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Education

- TBD **Doctor of Philosophy** in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park, MD. (Expected 2027)
- 2024 **Master of Arts** in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
Thesis: Variation in the Drug-Crime Relationship Across Rural-Urban Contexts. *Committee:* Drs. Bianca Bersani, Robert Brame, and Wade Jacobsen.
- 2022 **Bachelor of Arts** in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, with Minors in Philosophy and Music Performance.
Graduated *Magna Cum Laude* with Honors in Criminology and Criminal Justice.
Honors thesis: College Student Attitudes Towards Those with Criminal Records in Higher Education. *Advisor:* Dr. Bianca Bersani. Winner of departmental Best Honors Thesis Award.

Research Interests

Policy and program evaluation, criminal records, reentry, recidivism, substance use and drug policy, and corporate crime.

Publications

Peer Reviewed Publications

Kluin, M. H., Schell-Busey, N., Simpson, S. S., & **Pierce, J. M.** (2026). Understanding Corporate Criminal Careers: Insights From a Systematic Narrative Review of Longitudinal Studies. *Regulation & Governance*, 1-23.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/rego.70127>

Manuscripts Under Review

Pierce, J. M., & Bersani, B. E. Socio-Historical Changes in Educational Attainment and Age-Arrest Trajectories from the 1960s to 2018. *British Journal of Criminology*. (Conditional acceptance)

Manuscripts in Progress

Newell, A., & **Pierce, J.** "It sounds like fake weed to me." Perceptions of Delta-8 Among Undergraduate Students in Pennsylvania. (*Manuscript editing in progress*)

Pierce, J. M., & Brame, R. The Implications of Missingness and Attrition in Longitudinal Data for Offending Onset Estimates: A Partial Identification Approach. (*Manuscript writing in progress*)

Simpson, S. S., Kluin, M. H. A., **Pierce, J. M.**, Schell-Busey, N. Corporate Criminal Careers: Implications for Prevention and Control. (*Data analysis in progress*)

Pierce, J. M. Variation in the Drug-Crime Relationship Across Rural-Urban Contexts. (*Thesis manuscript being adjusted for publishable paper*)

Research Experience

- January 2026 – Present **Research Assistant**, University of Maryland.
Supervisor: Dr. Britte van Tiem.
Project: Evaluation of the impact of vocational programming and certification in Pennsylvania prisons for future employment and earnings outcomes.
- June 2025 – December 2025 **Research Assistant**, University of Maryland.
Collaborator and Supervisor: Dr. Bianca Bersani.
Project: Work contributing to completed paper “Socio-Historical Changes in Educational Attainment and Age-Arrest Trajectories from the 1960s to 2018.”
Responsibilities: Conducted a comprehensive literature review for a completed academic paper. Wrote major portions of paper and assisted in analytic decisions.
- August 2024 – December 2025 **Research Assistant**, University of Maryland.
Collaborator and Supervisor: Dr. Robert Brame.
Projects: Work contributing to in-progress paper “The Implications of Missingness and Attrition in Longitudinal Data for Offending Onset Estimates: A Partial Identification Approach” and other related projects.
Responsibilities: Conducted comprehensive literature reviews for ongoing academic papers. Cleaned and coded large longitudinal dataset for relevant analyses. Analyzed data in both Stata and R.
- September 2023 – Present **Research Assistant**, University of Maryland.
Collaborators: Dr. Sally Simpson, Dr. Marieke Kluin, and Dr. Natalie Schell-Busey.
Projects: Work contributing to the completed paper “Understanding Corporate Criminal Careers: Insights From a Systematic Narrative Review of Longitudinal Studies” and in-progress paper “Corporate Criminal Careers: Implications for Prevention and Control.”
Responsibilities: Merged, coded, and analyzed large panel datasets of firm characteristics and corporate offenses from 1996 to 2013. Analyzed and synthesized findings from longitudinal corporate crime literature for systematic narrative review. Wrote major portions of paper for publication.
- June 2021 – May 2022 **Research Assistant**, University of Maryland.
Supervisor: Dr. Bianca Bersani.

Project: Examining the nature of crime on college campuses and its relation to emerging adulthood.

Responsibilities: Conducted comprehensive literature reviews for studying crime and legal approaches on college campuses.

January 2020 – **Research Assistant**, University of Maryland.

December 2023 *Supervisor: Dr. Sally Simpson*

Project: Work contributing to an update to “A Systematic Review of Corporate Crime Deterrence” and a study examining physician fraud in the United States.

Responsibilities: Searched databases and coded corporate crime deterrence literature for meta-analysis. Verified and coded physician fraud data.

Skills and Competencies

Certifications: Collaborative Institute Training Initiative (CITI) Social and Behavioral Research Training Certification.

Programming: Proficient in Stata and R/RStudio (RMarkdown); familiar with SPSS.

Other Software: Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Google Suite, Qualtrics.

Conference Presentations

November 2025 Newell, Anna, & **Pierce, Jordan**. “It sounds like fake weed to me”: Perceptions of Delta-8 Among Undergraduate Students in Pennsylvania. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Annual Meetings 2025, Washington D.C., In Person Presentation (Session: “Drug Markets in an Evolving Legal and Social Context”).

Simpson, Sally, Kluin, Marieke, **Pierce, Jordan**, & Schell-Busey, Natalie. Exploring the Dimensions of a Corporate Criminal Career Paradigm. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Annual Meetings 2025, Washington D.C., In Person Presentation (Session: “From Boardrooms to the Bench: Theories of Elite Criminality, Neutralizations, and Offenders”).

September 2025 **Pierce, Jordan**. Variation in the Drug-Crime Relationship Across Rural-Urban Contexts. Paper presented at the *European Society of Criminology*, Annual Meetings 2025, Athens, Greece, In Person Presentation (Session: “Crime, alcohol, and other drugs”).

Kluin, Marieke, Schell-Busey, Natalie, Simpson, Sally, & **Pierce, Jordan**. Understanding Corporate Criminal Careers: Insights from a Systematic Narrative Review of Longitudinal Studies. Paper presented at the *European Society of Criminology*, Annual Meetings 2025, Athens, Greece, In Person Presentation (Session: “Corporate crime: careers and features”).

May 2025 Simpson, S. S., Kluin, M. H. A., **Pierce, J. M.**, & Schell-Busey, N. Corporate Criminal Careers: Implications for Prevention and Control. Paper

- presented at *ComplianceNet*, New York City, New York, In Person Presentation (Session: “Evolving Financial Crime”).
- November 2024 **Kluin, Marieke, Schell-Busey, Natalie, Simpson, Sally, & Pierce, Jordan.** The benefit of longitudinal studies for understanding corporate criminal careers and the life course. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Annual Meetings 2024, San Francisco, In Person Presentation (Roundtable: “The Criminology of Regulation”).
- Pierce, Jordan.** Variation in the Drug Crime Relationship Across Rural-Urban Contexts. Poster Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Annual Meetings 2024, San Francisco, In Person Presentation (Session: “Poster Session II”).

Teaching Experience

- January 2026 – Present **Graduate Teaching Assistant, CCJS621: General Linear Models in Criminal Justice Research**, University of Maryland Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, College Park, MD.
Supervisor: Dr. Britte van Tiem.
Course Description: An in-depth exploration of applied linear regression analysis. Covers characteristics of estimates, such as unbiasedness and efficiency. Encourages fluency with the theoretical issues involved in the basic linear regression using simple algebra, familiarity with the general model using matrix algebra, and fluency with the computer application of multivariate regressions and the probit/logit models.
Responsibilities: Facilitate weekly lab sessions for assisting students with R/RStudio, course material, and assignments. Hold office hours. Assist in course material preparation. Grading assignments and exams.
- January – February 2026 **Instructor, CCJS342: Corrections**, University of Maryland Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, College Park, MD.
Course Description: Examination of the American correctional system. Identification of historical and contemporary themes, issues, and trends. Evaluation of correctional policies, practices and research.
Responsibilities: Designed and taught upper-level undergraduate course.
- August 2023 – May 2024 **Graduate Teaching Assistant, CCJS 200: Statistics in Criminology and Criminal Justice**, University of Maryland Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, College Park, MD.
Supervisors: Dr. Sarah Tahamont and Dr. Robert Brame.
Course Description: Introduction to descriptive and inferential statistics, graphical techniques, and the computer analysis of criminology and criminal justice data. Basic procedures of hypothesis testing, correlation and regression analysis, and the analysis of continuous and binary dependent variables. Emphasis upon the examination of research problems and issues in criminology and criminal justice.
Responsibilities: Taught three discussion courses for 50-80 students for two semesters. Held office hours once a week and assisted students with course material. Taught students how to use Microsoft Excel and R/RStudio for

relevant coursework. Graded major out-of-class assignments, papers, and in-class exams. Helped create and edit assignments, exams, and in-class activities. Created, edited, and monitored ELMS course page.

August 2022 –
May 2023

Graduate Teaching Assistant, CCJS 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice, University of Maryland Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, College Park, MD.

Supervisor: Dr. Justine Madoo.

Course Description: Introduction to the administration of criminal justice in a democratic society, with emphasis on the theoretical and historical development of law enforcement. The principles of organization and administration for law enforcement; functions and specific activities; planning and research; public relations; personnel and training; inspection and control; direction; policy formulation.

Responsibilities: Taught four discussion courses for a maximum of 120 students for two semesters. Created activities to help students learn course material and facilitated discussions about criminal justice related issues. Graded discussion participation and related assignments. Held office hours once a week and assisted students with course material, including paper writing and exam preparation.

August –
December 2021

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, CCJS 300: Criminal Justice Research Methods, University of Maryland Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, College Park, MD.

Supervisor: Dr. Laure Brooks.

Course Description: Introduction to the formulation of research questions covering crime and justice, research designs, data collection, and interpretation and reporting in criminological and justice-system settings.

Responsibilities: Held office hours and assisted students with course material, including coding in SPSS and understanding methodological topics. Assisted in the grading of exams and looking over student assignments.

Organizations, Leadership, and Service

September 2024 –
Present

Student Member, American Society of Criminology.
Divisions: Developmental/Life-Course Criminology, White-Collar and Corporate Crime.

August 2024 –
Present

Student Research Affiliate, Maryland Population Research Center.

May 2024 – May
2025

Graduate Student Representative, University of Maryland.

Responsibilities: One of two coordinators for research and thesis discussion and presentation practice sessions among graduate students.

February – March
2022

Undergraduate Representative for Criminology Department Chair Search Committee, University of Maryland.

Responsibilities: Functioned as a representative for the undergraduate Criminology & Criminal Justice department population. Voting member of the committee.

Honors and Awards

Jacob A. Goldhaber Travel Award – Award recipient September 2024 and August 2025. Awarded \$800 for travel to the 2024 Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology; \$1200 for travel to the 2025 Annual Meetings of the European Society of Criminology.

Laure Brooks Honors Thesis Award – Award Recipient, May 2022, for best undergraduate honors thesis in the University of Maryland Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Peter P. Lejins Award for Academic Excellence – Award Recipient, February 2022.

Dries Family Endowed Experience Fund – Award Recipient, July 2021: \$300 for participating in research over the summer of 2021.

Member of the *University of Maryland Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Honors Program*, August 2020 – May 2022.

Volunteer Experience

Student Volunteer for the Annual Rise Up Conference Summit (September 10-12, 2025).