

## EDUCATION

- University of South Florida, Tampa, FL  
**Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) in Criminology** August 2018-2022 (expected)
- University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL  
**Master of Science (M.S.) in Criminal Justice** August 2017  
Area Paper: *Social Media Use and Perceptions of Youth Offending* (Supervisor: Dr. Jamie Snyder)
- University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL  
**Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Criminal Justice** December 2015  
Areas of Concentration: Special Education, Legal Studies

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Legal Systems Abuse in IPV | Court Processes | Youth Social Media Use | Criminological Theory

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant to Dr. Ojmarrh Mitchell (Principal Investigator)** January 2019-December 2019  
National Institute of Justice (NIJ) W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship for Research on Race and Crime (NIJ-2018-14220)  
*Understanding Prosecutorial Discretion in Florida Criminal Courts*

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Hough, R., McCorkle, K., & Harper, S. (2019) An examination of investigative practices of homicide units in Florida. *Homicide Studies*, 23(2), 175-194.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Harper, S.**, Mitchell, O., Sticco, T., Oramas-Mora, D. (2019, November) *Understanding Prosecutorial Discretion in Florida Criminal Courts (full panel presentation)*. American Society of Criminology annual conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Harper, S.** (2019, March) *Pre-trial Release Terms in Florida Counties*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual conference, Baltimore, MD
- Harper, S.** & Edwards, V. (2017, November) *Hidden gaps: Accounting for informal civic engagement behaviors in criminology and social control studies*. Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Associations (ARNOVA) annual conference, Grand Rapids, MI
- Harper, S.** & Snyder, J. (2017, September) *Digital natives' social media use and perceptions of youth offending*. Southern Criminal Justice Association conference, New Orleans, LA
- Edwards, V., Bacot, H., Ledet, R. & Harper S..(2016, June) *Beyond counting hours: A new approach to studying civic engagement and volunteerism*. Midwest Public Affairs Conference (MPAC), Columbus, OH.
- Edwards, V. & Harper, S. (2016, November) *A spectrum approach to the study of civic engagement and volunteerism*. Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Associations (ARNOVA) annual conference, Washington, D.C.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

**Harper, S.** & Sticco, T. *Vexatious litigation and hyperlitigiousness in Florida self-represented litigants*.

Edwards, V., Bacot, H., Ledet, R. & **Harper, S.** *Beyond counting hours: A new approach to studying civic engagement and volunteerism.*

**Harper, S.** & Edwards, V. *Hidden gaps: Accounting for informal civic engagement behaviors in criminology and social control studies.*

**Harper, S.** & Snyder, J. *Digital natives' social media use and perceptions of youth offending.*

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

##### University of South Florida

##### *Department of Criminology*

**Graduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. Lyndsay Boggess [CCJ 4224 Miscarriages of Justice]** **Fall 2020**

**Adjunct Instructor [CJL 3502 Intro to Courts]** **May Intercession 2020; Summer 2020**

**Guest Lecturer [CCJ 4361 Death Penalty]** **Spring 2020**

Developed guest lectures for class sessions regarding cost analysis of capital cases and jury factors

**Adjunct Instructor [CCJ3701 Research Methods in Criminology]** **Spring 2020; Fall 2020**

**Guest Lecturer [CCJ 3014 Crime and Justice in America]** **Fall 2019**

Developed guest lecture for class session regarding minorities and police

**Graduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. Chae Jaynes [CCJ 3117 Theories of Criminal Behavior]** **Fall 2018**

**Guest Lecturer [CCJ 3117 Theories of Criminal Behavior]** **Fall 2018**

Developed guest lecture for class session regarding social control theories

##### University of West Florida

##### *Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice*

**Guest Lecturer [CCJ 3678 Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and Criminal Justice]** **Spring 2017**

Developed guest lecture for class session regarding minority and police relations

**Guest Lecturer [CCJ 3014 Criminology]** **Spring 2017**

Developed guest lecture for class session regarding social learning and social control theories

**Internship Coordinator/Instructor [CCJ 4940 Criminal Justice Internship]** **Jan 2017-Aug 2018**

Planned recruitment, facilitated placement, and conducted oversight of students participating in internships with local, state, and federal criminal justice/social work agencies and non-profit organizations

**Graduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. Richard Hough [CJE 4110 Policing]** **Summer 2016; Fall 2016**

**Guest Lecturer [CCJ 4110 Policing]** **Fall 2016**

Developed guest lecture for class session on administrative decision-making and accountability in police departments, with case studies on New Orleans PD and St. Louis County PD

**Graduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. Richard Hough [CJE 4613 Homicide]** **Fall 2016**

**Graduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. Richard Hough [CCJ 4931 Cold Case Investigations]** **Summer 2016**

##### University of West Florida

##### *Department of Legal Studies, Public Administration, & Sports Management*

**Graduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. Richard Hough [PUP 4004; 5004 Public Policy Analysis]** **Fall 2016**

#### RELATED EXPERIENCE

**Behavior Technician**

**October 2015- January 2016**

Collected and analyzed student behavior data according to behavior intervention plans, Individual Education Plans (IEP), and classroom expectations; provided input for development of Functional Behavior Assessment, Behavior Intervention Plans, and IEPs; executed crisis interventions for students in behavior units and general education settings using CPI de-escalation techniques; provided classroom accommodations and prescriptive instruction for students

*Jim C. Bailey Middle School, Escambia County School District, Pensacola FL*

**Teaching Assistant/Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Paraprofessional**

**February 2014 – October 2015**

Provided ESE students with classroom-based and transition accommodations according to Individual Education Plans (IEP); de-escalated emotional, extreme, and/or disruptive behaviors of ESE students with pervasive physical, emotional/behavioral, social, developmental, intellectual, and learning disabilities in self-contained classrooms and Adapted PE settings; assisted classroom teachers with prescriptive instruction curriculum in small group and one-to-one settings; provided input for IEPs, Functional Behavior Assessments, and Behavior Intervention Plans; assisted faculty and staff with implementation of specific student plans

**HONORS & AWARDS**

University of South Florida

Graduate Research Assistantship for Dr. Ojamrrh Mitchell, *Department of Criminology*  
Graduate Assistantship (Teaching), *Department of Criminology*

**Spring 2019**  
**Fall 2018; Fall 2020**

University of West Florida

Graduate Assistantship (Research & Teaching), *Dept. of Criminology & Criminal Justice*  
Dean’s List (undergraduate),  
President’s List (undergraduate)

**Summer 2016-Spring 2017**  
**Summer 2015; Fall 2015**  
**Fall 2014**

**GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

Student Government Association Travel Grants  
*University of South Florida*  
Center for Research & Economic Opportunity Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$1,000)  
*University of West Florida*  
John C. Pace Graduate Scholarship (\$500/semester)  
*University of West Florida*

**September 2018; November 2019**  
**November 2016**  
**Fall 2016; Spring 2017**

**CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

*Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association, University of West Florida*

**Historian/Activities Coordinator**

**August 2016 –August 2017**

*Liberty Church--Blue Angel Campus, Pensacola, FL*

**Youth Ministry Leader/Small Group Co-Leader**

**February 2012 – August 2018**

*Zeta Psi Eta Sorority, University of West Florida*

**Alumni**

### PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Proficient with eLearning (D2L), Canvas, and ANGEL distance learning portals and online course development  
Proficient with Banner Production/Banner 9  
Proficient with Adobe Creative Suite: Illustrator, InDesign, PhotoShop  
Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, OneNote, Publisher, Access  
Proficient with Google Classroom, Apps, Analytics, Trends, Forms  
Proficient with Facebook analytics  
Proficient with SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Science), STATA 16, ArcMap GIS, *lavaan* package in R  
Proficient in Spanish (conversational)  
Basic HTML  
Legal research, writing, and case preparation experience for family law and estate/probate (trial and appellate)  
Career and professional skill development advising/counseling  
12 hours of training in Nonviolent Crisis Intervention, certified by *CPI, Inc.* through October 2016 (Blue Card PB079DD2)  
Certified Substitute Teacher in Escambia County School District through June 2020

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Southern Criminal Justice Association  
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
American Society of Criminology  
Fiesta Forces (Pensacola, FL)