

**Dr. JOSEPH W. RIVERA**

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**EDUCATION**

The University of Florida – Gainesville, FL  
Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology & Law  
Specialization: Law and Society

Dec 2021

Utica College – Utica, NY  
Certificate: Financial Crime Investigation

Aug 2017

The University of Mississippi School of Law – University, MS  
Juris Doctorate  
Concentration: Business Law

May 2014

Tiffin University – Tiffin, OH  
Master of Science in Criminal Justice  
Emphasis: Criminal Behavior

April 2011

Oregon State University – Corvallis, OR  
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

June 2007

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

University of Florida – Gainesville, FL  
Lecturer /Adviser 08/2018 – Present

University of Florida – Gainesville, FL  
Adjunct Instructor/ Graduate Teaching Assistant 06/2014 – 07/2018

Eastern Arkansas Community College – Forrest City, AR  
Online Adjunct Instructor 01/2012 – 05/2014

**COURSES TAUGHT**

CJL 2000 Law and the Legal Process – University of Florida – face-to-face and online  
CJL 4110 Criminal Law– University of Florida – face-to-face  
CJL 4410 Criminal Procedure – University of Florida – face-to-face and online  
CCJ 4934 Money Laundering – University of Florida – face-to-face and online  
CCJ 4934 Computer Crime – University of Florida – face-to-face  
CCJ 4905 International Criminal Law and Procedure – face-to-face  
CCJ 4905 White Collar Criminal Law – face-to-face  
WIS 6558 US Wildlife Law, Policy, and Ethics – University of Florida – online  
PSY 1003 General Psychology – Eastern Arkansas Community College – online

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Law and Society, Economic Crime, Transnational Organized Crime, Terrorism, and Wildlife Crime

## RESEARCH/ PUBLICATIONS

- Kahler, J. S., Rivera, J. W., Steele, Z. T., Morales-Giner, P., Rivera, C. J., Ahossin, C. F., Kaur, A., & Episcopio-Sturgeon, D. (2021). "Advancing applied research in conservation criminology through the evaluation of corruption prevention, enhancing compliance, and reducing recidivism." *Frontiers in Conservation Science*, Vol. 2, pp. 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fcosc.2021.698755>.
- Rivera, J. (2020). *Law & The Legal Process: Supplemental Reading*. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing. ISBN: 9781792439162.
- Rivera, J. (2019). "Suing the Banks for Financing Terror: A Case Study of *Linde v. Arab Bank*." *Journal of Money Laundering Control*, Vol. 22 No. 4, pp. 858-867. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JMLC-07-2018-0044>.
- Rivera, J. (2019). "Potential Negative Effects of a Cashless Society: Turning Citizens into Criminals and other Economic Dangers." *Journal of Money Laundering Control*, Vol. 22 No. 2, pp. 350-358. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JMLC-04-2018-0035>.
- Rivera, Joseph. "Organized Crime." In J. Bumgarner & C. Lewandowski (Eds.), *Criminal Justice in America: The Encyclopedia of Crime, Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections*.
- Rivera, Joseph. "Fraud." In J. Bumgarner & C. Lewandowski (Eds.), *Criminal Justice in America: The Encyclopedia of Crime, Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections*.

## PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES

- 2023 Jacksonville Bar Association. "Climate provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act & environmental action in Florida." Jacksonville, FL.
- 2022 Law and Society Association. "A legal history of colonization and rebellion." Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2019 Law and Society Association. "Suing the banks for financing terror." Washington, D.C.
- 2018 American Society of Criminology Conference. "To Trade or Not to Trade: Evaluating Current Strategies to Protect the Rhino." Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 McKnight Doctoral Research & Writing Conference. "Turning on the Lights: A Criminological Approach to Studying Insider Trading." Tampa, FL.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Paper plate award for "most likely to add excellent ridiculous GIF's to slide decks" —2022
- Nominated for Teacher of the Year —2019
- Graduate School Fellowship —2014, 2017
- Board of Education Minority Fellowship recipient —2014

## UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences – Gainesville, FL

- Served as an honor guard for various graduation ceremonies.
- Attended college recruiting events to discuss the criminology and law program at the University of Florida.

Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law – Gainesville, FL

- Chaired and/or Served on numerous criminology senior thesis projects.
- Taught independent study courses for graduating criminology seniors.
- Served as Student organization advisor for First-Generation Lawyers.

## **CIVILIAN WORK EXPERIENCE**

Department of Children and Families – Wildwood, FL

Child Protective Investigator 01/2016 – 09/2016

- ☐ Investigated cases involving allegations of child abuse and neglect.
- ☐ Managed a caseload of 12 to 20 cases at any given time.
- ☐ Interviewed parents and children to determine the truthfulness of allegations.

Attorney General's Office of Medicaid Fraud and Abuse – Jackson, MS

Extern 07/2013 – 08/2013

- ☐ Researched criminal statutes for indictment.
- ☐ Wrote prosecutorial informations.
- ☐ Prepared jury questions for the prosecutors.

Children's Farm Home– Corvallis, OR

Child and Adolescent Treatment Specialist 04/2006 – 04/2007

- ☐ Monitored mental health treatment of juvenile offenders.
- ☐ Supervised their day-to-day activities.
- ☐ Completed routine paperwork on their treatment progress.

## **MILITARY WORK EXPERIENCE**

US Army National Guard – Meridian, MS

Captain, Company Commander 10/2012 – 05/2014

- ☐ Commanded a headquarters company in a brigade special troops battalion.
- ☐ Maintained readiness of the unit's soldiers and equipment.
- ☐ Preserved and improved the unit's ability to deploy into any battlefield.

US Army National Guard – Tupelo, MS

Captain, Logistics Officer 08/2011 – 10/2012

- ☐ Assisted in the planning of logistical portions of operations orders.
- ☐ Contributed to the writing of logistical portions of operation orders.

US Army National Guard – Huntsville, AL/ Baghdad, Iraq

Captain, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Operations Officer 07/2007 – 08/2011

- ☐ Served as an S3 operations officer charged with managing current battlefield operations.
- ☐ Accountable for receipt, review, process, and dissemination of top secret, secret, and confidential orders.
- ☐ Involved in the analysis and synthesis of daily orders into policies and procedures.

US Army National Guard – Portland, OR

First Lieutenant, Platoon Leader 05/2005 – 07/2007

- ☐ Served as transportation platoon leader for a forward support company.
- ☐ Responsible for equipment, vehicles, and 34 personnel.
- ☐ Involved in the relief effort in New Orleans, LA following Hurricane Katrina.

## **REFERENCE**

References are available upon request.