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EDUCATION

University of Maryland

PhD, Criminology and Criminal Justice
 M.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice

May 2028 (Expected)
December 2025

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

Villanova University

M.S., Psychology

May 2022

Thesis: *Detecting Deception in 911 Homicide Calls*

The Pennsylvania State University | *Cum Laude*

B.A., Psychology
 B.A., Criminology

May 2019

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., **Feeney, E.**, Berry, B., Hopkins, L., & Creedon, I. (2022). Deception cues during high-risk situations: 911 homicide calls. *Psychological Science*, 33(7), 1040-1047.

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

- Bersani, B., **Feeney, E.**, Sperry, T., Noguera, N., & Silberman, S. (2025). Baybrook violence reduction initiative: Evaluating the chosen leaders intensive life coaching approach for youth. Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center.
- Bersani, B., Glazener, E., Sperry, T., Donohue, F., & **Feeney, E.** (2024). Annapolis police department comprehensive workload analysis. Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center.

Manuscripts Under Review

- Sperry, T., **Feeney, E.**, & Bersani, B. After the breaking point: Police perspectives on workforce, community engagement, and legitimacy in the wake of 2020. *Police Quarterly* [Under Review].

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]. 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.S.** (2019, April). *Continuous versus dimensional: Looking at male perpetration of intimate partner violence through a dimensional lens* [Poster presentation]. The Pennsylvania State University Psi Chi Research Conference, University Park, PA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Graduate Research Assistant

Baltimore Police Department

Aug 2025-May 2026

Supervisor: Kai Ji, PhD

Roles: Conduct data analysis for a police district using SQL and ArcGIS.

Evaluation of the Chosen Leaders Program

Jan 2025-Dec 2025

PIs: 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 systematic social observations (SSOs), focus groups with community partners, and ride along interviews with police officers.

Workload Study of Annapolis Police Department

Jan 2024-Aug 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 a 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 2024

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

July 2022-Jan 2024

PI: Stephanie Krauthamer Ewing, PhD

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

Incarceration and Inequality Project

Jan 2025-June 2025

Supervisor: Jim Parsons, MA

Research Focus: Create a public dataset focused on the relationship between incarceration and various inequalities.

Roles: Aggregated data from various sources; conducted literature review; and collaborated with external stakeholders during community advisory board meetings.

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 written representations of data for dissemination.**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 examining students' thoughts on the deception of 911 callers and measuring characteristics of the participant.**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, College Park, MD

Summer 2025

Instructor of Record, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Course: Introduction to Criminology

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, College Park, MD

Aug 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

Awards and Grants

University of Maryland

College of Behavioral & Social Sciences Dean's Research Initiative Grant- \$3,495

April 2026

Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award- \$350

Feb 2026

International Conference Student Support Award- \$75

Aug 2025

Goldhaber Award- \$800

Nov 2024

Dean's Fellowship- \$2500

June 2024

Professional and Academic Service

Professional Organizations

American Society of Criminology- Member

2024-Present

European Society of Criminology-Member

2025-Present

Department Service*University of Maryland- Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice*

Graduate Student Representative- Social Events Chair

2025-Present

Graduate Student Mentor

2024-Present