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CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

East Carolina University, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
Undergraduate Program Director, 2023 - Present
Associate Professor, 2023 - Present
Assistant Professor, 2016 - 2023

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Lowell
Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology and Justice Studies (2016)
Dissertation: *Male Victims of Sexual Violence: An Examination of Rape Myth Adherence and Case Outcomes*
Directed by Drs. Andrew J. Harris (Chair), April Pattavina, Kelly M. Socia, and Paul E. Tracy

Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice (2012)

Bachelor of Arts, History, Magna Cum Laude, Commonwealth Honors Program (2010)
Honors Thesis: *A Study on Latino and Portuguese Speakers in Lowell, MA*
Directed by Dr. Christoph Strobel

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Crime Clearance, National-Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS), Rape & Sexual Assault, Rape Myths, Sex Offender Registration & Notification Policy

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- **Walfield, S. M.**, Cox, A. (2025). False Rape Reports and Female Rape Myths: Understanding Public Skepticism Toward Sexual Assault Claims. *Under review.*
- **Walfield, S. M.**, McCormack, P. D., and Clarke, K. (2024). Male victims of sexual violence and factors associated with reporting to law enforcement in the United States. *Journal of Men's Studies. 32*(3), 577-594 [link]
- McCormack, P. D., Clarke, K., **Walfield, S. M.**, and Spina, F. (2023). The (mis)measure of race and ethnicity in crime data. *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice. 21*(3), 251-273. [link]

- Pabst, J., **Walfield, S. M.**, and Schacht, R. (2022). Patterning of Sexual Violence against Women across US Cities and Counties. *Social Sciences. 11*, 1-9. [link]

- **Walfield, S. M.**, McCormack, P. D., and Clarke, K. (2022). Understanding Case Outcomes for Male Victims of Forcible Sexual Assaults. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence. 37*(9-10), 6929-6957. [link]

- Brewer, S. L., **Walfield, S. M.**, and Jones, M. (2021). The Impact of Ethics and Moral Relativism on Integrity. *Journal of Criminal Justice Professionals. 2*(1), 26-47. [link]

- **Walfield, S. M.** (2021). 'Men Cannot be Raped' - Correlates of Male Rape Myth Acceptance. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence. 36*(13-14), 6391-6417. [link]

- Espinosa, E. M., Sorensen, J. R., and **Walfield, S. M.** (2020). Youth Pathways: Evaluating the Influence of Gender, Involvement With the Public Mental Health System, Perceived Mental Health Need, and Traumatic Experiences on Juvenile Justice System Processing. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice. 18*(3), 215-234 [link]

- Spina, F., McCormack, P. D., Clarke, K., and **Walfield, S. M.** (2019). Environmental Enforcement: An Exploration of Latino Political Representation. *Sociological Perspectives. 62*, 308-324. [link]

- Harris, A. J., Lobanov-Rostovsky, C., Levenson, J. S, and **Walfield, S. M.** (2018). Law Enforcement Perspectives on Sex Offender Registration & Notification: Effectiveness, Challenges, and Policy Priorities. *Criminal Justice Policy Review. 29*(4), 391-420. [link]

- Cubellis, M. A., **Walfield, S. M.**, and Harris, A. J. (2018). Collateral Consequences and Effectiveness of Sex Offender Registration and Notification: Law Enforcement Perspectives. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology. 62*(4), 1080-1106. [link]

- Letourneau, E. J., Harris, A. J., Shields, R. T., **Walfield, S. M.**, Ruzicka, A. E., Buckman, C., Kahn, G. D., and Nair, R. (2018). Effects of Juvenile Sex Offender Registration on Child Well-Being: An Empirical Examination. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, *24*(1), 105-117. [link]

- **Walfield, S. M.**, Levenson, J. S., Cubellis, M. A., Harris, A. J., and Lobanov-Rostovsky, C. (2017). Law Enforcement Views on Sex Offender Compliance with Registration Mandates. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, *42*(4), 807-832. [link]

- Harris, A. J., **Walfield, S. M.**, Lobanov-Rostovsky, C., and Cubellis, M. A. (2017). State Implementation of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act: A Multi-Dimensional Analysis. *Justice Research and Policy. 18*(1). 24-47. [link]

- **Walfield, S. M.**, Socia, K. M., and Powers, R. A. (2017). Religious Motivated Hate Crimes: Reporting to Law Enforcement and Case Outcomes. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, *42*(1), 148-169. [link]

  Article selected for Springer Open Access, February 2017

- **Walfield, S, M.** (2016). When a Cleared Rape isn't Cleared: A Multilevel Study of Exceptional Clearance and Arrest. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *31*(9), 1767-1792. [link]

First Place, National Level. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Michael C. Braswell/Anderson Publishing Outstanding Student Paper Award, 2015

- Harris, A. J., **Walfield, S. M.**, Shields, R. T., and Letourneau, E. J. (2016). Collateral Consequences of Juvenile Sex Offender Registration and Notification Results from a Survey of Treatment Providers. *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, *28*(5), 1767-1792. [link]

Non Peer-Reviewed Publications

- **Walfield, S. M.** and Fitz-Randolph, C. (2024). Case Clearance. In S. Koon-Magnin and R. Miller (Eds.) *The U.S. Criminal Justice System: A Reference Handbook*. ABC-CLIO.
- Harris, A. J., and **Walfield, S. M.** (2021). Variation in the Structure and Operation of Sex Offender Registration and Notification Systems. In S. Koon-Magnin & R. J. Williams (Eds.) *Empirically Evaluating Sex Offender Registration and Notification Laws*. Cambridge University Press.
- McCormack, P. D., and **Walfield, S. M.** (2021). Letter to the Editor. *American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse. 47*2, 267-268. [link]
- Ann, Q., **Walfield, S. M.** (2020). A Nuanced Understanding of State Implementation of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act. *Sex Offender Law Report. 21*(2), 18-19, 24-25.
- Williams, L. M., and **Walfield, S. M.** (2016). Rape and Sexual Assault. In H. S. Friedman (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Mental Health* (2nd ed., Vol. 4, pp. 13-22). Academic Press. [link]
- **Walfield, S. M.**, Shields, R. T., Harris, A. J., and Letourneau, E. J. (2015). Treatment Providers' Perspectives of the Consequences of Juvenile Registration and Notification. *Sex Offender Law Report, 16*(5), 65-68. [link]
- **Walfield, S. M.** (2015). The Excessive Use of Exceptional Clearance. *Sexual Assault Report, 19*(1), 1-3.
- **Walfield, S. M.**, and Harris, A. J. (2012). Legislative Report Calls for Revisions to Virginia's Civil Commitment System. *Sex Offender Law Report, 13*(2), 25-26. [link]

PRESENTATIONS*

- Harris, C., & **Walfield, S. M.** (February 2025). Adherence to Male Rape Myths. North Carolina Criminal Justice Association: Raleigh, NC.
- **Walfield, S. M.** & Cox, A. (November 2024). Public Perceptions of False Rape Allegations. American Society of Criminology: San Francisco, CA.
- Walfield, S. M. & Cox, A. (September 2024). Public Perceptions of False Rape Allegations. Southern Criminal Justice Association: Greenville SC.
- Fitz-Randolph, C., & **Walfield, S. M.** (February 2024). Rape Myth Adherence Among University Students. North Carolina Criminal Justice Association: Raleigh, NC.

- **Walfield, S. M.** (November 2023). Firearm Violence and Case Outcomes. American Society of Criminology: Philadelphia, PA.
- **Walfield, S. M.** and McCormack, P. D. (September 2023). An Incident-Based Analysis of White-Collar Crimes. Southern Criminal Justice Association: Mobile, AL.
- **Walfield, S. M.** (March 2023). The Use of Exceptional Clearance in Law Enforcement for Serious Crimes. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: National Harbor, MD.
- **Walfield, S. M.** and Schacht, R. (November 2022). Patterning of Sexual Violence Against Women Across US Cities and Counties. American Society of Criminology: Atlanta, GA.
- **Walfield, S. M.**, Schacht, R., and Pabst, J. (September 2022). Patterning of Sexual Violence Against Women Across US Cities and Counties. Southern Criminal Justice Association: Asheville, NC.
- McCormack, P. D., **Walfield, S. M.**, and Clarke, K. (September 2022). Quantifying the Missingness of NIBRS. Southern Criminal Justice Association: Asheville, NC.
- **Walfield, S. M.** (November 2021). Teaching Undergraduate Statistics in the Social Sciences. How I Survived the Pivot - Creative Solutions to Facilitate Remote Learning. East Carolina University: Greenville, NC. (Online)
- **Walfield, S. M.**, Shields, R. T., Harris, A. J., Nair, R., Ruzicka, A. and Letourneau, E. J. (November 2019). The Collateral Impact of Sex Offender Registration Policies on Caregivers of Juveniles who have Sexually Offended. American Society of Criminology: San Francisco, CA.
- **Walfield, S. M.** and Harris, A. J. (November 2019). Law Enforcement Officers' Perspectives on Residence Restriction Policies. American Society of Criminology: San Francisco, CA.
- **Walfield, S. M.** (March 2019). Male Victims of Sexual Violence - The Decision to Report and Perceived Bias by Law Enforcement. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Baltimore, MD.
- **Walfield, S. M.** and McCormack, P. (November 2018). Male Victims of Sexual Violence and Case Outcomes Utilizing NIBRS. American Society of Criminology: Atlanta, GA.
- **Walfield, S. M.** (February 2018). Male Victims of Sexual Violence: Case Characteristics and Outcomes Utilizing NIBRS. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: New Orleans, LA.
- **Walfield, S. M.** and Harris, A. J. (November 2017). State Level SORNA Implementation. American Society of Criminology: Philadelphia, PA.
- **Walfield, S. M.**, Levenson, J., Harris, A. J., and Cubellis, M. A. (November 2016). Law Enforcement Views on Sex Offender Compliance with Registration Mandates. American Society of Criminology: New Orleans, LA.
- Board, T., Jones, M., and **Walfield, S. M.**. Measuring Morality and Religiosity: A Multidisciplinary Comparison. North Carolina Criminal Justice Association: Raleigh, NC.
- **Walfield, S. M.**, Cubellis, M. A., and Harris, A. J. (March 2016). Collateral Consequences of Sex Offender Registration and Notification: Law Enforcement Perspectives. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Denver, CO.

- **Walfield, S. M.** (November 2015). Male Rape Myth Adherence: A Survey of U.S. Adults. American Society of Criminology: Washington, D.C.
- Rydberg, J., and **Walfield, S. M.** (April 2015). Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment. Invited talk given to the School of Criminology and Justice Studies, University of Massachusetts Lowell.
- **Walfield, S. M.**, Socia, K. M., and Powers, R. M. (March 2015). Religious Motivated Hate Crimes: A Multilevel Analysis of the Factors Related to Arrest. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Orlando, FL.
- **Walfield, S. M.** and Harris, A. J. (November 2014). An Analysis of Sex Offenders Released to the Community, 2001-2010. American Society of Criminology: San Francisco, CA.
- **Walfield, S. M.** (June 2014). When a Cleared Rape isn't Cleared: A Multilevel Study of Exceptional Clearance and Arrest. Northeastern Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Providence, RI.
- **Walfield, S. M.** (February 2014). A Multilevel Study of Rape Clearance. Presented to the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Philadelphia, PA.
- **Walfield, S. M.**, Harris, A. J., and Letourneau, E. J. (November 2013). Collateral Consequences of Juvenile Sex Offender Registration and Notification. American Society of Criminology: Atlanta, GA.

*Presentations given by co-authors not included.

GRANTS

- **Walfield, S. M.** (2022). The Misuse of Exceptional Clearance. National Science Foundation, **$32,759**. Role: Principal Investigator. (**Funded**)
- **Walfield, S. M.** (2021). Prison to Community: Understanding What Works and Barriers for Re-Entry Among Justice Involved Individuals. East Carolina University, **$5,000**. Role: Principal Investigator. (**Funded**)
- **Walfield, S. M.** (2021). Beyond Arrest - Understanding Exceptional Clearance for Violent and Property Crimes Reported to Law Enforcement. National Science Foundation, **$61,796**. Role: Principal Investigator. (Not funded)
- **Walfield, S. M** and Brewer, S. (2020). A Longitudinal Analysis of Mass Shooting Events in the United States. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, **$95,000**. Role: Co-Principal Investigator. (Not funded)
- **Walfield, S. M.** and Schacht, R. N. (2019). Patterning of Violence Against Women across the United States: A Multi-Level Analysis. Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, **$12,000**. Role: Co-Principal Investigator. (**Funded**)
- **Walfield, S. M.** (2018). Violent Crime, Race, and Case Outcomes - Evaluating the Impact of Incident, Agency, and Community Characteristics. W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship for Research on Race and Crime, National Institute of Justice, **$60,666.75**. Role: Principal Investigator. (Not funded).

- **Walfield, S. M.** (2016). Male Rape: An In-Depth Examination of Rape Myths, Reporting to the Police, and the Case Closure. Graduate Student Association, University of Massachusetts Lowell, **$1,600**. Role: Principal Investigator. (**Funded**).
- **Walfield, S. M.** (2013). A Multilevel Study of Rape Clearance. Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Quantitative Analysis of Crime and Criminal Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, **$3,500**. Role: Participant. (**Funded**).

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Chair's Faculty Excellence Award (2020), Department of Criminal Justice, East Carolina University
- SAGE Junior Faculty Professional Development Teaching Award (2019), Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- Gerald T. Hotaling Award of Outstanding Research (2016), School of Criminology & Justice Studies, University of Massachusetts Lowell
- Michael C. Braswell/Anderson Publishing Outstanding Student Paper Award (2015). Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, First Place, National Level. *When a Cleared Rape isn't Really Cleared: A Multilevel Study of Exceptional Clearance and Arrest*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Alternative Textbook Program, East Carolina University
- CourseFit and QualityMatters Certified (2024), East Carolina University
- Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (2021)
- Engagement and Outreach Scholars Academy, East Carolina University (2021)
- Writing Across the Curriculum Academy - Advanced, East Carolina University (Summer 2017)
- Writing Across the Curriculum Academy, East Carolina University (Spring 2017)
- Doctoral Student Summit, Selected Department Representative, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (Spring 2015)
- Quantitative Analysis of Crime and Criminal Justice, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (Summer 2013)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

†Denotes an undergraduate course; ‡Denotes a graduate course
DE = Distance Education; F2F = Face to Face; H = Hybrid

- Crime Mapping (DE)†
- Criminal Behavior (DE)‡

- Criminal Justice Administration and Management (F2F)†
- Data Analysis (F2F)†
- Drugs and Crime (DE, F2F, & H)†
- Introductory Statistics for Criminal Justice (DE, F2F, & H)†
- Issues and Problems in Criminal Justice (DE)†
- Professional Paper (DE)‡
- Program Evaluation (DE)‡
- Research Methods and Statistical Interpretation (DE)‡
- Research Methods in Criminal Justice (DE & H)†
- Sex Crimes and Offenders (DE)†
- Sexual Offenses and Offenders (DE)‡
- White-Collar Crime (DE & H)†

SERVICE

University, College, & Department

- Chair: East Carolina University, Distance Education and Learning Committee, 2023 - 2025
- Chair: Department of Criminal Justice, East Carolina University, Curriculum Committee, 2020 - Current
- Faculty Advisor: Department of Criminal Justice, East Carolina University, Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society, 2016 - 2020
- Faculty Mentor: Department of Criminal Justice, East Carolina University, Criminal Justice Living Learning Community, 2018 - 2020
- Faculty Mentor: Department of Criminal Justice, East Carolina University, 2022 - Present
- Judge: East Carolina University, Research and Creative Achievement Week, 2017 - 2020, 2022, 2023, 2025
- Member: East Carolina University, Institutional Data and Artificial Intelligence Workgroup, 2023 - 2024
- Member: East Carolina University, Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Science, Undergraduate Program Director Council, Spring 2023 - Present
- Member: East Carolina University, ProctorU Pilot - Fall 2022
- Member: East Carolina University, Proctoring Taskforce Workgroup, Summer 2022 - Fall 2024

- Member: East Carolina University, Faculty Canvas Leader, Fall 2020
- Member: East Carolina University, Distance Education and Learning Technology Committee, 2019 - 2025
- Member: East Carolina University, Summer Assessment - Criminal Justice, 2019
- Member: East Carolina University, Quality Enhancement Plan - Writing Intensive Assessment, 2018
- Member: East Carolina University, Writing Across the Curriculum - Peer Review Platform Working Group, 2017 - 2019
- Member: East Carolina University, Information Resources Coordinating Council, Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Science Social Sciences Representative, 2018 - Present
- Member: East Carolina University, Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Science, Distance Education Committee, 2017 - 2019
- Member: Department of Criminal Justice, East Carolina University, Curriculum Mapping / Writing Scaffolding Committee 2020 - Present
- Member: Department of Criminal Justice, East Carolina University, Graduate Program Committee, 2018 - 2023
- Member: Department of Criminal Justice, East Carolina University, Curriculum Mapping Committee, 2018 - Present
- Member: Department of Criminal Justice, East Carolina University, Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee (8x)
- Member: Department of Criminal Justice, East Carolina University, Writing Liaison, 2017 - Present
- Member: Department of Criminal Justice, East Carolina University, Faculty Development and Research Committee, 2016 - Present
- Member: Department of Criminal Justice, East Carolina University, Curriculum Committee, 2016 - Present
- Secretary: East Carolina University, Distance Education and Learning Committee, 2020 - 2023

Student Committees

- Senior Honor's Project Advisor: East Carolina University, Cassidy Fitz-Randolph, Rape Myth Adherence Among University Students, 2023-2024
- Senior Honor's Project: East Carolina University, Megan Height, Evaluating the Attitudes of Law Enforcement Towards DWI Court Efficiency: An Analysis of Survey Data, 2020
- Thesis Committee Member: East Carolina University, Jennifer Pabst, The Patterning of Violence Against Women in US Cities and Counties, 2019 - 2020

Ad Hoc Reviewer (28 unique journals/publishers)
†Denotes multiple reviews.

- *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Asian Journal of Criminology*, *Behavioral Sciences & The Law*, *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*, *Criminal Justice Studies*†, *Criminology & Public Policy*, *Deviant Behavior*, *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, *Journal of Crime and Justice*†, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*†, *Journal of School Violence*, *Journal of Sex Research*†, *Journal of Sexual Aggression*†, *Justice Policy Journal*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Macmillan*, *Psychiatry of Women Quarterly*, *Psychiatry, Psychology and Law*†, *Psychological Reports*, *Psychology, Crime and Law*, *SAGE Open*, *SAGE Publishing*†, *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*†, *Sexuality, Gender & Policy*, *Social Forces*, *Social Justice Research*, *Victims & Offenders*†, *Violence Against Women*

Media

- Molina, T. (February 3, 2023). Illinois Sex Offender Registry policies fall short of other states in many respects. CBS Chicago. [link]

Affiliations

- American Society of Criminology, 2011 - Present
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2013 - Present
- Association of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, 2014 - 2016
- Sex Offense Policy Research Working Group, 2015 - 2018
- Southern Criminal Justice Association, 2022 - Present