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Curriculum Vitae

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
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EDUCATION:

- DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE** May 2023
Arizona State University School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Dissertation: A Mixed Methods Examination of the Impact of *Clark v. Arizona*
Committee: Henry F. Fradella (Chair), Kathleen A. Fox, and Valena E. Beety
- MASTER OF SCIENCE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE** December 2015
Kennesaw State University School of Criminal Justice
Thesis: A Content Analysis of Pre- and Post-Jones Federal Appellate Cases: Implications of
Jones on Fourth Amendment Search Law
Committee: Christopher D. Totten (Chair), Sutham Cobkit, and Peter Fenton
- BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE** December 2012
Kennesaw State University School of Criminal Justice

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Courts and Sentencing
Constitutional Criminal Procedure
Criminal Law
Sociology of Law
Police and Technology

PUBLICATIONS:

Articles:

- Purdon, J. A.**, & Hreha-Purdon, E. (forthcoming). Geofences: An unanswered Fourth Amendment Question. *Criminal Law Bulletin*.
- Totten, C. D., & **Purdon, J.A.** (2024). A content analysis study of *Lange v. California* and lower court interpretive cases: A limited due process “victory.” *Criminal Law Bulletin*, 60(4), 612-639.
- Totten, C. D., & **Purdon, J. A.** (2023). A content analysis of significant interpretive cases for *Kansas v. Glover*: The evisceration of Fourth Amendment particularization for *Terry* stops in the traffic context. *Criminal Law Bulletin*, 59(6), 917-944.
- Purdon, J. A.**, Fradella, H. F., Totten, C. D., & Gang, L. (2021). Police officer’s knowledge of *Gant*. *New Criminal Law Review*, 24(4), 468-497.

- Lutes, E., **Purdon, J. A.**, & Fradella, H. F. (2019). When music takes the stand: A content analysis of how courts use and misuse rap lyrics in criminal cases. *American Journal of Criminal Law*, 46(1), 77-132.
- Totten, C.D. & **Purdon, J.** (2017). A content analysis of post-*Jones* federal appellate cases: Implications of *Jones* for Fourth Amendment search law. *New Criminal Law Review*, 20, 233-308.
- Totten, C.D. & **Purdon, J.** (2015). Rodriguez v. United States: “Bringing the dogs in” for police traffic stops or simply keeping them in check. *Criminal Law Bulletin*, 51, 1531 - 1560.

Book Chapters:

- McMahon-Howard, J., **Purdon, J. A.**, Scherer, H., & McCafferty, J. (2022). State laws for carrying concealed guns on campus: History, status, and impacts. In J. Sloan, & B. Fisher (Eds.), *Campus Crime: Legal, Social and Policy Perspectives* (4th ed., pp. 98-114).
- Fradella, H. F. & **Purdon, J. A.** (2021). Citations in lieu of arrest. In J. Copp, S. Demuth, & C. S. Scott-Hayward (Eds.), *Handbook on corrections & sentencing: Pretrial justice* (ASC Division of Corrections and Sentencing Handbooks Vol. 6, pp. 113–129). New York, NY: Routledge.
- Purdon, J. A.**, White, M. D., & Fradella, H. F. (2020). Stop and frisk. In G. Alpert, R. G. Dunham, & K. McLean (Eds.), *Critical issues in policing* (8th ed., pp. 461–483). Long Grove, IL: Waveland. [Invited]

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- Purdon, J. A.** (2024, November). Limiting exigency: A study investigating the impact of *Lange v. California* on the warrants requirement. Paper presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Serota, M., Spohn, C., & **Purdon, J. A.** (2023, November). Legislating criminal justice reform. Paper presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- Purdon, J. A.** (2022, February). A content analysis on *Clark's* effect on mental health evidence and the insanity defense. Paper presentation at the Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI.
- Purdon, J. A.**, Miller, N., & Fradella, H. F. (2021, November). Media depiction of police drones. Paper presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Purdon, J. A.**, Totten, C. D., & Fradella, H. F. (2019, November). An empirical study of police officers' understanding how *Arizona v. Gant* restrains their conduct. Paper presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Purdon, J. A.**, Lutes, E., & Fradella, H. F. (2019, February). When music takes the stand: An examination of rap's influence in criminal court cases. Paper presentation at the Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI.
- Totten, C.D. & **Purdon, J. A.** (2015, November). Content analysis of pre- and post-*Jones* federal appellate

cases: implications for fourth Amendment search law. Paper Presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Totten, C.D. & **Purdon, J. A.** (2015, March). Katz vs. Jones: Judicial and policy implications of a new Fourth Amendment “search” standard. Poster Presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL.

Totten, C.D. & **Purdon, J. A.** (2014, November). A content analysis of post-Jones “search” cases: Does a new “search” test matter? Poster Presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

East Texas A&M University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

CJ 1301: Introduction to Criminal Justice

In-person: Spring 2024, Fall 2024

This course provides a historical, philosophical, ethical, and practical overview of the American criminal justice system. It focuses on the nature and defining of crime, its impact on society, and the processes of the justice agencies - law enforcement, courts, and corrections. In exploring these areas, the course addresses the history, theory, research, legislation, and policy implications related to the criminal justice system.

CJ 1306: Courts and Criminal Procedure

Online: Summer 2024

A survey of federal, state, and local judicial systems with an emphasis on pretrial, trial, and appellate criminal procedure. A description of court structures and roles of the judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, juries, and other court personnel. This course is designed to assist you in obtaining a basic understanding of the process of criminal procedure. Criminal Procedure is the “how” of the criminal justice system. It is the body of rules that guide the conduct of criminal justice officials from the point of contact between a police officer and a suspect to the time at which a convicted offender is sentenced by a judge or jury. The course will include a discussion of the constitutional rules and case law as they apply to the rights of suspects and defendants.

CJ 360: Mass Media and Crime

In-person: Spring 2024

This course examines the media’s effects on perceptions of crime and justice in America. An examination is performed on media-generated crime and criminal justice policies. An example of media-generated crime would be when politicians/media “emphasize” a problem to essentially “create” a crime or crime wave. A discussion of the effect of social constructionism and the ability of the various types of media to create a new type of crime will occur. An investigation of the impact of various types of media (radio, television, motion pictures, records, and printed sources, etc.) on criminals, crime fighters, and the courts will be conducted. An example of criminal topics to be discussed is the drug problem, sex offenders, murders, etc.

CJ 397: Law of Investigation

Online: Summer 2024

This course will examine law enforcement investigatory practices as governed by the U.S. Constitution. In particular, we will examine the investigation of crimes through a legal lens, including the areas of searches and seizures, interrogations, and identification procedures. Thus, this course will focus on the applicability of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution within the context of police investigations.

CJ 431: Law and Courts

In-person: Fall 2023

This course is an advanced approach which focuses on a combined examination of the criminal justice system highlighting the principles and nature of criminal law; while examining the operation of the American Court system at the federal, state, and local judicial levels. This course examines the court system working group(s) and the development of criminal law as it impacts society. In addition, this course is designed to emphasize case processing such as pretrial, adjudication, and sentencing, as well as offer an advanced understanding to the interworking of the court process.

CJ 531: Issues in Criminal Law and Courts

Online: Fall 2023

This course will focus on critical thinking related to issues concerning principles of criminal law and court procedures as well as selected practices particularly relevant to the United States. Issues will include: justice for all, freedom and privacy of the individual, cruel and unusual punishment, use of deadly force in law enforcement, trial by jury, election of judges and morality and the law.

CJ 575: Research Methods in Criminal Justice

Online: Spring 2024

This course will provide students with the fundamentals of conducting and evaluating research in criminal justice. These topics include, defining research problems, ethics in criminal justice research, selecting and measuring variables, stating hypotheses, sampling, and developing experimental research design.

Arizona State University, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

CRJ 462: Gangs

Online: Summer 2023

This course offers a critical examination of the history and development of gangs, including criminal justice system responses to gangs and gang-related behaviors. The course will examine the relationship between gangs and other groups of offenders. In addition, the course will examine the role of gangs in criminal behavior as well as the use of traditional theories of crime in the explanation of gang behavior.

CRJ 410: Criminal Procedure I: Law of Investigations

Online: Fall 2022, Spring 2023

This course focuses on issues raised by pretrial law enforcement investigatory practices, the validity of which is measured principally by certain provisions of the U.S. Constitution. This course examines the law governing the investigation of crimes, including the areas of searches and seizures, interrogations, and identification procedures. This class focuses on the applicability of the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution in the context of police criminal investigations and the operation of the exclusionary rule.

CRJ 203: Courts and Sentencing

In-person: Fall 2021, Spring 2022; **Online:** Fall 2022, Spring 2023

This course examines the structure and operation of the criminal court systems of the United States at the local, state, and federal levels, including their respective jurisdictions. It emphasizes pretrial, adjudication, sentencing, and appellate processes, as well as organizational roles and behaviors of court system actors. In addition, this course focuses on the relationship between courts and justice and examines some topical and controversial issues relating to criminal courts.

CRJ 260: Substantive Criminal Law

Online: Summer 2020, Summer 2021, Summer 2023

This course explores the substantive law which defines the minimum standards of conduct that

society requires of its members. The study of criminal law is accomplished through analyses that focus on the statutory elements of crimes and defenses, as well as case law interpretations of penal laws. Using a variety of sources, students will explore the historical development of criminal law, the public policy implications of it, and the underlying legal principles and reasoning that guide the criminal legal system. Specific emphasis is placed on comparing and contrasting the common law and Model Penal Code approaches to inchoate offenses, major crimes against the person, crimes against property, defenses of justification, and defenses of excuse.

CRJ 404: Juvenile Justice

Online: Summer 2020

This course explores juveniles in the justice system, with a particular focus on juvenile delinquency and offending. This class takes an interdisciplinary approach, examining topics from developmental, criminological, and legal perspectives. This course studies the nature and extent of delinquency, as well as the different theories that may explain juvenile offending. In addition, this course examines the interaction between juveniles and the police, juveniles and the courts, and juveniles involved in varying forms of treatment and intervention.

CRJ 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice

In Person: Fall 2018 (TA to Dr. Henry F. Fradella); **Online:** Summer 2019, Summer 2021

This course provides an overview of the criminal justice system, including an examination of the major sub-areas within the criminal justice system, such as law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. In exploring these areas, the course addresses the history, theory, research, legislation, and policy implications related to the criminal justice system.

SERVICE:

East Texas A&M University

Interim Program Coordinator for the Masters in Applied Criminology Program Fall 2024

Conducted several duties including making admission decisions into the graduate program, maintaining the orientation page on D2L, organizing comprehensive exams, and advising both prospective and current students.

Search Committee 2023-2024 Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

Served on a successful search committee for a tenure-track faculty member in criminal justice. Duties included ranking applicants according to a hiring matrix, interviewing applicants over both Zoom and in-person, calling references, and discussions with committee members on the qualities of the applicants.

Student Service Fees Event Planning Committee Fall 2023 - Present

Conducted meetings to review and discuss services focused on engaging students.

Arizona State University

Managing Editor for the *Criminal Law Bulletin* Spring 2019 - Spring 2021

Examined incoming manuscripts for this peer-review journal on topics concerning substantive criminal law, criminal procedure, and the courts. Provided peer-review critical assessment on select manuscripts regarding their scientific rigor, methodological choice, and novelty of the socio-legal research.

Bluebook Transformation Projects Fall 2020; Spring 2021

Converted manuscripts from APA into Bluebook citation style for publication, (e.g., Fox, Kathleen A. (2020). The murder and missing of Indigenous women and girls: New policies on an enduring crisis. *Criminal Law Bulletin*, 56, 1055-1082.)

Systematic Social Observations Spring 2019
Participated in systematic social observations for a project led by Drs. Chamberlain, Grubestic, and Wallace.

GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS:

Arizona State University, Sandra Day O’Conner College of Law, Academy for Justice

Graduate Research Project
Created a database that incorporated transcribed interviews of women involved in the innocence project (innocence litigators) in NVivo software. Provided qualitative results according to key themes within the interviews.

HONOR SOCIETIES:

Alpha Phi Sigma, National Criminal Justice Honor Society (Kappa Upsilon chapter) Fall 2015
Golden Key International Honor Society Fall 2015

AWARDS:

Kennesaw State University Fall 2015
Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Society of Criminology (ASC) Spring 2019-Present
Member

Western Society of Criminology (WSC) Spring 2019-Present
Member