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Education

Expected May 2028 Ph.D., Criminology
University of South Florida – Tampa, FL

May 2024 M.S., Criminal Justice & Criminology
Georgia Southern University – Statesboro, GA
Thesis: “Silent Classrooms, Loud Injustice: Intersecting of Victim Characteristics in School Employee Sexual Abuse and Misconduct Cases”
Committee: Dr. Stacie St. Louis (chair), Dr. Amanda Graham, Dr. Kristina Thompson

December 2023 Post-baccalaureate Certificate, Cybercrime
Georgia Southern University – Statesboro, GA

July 2022 B.S., Criminal Justice & Criminology
Georgia State University – Atlanta, GA
Summa Cum Laude

Areas of Interest

Cybercrime | Victimology | Violence

Sentencing | Disparities | Public Policy

Publications

Under Review “Is There a (Pre)Trial Penalty? Assessing the Joint Impacts of Pretrial Detention and Trial Conviction on Sentencing” August, 2024
Stacie St. Louis, **Marlena Bolton**, Nick Petersen
Crime & Delinquency

In Progress “Shifting Blame on Students: Intersecting Dynamics of
Victim Characteristics in School Employee Sexual Abuse and
Misconduct Cases”
Marlena Bolton

Presentations

- 2023 **Marlena Bolton**, Stacie St. Louis, Nick Petersen (November)
“Auditing the Trial Tax: The Impact of Pretrial Detention and Mode of Conviction
on Sentencing” Panel Presentation at the 78th Annual Meeting of the American
Society of Criminology: Philadelphia, PA
- 2024 **Marlena Bolton**, Stacie St. Louis, Nick Petersen (April)
“Is There a (Pre)Trial Penalty? The Joint Impacts of Being Detained Pretrial and
Convicted via Jury Trial on Punishment Outcomes” Oral Presentation at Georgia
Southern Student Scholars Symposium (GS4): Statesboro, GA
- 2024 **Marlena Bolton** (November)
“Silent Classrooms, Loud Injustice: Intersecting Victim Characteristics in School
Employee Sexual Abuse and Misconduct Cases” Panel Presentation at the 79th Annual
Meeting of the American Society of Criminology: San Francisco, CA

Research and Professional Experience

- Spring Research Assistant
2024 *Reviewing national victimization survey data across multi-year span to
- consolidate into one dataset that captures cybervictimization. Assist in drafting
present findings into research articles using the data that will be submitted to journals
 for publication and presentations.*
 University of South Florida
 Dr. Ngo
- Fall Research Assistant
2023 *Travelling to Bulloch County, Georgia courthouse twice a week to gather
- history data from digital files stored on the court house’s computers and
Spring inputting pertinent data information into Excel spreadsheets. Coding court
2024 observation notes in NVIVO while mentoring two undergraduate students in
 this process.*
 Georgia Southern University
 Dr. Stacie St. Louis and Dr. Kristina Thompson

Spring 2023 - Spring 2024
 Research Assistant
Collecting and reviewing research articles, drafting portions of the literature review, data and sampling, control variables, and implications sections of the manuscript. Composing cover letter for journal submission and presenting research findings at the American Society of Criminology.
 Georgia Southern University
 Dr. Stacie St. Louis

Fall 2022
 Research Assistant
Anonymizing and inputting student response data into Excel spreadsheets.
 Georgia Southern University
 Dr. Baker Rogers

Summer 2022
 Undergraduate Intern
Cleaning and sorting digital evidence of financial fraud scraped from the dark web and uploading completed assignments to shared folders.
 Georgia State University
 Evidence-based Cybersecurity Research Group
 Cameron Hoffman, PhD Candidate

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Faculty

Summer 2024	Introduction to Criminology (<i>Online</i>) 15 students	Georgia Southern University
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Graduate Teaching Assistant

Spring 2024	Applying Statistics in Criminal Justice Research (<i>In-person</i>) 34 students	Dr. Stacie St. Louis
Spring 2024	Applying Statistics in Criminal Justice Research (<i>Online</i>) 42 students	Dr. Stacie St. Louis
Fall 2023	Applying Statistics in Criminal Justice Research (<i>In-person</i>) 42 students	Dr. Stacie St. Louis
Spring 2023	Applying Statistics in Criminal Justice Research (<i>Online</i>) 23 students	Dr. Stacie St. Louis
Spring 2023	Applying Statistics in Criminal Justice Research (<i>In-person</i>) 32 students	Dr. Stacie St. Louis
Fall 2022	Human Behavior and the Social Environment (<i>Online</i>) 43 students	Dr. Baker Rogers

Guest Lectures

Spring 2024	Correlation	Dr. Stacie St. Louis
Fall 2023	Central Tendency Measures	Dr. Stacie St. Louis

Specialized Training & Certifications

Spring 2024	Teaching Online Courses	Georgia Southern Faculty Center
Spring 2024	Folio Learning Path (FLP)	Georgia Southern Faculty Center
July 2023	Career Readiness Mentor Training	Mentor Collective
July 2023	Student Success Mentor Training	Mentor Collective
February 2023	CITI Human Subjects – Social and Behavioral Research	CITI Program
February 2023	CITI Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)	CITI Program

Service

July 2023 – May 2024	The Mentor Collective Mentor for 4 Georgia Southern University graduate students
August 2022 – May 2024	The Graduate Student Organization Student member at Georgia Southern University
November 2023	American Society of Criminology Outreach volunteer for the Division of Corrections and Sentencing
October 2023 – May 2024	Strategic Planning Committee for Department of Criminal Justice Student Committee member

Awards, Honors, and Grants

2024-25	Full Graduate Assistantship – \$26,824 University of South Florida – Tampa, FL
2024-25	University of South Florida Graduate Fellowship – \$2,500 University of South Florida – Tampa, FL

- 2023 Graduate Student Professional Development Fund – \$625
Competitive travel funding awarded to students who demonstrate merit through grant proposal of how the opportunity will promote their personal and growth in their respective field.
Georgia Southern University – Statesboro, Georgia
- 2023 Outstanding Graduate Student Award
Awarded annually to one of approximately one hundred students enrolled in the graduate program recognizing the student's achievements.
Georgia Southern University – Statesboro, Georgia
- 2023-24 Full Graduate Assistantship
Georgia Southern University – Statesboro, Georgia
- 2020-22 Excellence Scholarship – \$1,000
Academic excellence scholarship awarded to undergraduate students who exhibit high academic achievement.
Georgia State University – Atlanta, Georgia