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Appointments

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| 2022-Present | Assistant Professor: Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Texas A&M University San Antonio, San Antonio, TX. |
| 2020-2022 | Assistant Professor: Department of Criminal Justice, University of Southern Indiana. Evansville, IN. |

Education

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| 2020 | Doctor of Philosophy (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 | Master of Science (M.S.), Department of Criminal Justice and Sciences, Illinois State University, Normal, IL. |
| 2012 | Bachelor of Social Science (B.S.), School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. |

Grants & Awards

Under Review

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

External

Internal

2025

PI: What makes students to 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).

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 Student co-author)

Lee, Sunguook, *Barrera, Jaidyn. (Revise & Resubmit). Why do we trust the police? Testing performance theory, normative alignment, and political ideology.

Works In Progress (* Denotes Student co-author)

Lee, Sunguook, (In Progress). Characteristics vs. Motivation: What forms trust in police?

Hamm, Joseph, **Lee, Sunguook**, & Tankebe, Justice (In Progress). What determines police self-legitimacy?

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

Book Publication

2024

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

Lee, Yoonho & **Lee, Sunguook**. (2024). *Wrongful Conviction*. PYBOOKS.

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

Lee, Yoonho & **Lee, Sunguook**. (2024). *Modern Society & Crime* (5th ed.). PYBOOKS.

2023

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

Conference Presentations

2025

Lee, Sunguook. “Impact of personality on trust and compliance towards police.” 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.

Teaching Experiences

Courses Taught at Texas A&M University San Antonio

- Research Methods (Undergraduate & Graduate; online and offline)
- Statistics (Undergraduate; offline)
- Crime & Justice Policy (Undergraduate; online and offline)
- Critical Issues in Criminal Justice (Graduate; online)
- Issues in Policing (Graduate; online)
- Nature vs. Nurture of Criminology (Graduate; online)
- Causes and Control of Juvenile Delinquency (Graduate; online)

Courses Taught at University of Southern Indiana

- Research Methods (Undergraduate; online and offline)
- Police & Society (Undergraduate; online and offline)
- Issues in Policing (Undergraduate; online and offline)
- Urban Crimes (Undergraduate; online)

Service Experiences

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- University Faculty Senator (2024-)
- ACJS Assessment Committee member
- University's Hazing and Prevention Committee Chair

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- University Faculty Senator (2024-)
- Piper Award Committee member (2024)

Services Chaired

2024

- University's Hazing and Prevention Committee Chair
- Faculty Development Leave Committee (for Dr. Nolasco-Braaten and Dr. Thomas Beaumont)

Professional Memberships

2014 – American Society of Criminology (ASC)

2024 – American Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

2022 – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA)

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

References

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