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PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Corrections
Reentry and Recidivism
Prison Reform
Program Evaluation

Decision to Offend
Employment and Crime
CJ Practitioner Decision-Making
Qualitative Methodologies

EDUCATION

Anticipated May 2026 Ph.D. Criminology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
May 2022 M.A. Criminology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

August 2020 B.A. Criminology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
 B.A. Psychology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

EMPLOYMENT

January 2021 – Present **Research Assistant**
Supervisors: Dr. Chae Jaynes, Dr. Mateus Santos
Project: Willingness to Hire and Aiding in Reentry;
Lead Research Assistant for the Crime Research
Etiology and Treatment Evaluation (CREATE) Lab
Department of Criminology, University of South
Florida, Tampa, FL.

June 2021 – December 2022 **Research Assistant**
Supervisors: Dr. Jessica Grosholz, Dr. Sandra Stone,
and Dr. Sondra Fogel
Project: Understanding the Reentry Experiences of
Older Formerly Incarcerated Individuals
Department of Criminology, University of South
Florida, Tampa, FL.

ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

Santos, M.R., Jaynes, C.M., & **Thomas, D.M.** (2023). How to Overcome the Cost of a Criminal Record for Getting Hired. *Criminology*, 61(3): 582-621.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Corts, M., Jaynes, C.M., Smith, K., **Thomas, D.M.**, Santos, M.R. Job Search Methodologies Among Those With and Without a Criminal Record: A Nationwide Comparative Analysis.

Jaynes, C., Santos, M.R., **Thomas, D.M.**, & Smith, K. Does Time Heal All?: Evaluating The Effect of Time Since Conviction on the Employability of Applicants with a Criminal Record.

Grosholz, J.M., Stone, S.S., Fogel, S., **Thomas, D.M.**, & Porcelli, T. Understanding the reentry experiences of older formerly incarcerated individuals.

BOOK CHAPTERS IN PROGRESS

Thomas, D.M. & Grosholz, J.M. “They’ve got a more positive outlook because they have goals”: Examining the importance of prison programming for older, life-sentenced incarcerated men.

Abstract accepted for publication in the 8th volume of the *Handbook on Prisons and Jails* published by the American Society of Criminology’s Division on Corrections and Sentencing.

AWARDS AND HONORS

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| 2023 | Inducted into the Criminology Wall of Fame, University of South Florida. |
| 2023 | Inducted into the Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society, University of South Florida. |
| 2022 | Scott Allen Memorial Travel Award, University of South Florida. |
| 2022-2026 | Graduate Student Success Fellowship, University of South Florida. |
| 2022 | Nominated for the Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation Award. University of South Florida, Department of Criminology, Tampa, FL. |

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 2022 Jaynes, C. (PI), Santos, M.R. (co-PI), Blount, R., **Thomas, D.M.**, Smith, K., (2022). Predictors of Desistance Among Those Who Were Formerly Incarcerated: A Longitudinal Investigation of Reentry Interventions. NIJ FY22 Research and Evaluation on Desistance from Crime (O-NIJ-2022-171220). National Institute of Justice / U.S. Department of Justice. \$562,450 (unfunded).
- 2022-2025 Jaynes, C. (PI), Santos, M.R. (co-PI), Blount, R., **Thomas, D.M.**, Smith, K., Oderinde, A., Cochran, J. *Aiding in Reentry (AiR): Comprehensive Support for Reentering Individuals Pre- and Post-Release*. Pathway Home 3 (FOA-ETA-22-04). U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration. Funds Requested: \$1,463,830.00 (unfunded).

PRESENTATIONS

- Thomas, D.M.**, Jaynes, C.M., & Santos, M.R. (2023). Does Time Heal All?: Evaluating The Effect of Time Since Conviction on the Employability of Applicants with a Criminal Record. Paper accepted to be presented at the American Society of Criminology in Philadelphia, PA.
- Szempruch, J, Grosholz, J., O'Malley, R., & **Thomas, D. M.** (2022). The power of books: Understanding the Potential Transition from Physical to Digital Libraries. Presented on a roundtable at the American Society of Criminology meetings, Atlanta, GA.
- Thomas, D.M.** (2022). Evaluating the effectiveness of the LIFERS program at Sumter Correctional Institution. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, Atlanta, GA.
- Stone, S.S., Grosholz, J.M., Fogel, S., **Thomas, D.M.**, & Porcelli, T.N. (2022). Understanding the Connection Between Housing and Family Reunification Challenges for Older, Formerly Incarcerated Individuals. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, Atlanta, GA.
- Porcelli, T.N., Grosholz, J.M., Stone, S.S., Fogel, S., & **Thomas, D.M.** (2022). Elderly, Unemployed, and Disadvantaged: The Realities of Older, Formerly Incarcerated Individuals Seeking Financial Stability. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, Atlanta, GA.
- Grosholz, J.M., Stone, S.S., Fogel, S., **Thomas, D.M.**, & Porcelli, T.N. (2022). "Health is everything": Understanding health and healthcare challenges for formerly incarcerated individuals. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, Atlanta, GA.

Grosholz, J.M., Stone, S.S., Fogel, S., **Thomas, D.M.**, & Porcelli, T.N. (2022). Leaving Prison When Older: How Communities can Prepare for Older Formerly Incarcerated Individuals. Paper presented at the Palm Beach Reentry Summit, West Palm Beach, FL.

Corts, M., Jaynes, C.M., **Thomas, D.M.**, Smith, K., Thakkar, S. (2022). Job Search Methodologies Among Those with and without a Criminal Record: A Nationwide Comparative Analysis. Paper presented at the *USF Summer Research Institute* in Tampa, FL.

Thomas, D.M., Porcelli, T.N., Grosholz, J.M., Stone, S.S., & Fogel, S. (2022). Understanding the reentry experiences of older formerly incarcerated individuals. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences meetings in Las Vegas, NV.

INVITED TALKS

Santos, M.R., Jaynes, C.M., & **Thomas, D.M.** (2023, August 8). Invited speaker on The Criminology Academy Podcast.

Thomas, D.M. (2023, June 9). Invited as Guest Speaker for a LIFER's Program Graduation at Sumter Correctional Institutional in Bushnell, Florida.

Thomas, D.M. (2023, March 4). Presented at the Council of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS) conference in Downtown, Tampa.

Thomas, D.M. (2023, February 21). Moderator for a Tampa Reentry Roundtable Event in Downtown, Tampa.

Thomas, D. M. (2022, October 29) Presented at a Reentry Summit at Tampa Preparatory School.

Thomas, D.M. (2022, June 24). Presented at a Reentry Seminar at Zephyrhills Correctional Institution.

Thomas, D.M. (2022, June 21). Presented in a Reentry 2.0 Meeting.

Thomas, D.M. (2022, April 5). Talk given to the Pasco County Reentry Alliance Meeting.

Thomas, D.M. (2022, March 30). Educational Pathways. Presented in Dr. Colby Valentine's CCJ 4010: American Correctional Systems course. University of South Florida, Department of Criminology, Tampa, FL.

Thomas, D.M. (2022, February 7). Educational Pathways. Presented in Dr. Chae Jaynes's CCJ 4934, Seminar in Criminology: Aiding in Prison Reentry ("Bulls Air") course. University of South Florida, Department of Criminology, Tampa, FL.

TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

April 2022 – May 2022 Completed a Graduate Student Grant Writing Workshop
Department of Criminology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

Vulnerable Population Experience

July 2023 Completed an Alternatives to Violence (AVP) Program Advanced Workshop at Sumter Correctional Institution, Bushnell County, FL

May 2022 Completed an Alternatives to Violence (AVP) Program Basic Workshop at Sumter Correctional Institution, Bushnell County, FL

June 2021 – Present Currently interviewing older formerly incarcerated individuals around the Tampa Bay region

September 2021 – January 2022 Thesis data collected from 40 incarcerated individuals at Sumter Correctional Institution, Bushnell County, FL

January 2020 – Present Trained and Certified Florida Department of Corrections Volunteer

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

University of South Florida

April 2022 – Present Secretary & Fundraising Committee
Criminology Graduate Student Organization
Department of Criminology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

January 2021 – January 2022 Graduate Student Mentor
Department of Criminology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

Community

March 2023	Community Corrections Reentry simulation for Region 3 Office
October 2022	LIFELINE University Reentry Roundtable Summit
June 2022	Safe and Sound Hillsborough County meeting
February 2022 – Present	Pasco County Reentry Alliance
April 2022; October 2022	Tampa Bay Reentry Roundtable Summit <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April Summit – Pasco Hernando State College• October Summit – Tampa Preparatory School
October 2021; April 2022	Zephyrhills Correctional Institution Reentry Seminar

RESEARCH SOFTWARE EXPERTISE

NVivo
Stata
SPSS
R Studio
Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, PowerPoint

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Society of Criminology

- Member of the Division on Corrections and Sentencing