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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Criminology, Expected May 2024, The Pennsylvania State University  
Dissertation: Green criminology and the spatiotemporal distribution of environmental hazards:  
The effect of unequal exposure on rates of criminal violence domestically and cross-nationally.  
Committee Chair: Darrell Steffensmeier, Ph.D.  
Committee Members: Pamela Wilcox, Ph.D., Jeremy Staff, Ph.D., Guangqing Chi, Ph.D.

M.A., Criminology and Criminal Justice, May 2019, University of Northern Colorado  
Thesis: A partial, age-graded examination of Agnew's general theory of crime and delinquency.  
Committee Chair: Brian Iannacchione, Ph.D.  
Committee Members: Mary Evans, Ph.D., Victoria Terranova, Ph.D.

B.A., Criminal Justice, May 2017, University of Northern Colorado (Summa Cum Laude)

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Steffensmeier, D., **Slepicka, J.**, & Schwartz, J. (*forthcoming*). Age-crime curve in historical and cross-national context: What we know, need to know. *Annual Review of Criminology*.

Steffensmeier, D., Schwartz, J., **Slepicka, J.**, & Zhong, H. (2023). Twenty-first century trends in girls' violence and the gender gap: Triangulated findings from official and unofficial longitudinal sources. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 38(17-18), 9818-9844.

**Slepicka, J.** (2022). Reassessing the missing link in deterrence research: A behavioral economic approach. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 82, 102007.

Goodrum, S., **Slepicka, J.**, Woodward, W., Kingston, B. (2022). Learning from error in violence prevention: A school shooting as an organizational accident. *Sociology of Education*, 95(4), 257-275

Font, S., Berger, L., **Slepicka, J.**, & Cancian, M. (2021). Foster care, permanency, and risk of prison entry. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 58(6), 710-754.

Terranova, V., Ward, K., Azari, A., & **Slepicka, J.** (2020). Practitioner perceptions of the use and utility of pretrial risk assessment: Focus group analysis. *Federal Probation*, 84(3), 34-40.

Terranova, V., Ward, K., **Slepicka, J.**, & Azari, A. (2020). Perceptions of pretrial risk assessment: An examination across familiarity and role in the pretrial process. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 47(8), 927-942.

**Slepicka, J.** (2018). Strain, boredom, and self-control: Extending general strain theory to texting while driving. *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society*, 19(3), 1-15. Winner of the 2019 ACJS Student Affairs' Scholarship Award (Paper Competition).

### **PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW**

Steffensmeier, D., **Slepicka, J.**, Schwartz, J., Lu, Y. (*revise and resubmit*). "Societal change in US age-crime curves? Age-arrest patterns of emerging adults as opposed to younger/older age groups, 1980-2020." *Justice Quarterly*.

**Slepicka, J.** (*under review*). "Clearance rates, arrest rates, and racial stratification: A time-series analysis, 1965-2020." *Journal of Crime and Justice*.

**Slepicka, J.** (*under review*). "Environmental hazards and structural covariates of homicide rates: Methodological considerations when investigating the ecology of lethal violence." *Deviant Behavior*.

### **PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistant, Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University, (08/2019-present), Darrell Steffensmeier, Ph.D.

Research Assistant, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Northern Colorado, (05/2018-12/2018), Validation of the Colorado Pre-Trial Assessment Tool (CPAT), Victoria Terranova, Ph.D. and Kyle Ward, Ph.D.

Research Assistant, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Northern Colorado, (01/2018-05/2018), Colorado Attorney General Office's School Safety Guide, Sarah Goodrum, Ph.D.

Independent Statistical Reviewer, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (01/2020-12/2020), *Juvenile Violent Victimization, 1995-2018*, Keith Hullenaar, Ph.D., and R. Barry Ruback, Ph.D.

### **PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University, (05/2023-07/2023), Sociology of Deviance, Summer Session I

Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University, (05/2021-07/2021), Introduction to Criminal Justice, Summer Session I

Lab Instructor, Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University, (01/2023-05/2023), Research Methods in Criminology, Timothy Robicheaux, Ph.D.

Lab Instructor, Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University, (08/2019-05/2020), Research Methods in Criminology, Martha Sherman, Ph.D.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University, (08/2022-12/2022), Criminological Theories, Darrell Steffensmeier, Ph.D.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University, (08/2020-12/2020), Honors Criminology, Darrell Steffensmeier, Ph.D.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Northern Colorado, (08/2017-12/2017), Introduction to Criminal Justice, Brian Iannacchione, Ph.D.

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

**Slepicka, J.** (2019). AlphaBay; Arms Trade Treaty; Financial Action Task Force; Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; Hezbollah; International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime; International Union for Conservation of Nature; Love Virus; Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act; SaferWorld; UK Border Force; & World Intellectual Property Organization. In P. Reichel (Ed.), *Global Crime: An Encyclopedia of Cyber Theft, Drug Smuggling, Human Trafficking, Weapons Sales, and Other Illicit International Activities*. Santa Barbra, CA: ABC-CLIO.

### **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

**Slepicka, J.** “A city-level analysis of clearance rates and arrest rate inequality: Differential patterns by race, 1980-2019.” Plan to submit to *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.

**Slepicka, J.** “Conditional probabilities and the certainty of punishment: An examination of a central assumption of general deterrence theory.” Plan to submit to *Justice Quarterly*.

**Slepicka, J., & Steffensmeier, D.** “A partial, age-graded examination of Agnew’s general theory of crime and delinquency.” Plan to submit to *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.

Terranova, V., & **Slepicka, J.** “Features of the pretrial release decision and pretrial non-compliance.” Plan to submit to *Criminology*.

Steffensmeier, D., **Slepicka, J., & Harer, M.** “Historical assessment of 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> century age-crime distributions: Gauging the universality of age-crime relation across a cluster of European countries.” Plan to submit to *Criminology*.

Steffensmeier, D., **Slepicka, J., & Uhl, J.** “Age and crime in Botswana and Namibia in comparative perspective vis-à-vis U.S., South Korea, and HG invariance norm: Implications for developmental and life course criminology.” Plan to submit to *International Criminology*.

### **PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

**Slepicka, J.** “Green Behaviorism and Beyond: Theoretically and Methodologically Expanding upon the Environmental Hazard-Crime Relationship,” annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, 2023.

Steffensmeier, D., **Slepicka, J.**, Harer, M. “Historical Exegesis of 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Century Age-Crime Distributions (France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Sri Lanka): Variance or Sameness?” annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, 2023.

**Slepicka, J.** “A Sociological Exploration of the Environmental Hazard-Crime Relationship: Ecological Degradation, Climatic Changes, and Criminal Violence,” annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, 2023.

**Slepicka, J.** “Clearance Rates, Arrest Rates, and Racial Stratification: A Time Series Analysis, 1965-2020,” annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, 2022.

**Slepicka, J.** “Environment x Environment: Particle Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) as a Structural Covariate of Crime,” annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL, 2021.

**Slepicka, J.** “The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in the United States: An Updated Systematic Review,” (Poster Presentation) annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, 2019.

Terranova, V., **Slepicka, J.**, Ward, K. “The Trajectory of Pretrial Non-Compliance in Relation to Detention Length and Financial Bail,” annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, 2019.

Goodrum, S., **Slepicka, J.**, Woodward, W. “Learning from a Tragic School Shooting: How System Policies Inhibit the Prevention of Violence,” annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, 2019.

**Slepicka, J.** “Strain, Boredom, and Self-control: Extending General Strain Theory to Texting While Driving,” (Poster Presentation) annual meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD, 2019.

**Slepicka, J.** “A Partial, Longitudinal Examination of Agnew’s General Theory of Crime and Delinquency,” annual meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD, 2019.

**Slepicka, J.**, Terranova, V., Ward, K., Azari, A. “Buy-In and Perceptions of Pretrial Risk Assessment,” annual meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD, 2019.

Azari, A., Terranova, V., Ward, K., **Slepicka, J.** “Stakeholder Perceptions of Pretrial Risk Assessment: Intra-Jurisdictional Focus Groups among Judges, Prosecutors, Defense Lawyers, and Pretrial Departments in Colorado,” annual meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD, 2019.

Goodrum, S., **Slepicka, J.**, Thompson, A.J., Woodward, W.R. “School Shootings as Organizational Accidents,” annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, 2018.

Azari, A., Terranova, V., Ward, K., **Slepicka, J.** “Validation of the Colorado Pretrial Assessment Tool (CPAT),” annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, 2018.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

**Slepicka, J.** “Clearance Rates, Arrest Rates, and Racial Stratification: A Time Series Analysis, 1965-2020,” Social Thought Program Annual Conference 2022, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, 2022.

**Slepicka, J.** “Green Criminology and Criminal Opportunity Theory,” The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology, CRIM 597- Criminal Opportunity and the Crime Organization (Dr. Darrell Steffensmeier), State College, PA, 2021.

**Slepicka, J.** “Reassessing the War on Clearance Rates: A Coherent Argument,” The Pennsylvania State University, The University of Maryland, and the University of Pennsylvania Virtual Mini-Conference, Zoom, USA, 2021.

**Slepicka, J.**, “General Strain Theory and Texting While Driving,” University of Northern Colorado, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, CRJ 360- Theories of Crime (Dr. Victoria Terranova), Greeley, CO, 2018.

### **OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

**Slepicka, J.** “A City-Level Analysis of Clearance Rates and Arrest Rate Inequality: Differential Patterns by Race, 1980-2019,” Criminal Justice Research Center Graduate Student Research Award Forum, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, 2023.

**Slepicka, J.** “Sociological Theories: Critical Perspectives,” The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology, CRIM 12- Criminology (Dr. Martha Sherman), State College, PA, 2020.

**Slepicka, J.** “The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in the United States: An Updated Systematic Review,” (Poster Presentation) University of Northern Colorado, Academic Excellence Week 2019- Research Day, Greeley, CO, 2019.

Terranova, V., Ward, K., Azari, A., **Slepicka, J.** “Validation of the Colorado Pretrial Assessment Tool (CPAT),” (Poster Presentation) University of Northern Colorado, Academic Excellence Week 2019- Research Day, Greeley, CO, 2019.

**Slepicka, J.** “A General Theory of Crime and Delinquency,” University of Northern Colorado, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, CRJ 360- Theories of Crime (Dr. Brian Iannacchione), Greeley, CO, 2018.

**Slepicka, J.** “Strain, Boredom, and Self-Control: Extending General Strain Theory to Texting While Driving,” (Poster Presentation) University of Northern Colorado, Academic Excellence Week 2018- Research Day, Greeley, CO, 2018.

**AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS**

2023 Criminal Justice Research Center Graduate Student Research Award Grant, The Pennsylvania State University (\$2,000)

2019 Graduate Dean's Citation for Outstanding Thesis, University of Northern Colorado

2019 Graduate Dean's Citation for Excellence, University of Northern Colorado

2019 Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Criminology & Criminal Justice Scholarship, University of Northern Colorado

2019 Research Excellence Award Finalist, Graduate Poster Presentation, Social Sciences, University of Northern Colorado

2019 ACJS Student Affairs' Scholarship Award (Paper Competition), Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2019 Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 2019. (\$600)

2018 Research Excellence Award: First Place, Graduate Poster Presentation, Social Sciences, University of Northern Colorado. (\$100)

2017 Walt Francis Award in Criminal Justice, University of Northern Colorado. (\$250)

2017 Outstanding Undergraduate Student Recognition, University of Northern Colorado, College of Humanities & Social Sciences

2017 Excellence in Criminal Justice, Honors Convocation, University of Northern Colorado, College of Humanities and Social Sciences

2016-2017 Dean's List of Academic Distinction, University of Northern Colorado

2015-2016 Dean's List of Academic Distinction, University of Northern Colorado

2014-2015 Dean's List of Academic Distinction, University of Northern Colorado

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT, SERVICE, AND TRAINING**

Graduate Student Online Teaching Certificate Program, The Pennsylvania State University World Campus Online Faculty Development (02/2024-03/2024)

Reviewer, *Justice Quarterly* (10/2022-present)

Graduate Student Equity Committee Co-Chair, Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University, (08/2022-present)

Course Grader, Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University, (05/2022-present), Undergraduate Sociology and Criminology Field Experience or Practicum

Graduate Community Service Committee Co-Chair, Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University, (04/2021-present)

Graduate Community Service Member, Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University, (08/2019-present)

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Criminological and Sociological Theory, Social Change-Differentiation and Crime, Green Criminology and Environmental Sociology, Comparative and Cross-National Social Science, Spatial and Environmental Criminology, Sociology of Crime and Delinquency, Life Course Criminology, and Quantitative Research Methods and Statistics.

### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

Stata, ArcGIS Pro, GeoDa, GeoDa Space, SPSS, SAS, R, NVivo

### **REFERENCES**

Darrell Steffensmeier, Ph.D., [d4s@psu.edu](mailto:d4s@psu.edu), (814) 466-6476

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