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EDUCATION

Expected 2018 **Ph.D., Criminology & Criminal Justice**, University of Maryland, College Park
2015 **M.A., Criminology & Criminal Justice**, University of Maryland, College Park
2013 **M.P.P., Public Policy**, American University
2011 **B.A., Criminal Justice**, (*summa cum laude*) University at Albany, SUNY
2009 **A.S., Criminal Justice**, Dutchess Community College, SUNY

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Consequences of Criminal Justice Contact Across the Life Course | Criminal Justice Decision Making | Social Structure and Crime

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Testa, Alexander**, Lauren C. Porter, and Kiminori Nakamura. (2017). Examining All-Cause and Cause-Specific Mortality among Former Prisoners in Pennsylvania. Forthcoming in *Justice Quarterly*
- Testa, Alexander**, David Maimon, Michel Cukier, and Bertrand Sobesto. (2017). Illegal Roaming and File Manipulation on Target Computers: Assessing the Effect of Sanction Threats on System Trespassers Online Behaviors. Forthcoming in *Criminology & Public Policy*
- Testa, Alexander** and Lauren C. Porter. (2017). No Rest for the Wicked? The Consequences of Incarceration for Sleep Problems. Forthcoming in *Society and Mental Health*
- Testa, Alexander**. (2017). Examining Federal Criminal Sentencing of White-collar and Common Property Offenders: The Case of Embezzlement and Larceny. Forthcoming in *Criminal Justice Policy Review*
- Asal, Victor, **Alexander Testa**, and Joseph K. Young. (2017). Occupy This: Why Some Colleges Had Occupy Wall Street Protests. Forthcoming in *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*

Santos, Mateus Renno, **Alexander Testa**, and Douglas B. Weiss. (2017). Where Poverty Matters: Examining the Cross-National Relationship between Economic Deprivation and Homicide. Forthcoming in *British Journal of Criminology*

Testa, Alexander, Joseph K. Young, and Christopher Mullins. (2017). Does Democracy Enhance or Reduce Lethal Violence? Examining the Role of the Rule of Law. *Homicide Studies*, 21(3): 219-239.

Weiss, Douglas B., Mateus Renno Santos, **Alexander Testa**, and Sumit Kumar. (2016). The 1990s Homicide Decline: A Western World or International Phenomenon? A Research Note. *Homicide Studies*, 20(4): 321-334.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Maimon, David and **Alexander Testa**. 2017. On the Relevance of Cyber Criminological Research in the Design of Policies and Sophisticated Security Solutions against Cyber-Terrorism Events. In *Handbook of the Criminology of Terrorism*, (eds.) Gary LaFree and Joshua Freilich.

AWARDS & HONORS (with financial amount)

2017	Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship (\$15,000)
2016	University of Maryland Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant (\$400)
2016	University of Maryland Graduate Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,000)
2013	Pi Alpha Alpha - National Honors Society for Public Affairs and Administration
2011- 2013	American University Graduate Merit Award (\$42,000)
2011	University at Albany School of Criminal Justice Valedictorian Award
2011	University at Albany Stanley Fink Scholarship (\$1,000)
2010	Tau Sigma - National Honors Society for Transfer Students
2009-2011	University at Albany Transfer Presidential Scholarship (\$2,000)
2009	New York State Sheriffs' Association Criminal Justice Scholarship (\$500)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Predictably Deterrable? The Case of System Trespassers (with David Maimon, Michel Cukier, Bertrand Sobesto, and Wuiling Ren), *Southern Sociological Society*, Greenville, SC, March 2017

Who Pays the Trial Tax? Guilty Pleas and Disparity in Prosecution (with Brian D. Johnson), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, New Orleans, LA, November 2016

The Effect of Computing Environments and Network Configurations on Hackers' Illegitimate Online Behaviors During the Progression of System Trespassing Events (with David Maimon, Michel Cukier, Bertrand Sobesto, and Wuiling Ren), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, New Orleans, LA, November 2016

Risk, Ambiguity, and Restrictive Deterrent Effects in Cyberspace (with David Maimon, Michel Cukier, and Bertrand Sobesto), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, Washington, DC, November 2015.

A Tale of Two Crimes: An Analysis of Criminal Sentencing of White-Collar and Street Offenders *American Society of Criminology Conference*, San Francisco, CA, November 2014.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Collateral Damage and the War on Drugs: Estimating the Effect of Zero Tolerance Policies on Drug Arrest Rates, 1975-2002 (with Suhaib Kebhaj, Nima Shahidinia, and Justin Williams), *Capitol Hill Policy Reception*, Washington, DC, April 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016 (Summer) University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
CCJS 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice

2013-2014 University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
CCJS 105: Introduction to Criminology (Teaching Assistant)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014-Present **Graduate Research Assistant**, University of Maryland, College Park
2015-Present: Research Assistant to Dr. Lauren Porter
2014-2015: Research Assistant to Dr. David Maimion

- 2012-2014 **Graduate Research Assistant**, American University
 2012-2013: Research Assistant to Dr. Edward Maguire
 2012 (Summer): Research Assistant to Dr. Alison Jacknowitz &
 Dr. Taryn Morrissey
 2011-2012: Research Assistant to Dr. Joseph Young
- 2012 **Graduate Student Intern**, Vera Institute of Justice, Washington, DC
- 2011 **Legislative Intern**, New York State Assembly, Albany, NY.

CONSULTING

- 2014 **External Project Consultant**. Policing Protest: The Role of Community Policing in the Occupy Movement. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. (Principal Investigator: Edward R. Maguire)

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2016 **Department Chair Search Committee**, University of Maryland
- 2014-Present **Graduate Professional Development Chair**, University of Maryland

PEER REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS

Criminology, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Criminal Justice Policy Review