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### EDUCATION

- 2005-2008    **Ph.D., Criminal Justice**  
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, USA  
Dissertation Title: *"The Public Safety Dimensions and Implications of Dismissal: The Unexamined Criminal Case Disposition,"* Chair: Peter R. Jones.
- 2003-2005    **Master of Arts, Criminal Justice**  
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, USA
- 1997-1998    **Judge Diploma**  
National Institute of Magistrature and Ministry of Justice, Bucharest, Romania
- 1993-1997    **Bachelor of Law**  
University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania  
Thesis Title: *"The Specific Clauses of the Long-Term International Transactions"* (in Romanian), Chair: Dragos Alexandru Sitaru

### POSITIONS HELD

- 2017-        **Associate Professor**, Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University, USA
- 2009-2017    **Assistant Professor**, Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University, USA  
[on personal leave during 2012-2013 academic year]
- 2008-2009    **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University
- 1998-2009    **Judge** (life-tenured), the Court of the 4<sup>th</sup> District of Bucharest, Romania.  
Appointed by the President of Romania based on the National Tenure Examination, following graduation of the National Institute of Magistrature (sole entry point for a judicial career in Romania)  
[on professional leave during completion of Ph.D. degree & visiting professorship]

### AREAS OF INTEREST

Criminal courts; corrections; liberty decisions and punishment; penal policies; social control theories; community context of crime; comparative criminal justice; research methodology

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

12. Kimberly A. Houser, **E. Rely Vîlcică**, Christine A. Saum, & Matthew L. Hiller. 2019. Mental Health Risk Factors and Parole Decisions: Does Inmate Mental Health Status Affect Who Gets Released? *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 16 (16), 2950. (Special Issue, Health of Marginalized People).  
DOI: <https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/16/16/2950>.
11. **Vîlcică, E. Rely**. 2018. Revisiting Parole Decisionmaking: Testing for the Punitive Hypothesis in a Large US Jurisdiction. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 62 (5), 1357-1383.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0306624X16668512>.
10. **Vîlcică, E. Rely**. 2016. Challenges in Parole Supervision: Views from the Field. *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*, 1 (4), 266-292.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/23774657.2016.1219886>.
9. **Vîlcică, E. Rely**. 2016. Studying Parole in the Spotlight: Lessons from a Large American Jurisdiction. *European Journal on Criminal Policy & Research*, 22(1), 61-88.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10610-015-9284-8>.
8. **Vîlcică, E. Rely**. 2015. The Influence of Inmate Visitation on the Decision to Grant Parole: An Exploratory Study. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 43(6), 498-509.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2015.11.003>.
7. **Vîlcică, E. Rely** & John S. Goldkamp (posthumously). 2015. Bail Prediction: Exploring the Role of Neighborhood Context in Philadelphia. *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, 42(11), 1159-1182.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0093854815599022>.
6. **Vîlcică, E. Rely**. 2014. Parole Decisionmaking in the United States: A Crisis Situation and Its Consequences. (In Romanian) *Revista de Criminologie, Criminalistică și Penologie*, nr.1-2, 32-42. (*The [Romanian] Journal of Criminology, Criminalistics, and Penology*)
5. **Vîlcică, E. Rely**. 2014. The Role of Dismissal in the American Criminal Court: Court Theories Revisited. *Justice System Journal*, 35(2), 205-232.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/0098261X.2013.869156>.
4. **Vîlcică, E. Rely**. 2012. Nature and Consequences of Dismissals: Implications for Public Safety and Crime Prevention in Criminal Courts in America. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 40(2), 103-116.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2012.01.006>.
3. **Vîlcică, E. Rely**, Steve Belenko, Matt Hiller, & Faye Taxman. 2010. Exporting Court Innovation from the United States to Continental Europe: Compatibility between the Drug Court Model and Inquisitorial Justice Systems. *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, 34(1), 139-172.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/01924036.2010.9678821>.

2. Goldkamp, John S. & **E. Rely Vîlcică**. 2009. Judicial Discretion and the Unfinished Agenda of American Bail Reform: Lessons from Philadelphia's Evidence-Based Judicial Strategy. *Studies in Law, Politics and Society, Special Issue New Perspectives on Crime and Criminal Justice*, 47, 115-157. (Authors listed alphabetically, equal co-authorship.)  
DOI: [https://doi/abs/10.1108/S1059-4337\(2009\)0000047007](https://doi/abs/10.1108/S1059-4337(2009)0000047007).
1. Goldkamp, John S. & **E. Rely Vîlcică**. 2008. Targeted Enforcement and Adverse System Side-Effects: The Generation of Fugitives in Philadelphia. *Criminology*, 46(2), 371-410. (Authors listed alphabetically, equal co-authorship.)  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1745-9125.2008.00113.x>.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

**Vîlcică, E. Rely**. Bail, Pretrial Detention, and Case Dismissal: Punishment without Conviction?  
[Manuscript/analyses in progress]

**Vîlcică, E. Rely**, & Kimberly Houser. Effects of Neighborhood Conditions on Resident Self-Assessed Mental Health in Philadelphia.  
[Manuscript/analyses in progress]

**Vîlcică, E. Rely**, Kimberly Houser, & Veronica Nelson. The Effects of Inmate Visitation on Post-Release Outcomes.  
[Analyses stages]

**Vîlcică, E. Rely**, & Kimberly Houser, & Veronica Nelson. Role of Mental Health Risk Factors in Predicting Parolee Performance in the Community.  
[Analyses stages]

Ajima Olaghere, **Vîlcică, E. Rely**, & Jeff Ward. Legitimacy in Corrections at a Time of Crisis: Perspectives from Incarcerated Individuals. [Data collection stages]

**Vîlcică, E. Rely** & Steven Belenko. Designing Effective Pre-Release Programs: Challenges and Pathways towards Successful Post-Release Outcomes.  
[Analyses stages]

## RESEARCH REPORTS

7. Goldkamp, John S., **E. Rely Vîlcică**, M. Kay Harris, & Doris Weiland. 2010. *Parole and Public Safety in Pennsylvania: A Report to Governor Edward G. Rendell*. (Special investigation to Governor Edward Rendell). Philadelphia: Crime and Justice Research Center, Temple University.
6. Goldkamp, John S., M. Kay Harris, Doris Weiland, & **E. Rely Vîlcică**. 2008. *Restoring Parole and Related Processing for Categories of Violent State Prisoners: Findings and Recommendations II*. (Special investigation submitted to Governor Edward G. Rendell). Philadelphia: Crime and Justice Research Center, Temple University.

5. Goldkamp, John S., M. Kay Harris, Doris Weiland, & **E. Rely Vilcićă**. 2008. *Proceeding with the Parole Processing of Non-violent State Prisoners: Findings and Recommendations I*. (Special investigation submitted to Governor Edward G. Rendell). Philadelphia: Crime and Justice Research Center, Temple University.
4. Goldkamp, John S., **E. Rely Vilcićă**, Doris Weiland, & Wang Ke. 2006. *Confinement and the Justice Process in Philadelphia: Its Features and Implications for Planning. Final Report*. Philadelphia: Crime and Justice Research Center, Temple University.
3. Goldkamp, John S., **E. Rely Vilcićă**, Doris Weiland, & Wang Ke. 2006. *Confinement and the Judicial Process in Philadelphia*. Philadelphia: Crime and Justice Research Center, Temple University.
2. Goldkamp, John S., Doris Weiland, **E. Rely Vilcićă**, & Wang Ke. 2006. *The Population of the Philadelphia Prisons on November 21, 2005: A Single Day Analysis*. Philadelphia: Crime and Justice Research Center, Temple University.
1. Goldkamp, John S., **E. Rely Vilcićă**, Doris Weiland, & Wang Ke. 2006. *The Population of the Philadelphia Prisons in Context: Justice System Trends and Projections*. Philadelphia: Crime and Justice Research Center, Temple University.

#### **GRANTS & CONTRACTS, EXTREMNALLY FUNDED**

- 2019-21 Co-Principal Investigator on Project "Evaluating Prosecutor-Led Criminal Justice Reform in Philadelphia: A Mixed-Methods Approach." Peter Jones (PI), Cheryl Irons, Caterina Roman, Cathryn Rosen, Jeffrey Ward (Co-PIs). \$556,420. Arnold Venture, Subcontract with the University of Pennsylvania.
- 2019-21 Co-Principal Investigator on Project "Evaluation of the Philadelphia CARES Strategy." Caterina Gouvis Roman (PI). \$180,933. Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Subcontract with the City of Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.
- 2008-10 Co-Principal Investigator on Project "Special Investigation of Violence among Parolees in Pennsylvania." John Goldkamp (PI) and M. Kay Harris (Co-PI). \$199,999. Requested by then-Governor Edward G. Rendell. Funded by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency & the Governor's Office.
- 2005-06 Research Associate on Project "Impact of Pretrial and Other Justice Processes on Inmate Population: Developing Strategies for Managing the Use of Confinement in Philadelphia." John Goldkamp (PI), \$153,000. Contract with the City of Philadelphia.
- June 1998 Merit-based award for study-visit to the European Community Institutions. Granted by the Romanian National Institute of Magistrature, with support from the Netherlands Helsinki Committee, European Council, and European Court of Justice.

## **GRANTS & CONTRACTS, INTERNALLY FUNDED**

- Spring 2019 College of Liberal Arts LAURA Award (Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Award; Mentor to Sierra Austin). \$2,000 (\$500 mentor, \$1,500 mentee).
- Summer 2018 Temple University Summer Research Award. \$7,000.
- Spring 2014 Temple University Research Leave
- Summer 2011 Temple University Summer Research Award. \$7,000.

## **PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

- July 2019 Kimberly Houser, **E. Rely Vîlcică**, Christine Saum, & Matthew Hiller. "Mental Health Risk Factors and Parole Decisionmaking," International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Rome, Italy. International.
- Feb 2019 **E. Rely Vîlcică** & Kimberly Houser. "Social Ties and Prisoner Reentry: A Closer Look at the Influence of Prison Visitation on Post-Release Outcomes," Western Society of Criminology, Honolulu, Hawaii. International.
- Oct 2018 **E. Rely Vîlcică** & Steven Belenko, "Designing Effective Pre-Release Programs: Challenges and Pathways towards Successful Post-Release Outcomes," International Corrections and Prisons Association, Montreal, Canada. International.
- May 2018 **E. Rely Vîlcică**, "Conducting Prison Research in the 'Spotlight': Lessons from a Comprehensive Research Undertaking in Pennsylvania, United States," International Corrections and Prisons Association – Research Symposium, Prague, The Czech Republic. International.
- Feb 2018 **E. Rely Vîlcică**, "Multilevel Impacts of Violence and Social Climate on Mental Health in Philadelphia," Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, USA. International.
- Nov 2017 **E. Rely Vîlcică**, "Exporting Court Innovation: Compatibility between the American Drug Court Model and European Justice Systems," Global and Transnational Crimes Conference (by invitation), Philadelphia, USA. International.
- Oct 2017 **E. Rely Vîlcică**, "The Decision to Grant Conditional Release from Prison: An Exploration into the Role of Inmate Visitation in a Large US Jurisdiction," International Corrections and Prisons Association, London, UK. International.
- June 2017 **E. Rely Vîlcică**, "Granting Conditional Release from Prison: Exploring the Role of Punitive Themes in Parole Decisionmaking in a Large US Jurisdiction," Stockholm Criminology Symposium, Stockholm, Sweden. International.
- Nov 2016 **E. Rely Vîlcică**, "Bail, Pretrial Detention, and Case Dismissal: Punishment without Conviction?," American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, USA. International.

- Oct 2016 **E. Rely Vîlcică**, “Challenges in Conditional Release Supervision: Views from the Field from One Large American Jurisdiction,” International Corrections and Prisons Association, Bucharest, Romania. International.
- Nov 2015 **E. Rely Vîlcică**, “The Bail and Case Dismissal Connection: Unnecessary Pretrial Detention?,” American Society of Criminology, Washington DC, USA. (*Policy Panel*). International.
- Bell Nicolette, Bret Bucklen, Kiminori Nakamura, **E. Rely Vîlcică**, & Brandy B. Blasko, “The 2008 Pennsylvania Parole Moratorium as a Case Study in Procedural Justice,” American Society of Criminology, Washington DC, USA. International.
- Nov 2014 **E. Rely Vîlcică**, “The Impact of Inmate Visitation on Parole Decisionmaking: Translating Parole Performance Goals into Parole Decisionmaking Practices,” American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, USA. International.
- April 2014 **E. Rely Vîlcică**, “Parole Decisionmaking in the United States: A Crisis Situation and Its Consequences,” Romanian Society of Criminology, Bucharest, Romania. (In Romanian). International.
- Feb 2014 **E. Rely Vîlcică**, “The Parole Decision: Its Function in Relation to the Punishment Aims at Sentencing,” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, USA. International.
- Feb 2010 John S. Goldkamp & **E. Rely Vîlcică**, “Evidence, Policy and the Unfinished Agenda of Judicial Reform at Bail,” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Diego, USA. International.
- Nov 2009 **E. Rely Vîlcică**, “The Dismissal and Public Safety Connection: What Does the Evidence Mean for Policy Development?,” American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, USA. International.
- Nov 2007 **E. Rely Vîlcică**, “The Public Safety Dimensions and Implications of Dismissal: The Unexamined Criminal Case Disposition,” American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, USA. International.
- E. Rely Vîlcică** & John S. Goldkamp, “Bail Prediction and Neighborhood Context in Philadelphia,” American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, USA. International.
- Nov 2006 Goldkamp, John S. & **E. Rely Vîlcică**, “Targeted Drug Enforcement and Adverse Side-Effects: The Generation of Fugitives in Philadelphia,” American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, USA. International.
- Nov 2005 **Vîlcică, E. Rely**, “Dismissals as a Neglected Adjudication Outcome: An Explanatory Model and its Public Safety Implications,” American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Canada. International.
- Goldkamp, John S., **E. Rely Vîlcică** & Doris Weiland, “Justice Owed: The Nature, Causes and Implications of the ‘Invisible’ Fugitive Caseload in American Courts,” American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Canada. International.

- Aug 2005 **Vîlcică, E. Rely**, "Reform of Bail in the United States: Philadelphia as a Bellwether for Change," 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Criminology, Philadelphia, USA. International.
- Nov 2004 **Livescu, E. Rely**, "Neighborhood Impacts of Violence and Social Climate and the Spatial Dynamics of Self-Assessed Mental Health Status," American Society of Criminology, Nashville, USA. International.
- Goldkamp, John S. & **E. Rely Livescu**, "The Fugitive Caseload: Effects and Causes," poster session, American Society of Criminology, Nashville, USA. International.

### INVITED TALKS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Nov 2017 Exporting Court Innovation: Compatibility between the American Drug Court Model and European Justice Systems. *Global and Transnational Crimes Conference, Temple University*, Philadelphia, USA.
- May 2014 Justice for the Minors: Dedicated System or Mainstream Justice? Lessons from America (In Romanian). *School of Law, University of Bucharest*, Bucharest, Romania.
- May 2014 The Penology of Justice for the Minors: A Comparison between the US and Romania (In Romanian). *Law School, Spiru Haret University*, Bucharest, Romania.
- Dec 2013 Media interview for a feature article in the *Chicago Reporter*, "Thousands of felony gun cases are being dismissed in Cook County criminal courts," (by Angela Caputo).
- May 2011 Invited participation to the "National Symposium on Pretrial Justice: Commemorating the Work of Robert F. Kennedy 50 Years Later." *US Department of Justice and Pretrial Justice Institute*, Washington, D.C., USA. National.
- Dec 1998 Invited participation to the symposium "The Reform of Criminal Penalty System in Romania," *European Council and the Romanian Ministry of Justice*, Bucharest, Romania. National.
- Sep 1998 Invited participation to the symposium "The European Court of Justice Role in the Application of Community Law." *European Commission, the Academy of European Law Trier, and the Romanian Ministry of Justice*, Bucharest, Romania. International.
- June 1998 Invited visit to the European Council, the European Parliament, the European Court of Justice, and the European Court of Human Rights. *Netherlands Helsinki Committee, the European Council, and the European Court of Justice*. International.

### RESEARCH CONSULTING

- Sep 2018-19 **Philadelphia District Attorney's Office & Stoneleigh Fellow Sangeeta Prasad**  
Project: Early Probation Termination for Young Adults Intervention  
Duties: Conduct feasibility study (data collection protocol) and process evaluation (implementation/process assessment).

## TEACHING

### Courses:

Crime and Justice around the World: Critical Issues (CJ 8320, graduate)  
Advanced Methodological Issues in Criminal Justice Research (CJ 8302, graduate)  
Crime and Justice around the World (CJ 3006, undergraduate)  
Criminal Justice Research Methods (CJ 2597, undergraduate, writing-intensive)  
Nature of Crime (CJ 2401, undergraduate)  
Introduction to Criminal Justice (CJ 1001, undergraduate)

### Independent Study courses:

Chelsey Cane, graduate (Spring 2020)  
Victoria Samsel, Diamond Peer Teacher, undergraduate (Spring 2017, CJ 1001)  
Nahla Ward, Diamond Peer Teacher, undergraduate (Spring 2016, CJ 1001)

## STUDENT ADVISING/MENTORING

### Graduate:

Elizabeth Jenaway (general advising, ongoing)  
Alyssa Mendlein (general advising, ongoing)  
Justin Medina (general advising, Ph.D. granted May 2015)  
Minkyung Kim (general advising, M.A. granted May 2014)  
Scott Hoke (dissertation committee member, Ph.D. granted May 2013)

### Undergraduate (successful merit-based award nominations/scholarships):

Sierra Austin, *CLA LAURA (Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research) Award* (Spring 2019)  
Talia LaSane, *Department of Criminal Justice Grabosky Award* (Spring 2019)  
Enrique Melendez, *Department of Criminal Justice Phoenix Award* (Spring 2019)  
Nahla Ward, *Temple University Diamond Award* (Spring 2017), *Department of Criminal Justice Faculty Award* (Spring 2017), *Temple University Diamond Peer Teacher Award* (Spring 2017)  
Victoria Samsel, *Temple University Diamond Peer Teacher Award* (Spring 2017)  
Diona Davis, *Department of Criminal Justice Phoenix Award* (Spring 2013)  
Vito Balice, *Department of Criminal Justice Phoenix Award* (Spring 2011)  
Anne Knorr, *Department of Criminal Justice Grabosky Award* (Spring 2011)  
Sarai Rosado, *Department of Criminal Justice Grabosky Award* (Spring 2010)  
Ishata Al-Yakoub, *College of Liberal Arts Carolyn Karcher Award* (Spring 2010)  
Charles Papacostas, *Temple ProRanger Program* (Fall 2010)

## SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

2017-present	Personnel Committee
2016-present	Undergraduate Committee
2013-2019	Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination Committee (Justice area)
2017-2019	Teaching & Pedagogy Committee
2017-2018	NTT Promotion Committee
2016-2018	Working Group, Senior Writing Seminar Curriculum/Capstone course
2016-2018	Working Group, Standardization of Writing Intensive courses
2016-2017	Graduate Committee

2014-2016	Working Group, Standardization of Introduction to Criminal Justice course
2015-2016	Working Group, Standardization of Nature of Crime course
2015-2016	Working Group, Standardization of Introduction to Research Methods course
2014-2015	Search Committee
2012-2014	Undergraduate Committee
2009-2013	Development Committee
Spring 2019	Ad-hoc, Graduate Student Grievance Committee
Summer 2016	Ad-hoc, Fyfe Award Committee for best graduate student research paper
Spring 2016	Ad-hoc, Host of CJ Session during Experience Temple Day series
2009-present	Ad-hoc Reviewer, Graduate Student Research Papers (stepping-stone requirement)

### **SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY**

2017-2020	Committee on Research and Service Awards
Fall 2018	Represent CLA/CJ at Temple Open House
Spring 2016	Represent CLA/CJ Experience Temple Day

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

2018-present Member, Research Advisory Board, Pretrial Justice Institute, Washington, D.C.

Ongoing **Reviewer**  
*American Journal of Criminal Justice; American Sociological Review; Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research; Crime and Delinquency; Crime, Law, & Social Change; Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society; International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology; Journal of Criminal Justice; Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology; Justice Quarterly; Justice System Journal*

### **Conference Program Committees, Sessions Organized and/or Chaired**

Nov 2019	Commemorating the Life and Works of Kay Harris. Organizer & Moderator. <i>American Society of Criminology</i> meeting, San Francisco, USA. International.
Nov 2015	Bail & Pretrial Justice: Action Research and Evidence-Based Policy in the Pretrial Arena—The Pendulum Swings? Policy Panel. Organizer & Chair. <i>American Society of Criminology</i> meeting, Washington DC, USA. International.
Nov 2014	Familial Ties, Incarceration and Reentry. Chair. <i>American Society of Criminology</i> meeting, San Francisco, USA. International.
March-June 2014	Program Committee Member, <i>American Society of Criminology</i> meeting, San Francisco, USA. International.
Feb 2010	Crime Prevention: Assessing Prediction and Intervention Strategies. Chair. <i>Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences</i> meeting, San Diego, USA. International.

Feb 2010      What Lessons in Drug Policy-Making Can the Rest of the World Learn from America's Experience? Discussant. *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences* meeting, San Diego, USA. International.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2004-present      American Society of Criminology (ASC)  
2008-present      ASC, Division of International Criminology, ASC (DIC, ASC)  
2014-present      Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)  
2014-present      ACJS, International Section, ACJS  
2014-present      Societatea Romana de Criminologie (Romanian Society of Criminology)  
2018-present      Western Society of Criminology

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

June 2008      Ph.D. dissertation nominated by Temple University for the biannual US Council of Graduate Schools Distinguished Dissertation Award in Social Sciences  
  
2003-2007      Temple University Presidential Fellowship, the university's most prestigious award for Ph.D. students  
  
June 1998      Romanian National Institute of Magistrature Top Graduate Award  
  
1996-1997      National Union of Public Notaries of Romania Scholarship Award (one of ten nationally, for senior law students)  
  
1993-1997      Outstanding Merit Scholarship (most prestigious award, full tuition and stipend), School of Law, University of Bucharest, Romania