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EDUCATION

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| 2007 | Ph.D., Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Dissertation: <i>Expanding the Impact of Peer Networks: Pathways to Turning Points</i>
Dr. Jean McGloin, Chair |
| 2005 | M.A., Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Thesis: <i>Prosecutors Offering Charge Reductions: Relying on Facts or Stereotypes?</i>
Dr. Ray Paternoster, Chair |
| 2002 | B.S., Law and Justice
Minor, Psychology
The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ |

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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| 9/2008-present | Associate Professor (9/2013); Assistant Professor, Widener University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>CJ 105: Introduction to Criminal Justice</i>• <i>CJ 185: Crime and Justice in America (Honors)</i>• <i>CJ 215: The Correctional System</i>• <i>CJ 255 and CJ 688: Gangs in America</i>• <i>CJ 265: Community Based Corrections (Service Learning)</i>• <i>CJ 315: Juvenile Delinquency</i>• <i>CJ 330: Capital Punishment</i>• <i>CJ 382 and CJ 509: Research Methods in Criminal Justice</i>• <i>CJ 409 and 410: Senior Research</i>• <i>CJ 501: Nature of Crime</i>• <i>CJ 511: Quantitative Applications in Criminal Justice</i> |
| 9/2007-6/2008 | Visiting Instructor, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Research and Evaluation</i>• <i>Introduction to the Criminal Justice System</i> |
| 9/2006-5/2007 | Lecturer, University of Maryland, College Park <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Introduction to Criminology</i>• <i>Contemporary Criminological Thought</i> |

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (*undergraduate student co-author)

- Shermer, L.O., Bierie, D.M., & Stock, A.* (2013). Decomposing risk: Endogeneity in prison risk classification. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 57(10), 1248-1274 (published online first in 2012).
- Shermer, L.O., Rose, K.C., & Hoffman, A.* (2011). Perceptions and credibility: Understanding the nuances of eyewitness testimony. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 27(2), 183-203.
- Shermer, L.O. & Johnson, B. (2010). Criminal prosecutions: Examining prosecutorial discretion and charging decisions in U.S. federal district courts, *Justice Quarterly*, 27(3), 394-430.
- McGloin, J.M. & Shermer, L.O. (2009). Self-control and deviant peer network structure. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 46(1), 35-72.
- O'Neill, L. & Fradella, H.F. (2008) Prosecutorial discretion in capital charging: Where does it stand and what should be done? *Criminal Law Bulletin*, 44(1), 140-150.
- O'Neill, L. & McGloin, J.M. (2007). Considering the efficacy of situational crime prevention in schools. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 35(5), 511-523.
- O'Neill, L., MacKenzie, D., & Bierie, D. (2007). Educational opportunities within correctional institutions: Does facility type matter? *The Prison Journal*, 87(3), 311-327.
- Fradella, H.F., O'Neill, L., & Fogarty, A. (2004). The impact of *Daubert* on forensic science. *Pepperdine Law Review*, 31 Pepp. L. Rev. 323.
- Fradella, H.F., Fogarty, A. & O'Neill, L. (2003). The impact of *Daubert* on the admissibility of behavioral science testimony. *Pepperdine Law Review*, 30 Pepp. L. Rev. 403.

Edited Books

- MacKenzie, D.L., O'Neill, L., Povitsky, W.T., & Acevedo, S. (Eds.) (2006). Different Crimes, Different Criminals: Understanding, Treating, and Preventing Criminal Behavior. Lexis Nexis/Anderson Publishing.

Book Chapters

- O'Neill, L. (2006), *Understanding and Treating Gang Members*. In D.L. MacKenzie, L. O'Neill, W. T. Povitsky, & S. Acevedo (Eds.) Different Crimes, Different Criminals: Understanding, Treating, and Preventing Criminal Behavior. Lexis Nexis/Anderson Publishing.
- Acevedo, S. & O'Neill, L. (2006), *Final Thoughts: What Have We Learned and Where are We Going?* In D.L. MacKenzie, L. O'Neill, W. T. Povitsky, & S. Acevedo (Eds.) Different

Government Reports

- MacKenzie D.L., Mitchell, O., Bierie, D., Van Brakle, M., O'Neill, L., Franke, D., & Ngo-Mitchell, F. (2005). An experimental study of the Maryland correctional boot camp for adults: Final report. *Report to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.*
- MacKenzie, D.L., Bierie, D., Mitchell, O., Van Brakle, M., O'Neill, L., Franke, D., & Ngo-Mitchell, F. (2004). An experimental study of the Maryland correctional boot camp for adults: Intermediate change. *Report to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.*
- MacKenzie, D.L., Van Brakle, M., Mitchell, O., Bierie, D., Einat, T., O'Neill, L., Franke, D., & Ngo-Mitchell, F. (2004). An experimental study of the Maryland correctional boot camp for adults: Process evaluation. *Report to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.*

Works Under Review

- O'Keefe, H.* & Shermer, L.O. Fear of Rape from Behind Prison Walls. Manuscript preparation for review at *The Prison Journal*.

Works In Progress

- Shermer, L.O. & Rose, K.C. Eyewitness Testimony: Understanding the Impact Throughout the Jury Deliberation Process.
- Shermer, L.O. & Oliver, W. Charging Decisions and Plea Bargaining: Understanding the Process.
- Shermer, L.O. A College Degree as a Turning Point: How Does One Get There?

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Shermer, L.O. *Eyewitness Testimony: Understanding the Impact Throughout the Jury Deliberation Process.* American Society of Criminology, November 2011, Washington, D.C.
- Shermer, L.O., Bierie, D. M. & Stock, A. *Risky Business: Predicting Inmate Misconduct.* Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, February 2010, San Diego, CA.
- Shermer, L.O., Bierie, D. M. & Stock, A. *On Point? Using "Public Safety" Factors in Prison Classification Tools.* American Society of Criminology, November 2009, Philadelphia, PA.
- Shermer, L.O. *A College Degree as a Turning Point: How Does One Get There?* American Society of Criminology Conference, November 2008, St. Louis, MO.

O'Neill, L. *Expanding the Impact of Peer Networks: Pathways to Turning Points*. American Society of Criminology Conference, November 2007, Atlanta, GA.

O'Neill, L. & McGloin, J.M. *Remembering today what we learned yesterday: Self-control and deviant peer network structure*. American Society of Criminology Conference, November 2006, Los Angeles, CA.

O'Neill, L. & McGloin, J.M. *Situational crime prevention in schools: Effective policy or wasting resources?* American Society of Criminology Conference, November 2005, Toronto, ON.

O'Neill, L. *Differences in Educational Opportunities within Correctional Institutions*, American Society of Criminology, November 2004, Nashville, TN.

Roundtable: International Prisons Initiative, American Society of Criminology, November 2003, Denver, CO.

Fradella, H.F., O'Neill, L., & Fogarty, A. *Daubert's Impact on Forensic Scientific Evidence*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March 2003, Boston, MA.

Fradella, H.F., Fogarty, A. & O'Neill, L. *The Impact of Daubert on the Admissibility of Behavioral Science Testimony*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March 2002, Anaheim, CA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Intro to African and African American Studies (Sarah Roth, Ph.D. and Sid Jacobs, Ph.D.). *Understanding the Racial Implications of the Death Penalty*, Fall, 2011.

Social Science Division Colloquium. *A College Degree as a Turning Point: How Does One Get There?* Widener University, Fall 2008.

Scientific Evidence Seminar (Steven J. Brotman, M.D.): *The Admissibility of Forensic Evidence under the Daubert/Frye Tests*, University of Maryland School of Law, Spring 2004.

SERVICE

Professional Service

- Manuscript Reviewer for *Justice Quarterly*
- Manuscript Reviewer for *Criminology*
- Book review of Kraska and Neuman's *Criminal Justice and Criminology Research Methods* for Pearson Publishing
- Manuscript Reviewer for *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*
- Session Chair at the American Society of Criminology Conference (November 2011)
- Manuscript Reviewer for *Social Problems*
- Manuscript Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*
- Book reviewer for *Oxford University Press*

University Service

- Freshman Convocation Ceremony (2009, 2010)
- Faculty Marshal, Commencement Ceremony (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)
- Member of the Widener Center for Violence Prevention (2009-present)
- Member of the Widener University Institutional Review Board (2010-present)
- University Strategic Planning Scholarship GO Team (2013-present)

College of Arts and Sciences Service

- Faculty Representative, Widener Day and Accepted Students Day (2008-present)
- College of Arts & Sciences alternate for the Budget and Planning Committee (2009-2010 Academic Year)
- Social Science Assistant Professor representative to the Committee on Promotion, Tenure, and Academic Freedom (2010-2011 Academic Year)
- Arts and Sciences representative to Faculty Awards and Grants (2010-2011, 2011-2012 Academic Year)
- Chair, Arts & Sciences Committee on Promotion, Tenure and Academic Freedom (2013-2014)

Social Science Division Service

- Social Science Division Secretary (2008-2009 Academic Year)
- Social Science Colloquium Presenter (Fall 2008)
- Assistant Professor representative to the Committee on Promotion, Tenure, and Academic Freedom (2010-2011 Academic Year)
- Criminal Justice representative for the Social Science Curriculum and Planning Committee (2009-2010 Academic Year, Spring 2011, Spring 2012)
- Criminal Justice representative for the Social Science Mentoring Committee (2011-present)
- Lunch and Learn presentation on using ICPSR in research (Fall 2011)
- Criminal Justice representative for the Committee on Recruitment and Retention (2012-2013)
- Associate Professor representative to the Committee on Promotion, Tenure, and Academic Freedom (2013-2014)

Criminal Justice Department Service

- CJ Faculty Search Committee Chair (2010-2011)
- Co-Advisor to Alpha Phi Sigma, Delta Omega Chapter, Criminal Justice Honor Society (2008-present)
- Plan annual Criminal Justice Career Conference (with Professors Blank and Maier) (2008-present)
- Freshman advisor (2009-present)
- Dissertation Committee Member for 4 PSY-D/MACJ students (2 completed, 2 in progress)
- Masters Thesis Advisor for 3 MACJ students (1 completed, 2 in progress)
- Graduate Criminal Justice Admissions Committee (2010-present)

CERTIFICATION/TRAINING

National Institute of Health Clinical Research Training (completed April, 2010)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Society of Criminology
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Widener University Provost Grant, *A Longitudinal Study of Experiential Learning and Student Learning Outcomes in the Criminal Justice Curriculum*. 2013-2014
- Clarence R. Moll Professor of the Year Nominee, 2011
- Widener University Academic Service Learning Fellowship, 2010-2011
- College of Arts and Sciences Summer Researcher, Summer 2009, 2010
- Widener University Faculty Development Grant, *Expanding the impact of peer networks: Pathways to turning points*. 2009-2010.
- Sutherland Fellowship, University of Maryland: 2003-2007
- Graduated *magna cum laude*, The College of New Jersey: 2002
- *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*: 2001– 2002
- Alpha Phi Sigma - National Criminal Justice Honor Society: accepted December 2000
- Golden Key Honor Society: accepted Fall 2000
- Edward J. Bloustein Scholar: 1998-2002
- The College of New Jersey Merit Scholar- 1998- 2002

PRIOR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland

College Park, MD

Research Assistant for Dr. Jean M. McGloin, 8/05-5/07

Responsible for researching literature, data analysis, and writing manuscripts for research projects utilizing the School Survey on Crime and Safety and The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health.

American Society of Criminology

College Park, MD

Graduate Assistant, 1/06-12/06

Responsible for correspondence with committee members, as well as organizing and scheduling conference presentations for the 2006 meeting in Los Angeles.

University of Maryland

College Park, MD

Research Assistant for Dr. Doris MacKenzie, 8/03-8/05

Responsible for data collection, data analysis, and writing/editing governmental reports for a randomized evaluation of a Maryland adult boot camp. Also responsible for editing MacKenzie (2006), *What Works in Corrections: Reducing Recidivism*, Cambridge University Press.

Center for Substance Abuse Research

College Park, MD

Research Assistant, 9/04-8/05

Responsible for conducting participant interviews for the College Life Study, field editing, and quality assurance checks on other interviewers' data collection.

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

U.S. Investigations Services, Inc.

Cherry Hill, NJ

Investigator, 8/02-8/03

Responsible for conducting background investigations for Federal Government Agencies. Responsibilities include conducting subject/source interviews, compiling records information, and writing investigative reports.

The College of New Jersey

Ewing, NJ

Research Assistant for Dr. Henry F. Fradella, January 2001 to 2003

Responsible for assisting on two studies of over 1300 federal trial and appellate cases to assess the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals*. Responsibilities included: collecting data using Westlaw® and Lexis-Nexis®, conducting a review of the relevant literature, preparing case briefs, analyzing data using both qualitative and quantitative content analysis techniques.

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Henry F. Fradella, Fall 2002 Semester

Responsible for assisting the professor in teaching LAWJ 345: Evidence and the Trial Process. Primary responsibility was to act as a judge presiding over weekly mock-trial exercises. Other responsibilities included assisting in exam construction and grading, serving as a coach to one of the mock trial teams, and guest lecturing on the role of *Daubert* when covering the law of evidence governing expert witnesses.

Ambassador, 3/99-5/02

Responsible for public relations for The College such as oral presentations at open houses, giving tours, staffing college events, and organizing the freshmen orientation program.

Law Offices of Roberts & Wood

Riverdale, MD

Investigator, Summer 2001

Responsible for the investigative work behind Federal and State criminal and civil cases in Washington, D.C. and Maryland. Responsibilities included client/witness interviews, taking statements, photographing crime scenes and trial preparation.

Georgetown University Law Center

Washington, D.C.

Investigative Intern for the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Clinics, January 2001-May 2001

Responsible for helping develop the defense theory of the case for indigent defendants by interviewing witnesses, taking statements, photographing and diagramming crime scenes, helping to prepare for trial and researching rehabilitative programs for juveniles.

Crawshaw, Mayfield, Turner, O'Mara, Donnelly & McBride, PC

Cherry Hill, NJ

Legal Assistant May 2000-September 2000

Responsible for typing legal dictations, filing Motions with the Court and scheduling of depositions.