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## EDUCATION

TBD    **University of Maryland, College Park**
*Ph.D.* in Criminology and Criminal Justice (*Expected May 2028*)

2024    **University of Maryland, College Park**
*M.A.* in Criminology and Criminal Justice
**Thesis**: Reducing the effect of paternal incarceration on juvenile delinquency: The role of prosocial friendship networks
**Committee**: Dr. Jean McGloin (*chair*), Dr. Bianca Bersani, Dr. Wade Jacobsen

2019    **University of Maryland, College Park**
*B.A.* in Criminology and Criminal Justice
*B.A.* in Psychology

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## INTERESTS

Interests include criminological theory, specifically learning, labeling, and life-course theories, juvenile justice, group offending, adolescent development, childhood victimization, and mixed methods.

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## PUBLICATIONS

McGloin, J. M., Augustyn, M., **Lebron, M. J**. (2025) Revisiting the importance of friendship quality in our understanding of delinquency: A between- and within- individuals approach. *Justice Quarterly*, 1-39.

Davis, R. C., Johnson, K., **Lebron, M. J**., & Howley, S. (2021). US law enforcement's role in victim compensation dissemination. *International review of victimology*, *27*(1), 43-62.

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## TECHNICAL REPORTS

Davis, R. C., Camp, T., **Lebron, M**., & Johnson, K. (2021). *Texas Health Resources sexual assault nurse examiner program: Final report and findings from the 5-year evaluation.* National Police Foundation. https://www.policefoundation.org/publication/texas-health-resources-

sexual-assault-nurse-examiner-program-final-report-and-findings-from-the-5-year-evaluation/

Davis, R., **Lebron, M**., & Reuland, M. (2021). *How small law enforcement agencies respond to calls involving persons in crisis: Results from a national survey*. National Police Foundation. https://policefoundation.org/publication/how-small-law-enforcement-agencies-respond-to-calls-involving-persons-in-crisis-results-from-a-national-survey/

Davis, R. C., **Lebron, M**., & Reuland, M. (2022). *Small & rural agency crisis response: A national survey and case studies.* National Policing Institute. https://www.policinginstitute.org/publication/small-rural-agency-crisis-response-a-national-survey-and-case-studies/

Gorban, B., Taniguchi, T., Johnson, K., **Lebron, M.,** Davis, R. (2021). *Metropolitan Police Department Narcotics and Specialized Investigations Division: A limited assessment of data and compliance from August 1, 2019 - January 31, 2020.* https://policecomplaints.dc.gov/publication/metropolitan-police-department-narcotics-and-specialized-investigations-division-limited

Straub, F., Gorban, B., **Lebron, M.** (2021). *Averted School Violence (ASV) database: 2021 analysis update.* Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. https://www.policefoundation.org/publication/averted-school-violence-asv-database-2021-analysis-update/

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**CONFERENCES**

*Presentations*

**Lebron, Michael Jacob**. (2023). "Weathering the Storm of Parental Incarceration: Best Friends as Social Anchors." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA. (Panel Chair)

Bersani, Bianca and **Michael Jacob Lebron**. (2023). "Contextual Effects on Desistance from Crime." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Liberman, Akiva, **Michael Jacob Lebron** and Robert Brame. (2023). "Random Assignment Before Determining Treatment Eligibility: Power Estimations and Instrumental Variable Considerations." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

**Lebron, Michael Jacob**. (2022). "Responding to the Strain of Paternal Incarceration: The Moderating Role of Social Bonds." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA.

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**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**University of Maryland, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**     June 2024 – Present
Administrative Assistant
*Office of Research Administration*
> Assisting with pre-award communication on pending grant proposals and post-award management of funded projects.

**University of Maryland**                                              May 2024 – Aug. 2024
Summer Research Assistant
*Supervision: Dr. Demar Lewis*
> Question and item design for a national survey of black civilians aimed at better understanding police-community relations and reimagining community-based justice interventions. Survey prepared in Qualtrics.

**University of Maryland**                                              Jan. 2023 – June 2024
Research Assistant
*Supervision: Dr. Robert Brame*
> Supported projects centered around the development of innovative statistical techniques and methodological strategies for quantitative criminal justice research. Primarily utilized R to run statistical simulations, clean, and analyze data.

**University of Maryland**                                              Aug. 2022 – Dec. 2022
Research Assistant
*Supervision: Dr. John Braithwaite*
> Assisted with Peacebuilding Compared, a 25-year project designed to follow all the major armed conflicts around the world until 2030. The goal of the project is to understand key factors that make for the success of sustainable peace building. Responsible for literature review and preparation for qualitative fieldwork.

**University of Maryland**                                              May 2022 – Aug. 2023
Research Assistant
*Supervision: Dr. Bianca Bersani*
> Managed IRB applications, survey design, interview data collection, supervision of undergraduate interview transcription, and day to day project management for a pilot study evaluating the impact of raise the age legislation on youth justice involvement in the state of Vermont. Currently examining the contextual effects of marriage on desistance from crime.

**Georgia State University**                                            June 2022 – Nov. 2022
Consultant Survey Administrator
*Supervision: Dr. Marie Ouellet*
> Administered surveys to Baltimore Police Department officers for the NSF-funded project entitled, "The Dynamics of Police Networks."

**National Policing Institute (National Police Foundation)**           Feb. 2020 – July 2021

Research Assistant to Research Associate
*Supervision: Dr. Travis Taniguchi*
> Managed day to day to designed and distributed surveys, monitored data collection, conducted qualitative data collection in the form of interviews and focus groups, cleaned and analyzed complex datasets utilizing Excel, SPSS, and ArcGIS, created interactive data visualizations utilizing Tableau, coordinated communication with law enforcement and project stakeholders, completed IRB applications for a variety of human subjects research projects, managed logistics for meetings and off-site work, assisted with the development of grant proposals for NIJ and private funders, compiled comprehensive literature reviews, and summarized research findings for practitioner audiences in the form of technical reports.

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## GRANT WRITING

**2022**      **NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program**, *awarded (NSF 22-614)*

**2020**      **NIJ Research and Evaluation of Policing Solicitation:** Multi-Modal Analysis of Body Worn Camera Recordings: Evaluating Novel Methods for Measuring Police Implementation of Procedural Justice, *funded (2020-R2-CX-0010)*

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**University of Maryland**
**CCJS105: Introduction to Criminology**
*Instructor of Record*                                   Summer 2024, 2026
*Graduate Teaching Assistant*                            Fall 2021 – Fall 2022
> This course examines criminal behavior and the methods of its study; causation; typologies of criminal acts and offenders; punishment, correction and incapacitation; prevention of crime.

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

**2021-Present**   **American Society of Criminology:** Student Member

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## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

**2023-2024**      **Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award at University of Maryland recipient:** this award recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions Graduate Assistants provide to students, faculty, departments, and the University as a whole. The award conveys the honor of being recognized as among the top 2% of campus Graduate Assistants in a given year.

**2023-2028**    **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship recipient:** the program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based master's and doctoral degrees at accredited United States institutions.

**2021-2026**    **Flagship Fellowship at University of Maryland recipient:** newly admitted doctoral students with exceptional qualifications and clear promise for outstanding performance in graduate studies.

**2022-2023**    **Dean's Fellowship at University of Maryland recipient**

**2019**    **Peter P. Lejins Award at University of Maryland recipient:** award given to the top graduating senior in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland

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## SERVICE EXPERIENCE

University Service

**2023-2024**    **University of Maryland Chair of the Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council, College of Behavioral and Social Science**

**2023-2024**    **University of Maryland Provost's Graduate Student Advisory Council, College of Behavioral and Social Science Representative**

**2023-2024**    **University of Maryland College Council, College of Behavioral and Social Science**

**2022-2024**    **University of Maryland Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council, College of Behavioral and Social Science**

Department Service

**2022-2025**    **University of Maryland Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Peer Mentor**