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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2022 – Present Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Temple University
- 2017 – 2022 Graduate Research Assistant, University of Missouri—St. Louis
Graduate Instructor, University of Missouri—St. Louis
- 2015 – 2017 Graduate Research Assistant, Rutgers University—Newark

EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri—St. Louis
Dissertation: *An Examination of the Effects of Workgroup Characteristics on Criminal Case Processing and Case Outcomes*
Committee: Lee A. Slocum (chair), Marisa Omori, Beth Huebner, & Andres F. Rengifo (Rutgers University—Newark)
- 2017 M.A. Criminal Justice, Rutgers University—Newark
- 2015 B.A. Criminal Justice, Rutgers University—New Brunswick

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Criminal courts, pretrial process, court decision-making, courtroom workgroups, research methods

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Manuscripts

* indicates student co-author

Webster, E., Huebner, B., Early, A., & **Torres, L.C.** (Forthcoming). ‘Court Can Happen Anywhere’: Courtroom Workgroup Members' Perceptions of the Challenges and Opportunities of a Transformed Workplace. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.

Torres, L.C. & Williams, J. (2022). Tired Judges? An Examination of the Effect of Decision Fatigue in Bail Proceedings. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.

Slocum, L., **Torres, L.C.**, Huebner, B., Larson, E., Baumgartner, J., Schaefer, S., & Preiss, E. (2022). Enforcement of Low-Level Warrants in the City of St. Louis: Officer Decision Making and Implications for Policy and Practice. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*.

Manuscripts Under Review

Torres, L.C., Vaughn, P., & Williams, J. Dissent and Detention: How Judges Appraise Risk Assessments in New Jersey.

Torres, L.C., Appleby, A.M.*, & Lyne, E.M.* On The (Zoom) Record: The Role of Videoconferencing in Detention Hearing Proceedings.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Torres, L.C. & Jones, S.* Disadvantage and Intervention: The Role of Defendant Passivity in Criminal Court.

Thompson, K., Williams, J., & **Torres, L.C.** The Insidious Momentum of Bail – Pretrial Detention in The Context of County-level Prosecutor Dynamics.

Torres, L.C. Gideon’s Army: Efficiency, Courtroom Processes, and Judicial Decision-Making.

Omori, M., Early, A.*, & **Torres, L.C.** Prevailing over the penology of racial innocence: Theoretical and methodological considerations of race in prosecution and sentencing.

Torres, L.C., Omori, M., & Early, A.* How Concerned Should We Really Be About Focal Concerns?

Technical Reports

Early, A., Huebner, B., Omori, M., Stemen, D., **Torres, L.C.**, & Webster, E. (2022). Exploring Plea Bargaining Outcomes in Milwaukee and St. Louis. Report prepared for the ISLG Research Consortium and MacArthur Foundation.

Slocum, L., **Torres, L.C.**, & Huebner, B. (2020). Warrant Arrests in the City of St. Louis, 2002 – 2019. Report prepared for the Research Network on Misdemeanor Justice. St. Louis, Missouri: University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Slocum, L., Schaefer, B., **Torres, L.C.**, Huebner, B., & Hughes, T. (2020). Warrant enforcement in Louisville Metro and the City of St. Louis from 2006 – 2019: A Cross-site Analysis. Report prepared for the Research Network on Misdemeanor Justice.

Book Chapters

Pope, L.G. & **Torres, L.C.** (In Preparation). “Common Themes and Tensions: How Misdemeanor Systems Manage Behavior of People with Serious Mental Illnesses” in *Entangled: How People with Serious Mental Illnesses Get and Stay Caught up in Misdemeanor Systems*. Pope, L.G., Watson, A.C., Wood, J.D., & Compton, M.T. (Eds.). American Psychiatric Association Publishing.

Wood, J.D. & **Torres, L.C.** (In Preparation). “Decision-Making Contexts of Misdemeanor Charges in Four Large Cities” in *Entangled: How People with Serious Mental Illnesses Get and Stay Caught up in Misdemeanor Systems*. Pope, L.G., Watson, A.C., Wood, J.D., & Compton, M.T. (Eds.). American Psychiatric Association Publishing.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Disadvantage, Resistance, & Punishment. Paper presented at *Law and Society Association* annual meeting. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2022 On The (Zoom) Record: The Role of Video-Conferencing in Detention Hearing Proceedings. Paper presented at *American Society of Criminology* annual meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2021 The Effects of Workgroup Members Similarities and Defense Counsel Type on Case Processing and Case Outcomes. Paper presented at *American Society of Criminology* annual meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2021 Dissent and Detention: How Judges Appraise Risk Assessments in New Jersey. Paper presented at *Law and Society Association* annual meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2019 Impact of Decision Fatigue on Judges in Bail Proceedings. Paper presented at *American Society of Criminology* annual meeting. San Francisco, CA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Missouri—St. Louis, Criminology and Criminal Justice

2021 – 2022 *Exploring Prosecutorial Discretion in the Plea-Bargaining Process in Milwaukee and St. Louis Counties*, Graduate Student Researcher (PIs: Beth Huebner and Marisa Omori).

Develop interview protocols and data collection instruments, manage and analyze administrative data, and assist in report writing on MacArthur Foundation-funded project examining prosecutorial discretion and criminal case processing.

2020 – 2021 *Research Network on Misdemeanor Justice*, Graduate Student Researcher (PI: Lee A. Slocum).

Assisted in the management of data and report writing on Arnold Foundation-funded project examining warrant enforcement in Louisville Metro and St. Louis City.

Rutgers University—Newark, Criminal Justice

2017 *City of Newark Consent Decree*, Graduate Research Assistant (PI: Todd Clear).

Interviewed jail detainees on U.S. DOJ-funded project examining detainees' perception and experiences with arresting officer(s).

2015 – 2017 Graduate Research Assistant (PI: Andres F. Rengifo).

Assisted in the development of a research instrument to capture courtroom- and case-level information during criminal proceedings and data collection.

2016 – 2017 Graduate Research Assistant (PI: Ronald V. Clarke).
Reviewed and analyzed data from the International Union for
Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species. Project focus was
to identify the human hunting threat posed to species.

Vera Institute of Justice—New York City, Center on Immigration and Justice
2016 *Questioning Bias: Validating a Bias Crime Assessment Tool in New
Jersey and California*, Research Intern (PI: Laura Simich).
Transcribed and coded informant interviews, met with stakeholders,
facilitated focus groups, and reviewed and analyzed data for a National
Institute of Justice-funded project.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

2023 Criminal Courts & Criminal Justice (in-person), Temple University
2020 & 2022 Courts (online & in-person), University of Missouri—St. Louis
2018 – 2020 Statistical Analysis in Criminology & Criminal Justice (online & in-
person), University of Missouri—St. Louis

Teaching Assistant

2021 Corporate, Organizational, and White-Collar Crime (online),
University of Missouri—St. Louis
2017 – 2018 Statistical Analysis in Criminology & Criminal Justice (in-person),
University of Missouri—St. Louis

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology
Law and Society Association

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Criminal Justice and Behavior