

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

- 2017 **Doctor of Philosophy** in Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
Dissertation: Inmate Time Utilization and Well-Being (Committee:
Dr. Brandon Applegate (Chair), Dr. Barbara Koons-Witt, Dr. Tia
Stevens Andersen, Dr. Frank Wilson)
- 2013 **Master of Science** in Criminology and Criminal Justice
Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN
- 2010 **Master of Arts** in Social Pedagogy (Behavioral Science)
University of Zagreb, Croatia
Thesis: Criminal Thinking Styles of White-Collar Offenders
(Chair: Dr. Milko Mejovšek)
- 2008 **Bachelor of Arts** in Social Pedagogy (Behavioral Science)
University of Zagreb, Croatia

Professional Experience

- 2017 - present **Assistant Professor**, University of West Georgia, Department of
Criminology
- 2013 - 2017 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University of South Carolina,
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Summer 2014 **Research Assistant**, University of South Carolina,
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
- 2011 - 2013 **Graduate Assistant**, Indiana State University, Department of
Criminology and Criminal Justice
- 2011 **Professional Associate for Correctional Treatment**
(Correctional counselor), Prison in Dubrovnik, Croatia

Courses Taught

Undergraduate:

Corrections
Criminological Theory
Research Methodology
Alternatives to Incarceration
Criminal Justice & Mental Health
Introduction to Corrections
Ethics & Criminal Justice

Professional and Community Service

- 2017 Chair of the Guest Speaker Committee (Department of Criminology, University of West Georgia)
- 2017 Adult Education Volunteer at the International Rescue Committee, Atlanta, GA
- 2017 Manuscript reviewer for *SageOpen*
- 2016 Mentor for incoming international students at University of South Carolina through “Buddies beyond Borders” program, Columbia, SC
- May 2015 Guest speaker for the University of Zagreb and Indiana State University exchange program, Zagreb
- Spring 2015 Undergraduate Honors thesis committee member (Shannon L. Vogan: *The Role of Mental Health Courts in Participant Reentry and Reintegration: A Qualitative Analysis of a County Mental Health Court Program*)
- 2015 “Hot Topics in Jails” roundtable discussant at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.
- 2008 - 2011 Volunteer in the United Nations Development Program (UNDP): Office for Victim and Witness Support at the City and County Criminal Courts, Zagreb, Croatia
- 2010 Editor of the Proceedings of the Third International Congress of Social Pedagogy Students
- 2005-2010 Individual and group counselor of school children with behavioral disorders at the nonprofit organization Ambidekster Club, Zagreb, Croatia
- 2009 Moderator of social skills training workshops for elementary school children at the nonprofit organization Ambidekster Club, Zagreb, Croatia
- 2009 A member of the Organization Committee of the Third International Congress of Social Pedagogy Students, University of Zagreb, Croatia

2008 Workshop moderator at the Second United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Conference: School without Violence, Šibenik, Croatia

Research Experience

- 2017-2018 *Idleness and Inmate Misconduct in Local Jails: A Correlational Study*, secondary data analysis, PI: Mateja Vuk; Dalibor Dolezal
- 2015-2017 *Inmate Time Utilization and Prison Misconduct*; secondary data analysis, PI: Mateja Vuk; Eric Sevigny
- 2015-2017 *Public Opinion on Rehabilitation and Punishment: A Randomized Experiment*; primary data collection and analysis; PI: Mateja Vuk; Brandon Applegate; Heather Ouellette; Riane Bolin
- 2015 *Prisoner Re-entry: Opinions of South Carolinians*; primary data collection and analysis; PI: Brandon Applegate; Heather Ouellette; Mateja Vuk
- 2014-2015 *Parenting Styles and Gang Membership: Mediating Factors*; secondary data analysis; PI: Mateja Vuk
- 2014 *Opinion on Prisoner Re-entry: Policy Support and Personal Acceptance*; primary data collection and analysis; PI: Dr. Brandon Applegate; Heather Ouellette; Mateja Vuk
- 2008 *Evaluation of the Theory of Criminal and Addictive Lifestyle in the Prison System*; data entry and analysis, PI: Dr. Dalibor Dolezal, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Vuk, M. (2017). Parenting Styles and Gang Membership: Mediating Factors. *Deviant Behavior*, 38(4), 407-426.

Ouellette, H. M., Applegate, B., & **Vuk, M.** (2017): The Public's Stance on Prisoner Reentry: Policy Support and Personal Acceptance. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 42(4), 768-789.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Vuk, M. & Sevigny, E.: The Relationship between Inmate Time Utilization and Prison Misconduct.

Vuk, M., Applegate, B., Ouellette, H. M., Bolin, R., & Aizpurúa, E.: Public Opinion on Rehabilitation and Punishment: A Randomized Experiment.

Ouellette, H. M., Applegate, B., **Vuk, M.**, Bolin, R., & Aizpurúa, E.: Fear of Crime: Personal Concerns and Generalized Worries.

Aizpurúa, E., Applegate, B., **Vuk, M.**, Ouellette, H. M., & Bolin, R.: Public Opinion Regarding Parental Responsibility for Juvenile Crime.

Conference Presentations

Vuk, M., & Applegate, B. (2018). Coping with Stress in Prison through Participation in Leisure, Recreation, and Programming. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, LA.

Vuk, M., & Applegate, B. (2017). Engagement in Structured and Prosocial Activities in Prisons and Inmates' Emotional Well-Being. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Vuk, M., & Applegate, B. (2017). Passing time or using time: An Examination of Daily Routines of South Carolina Inmates. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO.

Vuk, M., Applegate, B., Ouellette, H. M., Bolin, R., & Aizpurúa, E. (2016). Public Opinion on Rehabilitation and Punishment: The Interaction of Offenders' Demographics and Pragmatic Considerations. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

Ouellette, H. M., Applegate, B., Vuk, M., Bolin, R., & Aizpurúa, E. (2016). Fear of Crime: Personal Concerns and Generalized Worries. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

Aizpurúa, E., Applegate, B., Vuk, M., Ouellette, H.M., & Bolin, R. (2016). Public Opinion Regarding Parental Responsibility for Juvenile Crime. Paper presented at the 16th Annual Conference of European Society of Criminology, Münster, Germany.

Vuk, M. & Sevigny, E. (2016). The Relationship between Inmate Time Utilization and Prison Misconduct. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.

Vuk, M., Applegate, B., Ouellette, H. M., Bolin, R., May, D., & Aizpurúa, E. (2015). Public Opinion on Rehabilitation and Punishment: A Randomized Experiment. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

Vuk, M. (2015). Parenting styles and gang membership: mediating factors. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Charleston, SC.

Ouellette, H. M., Applegate, B., & Vuk, M. (2015). Prisoner Reentry: Opinions of South Carolinians. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.

Ouellette, H. M., Applegate, B., & Vuk, M. (2014). Opinion on Prisoner Reentry: Policy Support and Personal Acceptance. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Vuk, M. & Erjavec, V. (2011). The Relationship between Pedagogy and Social Pedagogy. Paper presented at the First International Congress of Students of Education Sciences in Rijeka, Croatia.

Erjavec V. & Vuk, M. (2010). Satanism as a Socio-Pathologic Phenomenon. Paper presented at the First Congress of Social Pedagogy Students in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Islamic Pedagogy Faculty in Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Vuk, M. & Erjavec, V. (2009). Bologna Process and the Reform in Higher Education in Croatia. Paper presented at the Student Summer of 2009, University of Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Research Funding

2016 Student Research Award (\$1,000), Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ)

2016 Research Mentorship Grant (\$2,000), Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of South Carolina

Awards and Honors

2015 International Student Merit Scholarship, University of South Carolina

2010 University of Zagreb Rector's Award for organizing the Third International Congress of Social Pedagogy Students

2005-2010 University of Zagreb Scholarship

Professional and Academic Memberships

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

American Society of Criminology

Southern Criminal Justice Association

Professional Development

- 2017 Quality Matters: Applying the QM Rubric
- 2017 Quality Matters: Improving Your Online Course
- 2016 Preparing Future Faculty Certificate, Center of Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina
- 2013-2016 Workshop participation:
 Grant Writing – Strategies for Success
 Effective Active Learning Techniques
 How to Deepen Learning through Critical Reflection
 Strategies for Teaching Large Online Classes
 Be a More Dynamic Classroom Lecturer
- 2007- 2010 Participated in Comparative Criminology student exchange program of University of Zagreb and Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN and Zagreb, Croatia