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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024 -** Assistant Professor
Department of Criminal Justice
Temple University
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2022 - 2024** Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Department of Criminal Justice
Temple University
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

- 2022** Ph.D. Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Missouri–St. Louis (UMSL)
St. Louis, Missouri
Committee: Marisa Omori, Beth M. Huebner, Andres F. Rengifo (Rutgers University–Newark), and Lee A. Slocum (chair and advisor)
- 2017** M.A. Criminal Justice
School of Criminal Justice
Rutgers University–Newark
Newark, New Jersey
- 2015** B.A. Criminal Justice
Rutgers University–New Brunswick
New Brunswick, New Jersey

RESEARCH INTERESTS

criminal courts	decision-making
pre-trial process	courtroom workgroups
bail reform	progressive prosecution

PUBLICATIONS (* = student co-author)

Peer-reviewed Articles

- 2026** *Tipping Point: Exploring the Linear and Non-linear Effects of Time to Adjudication on Guilty Pleas and Case Dismissals*
Joshua H. Williams and Luis C. Torres
Criminal Justice Studies

- 2026 *Defense Counsel Type, Defendant Interventions, and Punishment in a Virtual Pretrial Courtroom*
Luis C. Torres and Sarah D. Jones*
Criminal Justice and Behavior
- 2025 *A Theoretical and Empirical Critique of Racial Innocence in Sentencing*
Marisa Omori, Alessandra M. Early, and Luis C. Torres
Law & Society Review
- 2025 *Detention or Dissent: Judicial Utilization of Public Safety Assessments During Pretrial Detention Hearings in a New Jersey Courtroom*
Luis C. Torres, Paige E. Vaughn, and Joshua H. Williams
Criminal Justice Policy Review
- 2024 *On The (Zoom) Record: The Role of Videoconferencing in Detention Hearing Proceedings*
Luis C. Torres, Elizabeth M. Lyne*, and Ashley M. Appleby*
Journal of Crime and Justice
- 2023 *Court Can Happen Anywhere: Courtroom Workgroup Members' Perceptions of the Challenges and Opportunities of a Transformed Workplace*
Elizabeth Webster, Beth M. Huebner, Alessandra M. Early, and Luis C. Torres
Criminal Justice and Behavior
- 2022 *Tired Judges? An Examination of the Effect of Decision Fatigue in Bail Proceedings*
Luis C. Torres and Joshua H. Williams
Criminal Justice and Behavior
- 2022 *Enforcement of Low-Level Warrants in the City of St. Louis: Officer Decision-Making and Implications for Policy and Practice*
Lee A. Slocum, Luis C. Torres, Beth M. Huebner, Eric G. Larson, Jerome Baumgartner, Sherri Schaefer, and Erica Preiss
Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice

Manuscripts in Preparation

- *Reconfiguring Police-Prosecutor Relationships in an Era of Prosecutor-Led Reform*
Megan E. Mohler*, Luis C. Torres, Jeffrey T. Ward, Jesse Brey*, and E. Rely Vîlcică. *Revise and resubmit.*
- *Talk is cheap? Dimensions of Judicial Authority in Pretrial Hearings*
Andres F. Rengifo, Luis C. Torres, and Diba Rouzbahani. *Under review.*
- *Focal Concerns and Dual Systems: Integrating Decision-Making Models to Explain Judicial Pre-Trial Courtroom Determinations*
Luis C. Torres, Colleen M. Berryessa, and Amelie C. Motzer*
- *Friction in the Courts: A Study of Defense Counsel Type and Interactional Dynamics*
Luis C. Torres, Joshua H. Williams, and Sarah D. Jones*
- *Who's Arguing Your Bail? Public Defender Status and Advocacy in Preliminary Arraignments*
Sarah E. Laskowitz*, Luis C. Torres, and Joshua H. Williams

- *The Context of Prosecutorial Decision-Making: Revisiting the Role of Rules, Resources, and Relationships in the Progressive Prosecution Era*
Jeffrey T. Ward, Megan E. Mohler, and Luis C. Torres
- *Localizing Mass Incarceration: Prosecutorial Discretion and State-County Autonomy*
Kristina J. Thompson, Joshua H. Williams, and Luis C. Torres

Book Chapters

- 2024** *Common Themes and Tensions: How Misdemeanor Systems Manage Behavior of People with Serious Mental Illnesses*
Leah G. Pope and Luis C. Torres
In *Entangled: How People with Serious Mental Illness Get Caught in Misdemeanor Systems* (Edited by Leah G. Pope, Amy C. Watson, Jennifer D. Wood, and Michael T. Compton)
American Psychiatric Association Publishing
- 2024** *Decision-Making Contexts of Misdemeanor Charges in Four Large Cities*
Luis C. Torres and Jennifer D. Wood
In *Entangled: How People with Serious Mental Illness Get Caught in Misdemeanor Systems* (Edited by Leah G. Pope, Amy C. Watson, Jennifer D. Wood, and Michael T. Compton)
American Psychiatric Association Publishing

Reports

- 2022** *Exploring Plea Negotiation Processes and Outcomes in Milwaukee and St. Louis County*
Don Stemen, Beth M. Huebner, Marisa Omori, Elizabeth Webster, Alessandra M. Early, and Luis C. Torres
Report prepared for the Institute for State and Local Governance Research Consortium and MacArthur Foundation
- 2020** *Warrant Arrests in the City of St. Louis, 2002 – 2019*
Lee A. Slocum, Luis C. Torres, and Beth M. Huebner
Report prepared for the Data Collaborative for Justice - The Research Network for Misdemeanor Justice
- 2020** *Warrant enforcement in Louisville Metro and the City of St. Louis from 2006 – 2019: A Cross-Site Analysis*
Lee A. Slocum, Brian P. Schaefer, Luis C. Torres, Beth M. Huebner, and Thomas Hughes
Report prepared for the Data Collaborative for Justice - The Research Network for Misdemeanor Justice

PRESENTATIONS

Professional Meetings

- 2025** *Localizing Mass Incarceration: Prosecutorial Discretion and State-County Autonomy*
Kristina J. Thompson, Joshua H. Williams, and Luis C. Torres
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
Washington, District of Columbia

- 2025** *Reconfigured Police-Prosecutor Relationships in the Era of the Progressive Prosecution Movement*
Megan E. Mohler*, Luis C. Torres, Jesse Brey*, Jeffrey T. Ward, and E. Rely Vilcica
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
Washington, District of Columbia
- 2025** *Politicians, Prosecutors, and Police Chiefs: The Ecology of Criminal Justice Oversight in the United States*
Andres F. Rengifo, Don Stemen, and Luis C. Torres
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
Washington, District of Columbia
- 2024** *Prevailing over the Penology of Racial Innocence: Theoretical and Methodological Considerations of Race in Sentencing*
Marisa Omori, Alessandra M. Early, and Luis C. Torres
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting
Denver, Colorado
- 2023** *Prosecutor Power in Context: The Role of Pretrial Detainment in the Momentum of Mass Incarceration*
Kristina J. Thompson, Joshua H. Williams, and Luis C. Torres
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2023** *Defense Counsel Type: Efficiency, Courtroom Processes, and Judicial Decision-Making*
Luis C. Torres
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2023** *Disadvantage, Resistance, and Punishment*
Luis C. Torres and Sarah D. Jones*
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting
San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2022** *Prevailing over the Penology of Racial Innocence: Theoretical and Methodological Considerations of Race in Prosecution and Sentencing*
Marisa Omori, Alessandra M. Early, and Luis C. Torres
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia
- 2022** *The COVID-19 Impact on Criminal Courts and Criminal Courtroom Workgroups*
Elizabeth Webster, Beth M. Huebner, Luis C. Torres, Alessandra M. Early, Don Stemen, and Marisa Omori
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia
- 2022** *On The (Zoom) Record: The Role of Videoconferencing in Detention Hearing Proceedings*
Luis C. Torres, Elizabeth M. Lyne*, and Ashley M. Appleby
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia
- 2021** *Exploring Prosecutor Discretion in St. Louis County*
Beth M. Huebner, Marisa Omori, Alessandra M. Early, and Luis C. Torres
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
Chicago, Illinois
- 2021** *The Effects of Workgroup Members' Similarities and Defense Counsel Type on Case Processing and Case Outcomes*
Luis C. Torres
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
Chicago, Illinois

- 2021** *Dissent and Detention: How Judges Appraise Risk Assessments in New Jersey*
Luis C. Torres, Paige E. Vaughn, and Joshua H. Williams
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting
Chicago, Illinois
- 2019** *Impact of Decision Fatigue on Judges in Bail Proceedings*
Luis C. Torres
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
San Francisco, California
- 2018** *First Come, First Served: Judges, Justice, and Process in Bail Hearings*
Andres F. Rengifo, Luis C. Torres, and Diba Rouzbahani
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia

Invited Talks

- 2026** *Moving Beyond Conventional Methodologies in Court Research*
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice
Rutgers University–Camden (Camden, New Jersey)
- 2024** *Pretrial Justice: Bail, Reform, and Research*
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
Georgia Southern University (Armstrong and Statesboro, Georgia)

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

- Criminal Courts and Criminal Justice (CJ-2201), Temple University
Fall 2026, Spring 2026, Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, and Spring 2023
- Criminal Justice Research Methods (CJ-2597), Temple University
Fall 2026, Spring 2026, and Fall 2025
- Courts, UMSL
Spring 2022, Spring 2021, and Fall 2020
- Statistical Analysis in Criminology and Criminal Justice, UMSL
Spring 2018

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Department (Temple University)

Committees

- 2026 -** Student Retention and Success Advisory Committee (Member)
2025 - 2026 Graduate Committee (Member)
2024 Theory Comprehensive Examination (Member)
2024 Faculty Search (Member)

Doctoral Advisees

- 2026 -** Sarah E. Laskowitz
2025 - Amelie C. Motzer
2022 - Sarah D. Jones

Doctoral Dissertations

2025 -	Sarah D. Jones (Chair)
2025 -	Hannah K. Steinman (Member)
2024 -	Gabrielle J. Spence (Member)
2024 -	Ciara K. Sheerin (Member)

National

Ad-hoc Reviewer

- *Criminal Justice and Behavior*
- *Criminal Justice Review*
- *Journal of Crime and Justice*
- *Justice Evaluation Journal*
- *Justice Quarterly*
- *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Society of Criminology
- Law and Society Association