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# Education

**University of Maryland, College Park** present

Doctoral Student in Criminology & Criminal Justice

**University of Maryland, College Park**

M.A. *Criminology & Criminal Justice* Fall 2021

Thesis: “Racial Threat, Black Empowerment, and Civilians Killed by Police:

An Analysis of the Largest US Cities in 2015”

Advisor: Dr. María B. Vélez

**University of Oklahoma**

B.A. *Sociology* Fall 2017

Graduated Summa Cum Laude

# Research Experience

**Graduate Research Assistant**

Dr. Lauren Porter, *University of Maryland* Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

Literature reviews, manuscript editing, and data coding

Dr. Peter Reuter (PI), *University of Maryland* Spring 2022

Assistance for project, “Assessing Public Attitudes Toward ‘Defund

the Police’ and the Function of the Baltimore Police Department”

Dr. Greg Midgette & Dr. Lauren Porter, *University of Maryland* Summer 2021

Grant-funded evaluation of Baltimore Police Department’s Swift,

Certain, and Fair (SCF) program implementation for violent offenders

Dr. Rachel Ellis, *University of Maryland* Summer 2021

Assisted with revisions to book manuscript, “In This Place Called

Prison: Religion and the Social World of Incarcerated Women”

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**

Dr. Meredith Worthen, *University of Oklahoma* Fall 2017

Assisted with literature review on attitudes toward transgender

service members and perspectives on LGBT individuals

Dr. Jennifer Holland, *University of Oklahoma* Fall 2016

Assisted with literature review of changes in religious attitudes

on abortion and women’s rights from 1970-2005

# Teaching Experience

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Maryland Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

*CCJS 418e: Applications of Data Science in Criminology*

Supervisor: Dr. Zubin Jelveh

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Maryland Fall 2021

*CCJS 604: Policy Analysis Project*

Supervisor: Dr. Lester Andrist

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Maryland Fall 2021

*CCJS 632: Making Sense of Criminal Justice Methods & Statistics*

Supervisor: Dr. Lauren Porter

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Maryland Fall 2019 – Spring 2021

*CCJS 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice*

Supervisor: Dr. Justine Madoo

**Athletic Tutor**, University of Oklahoma Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

Tutored athletes in social science courses

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Oklahoma Fall 2015 – Fall 2017

*UCOL 1002: Gateway to College Learning, Sociology Focus*

# Conference Presentations

Sperry, Toryn. 2021. “Racial Threat, Black Political Empowerment, and Black Civilians Killed by Police.” American Society of Criminology Meeting, Chicago, IL

Sperry, Toryn. 2017. “The Effects of Race on Juvenile Arrest.” Oklahoma Sociological Association Conference, Norman, OK

# Work Experience

**Research/Data Intern**, Crime & Justice Institute May 2020 – December 2020

Reviewed Milwaukee Police Department’s body cam footage

and data analysis to assess compliance with settlement agreement

**Editor-in-Chief**, Crimson Quarterly Magazine August 2016 – December 2017

Hired and supervised staff of writers and editors, produced

content for four magazine issues, and created/managed budget

# Professional Service

**Panel Chair**

“Race, Police Violence, and Perceptions of the Police” panel at the 2021 American Society of Criminology Meeting in Chicago, IL

**Peer-Reviewed Articles for**:

*Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*

# Honors and Awards

**Faculty-Student Research Award** Spring 2022

Project funding for “In the Eyes of the 911 Caller: Investigating Racial

Disparities in the Identification and Reporting of Behavioral Health Crises”

with Meghan Kozlowski and Dr. Lauren Porter

# Computer Skills

**Programs**: Stata, Python, Excel, ArcGIS