

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. 2011 Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri - St. Louis, St. Louis, MO 63121.

Dissertation Title: Examining the Relationship between Changes in the Peer Group and Attitudes: A Longitudinal Study. Committee: Finn-Aage Esbensen (chair), Janet Lauritsen, Lee Ann Slocum, and Jean Marie McGloin

M.A. 2007 Criminology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 33620.

Thesis Title: Using Agnew's General Strain Theory to Explain the Relationship Between Early Victimization and Deviant Behavior. Co-Major Professor: Christopher J. Sullivan and Co-Major Professor: John K. Cochran

B.S. 2003 Chemistry, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS 66762.

Positions Held

2011-Present **Assistant Research Professor**, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. University of Missouri – St. Louis

2007-2011 **Graduate Research Assistant**, University of Missouri – St. Louis. Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program. Duties include data collection, management, analysis, and report preparation. Funded by the National Institute of Justice, \$2,497,585. Principal Investigator: Finn-Aage Esbensen.

- 2009-2011 **Site Coordinator**, Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program. Funded by the National Institute of Justice, \$2,497,585. Principal Investigator: Finn-Aage Esbensen.
- 2008-2009 **Instructor**, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri-St. Louis, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency (Summer 2008, Summer 2009).
- 2006-2007 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University of South Florida. Assisted in facilitation of several undergraduate online courses including: Crime & Place, American Correctional System, Juvenile Justice Systems, and American Law Enforcement Systems. Kim M. Lersch
- 2005-2007 **Graduate Research Assistant**, University of South Florida. National Evaluation of Youth Crime Watch, Tampa Bay Florida Area. Duties include data collection, site scheduling, and survey management. Funded by the United States Department of Justice awarded to Abt Associates. Grant subcontracted to University of South Florida. Principal Investigator: Kim M. Lersch.

Refereed Journal Articles

- Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Dana Peterson, Terrance J. Taylor, Adrienne Freng, D. Wayne Osgood, **Dena C. Carson**, and Kristy N. Matsuda. 2011. Evaluation and Evolution of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program. *Journal of School Violence* 10:53-70.
- Esbensen, Finn-Aage and **Dena C. Carson**. 2009. Consequences of Being Bullied: Results from a Longitudinal Assessment of Bullying Victimization in a Multisite Sample of American Students. *Youth & Society* 41:209-33.
- Carson, Dena C.**, Christopher J. Sullivan, John K. Cochran, and Kim M. Lersch. 2009. General Strain Theory and the Relationship between Early Victimization and Drug Use. *Deviant Behavior* 30:54-88.

Book Chapters

- Peterson, Dana and **Dena C. Carson**. (2012) "Group Sex Composition and Youths' Delinquency: A Comparison of Gang and Non-gang Peer Groups." In Finn-Aage Esbensen and Cheryl L. Maxson (eds). *Youth Gangs in International Perspective:Tales from the Eurogang Program of Research*. New York: Springer.
- Matsuda, Kristy N., Finn-Aage Esbensen, and **Dena C. Carson**. (2012) "Putting the 'Gang' in 'Eurogang': Characteristics of Delinquent Youth Groups by Definitional Approaches." In Finn-Aage Esbensen and Cheryl L. Maxson (eds). *Youth Gangs in International Perspective:Tales from the Eurogang Program of Research*. New York: Springer.

Lauritsen, Janet L. and **Dena Carson**. (2010). "The President's Task Force on Victims of Crime," pp. 659-662 in *The Encyclopedia on Victimology and Crime Prevention*, Sage Publications, Inc.

Technical Reports

Carson, Dena C., Finn-Aage Esbensen, Terrance J. Taylor, and Dana Peterson. 2008. National Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program (G.R.E.A.T.): Results From the Surveys and Interviews with G.R.E.A.T.-trained Officers.

Presentations

Carson, Dena C. "Examining the Effect of Peers on Changes in Delinquent Attitudes: A Longitudinal Study." To be presented at the Annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, November 2011. Washington, DC.

Carson, Dena C. and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Differentiating Between Delinquent Groups and Gangs: Moving Beyond Offending." Annual meetings of the Western Society of Criminology, February 2011. Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Carson, Dena C. "Changes in Youth Offending: An Examination of the Interdependence of Self-control and Social bonds." Annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, November 2010. San Francisco, CA.

Peterson, Dana, **Dena C. Carson**, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Sex Composition of Gangs and Youth Gang Member Delinquency: An Examination of Selection and Social Facilitation Using the Eurogang Definition." Tenth Eurogang Conference, Neustadt an der Weinstrasse, Germany. June 2010.

Matsuda, Kristy N., Finn-Aage Esbensen, and **Dena C. Carson**. "Putting the 'Gang' in 'Eurogang': Characteristics of Delinquent Youth Groups by Definitional Approaches." Tenth Eurogang Conference, Neustadt an der Weinstrasse, Germany. June 2010.

Carson, Dena C. "The Moderating Effects of Race on the Relationship between Delinquent Attitudes and Delinquency." Annual meetings of the Western Society of Criminology, February 2010. Honolulu, HI.

Carson, Dena C. "The Influence of Peer Group Composition on Delinquent Beliefs." Annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, November 2009. Philadelphia, PA.

Esbensen, Finn-Aage and **Dena C. Carson**. "Consequences of Being Bullied." Annual meetings of the Western Society of Criminology, February 2009. San Diego, CA.

Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Terrance J. Taylor, Dana Peterson, Chris Melde, Bradley T. Brick, and **Dena C. Carson**. "Dueling Banjos: Does Gang Definition Really Matter?" Annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, November 2008. St. Louis, MO.

Carson, Dena C., Terrance J. Taylor, and Dana Peterson. "Alternative Measures of Program Implementation." Annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, November 2008. St. Louis, MO.

Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Bradley T. Brick, Chris Melde, Terrance J. Taylor, Dana Peterson, and **Dena C. Carson**. "An Empirical Assessment of the Eurogang Funneling Approach to Establish Gang Membership." Annual meetings of the European Society of Criminology, September 2008. Edinburgh, Scotland.

Carson, Dena C., Terrance J. Taylor, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "An examination of officer attitudes about a school-based community-oriented policing strategy." Annual meetings of the Western Society of Criminology, February 2008. Sacramento, CA.

Carson, Dena C., Christopher J. Sullivan, John C. Cochran, and Kim M. Lersch. "General strain theory and the relationship between early victimization and drug use." Annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, November 2007. Atlanta, GA.

Carson, Dena C., and Christopher J. Sullivan. (poster). "Using general strain theory to examine the relationship between early physical assault, binge drinking and drug use." Annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, November 2006. Los Angeles, CA.

Additional Workshops Attended

Eurogang Workshop, Hillerød, Denmark. September 21-24, 2011.

Eurogang Workshop, Neustadt an der Weinstrasse, Germany. June 14-17, 2010.

Hierarchical Linear Modeling Workshop, Chicago, IL. June 1-3, 2010. Instructors: Stephan Raudenbush and Anthony S. Bryk.

Awards and Funding

University of Missouri-St. Louis Graduate School Dissertation Award (Fall 2010).

Travel award from the University of Missouri-St. Louis International Studies Department as well as from Des Lee Collaborative Vision to participate in a study abroad program in Germany (Summer 2009).

Scholarship from the Des Lee Collaborative Vision (Spring 2009).

Professional Service

Counselor-at-large (student representative). Western Society of Criminology 2009-2010.

Program Committee. Western Society of Criminology 2009-2010.

Professional Organizations

American Society of Criminology
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Western Society of Criminology

Areas of Interest

Juvenile Delinquency
Peer Groups
Theory
Methods