

2010-2012 Graduate Assistant. Supervisor: Dr. Jeffery T. Walker, University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

2008 Researcher, NSF Grant, IIS-0527729, Privacy, Identity, and Technology. Supervisor: Simon Cole (Co-Principal Investigator) \$749,943, September 15, 2005 – August 31, 2008.

2006-2007 Graduate Assistant, Supervisor: Robert M. Bohm, University of Central Florida, 2006-2007.

INVITED LECTURES

February 2017 “Capital Punishment Methods in the US” Invited lecture at Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

February 2016 “The History of Capital Punishment in the US” Invited lecture at Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

October 2012 “Women and the Death Penalty” Presentation to the Gender Studies Group, Delta State University.

October 2010 “Southern Subculture of Violence” Victimology. Invited by: Dr. Shaun Thomas, University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

March 2011 “*McClesky v. Kemp*: An Empirical Analysis of Racial Disparities in Capital Punishment in America” Introduction to Criminal Justice. University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Spring 2011, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Invited Lecture in Graduate Seminar in Corrections.

TESTIMONY GIVEN

California Department of Corrections, APA hearing. Notice of Change to California’s Lethal Injection Protocol. Sacramento, California. June, 2009.

The Florida Governor’s Commission on the Administration of the Lethal Injection. Tampa, Florida. February, 2007.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Capital Punishment, Social Scientific Evidence in the Criminal Justice System Serial Murder, Corrections, Criminological Theory, Social Scientific Evidence in Criminal Justice.

UNDERGRADUATE CLASSES TAUGHT

Terrorism
Criminal Forensics
Corrections
Criminal Profiling
Organization and Philosophy of Corrections
The Prison Community
Homicide
Criminal Justice: Policy and Practice
Organized Crime
Drug Abuse
Introduction to Criminal Justice.
Introduction to Criminology, Law and Society.
Criminological Theory
White Collar Crime
Serial Homicide
The Death Penalty
Deviance
Prison Law
American Criminal Courts
Survey of Criminology
Correctional Programs
Ethics in Criminal Justice
Social Science and the
Legal System
Police Deviance
International Comparative Criminal Justice
The Death Penalty: First Year Experience
XIDS 2002: What Do You Know About
The Honors College
XIDS 2002: Jack the Ripper

GRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Global Terrorism
Seminar in Correctional Criminology
Organized Crime
Serial Homicide
White Collar Crime
Deviance
Homicide
Seminar on Capital Punishment
Organization and Philosophy of the Criminal Justice System

History of the American Criminal Justice System
Criminological Theory

Theories of Crime and Justice
Death Penalty Seminar
Forensic Criminology
Progression of Forensic Evidence

THESIS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Chynna Kuras: Thesis Committee Chair (Graduated 2016).

Conner Bell: Thesis Committee Chair (Scheduled to Graduate May 2019).

THESIS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Emily Walker: (Graduation 2021).

Sierra Bell: Thesis committee member (Graduated, 2020).

Nicole Roper: Thesis committee member (Graduated 2017).

Tyler McArthur: Thesis committee member (Graduated May 2018).

Corri Johanson: Thesis committee member (Graduate Spring 2016)

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT EXIT PAPER

Marie Molinet (Graduated 2018)

MPA EXIT PAPER

Kayla Mitchel (2021)

SERVICE

2023 Member of the Provost's Task Force on Generative Artificial Intelligence and Higher Education

2023 Faculty Advisor to the UWG Mock Trial Club

2023 Honors College Faculty Council

2023 PTR Appeals Committee

2023 August, 2023 "Becoming the Pack."

2023 March "Admitted Student Day."

2023 January "University College Admission Event."

2023 Reviewer for Criminal Justice Studies

2022 Guest Lecture (Recruiting Event) at West Georgia Tech

2022 Guest Lecture at Newnan Youth Council (Recruitment Event)

2022 Strategic Enrollment Management, October 29th.

2022- present Chair of the Facilities and Information Technology (FITC) sub-committee of the Faculty Senate

2022 –present Faculty Senator and Member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

2022 - Conference for the Center for Death Penalty Studies: The Future of the Death Penalty. (Invited speaker).

2021 Invited by the Dean of Law School at University of Hertfordshire to give a lecture on the death penalty in the US. This was given to students from the law school. Due to Covid this was a virtual lecture.

2021 Faculty Advisor to Circle K

2020-2021 Member of the Faculty Senate Budget Committee

2020 -2021 Chair of the Civic Engagement and Public Service Committee

2019-2020 Member of the Academic Policy Committee, University of West Georgia

2019 Member of First Year Experience Advisory Committee, University of West Georgia

2019 Member of Study Abroad Coca Cola Scholarship Advisory Committee, University of West Georgia

2018 Reviewer for the American Journal of Criminal Justice

2017 Member of the Provost's Faculty Advisory Committee

2017 Reviewer for Criminal Justice Studies.

2017-2018 Member of the Core, Honors and Interdisciplinary Studies Program (CHIP) Committee.

2016 Member of Department of Criminology Faculty Search Committee: Four Tenure track lines. Dept. of Criminology. University of West Georgia.

2016 Member of the review committee for FY 2017 Faculty Research Grant Applications.

2015 - 2018. Director at Large. Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA).

2015 Committee Chair. SCJA Outstanding Undergraduate Award.

2015 - 2018 University of West Georgia Faculty Senate

2015 - 2017 University of West Georgia Undergraduate Programs Committee

2015 Member of the Provost's Task Force on Campus Internationalization.

2014 – 2015 Member of the International Services and Programs Committee.

2014 Curriculum Committee: Dept. of Criminology. University of West Georgia.

2014 Member of Department of Criminology Faculty Search Committee: Tenure track line. Dept. of Criminology. University of West Georgia.

2014 Southern Criminal Justice Association Elections Committee.

2014 Southern Criminal Justice Association Professional Awards Committee.

2013 Southern Criminal Justice Association Audit Committee.

2013 Member of the Curriculum change committee for the Undergraduate Social Justice & Criminology Program. This was a substantive overhaul of both required courses and electives.

2013-2014 Director of Graduate Studies. Delta State University.

2013 Member: Faculty Senate Executive Council. Delta State University.

2013 Faculty Senate Member Delta State University.

2012 Delta State University, Student Grievance Committee.

2012 Delta State University, Cultural Connections Committee.

2012. Reviewer for Journal of Drug Abuse.

2012. Undergraduate Advisor. Delta State University.

2012. University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Faculty Search Committee.

2012. Program Committee Co-Chair. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Quantitative Methods. Dallas meeting in 2013.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Southern Criminal Justice Association.

TRAINING COMPLETED

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshops (Fall 2020):

1. Providing Meaningful Feedback and Streamlining Grading
2. Creating Engaging Learning Materials, Activities, and Assessments

Wolf Watch Training 2015.

Quality Matters Program 2014.

1. Designing Your Own Course.
2. Applying the Quality Matters Rubric.
3. Peer Reviewer Course.