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Appointments

Spring 2027	Undergraduate Program Coordinator: Department of Criminology and Political Science, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, San Antonio, TX.
2022-Present	Assistant Professor: Department of Criminology and Political Science, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, San Antonio, TX.
2020-2022	Assistant Professor: Department of Criminal Justice, University of Southern Indiana. Evansville, IN.

Education

2020	Ph.D., School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. Dissertation: <i>Why do people comply and cooperate with the police? A cultural explanation.</i>
2014	M.S., Department of Criminal Justice and Sciences, Illinois State University, Normal, IL.
2012	B.S., School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

2026

Lee, Sunguook*, Barrera, Jaidyn[^]. (2026). Why do we trust the police? Testing performance theory, normative alignment, and political ideology. *Policing: An International Journal*, Vol. ahead-of-print. <https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-10-2025-0208>

2025

Lee, Sunguook*, Kwak, Dae-Hoon, & Yoo, Youngjae. (2025). Police legitimacy through procedural justice: Examining the dual mediating role of institutional trust and obligation to obey. *Policing: An International Journal*, 48(3), 550-567. <https://doi.org/10.1108/pijpsm-06-2024-0095>

2024

Lee, Sunguook*, Callahan, Jason, & Kwak, Dae Hoon. (2024). Normative vs. Instrumental model of police legitimacy: Examining the mediation effects of Fear of Sanction. *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, 48(1), 95-112. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01924036.2022.2115523>.

Lee, Sunguook*, Jung, Eui Rom, & Callahan, Jason. (2024). Why do we view the police to be legitimate? Examining shame-sanction emotions on perception of police legitimacy. *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, Online First. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01924036.2024.2434266>.

2023

Lee, Sunguook* & Kim, Yeonsoo. (2023). Do cultural values influence how we perceive the police? Examining the cultural impact of Confucian values on police legitimacy. *Policing: An International Journal*, 46(5), 846-860. <https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-04-2023-0055>.

2022

Lee, Sunguook* & Hamm, Joseph, & Lee, Yoon Ho. (2022). Instrumental and normative pathways to police legitimacy: Why do people cooperate with the police? *Policing: An International Journal*. 45(5), 812-827. <https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-03-2022-0037>.

Hamm, Joseph*, Cavanagh, Caitlin, & **Lee, Sunguook**. (2022). Pushing past the plateau. *Legal and Criminological Psychology*, 27(2), 166-169. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lcrp.12215>.

Hamm, Joseph*, Wolfe, Scott, Cavanagh, Caitlin, & **Lee, Sunguook**. (2022). (Re) Organizing legitimacy theory. *Legal and Criminological Psychology*, 27(2), 129-146. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lcrp.12199>.

Lee, Jina*, Chang, Jeonghyeon, Hwang Eigab, & **Lee, Sunguook**. (2022). The Impact of Prior Victim-Police Interactions on Subsequent Police Utilization for Intimate Partner Violence. *Journal of Korean Criminological Association*, 16(3), 57-78. <https://doi.org/10.29095/JKCA.16.3.3>

2021

- Lee, Sunguook***, & Lee, Jina. (2021). Procedural justice and police legitimacy relations: A test for individual's propensity to trust. *Policing: An International Journal*, 44(6), 1108-1122. <https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-03-2021-0036>

2020

- Lee, Sunguook*** & Baek, Hyunin. (2020). Does Parental Intervention Matter to Diminish Drinking Behaviors among American Adolescents? *Substance Use & Misuse*, 55(8), 1300-1308. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10826084.2020.1735440>

- Baek, Hyunin*, **Lee, Sunguook**, and Seepersad, Randy. (2020). Exposure to family violence and bullying perpetration: An explanation through the lens of General Theory of Crime. *Caribbean Journal of Criminology*, 2(1), 25-47.

- Baek, Hyunin* and **Lee, Sunguook**. (2020). Depression as a Mediator between Negative Interpersonal Relationship and Suicidal Ideation among Korean Adolescents. *International Journal of Criminal Justice*, 2(1), 16-42. [DOI :10.36889/IJCJ.2020.06.2.1.16](https://doi.org/10.36889/IJCJ.2020.06.2.1.16)

2019

- Lee, Sunguook***. (2019). Examining the Factors of Korean Coast Guard Police Officer Job Satisfaction: The Role of Family Harmony. *International Journal of Criminal Justice*. 1(1), 77-100. <http://dx.doi.org/10.36889/IJCJ.2019.12.1.77>

2015

- Ingram, Jason* and **Lee, Sunguook**. (2015). The Effect of First Line Supervision on Patrol Officer Job Satisfaction. *Police Quarterly*. 18(2): 193-219. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F1098611114567781>

- Lee, Sunguook*** and Lee, Chang Han. (2015). Police Officer Job Satisfaction and Officer-Sergeant Educational Level: A Relational Demography. *The Korean Association of Police Science Review*. 17(3): 197-222.

- Lee, Yoon Ho* and **Lee, Sunguook**. (2015). The Socio-Psychological Understanding of 'Lone Wolf' Terrorism. *Journal of the Korean Society of Counter-Terrorism Policy*. 2(2): 7-30.

Works Under Review (* Denotes Corresponding Author & ^ Denotes Student co-author)

- Lee, Sunguook***, Nolasco-Braaten, Claire. (revise & resubmit). Procedural justice, propensity, or motivation: Why do we obey the police? *International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice*.

Lee, Sunguook*, Tellez, Jazzette^, (In Progress). Impact of personality on trust and compliance toward police.

Textbook Publication (Korean)

2025

Lee, Yoonho & Lee, Sunguook. (2025). *Modern Society & Crime* (5th ed.). PYBOOKS.

Lee, Yoonho & Lee, Sunguook. (2025). *Criminal Psychology* (2th ed.). PYBOOKS.

2024

Lee, Yoonho & Lee, Sunguook. (2024). *Criminology* (5th ed.). PYBOOKS.

Lee, Yoonho & Lee, Sunguook. (2024). *Victim Justice*. PYBOOKS.

2023

Lee, Yoonho & Lee, Sunguook. (2023). *Juvenile Delinquency* (2nd ed.). PYBOOKS.

Lee, Yoonho & Lee, Sunguook. (2023). *Wrongful Conviction*. PYBOOKS.

Conference Presentations

2026

Nolasco-Braaten, Claire & **Lee, Sunguook**. ACJS Assessment Committee Workshop. “AI Integration in Assessment: Ethical Considerations, Tools, and Student AI Literacy. Presented at the Annual meeting of the American Criminal Justice Sciences. Philadelphia, PA, 2026.

2025

Lee, Sunguook. “Police legitimacy through procedural justice: Examining dual mediating role of institutional trust and obligation to obey.” Presented at the Annual meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association. Chicago, IL, 2025.

2024

Lee, Sunguook. “Examining citizens’ institutional trust and its impact on perception of police legitimacy.” Presented at the Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Fransisco, CA, 2024.

2023

Lee, Sunguook & Kim, Yeonsu. “Do cultural values influence how we perceive the police?” Presented at the Annual meeting of the Midwest Criminal Justice Association. Chicago, IL. 2023.

2022

Lee, Sunguook, Hamm, Joseph & Lee, Yoon-Ho. “Instrumental vs. Normative models of legitimacy: Why do people cooperate with the police?” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA. 2022.

2021

Lee, Sunguook & Lee, Jina. “Procedural justice and police legitimacy relations: A test for individual’s propensity to trust.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwest Criminal Justice Association. Chicago, IL. 2021.

2019

Lee, Sunguook, Baek, Hyunin, & Lee, Yoon-Ho. “Does Parental Intervention Matter to Diminished Drinking Behaviors among American Adolescents?” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco. 2019.

2017

Lee, Sunguook & Lee, Yoon-Ho. “Examining Korean Coast Guard Police Officers' Job Satisfaction: The Role of Familial Factors”. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia. 2017.

2016

Lee, Sunguook, Circo, Giovanni, and McGarrell, Edmund. “Comparing the Geospatial Patterns of Crime Incidents Using Police Incident Reports and Victimization Survey Reports.” Presented at Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology. New Orleans. 2016.

2015

Lee, Yoon-Ho & Lee, Sunguook. “The Impact of Prisonization on Korean Inmates: Deprivation and Importation Model Perspective.” Presented at Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology. Washington D.C. 2015.

2014

Ingram, Jason & **Lee, Sunguook**. “A Multi-level Examination of Patrol Officer Job Satisfaction: the Impact of the Sergeant” presented at Illinois State University Graduate Research Symposium. Normal, Illinois. 2014.

2013

Kwak, Dae-Hoon, Richard Charleton, & **Lee, Sunguook**. “Political Regimes and Public Confidence in South African Police Service: A Longitudinal Analysis, 1990 – 2005.” presented at Annual Meeting of Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Dallas, Texas. 2013.

Ingram, Jason & **Lee, Sunguook**. “A Multi-level Examination of Patrol Officer Job Satisfaction: the Impact of the Sergeant” presented at Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, Georgia. 2013.

Lee, Yoon-Ho, Dae-Hoon Kwak, and **Lee, Sunguook**. “Historical Development of Criminology and Criminal Justice in Korea: An Empirical Perspective” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, Georgia. 2013.

Grants & Awards

Under Review

Co-Pi: Jaguar CARE Initiative: Coordinated Action for Response and Empowerment to Prevent and Address VAWA Crimes at Hispanic-Serving Institution, Department of Justice. (2026-2030, Pi: Claire, Nolasco-Braaten, Department of Criminology & Political Science, Texas A&M University-San Antonio).

DOJ Request: \$499,995

Unfunded Grant Applications

Co-PI: Development of a Big Data-based Sustainable Crime Prevention and Environmental Improvement Project Management Tool, KNRF - Global Humanities and Social Sciences Convergence Research Support Program. (2025-2028, PI: Yeonsoo Kim, Department of Convergence Security; Dongguk University).

KNRF Request: \$500,000

Grant Application In-Progress

PI: Investigating the Impact of Multi-tiered Police Recruiting Methods on Applicants' Willingness to Apply and Their Perception of The Police, National Science Foundation-Research in Primary Undergraduate Institutions. Co-PI: Claire, Nolasco-Braaten, Department of Criminology & Political Science, Texas A&M University-San Antonio).

Internal

2025

PI: What makes students obey authority and view the institutions to be legitimate? Examining the determinants of voluntary compliance towards authority. Texas A&M University San Antonio, College of Arts & Sciences Grants (Awarded: \$10,000)

2022

PI: Perception of police legitimacy and the impact of risk-taking tendencies: A deterrence perspective. University of Southern Indiana; Liberal Arts Research Award (Awarded: Course Waiver)

PI: Shame and sanction threats: Extending deterrence theory to police legitimacy. University of Southern Indiana; Liberal Arts Research Award (Awarded Course Waiver).

Teaching Experiences

Courses Taught at Texas A&M University-San Antonio

- ***Undergraduate***
 - CRIM 3350 Crime & Justice Policy
 - CRIM 4370 Research Methods in Criminal Justice
 - CRIM 4380 Statistics for Criminology
- ***Graduate***
 - CRIM 5302 Critical Issues in Criminal Justice
 - CRIM 5304 Research Design and Methods
 - CRIM 5306 Comprehensive Examination
 - CRIM 5314 Causes and Control of Juvenile Delinquency
 - CRIM 5317 Nature and Nurture of Crime
 - CRIM 5323 Seminar on Police Effectiveness

Courses Taught at University of Southern Indiana

- Research Methods
- Police & Society
- Issues in Policing
- Urban Crimes

Professional Development

- Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) Courses
 - Promoting Active Learning in the Classroom (2023)
 - Promoting Active Learning Online (2024)
 - Creating an Inclusive and Supportive Learning Environment (2025)
- Proyecto Exito Graduate Professional Development Series
 - Harnessing the power of case studies and group dynamics for graduate students
- Center for Academic Innovations
 - Providing Quality Feedback to Students
- MindTap
 - Unlocking the Potential of AI

Service Experiences

2026

- *American Criminal Justice Sciences* (ACJS) Assessment Committee member

2024

- University Faculty Senator (2024-2025)
- University's *Hazing and Prevention Committee* **Chair**
- Faculty Development Leave Committee
 - Dr. Nolasco-Braaten (**Chair**)
 - Dr. Thomas Beaumont (member)
- Piper Award Committee (member)

Professional Memberships

2014 – American Society of Criminology (ASC)

2024 – American Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

2022 – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA)

2023-24 – National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD)

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