

Curriculum Vita  
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**Contact Information**

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**Education**

- May 2017      **Ph. D.**, Sociology,  
College of Sciences, University of Central Florida.
- Aug 2014      **M. A.**, Applied Sociology,  
College of Sciences, University of Central Florida.
- Dec 2012      **Ph. D.**, Psychology,  
College of Sciences, University of Central Florida.

**Professional Positions**

Associate Professor, Criminal Justice  
Penn State University – Harrisburg (July 2025 – **Present**)

Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice  
Penn State University - Harrisburg. (July 2017 – June 2025).

Adjunct Professor, Sociology  
Valencia Community College. (May 2016 - May 2017).

**RESEARCH**

**Intellectual Contributions**

**Articles Published in Refereed Journals**

**Strohacker, E.** (2025). Locked and Loaded: Examining Pennsylvanians' Perceptions about Arming School Personnel and Impacts on School Safety. *Criminal Justice Studies*.

Allen, K., Gibbs, J., **Strohacker, E.**, & Liu, S. (2025). The influence of training and field experience on police knowledge and familiarity of human trafficking. *Policing: An International Journal*. DOI: 10.1108/PIJPSM-09-2024-0155

**Strohacker, E.**, Pontes, N. M.H., & Pontes (2024). Interactions between Forced Sexual Intercourse Victimization and Gender on Violent Behaviors: Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2017-2019. *Violence and Victims*, 1-30. DOI: 10.1891/VV-2022-0052

Gibbs, J., & **Strohacker, E.** (2023). Prostitution, Renamed? Police Perceptions of Human Trafficking. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*. DOI: <https://doi-org.ezaccess.libraries.psu.edu/10.1093/police/paad093>

Gibbs, J., **Strohacker, E.**, & Schally, J. (2023). Small and Rural Police Chief Perspectives on Human Trafficking in Pennsylvania. *Policing: An International Journal*, 1-25. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-01-2023-0015>

**Strohacker, E.**, Watts, S. J., & Wright, L. E. (2022). Socioeconomic Strain, Bullying Offending, and Negative Emotions: A Re-specification of GST. *Crime & Delinquency*, 1-32. DOI: 10.1177/00111287221093326

Reis, T., Gibbs, J., Howard, D., & **Strohacker, E.** (2022). Prostitute or Human Trafficking Victim? Police Discernment of Human Trafficking. *Policing: An International Journal*, 45(2), 334-345.

Pontes, N. M.H., **Strohacker, E.**, & Pontes, M. C. F. (2021). Bullying Victimization is Associated with a Significantly Greater Risk of Illicit Substance Use among US Female Adolescents: YRBS 2011-2017. *Crime & Delinquency*, 68(13-14), 2452-2475. DOI: <https://doi-org.ezaccess.libraries.psu.edu/10.1177/00111287211007728>

**Strohacker, E.**, Gibbs, J., & Woolford, S. (2021). Pennsylvanians' Perceptions of the Nature and Extent of Human Trafficking. *Journal of Human Trafficking*, 1-17. DOI: 10.1080/23322705.2021.1898249

**Strohacker, E.**, Wright, L. E., & Watts, S. J. (2019). Gender, Bullying Victimization, Depression, and Suicidality. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 1-30.

Gibbs, J., **Strohacker, E.**, Ruiz, J. M., & Mills, A. (2018). Police Officers Killed on Duty: Comparing the Influence of Social Investment on Line of Duty Deaths of Men and Women Officers. *International Journal of Police Science and Management*, 20(4), 284-295.

**Strohacker, E.**, & Wright, L. E. (2018). Actions Speak Louder Than Words: Examining Impacts of Bullying Victimization on Adolescent Engagement in Violence-Related Behaviors. *Violence and Gender*, 1-5.

Nguyen, J., Hinojosa, M. S., Strickhouser Vega, S., Newman, R., **Strohacker, E.**, & Noyongoyo, B. (2018). Family Predictors of Child Mental Health Conditions. *Journal of Family Issues*, 39(4), 935-959.

**Strohacker, E.**, Newman, R., & Ford, J. A. (2017). Bullying Victimization, Binge Drinking, and Marijuana Use among Adolescents: Results from the 2013 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*, 50(2), 133-142.

## Parts of Books

Corzine, J., Huff-Corzine, L., **Strohacker, E.**, Vincent, J., Francis, B., & Sacra, S. A., et al. (2017). The Dark Side of the Sunshine State: Past and Future Policies to Identify and Resist Human Trafficking. *Human Trafficking: A System Wide Public Safety and Community Approach* (pp. 243-268). West Academic Publishing.

## Presentations Given

Mullen, A., & **Strohacker, E.** (March 2025). "Reinforcement of Rape Culture within Institutional Policies at Conservative Christian Colleges: An Exploratory Analysis," Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.

- Strohacker, E.** (November 2024). "Locked and Loaded: Examining Pennsylvanians' Perceptions about Arming School Personnel and Impacts on School Safety," American Society of Criminology. International.
- Allen, K., Gibbs, J., & **Strohacker, E.** (November 2023). "The Influence of Training and Field Experience on Police Perceptions of Human Trafficking," American Society of Criminology.
- Wright, L., **Strohacker, E.**, & Schally, J. (November 2022). "The Social Construction of High-Profile Sexual Assault Cases," American Society of Criminology.
- Strohacker, E.** (February 15, 2022). "Using an Intersectional Framework to Examine Increased Incidence of Sexual Misconduct on College Campuses," Faculty Forum on Increased Incidence of Sexual Misconduct on College Campuses, Penn State Harrisburg Faculty Senate.
- Strohacker, E.**, Watts, S. J., & Wright, L. (November 18, 2021). "Socioeconomic Strain, Bullying Offending, and Negative Emotions: A Re-specification of GST," American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.
- Strohacker, E.**, Wright, L. E., & Watts, S. J. (November 2019). "Gender, Bullying Victimization, Depression, and Suicidality," American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. International.
- Strohacker, E.**, & Schally, J. (November 2019). "Victims in the Spotlight: Examining Media Construction of Victim Narratives in Docu-series Interviews," American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Strohacker, E.**, & Gibbs, J. (May 9, 2019). "Pennsylvanians' Perceptions of the Nature and Extent of Human Trafficking," 2019 Pennsylvania Data User Conferences, Pennsylvania State Data Center, Harrisburg, PA.
- Strohacker, E.**, & Watts, S. J. (March 2019). "Home Life Strain, Negative Emotions, and Bullying," Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD. National.
- Strohacker, E.**, & Wright, L. E. (November 2018). "Victims or Offenders? Examining the Implementation of Human Trafficking Specialty Courts," American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. National.
- Wright, L. E., & **Strohacker, E.** (February 2018). "Serial Killers and Serial Rapists: A Case For Rape Kit Funding," Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, LA. National.
- Strohacker, E.**, & Wright, L. E. (November 2017). "Actions Speak Louder than Words: Examining the Relationship Between Violent Behaviors and Bullying Victimization among Adolescents," American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA. National.

## Contracts, Grants, and Sponsored Research

### Grant

**Strohacker, E. (Principal Investigator)**, Grant, 100% credit, "Roadblocks to Reporting: Examining Barriers that Deter Domestic Violence Victim-Survivors from Reporting to Law Enforcement in Rural Communities of Pennsylvania," COP: Center for Rural Pennsylvania, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Total requested: \$50,000.00, Total Anticipated: \$50000, Amount Funded (Total or To Date, as applicable): \$50000. (submitted: August 19, 2022, date funding awarded: February 20, 2023, total start and end of funding: February 1, 2023 - May

1, 2024.

## **TEACHING**

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **Penn State**

CRIMJ 012, Criminology  
CRIMJ 100, Intro to Crim Justice  
CRIMJ 250W, Research Methods  
CRIMJ 407, Victimology  
CRIMJ 465, Ethics in Criminal Justice  
CRIMJ 497, Special Topics: Human Trafficking  
CRIMJ 500, Advanced Criminological Theory  
CRIMJ 501, Advanced Research Methods  
CRIMJ 503, Advanced Statistics  
CRIMJ 600, Thesis Research  
CJPA 570, Forensic Victimology

### **Directed Student Learning**

Ally Mullen, Master's Thesis, Chair (October 2023 – December 2024).  
Emma Leaman, Master's Thesis, Committee Member (November 2022 - May 2023).  
Kathleen Allen, Master's Thesis, Committee Member (June 2022 - May 2023).  
Kaylie Derrickson, Master's Thesis, Committee Member (April 2022 - December 2022).  
Yoon Sik Kim, Master's Thesis, Committee Member (November 2020 - May 2021).  
Samantha Woolford, Master's Thesis, Chair (May 2019 - December 2019).

## **SERVICE**

### **Service to the University**

#### **Campus**

##### **Committee Work**

We Are Weekend Committee, Member. (April 2019 - October 2019).

##### **Contributions to Programs to Enhance Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging**

IDEAL (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access, and BeLonging) Leadership Council,  
Member. (August 2023 - Present).

##### **Participation in Governance Bodies and Related Activities**

Penn State Harrisburg Faculty Senator, Penn State Harrisburg Faculty Senate, Member,  
Elected. (May 2023 – May 2025).

##### **Participation in Recruitment and Retention Activities**

NSO Summer Advising, Advisor. (May 2023 - August 2023).

#### **College**

### **Committee Work**

International, Intercultural, Community, and Diversity Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Committee Member. (June 2019 - May 2020).

Academic Engagement, Diversity and Educational Equity Committee (DEEC), Co-Chairperson, Elected. (May 1, 2019 - May 2020).

International, Intercultural, Community, and Diversity Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate, Co-Chairperson. (August 2018 - May 2019).

Academic Engagement, Diversity and Educational Equity Committee (DEEC), Committee Member. (August 2017 - May 1, 2019).

### **Contributions to Programs to Enhance Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging**

Diversity Educational Equity Committee (DEEC), Co-Chairperson, Elected. (April 2021 - May 2022).

Diversity Learning Series Planning Committee, Committee Member. (July 2021 - March 2022).

Diversity and Educational Equity Committee (DEEC), Co-Chair Elect, Elected. (May 2020 - May 2021).

Diversity and Educational Equity Committee (DEEC), Secretary, Elected. (May 2020 - May 2021).

### **Participation in Governance Bodies and Related Activities**

Faculty Senate Liason, Student Affairs, Liaison. (September 2024 – May 2025).

Faculty Senate Liason, International, Intercultural, Community and Diversity Committee, Liaison. (September 2024 - May 2024).

### **Department**

#### **Participation in Recruitment and Retention Activities**

Degree Completion Program Partnership with Pennsylvania State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, Liaison. (August 2017 - Present).

### **School**

#### **Assistance to Student Organizations**

Chapter Advisor, Alpha Phi Sigma, Advisor. (September 2024 - Present).

### **Committee Work**

Masters of Arts in Criminal Justice Admissions Committee, Committee Member. (September 2018 - Present).

Teaching and Research Sharing, Committee Member. (August 2017 - May 2018).

## **University**

### **Committee Work**

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Search Committee, Committee Member. (May 2022 - May 2023).

### **Graduate Exhibition Judge**

Graduate Exhibition Committee, Judge. (March 24, 2019).

### **Participation in Governance Bodies and Related Activities**

Faculty Affairs Committee, University Faculty Senate, Co-Chairperson. (August 2022 - May 2023).

Faculty Affairs Committee, University Faculty Senate, Committee Member. (August 2019 - May 2023).

University Faculty Senator, University Faculty Senate, Member, Elected. (August 2019 - May 2023).

## **Service to Society as a Representative of the University**

### **Service to Public and Private Organizations**

Domestic Violence Advocate, Centre Safe, Volunteer. (September 2020 - December 2022).

### **Unknown Service Type**

Lower Dauphin High School, Presenter. (March 14, 2023).  
Provided a lecture to high school students regarding official criminal data collection and analysis, and crime patterns and trends.

Lower Dauphin High School, Presenter. (October 26, 2022).  
Provided a lecture to high school students regarding official criminal data collection and analysis, and crime patterns and trends.

## **Service to the Disciplines and to the Profession**

### **Participation in or Service to Professional and Learned Societies**

Executive Counselor, American Society of Criminology, Division of Victimology, Board Member, Elected. (December 5, 2022 - Present).

Internal Awards Committee Member, American Society of Criminology, Division of Victimology, Internal Awards Committee, Committee Member. (January 2021 - November 2022).

Mentorship and Service Committee Member, American Society of Criminology, Division of Victimology, Mentorship and Service Committee, Committee Member. (April 2019 - December 2020).

Panel Chair, American Society of Criminology, Panelist. (November 2017).

### **Professional Memberships**

Member, American Society of Criminology - Division of Victimology. (August 2018 - Present).

Member, American Society of Criminology. (August 2015 - Present).