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# **Education**

Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of

Missouri—St. Louis. May 2002.

Dissertation: *Varieties of Self-Help in Intimate Partner Homicide*.

M.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri—St. Louis. May 1998.

B.S. Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri—St. Louis. May 1996

(Summa Cum Laude).

# **Areas of Research Interest**

Theory

Religion and crime

Situational contexts of crime

Interpersonal violence

Integrated methodologies

# **Publications**

(Refereed Articles)

Peterson, Elicka S.L. (1999). Murder as self-help: Women and intimate partner homicide.

Homicide Studies Vol. 3(1): 30-46.

*Reprinted in:*

Meda Chesney-Lind and Lisa Pasko, eds.  (2003).  Girls, Women and Crime:  Selected

Readings (chapter 9).  Thousand Oaks:  Sage Publications.

Peterson, Elicka S.L. (1999). Building scholars: A qualitative look at mentoring in a

criminology and criminal justice doctoral program. Journal of

Criminal Justice Education Vol. 10(2): 247-261.

Peterson, Elicka S.L. (2001). Comments on Mark Cooney’s Warriors and Peacemakers:

How Third Parties Shape Violence. Theoretical Criminology Vol. 5(2): 253-255.

Kempf-Leonard, Kimberly & Peterson, Elicka S.L. (2000). Expanding realms of the new

penology: The advent of actuarial justice for juveniles. Punishment & Society

Vol. 2(1): 66-97.

*Reprinted in:*

John Muncie, Hughes, Gordon, and McLaughlin, Eugene, eds. (2002). Youth Justice:

Critical Readings (chapter 15). Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.

Miller, Susan L., and Elicka S.L. Peterson (2005). The Implications of Police Response

to Intimate Partner Violence. In R. Muraskin (Ed.), It’s A Crime: Women and Justice, 4th edition. New Jersey: Prentice Hall. (forthcoming)

Ackerman, Alissa, and Elicka S.L. Peterson (2006). Part One—Laws Pertaining to Sexual Offenders in Florida: Suggestions for Future Legislation. The Sex Offender Law Review.

Ackerman, Alissa, and Elicka S.L. Peterson (2006). Part Two—Laws Pertaining to Sexual Offenders in Florida: Suggestions for Future Legislation. The Sex Offender Law Review.

Peterson, Elicka S.L. (2008). Treating Sex Offenders: An Introduction to Sex Offender Treatment Programmes, by Sarah Brown (Peer Reviewed Book Review). *International Criminal Justice Review* Vol. 18(2)*.* Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications

Peterson, Elicka S.L. (2005). The Intimate Side of Honor: Lethal Violence Among Men

and Women in Relationships.

Peterson, Elicka S.L. & Kempf-Leonard, Kimberly. (1999). A matter of life and death:

The failure of juror instructions in Capital cases. The Justice Professional Vol. 12:

173-189.

Peterson, Elicka S.L. (2008). Criminological Theory: A Brief Introduction, by Mitchell Miller, Christopher J. Schreck, and Richard Tewksbury (Peer Reviewed Book Review). Boston: Pearson A & B.

(Book)

Peterson-Sparks, Elicka (2012—in progress). *Crime in a Christian Nation*. New York: Prometheus Books.

**(Selected Technical Reports)**

Peterson, Elicka S.L. (2008). Dr. Peterson’s Patented, Coffee-Proof, 3 a.m. the Night Before It’s Due, Quick and Dirty Writing Guide. Boone, NC: Hubbard Center.

Peterson, Elicka S.L. Educational mission statement—2000. Prepared for the Missouri

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. June 1998.

Kempf-Leonard, Kimberly, Peterson, Elicka S.L., & Sample, Lisa Gender and juvenile

justice in Missouri. Prepared for the Governor’s Advisory Board on Juvenile

Justice. April 1997.

Peterson, Elicka S.L. Desegregation and school district satisfaction. Prepared for the East

Baton Rouge School District. September 1997.

Peterson, Elicka S.L. Political support for a community resource center. Prepared for

The Ritenour Family Resource Center Committee. June 1995.

# **Presentations at Professional Meetings**

“Terror management through relationships: Intimate partner homicide and mortality salience effects.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, Missouri, November 2008.

“From sleeper cells to Chatty Cathy: Using humor to address random acts of rudeness in the classroom.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, Missouri, November 2008.

“Beyond fear and loathing: Toward rational decision-making with sex offenders.” with Alissa Ackerman (lead presenter). Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Society, Seattle, Washington, 2007.

“The implications of honor, relational style, and social control in responding to intimate partner violence.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Nashville, Tennessee, November 2004.

“Helping those who help themselves: A proposed framework for the study of intimate

partner homicide and its implications for domestic violence policies and programs.” Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Denver, Colorado, November 2003.

“The role of gender in conflict-related intimate partner homicide.” Annual meeting of

the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2001.

“Intimate partner homicide as social control.” Annual meeting of the American Society

of Criminology, San Francisco, California, November 2000.

“Moralistic drug robbery: Exploring the intersection of motivation of justification.”

Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Canada, November 1999.

“Lethal self-help: The role of motive in female-perpetrated homicide.” Annual meeting

of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC, November 1998.

“Rational decision-making for Capital jurors: Making the best of a bad situation.” With

Kimberly Kempf-Leonard. Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC, November 1998.

“Women and homicide: A self-help perspective.” Washington University, symposium

on women and homicide, St. Louis, March 1998 (featured speaker).

“A quarter century after Furman: Missouri Capital punishment still arbitrary and

capricious after all these years.” Annual meeting of the Law & Society

Association, St. Louis, May 1997.

“Sentencing practices, including disparity, in the U.S. Court, eighth circuit.” With

Kimberly Kempf-Leonard and Lisa Sample. Annual meeting of the American

Society of Criminology, Chicago, November 1996.

“Disparity in juvenile justice: The role of private residential care.” With Kimberly

Kempf-Leonard and Lisa Sample. Annual meeting of the American Society of

Criminology, Chicago, November 1996.

# **Academic Courses Taught**

* Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice (graduate and undergraduate)
* Victimology (graduate and undergraduate level)
* Female Crime and Delinquency
* Criminology and Criminal Justice Theory
* Qualitative Methodology (graduate level)
* Juvenile Justice
* Culture and Violence (graduate level)
* Writing in Criminal Justice
* Youth Crime Problems (graduate level)
* White Collar Crime
* Statistics (graduate and undergraduate)
* Terrorism (graduate level)
* Urban Analytical Methods (graduate level)
* Victimology
* Introduction to Criminal Justice

(Online Curriculum Development)

* Juvenile Procedures
* Critical Issues in Criminal Justice
* Theories of Crime and Justice

# **Media**

Associated Press—background for article on Eric Lawson family murders. May 9, 2012.

Sun Sentinel (Palm Beach)—murder-suicides in Palm Beach County. January 1, 2011.

Washington Post—secular roots of religious violence. April 2010.

New York Times—interview regarding religious and ethnic violence. May 8, 2010.

Boston Globe—background on homicide distribution article. 2009.

Hanford Sentinel (Hanford, CA )—interview regarding murder of Eric Gomez. 2009.

CNN—background for story about fluctuations in homicide rates in the United States. August, 2008.

The Christian Science Monitor—Interview for article on Knoxville church shooting, July 26, 2008.

Associated Press—interview regarding Tiffany Souers homicide at Clemson. May 29, 2006.

Washington Post—article on gender differences in homicide. April 2006.

Associated Press—international article on female-perpetrated homicide. March, 2006.

Associated Press—national article on women who commit crimes for intimate partners. 2005.

WNOX (Knoxville, TN)—radio interview about women who commit crime in conjunction with intimate relations. 2005.

KCRW (NPR, Los Angeles)—interviewed regarding female-perpetrated postal killing. 2006.

KCSN (BBC, Los Angeles)—interviewed regarding female-perpetrated postal killing. 2006.

CNN (New York division)—interview regarding intimate partner homicide, Laci Peterson case. 2003.

St. Louis—KWMU, National Public Radio (NPR). Talk of St. Louis, guest. “The Death

Penalty.” August 7, 1997.

Wapakoneta Daily News—“Why Do People Kill? Revenge, Control, Passion Among the Slayers’ Motives.” Featured interview. April 6, 2002.

New York Times—work referenced in article on intimate partner homicide motives. 2002.

Consultant, full-length feature documentary, “Blind Spot: Murder by Women,” by

Academy Award-winning producers Light and Saraf (PBS/HBO). 2002.

# **Academic Fellowships, Grants, Speaking Engagements and Awards**

Invited Speaker, Appalachian State University, V-Week Domestic Violence Awareness Panel. February 8, 2008.

Invited Speaker, Alfred University, Institute of Justice Studies and Women’s Studies. “Straight from the horse’s mouth: Street research with active offenders.” October 25, 2007.

“50 Most Frequently Cited Articles in Homicide Studies” —#6 most cited. 2006.

“50 Most Frequently Cited Articles in Punishment and Society” —#4 most cited. 2006.

Recipient of “Kick Ass Ma’am Award” from criminal justice graduate students, class of 2007. (I promised I would include this on my CV since they actually purchased a genuine, engraved bobble head trophy).

Three nominations for Student Government Association Faculty and Staff Awards, 2007.

Hubbard Center for Faculty Development Textbook Grant, 2007.

USAID Community Connections Program—Russia—Juvenile Justice. Co-P.I. Jesse Lutabingwa. $48,000 (submitted, not awarded). 2007.

General Education Summer Faculty Grant, Appalachian State University. $2000. 2007.

Nominated for the Harvey Durham Outstanding Freshman Advocate Award, 2006.

University Excellence in Teaching Award, Florida State University, 2003.

Council on Research and Creativity First Year Assistant Professor Grant. Florida State University. $7000. 2002.

“Kappa Sigma Kick-Ass Professor Award” for “best lectures” at Florida State

University, May 2002.

Council on Research and Creativity First Year Assistant Professor Grant, $7000, 2002.

Dissertation Grant, University of Missouri Research Committee, $14,000, 2000—2001.

Summer Research Grant, “Moralistic drug robbery: Exploring the intersection of

motivation and justification,” with Richard Wright (PI), $2000, 1999.

Student Marshall for the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences (selected by the Dean of the

Graduate School for outstanding community service), 1998.

Meritorious Service Award, University of Missouri—“Outstanding Teacher,” 1998,

presented by the St. Louis Students with Disabilities Association,.

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Fellowship Award, 1996-1997, 1997-

1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000. $10,000 per year.

Chancellor’s Scholarship Award, 1995-1996, 1997-1998. $2,000.

Doris Fishman Administration of Justice Scholarship Award, 1995. $2,500.

Alumni Agents Scholarship Award, 1995, 1996. $2,500.

Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities Award, 1995.

# **Selected Academic and Community Service**

Departmental Honors Program Director, Government and Justice Studies, 2012-present.

Outstanding Alumni Committee, Appalachian State University, member, 2008-2011.

Library Services Committee, Appalachian State University, member, 2008-2010.

Appalachian State University, Committee on Tenure Clock and Faculty Leave, campus wide, member, 2004

Appalachian State University, Departmental Criminal Justice Search Committee, Government and Justice Studies, member, 2004-2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012.

Appalachian State University, Departmental Chair Search Committee, Political Science and Criminal Justice, member and secretary, 2004-2005.

Appalachian State University, Departmental IR/Comparative Search Committee, Political Science and Criminal Justice, member, 2003, 2004-2005, 2012.

Appalachian State University, Enrollment Management Committee, Political Science and Criminal Justice, member, 2004-2005.

Appalachian State University, Criminal Justice Curriculum Committee, Political Science and Criminal Justice, member and secretary, 2003-2004, member, 2003-present.

Appalachian State University, Departmental Personnel Committee, Political Science and Criminal Justice, untenured alternate member and secretary, 2003-2004, member, 2007.

Appalachian State University, Web Page Committee, Political Science and Criminal Justice, member, 2003-2004

Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society, faculty advisor, 2006-present.

Student/Faculty Exchange, Appalachian State University, Freshman Orientation Phases I and II, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012.

Student/Faculty Exchange, Appalachian State University, Freshman Orientation Phase II, 2005.

Enrollment Management Committee, Political Science and Criminal Justice, member, 2004-2005.

Florida State University Student Conduct Committee, Judge, 2002-2003

Florida State University Mentoring Program, mentor, 2001-2003

Graduate Student Association, faculty advisor, elected April 2002

Undergraduate Policy Committee, departmental representative, 2001-2002

Alpha Phi Sigma, Florida State University, faculty advisor, 2002-2003

American Society of Criminology Membership Committee, 2002-2003, 2006-2007, 2008-2009.

American Society of Criminology Mentoring Committee, and faculty mentor, 2002-2008..

American Society of Criminology Women and Crime Division, established scholar and member, 2000-present

Oxford University Press, reviewer, 2002, 2007, 2012.

American Journal of Criminal Justice, reviewer, 2002-present

Violence Against Women, reviewer, 2006-present.

Prentice-Hall/Pearson Education, reviewer, 2007-present.

Thomson Learning Publishers, reviewer, 2002, 2003

Homicide Studies, reviewer, 2000-2003.

Sociological Quarterly, reviewer, 1999-present.

Criminology, reviewer, 1999-present.

Wadsworth, reviewer, 2005, 2011.

Evaluation and Program Planning: An International Journal, reviewer, 1998-present.

Social Problems, reviewer (and member), 2002-present.

Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society, President, Alpha

Omega Delta chapter, 1995-1998.

Eastern Missouri Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, member and area coordinator,

1995 to 1999.

Golden Key National Honor Society, member, 1995 to present.

Whites Against Racism, board member, 1994 to 1999.

Privacy Rights Education Project, member and volunteer, 1994 to present.

Literacy Investment for Tomorrow (LIFT), literacy through creative writing—teacher,

1997-1998.

University of Missouri—St. Louis Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization, president, 1998-1999.

# **Community Service**

Appalachian Women’s Fund, Circle of Sisters donor and member, 2011-present.

Temple of the High Country, donor, 2011, 2012.

Habitat for Humanity, St. Louis, and Boone, NC, HCUCC coordinator and volunteer, 1998-present.

Service Council Leader, High Country UCC, 2006-2007.

Watauga County Humane Society, fundraiser, donor, 2004-present.

Heavenly Mountain Residential Association Board of Directors, vice president, 2012-2013.

RAMP project (constructing handicap access ramps for elderly and disabled low-income residents of Ashe and Watauga County), member, 2007.

Resort Area Ministries (RAM), coordinator and weekly volunteer, lawn mowing for low-income elderly and disabled residents of Watauga County, 2005-2006.

Hospitality House, volunteer—recreation programs and monthly dinner service (combined UCC church and ASU team), 2005-2007.

Relief Team Member, construction and clean-up in 9th Ward, Gentilly, Orleans and Bernard parishes, five weeks, January 2006, March 2006, January 2007, March 2007, and May 2008.

Team Captain, 2005 American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Team member, Watauga Emergency Crisis Action Network (WECAN) and Katrina Relief Fundraiser, 2006, 2007.

Team Captain, WECAN and HCUCC wood delivery project for low-income heating relief, 2006-2009.

Powder Horn Mountain Board of Directors, vice president, 2004-2007.

Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society, president, Alpha Omega Delta chapter, 1995-1998.

Eastern Missouri Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, area coordinator and member, 1995-1999.

Golden Key National Honor Society, member, 1995-2010.

Whites Against Racism Board of Directors, member 1994-1999, president, 1998-1999.

Privacy Rights Education Project, member and volunteer, 1994-present.

Literacy Investment for Tomorrow (LIFT), literacy through creative writing project, teacher (St. Louis projects), 1997-1999.

University of Missouri-St. Louis Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization, president 1998-1999.

# **Experience**

Associate Professor, Appalachian State University, Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice, July 2009—present.

Assistant Professor, Appalachian State University, Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice, July 2003—2009.

Assistant Professor, Florida State University, School of Criminology and Criminal

Justice, August 2001—July 2003.

Graduate Instructor, Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice,

University of Missouri—St. Louis, Spring 1998, Fall 1998, Spring 1999.

Statistical Report Writer / Focus Group Facilitator, Attitude Research Company,

March 1995 to August 2000.

Research Assistant, “Patterns of homicide and social policy in three American cities

Project” for Dean Margaret Zahn, North Carolina State University, June 1998-

August 1998.

Teaching Assistant, Gender and Crime, for Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, University of

Missouri—St. Louis, Fall 1997.

Governor’s Advisory Board for Juvenile Justice, appointed by Governor Mel Carnahan,

1997-1998.

Researcher, Office of the Juvenile Justice Specialist for the State of Missouri, Jay Wood,

Fall 1996-Summer 1997.

Research Assistant, “Hidden incarceration in juvenile justice project” for Kimberly

Kempf-Leonard, Spring 1995-Winter 1996.

Research Assistant, “Assessment of sentencing guidelines in the Federal Court, Eighth

Circuit” for Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, Summer and Fall 1995.

Research Assistant, “Evaluation of youth gang drug intervention/prevention programs for

Female adolescents” for G. David Curry, University of Missouri—St. Louis,

Winter 1994-Spring 1995.

Teaching Assistant, Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy, for Kimberly Kempf-

Leonard, Winter 1994.

# References

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