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EDUCATION

University of Maryland

PhD, Criminology and Criminal Justice

May 2028 (Expected)

M.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice

December 2025

Thesis: *Legacies of Socialization: Investigating the Relationship between Criminal Offending and Racial Socialization*

Villanova University

May 2022

M.S., Psychology

Thesis: *Detecting Deception in 911 Homicide Calls*

The Pennsylvania State University | Cum Laude

May 2019

B.A., Psychology

B.A., Criminology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Graduate Research Assistant

Evaluation of the Chosen Leaders Program

Jan 2025-Dec 2025

PIs: Dr. Bianca Bersani, PhD

Research Focus: Evaluating the effectiveness of a community-based violence reduction program.

Roles: Project management; stakeholder communication; creation and programming of survey instruments; and conducting qualitative interviews with community youth.

Baybrook Violence Reduction Implementation and Expansion Project

Oct 2024-April 2025

PIs: Lauren Porter, PhD and Dr. Bianca Bersani, PhD

Research Focus: Engaging with community partners to identify, implement, and analyze violence reduction strategies within a Baltimore neighborhood.

Roles: Conduct systemic social observations (SSOs), focus groups with community partners, and ride along interviews of police officers.

Analysis of Baltimore Recreation Centers

Aug 2024-Oct 2024

PI: Lauren Porter, PhD

Research Focus: Analyzing characteristics of recreation centers in Baltimore and their relationship to crime.

Roles: Conducted systematic social observations of and around recreation centers. Interviewed recreation center staff.

Workload Study of Annapolis Police Department

Jan 2024-Dec 2024

PI: Bianca Bersani, PhD

Research Focus: Determining optimal officer staffing, deployment, response times, and effectiveness under budget constraints at the Annapolis Police Department.

Roles: Qualitative and quantitative data analysis. Created technical report for police department using data to propose methods of optimal officer staffing.

Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

Lab Manager and Research Assistant

Exploring Community Empowerment Lab (EXCEL)

July 2022-Aug 2023

PI: Jessica Chou, PhD

Research Focus: Treatment and recovery for individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders.

Roles: Project management; wrote grant proposals and IRB protocols. Disseminated findings through presentations and peer-reviewed publications. Quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis. Created Qualtrics and REDcap surveys.

Attachment, Caregiving, and Emotions (ACE) Lab

PI: Stephanie Krauthamer Ewing, PhD

July 2022-Aug 2023

Research Focus: Emotional development in adolescents, specifically in racial and ethnic minorities, and suicidality in adolescents.

Roles: Project management and collaboration with subcontractors. Conducted extensive literature reviews. Data entry and dissemination of findings through publications.

Vera Institute of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Research Intern

Unlocking Potential Initiative

June 2024-Aug 2024

Supervisor: Kelsie Chestnut, PhD

Research Focus: Increasing access to and completion rates of secondary education within prisons.

Roles: Cleaned, managed, and analyzed quantitative data and codebooks. Conducted literature reviews, created visual and literary representations of data for dissemination.

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Jan 2023-Oct 2023

Project Manager

PI: Van Hellerslia, PharmD

Research Focus: Equipping community pharmacists with the knowledge and skills to disseminate health information.

Roles: Communicated with stakeholders and prepared reports for funder. Conducted, transcribed, coded, and analyzed qualitative interviews and quantitative survey data.

Villanova University, Villanova, PA

Graduate Research Assistant

Interpersonal Research Lab

Sep 2020-May 2022

PI: Patrick Markey, PhD

Research Focus: Detecting deception in 911 calls, both missing persons and homicide calls.

Roles: Created and programmed survey instrument aimed at examining students' thoughts on the deception of 911 callers and measuring characteristics of the participant.

Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Personality Psychology Lab

Aug 2018-Aug 2019

PI: Aaron Pincus, PhD

Research Focus: Assessing dimensional models of psychopathology; interpersonal behavior.

Roles: Coded diagnostic assessments. Trained other research assistants in coding procedures. Coded video-recorded behavior continuously on the interpersonal circumplex using CAID technology.

Castonguay Psychotherapy Lab

Aug 2017- May 2018

PI: Louis Castonguay, PhD

Research Focus: Practice-oriented research; processes and outcomes of different forms of psychotherapy.

Roles: Data entry. Conducted thematic analyses of articles about empirically validated treatments and practitioner effects.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

College of Behavioral Social Sciences, College Park, MD

Summer 2025

Instructor of Record, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Course: Introduction to Criminology

College of Behavioral Social Sciences, College Park, MD

August 2023-May 2025

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Course: Introduction to Criminal Justice

College of the Liberal Arts, University Park, PA

Summer 2019

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminology

Course: Law and Society

College of the Liberal Arts, University Park, PA

Fall 2018

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology

Course: Social Psychology of Interpersonal/Intergroup Relationships

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications

- Chou, J., Muruthi, B.A., Krauthamer-Ewing, E.S., Lynch, L., **Feeney, E.**, Avula, D.S., Rutherford, T., Tyler, V., & McRell, A.S. (2025) Couple/marriage and family therapists (C/MFTs) extent of training experiences for racism-related stress and racial trauma.
- Chou, J., Patton, R., Aletraris, L., Zaarur, A., Grella, C., Roman, P. & **Feeney, E.** (2024). Examining utilization and trends of family-based treatment in substance use treatment. *Contemporary Family Therapy*.
- Patton, R., Chou, J., Kedtner, T., & **Feeney, E.** (2024). Exploring social connectedness, isolation, support, and recovery factors among women seeking substance use treatment. *Women & Health*, 1-14.
- Chou, J., Patton, R., Katafiasz, H., Dang, Y., Swift, P., Zaarur, A., & **Feeney, E.** (2023). Understanding families impacted by opioid use: Outcomes of a therapist training program. *Families, Systems, & Health*, 41(4), 425-433.
- Markey, P.M., Martin, A., Berry, B., **Feeney, E.**, & Slotter, E. (2023). The continuous expression of emotional and helpful behavior during high-stakes deception: 911 homicide calls. *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology* 38, 519-527.
- Markey, P.M., **Feeney, E.**, Berry, B., Martin, A., & Slotter, E. (2022). The (mis)utilization of cues during deception detection in 911 homicide calls. *Homicide Studies*.
- Markey, P.M., Berry, B., & **Feeney, E.** (2022). Video games and mental health. Invited chapter in H. Friedman (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Mental Health*, 3rd Edition. Elsevier Ltd., Oxford, UK.
- Markey, P. M., **Feeney, E.**, Berry, B., Hopkins, L., & Creedon, I. (2022). Deception cues during high-risk situations: 911 homicide calls. *Psychological Science*, 33(7), 1-8.

Book Chapters

- Markey, P.M., Berry, B., & **Feeney, E.** (2022). Video games and mental health. Invited chapter in H. Friedman (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Mental Health*, 3rd Edition. Elsevier Ltd., Oxford, UK.

Technical Reports

- Bianca, B., Glazener, E., Sperry, T., Donohue, F., & **Feeney, E.** (2024). Annapolis police department comprehensive workload analysis. Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- Sperry, T., **Feeney, E.**, & Bersani, B. Policing in crisis. [Manuscript in preparation].
- Chou, J., Bennett, D., **Feeney, E.**, Irving, S., Patton, R., Snyder, J., Rutherford, T., Schindler, B. Stigma, family relationships, and medication for opioid use among women. [Manuscript in preparation].

PRESENTATIONS

- Feeney, E.** (2025, November). *Legacies of socialization: Investigating the relationship between criminal offending and racial socialization* [Conference presentation]. American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Parsons, J. & **Feeney, E.** (2025, November). *How is the financial burden of incarceration distributed?* [Conference presentation]. American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

- Feeney, E.** (2025, September). *Racial socialization and criminal offending: Investigating parenting plans through the lens of the theory of African American offending* [Conference presentation]. European Society of Criminology (ESC) Annual Conference, Athens, Greece.
- Feeney, E., Sperry, T., Donohue, F., & Glazener, E.** (2024, November). *Understaffed and overwhelmed: Analyzing officer workload and well-being in a medium sized police precinct* [Poster presentation]. American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Chou, J., Bennett, D., Irving, S., Feeney, E., & Schindler, B.** (2024, November). *Utilizing dyadic perspectives to address family stigma and attitudes toward medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD) among women* [Poster presentation]. Association for Multidisciplinary Education and Research in Substance Use and Addiction (AMERSA), Chicago, IL.
- Young, N., Feeney, E., Chou, J., & Rootes, K.** (2024, November). *Insights on unique treatment needs of women with substance use disorders who have been incarcerated* [Poster presentation]. Drexel University's Discovery Day, Philadelphia, PA.
- Kim, J., Feeney, E., Chou, J., & Patton, R.** (2024, November). *Understanding experiences of simulation for behavioral health students working with families impacted by opioid/substance use* [Poster presentation]. Drexel University's Discovery Day, Philadelphia, PA.
- Patton, R., Chou, J., Feeney, E.** (2022, November). *Utilizing mixed reality simulation in substance use training: Considering curricular evaluation and quality improvement* [Poster presentation]. Association for Multidisciplinary Education and Research in Substance Use and Addiction (AMERSA), Boston, MA.
- Nelsen, R., Zaarur, A., Chou, J., Patton, R., Feeney, E.** (2022, October). *Exploring attitudes of behavioral health trainees working with families impacted by substance use* [Poster presentation]. Drexel University Discovery Day, Philadelphia, PA.
- Ing, C., Feeney, E., Krauthamer-Ewing, S.** (2022, August). *Mentalizing on emotion regulation and depression severity* [Poster presentation]. Drexel University STAR Scholars Research Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Feeney, E., Berry, B., Hopkins, L., Markey, P.M.** (2022, February). *Detecting deception in 911 homicide calls* [Poster presentation]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Hopkins, L., Feeney, E., Berry, B., Creedon, I., Markey, P.M.** (2022, February). *Behavioral correlates of deception in 911 calls reporting homicide* [Poster presentation]. Poster presented at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Berry, B., Hopkins, L., Feeney, E., Markey, P.M.** (2022, February). *Evaluating behavioral characteristics related to guilt and innocence of 911 missing person callers* [Poster presentation]. Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Feeney, E.** (2019, April). *Continuous versus dimensional: Looking at male preparation of intimate partner violence through a dimensional lens* [Poster presentation]. The Pennsylvania State University Undergraduate Research Exhibition, University Park, PA.
- Feeney, E.S.** (2019, April). *Continuous versus dimensional: Looking at male preparation of intimate partner violence through a dimensional lens* [Poster presentation]. The Pennsylvania State University Psi Chi Research Conference, University Park, PA.