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EDUCATION

- 2017–Present **Ph.D. Student, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL**
- Department of Criminology
- 2004–2007 **Juris Doctorate, Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, FL**
- Admitted to Practice, Florida Bar, September 2007
- 1998–2003 **Master of Arts, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**
- Master of Arts, Political Science, High Honors Graduate
 - Certificate in Political Campaigning & Lobbying
- 1998–2000 **Bachelor of Arts, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**
- Bachelor of Arts, English, Honors Graduate
 - Concentration in Psychoanalytic Theory & Analysis
- 1996–1998 **Mercer University, Macon, GA**
- Awarded Full Academic Scholarship

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2018–2021 **Co-Recipient & Research Associate to Dr. Ojmarrh Mitchell, Recipient of the National Institute for Justice’s W. E. B. Du Bois Grant for Research in Race & Crime, University of South Florida**
- Funding amount: \$248,000.00.
 - "Understanding Prosecutorial Discretion in Florida Criminal Courts." This research uses publicly accessible court documents to collect quantitative case and demographic data from each of Florida’s 67 counties. This multi-jurisdictional data, along with qualitative components, will provide novel insight into the role of race and other indicators of social inequality in the full course of criminal case processing. More precisely, this research is designed to address the indirect racial and ethnic effects operating, among other factors, through prosecutorial power structures and policies.
- 2017–2018 **Graduate Assistant, University of South Florida Department of Criminology, Tampa, FL**
- 2005–2006 **Recipient, Elsie B. and Edward C. Jacob Memorial Scholarship, Stetson College of Law**
- Hand-selected by Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law Bruce Jacob to receive merit and need-based funding established in memory of his parents, Elsie B. and Edward C. Jacob. In 1963, during his tenure as an Assistant Attorney General of Florida, Dean Jacob represented the respondent in *Gideon v. Wainwright*, the seminal U. S. Supreme Court case which guaranteed indigent criminal defendants the right to competent counsel under the Sixth Amendment.
- 2003–2004 **Recipient, Walter “Skip” Campbell Leadership Award, University of Florida Department of Political Science, Gainesville, FL**
- 2001–2003 **Graduate Assistant, University of Florida Department of Political Science, Gainesville, FL**

RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS

- Prosecutorial Discretion
- Crime & Racial Inequality

- State & Federal Sentencing
- Criminological Theory
- Courts
- Criminal Law & Procedure

CRIMINAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

2016–Present Independent Legal Practitioner & Consultant, Central/Southwest Florida

- Retained by criminal defense colleagues to assist with sentencing negotiations and mitigation, legal research, court hearings, and legal memoranda. Recently drafted Executive Clemency Petition for Commutation of Death Sentence for presentation to the Executive Clemency Board of Florida.

2013–2016 Assistant State Attorney, Sixth Judicial Circuit for Pasco County, New Port Richey, FL

- Re-appointed to serve a second term as an Assistant State Attorney in the Pasco County Office of the Sixth Judicial Circuit.

2012–2013 Associate Criminal Defense Attorney, Finebloom, Haenel & Higgins, P.A., Tampa, FL

2007–2012 Assistant State Attorney, Sixth Judicial Circuit for Pinellas County, Clearwater, FL

- One of twelve (12) Assistant State Attorneys selected to serve on the Pinellas County DUI Manslaughter Squad. Investigated and litigated over 80 jury trials for offenses ranging from Burglary, Robbery, Animal Cruelty, Aggravated Stalking, Drug Trafficking, Aggravated Firearms Offenses, Capital Sexual Battery, and Capital Murder. Calculated and prepared Criminal Punishment Code Scoresheets and sentencing recommendations for each felony case, and handled respective sentencing, departure, and competency hearings.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer 2020 **Presenter, *Introduction to Courts***, Practitioner Panel, University of South Florida Department of Criminology, Tampa, FL

Spring 2019 **Guest Lecturer, *Introduction to Criminology***, “Criminal Courts & Procedure,” University of South Florida Department of Criminology, Tampa, FL

Fall 2019 **Guest Lecturer, *Research Methods***, “Causation & Correlation,” University of South Florida Department of Criminology, Tampa, FL

Fall 2019 **Guest Lecturer, *Research Methods***, “Developing Research Questions,” University of South Florida Department of Criminology, Tampa, FL

Spring 2018 **Guest Lecturer, *Introduction to Criminology***, “Courts & Criminal Law,” University of South Florida Department of Criminology, Tampa, FL

2017–2018 **Teaching Assistant, *Senior Seminar on Sexual Violence***, University of South Florida Department of Criminology, Tampa, FL

2007–2009 **Lead Trial Attorney, Assistant State Attorney, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Clearwater, FL**

- Trained newly appointed Assistant State Attorneys and approved formal charging decisions.

2002–2003 **Teaching Assistant/Instructor, *Introduction to Political Science***, University of Florida Department of Political Science, Gainesville, FL

PUBLICATIONS

2019–Present Cochran, John, Dwayne Smith, and Tracey Sticco, *North Carolina’s Death Penalty Proportionality Review* (in progress).

2019–Present Ardis, Sarah & Tracey Sticco, *An Analysis of Florida’s Vexatious Litigation Laws* (in progress).

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 11/2019 **Panel Presentation, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA**
- “Understanding Prosecutorial Discretion in Florida Criminal Courts,” with Dr. Ojmarrh Mitchell, Daniela Oramas-Moras, & Sarah Ardis.
- 11/2018 **Poster Presentation, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA**
- “Assessing the Role of Solvency in Florida D. U. I. Dispositions.”

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2018 **Co-Organizer & Presenter, “Student Resume Workshop,”** with Instructor Joni Bernbaum, University of South Florida Department of Criminology, Tampa, FL
- Assisted undergraduate students with the preparation of professional resumes. Reviewed individual resumes and provided comprehensive feedback.
- 2006–2007 **President, Calvin A. Kuenzel Student Bar Association, Stetson University College of Law**
- 2006–2007 **Chief Ambassador, Stetson University College of Law Ambassador Program**
- 2001–2002 **Campaign Manager, Edward Jennings, Jr., House District 23 (Alachua County)**
- Campaign manager and finance committee chair for former Representative Edward Jennings, Jr., House District 23.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/ASSOCIATIONS

- 2019–Present Member, American Society of Criminology
- 2018–Present Member, Pinellas Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys
- 2007–Present Member, Florida Bar Association