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EDUCATION

Exp. May 2029 Ph.D. Criminology, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.

Exp. May 2026 M.A. Criminology, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.

May 2024 B.A. Criminology minor in Economics, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
(*summa cum laude*)

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Illicit Markets	Online Illicit Marketplaces
Rational Choice	Drug Trafficking
Behavioral Economics	Quantitative Methodologies

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Thomas, K., Nguyen, H., **Taylor, E.** (forthcoming). “Causal” Asymmetry in the Criminal Career?: Assessing the Predictor of Offending and Cessation.

Jaynes, C.M., **Taylor, E.**, Stewart, N. (forthcoming). “Who ya gunna call?”: An audit evaluation of homeless shelter availability.”

PRESENTATIONS

American Society of Criminology, November 2025. **Taylor, E.** “Anonymous ratings, anonymous sellers: The price of reputation in the online marijuana market.” (submitted)
“Causal” Asymmetry in the Criminal Career?: Assessing the Predictor of Offending and Cessation.
Presented by Kyle Thomas (2025)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
Graduate Researcher: August 2024 - Current

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Advanced Undergraduate Volunteer Research
CREATE Lab: January 2023 - May 2024
CIBR Lab: September 2023 - December 2023

AWARDS & HONORS

University Graduate Fellowship, Pennsylvania State University – August 2024 - Current
Green and Gold Academic Scholarship, University of South Florida – August 2021 - May 2024
USF Dean's List (2x), University of South Florida
Alpha Phi Sigma, National Criminal Justice Honor Society (Sigma Chapter at USF)

GRADUATE COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

Paper Competition Committee, Pennsylvania State University – January 2025 - Current

CERTIFICATIONS

Penn State CIRTL, Teaching Certificate – May 2025
CITI, Social and Behavioral Human Subjects Research (IRB) Course – September 2024
CITI, SBE Refresher 1 - Research with Prisoners – August 2024
CITI, Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) - Basic – August 2024

SEMINARS ATTENDED

Machine Learning, Statistical Horizons, Taught by: Dr. Bruce Desmarais – June 3-6, 2025
R for Stata Users, Code Horizons, Taught by: Dr. Andrew Miles – May 29-30, 2025