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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Criminology, Criminal Justice, University of Missouri – St. Louis	Expected May 2027
Committee: Lee A. Slocum (Chair), Rebecca Lenox, Kyle Thomas, Karen Heimer	
M.A. Criminology, Criminal Justice, University of Missouri – St. Louis	December 2023
B.A. Sociology; Criminology, Law and Justice, University of Iowa	December 2020

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Corrections policy, correctional officer deviance and decision making, applied quantitative and qualitative methodologies.

PUBLICATIONS

Spanoudakis K., Huebner B. M., Garcia-Hallett J., Inzana V., Givens A., & Canada K. E. (2024). The New Age Worker: Morale and Strain Among Staff During a Correctional Staffing Crisis. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 10439862241272310.

Slocum L.E., Greene C., Huebner B. M., Udani A., **Spanoudakis K.** (2024) “Centering Community in the Conceptualization and Measurement of Safety: A Mixed-Method Approach.” *Justice Quarterly*, 1–31.

Lambert E.G., **Spanoudakis K.**, Elechi O., Otu S. “Building Test: Exploring How Workplace Demands and Resources are Related to Organizational Trust Views of Staff at a Nigeria Prison ” Forthcoming in *Criminal Justice Policy Review*.

Lennox R., **Spanoudakis K.**, Rader N. (2026) Movements and mindsets: how #Blacklivesmatter protests shape midwestern adults’ perceptions of safety and movement efficacy. Forthcoming in the *Journal of Crime & Justice* (Special Issue).

Spanoudakis K., Slocum L., Schafer J., Huebner B. (2026) “Hidden Figure of 911 Calls”. Under Review, *Criminology and Public Policy*.

Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Joseph Schafer, Lee Slocum, Beth Huebner, **Konstadina Spanoudakis**, Teairstayn Jones, Isabella Castillo. “Gatekeeping Justice: The Role of Communications Personnel in Shaping Public Safety” (2025) Report as part of the *MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge*

Lee Ann Slocum, Claire Greene, Beth M. Huebner, Kiley Bednar, Adriano Udani, Robert Boxerman, Sarah Kirk, **Konstadina Spanoudakis**, Hayden Steingrubby, Elizabeth Lyne, Emelyne Lane. “Redefining Public Safety in Three US Counties” (2023). Report as part of the *MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge*

Papers in Progress:

Spanoudakis K., Greene C., Slocum L. (2026) “Whenever I Searched St. Louis, the First Thing I Saw Was the Murder Rate.” Community Perceptions of Living in Stigmatized Geographies. In progress.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Missouri St. Louis – Graduate Research Assistant

Understanding and Refining Community Violence Intervention Implementation: St. Louis (MO) as a Crucial Case
PIs: Dr. Lee Slocum and Dr. Chris Sullivan
2024 – 2025

Funding provided by the National Institute of Justice

Exploring 911 practices and calls in St. Louis MO, Tuscon AZ, Baton Rouge LA, Charleston SC, Pennington SD.
PIs: Dr. Lee Slocum, Dr. Joe Schafer, Dr. Beth Huebner 2024 – 2025
Funding provided by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Safety Perceptions and Social Movements. 2025 – Present
PI: Dr. Rebecca Lenox

Safety and Justice Challenge and Research Consortium: A Multi-Method Approach to Redefining Public Safety.
PIs: Dr. Lee Slocum, Dr. Beth Huebner 2022 – 2023
Funding provided by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Empower Missouri, Non-Profit – Research Assistant 2024
Exploring Private Probation Practices in Missouri

University of Iowa – Undergraduate Research Assistant

- Undergraduate Research Fellow – University of Iowa Public Policy Center 2020-2021
- Undergraduate Research Assistant. PI: Dr. Yongren Shi 2020
- Undergraduate Research Assistant. PI: Dr. Marina Zaloznaya 2019-2020
- Undergraduate Research Assistant - Center for the Study of Group Processes 2019-2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND GUEST LECTURES

Graduate Instructor, Theories of Crime	Summer 2026
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Corrections	Spring 2023, Fall 2023
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Gender, Crime and Justice	Spring 2023, Fall 2022
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Senior Seminar in Policing	Spring 2023, Fall 2022
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	Spring 2021
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Criminal Punishment	Spring 2020
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Juvenile Delinquency	Fall 2020
Guest Lecture at John Jay Criminal Justice Center, Webster University, Sam Houston State University: “Experiences Working in a Maximum-Security Prison”	2023 – 2026

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Lost in the System? Understanding 911 Calls That Never Reach Dispatch.” – European Society of Criminology Conference	September 2025
“The expansion of surveillance: the use and reach of body worn cameras in correctional institutions” – American Society of Criminology Conference	November 2025
“Whenever I Searched St. Louis, the First Thing I Saw Was the Murder Rate.” Community Perceptions of Living in Stigmatized Geographies – American Society of Criminology Conference	November 2024
“The New Age Worker: Morale and Strain among Staff during a Correctional Staffing Crisis” – American Society of Criminology Conference	November 2023
“Conceptualizing the Meaning of Safety: Exploring Individual and Community Differences” – American Society of Criminology Conference	November 2023

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Correctional Officer, Lebanon Correctional Institution	2021–2022
Psychology Intern, Iowa Medical Classification Center	2018

HONORS AND AWARDS

UMSL Department of Criminology Internal Research Funding: \$500	2022, 2023, 2024
Undergraduate Research Fellow, Public Policy Center	2020
Academic All-Big Ten, University of Iowa	2020
Big Ten Distinguished Scholar, University of Iowa	2020
Dean's List Student, University of Iowa	2017, 2019

SKILLS

Multivariate regression modeling, Field interviewing, Media/content analysis, Qualitative methods
Stata, MaxQDA, NVivo, SPSS, ArcGIS (basic), Microsoft Office

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

American Society of Criminology	2022 – Present
Division of Corrections and Sentencing, Member	2024 – Present
Division for Qualitative Research, Member	2026 – Present
Reviewer	
Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice	
Journal of Criminal Justice	
Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research	
At the University of Missouri-St. Louis	
President, Graduate Student Association	2024
Peer Mentor	2025-Present
Annual “UMSL CCJ Trivia” organizer	2023-Present