

Curriculum Vitae

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Positions:

- Assistant Professor (Criminology) – Texas A&M University – San Antonio, Fall 2024-Present
- Managing Editor, *Criminology*, Spring 2023-Fall 2025

Education:

- Ph.D. Criminal Justice and Criminology, Georgia State University (2024)
- M.S. Criminal Justice, University of North Florida (2020)
- B.A. Criminal Justice, University of North Florida (2018)
- B.A. Psychology, University of North Florida (2018)

Research Interests:

- Decision-Making and Motivation of Sex Offenders
- Intersections of Criminal Justice and Criminology with Popular Media
- Research Methods (Qualitative and Mixed Methods)

Works in Process for Submission 2026-2027:

- O'Berry, J. & Topalli, V. "True Kvlt": Black Metal Music Subculture as a Vehicle for Violence and Extremism. (article).
- O'Berry, J., Dorsch, C. A., Topalli, V., & Sabol, W. J. Physical attractiveness as a motivating factor for target selection in sexual violence. (article)

Book Chapters

- Cherbonneau, M., O'Berry, J. M., & Copes, H. (2025). Carjacking: An examination of trends, patterns and problems. In W. C. Regoeczi & T. D. Miethe (Eds.), *Research handbook on violent crime and society* (pp. 412–431). Elgar.
<https://doi.org/10.4337/9781035317868>.

Book Reviews:

- O'Berry, J. M. (2024). Book Review: Yesterday's monsters: The Manson Family cases and the illusion of parole. *Criminal Justice Review*, 49(3), 396-398.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0734016821996799>

Instructional Activities:

Courses Taught

- Violence (CRIM 4348, online) TAMUSA, Fall 2025, Fall 2026
- Research Methods in Criminal Justice (CRIM 3370, in-person, online, and hybrid) TAMUSA, Fall 2024, Summer 2025, Summer 2026, Fall 2026
- Advanced Criminological Theory (CRIM 5301, online) TAMUSA, Spring 2026
- Theories of Crime Causation (CRIM 2330, in-person and online) TAMUSA, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Summer 2025, Fall 2025, Summer 2026
- Violence and Victimization (CRIM 5320, online) TAMUSA, Spring 2025, Spring 2026
- Crime and the Media (CRJU 4080 in-person) GSU, Spring 2023
- Criminological Theory (CRJU 3410 in-person) GSU, Fall 2022
- Research Methods in Criminal Justice (CRJU 3020 in-person) GSU, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022

Guest Lectures

- Research Methods in Criminal Justice (CRJU 3020, in-person) GSU, Summer 2024
- Criminology (CRMJ 2100 in-person) University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Spring 2023
- Introduction to Criminal Justice (CRJU 1100 in-person) GSU, Fall 2022
- Social Science and the American Crime Problem (CRJU 2200 in-person) GSU, Summer 2022
- Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ 3700 in-person) UNF, Fall 2019

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Social Science and the American Crime Problem (CRJU 2200 online) GSU, Summer 2021, Fall 2020
- Cybercrime & Security (CRJU 7530 online) GSU, Spring 2021
- Digital Crime Problem (CRJU 4900 online) GSU, Spring 2021
- Criminological Theory (CCJ 3014 in-person & online) UNF, Spring 2020 and Fall 2019

- Intro to Criminal Justice (CCJ 3023 online) UNF, Spring 2020
- Violent Crime in America (CCJ 4938 online) UNF, Spring 2020
- Research Methods in Criminology & Criminal Justice (CCJ 3700 in-person & online) UNF, Spring 2020 and Fall 2019
- Understanding Homicide (CCJ 4935 in-person) UNF, Fall 2019
- Correctional Systems and Process (CJC 4015 online) UNF, Fall 2019

Thesis Committee Service

- Alex St. John, chair, in-progress Department of Criminology and Political Science, TAMUSA
- Ashlynn Cruz, member, in-progress Department of Criminology and Political Science, TAMUSA

Committee Service

- Texas A&M University – San Antonio Library Faculty Advisory Committee, member, Spring 2026-Present

Refereed and Invited Presentations:

- O'Berry, J. The Relationship Between Physical Attractiveness and the Risk of The Relationship Between Physical Attractiveness and the Risk of Sexual Victimization: A Test of Competing Hypotheses Sexual Victimization: A Test of Competing Hypotheses. Dissertation presented at the Annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 2024
- O'Berry, J., Dorsch, C. A., Topalli, V., & Sabol, W. J. Physical attractiveness as a motivating factor for target selection in sexual violence. Paper presented at the Annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, November 2023
- O'Berry, J. & Topalli, V. Showmanship as Neutralization in Black Metal Criminality. Paper presented at the Annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November, 2022.