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Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

- 2022 (expected) Ph.D., Sociology (Big Data Analytics Minor), Pennsylvania State University  
Dissertation: "School Discipline Regimes and Student Outcomes: Changes across Four Cohorts."  
Advisor: Jeremy Staff, Ph.D.
- 2018 M.A., Criminology, Pennsylvania State University
- 2014 B.A., Sociology and Spanish (Summa Cum Laude), Christopher Newport University

## AREAS OF INTEREST

Crime and social control; School discipline; Communities and crime; Sociology of education; Life course studies; Quantitative methods; Big data analytics

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2021 Andris, Clio, Daniel DellaPosta, **Brittany N. Freelin**, Xi Zhu, Bradley Hinger, and Hanzhou Chen. "To Racketeer Among Friends: Spatial Features of Criminal Collaboration in the American Mafia." *International Journal of Geographical Information Science*. Early online view available.
- 2020 **Freelin, Brittany N.** and Jeremy Staff. "Uncertain Adolescent Educational Expectations and College Matriculation in the Wake of the Great Recession." *The Sociological Quarterly*. Early online view available.
- Student Paper Award for Best Published Paper, Honorable Mention, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Pennsylvania State University, 2021
- 2019 Graif, Corina, **Brittany N. Freelin**, Yu-Hsuan Kuo, Hongjian Wang, Zhenhui Li, and Daniel Kifer. "Network Spillovers and Neighborhood Crime: A Computational Statistics Analysis of Employment-Based Networks of Neighborhoods." *Justice Quarterly* 38(2):344-74.

## **Book Chapters**

2021 Staff, Jeremy, **Brittany N. Freelin**, and Jeylan T. Mortimer. “Consequences of Adolescent Employment for Young Adult Development” in *Handbook of Adolescent and Young Adult Development*. Wiley. Forthcoming.

## **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

**Freelin, Brittany N.**, Cassie McMillan, Diane Felmlee, and D. Wayne Osgood. “Changing Contexts: A Quasi-Experiment Examining Adolescent Delinquency and the Transition to High School.” *Revise and Resubmit at Criminology*

Ramey, David M. and **Brittany N. Freelin**. “Controlling Defiance: An Examination of School Social Control in California School Districts.”

Ramey, David M. and **Brittany N. Freelin**. “Exploring How Child and School Criminalized and Medicalized Social Controls Influence Juvenile Delinquency.”

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS (drafts available upon request)**

**Freelin, Brittany N.** “The Effects of School Readiness on Suspension from Elementary School.”

**Freelin, Brittany N.** “Suspension and High School Dropout: The Relationship in Four Cohorts of Youth in the U.S.”

**Freelin, Brittany N.** and Corina Graif. “The Effect of College Promise Programs on Juvenile Crime Rates.”

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

2021 Center for Social Data Analytics (C-SoDA) Accelerator Award, Co-Investigator (\$4,000)

2021 Student Paper Award for Best Published Paper, Honorable Mention, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Pennsylvania State University

2021 Graduate Student Achievement Award, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Pennsylvania State University (\$1,200)  
*Awarded to one criminology graduate student per year for demonstrating outstanding achievement*

2020 Criminal Justice Research Center (CJRC) Graduate Student Research Award (\$2,000)

2017-2018 Big Data Social Science Integrative Graduate Education and Research  
Traineeship (BDSS-IGERT) (\$25,000)

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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2021 Freelin, Brittany N., and Jeremy Staff. "Uncertain Adolescent Educational Expectations and College Matriculation in the Wake of the Great Recession: Beneficial or Harmful for College Matriculation?" Annual Meetings of the Society for Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies. Virtual conference.

Freelin, Brittany N. "Suspension and High School Dropout: The Relationship in Three Cohorts of Youth in the U.S." Round Table at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Virtual conference.

Freelin, Brittany N. "The Relationship Between Suspension and Dropout in Three Cohorts of Youth in the United States." Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America. Virtual Conference.

Freelin, Brittany N., Cassie McMillan, Diane Felmlee, and D. Wayne Osgood. "Changing Contexts: A Quasi-Experiment Examining Adolescent Delinquency and the Transition to High School." Mini-Conference for Penn State, Maryland, and UPenn Graduate Students. Virtual Conference.

2020 Freelin, Brittany N. and Corina Graif. "A Place-Based Intervention: The Effect of College Promise Programs on Crime Rates." Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C. (Conference canceled.)

Freelin, Brittany N. "Racial Differences in the Impact of Suspension on High School Dropout within Four Cohorts." Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C. (Conference canceled.)

Freelin, Brittany N., and Jeremy Staff. "Uncertain Adolescent Educational Expectations and College Matriculation in the Wake of the Great Recession: Beneficial or Harmful for College Matriculation?" Annual Meetings of the Society for Longitudinal and Lifecourse Studies. Vilnius, Lithuania. (Conference postponed).

Freelin, Brittany N., Cassie McMillan (online presenter), Diane Felmlee, and D. Wayne Osgood. "Changing Contexts: A Quasi-Experiment Examining Adolescent Delinquency and the Transition to High School." Round Table at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA. (Conference moved online).

Freelin, Brittany N. (presenter) and David M. Ramey. "Suspending for Defiance: An Examination of Changes in Suspension Rates in California School Districts." Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America. Washington, DC. (Conference canceled).

- 2019 Ramey, David M. and Brittany N. Freelin (presenter). "Controlling Defiance: An Examination of Layered Child Social Control in California School Districts." Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.
- Freelin, Brittany N. (presenter), and Jeremy Staff. "Uncertain Adolescent Educational Expectations and College Matriculation in the Wake of the Great Recession." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY.
- Graif, Corina (presenter), Brittany N. Freelin, Yu-Hsuan Kuo, Hongjian Wang, Zhenhui Li, and Daniel Kifer. "Network Spillovers and Neighborhood Violence: A Computational Statistics Analysis of Employment-Based Networks of Neighborhoods." Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America. Austin, TX.
- 2018 Freelin, Brittany N. "The Effects of Disruption, Delinquency, and Academic Readiness in Predicting Suspension in Elementary School." Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.
- Graif, Corina (presenter), Brittany N. Freelin, Yu-Hsuan Kuo, Hongjian Wang, Zhenhui Li, and Daniel Kifer. "The Interlocking Ecology of Disadvantage: Exploring Work Communities' Role in Local Crime." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- Freelin, Brittany N. (presenter) and Corina Graif. "College Opportunity and Crime: The Effect of College Promise Programs on Community Crime." Poster presented at the IGERT Poster Session. State College, PA.
- 2017 Freelin, Brittany N. "The Role of Academic Readiness in Predicting Suspension." Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2014 Freelin, Brittany N. "Femicide in Juarez." Annual Paideia Conference. Christopher Newport University. Newport News, VA.
- Chambers, Cheryl, Kaitlyn Colon, Rebecca Crumb, Brittany N. Freelin, and Taryn Lewis. "The CSI Effect: Fact or Fiction?" Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society. Charlotte, NC.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2018- Graduate Research assistant, Dr. David Ramey, Pennsylvania State University
- 2018 Summer Intern, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

2016-2019 Graduate Research assistant, Dr. Corina Graif, Pennsylvania State University  
2014 Undergraduate Research assistant, Dr. Cheryl Chambers, Christopher Newport University  
Undergraduate Research assistant, Dr. Linda Waldron, Christopher Newport University

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Pennsylvania State University**

Summer 2021 Instructor, Introduction to Criminal Justice (CRIM 100); Remote asynchronous  
Summer 2020 Instructor, Criminology (CRIM/SOC 012); Remote asynchronous  
Summer 2020- Grader, Undergraduate Sociology and Criminology Internships (LA 495)  
Summer 2019 Teaching Assistant, Human Rights and Crimes Against Humanity (CRIM 499) with study abroad component (Netherlands)  
Spring 2019 Teaching Assistant, Organized Crime (CRIM 425) with study abroad component (Curaçao)  
Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant, Crime, Social Control and the Legal System (CRIM 412) with study abroad component (Curaçao)  
2016-2017 Section Instructor, Research Methods (CRIM 250W)

### **K-12 Teaching Experience**

2014-2016 Metro Nashville Public Schools (Middle School Spanish Teacher)  
2014-2016 Teach for America (TFA) Corps Member

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

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### **Pennsylvania State University/Departmental**

2021- Graduate student representative on Department Head's Advisory Committee  
2018- Chair, Criminology Student Paper Competition Committee  
2017-2018 Co-chair, Criminology Student Paper Competition Committee  
2016- Member, Teaching Forum Committee  
2016-2017 Member, Criminology Student Paper Competition Committee

### **Professional Memberships**

2019- Population Association of America (PAA)  
2019- American Sociological Association (ASA)  
2017- American Society of Criminology (ASC)

### **Journal Manuscript Referee Experience**

Reviewer for *Sociology of Education*, *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Journal of School Violence*, *Social Forces*

## **REFERENCES**

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### **Dr. Jeremy Staff**

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