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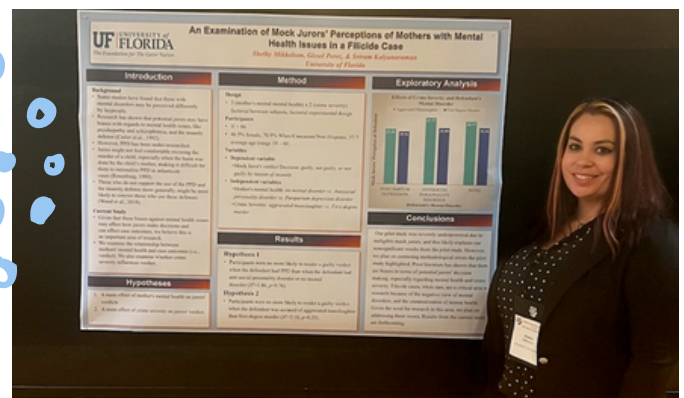
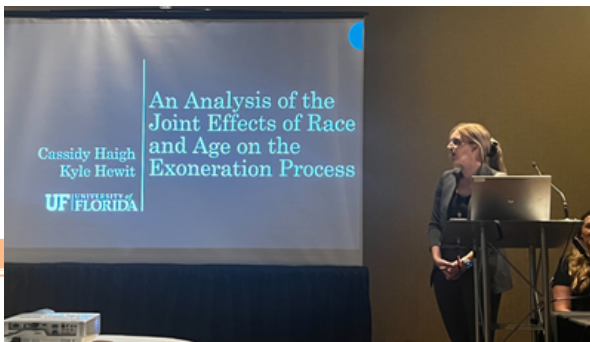
CONGRATS!

Gators presented in Philly

Our colleagues made excellent presentations at APLS this year! The projects covered diverse topics and showed strong collaboration between fellow graduate students, and graduate students and their professors. Outstanding work!

PROJECT TITLES

- An Examination of Mock Jurors' Perceptions of Mothers with Mental Health Issues in a Filicide Case.
- Using Court-Appointed Experts to Eliminate the Hired Gun Effect.
- An Analysis of the Joint Effects of Race and Age on the Exoneration Process.
- Supporting Financial Literacy in Non-Clinical Forensic Psychology.



Fantastic job to Cassidy Haigh, Kyle Hewit, Shelby Mikkelson and Gissel Perez!

Takeaway

EXPERIENCES AND LIFE LEARNING



I was selected as a 2023 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Doctoral Fellow. As part of this award, I attended the 2023 Doctoral Summit held during the annual ACJS conference in National Harbor, MD. The award included a scholarship that covered the cost of the conference registration, hotel lodging for three nights, and multiple meals. The Summit included a variety of panels and extensive networking opportunities spread across three days. The networking opportunities with other early career scholars were a highlight of the Summit for me. I'd highly recommend other students to apply for this opportunity in future years!

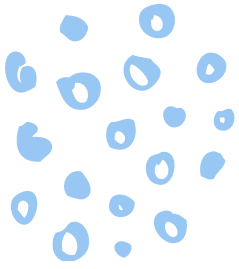
-McKenzie Jossie

Eaven Holder, Ph.D.

So much of this profession is being pro-active in your own success and seemingly dedicating all your energy to "the academy." You are expected to sacrifice your personal relationships with friends and family and other (probably better paying) career opportunities. The prestige is certainly intoxicating, but cults have the same expectation. While easier said than done, remember that this is only a job.

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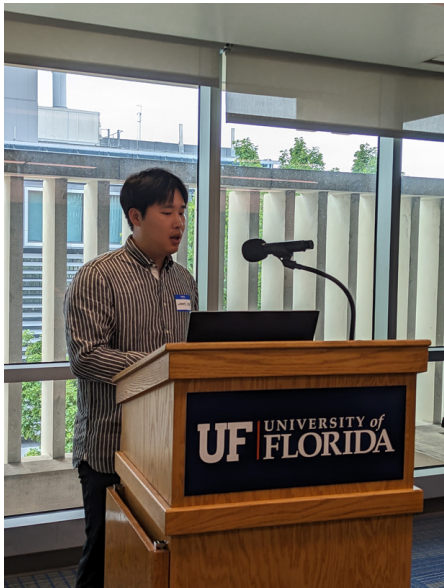
Assistant professor at Old Dominion University.



Be involved!



in Florida Society of Social Sciences



Wonki Lee
Vice president 2022-2023

On April 8, the Florida Society of the Social Sciences (F3S) held the 17th annual conference of the social sciences under the theme of "Social Science and Social Change". More than 60 participants, including presenters and volunteers, visited and celebrated the event. Once again, I would like to express my gratitude to those who participated in the conference and those who helped make the conference possible. At each step of the conference, I was able to experience various forms of communication and collaboration. These experiences were interesting and memorable because these are experiences you cannot learn from coursework. Through the process of reserving the conference room, discussing the presentation sequence, and communicating with the participants, I learned that the process of developing a conference is complicated, and the co-work of boards made overcoming these difficulties smoothly.

Now, I will help the newly formed boards of F3S to have similarly meaningful experiences. I hope there are even more interesting episodes at the 18th annual conference!



News!



Carla Tierney, President

New Syndicate Board Members 2023-2024:

President: **Carla Tierney**
Vice President: **Tian Zhi (Jackie)**
Program Coordinator: **Wonki Lee**
Treasurer: **Stephanie Koskinen**
Comm. Liaison: **Meshach Pierre**
Secretary: **Imani Corothers**

Syndicate Award Winners:

Outstanding Undergraduate
Mentorship Award(s): **Kyle Hewit
& McKenzie Jossie**

Outstanding Colleague Award:
Stephanie Koskinen

Outstanding Service to the
Department: **Kyle Hewit**

Most Innovative Teaching Award:
Gissel Perez

Most Innovative Data Analysis:
Cassidy Haigh

Most Innovative Thesis Award:
Allison Henderson

Most Innovative Dissertation
Award: **Cassidy Haigh**



Gissel Perez (left) & McKenzie Jossie (right)

Congratulations to all Syndicate election and award winners! Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to your research, your students, the department, and the University at large. Keep up the great work!

Are you looking for non-academic path?

Check out this non-academic job panel our department hosted on April 21, 2023. **A recording of the session can be located in the Public Departmental Files.** The special guest were:

Dr. Andrea Davis, Ph.D. Criminology & Law 2014, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Advisor at the US Agency for International Development (USAID)

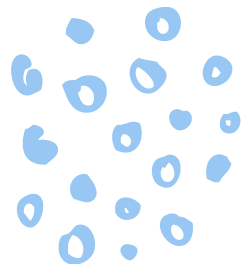
Dr. Cory Lowe, Ph.D. Criminology & Law 2020, Research Scientist, Loss Prevention Research Council

Dr. Martha Rosero, Ph.D. Sociology 2019, Social Inclusion Director, Conservation International

Dr. Claudia Youakim, Ph.D. Sociology 2016, Director of Data and Research, Arab American Institute

A brief summary of the panel discussion

- o Shape your Ph.D. program to fit your future development and priorities
- o Take more out-of-department quant classes, especially data visualization and GIS
- o Training your practical writing skills—direct and easy-to-understand language
- o Build your network for job-finding
- o Recognize the value of post-doc positions



Planning ahead

UPCOMING CONFERENCES (ASC, SCJA)



2023 ASC Annual Meeting


*Seeking Justice:
Reconciling with our Past,
Reimagining the Future*

November 15 - 18

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
Philadelphia, PA

ASC
Posters, lightning
talks and roundtable
abstracts due:
Friday, May 19, 2023

Southern Criminal Justice Association
2023 Annual Meeting



Mobile, AL
September 13-16, 2023

*Which one is
your favorite?*

ACJS
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

 American Psychology-Law Society

Message from Outgoing Syndicate President, Kyle Hewit:

Well, we have reached the end of another tough yet rewarding semester. To all those moving to the next phase of their careers, congratulations! We are all so proud. For those students still acclimating to this hectic lifestyle, please remember that you have ample resources at your disposal. Use all of them to reach your goals! We are all in this together so let's all remember to be there for one another in times of need. If you need help, whatever that help may entail, do not hesitate to reach out to someone. Finally, I want to thank everyone for a fantastic year with the Syndicate. We looked to make positive changes this year, and I believe we succeeded. We all look forward to watching our organization continue to grow under our new leadership.

Good luck to all our new officers! See you in the Fall!

Enjoy your summer! We look forward to seeing everyone in Fall '23!