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EDUCATION

2021 M.A. Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University
2013 A.B. Public Relations, University of Georgia

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Crime and Deviance, Demography, Immigration, Law Enforcement, Communities, Survey Design, Quantitative Research Methods, Qualitative Research Methods

AWARDS

2022 2nd Place, Pennsylvania State Criminology Graduate Student Paper Competition
2024 2nd Place, Pennsylvania State Criminology Graduate Student Paper Competition

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Wirth, Bianca and Evans, Megan. (2024). "From an Election to an Insurrection: Comparing Sentiment Shifts in the #DefundthePolice and #DefendthePolice Networks on Twitter." *Plos One*. 1-20. DOI: [10.1371/journal.pone.0289041](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0289041)

Wirth, Bianca and Baumer, Eric. (2024). "Immigrant Threat or Institutional Context? Examining Police Agency and County Context and the Implementation of the 287(g) Program." *The Sociological Quarterly*. 1-21. DOI: [10.1080/00380253.2024.2304335](https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2024.2304335)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Said, Iman and **Wirth, Bianca**. (2021). "A Dual-Pronged Approach for Eliminating Police Shootings." *The Criminologist*, March Issue.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Working Paper. **Wirth, Bianca**. "The Typology of Immigrant Destinations in the USA: A Spatiotemporal Perspective."

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **Wirth, Bianca.** “An Examination of the Push and Pull Factors Driving Migrant Settlement in the Continental US from 2010-2019.” American Society of Criminology Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 **Wirth, Bianca.** “Immigration Enforcement Across U.S. Counties - Exploring How County Characteristics Impact Immigration Detainers and Removals.” Population Association of America Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA.
- 2022 **Wirth, Bianca** (presenter) & Baumer, Eric. “Exploring the Spatial Dynamics of U.S. Immigration Enforcement Actions: A County-Level Analysis of Immigration Detainers and Removals.” American Society of Criminology Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 **Wirth, Bianca** (presenter) & Chi, Guangqing. “The Typology of Immigrant Destinations in the USA: A Spatiotemporal Perspective.” Population Association of America Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 **Wirth, Bianca.** “Do Institutions Matter? Examining Police Agency and County Context and the Implementation of the 287(g) Program?” Penn State-UPenn-UMaryland Mini Conference. Virtual.
- 2021 **Wirth, Bianca.** “287(g) Program – Does the Ethnoracial Composition of Agencies Influence the Likelihood of Implementation?” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.
- 2021 **Wirth, Bianca** (presenter) and Evans, Megan. “Social Movements and Countermovements: The Structural Differences in Police-Related Twitter Networks.” Networks 2021: A Joint Sunbelt and NetSci Conference. Virtual.
- 2021 **Wirth, Bianca.** “287(g) Program – Does the Ethnoracial Composition of Agencies Influence the Likelihood of Implementation?” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.
- 2020 **Wirth, Bianca.** “Strength in Diversity? An Examination of the Effects of Police Department Gender and Racial Diversity on Arrests.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, DC.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Take back your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free: An Examination of the Push and Pull Factors Driving Migrant Settlement in the Continental US from 2010-2019.” Guest Presentation. Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security, and Law, Freiburg, Germany.
- 2023 “Social Learning Theory and Law Enforcement.” Guest Lecture for Criminological Theory Course, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- 2022 “Criminology in Today’s World.” Guest Lecture for Introduction to Sociology course, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

- 2022 “Law Enforcement: Ask Me Anything!” Guest Lecture for Criminal Justice Institutions and Organizations course, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- 2022 “Law Enforcement: What is it designed to do?” Guest Lecture for Criminal Justice Institutions and Organizations course, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- 2022 “Principal Component Analysis in STATA.” Presentation for the Population Research Institute Advanced Coding Workshop, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- 2021 “From an Election to an Insurrection: Analyzing Structure and Sentiment across Critical-of-Police and Pro-police Networks on Twitter.” Presentation for Penn State Communities and Place Work Group, University Park, PA.
- 2021 “Merging and Reshaping Data in STATA.” Presentation sponsored by the Coding and Data Committee, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.
- 2020 “A Beginner Introduction to STATA.” Presentation sponsored by the Coding and Data Committee, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023 Guest Researcher
Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research
- 2023 Survey Design Research Assistantship
Survey Design, Programming, Implementation
- 2023 Qualitative Interview Research Assistantship
Conducting Interviews, Field Notes

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2024 Teaching Assistant
Introduction to Criminology (3 classes), Undergraduate
- 2023 Teaching Assistant
Survey Methods: Survey Design, Graduate
- 2022 Lecturer
STATA Lab, Graduate
- 2019-2020 Teaching Assistant
Criminology Research Methods, Undergraduate

FUNDING

2020-23 Fellow, National Institute of Justice Grant (Award No. 2019-R-CX-0057),
The Pennsylvania State University

2009-13 HOPE Scholarship Recipient, University of Georgia

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Peer Reviewer

2024 Peer reviewer for *Criminology*

SOFTWARE

Proficient: Microsoft Office, Stata

Beginner: R

DEPARTMENTAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE

2023-24 Coding & Data Committee
Member, Advisor to Chair

Recruitment Committee
Member

2022-23 Graduate Student Equity Committee
Member

Graduate Student Advisory Committee
Member

2020-23 Coding & Data Committee
Founder & Chair

Recruitment Committee
Member

2019-20 Diversity Promotion Committee
Member

Community Service Committee
Member

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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Additional references upon request.