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**Education**

Ph.D. in Sociology (Crime, Deviance, and Criminal Justice concentration)—  
December 2011; Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

Dissertation Title: “Cross-National Fear of Crime among Women: An  
Examination of Structural and Individual-Level Causes”

Committee: Dr. Rachel Whaley, Chair  
Dr. Michelle H. Miller  
Dr. Darren Sherkat  
Dr. Jennifer Dunn  
Dr. Nancy Morris

Master of Arts in Sociology (December 2007), Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (December 2004), University of Tennessee at Martin

**Academic Appointments**

Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice Program, Dixie State University (2017-present)

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of North  
Carolina at Pembroke (2013-2017)

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice Studies, Thiel College  
(2010-2013)

**Teaching Experience**

*Dixie State University, Fall 2017-present (Assistant Professor)*

Criminal Justice 3200—Policing in U.S. Society (lecture) (Fall 2017)

Criminal Justice 3200—Policing in U.S. Society (online) (Summer 2018)

Criminal Justice 3270—Criminology (online) (Spring 2018)

Criminal Justice 3300—Research Methods in Criminology (lecture) (Fall 2017, Spring  
2018)

Criminal Justice 4200—Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice (online) (Summer 2018)

Criminal Justice 4500—Special Topics: Community Policing (lecture) (Spring 2018)

Criminal Justice 4500—Special Topics: Victimology (lecture) (Fall 2017)  
Criminal Justice 4900—Current Issues in Criminal Justice (online) (Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Fall 2013-Spring 2017 (Assistant Professor)

Criminal Justice 2000—Introduction to Criminal Justice (lecture) (Fall 2016, Fall 2015)  
Criminal Justice 2000—Introduction to Criminal Justice (online) (Summer 2016, Summer 2015, Summer 2014)  
Criminal Justice 2100—Police in Society (lecture) (Spring 2017, Fall 2014)  
Criminal Justice 2100—Police in Society (online) (Fall 2016, Summer 2016, Spring 2016, Summer 2014)  
Criminal Justice 3700—Ethics in Criminal Justice (lecture) (Spring 2017)  
Criminal Justice 4140—Restorative Justice (online) (Fall 2015)  
Criminal Justice 4150—Police Community Relations (lecture) (Spring 2014)  
Criminal Justice 4150—Police Community Relations (online) (Fall 2015)  
Criminal Justice/Sociology 2400—Criminology (lecture) (Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2013)  
Criminal Justice/Sociology 2400—Criminology (online) (Summer 2015, Summer 2014, Fall 2013)  
Criminal Justice/Sociology 3400—Life Course Criminology (online) (Summer 2014)  
Criminal Justice/Sociology/Social Work 3600—Social Statistics (hybrid) (Spring 2016, Fall 2015)  
Criminal Justice/Sociology/Social Work 3600—Social Statistics (hybrid and distance education) (Spring 2015)  
Criminal Justice/Sociology/Social Work 3600—Social Statistics (online) (Spring 2017, Summer 2016)  
Criminal Justice/Sociology 3610—Social Research (lecture) (Fall 2013)  
Criminal Justice/Sociology 3610—Social Research (online) (Fall 2013)  
Criminal Justice/Sociology 3670—Social Deviance (lecture) (Fall 2014)  
Criminal Justice/Sociology 3680—Law and Society (lecture) (Spring 2014)  
Criminal Justice/Sociology 3680—Law and Society (online) (Fall 2016, Summer 2015, Fall 2014)  
Criminal Justice/Sociology 4400—Conflict Management (lecture) (Spring 2014)  
Criminal Justice/Sociology 4530—Family Violence (lecture) (Spring 2015)  
Criminal Justice/Sociology 4530—Family Violence (online) (Spring 2015)  
Sociology 1020—Introduction to Sociology (2 sections, both lecture) (Fall 2014)  
Sociology 3210—Social Inequalities (lecture) (Spring 2015)  
Sociology 3540—Gender and Society (online) (Spring 2016)  
Sociology 4180—Voluntary Associations and Nonprofit Organizations (online) (Spring 2016)  
Sociology 4850—Internship in Sociology (Spring 2017, Fall 2016)

Thiel College, Fall 2010-Spring 2013 (Assistant Professor)

Criminal Justice Studies 101—Introduction to Criminal Justice (lecture) (Fall 2012, Summer 2012, Fall 2011, Summer 2011, Fall 2010)  
Criminal Justice Studies 220—American Corrections (lecture) (Spring 2012, Spring 2011)  
Criminal Justice Studies 230—Law Enforcement in America (lecture) (Spring 2013, Spring 2012)  
Criminal Justice Studies 303—Family Justice (lecture) (Fall 2012, Spring 2011)  
Criminal Justice Studies/Sociology 321—Deviance (lecture) (Fall 2012, Fall 2010)  
Criminal Justice Studies/Sociology 331—Criminology (lecture) (Fall 2011, Fall 2010)  
Criminal Justice Studies 431—Victimology (lecture) (Spring 2013, Fall 2011)  
Criminal Justice Studies 431—Crime and Film (lecture) (Summer 2012, Summer 2011)  
Criminal Justice Studies/Sociology 431—Women and Crime (lecture) (Spring 2011)  
Sociology 251—Minorities (lecture) (Spring 2013, Spring 2012)  
First Year Seminar 100—Social Movements in Modern America (lecture) (Fall 2012)

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (Instructor)

Sociology 108—Introduction to Sociology (lecture) (Spring 2008, Fall 2007)  
Sociology 302—Social Problems (lecture) (Spring 2010)  
Sociology 312—Elements of Sociological Research (lecture) (Fall 2009, Spring 2009)  
Sociology 372—Criminology (lecture) (Fall 2008)

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (Teaching Assistant)

Sociology 108—Introduction to Sociology, Catherine Field (Spring 2006)  
Sociology 108—Introduction to Sociology, Dr. Derek Martin (Fall 2005)

**Peer-Reviewed Publications**

Abbott, Jessica, and Shelly McGrath. 2017. “The Effect of Victimization Severity on Perceived Risk of Victimization: Analyses Using an International Sample.” *Victims and Offenders*, Vol. 12, Issue 4.

Spivey, R. M., J. W. Robinson, J. Abbott, and J. Porter Lillis. 2016. “Heritage and Tribal Identity Establishment: Difficulties Arising from Heritage Claims for an American Indian Tribe in the Carolinas.” In Chapter 9, Vol. II, *Heritage 2016: Proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Heritage and Sustainable Development*, edited by Rogério Amoêda, Sérgio Lira, and Cristina Pinheiro. Lisbon, Portugal: Green Lines Institute for Sustainable Development.

**Works in Progress**

Abbott, Jessica, and Shelly McGrath. “The Effect of Police Activity on Crime Victims’ Fear of Crime”

Abbott, Jessica, and Renee Lamphere. "College Students' Alcohol and Substance Use: Religiosity as a Protective Factor"

Abbott, Jessica. "Untangling the Effects of Victimization Experiences on Individual Levels of Fear of Crime"

Abbott, Jessica, and Jordyn Roark. "The Bitch of Buchenwald: An Exploration of Gender among SS Guards"

### **Conference Presentations**

- 2017 Abbott, Jessica, and Shelly McGrath. "The Effect of Police Activity on Crime Victims' Fear of Crime" Presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meeting October 2017.
- 2016 Abbott, Jessica, and Shelly McGrath. "The Effect of Police Action on Victims' Fear of Crime" Presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meeting October 2016.
- 2015 Abbott, Jessica, and Jordyn Roark. "The Bitch of Buchenwald: An Exploration of Gender among SS Guards" Presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meetings October 2015.
- 2015 Abbott, Jessica, and Shelly McGrath. "The Effects of Police Satisfaction on Perceived Risk of Victimization: Analyses Using an International Sample" Presented at the American Criminal Justice Society Annual Meetings March 2015.
- 2013 Abbott, Jessica, Alesha Shatley, and William Stone. "Media Depictions of Rape Occurring in the U.S. and Abroad" Presented at the North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings April 2013.
- 2012 McGrath, Shelly, and Jessica Abbott. "Routine Activities and Their Impact on Perceived Risk of Victimization: A Cross-National Analysis." Presented at the North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings April 2012.
- 2009 Abbott, Jessica. "A Cross-National Analysis of Gender Equality and Women's Fear of Crime." Presented at American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings November 2009.
- 2008 Abbott, Jessica. "Perceived Risk and Severity of Victimization: A Cross-National Analysis." Presented at North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings March 2008.

- 2007 McGrath, Shelly, and Jessica Abbott. "A Global Analysis of Police Satisfaction and Perceived Risk of Victimization." Presented at North Central Sociological Association/Mid-West Sociological Society Annual Meetings April 2007.
- 2007 Whaley, Rachel B., Jessica Abbott, and Kristie Lipford. "The Portrayal of Breast-feeding and Infant Formula Feeding in Major U.S. Newspapers." Presented at the North Central Sociological Association/Mid-West Sociological Society Annual Meeting April 2007.
- 2006 Abbott, Jessica, and Shelly McGrath. "Police Report Satisfaction and Perceived Risk of Victimization: A Cross-National Analysis." Presented at Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meetings October 2006.
- 2004 Abbott, Jessica. "The Evolution of Rap: Violence, Misogyny, and Politics Across Temporal Lines." Presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meetings October 2004.
- 2004 Sultan, Dawood, and Jessica Abbott. "The University of Tennessee at Martin's Travel Program: A Sociological Discursive on Provincialism, Detachment, and Other Dilemmas of the American Self." Presented at the Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Meetings October 2004.

### **Invited Talks and Presentations**

- 2017 Panelist, "The Mask You Live In" discussion with American Association of University Women (UNCP Chapter) April 6, 2017.

### **Special Training, Workshops, and Professional Development**

HOPES (Harnessing Opportunities through Proactive Education and Service) Program Training for Online and Hybrid Courses (May 2014).

High Technology Crime Investigation Association (HTCIA) International Conference and Training Expo, Hershey PA. Attended various training sessions and lectures on numerous software/hardware programs used to detect criminal activity on devices such as cellular phones, laptops, PC's, etc. (September 2012).

### **Service—Departmental and University-Wide**

2018	Search Committee, Criminal Justice Position, Dixie State University
2017-present	Assessment Coordinator, Criminal Justice Program, DSU
2016-present	Chair, Health, Safety, and Environment Subcommittee at University of North Carolina at Pembroke.
2016-present	Member, Faculty and Institutional Affairs Committee, UNCP.
2016-present	Sociology Internship Coordinator at UNCP.
2016-present	Faculty advisor, Sociology Club at UNCP.
2015-2016	Faculty mentor, Maynor Honors College Independent Study, UNCP.
2015-2016	Search/Hiring Committee, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice position vacancy at UNCP.
2014-present	Coordinator of the Gender Studies Minor, UNCP.
2013-present	Faculty Representative to Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD), the Sociology Honor Society, UNCP.
2013-present	Advisor to varying numbers of Sociology and Criminal Justice majors (41-60), UNCP.
2013-2014	Co-Coordinator of the Gender Studies Minor, UNCP.
2011-2013	Member, Faculty Council, Thiel College.
2010-2013	Founder and Faculty Advisor, Criminal Justice Club, Thiel College.
2010-2013	Advisor to varying numbers of Sociology and Criminal Justice Studies majors (40-65), Thiel College.
2010-2011	Task Force on the Recruitment and Retention of Women, Thiel College.
2009-2010	Steward, Graduate Assistants United, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

- 2009-2010            Member, Instructional and Research Resources Committee.  
Sociology Department, SIUC.
- 2008-2009            Treasurer, Sociology Graduate Student Club, SIUC.
- 2007-2008            President, Sociology Graduate Student Club, SIUC.
- 2006-2007            Research Assistant to Dr. Rachel B. Whaley, SIUC.
- 2006-2007            M.A. Representative, Department of Sociology, SIUC.

**Service to the Discipline**

- 2017-present        Vice President, Mid-South Sociological Association
- 2016-2017        Vice President-elect, Mid-South Sociological Association
- 2016-present        Program Committee, Mid-South Sociological Association
- 2016                Session co-organizer, Criminology and Victimology, Mid-South Sociological Association annual meetings, October 12-15 2016, North Charleston SC.
- 2016                Nominations Committee, Mid-South Sociological Association.
- 2015-present        Reviewer, *Victims and Offenders*.
- 2011                Reviewer, *Violence Against Women*.

**Memberships in Professional Organizations**

Mid-South Sociological Association

Pacific Sociological Association

Alpha Kappa Delta, National Honor Society in Sociology

Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society

Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology

**Advanced Computer Skills**

IBM SPSS Statistics; R; Microsoft Office; Blackboard Learn; Banner by Ellucian