

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

2020 - Present    Assistant Professor  
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, East Carolina University

**EDUCATION**

2020            **Ph.D. in Criminal Justice**, University of Central Florida  
Dissertation: *A Longitudinal Examination of Risk Factors, Antisocial Outcomes, and Transition Patterns Across Bullying Profiles*

2015            **M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice**, Sam Houston State University  
Thesis: *The Relationship between Fear of Crime, Victimization, and Locus of Control among College Students*

2013            **B.S. in Sociology**, Texas A&M University

**RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2020            *Research Associate*. Examining Community Corrections Agencies During COVID-19. National Science Foundation (NSF). NSF award #2030344. Total award: \$105,467. PI: Jill Viglione

2019 - 2020    *Research Assistant*. Seminole County System of Care Expansion. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). SAMHSA award # SM059935, Total award: \$4 million, UCF subcontract: \$356,542. PI: Kristina K. Childs, Co- PI: Kim Gryglewicz

2015 – 2018    *Research Assistant*. Brevard County Public Schools School Climate and Safety Program. National Institute of Justice (NIJ). NIJ award # 2014-CK-BX-0014. Total award: \$3.2 million, UCF subcontract: \$305,826. PI: Kristina K. Childs, Co-PIs: Roberto H. Potter, Kim Gryglewicz

2013 – 2015    *Research Assistant*. Environmental Crimes Program Training (Project ENCRYPT). United States Environmental Protection Agency. EPA award #

#EPA-OECA-NETI-12-001. Total award: \$893,483. PI: David Webb, Co-PI: Matt R. Nobles

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Disparities in the JJ System  
Bullying

Juvenile Delinquency  
Decision-making in JJ

School Victimization  
Research Methods

## REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

(\*Denotes Graduate Student)

Fissel, E.R. & **Bryson, S.L.** (2023). To intervene or not intervene: The role of moral disengagement, self-control, and empathy in bullying bystander intervention. *Journal of Crime and Justice*. DOI: [10.1080/0735648X.2023.2241444](https://doi.org/10.1080/0735648X.2023.2241444)

**Bryson, S.L.** & Peck, J. H. (2023) Age, race/ethnicity, and offense severity: An examination of the liberation hypothesis for juvenile case outcomes at final disposition. *Crime and Delinquency*. DOI: [10.1177/00111287231175](https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287231175)

**Bryson, S.L.**, Baker, T. Ray, J.V. & Metcalfe, C. (2023) Parents, peers, and low self-control: Exploring the impact of time varying factors associated with deviance in early-and middle-adolescence. *Journal of Criminal Justice*. DOI: [10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2022.102029](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2022.102029)

Basham, S.L., Portugal, V.P.\* & **Bryson, S.L.** (2022). How to write an annotated bibliography. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*. DOI: [10.1080/10511253.2022.2131859](https://doi.org/10.1080/10511253.2022.2131859)

**Bryson, S.L.**, Brady, C.M. & Ray, J.V. (2022). A longitudinal test of the mediational role of delinquent peer association on the link between psychopathy and offending. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 37(3-4), 1662-1687. DOI: [10.1177/0886260520922360](https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260520922360)

**Bryson, S.L.** & Peck, J.H. (2021). The effects of age, race, and offense type on receiving a “youth discount” in juvenile court. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 45(3), 304-323. DOI: [10.1080/0735648X.2021.1915851](https://doi.org/10.1080/0735648X.2021.1915851)

**Bryson, S.L.**, Brady, C.M., Childs, K.K., & Gryglewicz, K. (2021). A longitudinal assessment of the relationship between bullying victimization, symptoms of depression, emotional problems, and thoughts of self-harm among middle and high school students. *International Journal of Bullying Prevention*, 3(3), 182-195. DOI: [10.1007/s42380-020-00073-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s42380-020-00073-4)

Viglione, J., Alward, L. M.\* Lockwood, A.\*, & **Bryson, S. L.** (2020). Adaptations to COVID-19 in community corrections agencies across the United States. *Victims & Offenders*, 15(7-8), 1277-1297. DOI: [10.1080/15564886.2020.1818153](https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2020.1818153)

**Bryson, S.L.** & Peck, J.H. (2020). Understanding the complexities of transfer: The impact of juvenile race and gender on wavier decisions. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 18(2), 135-155. DOI: [10.1177/1541204019869398](https://doi.org/10.1177/1541204019869398)

**Bryson, S.L.** & Childs, K.K. (2018). An exploratory analysis of racial and ethnic differences in the relationship between school climate and disorder. *School Psychology Review*, 47(3), 258-274. DOI: [10.17105/SPR-2018-0016.V47-3](https://doi.org/10.17105/SPR-2018-0016.V47-3)

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Fissel, E.R., **Bryson, S.L.**, & Lee, J. R. Minimizing responsibility: The impact of moral disengagement on cyberbullying perpetration among adults

**Bryson, S.L.** & Fissel, E.R. Is it (cyber)bullying? Assessing adult perceptions of bullying and cyberbullying using a mixed-methods approach

Childs, K.K., **Bryson, S.L.**, Soderstrom, M.F.P, & Reed, A. An assessment of the internal structure of the CANS using two samples of high-risk adolescents (Revise and resubmit; *Children and Youth Services Review*)

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

A latent class typology of stalking perpetrators (with Matt R. Nobles and Kate Fox)

Perceptions of harm and seriousness in cyberbullying incidents (with Erica R. Fissel)

Focal concerns and loose coupling: Considering the role of adverse childhood experiences in juvenile court outcomes for Black girls (with Ashley Lockwood\* and Jennifer H. Peck)

## ENCYCLOPEDIA CHAPTERS

**Bryson, S.L.** (2019). "Girls Transferred to Adult Court". In Frances Bernat and Kelly Frailing (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.

## BOOK REVIEWS

**Bryson, S.L.** (2015). Fear of Crime in the United States [Review of the book *Fear of Crime in the United States*, by J. Lane, N. Rader, B. Henson, B. Fisher, and D. May]. *Security Journal*. DOI: 10.1057/sj.2015.20.

## PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL REPORTS

2019                      Childs, K.K., **Bryson, S.L.**, Peck, J.H., Gryglewicz, K. & Potter, R.H. *Brevard County Public School Board School Climate and Safety Project: Final Summary Overview of Student, School, & Training Outcomes*. Technical Report. Prepared for the Brevard County School District. Pgs. 1-15.

2018                      Peck, J.H. & **Bryson, S.L.** Understanding the Transfer of Youth from the Juvenile to Adult Criminal Justice System: The Impact of Juvenile Race and

Gender on Waiver Decisions. Technical Report. Prepared for the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. Pgs. 1-29.

- 2017 Childs, K.K., **Bryson, S.L.**, Peck, J.H., Gryglewicz, K. & Potter, R.H. *Brevard County Public School Board School Climate and Safety Project: Interim Report of Student, School, & Training Outcomes*. Technical Report. Prepared for the Brevard County School District. Pgs. 1-20.
- 2016 Childs, K.K & **Bryson, S.L.** Evaluation of Orange County Government's Meet the Judge Program. Prepared for Orange County Government. Pgs. 1-50.

## GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

### Internal

- 2020 **Sara L. Bryson** & Michele Stacey. Mini-Grant Program: Pledge to Act Against Racism and Injustice. East Carolina University. \$1,000 (Unfunded).
- 2019 University of Central Florida Graduate Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship. \$10,000.

### External

- 2023 Caitlin M. Brady (PI) and **Sara L. Bryson** (Co-PI). Research on Community-Based Alternatives: Policy Impacts on Youth and the Justice System. National Institute of Justice. \$402,508. ECU Subcontract \$106,054 (Under Review).
- 2022 Caitlin M. Brady (PI), **Sara L. Bryson**, Kristin Lloyd, and Jacob Erickson (Co-PIs). Prevalence and Service Linkage of Co-Occurring Disorders in Juvenile Residential Facilities. National Institute of Justice. \$556,004. ECU Subcontract \$116,631 (Unfunded).
- 2021 **Sara L. Bryson** (PI) and Caitlin M. Brady (Co-PI). Juvenile Justice Responses to COVID-19: An Exploration of Residential Facilities. National Institute of Justice. \$191,604 (Unfunded).
- 2018 **Sara L. Bryson** (PI). Graduate Research Fellowship in Social and Behavioral Sciences. National Institute of Justice. \$32,000 (Unfunded).

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023 Outstanding Ph.D. Alumni Award. Department of Criminal Justice. UCF.
- 2022 Chair's Faculty Excellence Award. Department of Criminal Justice. ECU.

- 2022 Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Academy. East Carolina University. (\$500)
- 2021 Course Design Grant. East Carolina University. (\$5,000).
- 2021 Alternative Textbook Program. East Carolina University. (\$1,000).
- 2021 SAGE Junior Faculty Professional Development Teaching Award (\$700).
- 2018 University of Central Florida Department of Criminal Justice Doctoral Dissertation Funding Award (\$1,500).
- 2018 Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ) Professional Development Award (\$1,000).
- 2017 Certificate in Grantsmanship. University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.
- 2015 Doctoral Student Summit Participant. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Denver, CO.

#### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND DISCUSSIONS**

- 2022 Don't Fall Asleep! Keep them Clicking (April)  
Office for Faculty Excellence Teaching & Technology Tailgate: The Classroom Reimagined
- 2021 Juvenile Waiver Decisions: Does Gender 'Matter'? (October)  
Invited speaker for ECU series Gender to a Tea
- 2021 Juvenile Courts: Philosophies of the Juvenile Justice System and Differences between the Juvenile Justice and Criminal Justice Systems (September)  
Invited speaker for the course "Courts and Judicial Process"
- 2021 Life in academia: managing responsibilities, student evaluations, and keeping up with the discipline. University of Central Florida Department of Criminal Justice (April)  
Invited speaker for the course "Teaching in Criminal Justice"
- 2021 Childs, K. K. & **Bryson, S.L.** Evaluating the Implementation of a Multicomponent, School-Based Mental Health Programs: Lessons Learned from a Southeastern Site. NIJ Virtual Conference on School Safety. Virtual Meeting. (February)  
Invited presentation for the panel: *Student Mental Health and Trauma*
- 2020 **Bryson, S. L.** & Peck, J.H. The Effects of Age, Race, and Offense Type on Receiving a "Youth Discount" in Juvenile Court. Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) Virtual Meeting. (September)

Invited presentation for the panel: *Tribute to Dr. Michael Leiber: Research on Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Court*

## PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

(† Denotes Panel Chair)

- 2022            **Bryson, S.L.** & Fissel, E.R. Perceptions of Harm and Seriousness in Cyberbullying Incidents. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2022            **Bryson, S.L.** Is it (cyber)bullying? Assessing adult perceptions of bullying and cyberbullying. Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting. Asheville, NC.
- 2022            **Bryson, S.L.** The Impact of a School-based Restorative Justice Initiative on Discipline and School Climate. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV.
- 2020            Viglione, J., Alward, L. M.\* Lockwood, A.\*, & **Bryson, S.** Adaptations to COVID-19 in Community Corrections Agencies across the United States. CrimCon. Virtual conference.
- 2020            **Bryson, S.L.** A Longitudinal Examination of Risk Factors that Predict Transition Patterns in Bullying Behavior. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. (conference cancelled).
- 2020            **Bryson, S.L.**, Brady, C.M. & Ray, J.V. A Longitudinal Test of the Mediating Role of Delinquent Peer Association on the Link between Psychopathy and Offending. American Psychology-Law Society Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- 2019            **Bryson, S.L.** Bullies, Victims, and Bully/Victims: Trajectories and Outcomes. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2019            **Bryson, S. L.**, Childs, K.K., & Gryglewicz, K. An Exploratory Analysis of the Zones of Regulation Curriculum. Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting. Nashville, TN.
- 2018            **Bryson, S.L.** & Childs, K.K. “A Latent Class Analysis of Elementary and Middle School Students’ Delinquent Behavior.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. †
- 2018            Soderstrom, M.F.P. & **Bryson, S.L.** “Community-based Research in Juvenile Justice: Experiences and Challenges of Working with Child-Serving Agencies.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.

- 2018            **Bryson, S.L.**, Brady, C.M. & Childs, K.K. “Direct and Indirect Effects of Bullying and Mental Health on Psychosocial Problems.” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- 2017            **Bryson, S.L.** & Peck, J.H. “Understanding the Complexities of Transfer: The Impact of Juvenile Race and Gender on Waiver Decisions.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017            **Bryson, S.L.** & Childs, K.K. “An Exploratory, Latent Class Analysis of Students’ Needs and their Association with Perceptions of School Climate and Behavior.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016            **Bryson, S.L.** & Childs, K.K. “Examining the Relationship between School Climate and School Disorder.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- 2016            **Bryson, S.L.** & Childs, K.K. “The Effects of School Climate and Gang Status on Bullying Victimization.” Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting. Savannah, GA.
- 2015            **Bryson, S.L.** and Nobles, M.R. “The Relationship between Fear of Crime, Victimization, and Locus of Control among College Students.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.

#### UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

\*denotes undergraduate student

- 2023            Kibble, T. \* & **Bryson, S.L.** “Juvenile Court Outcomes Across Race/Ethnicity.” Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Week. East Carolina University.
- 2022            Lewis, P.\* & **Bryson, S.L.** “The Impact of School-based Teen Court on Disciplinary Issues and School Climate.” Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement Week. East Carolina University.
- 2019            **Bryson, S.L.** & Peck, J.H. “The Effects of Age, Race, and Offense Type on Receiving a “Youth Discount” in Juvenile Court.” Graduate Research Forum. University of Central Florida.
- 2017            **Bryson, S.L.** & Childs, K.K. “An Exploratory Analysis of Racial and Ethnic Differences in the Relationship between School Climate and Disorder.” Graduate Research Forum. University of Central Florida.
- 2016            **Bryson, S.L.** & Childs, K.K. The Impact of School Climate on School Safety. Graduate Research Forum. University of Central Florida.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Undergraduate Courses Taught**

(F2F = face-to-face; DE = distance education)

The Juvenile Justice System, JUST 3200 (F2F; DE); Quality Matters Certified  
Introductory Statistics for Criminal Justice, JUST 3900 (F2F; DE)  
Introduction to Victimology, JUST 3400 (DE)  
Gender-Based Violence, JUST 4602 (DE)  
Criminal Justice System, CCJ 3024 (F2F; DE; University of Central Florida)

### **Undergraduate Directed Independent Studies**

Taylor Kibble (JUST 4403 – Fall 2022 and Spring 2023; East Carolina University)  
Taylor Ferraro (CCJ 4912 – Spring 2017; University of Central Florida)

### **Graduate Courses Taught**

Seminar in Research Methods and Statistical Interpretation, JUST 6100 (DE)  
Contemporary Issues in Juvenile Justice, JUST 6400 (DE)  
Victimology, JUST 6610 (DE)  
Professional Paper, JUST 6991 (DE)

## **UNDERGRADUATE HONORS IN THE MAJOR THESIS COMMITTEES**

2022 - 2023      Chair, Taylor Kibble, ECU. Juvenile Court Outcomes across Race/Ethnicity.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC SERVICE**

### **To the University**

2022 - Present    Faculty Senate Representative. ECU.  
2022 - Present    Faculty Senate Representative for the University Committee on Diversity,  
Equity, and Inclusion. ECU.  
                         Subcommittee: Equity in Graduate Admissions  
                         Subcommittee: Equity in Faculty Salaries  
2022 - 2023      Judge – Graduate Oral Presentations. Research and Creative Achievement  
Week (RCAW). ECU.  
2021 - 2022      Judge – Undergraduate Poster Presentations. Research and Creative  
Achievement Week (RCAW). ECU.

### **To the College**

2022 - Present    Faculty Senator Council  
2022                Member - Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Staff Award  
Committee (AdHoc)



2020 - Present Member - Harriot College Council on Anti-Racism and Equity (CARE)

### **To the Department**

2021 - 2023 Chair - Social Justice Committee  
2021 - Present Member - Career Planning/Facts Sheet Committee  
2021 - 2023 Member - Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee  
2020 - Present Member - Graduate Program Committee  
2020 - Present Member - Unit Curriculum Committee  
2020 - 2022 Co-Advisor - Alpha Phi Sigma  
2020 - 2021 Member - Social Justice Committee  
2017 - 2018 President - UCF Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association (CJGSA)

### **To the Discipline**

2022 Poster Award Committee – Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA)  
2021 - Present Editorial Board – Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice

### **JOURNAL MANUSCRIPT PEER REVIEWER**

*Crime and Delinquency*  
*Criminal Justice and Behavior*  
*Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*  
*Criminology and Public Policy*  
*Journal of Crime and Justice*  
*International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*  
*Journal of Interpersonal Violence*  
*Race and Justice*  
*Violence and Victims*  
*International Journal of Bullying Prevention*  
*School Mental Health*  
*Journal of Community Psychology*  
*Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research*  
*Current Psychology*  
*Victims & Offenders*  
*Child and Family Social Work*

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2023 Participant. Meta-Analysis. Statistical Horizons (June)  
2023 Participant. Individual Interviews and Focus Groups. Office for Faculty Excellence. ECU. (May)  
2023 Participant. Canvas Connections: Teaching with Video (February)  
2023 Participant. Teaching for DEI: A CARE Discussion (February)

- 2022 Participant. Designing Effective Online surveys. Statistical Horizons. (August)
- 2022 Participant. Data Cleaning. Statistical Horizons. (July)
- 2022 National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD) Faculty Success Program. (January - April)
- 2022 Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Academy. The University Writing Program. ECU. (January - March)
- 2021 Quality Matters. Improving Your Online Course (IYOC). (December)
- 2021 Participant. Implicit Bias Training for Faculty Serving on Personnel and Promotion/Tenure Committees. (December)
- 2021 Participant. Teaching about Social Justice in 2021 with Joanne Belknap. SAGE/ACJS Professional Development Workshop. (May)
- 2021 Participant. How to Create Engaging Talks and Lectures Without Needing More Prep Time. Blast Off to Stellar Slides. Workshop hosted by Echo Rivera. (May)
- 2021 Participant. Teaching about Race and Justice in 2021 with Lorenzo Boyd. SAGE/ACJS Professional Development Workshop. (April)
- 2021 Participant. Transforming Student Perspectives through Experiential Learning with Jason Ostrowe. SAGE/ACJS Professional Development Workshop.
- 2021 Participant. Group-based Trajectory Modeling Workshop. The Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR).
- 2021 Participant. NVivo Basic. Office for Faculty Excellence. ECU.
- 2021 Participant. Census and American Community Survey Data Workshop. Department of Criminal Justice. University of Central Florida.
- 2021 Participant. Grant Writing Series – Developing your Grant Budget. Office for Faculty Excellence. ECU.
- 2021 Participant. Grant Writing Series – IRB and IACUC: Overview of ECU Resources and Processes. ECU.
- 2020 Participant. Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure Workshop. Office for Faculty Excellence. ECU.
- 2020 Participant. Moderation and Mediation. Office for Faculty Excellence. ECU.
- 2020 Participant. Mixed Methods Research Design. Office for Faculty Excellence. ECU.
- 2020 Participant. Connecting the Issue of Violence Against Women and Race through Active Learning Assignments. Teach In. Division on Women and Crime, American Society of Criminology.
- 2020 Participant. Trauma Informed Teaching and Changing Rape Culture. Teach In. Division on Women and Crime, American Society of Criminology.
- 2020 Participant. Teaching about Race, Gender, and Diversity: Building our Resource Tool Kits. Teach In. Division on Women and Crime, American Society of Criminology.
- 2019 Online Course Delivery Certification. ADL5000 - Center for Distributed Learning. University of Central Florida.
- 2018 Participant. Latent Class Analysis Workshop. The Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR).

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

American Society of Criminology, 2014 - Present

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 2015 - Present

Southern Criminal Justice Association, 2016 - Present