

Curriculum Vitae  
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## EDUCATION

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**John Jay College of Criminal Justice / CUNY Graduate Center** - New York, NY

Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, 2015

MPhil in Criminal Justice, 2013

Dissertation: Apple picking: The rise of electronic device theft in Boston subways

Chair: Dr. Michael Maxfield

**University of Pennsylvania** - Philadelphia, PA

M.S. in Criminology, 2008

**University of Florida** - Gainesville, FL

B.S. in Journalism, 2006

Honors: Cum Laude

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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**Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice** **August 2019-present**

Texas A&M University – Commerce (TAMUC) – Commerce, TX

- Teach undergraduate and graduate courses: ground, online, hybrid

**Visiting Assistant Professor, Criminology & Criminal Justice** **August 2018-August 2019**

Florida Atlantic University (FAU) - Boca Raton, FL

- Taught undergraduate courses: ground, online, hybrid

**Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice** **August 2017-May 2018**

Florida Memorial University (FMU) - Miami Gardens, FL

- Taught undergraduate courses: ground, hybrid

**Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice** **August 2015-June 2017**

**Visiting Instructor, Criminal Justice** **August 2013-August 2015**

Nova Southeastern University (NSU) - Ft. Lauderdale, FL

- Taught undergraduate and graduate courses: ground, online, hybrid

**Adjunct Instructor, Criminal Justice** **August 2009-May 2013**

John Jay College of Criminal Justice (JJC) - New York, NY

- Taught undergraduate and graduate courses: ground, hybrid

**Adjunct Instructor, Criminal Justice****September-December 2011**

Bronx Community College - Bronx, NY

- Taught ground-based undergraduate Intro to Criminal Justice course for high school students attending the College Now post-secondary preparatory program

**Adjunct Instructor, Journalism****June-August 2008**

City College of New York - New York, NY

- Taught ground-based investigative journalism course for high school students attending the Urban Scholars summer enrichment program

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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\* ground course

@ online course

*Undergraduate*Introduction to Criminal Justice\*<sup>@</sup>

Criminology\*

Criminal Investigation\*

Crime Mapping\*<sup>@</sup>Research Methods in Criminal Justice\*<sup>@</sup>Law Enforcement\*<sup>@</sup>

Police Administration\*

Crime Profiling\*

Ethical Dilemmas & Decisions in Criminal Justice\*<sup>@</sup>Juvenile Delinquency\*<sup>@</sup>Juvenile Justice\*<sup>@</sup>Courts and Criminal Procedure<sup>@</sup>Corrections\*<sup>@</sup>Media and Crime\*<sup>@</sup>CJ Administration & Management<sup>@</sup>

Comparative CJ: Spain Study Abroad\*

Victimology\*

Terrorism & Homeland Security<sup>@</sup>Internship in Criminal Justice\*<sup>@</sup>

Field Placement in Social Sciences\*

First Year Seminar\*

Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice\*

*Master's*Seminar in Policing and Law Enforcement<sup>@</sup>Criminological Theory and The Courts<sup>@</sup>

Issues in Criminal Justice: Policing and Corrections\*

Using Statistical Software for Research\*

Crime Mapping<sup>@</sup>Social Administration in Criminal Justice<sup>@</sup>Seminar in Crime Analysis and Prevention<sup>@</sup>Homeland Security<sup>@</sup>Terrorism<sup>@</sup>Juvenile Delinquency<sup>@</sup>*Doctoral*Human Services and the Law<sup>@</sup>Dissertation Supervision<sup>@</sup>

## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

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Quantitative Research Methods; Policing; Environmental Criminology; Crime and Public Transportation; Technology and Crime; Crime and Media; GIS Applications in Criminal Justice; Comparative Criminal Justice; Human-Animal Interaction and Deviance

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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### **Faculty Researcher**

**October 2017-May 2019**

Miami Gardens Police Department - Miami Gardens, FL

- Analyze gun violence and other crime statistics, report findings to police chief and crime intelligence unit, publish findings, present research to academic and practitioner audiences

### **Research Director**

**June 2012-May 2013**

Pinkerton Fellowship Initiative, JJC Research and Evaluation Center

- Supervised research assistants working on collaborative program evaluation projects with NYC juvenile justice agencies and their respective alternatives-to-incarceration programs. These researchers help agencies develop evidence-based programs by creating/revising their theory of change and logic model

### **Crime Analyst Researcher**

**December 2010-February 2015**

MBTA Transit Police - Boston, MA

- Independently examined the increase in electronic device theft, specifically smartphones, in the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) subway system. Use findings to create statistical reports, presentations and GIS maps for the police department

### **Research Project Manager**

**January 2009-August 2013**

JJC Department of Criminal Justice

- Assisted Dr. Valerie West in researching the trial and sentencing counties of death row inmates from 1975-2008; coordinate and manage two research assistants

### **Research Assistant**

**August 2008-January 2009**

JJC Center on Media, Crime and Justice (CMJC)

- A founding member of the TheCrimeReport.org (TCR) development team; conducted content analyses of news articles; assisted in planning and logistics of the annual Harry Frank Guggenheim Symposium on Crime in America / Awards for Excellence in CJ Reporting

## **JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE**

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### **Crime and Education Reporter**

**August 2006-August 2007**

Bucks County Courier Times - Levittown, PA

- Won Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) breaking news award, "17 Hurt in Bus Wreck"

### **Staff Writer**

**May 2006-August 2006**

Ocala Star Banner - Ocala, FL

### **Staff Writer**

**May 2005-August 2005**

Times-Daily - Florence, AL

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Book reviews*

**Gentry, K.** (2021). "Mental Models of Policing." Police Executive Research Forum.

### *Edited book chapters*

**Gentry, K.** (2015). Apple picking: The rise of electronic device theft in Boston subways. In V. Ceccato & A. Newton (Eds.), *Safety and security in transit environments: An interdisciplinary approach, Crime Prevention and Security Management series*. (pp. 39-55). London: Palgrave.

### *Encyclopedia entries*

Pezzella, F. S., & **Gentry, K.** (in press, expected 2022). Contemporary hate crimes: The legacy of race-motivated violence in the United States. In D. Jones-Brown & C. Barrow (Eds.), *Race, crime, and justice: An encyclopedia of the American mosaic*. Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood.

## COMPLETED/SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS

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### *Journal articles*

**Gentry, K.** "Virgin or Vamp? Victim Blaming and Missing Women News Coverage."  
Anticipated submission to: *Gender & Language*

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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Tapia, M., **Gentry, K.**, & Carillo, J. "Mapping homicides in Juarez, Mexico"

**Gentry, K.**, Oder, P., Mahmuda, A., Pezzella, F., & Sung, H. "Geo-Health Implications of Legal Intervention Deaths"

## MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

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*Frontiers in Psychology*, Fall 2021

## PRESENTED PAPERS & INVITED TALKS

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**Gentry, K.** "'WFH' War from Home: Academic Bullying During COVID-19" Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA) annual conference. Daytona Beach: September 2021.

Guest research lecturer, "Implications of Service Animal Fraud." TAMUC Undergraduate Signature Course (UNCO1301): Must Love Dogs. November 2020.

**Gentry, K.**, Oder, P., Mahmuda, A., Pezzella, F., & Sung, H. "Geo-Health Implications of Legal Intervention Deaths" American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual conference. Washington D.C.: November 2020. \*Cancelled due to Covid-19

**Gentry, K.** "Crowdsolving: A Solution to Cold Cases?" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) annual conference. San Antonio: March 2020. \*Cancelled due to Covid-19

Moderator, FMU Constitution Day: The cost of free speech in an era of activism. October 2017.

Guest speaker, "Media and crime." NSU Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI). February 2016.

Guest speaker, "Boston subway crime and risky locations." MBTA Transit Police administration meeting. April 2014.

**Gentry, K.** “Apple picking: The rise of electronic device theft in Boston subways.” Paper presented at Safety in Transit Environments international seminar. Stockholm, Sweden: October 2013.

**Gentry, K.** “From Walkman to iPhone: The evolution of electronic device theft within the MBTA subway system.” Poster presented at Environmental Criminology and Crime Analysis (ECCA) annual international conference. Stavern, Norway: June 2012.

**Gentry, K.** “Smartphones and safe subways: Preventing cell phone theft within the MBTA subway system.” Paper presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) annual conference. New York: March 2012.

West, V., **Gentry, K.**, & Barrett, J. “Spatial concentration of capital sentencing.” Paper presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) annual conference. New York: March 2012.

**Gentry, K.** “Victim blaming and media attention: Comparing two cases of missing women.” Paper presented at American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual conference. San Francisco: November 2010.

West, V., & **Gentry, K.** “Spatial concentration and dependence in capital sentencing.” Paper presented at American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual conference. San Francisco: November 2010.

**Gentry, K.** “Mistaken identities, DNA exonerations: A case study.” Paper presented at 4th annual Guggenheim Symposium on Crime in America. New York: February 2009.

**Gentry, K.** “The power of the media: How the press covers violence against women.” Paper presented at Femicide: Understanding and preventing the murder of women in intimate relationships conference. John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York: November 2008.

## **GRANT ACTIVITY**

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### *Internal*

2021 **Gentry, K.** TAMUC CHSSA Research Support Grant Competition. \$5,600. [funded]

### *External*

2011 **Gentry, K.** Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships. National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). \$40,575. [unfunded]

## **CERTIFICATIONS, TRAINING & AWARDS**

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2022	Dr. Madeline Justice Excellence in Teaching Award, TABPHE - TAMUC Chapter.
2020	Why is This So Difficult? Handling Difficult People, Difficult Conversations, Difficult Situations: TAMUC Training and Development Class Workshop
2019	Advanced Faculty eLearning/Online Teaching certificate, Canvas
2017	Recipient of a My Favorite Teacher award, NSU My Favorite Teacher Project
2016	Advanced Faculty Online Teaching certificate, Blackboard
2016	Featured in Outstanding Black Women, NSU African Presence art exhibition

2013	Swedish Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) Safety in Transit Environments international seminar in Stockholm, Sweden, travel award for doctoral student presenter
2012	Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) annual meeting in Washington, DC, travel award for MBTA researcher
2012	Environmental Criminology and Crime Analysis (ECCA) annual international conference in Stavern, Norway, travel award for JJC doctoral student presenter
2012	Risk Terrain Modeling Spatial Risk Assessment, Rutgers Center on Public Security
2011	Geospatial methods courses in ArcGIS, ESRI Virtual Campus
2011	CrimeStat workshop, NIJ MAPS conference
2011	Spatial analysis workshop, John Jay College of Criminal Justice/NIMHD
2010	Network analysis workshop, Columbia University-Digital Social Science Center
2008-2013	National Science Foundation (NSF) - Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) Fellow at CUNY Graduate Center

## **DISSERTATION AND THESIS COMMITTEE WORK**

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### *Chair of Committee*

Delia Wallace - "They called me Ella: Examining the role of race, gender, and sexuality in the development of personal identity for Afro-Panamanian women." TAMUC Graduate Thesis.

Scott Duncan - "Unsolvable? Assessing the accuracy of missing person case data." NSU Criminal Justice Ph.D. *Defense passed*: November 2019

Asha Bolton - "Media effects and criminal profiling: How fiction influences perception and profiling accuracy." NSU Criminal Justice Ph.D. *Defense passed*: April 2019

David Taylor - "Blacks in policing and organizational change: A comparison of departments' participation in community-oriented policing activities." NSU Criminal Justice Ph.D. *Defense passed*: November 2018

### *Committee Member*

Roddia Paul - "Examining the pathways to crime in previously incarcerated black women in the U.S. and their perspectives on mental health intervention: A phenomenological study." The Chicago School of Professional Psychology Psy.D. *Proposal passed*: May 2021

Amanda Davis - "Exploring the effects of racial trauma from slavery and the treatment practices of African American college students." TAMUC Undergraduate Honors Thesis. *Defense passed*: December 2020

Nicole Thomas-Lewis - "Leadership in high-poverty schools of districts of innovation: A principals perspective." TAMUC Educational Leadership Ph.D. *Defense passed*: July 2020

Lisa Long - "Procedural justice and assaults on correctional staff members." NSU Criminal Justice Ph.D. *Defense passed*: April 2019

Charles MacLean - "Mirror, mirror, on the wall: Public confidence in law enforcement wanes when local law enforcement's racial/ethnic/cultural profile fails to mirror the profile of the community served." NSU Criminal Justice Ph.D. *Defense passed*: June 2019

## **SERVICE**

### *Service to the University*

TAMUC ADA Compliance committee member: 2021-present

TAMUC Faculty Senate Academic Life committee member: 2021-present

TAMUC Civility Task Force: 2021-present

TAMUC EIR committee member: 2021-present

TAMUC Honorary Degree committee member: 2021-present

TAMUC Lions Here 2 Help volunteer: Fall 2021

TAMUC Clery Act committee member: 2020-present

TAMUC Mane Event, faculty presenter: Spring 2020

TAMUC Faculty Academy: 2019-2020

City of Miami Gardens “Global 1000” hiring event - FMU faculty volunteer coordinator: 2018

Grant reviewer, NSU President’s Faculty and Research Development Grant (PFRDG) competition: 2015-2017

NSU Undergraduate Student Research Symposium - Faculty judge: Winter 2016; Winter 2015; Winter 2017; Faculty advisor: Winter 2015

NSU Faculty Scholarship Council - Interviewer for the “President’s Scholarship” and the “President’s Premiere Scholarship” during the first-ever Shark Preview weekends: Winter 2016

NSU Public Safety and Emergency Preparation committee - CAHSS representative: 2015-2017

### *Service to the School or College*

TAMUC CHSSA career coach interviewer: Spring 2021

FAU SCCJ bylaws committee member: Fall 2018

Developer, FAU SCCJ academic-practitioner partnership with Florida Crime and Intelligence Analyst Association (FCIAA): Fall 2018

NSU university-wide open house - Faculty DJHS/CAHSS representative: 2015-2017

### *Service to the Department*

TAMUC criminal justice assistant professor search committee chair: 2021

TAMUC Dept. of Sociology and Criminal Justice scholarship committee: 2021-present

Creator, Vote 2020 panel - TAMUC Dept. of Sociology and Criminal Justice: Fall 2020

TAMUC criminal justice assistant professor search committee member: 2019, 2020

TAMUC Dept. of Sociology and Criminal Justice cultural competency and implicit bias training: Summer 2020

TAMUC guest speaker liaison volunteer (Michelle Jones Galvin): Spring 2020

Creator, FMU social sciences mock job interviews with alumni: 2018

NSU faculty peer reviewer for contract renewal: 2015-2017

NSU CJ undergraduate and graduate faculty working group: 2015-2017

#### *Service to the Program*

TAMUC MSAC program committee member: 2021-present

TAMUC CJ faculty representative, football recruits campus visit: Spring 2020

Creator, TAMUC crime mapping undergraduate research poster session: 2019, 2020

Creator, FAU crime mapping undergraduate research poster session: 2018

Creator, FMU law enforcement ride-along program: 2017-2018

Faculty advisor, NSU CJ Club: 2016-2017

Chapter advisor, NSU Alpha Phi Sigma criminal justice honor society: 2016-2017

The American Society of Criminology (ASC) - Faculty advisor for undergraduate student poster presentation at the annual conference in New Orleans, LA: November 2016

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) - Faculty advisor for undergraduate student poster presentation at the annual conference in Denver, CO: March 2016

Creator, NSU CJ senior sendoff celebration: 2013-2017

NSU faculty application team, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) undergraduate certification application process: 2013-2015

#### *Professional and Academic Service*

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) - Appointed chair of the William L. Simon / Routledge Outstanding Paper committee for the annual conference in Baltimore, MD: March 2019

National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) – Faculty member of the Conference Training committee for the annual conference in Hollywood, Florida: July 2018

Miami Gardens Police Department (MGPD) - Founding FMU faculty member of the internship, career pipeline and collaborative research partnership: October 2017-May 2018

The Learning Academy (TLA) - Summer School Coordinator: June 2017-August 2017

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) - Appointed member of the Student Affairs committee for the annual conference in Kansas City, MO: March 2017

Harlem Educational Activities Fund (HEAF) - College prep mentor for minority NYC high school seniors: 2011-2013



## **ONLINE TEACHING**

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Learning management systems: D2L, Canvas, Blackboard, Moodle, WebCT  
Online course duration: 5-weeks, 8-weeks, 16-weeks

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

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Software: ArcGIS, CrimeStat, GeoDa, Stata, SPSS, Crystal Reports, Adobe Pagemaker, Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Microsoft Office programs

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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The American Society of Criminology  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
Southern Criminal Justice Association  
Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education  
International Association of Crime Analysts  
Criminal Justice Journalists