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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University (State College, PA)

M.A. in Criminology 2021

Thesis: Do All Roads Lead to Rome? Sentencing Previously Mandatory-Eligible Drug Cases in Pennsylvania Post-Alleyne

Loyola University Chicago (Chicago, IL)

Cum Laude

B.S. in Criminal Justice & Criminology 2016

B.S. in Psychology 2016

SUBSTANTIVE INTERESTS

Criminal Case Processing
Prosecutorial Discretion & Plea Bargaining
Court Actor & Defendant Decision-Making

U.S. Sentencing & Correctional Policy
Social Class Inequality & Criminal Justice
Punishment, Law, & Society

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Ulmer, Jeffery T., and **Kaitlyn Konefal**. (2019). "Sentencing the "Other": Punishment of Latinx Defendants." *UCLA Law Review* 66(6):1716-1761.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Monaghan, Rory J., and **Kaitlyn Konefal**. "Presentence Investigation Reports and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Sentencing."

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Konefal, Kaitlyn. "Do All Roads Lead to Rome? Sentencing Mandatory-Eligible Drug Cases in Pennsylvania Post-*Alleyne*."

Konefal, Kaitlyn. “Hidden Agendas: An Analysis of Case-Processing Strategies and Plea-Trial Disparities Across Pennsylvania Courts.”

Konefal, Kaitlyn and Brandy Parker. “Drug Sentencing in Pennsylvania Sans Mandatory Minimums.”

Zvonkovich, Jordan, Jeffery T. Ulmer, and **Kaitlyn Konefal.** “Hispanic-White Segregation and Sentencing Disparity in Pennsylvania.”

GOVERNMENT & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Adams, Sharyn, Lily Gleicher, Jessica Reichert, **Kaitlyn Konefal,** and Dustin Cantrell. (2017). “An Examination of Traumatic Experiences and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Among a Sample of Illinois Prisoners.” Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority: Chicago, IL.

Peterson, Emma, Jessica Reichert, and **Kaitlyn Konefal.** (2017). “Procedural Justice in Policing: How the Process of Justice Impacts Public Attitudes and Law Enforcement Outcomes.” Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority: Chicago, IL.

Reichert, Jessica, Caitlin DeLong, and **Kaitlyn Konefal.** (2017). “National and Illinois Youth Substance Use: Risk Factors, Prevalence, and Treatment.” Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority: Chicago, IL.

Reichert, Jessica and **Kaitlyn Konefal.** (2017). “An Examination of Fear of Crime and Social Vulnerability in Chicago Neighborhoods.” Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority: Chicago, IL.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 **Konefal, Kaitlyn.** “Do All Roads Lead to Rome? Sentencing Previously Mandatory-Eligible Drug Cases in Pennsylvania Post-*Alleyne*.” Paper to be presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2020 **Konefal, Kaitlyn.** “Sentencing Previously Mandatory-Eligible Drug Cases in Pennsylvania Post-*Alleyne*.” Paper accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. (*cancelled due to COVID-19*).
- 2018 **Konefal, Kaitlyn.** “Sex-based Disparities in Sentencing Across Pennsylvania Counties.” Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 **Konefal, Kaitlyn.** “School-Based Bullying: An Overview of Trends, Problems, and Steps Toward a Better Future.” Poster presented at Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017 – Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Jeffery Ulmer, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Pennsylvania State University
- 2016 – 2017 Research Assistant, Center for Criminal Justice Research, Policy, & Practice, Loyola University Chicago (Supervisors: Dr. David E. Olson and Dr. Cody Stephens)
- 2016 – 2017 Research Intern, Research & Analysis Unit, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (Chicago, IL) (Supervisor: Jessica Reichert)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2018 Section Instructor, Research Methods in Criminal Justice, Pennsylvania State University
- Fall 2017 Section Instructor, Research Methods in Criminal Justice, Pennsylvania State University

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2017 Graduate Scholar Award, Pennsylvania State University
- 2017 Start-up Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University, (\$2,000)
- 2016 Gad & Ana Bensinger Award, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Loyola University Chicago
- 2016 Honorable Mention, Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, Midwestern Criminal Justice Association
- 2014/16 Dean's List (5/8 semesters), Loyola University Chicago

SERVICE

- 2019 – Member, Student Affairs Committee, Division on Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology
- 2018 – Member, Criminology Student Paper Competition Committee, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Pennsylvania State University
- 2017 – Member, Graduate Concerns Committee, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Pennsylvania State University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Criminology (Student Member)
Division on Corrections and Sentencing

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (Student Member)

Corrections Section; Law and Public Policy Section

Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (Student Member)

REFERENCES

Jeffery Ulmer, Ph.D.

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