

# CURRICULUM VITAE

KATIE ZAFFT

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## PERSONAL DATA

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## PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Interests include courts, criminal justice sentencing, drugs and crime, criminal justice policy, prevention science, and evaluation research.

## EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D. *Criminology & Criminal Justice*, University of Maryland College Park  
Dissertation: *Can Drug Courts Improve Public Safety? Exploring the Impacts of Drug Court on Crime*
- 2009 M.A. *Criminology*, University of Minnesota Duluth.  
Thesis: *Drug Court and Risk for Recidivism: A Comparative Analysis of High and Low-Risk Drug Offenders*
- 2004 B.A. *Psychology (Cum Laude)*, St. Catherine University – St. Paul, MN

## TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 2008 Rob Weidner and Katie Zafft. "Process Evaluation of the Northern St. Louis County Drug Court." Duluth: University of Minnesota Department of Criminology.
- 2007 Jeff Maahs and Katie Zafft. "Evaluation of the South St. Louis County Adult Drug Court Program: Process and Outcomes." Duluth: University of Minnesota Department of Criminology.

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Gottfredson, D.C., Cook, T.D., Gardner, F.E.M., Gorman-Smith, D., Howe, G.W., Sandler, I.N., **Zafft, K.M.** (2015). Standards of evidence for efficacy, effectiveness, and scale up research in prevention science: Next generation. *Prevention Science*, <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11121-015-0555-x/fulltext.html>.

## WORKING PAPERS

**Zafft, K.M.** *Drug Courts and Public Safety*.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2016 Katie Zafft, “The Effects of Earned Compliance Credits on Offender and Jurisdictional Outcomes.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March, 2016.
- 2015 Katie Zafft, “Evaluating the Impact of Justice Reinvestment Policies.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2015.
- 2015 Katie Zafft, “The Prison Experience and Recidivism: Research on Time Served and Serving Time.” Presented at the National Association of Sentencing Commissions, August 2015.
- 2015 Katie Zafft, “Effective Drug Policy and the Role of Law Enforcement.” Presented at the National Sheriff’s Association Annual Conference, June 2015.
- 2014 Katie Zafft, “Drug Policy 101: The State of Drug Use in the U.S.” Presented at The Pew Charitable Trusts Justice Reinvestment Summit, November 2014.
- 2013 Katie Zafft and Brook Kearley, “Seeing the Forest for the Trees: The Public Safety Impacts of Drug Courts,” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November 2013.
- 2011 Katie Zafft and Ashley Nellis, “Communities that Create Violence: The Presence of Common Community Features among Juveniles Convicted of Homicide,” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November, 2011.
- Ashley Nellis and Katie Zafft, “The Lives of Juvenile Lifers,” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, November, 2011.
- 2008 Rob Weidner and Katie Zafft, “Process evaluation of a Drug Court in Northern Minnesota,” Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March, 2008.
- 2007 Katie Zafft and Jeff Maahs, “Evaluation of the Duluth Drug Court: Process and Outcomes.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March, 2007.

## **INVITED TESTIMONY & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- 2015 Kentucky House Judiciary Committee (Feb. 11, 2015). Testimony focused on effective drug policy and the impact of increasing criminal penalties for drug possession.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2014-2016 Senior Associate, Research, public safety performance project, The Pew Charitable Trusts. Develop a dynamic research agenda that drives the national conversation about criminal justice sentencing and corrections and support the project’s state work involving Justice Reinvestment Initiatives. Conduct in-house policy evaluations and manage contracts with vendors for a variety of publications, including a brief on Louisiana

revocation caps, a 50-state report on prison sentence max-outs, an issue brief about the heroin epidemic as it relates to criminal justice policy, and a variety of publications involving the evaluation of evidence-based criminal justice policy and practice. **Links to publications provided upon request.**

- 2013 Research Associate, Choice Research Associates. Program development and evaluation. Work with government and non-profit entities to implement and evaluate social programs, including a truancy reduction project in Washington, D.C. and a peer recovery support program in Baltimore, Maryland. Principal Investigator: Dr. Shawn Flower.
- 2013 Research Consultant, Society for Prevention Research. Task force on standards of evidence. Reference research, document updating, collaborative follow up. Chair: Dr. Denise Gottfredson.
- 2010-2011 Research Associate, The Sentencing Project. National survey of the lives of prisoners sentenced to juvenile life without parole. Data collection, coding, and analysis. Supervision: Dr. Ashley Nellis.
- 2009 Research Analyst, Men as Peacemakers, Duluth, MN  
Restorative justice implementation standards, development of program theory, preparation of process analysis procedures.
- 2008 Research Assistant, University of Minnesota Duluth, Process Evaluation of the Northern St. Louis County Drug Court. Data Collection. Supervision: Dr. Rob Weidner.
- 2007 Research Assistant, University of Minnesota Duluth, Evaluation of the South St. Louis County Adult Drug Court Program: Process and Outcomes. Data Collection. Supervision: Dr. Jeff Maahs.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### University of Maryland College Park

Instructor: Juvenile Delinquency Prevention, CCJS 451 (Winter 2014)

Instructor: Introduction to Criminal Justice, CCJS 100 (Spring 2012)

Instructor: Criminological and Criminal Justice Research Methods, CCJS 300 (Summer 2011)

[TA experience available upon request]

### University of Minnesota Duluth

Instructor: Introduction to Research Methods and Analysis, Soc 2155 (Fall & Spring 2007-2009)