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## **EDUCATION**

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2002- 2007	Doctor of Philosophy Criminal Justice Sam Houston State University
1999-2001	Master of Science Criminal Justice Eastern Kentucky University
1995-1999	Bachelor of Arts Sociology Sociology University of Kentucky

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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2019- 2020	Interim Chair Sociology, Criminal Justice, & Women's and Gender Studies
2015- Present	Associate Professor University of South Carolina Upstate
2010- 2015	Assistant Professor University of South Carolina Upstate
2007-2010	Assistant Professor University of Texas at Arlington

### Teaching Awards

Favorite Faculty Member- Baseball: Spring 2011, 2013  
Softball: Spring 2013, 2018, 2019

Bank of America/USC Upstate, Student Affairs, Excellence in Teaching and Advising Award Nominee 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2023

Scholarly and/or Creative Pursuits Award Nominee 2018

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Current research and teaching interests include: crime and the media, criminology, criminal justice systems, drug use and abuse, comparative criminal justice systems, and institutional corrections.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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#### Classes Taught

Perspectives on Crime and Delinquency  
Criminal Justice in a Democracy  
Introduction to the Criminal Justice System  
Crime and Media (Graduate and Undergraduate; on campus and online)  
Comparative Criminal Justice (on campus and online)  
Criminological Theory (on campus and online)  
Perspectives on Crime (online)  
Drug Use and Abuse  
The Death Penalty (online)  
Alcohol, Drugs, & Public Policy (online)  
Institutional Corrections (on campus and online)  
Research Methods (online)  
The American Judicial System (online)  
Social Deviance (Graduate and Undergraduate; on campus and online)  
Ethics in Criminal Justice (online)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### Refereed Journal Articles

- Dobbs, R. R., Sarver III, R.A., Rodriguez, B., and Gould, L. (Fall, 2021). Student Perceptions of Guns on Campus. *The Pursuit*, 5(1) 45-73.
- Sarver III, R.A., Dobbs, R.R., Sarver, M.B., and McDonald, C. (2017). Crime-Related Media Programming and Fear of Crime Among Undergraduate Students. *Journal of Criminal Justice and Law Review*, 6(1), 21-39.
- Sarver III, R.A., Dobbs, R.R., Sarver, M.B., Hauptman, S., and del Carmen, A. (2015). Religious Roots of Punitive Attitudes. *Law Enforcement Executive Forum*, 15(2), 74-85.
- Gann, M.C., Sarver III, R.A., Sarver, M.B. and del Carmen, A. (2012). Perceptions of alcohol consumption: An examination of undergraduate students' perception of harmful alcohol consumption as a social problem and its relationship with crime. *Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice*, 8(2), 159-171.
- Kent, A., Gould, L.A., Sarver III, R.A., and Dobbs, R.R. (2011). Examining the relationship between officer burnout and probation violations. *Law Enforcement Executive Forum*, 11(1), 83-99.
- Sarver III, R.A., & Lyons, P.M. (2010). Representativeness of petit juries. *Applied Psychology in Criminal Justice*, 6(2), 30-42.
- Sarver III, R.A., Sarver, M.B., and Dobbs, R.R. (2010). Choosing criminal justice: Factors contributing to the selection of criminal justice as a major. *The Journal of Criminal Justice and Law Review*, 2(2), 57-67.
- Haba, C.W., Sarver III, R.A., Dobbs, R.R., and Sarver, M.B. (2009). Attitudes of college students towards women in policing. *Women & Criminal Justice*, 19(3), 235-250.
- del Carmen, A., Rodriguez, J.J., Dobbs, R., Smith, R., Butler, R.R., Sarver III, R.A. (2009). In their own words: A study of gang members through their own perspective. *Journal of Gang Research*, 16(2), 57-76.

Hoover, L. T. and Sarver III, R. A. (2004). Drug Abuse Resistance Education: To continue or not to continue? *Law Enforcement Executive Forum*, 4(5), 163-171.

### **Non-refereed Articles**

del Carmen, A., Rodriguez, J. J., Dobbs, R., Smith, R., Butler, R. R., Sarver, R. (2008). In their own words: A study of gang members through their own perspective. Fort Worth, TX: Safe City Commission Inc.

### **Book Review**

Sarver III, R.A. (2008). Integrating Victims in Restorative Youth Justice, by Crawford, A. and Burden, T. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 6(4), 410-413.

### **Encyclopedia entries**

Sarver III, R. A. (2014). "Uniform Crime Reports." *The Encyclopedia of Theoretical Criminology*.

Sarver III, R.A. (2012). "Kentucky." *The Social History of Crime and Punishment in America*. Sage Publications, Inc.

Whitehead, M., and Sarver III, R.A. (2010). Becker, Howard S.: Labeling and Deviant Careers. *The Encyclopedia of Criminological Theory*.

Sarver III, R. A. *Encyclopedia of White-Collar Crime*. (2007). "Brown lung." Westport, CT; Greenwood Publishing Group.

Sarver III, R. A. *Encyclopedia of White-Collar Crime*. (2007). "John Braithwaite." Westport, CT; Greenwood Publishing Group.

### **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

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Wilson, F. T., Sarver III, R.A., Gould, L. A., & Hixson, H. (In Progress). The gender of police officer use of force recipients in the core cop film genre: Hollywood's symbolic annihilation of female recipients. *Feminist Criminology*.

Sarver III, R.A., and Woodard, T. Bullying in Academia (working title).

## **SCHOLARLY CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Miller, K., Sarver III, R.A., and Garland, T. The New Normal: Higher Education in a Post-Pandemic Society. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Chicago, IL, March 2024.

Woodard, T.L., McDonald, C., and Sarver III, R.A. Building a Master of Criminal Justice Program: The Trials and Tribulations. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Atlanta, GA, November 2022.

Walasik, J.\*, McDonald, C., and Sarver III, R.A. Attitudes about the Response to Hate Crimes against the LGBTQ Community. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Atlanta, GA, November 2018.  
\*Undergraduate Student

Dobbs, R.R., Sarver, M.B., and Sarver III, R.A. Student Opinions of Guns on Campus. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting in Orlando, FL March 2015.

Sarver III, R.A., Dobbs, R.R., and Sarver, M.B. Religious Roots of Punitive Attitudes. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Atlanta, GA, November 2013.

Sarver, M.B., Sarver III, R.A., and Dobbs, R.R. Impact of Media on College Students' Perceptions of Crime. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in New York, NY, March 2012.

Roundtable Discussion. Entering Academe: The job search process and what to expect once hired. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, March 2011.

Sarver, M.B., Sarver III, R.A., and Dobbs, R.R. The Impact of Television Crime Programming on Punitive Attitudes. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA, November 2009.

Sarver III, R. A., Dobbs, R.R., Sarver, M.B. The Impact of Crime Programs on the Perception of Crime. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in St. Louis, MO, November 2008.

Wilson, F., and Sarver III, R.A. Discipline Specific Genre Operationalizations: Establishing the Foundation for Film Study Replications. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Atlanta, GA, November 2007.

Tackett-Gibson, M., Sarver III, R.A., and Johnson, W. W. Immigration, Fear and Social Action: Examining Print Media Coverage of the Minutemen Project. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Atlanta, GA, November 2007.

Sarver III, R.A., and Lyons, P.M., Jr. Community Representation. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting in Seattle, WA, March 2007.

Sarver III, R.A., and Lyons, P. M., Jr. Jury Representativeness. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Los Angeles, CA, November 2006.

### **ROUNDTABLE PRESENTATION**

New Technology in the Classroom. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Denver, CO, March 2016. \*Chair

### **SERVICE**

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#### **University/Department Service**

Faculty Senate 2023- Present

CAHSS Scholarship Awards Committee 2022- Present

Marketing/Promotion Committee 2022-Present

Alpha Phi Sigma, Co-Advisor 2021- 2024

Unit Criteria Committee, 2021-Present

\*Chair in 2023-2024

Peer Review Committee Outside Member, Psychology 2021-2022

Peer Review Committee 2021-2022

\*Chair

Committee for Faculty Excellence, 2020- 2024

Interim Department Chair, Summer 2019- Spring 2020

Peer Review Committee, 2017-2018

\*Chair

Faculty Salary Committee, 2016-2018

Search Committee, CRJU Palmetto College Advisor Position Summer 2016

\*Chair

Search Committee, CRJU Instructor Position Summer 2016

Search Committee, CRJU Tenure Track position Spring 2016

\*Chair

Admitted Student Day, Spring 2016

Academic Affairs Committee, 2013- 2018

AGOGE, Summer 2013

Search Committee for Early Childhood Education, Spring 2013

Search Committee for Criminal Justice Fall, 2012- Spring 2013

Open House, USC Upstate- Fall 2012

University Assessment Committee Fall, 2011- Spring, 2014

Department Webmaster 2011-2013, 2015-Present

Criminal Justice Curriculum Revision Committee Spring 2011- Fall 2011

Developed and administrated Criminal Justice Program Facebook page, 2011

Search Committee, Outside Member for Interdisciplinary Studies- Summer 2011

Honor Council Fall 2010- 2018

\*Chaired various times

Social Sciences Ph.D. Development Committee Fall, 2007- Spring, 2008 (UTA)

PhD Development Committee Fall 2007-Spring 2008, 2009-2010 (UTA)

Tenure and Promotion Revision Committee Fall, 2007- Spring, 2008 (UTA)

Advisor- Alpha Phi Sigma, Graduate Student Chapter Fall 2007- Spring 2008 (UTA)

Advisor- Alpha Phi Sigma, Undergraduate Student Chapter Fall 2009- Spring 2010 (UTA)

Committee on Graduate Studies 2007- 2010

\*Chair Fall 2008-Spring 2009 (UTA)

Graduate and Professional School Fair, Fall 2007 (UTA)

Departmental Newsletter Committee, Spring 2008- Spring 2010 (UTA)

Criminology and Criminal Justice Career Fair Coordinator, Spring 2008 (UTA)

College Level Research Proposals Fall 2008- Spring 2009 (UTA)

College Developmental Committee Fall 2008- Spring 2009 (UTA)



Scholarship Committee Fall 2008- Spring 2010 (UTA)

Unit Effectiveness Plan (UEP) Fall 2008- Spring 2010 (UTA)

\*Chair

GRA Selection Committee Fall 2008- Spring 2009 (UTA)

### **Thesis Committees**

Pakbin, S. 2010. The Myth and Reality Behind Closed Doors in Iran.

\*Chair (UTA)

Millares, J. 2009. Religious Roots of Punitive Attitudes (UTA)

Kent, A. 2009. Probation Revocations Based on Technical Violations: Do Probation Officers Contribute to Higher Rates (UTA)

Bradshaw, R. 2008. The Public's View of Terrorism in Their Communities as Related to Media-Viewing Habits. (UTA)

Bever, B. 2008. Criminal Psychological Profiling: A Comparative Study of Knowledge and Perception between Police Officers at the Irving Police Department and Students at the University of Texas at Arlington. (UTA)

### **Non-thesis Committees**

Hawthorne, J. How Race and Ethnicity Influence Public Perceptions of the Homeless. 2010. (UTA)

Espino, E. J. Law Enforcement Attitudes towards Legalization of Marijuana. 2008.

\* Chair (UTA)

Thomas, E. 2008. Maternal Infanticide. (UTA)

Miller, A. L. 2008. Child Abuse. (UTA)

Palmer, K. 2008. An Evaluation of the Effectiveness of a Prison-based Drug Treatment Therapeutic Community. (UTA)

## **Community Service**

Career Day, Invited Speaker. Boiling Springs Elementary School. November, 2023.

Art with Heart. Volunteer. February, 2012.

Carroll High School's (TX) Major Mania. October, 2007. Invited guest speaker. (UTA)

## **Professional Service**

Oxford University Press- Manuscript & Textbook Reviewer

Council for Undergraduate Research Quarterly- Manuscript Reviewer

Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture- Manuscript Reviewer

The Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice- Manuscript Reviewer

Journal of Violence against Women- Manuscript Reviewer

Sage Publications- Manuscript & Textbook Reviewer

Panel Chair "Research on Juries." American Society of Criminology. November, 2006.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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2005- Present	American Society of Criminology
2006- Present	Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
2021- Present	Alpha Phi Sigma