

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024 – Present Assistant Professor
Department of Criminal Justice
Temple University
- 2022 – 2024 Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Department of Criminal Justice
Temple University

EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Missouri–St. Louis
Dissertation Committee: Lee A. Slocum (chair and advisor), Marisa Omori, Beth M. Huebner, and Andres F. Rengifo
- 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

Peer-Reviewed Articles (* Denotes student co-author)

- 2024 **Torres, L.C.**, Lyne, E.M.*, & Appleby, A.M.* On The (Zoom) Record: The Role of Videoconferencing in Detention Hearing Proceedings. *Journal of Crime and Justice*.
- 2023 Webster, E., Huebner, B.M., Early, A.M., & **Torres, L.C.** ‘Court Can Happen Anywhere’: Courtroom Workgroup Members' Perceptions of the Challenges and Opportunities of a Transformed Workplace. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.
- 2022 **Torres, L.C.** & Williams, J.H. Tired Judges? An Examination of the Effect of Decision Fatigue in Bail Proceedings. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.

- 2022 Slocum, L.A., **Torres, L.C.**, Huebner, B.M., Larson, E., Baumgartner, J, Schaefer, S., & Preiss, E. 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 in Progress

Under Review

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

Torres, L.C. & Jones, S.D.* Disadvantage, Resistance, and Punishment in a Virtual Pretrial Courtroom.

Williams, J.H. & **Torres, L.C.** Tipping Point: Exploring the Linear and Non-linear Effects of Time to Adjudication on Guilty Pleas, Case Dismissals, and Charge Reductions.

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

In Preparation

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

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

Rengifo, A.F., Rouzbahani, D.*, & **Torres, L.C.** Talk is cheap? The rhetoric of judicial authority in bail hearings.

Technical Reports

- 2022 Early, A.M., Huebner, B.M., Omori, M., Stemen, D., **Torres, L.C.**, & Webster, E. Exploring Plea Bargaining Outcomes in Milwaukee and St. Louis. Report prepared for the ISLG Research Consortium and MacArthur Foundation.
- 2020 Slocum, L.A., **Torres, L.C.**, & Huebner, B.M. 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.
- 2020 Slocum, L.A., Schaefer, B., **Torres, L.C.**, Huebner, B.M., & Hughes, T. 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

Forthcoming

Pope, L.G. & **Torres, L.C.** “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.

Torres, L.C. & Wood, J.D. “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.

ACADEMIC & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Omori, M., Early, A.M., **Torres, L.C.** Prevailing over the penology of racial innocence: theoretical and methodological considerations of race in sentencing. Paper presented at *Law and Society Association* annual meeting. Denver, CO.
- 2024 **Torres, L.C.** Pretrial Justice: Bail, Reform, and Research. Invited presentation at the Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA.
- 2023 Thompson, K.J., Williams, J.H., **Torres, L.C.** Prosecutor Power in Context: The Role of Pretrial Detainment in the “Momentum of Mass Incarceration.” Paper presented at *American Society of Criminology* annual meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 **Torres, L.C.** Defense Counsel Type: Efficiency, Courtroom Processes, and Judicial Decision-making. Paper presented at *American Society of Criminology* annual meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 **Torres, L.C.** & Jones, S.D. Disadvantage, Resistance, and Punishment. Paper presented at *Law and Society Association* annual meeting. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2022 **Torres, L.C.**, Lyne, E.M., & Appleby, A.M. On The (Zoom) Record: The Role of Videoconferencing in Detention Hearing Proceedings. Paper presented at *American Society of Criminology* annual meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2021 **Torres, L.C.** 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 **Torres, L.C.**, Vaughn, P., & Williams, J.H. Dissent and Detention: How Judges Appraise Risk Assessments in New Jersey. Paper presented at *Law and Society Association* annual meeting. Chicago, IL.

2019 **Torres, L.C.** 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 | Department of 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 M. 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 | School of Criminal Justice
 2017 *City of Newark Consent Decree*, Graduate Research Assistant (PI: Todd R. 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

Courses Taught

2023, 2024 Criminal Courts and Criminal Justice, Temple University
 2020, 2022 Courts, University of Missouri–St. Louis

2018 – 2020 Statistical Analysis in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri–St. Louis

Teaching Assistant

2021 Corporate, Organizational, and White-Collar Crime,
University of Missouri–St. Louis

2017 – 2018 Statistical Analysis in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri–St. Louis

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2024 – Present Member, Crime & Deviance Comprehensive Examination Subcommittee

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology
Law and Society Association

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

*Criminal Justice and Behavior
Justice Quarterly*