

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

University of Mississippi (Anticipated) 2025 Ph.D. in Criminal Justice Policy Studies

University of Mississippi 2022 M.C.J. in Criminal Justice Practice and Policy

Thesis: Extra-Legal Factors in Juvenile Court Outcomes: What is the role of youth's race/ethnicity and family structure in disposition decisions?

Committee Members: Dr. Abigail Novak (Chair), Dr. Kimberly Kaiser and Dr. D'Andre Walker

Flagler College

B.A. in Criminology and Sociology 2018

RESEARCH POSITIONS HELD

Keywords/Research Interests: juvenile justice, race and crime, labeling theory

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Mississippi 2020-present Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies

Advisor/Mentor: Dr. Abigail Novak

Adverse Childhood Experiences & Child Delinquency

Minimum Age Policies & Law Enforcement Behavior

Labeling Theory

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. Gilbreath, S., Cheng, Y., **De Francisco Lopes, V.**, & Novak, A. (2024). Adolescent Domestic Violence Referrals and Adverse Childhood Experiences: Race and Sex Differences. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 22(2), 90-107.

2. Novak, A., & **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (2023). What about the kids? A multimethod approach to understanding law enforcement policies pertaining to the arrest of children in Florida. *American journal of criminal justice*, 48(4), 899-920.

3. Novak, A., & **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (2022). Child delinquency, ACEs, and the juvenile justice system: does exposure to ACEs affect justice system experiences for children?. *Youth violence and juvenile justice*, 20(2), 113-138.

4. Novak, A., & **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (2022). Structuring discretion: The association between law enforcement policies and arrest of children in Florida. *Crime and Delinquency*.

PEER-REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS (UNDER REVIEW)

1. **De Francisco Lopes, V.** & Novak, A. (2023) School-based referrals to the justice system: Examining the criminalization of black girls through a critical race feminist perspective. *Journal of School Violence*

2. Novak, A., Gutman, C., **De Francisco Lopes, V.** & Boutwell, B. (2024) The Intersection of Infant Substance Exposure, Foster Care Placement & Child Welfare Policy

PEER-REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS (IN PREPARATION/PROGRESS)

1. **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (2024). Family Structure, Family Environment and Delinquency: Understanding family factors as predictors of delinquency

2. Novak, A., Smith, T., Boutwell, B. & **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (2024). Critical paths through Criminology.

3. Boutwell, B., **De Francisco Lopes, V.**, & Greenspan, R. (2024) Causation, Experimentation & the Development of Criminal Justice Policy

4. **De Francisco Lopes, V.**, Myers, M., Rosenbaum, J. & Walker, D. (2024) Neighborhood Disorder and Delinquency

5. **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (2024) Extra-Legal Factors In Juvenile Court Outcomes: What Is The Role Of Youth's Race/Ethnicity And Family Structure In Disposition Decisions?

PRESENTATIONS

1. Novak, A., & **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (2021). Child delinquency, ACEs, and the juvenile justice system: does exposure to ACEs affect justice system experiences for children? Southern Criminal Justice Association, Florida, USA.
2. Novak, A., & **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (2022). Structuring discretion: The association between law enforcement policies and arrests of children in Florida. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Nevada, USA.
3. **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (2022). Extra-Legal Factors in Juvenile Court Outcomes: What is the role of youth's race/ethnicity and family structure in disposition decisions? Southern Criminal Justice Association, North Carolina, USA.
4. Novak, A., & **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (2023). What about the kids? A mixed methods approach to understanding law enforcement policies pertaining to the arrest of children in Florida. American Society of Criminology, Georgia, USA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Keywords/Teaching Interests:juvenile justice, race and crime, labeling theory

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Mississippi
Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies 2022 - 2023

Courses:

MCJ Online CJ 692 Capstone
MCJ Online CJ 693 Capstone
MCJ Online CJ 600 Criminal Justice Administration
MCJ Online CJ 601 Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis

Graduate Instructor, University of Mississippi
Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies 2023 - Current
CJ 324 Theories of Criminal Behavior

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

Southern Criminal Justice Association
American Society of Criminology
Alpha Phi Sigma
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Latina/o/x Criminology

AWARDS

Graduate Achievement Award for Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Spring, 2022

Southern Criminal Justice Association - Travel Award Fall, 2021

Southern Criminal Justice Association - Best Poster Award Fall, 2022

SPECIAL SKILLS/PROFICIENCIES

Language: Spanish, Portuguese

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Microsoft Office

REFERENCES

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