

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
2015 **M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice**, Sam Houston State University
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
School Victimization

Juvenile Delinquency
Decision-making in JJ

Cyberbullying
Bullying

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

(*Denotes student co-author)

Fissel, E.R., **Bryson, S.L.**, & Lee, J. R. (2024). Minimizing responsibility: The impact of moral disengagement on cyberbullying perpetration among adults. *Crime and Delinquency*. DOI: doi.org/10.1177/00111287241237979

Fissel, E.R. & **Bryson, S.L.** (2024). 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)

Childs, K.K., **Bryson, S.L.**, Soderstrom, M.F.P, & Reed, A.* (2024). An assessment of the internal structure of the CANS using two samples of high-risk adolescents. *Children and Youth Services Review*. DOI: [10.1016/j.chilyouth.2023.107365](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2023.107365)

Bryson, S.L. & Fissel, E.R. (2023). Is it (cyber)bullying? Assessing adult perceptions of bullying and cyberbullying using a mixed-methods approach. *Deviant Behavior*. DOI: [10.1080/01639625.2023.2270125](https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2023.2270125)

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.** (2023). 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. (2022). 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.** (2021). 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

Bryson, S. L. & Fissel, E.R. Adults' perceptions of harm and seriousness of cyberbullying incidents

Erickson, J., **Bryson, S.L.**, Sivils, L.*, & Fernandez, J.* The code in the corridors: School victimization and the code of the street

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Fake profiles, mean comments, and toxic communities: College students' perspectives on cyberbullying within and across social media platforms (with Reeve Kennedy and Kearstyn Ellsworth*)

"Not my business": A mixed methods approach to understanding perceived bullying bystander intervention (with Erica R. Fissel)

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

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](https://doi.org/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.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2024 Chair's Faculty Excellence in Research Award. Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. ECU.
- 2024 Dean's Early Career Award (DECA). Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences. ECU.
- 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. ECU. (\$500)
- 2021 Course Design Grant. ECU. (\$5,000).
- 2021 Alternative Textbook Program. ECU. (\$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.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Internal

Funded

- 2023 **Sara L. Bryson** (PI). Faculty Support and Reassignment Award for Research and Creative Activity. ECU. \$6,500.
- 2019 University of Central Florida Graduate Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship. \$10,000.

Unfunded

- 2023 **Sara L. Bryson** (PI). Sponsored Activities and Research Catalyst (SPARC) Program. ECU. \$9,000.
- 2020 **Sara L. Bryson** & Michele Stacey. Mini-Grant Program: Pledge to Act Against Racism and Injustice. East Carolina University. \$1,000.

External

Unfunded

- 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 .
- 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.
- 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.

2018 **Sara L. Bryson** (PI). Graduate Research Fellowship in Social and Behavioral Sciences. National Institute of Justice. \$32,000.

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)

- 2023 Fissel, E.R., **Bryson, S.L.**, & Lee, J. Does Measurement Matter? The Impact of Moral Disengagement on Different Measures of Cyberbullying Perpetration. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 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

Graduate Courses Taught

(DE = distance education)

Seminar in Research Methods and Statistical Interpretation, CRIM 6100 (DE)

Contemporary Issues in Juvenile Justice, CRIM 6400 (DE)

Victimology, CRIM 6610 (DE)

Professional Paper, CRIM 6991 (DE)

Undergraduate Courses Taught

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

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

Undergraduate Directed Independent Studies

Matthew Walston (HNRS 4500 – Fall 2024; East Carolina University)
 Taylor Kibble (JUST 4403 – Fall 2022 and Spring 2023; East Carolina University)
 Taylor Ferraro (CCJ 4912 – Spring 2017; University of Central Florida)

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS IN THE MAJOR THESIS COMMITTEES

2024-2025 Chair, Matthew Walston, ECU. Public Perceptions of Juvenile Justice: A Study from North Carolina
 2022 - 2023 Chair, Taylor Kibble, ECU. Juvenile Court Outcomes across Race/Ethnicity

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC SERVICE

To the University

2024 -Present Secretary - Research/Creative Activities Committee. Faculty Senate. ECU.
 Summer 2024 Coordinator - New Faculty Orientation. Office for Faculty Excellence. ECU.
 2023 - Present Faculty Advisory Council. Office for Faculty Excellence. ECU.
 2023 - Present Mentor – First Aboard Scholars. ECU.
 2022 - 2024 Faculty Senate Representative. ECU.
 2022 - 2023 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. ECU.
 2021 - 2022 Judge – Undergraduate Poster Presentations. Research and Creative Achievement Week. ECU.

To the College

2022 - 2024 Faculty Senator Council
 2022 Member - Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences Staff Award Committee (AdHoc)
 2020 - Present Member - Harriot College Council for the Advancement of Respectful Engagement (CARE)

To the Department

2020 - Present	Member - Graduate Program Committee
2020 - Present	Member - Unit Curriculum Committee
2021 - Present	Member - Career Planning/Facts Sheet Committee
2022 - 2023	Mentor - Part-Time Faculty
2021 - 2023	Chair - Social Justice Committee
2021 - 2023	Member - Tenure Track Faculty Search 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

2023 - 2024	Member, Membership Committee - Southern Criminal Justice Association
2022	Poster Award Committee - Southern Criminal Justice Association
2021 - Present	Editorial Board - Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice

JOURNAL MANUSCRIPT PEER REVIEWER

Crime and Delinquency
Criminal Justice and Behavior
Deviant Behavior
Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice
Criminology and Public Policy
Youth & Society
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
Psychology Research and Behavior Management
Journal of Community Psychology
Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research
Current Psychology
Victims & Offenders
Child and Family Social Work

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024	Participant. Discriminant Analysis Workshop (April). ECU.
2024	Participant. Sensitivity and Specificity Analysis Workshop. ECU.
2024	Confronting Bias Thriving Across Our Differences. Cornerstone. ECU.

- 2024 When Lightning Strikes, How to Recognize & Respond to an Extreme Violence Event. Cornerstone. ECU.
- 2023 Participant. Advanced Course Design in Canvas. Office for Faculty Excellence. ECU.
- 2023 Participant. Meta-Analysis. Statistical Horizons.
- 2023 Participant. Individual Interviews and Focus Groups. Office for Faculty Excellence. ECU.
- 2023 Participant. Canvas Connections: Teaching with Video.
- 2023 Participant. Teaching for DEI: A CARE Discussion.
- 2022 Participant. Designing Effective Online Surveys. Statistical Horizons.
- 2022 Participant. Data Cleaning. Statistical Horizons.
- 2022 National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD) Faculty Success Program.
- 2022 Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Academy. The University Writing Program. ECU.
- 2021 Quality Matters. Improving Your Online Course (IYOC).
- 2021 Participant. Implicit Bias Training for Faculty Serving on Personnel and Promotion/Tenure Committees.
- 2021 Participant. Teaching about Social Justice in 2021 with Joanne Belknap. SAGE/ACJS Professional Development Workshop.
- 2021 Participant. How to Create Engaging Talks and Lectures Without Needing More Prep Time. Blast Off to Stellar Slides. Workshop hosted by Echo Rivera.
- 2021 Participant. Teaching about Race and Justice in 2021 with Lorenzo Boyd. SAGE/ACJS Professional Development Workshop.
- 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