

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2011 - 2014 **Doctor of Philosophy**, Criminal Justice
Sam Houston State University
Huntsville, Texas
Dissertation: Reliability of eyewitness evidence: An analysis of state-level decisions using *Manson v. Brathwaite*'s criteria
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Michael S. Vaughn
Dissertation Committee Members: Drs. Dennis Longmire & Phillip Lyons
- 2009 - 2010 **Master of Arts**, Criminology
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Indiana, Pennsylvania
Synthesis: Prison gang interventions to reduce violence
Advisor: Dr. Daniel Lee
- 2006 - 2009 **Bachelor of Arts**, Criminal Justice (Cum Laude)
Minor in Sociology; University Honors Scholar
University of West Florida
Pensacola, Florida
Honors Program Thesis: An examination of Asian Americans and the criminal justice system: Too good to commit crime or too smart to get caught
Advisor: Dr. Cheryl Swanson

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Legal Aspects of Criminal Justice
Wrongful Convictions
Eyewitness Identification
Race & Sentencing

TEACHING INTERESTS

Criminal Procedures & Law
American Courts
Law & Society
Wrongful Convictions

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- July 2022 – **Graduate Program Coordinator**
Present University of West Georgia, Department of Civic Engagement & Public Service
- July 2020 – **Associate Professor**
Present University of West Georgia, Department of Civic Engagement & Public Service
- July 2020 – **Program Coordinator**
June 2022 University of West Georgia, Department of Civic Engagement & Public Service
- Aug 2019 – **Associate Professor**
June 2020 University of West Georgia, Department of Criminology
- Jan 2016 – **Director of Graduate Studies**
June 2020 University of West Georgia, Department of Criminology
- Aug 2014 – **Assistant Professor**
July 2019 University of West Georgia, Department of Criminology
- Aug 2011 – **Graduate Research Assistant & Doctoral Teaching Fellow**
July 2014 Sam Houston State University, College of Criminal Justice
- Jan 2011 – **Litigation Assistant/Trial Consultant**
July 2011 First Judicial Circuit Court of Florida – Public Defender’s Office
- Oct 2009 – **Graduate Peer Educator**
Dec 2010 Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Center for Health & Well-Being

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Mills, M. N., & Vito, A. G.** (2021). Addressing the issue of race and drug offenses: Analyzing the safety valve initiative. *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*.
- Drummond, C. B., & **Mills, M. N.** (2020). Addressing official misconduct: Increasing accountability in reducing wrongful convictions. *Wrongful Conviction Law Review*, 1(3), 270-290.
- *****This point forward, publications are under maiden name Mai E. Naito*****
- Jin, H. R., & **Naito, M. E.** “Sentencing and punishing: Past perspectives and practices” In L. M. Carter, C. D. Marcum, & C. Blankenship (Eds.). Punishing gender past and present: Examining the criminal justice system across gendered experiences. (2020). San Diego, CA: Cognella.
- Naito, M. E.** “Future of drug, veterans, and homeless courts” In A. Smith & S. Maddan (Eds.). The lower criminal courts (1st ed.). (2019). New York, NY: Routledge.

Hu, X., **Naito, M. E.**, & del Carmen, R. V. (2017). Comparative analysis of pre- and post-conviction DNA collection laws in the United States: A qualitative approach. *Journal of Criminal Justice and Law*, 1(1), 23-42.

Naito, M. E., & Vaughn, M.S. “DNA evidence and wrongful convictions: Causes, consequences, and remedies” In C. Hemmens (Ed.). Current legal issues in criminal justice (2nd ed.). (2015). New York City, NY: Oxford University Press.

Naito, M. E., Vaughn, M. S., & del Carmen, R. V. (2014). Eyewitness “misidentification”: Analyzing the application of the *Manson* criteria in homicide cases. *The Criminal Law Bulletin*, 50(4).

Naito, M. E., & Vaughn, M. S. (2013). Eyewitness misidentification in the United States. *Silliman Law Journal*, 6(1), 208-252.

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Naito, M. E., & Vaughn, M. S. “Police and civil liability.” In J. S. Albanese (Ed.). The encyclopedia of criminology and criminal justice (2014). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of West Georgia – Carrollton, GA

CRIM 2273	Criminal Procedure
CRIM 2274	American Criminal Courts
CRIM 3323	Criminal Law
CRIM 4231	Women and Criminal Justice
CRIM 4000	Research Methodology
CRIM 4284	Senior Capstone
CRIM 4712	Law and Society
CRIM 4280	Flawed Forensic Science
CRIM 4280	Special Seminars: Wrongful Convictions
CRIM 6000	Principles of Criminology
CRIM 6182	Special Seminars: Wrongful Convictions
CRIM 6280	Special Seminars: History of SCOTUS

Zhejiang Police College – Hangzhou, China

CRIJ 2361	Introduction to Criminal Justice (Courts)
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Sam Houston State University – Huntsville, TX

CRIJ 2361	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRIJ 2364	Fundamentals of Criminal Law

CONFERENCE & PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Mills, M. N. (2022, April). Wrongful convictions and the Drug War: Where are we now? Invited Presentation at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Office of Student Wellness and Engagement and Social Equity and Title IX Office.

Drummond, C. B., & Mills, M. N. (2020, September). Addressing official misconduct: Increasing accountability in reducing wrongful convictions. Virtual Research Showcase (Lightening Talks) in lieu of Annual Meeting of Southern Criminal Justice Association.

Drummond, C. B., & Mills, M. N. (2020, March). Unofficial accountability: Exploring state statutes regarding official misconduct. *Consequences of Wrongful Convictions*. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Antonio, TX.*

Drummond, C. B., & Mills, M. N. (2019, September). Questioning integrity: Bridging the gap in U.S. official misconduct statutes. *Mitigating Issues Leading to Miscarriage of Justice*. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of Southern Criminal Justice Association, Nashville, TN.

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Drummond, C. B., & Naito, M. E. (2018, November). Criminals amongst criminal justice professionals: Wrongful convictions by official misconduct. *Wrongful Convictions and Misconduct*. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Vito, A. G., & Naito, M. E. (2017, November). Racial issues in the safety value initiative in Federal Sentencing. *Sentencing*. Presentation at the meeting of American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Naito, M. E., Fulkerson, A., & Kain, G. (2017, March). In R.M. Bohm (Moderator), *The Future of Capital Punishment*. Roundtable conducted at the meeting of Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO.

Vito, A. G., Naito, M. E., & Foxworth, E. (2016, November). The issue of race and drug offenses for federal criminal sentences. *Sentencing Disparities in U.S. Federal Courts*. Presentation conducted at the meeting of American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

Naito, M. E., & Vaughn, M. S. (2015, March). Reliability of eyewitness evidence since Manson: State-level decisions in the 1970s and 1980s. *Issues in Evidence and Discovery in Criminal Trials*. Chair, Presentation conducted at the meeting of Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.

* Conference canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic

- Naito, M. E., & Vaughn, M. S.** (2014, February). Eyewitness reform in Texas: An exploration of police and court procedures. *Salient Issues in Criminal Procedures*. Individual Presentation conducted at the meeting of Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA.
- Naito, M. E., & Vaughn, M. S.** (2013, November). Legislative histories of eyewitness statutes. *Issues in Wrongful Conviction: Eyewitness Testimony*. Individual Presentation conducted at the meeting of American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Zhang, Y., Hoover, L. T., Fallik, S. W., Novak, K. J. & **Naito, M. E.** (2013, November). Race, neighborhood, and officer decision-making: A hierarchical analysis of automobile searches. *Factors Affecting Police Decision-Making*. Individual Presentation conducted at the meeting of American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Naito, M. E., & Vaughn, M. S.** (2013, March). Evolution of eyewitness identification: Analysis of Manson with the New Jersey framework in U.S. Courts of Appeals cases. *Issues Related to Criminal Evidence and Perception*. Chair, Individual Presentation conducted at the meeting of Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Dallas, TX.
- Naito, M. E., & Vaughn, M. S.** (2012, November). Application of Manson criteria in the U.S. Courts of Appeals: A decade of eyewitness evidence in the lower courts. *Wrongful Convictions and the Reliability of Eyewitness Identification*. Individual Presentation conducted at the meeting of American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.
- Vaughn, M. S., Frantzen, D., Hughes, T. T., Nolasco, C. A., & **Naito, M. E.** (2012, March). Convicting the innocent: Eyewitness testimony in the courts. In R. V. del Carmen (Moderator), *Guiding Our Blinded Justice: Preventing Wrongful Convictions Through a Sustainable Justice System*. Feature Roundtable conducted at the meeting of Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New York City, NY.

SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTION

University of West Georgia

Department-Level Service

- 2020 – Chair’s Advisory Committee, Member
- 2020 – Graduate Programs Committee, Member
- 2020 – 2022 Undergraduate Programs Committee, Member
- 2020 – 2022 Prior Learning & Transfer Credit Assessment Coordinator
- 2017 – 2020 Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Committee, Member
- 2017 – 2020 Transfer Credit Assessment Committee, Member
- 2019 – 2020 Department Promotion & Tenure Committee, Chair
- 2016 – 2020 Graduate Committee, Chair
- 2014 – 2018 Faculty Search Committee, Member

College-Level Service

- 2020 – UC Promotion & Tenure Committee, Member

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2016 – 2020 COSS Graduate Programs Committee, Member

University-Level Service

2018 – 2022 Graduate Programs Committee, COSS/UC Representative
2017 Regents' Online Teaching Award Reviewer, Member
2017 Graduate School Search Committee, Member

Sam Houston State University

Department-Level Service

2013 – 2014 Vice President-Doctoral, CJ Graduate Student Organization
2013 – 2014 Public Relations Chair, CJ Graduate Student Organization
2012 – 2014 Graduate Peer Mentor

SERVICE TO THE FIELD

University of West Georgia

2017 – Reviewer, Bureau of Justice Assistance
2016 – 2017 Member, ACJS Affirmative Action Committee

Sam Houston State University

2013 – 2014 Manuscript Reviewer, *Police Practice and Research*
2013 Student Ambassador, ACJS in Dallas, TX

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2016 – Volunteer with Carroll County Court Appointed Special Advocates

STUDENT RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

Dec 2023 Katherine Ashley, Master of Arts in Criminology – Thesis Chair
Wrongful Murder Convictions by Perjury

May 2020 Clayton Drummond, Master of Arts in Criminology – Thesis Chair
Evaluating Official Misconduct Statutes in the Realm of Wrongful Convictions

Apr 2019 Tiffany Moen, Master of Public Administration – Exit Paper Committee Member
Understanding Volunteer Motivators for CASA Recruitment

Dec 2017 Amanda Baptie, UWG Honors College – Undergraduate Thesis Chair
An Exploration of University Residence Halls with CPTED and Hotspot Crime Mapping

Dec 2017 Jaclyn LeBlanc, UWG Honors College – Undergraduate Thesis Chair
Considering Competency in the South-Atlantic Region: A Legal Exploration of the Death Penalty for the Mentally Ill

May 2017 Briana Evans, Master of Arts in Criminology – Thesis Chair

*Stand up and Speak out! Victim Impact Statements: An Analysis of their
Content and Place in the Criminal Justice System*

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & FELLOWSHIPS

University of West Georgia

2022	DCEPS Mentoring Award Recipient
2021	University College Outstanding Service Award Nominee
2018	Department of Criminology Service Award Recipient
2018	College of Social Science Outstanding Mentor Award Nominee
2017	Best of the West for Strategic Imperative Recipient
2017	College of Social Science Outstanding Teaching Award Nominee
2016	College of Social Science Most Outstanding Junior Faculty Recipient
2016	Department of Criminology Teaching Award Recipient
2015	Best of the West for Values Recognition Nominee

Sam Houston State University

2014	Outstanding Leadership
2013	Criminal Justice Doctoral Student Summer Research Fellowship
2013	SHSU Excellence in Writing Award
2012	Criminal Justice Doctoral Student Summer Research Fellowship
2011 – 2014	Graduate Research Assistantship

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

2010	Academic Award
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University of West Florida

2009	President's Award for Leadership in Diversity Recipient
2006	Florida Medallion Scholars Award Recipient
2006	John C. Pace Honors Scholarship Recipient

WORKSHOPS, TRAININGS, & CERTIFICATIONS

2023	Quality Matters Rubric Update (Seventh Edition)
2021	Quality Matters Master Reviewer
2021	Quality Matters Workshop: Connecting Learning Objectives & Assessment
2020	USG Motivating Learners Short Course
2018	Quality Matters Rubric Update (Sixth Edition)
2017	Quality Matters Workshop: Improving Your Own Course
2017	Quality Matters Teaching Online Certificate
	Gauging Your Technology Skills
	Evaluating Your Course Design
	Exploring Your Institution's Policies
	Orienting Your Online Learners
	Connecting Learning Theories to Your Teaching Strategies

Creating Presence in Your Online Course
Assessing Your Learners

- 2016 Safe Zone Training, University of West Georgia
- 2016 ACJS Professional Development Teaching Workshop
- 2016 Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Volunteer Training
- 2014 Prior Learning Assessment Workshop for the University System of Georgia
- 2014 Quality Matters Workshop: Designing Your Own Course
- 2014 Quality Matters Workshop: Applying the Quality Matters Rubric
- 2014 Quality Matters Workshop: Peer Reviewer Course
- 2012 Blackboard Training by DELTA
- 2010 Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students (BASICS)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Life Member**, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- Life Member**, Southern Criminal Justice Association
- Member**, American Society of Criminology
- Member**, Georgia Criminal Justice Association
- Member**, Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society

