Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas**

Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice (Ph.D.), May 2016

**Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio**

Master of Science in Criminal Justice (M.S), August 2012

**Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio**

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (B.S), May 2011

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

August 2021 – Present Associate Professor

University of West Georgia

Department of Civic Engagement and Public

Service

Carrollton, GA 30118

August 2020 – August 2022 Director of Graduate Studies in Criminology

University of West Georgia

Department of Civic Engagement and Public

Service

Carrollton, GA 30118

August 2016 – August 2021 Assistant Professor

University of West Georgia

Department of Civic Engagement and Public

Service

Carrollton, GA 30118

June 2014 – May 2016 Research Analyst

Arkansas Department of Corrections

Research and Planning Division

Pine Bluff, AR 71611

May 2013 – August 2014 Project Coordinator

Arkansas Victim Assistance Academy

Department of Criminal Justice

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

May 2013 – August 2014 Data Analyst

Arkansas Youth Advocacy Program

Department of Criminal Justice

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

**AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST**

Data Management and Analysis

Corrections

Reentry Issues and Challenges

Prison Programming and Evaluation

Juvenile Risky Behaviors/Trading Sex

Police and Police Physical Training

Crime Mapping/GIS

**PUBLICATIONS AND SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS**

Vuk, Mateja and **Brittani A. McNeal** (2021). “Readings on Correctional Programming: Needs, Interventions, and Approaches” (First Edition). San Diego, CA: Cognella.

McNeal, Brittani A**.** (2020). “Correlates of Exchanging Sex for Drugs or Money Among Adolescent Males: A Hidden Population.” Journal of Homosexuality, p. 1- 30 (Published online first January 2020) https://doi.org/10.1080/00918369.2020.1715141

Vuk, Mateja and **Brittani A. McNeal** (2020). “Correctional Programming: The Needs, Interventions, and Approaches” (Custom Preliminary Edition). San Diego, CA: Cognella.

Vuk, Mateja and **Brittani A. McNeal** (ED) (2020).“Idleness and the Importance of Work in Prison.” Correctional Programming: The Needs, Interventions, and Approaches (Custom Preliminary Edition), edited by M. Vuk and B.A. McNeal (pp. 417 – 423). San Diego, CA: Cognella.

Berthelot, Emily, **Brittani A. McNeal**, and Julie Marie Baldwin. (2018) “Relationships between Agency-Specific Contact, Victimization Type, and Trust and Confidence in the Police and Courts” *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 1-24. (Published Online First February 2018) https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12103-018-9434-x

Jordan, Kareem, and **Brittani A. McNeal**. (2016). “Juvenile Penalty or Leniency:

Sentencing of Juveniles in the Criminal Justice System.” *Law & Human Behavior* 40 (4), p. 387-400. http://psycnet.apa.org/psycinfo/2016-12802-001/ .

**McNeal, Brittani A.** and Jeffery T. Walker (2016). “Parental Effects on the Exchange of Sex for

Drugs or Money in Adolescents.” *American Journal of Criminal* Justice 41 (4), p 710 – 731. (Published Online first November 2015, published in print December 2016) http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12103-015-9313-7

Burek, Melissa W., and **Brittani A. McNeal.** (2012). “Philosophies of Corrections.”

*Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*, edited by J.M. Miller, A.R. Gover, W.G. Jennings, and C.J. Schreck.

**TECHNICAL REPORTS**

**Brittani A. McNeal** (2016). Social History Assessment: A Pre-Validation Report. An Evaluation was submitted on September 19, 2016, to the Arkansas Department of Corrections.

**Brittani A. McNeal** (2016). Social History Assessment: Family History Background: 2011. An Evaluation was submitted to the Arkansas Department of Corrections. http://adc.arkansas.gov/social-history-assessment-family-history-background

Compton, Tiffanye, Jacob Laan, and **Brittani A. McNeal** (2016). Arkansas Department of Correction: Annual Report FY 2015. A Report was submitted to the Arkansas Department of Corrections. http://adc.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/Annual\_Report\_2015\_rev1.pdf

Compton, Tiffanye, Jacob Laan, and **Brittani A. McNeal** (2015). Arkansas Recidivism Study: 2011. A Report was submitted to the Arkansas Department of Corrections. http://adc.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/Recidivism2011.pdf

**McNeal, Brittani A.** (2015). Arkansas Department of Corrections: Social History Assessment Tool. A Preliminary Analysis was submitted to the Arkansas Department of Corrections.

**McNeal, Brittani A.** and Mary P. Parker (2014). Arkansas Youth Advocacy Program (YAP). An

Evaluation submitted to the Arkansas Department of Youth Services.

**McNeal, Brittani A.** and Mary P. Parker (2013). Arkansas Youth Advocacy Program (YAP). An Evaluation was submitted to the Arkansas Department of Youth Services.

**GRANTS AND FUNDING**

University of Arkansas Little Rock Institute on Race and Ethnicity Mini-Grant Program Award

Recipient, November 2014. McNeal, Brittani A., Emily R. Berthelot, and Julie Marie Baldwin. “Examining Calls for Police Service using UALR Racial Attitudes Survey Data: A Multilevel Analysis of Crime Reporting, Trust, Fear of Crime, and Perceptions of the Criminal Justice System.” $5,0000.00

ACJS Affirmative Action Student Scholarship Mini-Grant Travel Award Recipient, March 2013.

McNeal, Brittani, “Familial Influence on the Exchange of Sex for Drugs or Money: An Exploratory Study.” $600.00

**RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

McNeal, Brittani A. “Introduction to Mapping for the Social Sciences: GIS Fundamentals.” Workshop for the Center for Research Workshop Series, Carrollton, GA., November 5th, 2019.

McNeal, Brittani A. “Introduction to Mapping: GIS Fundamentals.” Workshop at the Annual Meetings of the University of West Georgia Interdisciplinary Conference in the Social Sciences, Carrollton, GA., October 2018.

McNeal, Brittani A. “Correlates of Exchanging Sex for Drugs or Money for Adolescent Males: An Hidden Population.” Presentation at the Annual Meetings of the University of West Georgia Interdisciplinary Conference in the Social Sciences, Carrollton, GA., October 2018.

McNeal, Brittani A. “Correlates of Exchanging Sex for Drugs or Money for Adolescent Males: A Hidden Population.” Presentation at the Annual Meetings of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Pensacola Beach, FL., September 2018.

McNeal, Brittani A. “An Application of General Strain Theory to Recidivism in Arkansas: A Multilevel Study.” Presentation at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA., November 2017.

McNeal, Brittani A. “The Effect of Prison Risk Factors on Recidivism for Released Offenders in Arkansas.” Presentation at the Annual Meetings of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Savannah, GA., September 2016.

**McNeal, Brittani A**., Emily R. Berthelot, and Julie Marie Baldwin. “Examining Willingness to Report Crime to Police: A Multilevel Analysis of Crime Reporting, Trust, Fear of Crime, and Perceptions of the Criminal Justice System.” Poster Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C., November 2015.

**McNeal, Brittani A.** and Tusty ten Bensel. “The Sexual Exploitation of Adolescent Males: A

Hidden Population.” Poster Presented at the Student Research and Creative Works Expo: Graduate Competition. University of Arkansas, Little Rock, Little Rock, AR, April 2015.

Jordan, Kareem, and **Brittani A. McNeal.** “Juvenile Penalty or Leniency: Sentencing of

Juveniles in the Criminal Justice System.” Presentation at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 2014.

**McNeal, Brittani A**., Emily R. Berthelot, and Julie Marie Baldwin. “Will the Victim Report the Crime? An Analysis of How Perceptions of the Criminal Justice System Affect Reporting to the Police.” Poster Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 2014.

**McNeal, Brittani,** and Emily Berthelot. “Will You Call? An Examination of Perceptions of

Police on Victimization.” Poster Presented at the Student Research and Creative Works Expo: Graduate Competition. University of Arkansas, Little Rock, Little Rock, AR, April 2014.

**McNeal, Brittani,** and Emily Berthelot. “The Effects of Race and Contact on Trust and

Confidence in Local Courts.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA, February 2014.

**McNeal, Brittani,** and Stacy Moak. “The Effects of Psychological Attachment to Mother on

Deviant Behaviors and Attachment to School and Peers in Early Childhood.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 2013.

**McNeal, Brittani**, Melissa Burek, Adam Watkins, and Wendi Goodlin-Fanhcke. “Familial

Influence on the Exchange of Sex for Drugs or Money: An Exploratory Study.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Dallas, TX, March 2013

**STUDENT SUPERVISION**

**Undergraduate Students**

Amanda Baptie, Criminology, Honor Paper for Undergraduate Degree

Paper Title: *An Exploration of University Residence Halls with CPTED and Hotspot*

*Crime Mapping*

**Graduate Students**

Takki Wright, Public Administration, Committee Member

Exit Paper Title: *Mass Incarceration of Juveniles: Black Americans in the Juvenile Justice System*

Sadie Creel, Criminology, Thesis Chair

Paper Title: *Suicides in Prisons: An Examination of Prison Policies*

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**\***Indicates courses taught online | \*\*indicates eMajor course taught

Graduate:

CRIM 6000: Principles of Criminology\*

CRIM 6003: Applied Statistics in Criminology\*

CRIM 6255: Delinquency, Family, and Community

CRIM 6275: Planning and Evaluation

CRIM 6370: Correctional Management\*

Undergraduate:

CRIM 2245: Juvenile Delinquency\*

CRIM 2272: Introduction to Law Enforcement\*

CRIM 2275: Introduction to Corrections\*

CRJU 3100: Criminal Law\*\*

CRJU 3200: Criminology\*\*

CRIM 3240: Criminological Theory\*

CRIM 3241: Corrections\*

CRJU 3350: Drugs in America\*\*

CRJU 3400: Juvenile Delinquency and Justice\*\*

CRJU 3700: Criminal Justice Research Methodology\*\*

CRIM 4003: Statistic for the Social Sciences

CRIM 4279: Race and Crime

CRIM 4277: Police in Society\*

CRIM 4293: Correctional Programs\*

CRJU 4350: Family Violence\*\*

CRIM 4402: Prison Law\*

CRIM 4659: Sports, Crime, and Society\*

**PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

Quality Matter Training – Peer Reviewer Certification Course. June 11 – July 2, 2018 (ONLINE)

Quality Matters Training – Improve Your Online Course. University of West

Georgia. November 1 – 15, 2017 (ONLINE)

Search Committee Chair Training. University of West Georgia. September 20, 2017

(ONLINE)

Search Committee Process Training. University of West Georgia. January 20, 2017

(2:30p – 4:30p)

Quality Matters Training – Applying the Quality Matters Rubric (APPQMR). University of West

Georgia. December 13, 2016 (8am – 4:30pm)

**SERVICE**

**University/College**

Disciplinary Appeals Committee: University of West Georgia: Fall 2023 - Present

University System of Georgia Academic Committee: Criminal Justice: Fall 2019 – Fall 2022

College of Social Sciences Center for Research, Faculty Affiliate: Fall 2019 – Fall 2020

2020 Regents’ Teaching Excellence Award for Online Teaching Review Committee: Fall 2019. University of West Georgia.

Sustainability Council Member: Fall 2017 – Fall 2019. University of West Georgia, Department of Criminology

**Department**

Personal Committee Member: Fall 2022 – Present – Department of Civic Engagement and Public Service

Comprehensive Exam (Criminology M.A. Program) Committee: Fall 2022 – Summer 2023. Department of Civic Engagement and Public Service

Graduate Committee Member: Fall 2018 – Present – Department of Civic Engagement and Public Service

Criminology Association Advisor: Fall 2017 – Spring 2022. University of West Georgia, Department of Criminology

Undergraduate Committee Member: Fall 2018 – Fall 2020

Search Committee Chair: Fall 2017. University of West Georgia, Department of Criminology

Search Committee Member: Fall 2016. University of West Georgia, Department of Criminology

**Profession**

Manuscript Reviewer, *Sexuality and Culture*

Manuscript Reviewer, *Health & Justice*

Panel Chair (2017). “Community Context and Prisoner Reentry.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Panel Chair (2016). “Recidivism.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Savannah, GA.

Panel Chair (2013). “Familial Influence on the Exchange of Sex for Drugs or Money: An Exploratory Study.” Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Dallas, TX.

**HONORS/AWARDS**

2019 Outstanding Teaching Award, Department of Criminology, University of West Georgia ($500)

2019 Outstanding Teaching Award, College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia (Nominated)

2018 Best of the West: Strategic Imperative Recognition, University of West Georgia

2018 Outstanding Service Award, College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia (Nominated)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA)