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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race and Crime	Offender Reentry	Victim-Offender Convergence
Gender and Crime	Offender Management	Sexual Violence & Victimization

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2017- Associate Professor, Department of Criminology, University of West Georgia  
Women Studies Faculty (2016-)  
Center for Research Faculty Fellow (2018-)  
Internship Coordinator (2016-2018)

2013-2017 Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology, University of West Georgia  
Director of Criminology Advising (2013-2015)

2009-2013 Graduate Assistant/Instructor, School of Criminal Justice, University of Southern Mississippi

2007-2009 Graduate Assistant/Instructor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, East Tennessee State University

## EDUCATION

2013 Ph.D., Criminal Justice, University of Southern Mississippi  
2009 M.A., Criminal Justice & Criminology, East Tennessee State University  
2007 B.A., Administration of Justice, University of Southern Mississippi

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

♦Online and On-Campus

### Graduate

#### University of West Georgia

Ethics & Criminal Justice♦  
Planning & Evaluation  
Seminar in Social Justice  
Principles of Criminology  
Victimology

#### University of Southern Mississippi

Statistics Lab (Department of Education)

### Undergraduate

#### University of West Georgia

Criminal Justice Ethics♦

Criminological Theory❖  
Research Methods❖  
Drug Abuse (Online)  
Survey of Criminology  
Introduction to Criminal Justice  
Themes of Justice in Film (Hybrid)  
Senior Capstone

**University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

Campus Crime

**University of Alabama at Birmingham**

Introduction to Statistics

**University of Southern Mississippi**

Research Methods & Statistics  
Criminal Justice Ethics  
Criminal Justice Theory  
Women & Crime (Department of Political Science)  
Introduction to Modern Corrections

**East Tennessee State University**

Introduction to Criminal Justice & Criminology

**GRANT ACTIVITIES**

- 2019 Principal Investigator, Examining Access to Services in Carroll County, GA: *Early Language and Literacy Grant, Georgia's Governor's Office of Student Achievement* \$19,462. Funded.
- 2018 Event Coordinator. What Were You Wearing? *American Association of University Women (AAUW) Community Action Grant*. \$750. Funded.
- 2012-2015 Co-Investigator. Advance It Catalyst: Toward a Transformation of Culture. *National Science Foundation*. \$95,926, Funded.
- 2010-2011 Graduate Research Assistant, Mississippi Statistical Analysis Center Research Grant, *Bureau of Justice Statistics*, \$50,000, Funded.

**BOOKS**

- Vanessa Woodward Griffin & Kyle Burgason (2019). *Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice: Purposes, Problems, and Procedures*. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press
- O. Hayden Griffin, III & Vanessa H. Woodward (Eds). (2018). *Routledge Handbook on Corrections in the United States*. London: Routledge.
- O. Hayden Griffin, III, Vanessa H. Woodward, & John J. Sloan, III. (2016). *The Money and Politics of Criminal Justice Policy*. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

\*denotes student author

- Vanessa Woodward Griffin and Mary Evans. (Online First). The Duality of Stigmatization: An Examination of Differences in Collateral Consequences for Black and White Sex Offenders. *Justice Quarterly*.
- Anthony G. Vito, Elizabeth Grossi, Vanessa W. Griffin, & George E. Higgins (2019). Consent Searches: Understanding the Role of Race and What Occurs During the Traffic Stop. *Policing: An International Journal*, 42(4) 611-623
- Vanessa Woodward Griffin, Gavin M. Lee, Anthony Vito, and Jeffery T. Walker. (2019). It's Not So Black and White: A Conjunctive Analysis of Racial Differences in Incidents of Prison Misconduct. *Corrections, Policy & Practice*, 4(2), 126-152.
- O. Hayden Griffin, III, Vanessa Woodward Griffin, Heith Copes, and John Andrew Dantzler. (2018). Today was not a Good Day: Offender Accounts of the Incidents that Led to their Admission to Drug Court. *Criminal Justice Studies*, 31(4), 388-401.
- Vanessa Woodward Griffin, Dylan Pelletier\*, O. Hayden Griffin, III & John Sloan, III. (2017). Campus Sexual Assault and Education Act: SaVing Lives or SaVing Face? *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 42(2), p. 401-425.
- Vanessa H. Woodward, Mary K. Evans, & Miriam Brooks\*. (2016). Social and Psychological Factors of Rural Youth Sexting: An Examination of Gender-Specific Models. *Deviant Behavior*, 38(4), 461-476.
- Vanessa H. Woodward, Dylan Pelletier\*, O. Hayden Griffin, III, & John R. Harrington (2016). University Policies and Programs for Crime Prevention and Awareness: An Examination of Online Reports and Resources. *Criminal Justice Review*, 41(2), 140-158.
- Vanessa H. Woodward, Megan Webb\*, O. Hayden Griffin, III, & Heith Copes (2016). The Current State of Criminological Research: An Examination of Research Methodologies in Criminology/Criminal Justice Journals. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 27(3), 340-361.
- O. Hayden Griffin & Vanessa H. Woodward (2016). Using Drug Courts as a Diagnostic Tool for Drug Abuse Liability Assessment. *Drugs & Alcohol Today*, 16, (2) 165-175.
- Vanessa H. Woodward & John Randolph Fuller (2014). Individual Operationalization of Peacemaking: Teaching Ethics outside the Classroom. *Journal of Theoretical & Philosophical Criminology*, 6(3), 222-230.
- Vanessa H. Woodward, Marcos L. Misis, & O. Hayden Griffin, III. (2014). Examining the Effects of Social Bonds and Shame on Drug Recovery in an Online Support Group. *Deviant Behavior*, 35 (11), 938-958.
- O. Hayden Griffin, III, Vanessa H. Woodward, & Alexis Lynn Fritsch. (2013). Using Newspaper Archives to Study Historical Perceptions of Marijuana. *SAGE Cases in Methodology*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4135/978144627305013514685>
- O. Hayden Griffin, III, Alexis Lynn Fritsch, Vanessa H. Woodward, & Richard S. Mohn. (2013). Sifting through the Hyperbole: One Hundred Years of Marijuana Coverage in *The New York Times*. *Deviant Behavior*, 34(10), 767-781.

O. Hayden Griffin, III, Vanessa H. Woodward, Lisa S. Nored, & W. Wesley Johnson. (2013). Meeting in the Middle: A Review of Joint JD/PhD Programs. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 38(2), pp. 289-305.

Vanessa H. Woodward & Sarah L. Stein (2010). The Prevalence of Multivariate Statistics in Social Science Research. *Synergy*, 1(2) 41-48.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES**

O. Hayden Griffin, III & Vanessa H. Woodward (In Press). *Content Analysis*. In J.C. Barnes and David R. Forde (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Research Methods and Statistical Techniques in Criminology and Criminal Justice*. New York: Wiley.

Vanessa H. Woodward & O. Hayden Griffin, III. (2018). *The Appeals Process in Capital Cases*. In Robert M. Bohm and Gavin M. Lee (Eds.), *Handbook on Capital Punishment*. New York: Routledge

Vanessa H. Woodward & Dylan Pelletier\* (2018). *Prisons in the United States*. In O. Hayden Griffin, III & Vanessa H. Woodward (Eds.), *Handbook on Corrections in the United States*. New York: Routledge.

John Whitehead & Vanessa H. Woodward (2017). *Ethical Issues in Probation, Parole, and Community Corrections*. In M. Braswell, B. McCarthy & M. McCarthy (Eds.) *Justice, Crime, and Ethics* (9th Edition). New York: Routledge.

Vanessa H. Woodward. (2017). *Hedonistic Calculus*. In Kent R. Kerley (Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Corrections*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

Vanessa H. Woodward. (2017). *The Stanford Prison Experiment*. In Kent R. Kerley (Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Corrections*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

## **UNDER REVIEW**

Anthony G. Vito, Vanessa Woodward Griffin, George Higgins, and Gennaro Vito. Testing the Effect of the Veil of Darkness Hypothesis in Traffic Stops.

## **IN PROGRESS**

Vanessa Woodward Griffin & Patrick Brady. *Effects of Victim-Offender Social Overlap and Standing on Disclosure and Reporting of Sexual Assault and Stalking*.

Patrick Brady & Vanessa Woodward Griffin. *Generation iStalk: Examining the Role of Technology Among College and Non-college Stalking Victims*.

Lindsay Leban, Vanessa Woodward Griffin, & O. Hayden Griffin, III. *Failure to Appear: A Multigroup Item Response Theory Analysis of the Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument*

Vanessa Woodward Griffin, Emily Meinert\*, & Ericka Wentz. *Speaking out on Twitter: An Analysis of Why College Students Do Not Report Sexual Assaults*.

Vanessa Woodward Griffin & Anthony G. Vito. *Community Context of Race, Place, and Crime: A Multilevel Analysis of Traffic Stops in New Orleans*.

Vanessa Woodward Griffin. *Co-offender Relationships within Interpersonal Violence*.

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

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- Vanessa Woodward Griffin, Winston Tripp, & Nikki Gage. *Workshop: Creating Quality Qualtrics Questionnaires*. Center for Research Workshop Series, Carrollton, GA. November 5, 2019.
- Patrick Brady & Vanessa Woodward Griffin. *Generation iStalk: Examining the Role of Technology Among College and Non-college Stalking Victims*. Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting. Nashville, TN. September 11, 2019.
- Emily Meinert\*, Vanessa Woodward Griffin, & Ericka Wentz. *Speaking out on Twitter: An analysis of why college students do not report sexual assaults*. National Conference on Undergraduate Research. Kennesaw, GA. April 12, 2019.
- Vanessa Woodward Griffin & O. Hayden Griffin, III. *Self-Control and Crime: Examining the Mediating Effects of Perceived Risk and Normality of Crime*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Baltimore, MD. March 28, 2019.
- Vanessa Woodward Griffin. *Workshop: Policies and Procedures for Ethics in Research: Completing Your IRB Application*. Center for Research Workshop Series, Carrollton, GA. November 14, 2018.
- Vanessa Woodward Griffin. *Workshop: Pairing Amazon Mechanical Turk & Qualtrics for Online Survey Research*. Interdisciplinary Conference in the Social Sciences. Carrollton, GA. October 4, 2018.
- Dylan Pelletier\* & Vanessa Woodward Griffin. *Saving the Date? An Examination of University Resources on Acquaintance Rapes*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Kansas City, KS. March 25, 2017.
- Dylan Pelletier\*, Vanessa H. Woodward, & O. Hayden Griffin, III. *University Policies and Programs for Crime Prevention and Awareness: An Examination of Online Reports and Resources*. Academy of Criminal Justice Science. Denver, CO. March 30, 2016.
- O. Hayden Griffin, III, Vanessa H. Woodward, & Heith Copes. *Today Was Not a Good Day: Offender Accounts of the Incident that Led to Their Arrest*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. November 19, 2015.
- Megan Webb, O. Hayden Griffin, III, Vanessa H. Woodward, & Heith Copes. *The Current State of Criminological Research: An Examination of Research Methodologies in Criminology/Criminal Justice Journals*. Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting. Charleston, South Carolina. September 10, 2015.
- Mary K. Evans & Vanessa H. Woodward. *Sex Offenders' Experience of Registration and Community Notification: A Statewide Examination*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida. March 4, 2015.
- Vanessa H. Woodward & O. Hayden Griffin, III. *Availability versus Accessibility: An Examination of University Compliance with the Clery Act*. Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting. Clearwater, Florida. September 19, 2014.

- Vanessa H. Woodward, O. Hayden Griffin, III, & John Stogner. *Breaking the Curve: The Effects of Substance Use on Academic Pressure and GPA*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. February 20, 2014.
- Miriam Y. Brooks\*, Laura Gullede, & Vanessa H. Woodward. *Evaluating Learning Disabilities and Learning Difficulties as Risk Factors of Delinquency*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. November 20, 2013.
- Jessica Vinson\* & Vanessa H. Woodward, *A Comparison & Assessment of Attitudes towards Sexual Violence at a Mid-size Southern University*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas. March 23, 2013.
- Vanessa H. Woodward, O. Hayden Griffin, III, John Stogner, & Jessica Vinson. *The Stability of the Grasmick Scale: An Examination of Construct Validity Across Two College Samples*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois. November 14, 2012.
- John R. Harrington, Vanessa H. Woodward & O. Hayden Griffin, III. *Take Back the Date Night: An Examination of Universities' Preventative Measures of Date Rape*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois. November 16, 2012.
- John Harrington, Vanessa H. Woodward & O. Hayden Griffin, III. *The Efficacy of College Campuses' Rape Prevention: Do Policies Work Better When Theoretically Founded?* Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, New York, New York. March 16, 2012.
- Vanessa H. Woodward, O. Hayden Griffin, III, & Harry Butler. *The Paradox Embedded within the Foundation of American Law: Continuing the Debate of Beccaria and Hobbes*. The American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: Washington D.C. November 16, 2011.
- Sarah L. Stein & Vanessa H. Woodward. *The Glamorization of Rape in a Cosmopolitan World*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: Washington D.C. November 16, 2011.
- H. Daniel Butler, James Johnson, W. Wesley Johnson, & Vanessa H. Woodward. *Determining the Utility of Risk Assessments: An Examination of the Perceptions of Police Officers*. The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting: Toronto, Canada. March 5, 2011.
- W. Wesley Johnson & Vanessa H. Woodward. *Corruption after the Storm: An Examination of Police Officers' Behavior Before and After Hurricane Katrina*. The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting: Toronto, Canada. March 3, 2011.
- Vanessa H. Woodward & Marcos M. Misis. *Drug Use as a Coping Mechanism: An Examination of Emotional and Physical Handicaps among Recovering Drug Addicts*. The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting: Toronto, Canada. March 2, 2011.
- Vanessa H. Woodward & Marcos M. Misis. *Recovering Drug Addicts: Examining the Relationship between Social Bonds and Drug Use*. The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting: Toronto, Canada. March 5, 2011.
- Marcos M. Misis, Vanessa H. Woodward. *Criminal Justice Majors' Perceptions of Police*. University of Southern Mississippi Graduate Symposium: Hattiesburg, Mississippi. March 26, 2010.
- W. Wesley Johnson, Vanessa H. Woodward & Dan Beto. *Dirty Officers: Media Coverage, Emotions,*

*Shame, and Labeling*. The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting: San Diego, California. February 24, 2010.

Maryann Stone & Vanessa H. Woodward. *Program Requirements for Thesis Completion: An Examination of Criminology and Criminal Justice Master's Programs*. The American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. November 4, 2009.

Vanessa H. Woodward. *Predicting Views on Sex Offenders and Sex Offender Policies through Life Experiences*. The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting; Boston, Massachusetts. March 14, 2009.

### **Chair/Discussant**

Chair, Substance Use among University Students. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. February 20, 2014.

## **STUDENT SUPERVISION**

### **Graduate Students**

Samantha Curtis, Criminology, Thesis Committee Chair

Thesis Title: *Greek Involvement, Party Attendance, and Self-Control: Examining Individual and Situational Factors of Sexual Assault Victimization*

Melissa Milligan, Sociology, Thesis Committee Member

Thesis Title: *The Response of Law Enforcement in Regards to Intimate Partner Violence on Male Victims within Heterosexual Relationships*

Jasmine Reagin, Sociology, Thesis Committee Member

Thesis Title: *A Feasibility Study of a Pre-Arrest Diversion Program in a Rural Georgia Community*

Elizabeth Foxworth, Criminology, Thesis Committee Chair

Thesis Title: *Juvenile Delinquency and Strain*

Briana Evans, Criminology, Thesis Committee Member

Thesis Title: *Victim Impact Statements: An Analysis of Their Content and Place in the Criminal Justice System*

Dylan Pelletier, Criminology, Thesis Committee Member

Thesis Title: *Take Back the Date Night: An Examination of Universities' Online Resources on Date and Acquaintance Rape*

Bethany Austin, Sociology, Thesis Committee Member

Thesis Title: *An analysis of Social Factors such as Religion and Family Structure on Childbearing Timing*

Brittany Haley Dunn, Criminology, Thesis Committee Member

Thesis Title: *Examining the Effects of Religiosity on Fear of Crime and Perceived Risk of Crime*

### **Undergraduate Students**

Miriam Brooks, Criminal Justice, Honors Thesis Committee Member

Thesis Title: *Evaluating Learning Disabilities and Learning Difficulties as Risk Factors of Delinquency*

Jessica Vinson, Criminal Justice, Honors Thesis Committee Member

Thesis Title: *A Comparison and Assessment of Attitudes toward Sexual Violence at a Mid-Size Southern University*

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### **University of West Georgia**

#### University

2018- Institutional Review Board, Member  
2017- Sexual Violence Awareness Event Coordinator, “What Were You Wearing”  
2014-2017 Presidential Committee for Campus Inclusion, Member  
2014-2017 Research Committee for Campus Inclusion, Member  
2013-2015 Faculty Senate, Department Representative  
2013-2015 Honors Program Committee, Member  
2013-2014 Disciplinary Appeals Committee, Member  
2013- Professional Association of Advisers, Member

#### College

2018- Promotion and Tenure Committee, Member  
2018- Research Match, Administrator  
2018- SONA, Administrator  
2017- Center for Research, Faculty Affiliate  
2016-2019 Faculty Council, Department Representative  
2016- Faculty Bylaws Committee

#### Department

2019- Criminal Justice Student Association, Faculty Advisor  
2019-2020 Promotion and Tenure Committee, Member  
2018-2019 Promotion and Tenure Committee, Chair  
2018- Assessment Committee, Member  
2018- Graduate Committee, Member  
2017- Strategic Plan Committee, Chair  
2017- Department Mentor  
2017-2018 Chair Search Committee, Member  
2018-2019 Faculty Search Committee, Member  
2013-2014 Faculty Search Committee, Member  
2016- Prior Learning Assessment Committee, Chair  
2016-2019 Webmaster (Omni Web Design)  
2016-2018 Internship Coordinator  
2014-2015 Chair Evaluation Committee, Chair



2013-2015 Criminology Advising Center, Director

2013-2017 Curriculum Committee, Chair

### **University of Southern Mississippi**

2010-2013 Webmaster (Drupal & Adobe Dreamweaver)

2010-2011 Associate Editor of Synergy

2010-2013 Departmental Advisor

2009-2011 Graduate Student Senate

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

### **Proposal Reviewer**

*National Science Foundation*

### **Manuscript Reviewer**

Carolina Academic Press

*Contemporary Justice Review*

*Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research*

*Crime, Law, and Social Change*

*Criminal Justice and Behavior*

*Criminal Justice Policy Review*

*Criminal Justice Review*

*Criminal Justice Studies*

*Deviant Behavior*

*Journal of Adolescence*

*Journal of Adolescent Health*

*Journal of Higher Education*

*Justice Quarterly*

Oxford University Press

Routledge

Sage

*Violence Against Women*

*Women and Criminal Justice*

*Youth & Society*

Wiley-Blackwell

### **Professional Committees**

2018-2019 *Outstanding Professional Award Committee*, Southern Criminal Justice Association

2014-2017 *Audit Committee*, Southern Criminal Justice Association

2016-2017 *Membership Committee*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

## **WORKSHOPS**

- 2019 Victims Compensation Training, Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- 2016 Advanced Online Training, University of West Georgia
- 2016 Safe Zone Training, University of West Georgia
- 2015 Prior Learning Assessment Workshop for the University System of Georgia
- 2014 Workshop on Assessment of Student Learning, University of West Georgia
- 2014 NetCourse101: Introduction to Stata
- 2014 National Science Foundation Grants Conference
- 2014 Quality Matters Workshop: Connecting Learning Objectives & Assessment
- 2014 Quality Matters Workshop: Peer Reviewer Course
- 2014 Quality Matters Workshop: Applying the QM Rubric
- 2014 Quality Matters Workshop: Designing your Online Course
- 2014 Institute for Pedagogy in the Liberal Arts, Emory at Oxford College, May, 2014
- 2013 Online Course Development, University of West Georgia

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

- 2019 *Course Development Summer Stipend*, College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia (\$5000)
- 2018 *Best of the West- Values* (University Award and Recognition Program)
- 2018 *Faculty Research Summer Stipend*, College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia (\$5000)
- 2018 *Outstanding Junior Faculty Member*, College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia (\$1000)
- 2018 *Outstanding Service Award*, Department of Criminology, University of West Georgia (\$500)
- 2017 *Faculty Research Summer Stipend*, College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia (\$5000)
- 2017 *Outstanding Research Award*, Department of Criminology, University of West Georgia (\$500)
- 2016 *Advanced Online Course Development Summer Stipend*, College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia (\$2500)
- 2016 *Outstanding Research Award*, College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia (\$1000)
- 2016 *Outstanding Research Award*, Department of Criminology, University of West Georgia (\$500)
- 2015 *Outstanding Teaching Award*, Department of Criminology, University of West Georgia (\$500)

- 2014 *Outstanding University Faculty Advisor of the Year*, University of West Georgia
- 2011 *Criminal Justice Outstanding Graduate Student*, University of Southern Mississippi (\$650)
- 2011 *Graduate Symposium's Top Department Paper*, University of Southern Mississippi
- 2010 *Graduate Symposium's Top Department Paper*, University of Southern Mississippi