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EDUCATION

- 2020-Present **Doctoral Student, Criminal Justice**
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, USA
- 2020-2022 **Master of Arts, Criminal Justice** (GPA 3.98/4.0)
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, USA
- 2015-2016 **Master of Science, Human Rights and International Politics** (With Merit)
Thesis: *Can the Human Rights Instruments Limit the Negative Effects Caused by Solitary Confinement?* Supervised by Professor [Sarah Armstrong](#)
The University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK
- 2005-2009 **Bachelor of Arts (Crime Prevention and Corrections)** (GPA 4.0/4.0)
Central Police University, Taoyuan, Taiwan

PRIMARY AREAS OF INTEREST

Corrections, Reentry, Drug Abuse, Life-Course, Procedural Justice, Comparative Justice, Systematic Reviews, and Meta-Analysis

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- **English Version**

Ajima Olaghere, **Yu-Heng Chen**, & Kristen Kremer. (2024). An opportunity for reform, transformation, or neither? Adapting the problem analysis triangle to carceral settings. *Justice, Opportunities, and Rehabilitation*, 64(1), 43–62.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10509674.2024.2433276>

Yu-Heng Chen, E. Rely Vîlcică, Jeffrey Ward, Makayla Maynard, Cadee Eberhardt & Ajima Olaghere. (2024). Legitimacy of Parole as a Consequence of Policy Shock: The Lived Experiences of Incarcerated Persons during the Parole Moratorium in Pennsylvania, U.S. *Law & Policy*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/lapo.12239>

Noa Krawczyk, Bianca D. Rivera, Ji E. Chang, Margaux Grivel, **Yu-Heng Chen**, Suhas Nagappala, Honora Englander & Jennifer McNeely. (2023). Strategies to support substance use disorder care transitions from acute-care to community-based settings: A Scoping review and typology. *Addiction Science & Clinical Practice* 18:67. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13722-023-00422-w>

- **Chinese Version**

Yu-Heng Chen. (2018). A Cross-National Comparison of the Policies of Children Living with Their Incarcerated Parents. *Journal of Corrections*, 7(2), pp.54-88.
[https://dx.doi.org/10.6905/JC.201807_7\(2\).0003](https://dx.doi.org/10.6905/JC.201807_7(2).0003)

RESEARCH REPORTS (PEER-REVIEWED)

- **Chinese Version**

Hsin-Jung Liu, Ping-Jui Hsieh, Chi-Wen Huang, & **Yu-Heng Chen**. (2018). A Report regarding Risk Assessment and Risk Management Based on the Visit at Correctional Institutions in Canada. *Journal of Corrections*, 7(2), pp.144-191. [http://dx.doi.org/10.6905/JC.201807_7\(2\).0006](http://dx.doi.org/10.6905/JC.201807_7(2).0006)

Yu-Heng Chen. (2017). A Report Based on the Visit at Justizvollzugsanstalt Tegel Prison and Jugendstrafanstalt Berlin. *Journal of Corrections*, 6(2), pp.105-128. [http://dx.doi.org/10.6905/JC.201707_6\(2\).0005](http://dx.doi.org/10.6905/JC.201707_6(2).0005)

GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS (EXTERNALLY FUNDED)

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| 2025 | The ASC Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship for Racial and Ethnic Diversity fellowship
\$8,000 (Up to three fellowships can be awarded annually) |
| 2024 | The ACJS Doctoral Summit Fellowship
Cover the costs of professional development and lodging for a four-day professional development, funded by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. |
| 2023 | The Meta-Analysis Summer Training Fellowship
Cover all costs, including tuition, lodging, travel, and per diem for a week-long meta-analysis training funded by the National Science Foundation. |
| 2018 | The Studying Abroad on Government Funds
Around \$70,000, funded by the Ministry of Education, Taiwan. |

SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIPS/HONORARIUM (INTERNALLY FUNDED)

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| Fall 2025 –
Spring 2026 | Research Teams Fellowship – The Public Policy Lab, College of Liberal Arts
Fully funded for one semester with tuition remission and health insurance coverage |
| June 2025 | The 2025 CLA Research Award for Advanced Doctoral Students (RAADS) Fellowship – College of Liberal Arts
\$5,000 |
| Spring 2025 | The College of Liberal Arts Work-Free Semester Fellowship – College of Liberal Arts
Total Stipend of \$13,000 plus tuition remission and health insurance coverage |

HONORS & AWARDS

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| Mar 2025 | The ACJS Student Panel Presentation Award - First Place
Recognition as the best research presentation of the student panel |
| Nov 2024 | M. Kay Harris Teaching Award – The Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University
Recognition as the best teaching assistant / primary instructor (One or two doctoral students from the department can receive the award annually) (\$100 Prize) |

- Mar 2024 **Graduate Student Teaching Assistantship Award (SR) – College of Liberal Arts, Temple University**
Recognition as the best teaching assistant (One doctoral student per college can receive the award annually) (\$750 honorarium)
- Mar 2024 **ACJS Doctoral Summit Certificate/Fellow**
Represented Temple CJ doctoral student to attend national professional development (one student per department can be selected nationally)
- Jun 2023 **The Modern Meta-Analysis Research Institute Fellow**
Awarded by Georgia State University, funded by the National Science Foundation
- Feb 2019 **The Top Excellent Thesis of Correctional Issues**
Awarded by the Chinese Correctional Association, Taiwan
- Dec 2009 **Top 1 of Correction Officer Civil Service Exam (National Civil Servants Exam)**
Recognized and Issued by the Ministry of Examination, Taiwan
- Dec 2009 **The Best Undergraduate Award (President's Award)**
Awarded by Central Police University, Taiwan (one student per department can be awarded)

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- Mar 2025 Uncovering Hidden Narratives: A Qualitative Meta-Synthesis of Substance Abuse Experiences and Implications for Practices
Academy of Criminal Justice Science, Denver, USA.
- Nov 2024 Exploring the Relationship Between Morality, Victimization Experiences, and Adolescent Polydrug Use Through a Fixed Effects Model

Unveiling Patterns and Implications in Meta-Analyses Across Diverse Addictions: A Scoping Review
Co-Presenter: Dr. Bitna Kim - Sam Huston State University

Incarceration and Mental Health of LGBTQ Populations. Discussant of Roundtable Session
(Chair: Bryant Jackson-Green, the University of California, Irvine)
American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, USA
- Mar 2024 The Relationship Between Individual Developments of Risk Factors and Adolescent Polydrug Use.
Academy of Criminal Justice Science, Chicago, USA.
- Dec 2023 The Consequences of Parole Procedural Injustice: Using the Case of Parole Moratorium in Pennsylvania.
(Co-authors: Dr. Rely Vîlcică, Dr. Jeffrey Ward, Makayla Maynard, Cadee Eberhardt & Dr.

Ajima Olaghere)

Asian Association of Police Studies International Conference, Taoyuan, Taiwan.

- Nov 2023 Creating Safe Communities for Incarcerated LGBTQ Individuals in Correctional Settings.
Chair of Roundtable Session
(Co-chair: Susana Avalos, Old Dominion University; Discussants: Bryant Jackson-Green,
the University of California, Irvine, and Dr. James Gacek, the University of Regina,
Canada)
American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, USA
- Mar 2023 Reentry Through Strength-Based Approach for Drug Offenders: A Systematic Review
(Poster Presentation).
College of Public Health Research Day, Temple University (online), Philadelphia, USA.
- Consequences of Rash Criminal Justice Policy Decisions: The Case of Moratorium on
Parole in Pennsylvania.
(Co-authors: Dr. Rely Vilcică, Dr. Jeffrey Ward, Makayla Maynard, Cadee Eberhardt & Dr.
Ajima Olaghere)
Academy of Criminal Justice Science, National Harbor, USA.
- Nov 2022 An opportunity for reform, transformation, or neither? Adapting the problem analysis
triangle to carceral settings.
Co-Presenter: Dr. Ajima Olaghere
American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, USA.

RESEARCH INTERSHIPS

- Summer 2021 The [NYU Center for Opioid Epidemiology and Policy](#)
1. Project: Racial Disparities in Drug Overdose Mortality in the U.S. (with Tarlise Townsend, Ph.D.)
 2. Project: A scoping review of hospital-based programs for linking people with substance use disorders to community-based treatment (with Noa Krawczyk, Ph.D., and Bianca D. Rivera, DrPHc, MPH, CPH)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN TEACHING

- Jan 2025 The 96th International Instructor Training Institute of The Inside-Out Prison
Exchange Program, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
- Oct 2020 CLA Online Teaching Program, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

POSITIONS HELD TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Research Fellow

Fall 2025 - Public Policy Lab, the College of Liberal Arts
Spring 2026

Primary Instructor

Summer 2025 CJ 2301 Introduction to Corrections (Online - hybrid: Synchronous & asynchronous)

Fall 2024 CJ 2301 Introduction to Corrections (In-person)

Summer 2024 CJ 2301 Introduction to Corrections (Online - asynchronous)

Research Assistant

Fall 2025 For Dr. Rely Vîlcică's project, titled "Unpacking the Complexity of Prison Visitation and Its Effects on Post-Release Reoffending"
Responsibilities: Data analysis, literature review, and developing a manuscript

Spring 2024 For Dr. Steven Windisch's NCITE/Red-Teaming project
Responsibilities: Data collection, literature review, and drafting research reports

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2024 For Dr. Rely Vîlcică's courses: (1) Introduction to Criminal Justice, (2) Crime and Justice Around the World

Fall 2023 For Dr. Rely Vîlcică's courses: (1) Introduction to Criminal Justice, (2) Criminal Justice Research Methods
For Dr. Melissa Noel's course: (3) Introduction to Criminal Justice

Spring 2023 For Pro. Catresa Meyers' courses: (1) The American Jury System, (2) Ethics, Crime & Justice, (3) Criminal Behavior, (4) Intro to Criminal Law, (5) Professional Development in Criminal Justice

Fall 2022 For Dr. Melissa Noel's course: Nature of Crime

Spring 2022 For Dr. Steven Windisch's courses: (1) Criminal Justice Statistics, (2) White Supremacy and Domestic Terrorism

Fall 2021 For Dr. Steven Windisch's courses: (1) Criminal Justice Statistics, (2) White Supremacy and Domestic Terrorism

Spring 2021 For Dr. Douglas Green's courses: (1) Critical Issues in Law Enforcement (CJ Capstone), (2) Introduction to Law Enforcement, (3) Cyber-Investigations, Digital Forensics, and the Law

Fall 2020 For Dr. Douglas Green's courses: (1) Critical Issues in Law Enforcement (CJ Capstone), (2) Introduction to Law Enforcement, (3) Cyber-Investigations, Digital Forensics, and the Law

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES – CORRECTIONAL OFFICER/ EDITORIAL ASSISTANT IN TAIWAN

Dec 2016 – **Editorial Assistant**
Aug 2020 *Journal of Corrections, Taiwan*

Apr 2013 – **Executive Officer**
Aug 2020 Agency of Corrections, Ministry of Justice, Taiwan
(Aug 2015 – Dec 2016 on leave due to overseas study in the UK)

Dec 2012 – **Investigator**
Apr 2013 Taoyuan Reform School, Agency of Corrections, Ministry of Justice, Taiwan

Nov 2011 – **Officer**
Dec 2012 Agency of Corrections, Ministry of Justice, Taiwan

Sep 2010 – **Officer**
Nov 2011 Taichung Drug Abuser Treatment Center, Agency of Corrections, Ministry of Justice, Taiwan

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Aug 2024 - Present **Co-Chair**, the Peer-Mentoring Program for the first-year doctoral students

Aug 2024 - Aug 2025 **President**, the Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association

Oct 2023 **Coordinator**, the Reentry Simulation Event
(First reentry simulation event at the department)

Co-Organizer, the Diversity Issues Series – the Queer Criminology Speaker Series

May 2023 **Co-Organizer**, the Diversity Issues Series – the AAPI Speaker Series

Aug 2021 - Aug 2022 **Co-Representative**, the Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association

Apr 2021 - Present **Judge**, Justice Through Art Contest

Aug 2020 - Present **Mentor**, the Criminal Justice Mentoring Center
Mentoring undergraduate students for their statistics, theories, corrections, and professional development classes

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Ongoing **Reviewer**
Crime & Delinquency, BMC Palliative Care

Nov 2024 **Social Media Ambassador**
American Society of Criminology

	Staff of the Outreach Table for the Division of Corrections & Sentencing <i>American Society of Criminology</i>
Jan 2024 - Present	External Committee Member of the Curriculum Review Committee for Correctional Staff's Training <i>The New York City Department of Correction</i>
Dec 2023	Panel Chair of Corrections Issue <i>Asian Association of Police Studies International Conference</i>
	Interpreter (Mandarin-English) for the opening remark by the Director-General of the Agency of Corrections <i>Asian Association of Police Studies International Conference</i>
Nov 2023	Subarea Chair of Cross-National Comparison of Crime & Justice <i>American Society of Criminology</i>
	Social Media Ambassador <i>American Society of Criminology</i>
Mar 2023	Staff of the ACJS Employment Exchange <i>Academy of Criminal Justice Science</i>
Nov 2022	Staff of the Outreach Table for the Division of Corrections & Sentencing <i>American Society of Criminology</i>

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

Aug 2023	Volunteer for the reentry simulation event hosted by Eastern State Penitentiary, P.A.
Apr 2023	Volunteer for the reentry simulation event hosted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

REFERENCES

- E. Rely Vîlcică, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Temple University, U.S.A. rvilcica@temple.edu
- Jamie Fader, Ph.D., Professor, Temple University, U.S.A. jfader@temple.edu
- Melissa E. Noel, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Temple University, U.S.A. melissa.noel@temple.edu
- Ajima Olaghere, Ph.D., Sr. UX Researcher, U.S.A. ajima.olaghere@gmail.com
- Bitna Kim, Ph.D., Professor, Sam Houston State University, U.S.A. bitna.kim@shsu.edu
- Sarah Armstrong, Ph.D., Professor, the University of Glasgow, U.K.
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