Thomas L. Scott

Summary of Professional Experience

Dr. Scott is a social scientist in RTI’s Center for Policing Research and Investigative Science. He partners with law enforcement agencies and community organizations to advance data-driven practices and to conduct research on crime prevention, criminal investigations, domestic violence, and gun violence. He has developed an expertise in the fields of criminology, policing, evaluation design, and data analysis, which he uses to test potential ways to improve society.

Education

PhD, Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 2022.

MA, Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 2015.

BA, Psychology, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO, 2012.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Scott, T. L., Strom, K. J., & Planty, M. (2022). Using National Incident-based Reporting System data to assess agency differences in clearance rates: A recommendation for law enforcement. *Police Practice and Research*, 1-14.

Rash, J., Scott, T., Clements, P., & Strom, K. (2022). Stealing tires or copper wires? How the National Incident-based Reporting System changed how the Arlington, Texas, Police Department addresses larceny-thefts. *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, 1-13.

Scott, T., & Wellford, C. (2021). Improving the clearance of serious crime: The case of aggravated assault. *Policing: An International Journal, 44*(4), 560-576. <https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-02-2021-0025>

Markey, J.*,* Scott, T., Daye, C., & Strom, K. (2021). Sexual assault investigations and the factors that contribute to a suspect’s arrest. *Policing: An International Journal, 44*(4), 591-611.<https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-03-2021-0051>

Strom, K., Scott, T., Feeney, H., Young, A., Couzens, L., & Berzofsky, M. (2021). How much justice is denied? An estimate of unsubmitted sexual assault kits in the United States. *Journal of Criminal Justice, 73*, 101746. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2020.101746>

Scott, T. L. (2021). Physical security and correctional disorder: A quantitative test. *Corrections*, *6*(2), 150-170.<https://doi.org/10.1080/23774657.2019.1602488>

Wellford, C., Lum, C., Scott, T. L., Vovak, H., & Scherer, A. (2019). Clearing homicides: The role of organizational, case, and investigative dimensions. *Criminology & Public Policy, 18,* 553–600. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9133.12449>

Scott, T. L., Wellford, C., Lum, C., & Vovak, H. (2019). Variability of crime clearance among police agencies. *Police Quarterly, 22*(1), 82–111. [https://doi.org/10.1177/1098611118796597](https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1098611118796597)

Collins, M. E., Parker, S. P., Scott, T. L., & Wellford, C. F. (2017). A comparative analysis of crime guns: Implications for reducing gun violence. *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences, 3*(5), 96–127. <https://doi.org/10.7758/rsf.2017.3.5.05>

Weinstock, J., Scott, T. L., Burton, S., Rash, C. J., Moran, S., Biller, W., & Kruedelbach, N. (2014). Suicidal ideation in gamblers calling a helpline. *Addiction Research and Theory,* *22,* 398–406.<https://doi.org/10.3109/16066359.2013.868445>

Other Publications

Scott, T. L. (2022). *The effect of firearm relinquishment laws on domestic gun violence* (Unpublished dissertation). University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

Wellford, C., & Scott, T. (2021). Guest editorial to the special issue: Advances in Police Investigations. *Policing: An International Journal, 44*(4), 541-547.

Scott, T. (2021). A review of “Predict and Surveil: Data, Discretion, and the Future of Policing.” Sarah Brayne. Oxford University Press. 2021. *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Book Reviews.*

DeMichele, M. T., Scaggs, S., Scott, T. L., & Kennedy, E. K. (2019) How concerning are parole revocations to correctional reform? Leveraging data collected by the Bureau of Justice Statistics to describe changes in parole. *Perspectives, 43*(2), 16–29.

Lum, C., Wellford, C., Scott, T., Vovak, H., and Scherer, A. (2018). Identifying effective investigative practices: A National Study Using Trajectory Analysis, Case Studies, and Investigative Data. Final Report to the Laura and John Arnold Foundation. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University.

Scott, T. L. (2015). *A longitudinal, mixed-method study of the identity theory of desistance* (Unpublished master’s thesis). University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

Presentations and Proceedings

Scott, T. L. (2022, March). *The effect of firearm relinquishment laws on gun violence*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Las Vegas, NV.

Scott, T. L. (2019, November). *Variability in sexual assault clearance methods*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Scott, T. L. (2017, November). *Prisonization revisited: A broader test of the mechanisms linking facility stay to reentry*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Scott, T. L. (2016, November). *Unmasking longitudinal heterogeneity in police clearance rates: An application of group-based trajectory modeling*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

Collins, M. E., Parker, S. T., Scott, T. L., & Wellford, C. F. (2016, April). *A comparative analysis of crime guns: Implications for reducing gun violence*. Paper presented at the Russell Sage Foundation’s meeting on underground gun markets, New York City, NY.

Scott, T. L. (2016, April). *The journey to gun crime: Movement of crime guns from purchase to recovery*. Paper presented at the regional student conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Arlington, VA.

Wellford, C., Scott, T. L., & Collins, M. (2015, November). *The movement of guns from first legal sale to use in crime: A tale of two cities*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

Scott, T. L. (2015, November). *Certainly I can! The relation between individual adequacy and deviance during youth*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

Scott, T. L. (2014, November). *A quantitative test of the identity theory of desistance*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Wellford, C., Wagers, M., & Scott, T. L. (2014, November). *The epidemiology of crime guns: From legal sale to use in crime*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Scott, T. L. (2013, November). *A quantitative test of the identity theory of desistance*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Scott, T. L., & Weinstock, J. (2011, November). *Suicidal ideation in gamblers calling a help-line*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Toronto, Canada.

Media and Communications

Scott, T. (2022, April 18). Expanding victim services to improve witness protection and shooting investigations. Retrieved from <https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/3272375-expanding-victim-services-to-improve-witness-protection-and-shooting-investigations/>

Scott, T. L. (2016, October 28). Death penalty cost $28M [Letter to the editor]. *Kearney Hub*. Retrieved from <https://www.kearneyhub.com/opinions/ltte/death-penalty-cost-m/article_e6659cec-9d27-11e6-93a9-d3701385bb63.html>

Scott, T. L. (2016, September 30). Fees feed $160M retirement fund for Nebraska’s judges [Editorial]. *Kearney Hub*. Retrieved from <https://www.kearneyhub.com/opinions/kearneyview/fees-feed-m-retirement-fund-for-nebraska-s-judges/article_62f1e432-8725-11e6-9612-4be4b4d67888.html>

Scott, T. L. (2016, September 28). In fees we trust: Are court fees fair? [Editorial] *The North Platte Telegraph*. Retrieved from <https://www.nptelegraph.com/opinion/editorials/in-fees-we-trust-are-court-fees-fair/article_6ba3d248-8509-11e6-9cb0-839a8e3c2d3f.html>

Professional Associations

American Society of Criminology

International Association of Chiefs of Police

Seminars and Courses Taught

Research Methods in Criminal Justice, Lasell College, Auburndale, MA, fall 2018

Corrections, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, spring 2017

Special Courses

Longitudinal Data Analysis Using Stata, Statistical Horizons Seminar, February 2018

Longitudinal Data Analysis Using SEM, Statistical Horizons Seminar, June 2017

Computer Skills

Stata