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Education

University of Maryland, Ph.D. (2002), Criminology and Criminal Justice

Illinois State University, M.A. (1995), Criminal Justice Sciences

Illinois State University, B.S. (1993), Criminal Justice Sciences

University Experience

Professor (2020-present), Criminology Department, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, FL.

Program Coordinator (2009-2020), Criminology Program, Department of Society, Culture, and Language, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, FL.

- Program coordinator responsibilities: scheduling, assessment, hiring adjunct instructors, evaluating adjunct instructors, and other duties as required.

Associate Professor (2008-2020), Criminology program, Department of Society, Culture, and Language, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, FL.

Assistant Professor (2002-2008), Criminology program. University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, FL.

Graduate Assistant (1997-2002); Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

Instructor (1995-1997); Department of Justice Systems. Truman State University, Kirksville, MO.

Awards

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of South Florida St. Petersburg (2018).

College of Arts and Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award, University of South Florida St. Petersburg (2018).

Teaching

USFSP Courses

CCJ 3117 Theories of Criminal Behavior (face-to-face and distance learning)

CCJ 4933 Special Topic: Orange is the New Black and Women in Prison (distance learning); Critical Issues in Corrections

CCJ 4934 Senior Seminar: Crime, Media, and Popular Culture; Inequalities and Crime; Life in the Big House; Gender and Crime

CJC 4010: American Correctional Systems

Course Development Grants and Courses

Teaching and Learning in Diverse Classrooms (Fall 2019). Edx Course. Cornell University.

Online Teaching Certification (Fall 2019), University of South Florida, St. Petersburg

Textbook Affordability Initiative Six Week Workshop (Spring 2018), University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.

Textbook Affordability Workshop (February 2018), University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.

OLTIS Courses (August 2017): Flipping a Classroom; Creating Great Assignments; and Active Learning, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.

Distance Learning Course Development Grant, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg (summer 2012). Developed on-line version of CCJ 3117 Theories of Criminal Behavior.

Course Development Grant, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg (spring 2012). Applied funds to the development of CCJ 4934 Life in the Big House.

Publications

Books

Cecil, D.K. (2020). *Fear, Justice, & Modern True Crime*. Book Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Cecil, D.K. (2015). *Prison Life in Popular Culture: From The Big House to Orange is the New Black*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Peer-reviewed

Cecil, D.K. (2019). Newsworthiness of Reform: Prison News Stories in an Era of Change. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 42(2), 221-235.

Cecil, D. (2017). Prison Life and Popular Culture. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia for Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

- McHale, J.P., Salaman, S., Strozier, A. & Cecil, D.K. (2013). Triadic Interactions in Mother-Grandmother Coparenting Systems Following Maternal Release from Jail. *Monographs of the Society for Research in Child Development*, 78(3), 57-74.¹
- Strozier, A., Armstrong, M., Skuza, D., Cecil, D., & McHale, J. (2011). Coparenting in Kinship Families with an Incarcerated Mother: A Qualitative Study. *Families in Society*, 92(1), 165-184.²
- Baker, J., McHale, J., Strozier, A., & Cecil, D. (2010). The Nature of Mother-Grandmother Coparenting Alliances in Families with Incarcerated Mothers. *Family Process*, 49(2), 165-184.³
- Cecil, D.K. & Leitner, J.L. (2009). Unlocking the Gates: An Examination of MSNBC Investigates Lockup. *The Howard Journal of Criminal Justice*, 48(2), 184-199.
- Cecil, D.K. (2008). From *Heathers* to *Mean Girls*: Film Images of Teenage Girls, Aggression, and Victimization. *Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture*, 36(6), 513-521.
- Cecil, D.K. (2008). Female Inmates, Family Caregivers, and Young Children's Adjustment: A Research Agenda and Implications for Correctional Programming. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 36(6), 513-521.
- Cecil, D.K. (2007). Dramatic Portrayals of Violent Women: Female Offenders on Prime Time Crime Dramas. *Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture*, 14(3), 243-258.
- Cecil, D.K. (2007). Looking Beyond *Caged Heat*: Media Images of Women in Prison. *Feminist Criminology*, 2(4), 304-326.
- Cecil, D.K. (2007). Doing Time in "Camp Cupcake": Lessons Learned from Newspaper Accounts of Martha Stewart's Incarceration. *Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture*, 14(2), 142-160.
- Cecil, D.K. (2006). Violence, Privilege, and Power: Images of Female Delinquents in Film. *Women and Criminal Justice*, 17(4), 63-84.
- Kirkwood, M.K. & Cecil, D.K. (2001). Marital Rape: A Student Assessment of Rape Laws and the Marital Exemption. *Violence against Women: An International and Interdisciplinary Journal*, 7(11), 1234-1253.
- Cecil, D., Drapkin, D., MacKenzie, D., & Hickman, L. (2000). The Effectiveness of Adult Basic Education and Life Skills Programs in Reducing Recidivism: A Review and Assessment of the Research. *Journal of Correctional Education*, 51(2), 207-226.

Book Chapters

¹ Co-PI on the grant that provided the data for this article and supporting work on the manuscript.

² Co-PI on the grant that provided the data for this article and supporting work on the manuscript.

³ Co-PI on the grant that provided the data for this article and supporting work on the manuscript.

Cecil, D.K. (2020). Ear Hustling: Lessons Learned from a Prison Podcast. In M. Harmes, M. Harmes, & B. Harmes (eds.) *The Palgrave Handbook on Incarceration in Popular Media*. Palgrave MacMillan.

Cecil D. (2013). Un Examen de la Teoría del Autocontrol con una Mirada Feminista. In A. Serrano-Maíllo & C.H. Burkbeck (eds.), *La Generalidad de La Teoría del Autocontrol* (pp. 481-492). Madrid: Dykinson.

Cecil, D.K. (2010). Televised Images of Jail: Lessons in Controlling the Unruly. In M. Deflem (ed.) *Popular Culture, Crime, and Social Control* (pp. 67-88). Bingley: Emerald Group Publishing.

Cecil, D. (2006). Ceguera de Género. La Falta de Consideración de las Delincuentes Femeninas por Parte de la Criminología. In J.L. Guzmán & A. Serrano-Maíllo (eds.), *Derecho Penal y Criminología como Fundamento de la Política Criminal* (pp. 177-183). Madrid: Dykinson.

Other Publications

Cecil, D. (2017). Book Review: *Carceral Fantasies and Prison in Early Twentieth-Century America*. Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Book Reviews. Rutgers University. <http://cljbooks.rutgers.edu/books/carceral-fantasies-cinema-and-prison-in-early-twentieth-century-america/>

Cecil, D. & Wellford, C. (2000). *A Comparison of Six Positions within the Department of Juvenile Justice*. Report to Maryland Department of Juvenile Justice.

Cecil, D. & Wellford, C. (2000). *Issues Surrounding the Implementation and Maintenance of a Sex Offender Registry on the Internet*. Report to the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Cecil, D. (1995). *Pretrial Release and Case Processing in McLean County: Failure to Appear and Rearrest in a Sample of Felony and Misdemeanor Defendants*. Report to the McLean County Justice Committee, Bloomington, Illinois.

Research Development

Social Justice and Mindfulness Faculty Learning Community (2018-2019). University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.

Research Grants

Cecil, D.K. & Pietsch, J. (co-principal investigators) (2008-2009), University of South Florida's Collaborative for Children, Families and Communities Grant. *Promoting Mothers' Successful Readjustment to Family Upon Reentry to Community After Incarceration: A Needs Assessment*. Amount awarded: \$12,500.

McHale, J., Strozier, A. & Cecil, D.K. (co-principal investigator) (2006-2008), National Institute of Child Health and Development R21HD50730, *Incarceration, Co-Caregiving and Child Adjustment*. Amount awarded: \$348,000.

Presentations

Conference Presentations (2009-present)

Cecil, D.K., Jackson, K.G., and Calvin, L. (February 1, 2020). *Unlocking Higher Education: Promoting Justice Diversity on College Campuses*. RISE: Diversity and Inclusion Conference, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.

Cecil, D.K. (2019, November). *Missing White Girls and Murderous Women: Gender in Modern True Crime*. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Cecil, D.K. (2019, November). Using Popular Culture in Online Classes to Engage Students with Critical Issues. Roundtable: Making Online Meaningful. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Moore, L., Ambush, H., Madden, M., Cecil, D., Diaz, J., Vernon-Jackson, S., Miller, B., & Nembhard, K. (2019, February 8). *Social Justice, Dispositions and Mindfulness: A Collaborative Research Approach on Social Class, Gender, Ethnicity, Mental Health, and Incarceration* (poster session). Bay-to-Bay Learning Symposium, University of South Florida St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, FL.

Cecil, D.K. (2017, November). *Wrongful Convictions, Killers, and Cold Cases: An Analysis of Crime Podcasts* (poster session). Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Cecil, D.K. (2016, November). *Representations of Correctional Reform: An Analysis of Prisons in the News*. Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

Cecil, D.K. (2015, November). *Popular Culture, Public Discussions: Orange is the New Black and Conversations about Women in Prison*. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

Cecil, D.K. (2012, November). *The Evolution of Televised Prison Documentaries: From Critical Exposé to Infotainment*. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

Cecil, D.K. (2011, November). *Breaking Down the Televised Images of Women in Prison*. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

Cecil, D.K. (2010, November). *Kids Behind Bars: Images of Juvenile Corrections*. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Cecil, D.K. (2009, November). *Bad Boys Behind Bars: An Analysis of Jail and Inside Jail*. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Baker, J., Strozier, A., Skuza, S., Armstrong M., Cecil, D., & McHale, J. (2009, April). *The Nature of Mother-Grandmother Coparenting Alliances in Families with Incarcerated Mothers*. Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO.

Boline, M.A., Fenning, R., Baker, J., Strozier, A., Cecil, D. & McHale, J. (2009, February). *Standardized Self-Concept Assessment of Preschool-Aged Children with Incarcerated Mothers* (poster presentation). Annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.

Depalma, K., Barney, A., McHale, J., Strozier, A., Cecil, D., & Baker, J. (2009, February). *Do Co-Givers Risk Histories Matter for Children of Incarcerated Mothers?* (poster presentation). Annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.

Pigott, S., Fenning, R., Baker, J., Strozier, J., McHale, J., & Cecil, D. (2009, February). *Profiles of High-Risk Preschooler Adaptation During Home-Based Evaluations*. Annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.

Other Presentations

Cecil, D. & Diaz, J. (2019, March 27). Justice Diversity: Creating an Inclusive Campus Community. Presented the Social Justice and Mindfulness Faculty Learning Community, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg, FL.

Invited Presentations

[*Coming Together: A Discussion on Race, Equity, and The Future of Policing in Pinellas County*](#) (panelist, July 8, 2020). Suncoast Tiger Bay Club, St. Petersburg, FL.

Gender, Media, and Incarceration (virtual lecture, September 2018). Gender and Popular Culture, Gonzaga, University.

Prisons in Popular Culture. (February 2017). OLLI Lecture, USF, Tampa, FL.

Gender and the Correctional System. (July 2009). Tampa Bay Chapter of Business and Professional Women, St. Petersburg, FL.

Gender and Crime: The Main Issues Explored by Feminist Criminologists (2003, March 13). Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia. Madrid, Spain.

Media

Interview with Dan Sullivan, writer for the Tampa Bay Times for "[He Spent 11 years in a Florida Prison. Now he reminisces on YouTube](#)" (December 6, 2019).

Interview with Peter Holley, Technology writer for the *Washington Post* for "[The Latest YouTube craze? Videos that show you what it's like to live in prison](#)" (June 3, 2019).

Interview for "Babes Behind Bars" by Judy Bachrach *Allure Magazine* (July 2014).

Training

Mental Health First Aid (8-hour certificate training). University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. Completed August 2019.

Organizational Membership

American Society of Criminology

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Popular Culture Association

Society for the Study of Southern Literature