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## **EDUCATION**

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2017	PhD	University of Louisville – Criminal Justice
2013	MS	Eastern Kentucky University – Criminal Justice
2011	BS	Eastern Kentucky University – Criminal Justice

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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2022- Present	Associate Professor – Department of Criminology University of West Georgia
2017-2022	Assistant Professor – Department of Criminology University of West Georgia
2014-2017	Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant University of Louisville

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

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2015-2017	Managing Editor: <i>Journal of Criminal Justice Education</i>
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## **AWARDS, HONORS, & FELLOWSHIPS**

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2021	Outstanding Service Award Nominee University College University of West Georgia
2020	Outstanding Research Award Recipient College of Social Sciences University of West Georgia

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- Nicholson, J.**, Marcum, C. D., & Higgins, G. E. (Accepted 2023). Prevalence and Trends of depression among cyberbullied adolescents- Youth Risk Behavior Survey, United States, 2011 – 2019. *International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence and Cybercrime*, 6(1), 45-58.
- Nicholson, J.**, Marcum, C. D., & Higgins, G. E. (Accepted 2022). Predictors of Prescription Drug Misuse among High School Students in the United States. *Deviant Behavior*, 43(1), 91-101.
- Higgins, G. E., **Nicholson, J.**, & Marcum, C. D. (Accepted 2021). Past 6-Year Trends in Current Alcohol Use among Cyberbullied Adolescents. *Substance Use & Misuse*, 56(6), 831-839.
- Seonghun, L., Baek, H., & **Nicholson, J.** (Accepted 2020). Youth Sport Participation and Underage Drinking Behavior: The Mediating Effect of Self-Esteem. *Journal of Physical Education and Sport*, 20(3), 2283-2293.
- Nicholson, J.**, Higgins, G. E., Dawson-Edwards, C., & Walton, I. (Accepted 2019). Binge drinking and African-Americans: A partial test of primary socialization theory. *Journal of Substance Use*, 25(2), 186-189.
- Nicholson, J.**, Marcum, C. D., & Higgins, G. E. (Accepted 2019). Predictors of Risky Sexual Behavior among High School Students in the United States. *Deviant Behavior*, 41(8), 1052-1064.
- Nicholson, J.**, & Higgins, G. E., (Accepted 2019). The Influence of Sport Participation on African American Youth Binge Drinking. *Substance Use and Misuse*, 54(14), 2328-2337.
- Baek, H., **Nicholson, J.**, & Higgins, G. E. (Accepted 2018). Parental Indifference and Children's Digital Piracy: Mediation Effects of Low Self-Control and Misconception. *Asian Journal of Criminology*, 13(4), 293-309.
- Houser, K., McCord, E. S., & **Nicholson, J.** (Accepted 2018). The Influence of Neighborhood Risk Factors on Parolee Recidivism in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. *The Prison Journal*, 98(3), 255-276.
- Baek, H., **Nicholson, J.**, & Higgins, G. E. (Accepted 2018). Low Self-Control, Parental Intervention, and Delinquency among Native American Youth. *Race and Justice*, 10(4), 379-399.

Higgins, G. E., Marcum, C. D., **Nicholson, J.**, & Weiner, P. (Accepted 2017). Predictors of Physical and Dating Violence in Middle and High School Students in the United States. *Crime & Delinquency*, 64(5), 625-649.

Marcum, C.D., Higgins, G.E., & **Nicholson, J.** (Accepted 2017). Crossing boundaries online in romantic relationships: An exploratory study of the perceptions of impact on partners by cyberstalking offenders. *Deviant Behavior*, 39(6), 716-731.

Marcum, C. D., **Nicholson, J.**, & Higgins, G. E. (Accepted 2016). I'm watching you: Cyberstalking behaviors of University students in romantic relationships. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 42(2), 373-388.

**Nicholson, J.**, Dawson-Edwards, C., Higgins, G. E., & Walton, I. (Accepted 2015). The non-medical use of pain relievers among African-Americans: A test of primary socialization theory. *Journal of Substance Use*, 21(6), 636-639.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Higgins G. E., & **Nicholson, J.** (2019) Self Control Theory and Cybercrime. *The Palgrave Handbook of International Cybercrime and Cyberdeviance*. Edited by Thomas J. Holt and Adam M. Bossler.

**Nicholson, J.**, & Higgins, G. E. (2017). Techniques of Neutralization. *Encyclopedia of Juvenile Delinquency and Justice*. Edited by Christopher Schreck.

**Nicholson, J.**, & Higgins, G. E. (2016). Social Learning Theory. *Preventing Crime and Violence*: Edited by Brent Teasdale and Mindy Bradley. Springer.

## **ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES**

McCord, E. S., & **Nicholson, J.** (2018). AMBER Alerts. In B. Arrigo (Ed.), *The Sage encyclopedia of surveillance, security, and privacy*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

McCord, E. S., & **Nicholson, J.** (2018). Parks. In B. Arrigo (Ed.), *The Sage encyclopedia of surveillance, security, and privacy*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

## **TECHNICAL REPORTS**

Rausch, C., Nelson, N., Redman, P., London, A., Cornett, S., Navarro, J., **Nicholson, J.**, & Higgins, E. (2015). Development of a Felony Criminal Mediation Program in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**Nicholson, J., Higgins, G. E., & Marcum, C. D.** (Revise and Resubmit). How Much Protection is Enough? Predicting the Use of Webcam Protective Measures Through the Lens of Low Self-Control and Social Learning. *Security Journal*.

Nicholson, J., Higgins, G. E., & Marcum, C. D. (In Progress). Past Year Alcohol Use among Probationers and Parolees, 2002-2019 (NSDUH).

Nicholson, J. & Higgins, G. E. (In Progress). Investigation of the Effectiveness of the Community Works Delinquency Prevention Program Using Propensity Score Matching.

Nicholson, J. & Higgins, G. E. (In progress). Social learning theory and recreational inhalant use among Juveniles.

Nicholson, J. & Higgins, G. E. (In progress). A critical appraisal of the propensity score matching literature in criminal justice 2000-2020.

Nicholson, J. & Higgins, G. E. (In progress). The influence of athletic participation on marijuana use.

Nicholson, J. & Higgins, G. E. (In progress). The influence of athletic participation on School suspensions.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Nicholson, J., Higgins, G. E., & Marcum, C. D. “How Much Protection is Enough? Predicting the Use of Webcam Protective Measures Through Low Self Control and Social Learning” Poster Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 2022.

Nicholson, J., Higgins, G. E., & Marcum, C. D. “Past 17-year trends in Substance Use among Pregnant Females in the United States, 2002 – 2019” Paper Presentation at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Chicago, IL, November 2021.

Nicholson, J., Higgins, G. E., & Marcum, C. D. “Prevalence and Trends of depression among cyberbullied adolescents-- Youth Risk Behavior Survey, United States, 2011 – 2019” Paper Presentation at Southern Criminal Justice Association, Daytona Beach, FL, September 2021.

Nicholson, J., & Higgins, G. E., “Sport Participation and African American Youth Binge Drinking” Paper Presentation at Southern Criminal Justice Association, Nashville, TN, September 2019.

Nicholson, J., Baik, H., & Higgins, G. E., "Low Self-Control, Parental Intervention, and Delinquency among Native American Youth" Paper Presentation at American Society for Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 2018.

Nicholson, J., Higgins, G. E., & Marcum, C., "Cyberbullying victimization and Youth Substance Use" Paper Presentation at Western Academy of Criminal Justice, Las Vegas, NV, October 2018.

Nicholson, J., & Higgins, G. E., "The Influence of Sport Participation on African American Youth Binge Drinking" Paper Presentation at Southern Criminal Justice Association, Pensacola, FL, September 2018

Marcum, C., Higgins, G.E., & Nicholson, J., Internet Addiction and Self-Control: Examining their Interaction to Explain Hacking Behavior Paper Presentation at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO, March 2017.

Marcum, C., Higgins, G.E., & Nicholson, J., "Cyberbullying Victimization: Examining Whether It Is a Risk Factor for Substance Use" Paper Presentation at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO, March 2017.

Nicholson, J., & Higgins, G.E., "The Influence of Sport Participation on Marijuana Use." Paper Presentation at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO, March 2017.

Marcum, C., Higgins, G.E., & Nicholson, J., "Cyberbullying: Examining the Role of Self-Control and Internet Addiction." Paper presentation at American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA, November 2016.

Nicholson, J., & Higgins, G.E., "Exploring the Effectiveness of the Teens Crime and the Community Works Delinquency Prevention Program Using Propensity Score Matching." Paper presentation at American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA, November 2016.

Marcum, C., Higgins, G.E., & Nicholson, J., "The Electronic Leash and Romantic Relationships: Examining the Theoretical Predictors of Cyberstalking and its Perceived Impact by University Students." Paper presentation at Southern Criminal Justice Association, Savannah, GA, September 2016.

Marcum, C.D., Higgins, G.E., & Nicholson, J., "Crossing Boundaries Online in Romantic Relationships: An Exploratory Study of the Perceptions of Impact on Partners by Cyberstalking Offenders." Paper presentation at Southern Criminal Justice Association, Savannah, GA, September 2016.

Nicholson, J., Higgins, G. E., Dawson-Edwards, C., & Walton, I., "Binge Drinking and African-Americans: A Test of Primary Socialization Theory." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO, March 2016.

Nicholson, J., McCord, E, S., & Houser, K., “Descriptive Analysis of Technical Offenses vs. New Crimes.” Panel presentation at American Society of Criminology, Washington DC, November 2015.

Nicholson, J., Swartz, K., & Keeling, D., “Exploring the Impact of Collective Efficacy, Disorder, and Crime on Citizens Attitudes towards the Police.” Paper presentation at Southern Criminal Justice Association, Charleston, SC, September 2015.

Nicholson, J. & Higgins, G., E., “Recreational Inhalant Use among Juveniles.” Paper presentation at Southern Criminal Justice Association, Charleston, SC, September 2015

Rausch, C., Nelson, N., Redman, P., London, A., Cornett, S., Navarro, J., Nicholson, J, & Higgins, E. (2015, September). Development of a Felony Criminal Mediation Program in Jefferson County, Kentucky. Roundtable Discussion; research findings presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Charleston, SC.

Nicholson, J., McCord, E, S., & Houser, K., “The Impact of Neighborhoods on Recidivism.” Panel presentation at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL, March 2015.

Nicholson, J. “Deceptive Tactics in Police Interrogations.” Paper presentation at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL, March 2015.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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### **Undergraduate**

Statistics (2015S) (2018S) (2023S)

Statistics - online (2018S) (2018SM) (2018F) (2019S) (2019SM) (2019F) (2020S) (2020SM) (2020F) (2021S)

Research Methods (2015SM) (2017S) (2017F) (2018S) (2018F) (2019F) (2020S) (2021S) (2021F) (2022F)

Research Methods – online (2020F) (2021S) (2021SM) (2022S) (2023S) (2023S) (2024F)

Youth, Crime, and the Community (2017F) (2018F) (2021F)

Youth, Crime and the Community - online (2019F) (2021SM) (2023SM)

Introduction to Corrections - online (2017F) (2018S) (2022F)

Crime Prevention – online (2018SM) (2019SM) (2020SM) (2021SM)

Introduction to Criminal Justice - online (2022F)

Criminal Procedure – online (2022SM)

Criminal Evidence – online (2022F)

Juvenile Delinquency – online (2022S)

The Judicial Process – online (2023F)

Introduction to Law Enforcement (teaching assistant, 2014F)

### **Graduate**

Applied Statistics (2020S)

Research Methods - online (2020F) (2021F)

Delinquency, Family, & Community – online (2022S) (2023F)

### **Student Research Supervised**

Master's thesis committee chair. Serial Killer Typologies: Analyzing the Impact of General Characteristics on the Number of Victims. Koryn Vallerie

Master's thesis committee member. Exploring Gender Differences Among Serial Murders in the United States. Emily Walker

### **Professional Development**

Successful Completion of Quality Matters Workshop – Improving Your Online Course

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### **MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER**

*Journal of Criminal Justice Education, Race and Justice, Health & Justice*

### **DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

University of West Georgia

Limited Term Instructor (2) Search Committee Chair (Spring 2021)

Limited Term Instructor Search Committee Chair (Fall 2020)

Faculty Search Committee Chair - 4 Positions (Fall 2018)

Tenure Track Search Committee Member (Fall 2017)

Criminology Student Association Faculty Advisor

Undergraduate Program Committee Member – Department of Criminology

Graduate Program Committee Member – Department of Criminology

Undergraduate Program Committee Member – University College

Department of Criminology Webmaster

Personnel Committee

Faculty Senate IT and Facilities Committee

University of Louisville

Representative to Graduate Student Union

### **SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE**

Southern Criminal Justice Association Fundraising Committee

Southern Criminal Justice Association Outstanding Undergraduate Awards Committee

Southern Criminal Justice Association Lightning Talk Research Awards Committee

## **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

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