

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**FRANK S. PEZZELLA**

### **EDUCATION:**

School of Criminal Justice, State University of New York  
Albany, NY Ph. D. (May, 2010)

Dissertation: Authoritarian Parenting: A race socializing protective factor that deters high-risk African American adolescents from delinquency and violence.

Master of Arts – Criminal Justice (May, 1994)

St. John's University, Jamaica, NY  
Bachelor of Science (May, 1977)  
Major: Criminal Justice  
Minor: Management  
Honors: Dean's List

### **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:**

John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
New York, NY

Instructor (2007-2010)

Assistant Professor (2010-2017)

Associate Professor (2017)

**Courses Taught:** Introduction to Criminal Justice, The American Judiciary, Classics in Criminology, Issues in Criminal Justice, Using Statistics in Social Science Research, Research Methods, Crime Analysis and Crime Prevention, Hate Crimes, Hate Crimes Statutes: policy and enforcement dilemmas; Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Crime and Justice, Sentencing & Prisoner Reentry.

Marist College, Department of Social Sciences  
Poughkeepsie, NY

Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice

**Courses Taught:** Theories of Crime, Juvenile Justice Systems

State University of New York, School of Criminal Justice  
Albany, NY

Summer Teaching Assistant, **Course Taught:** Theories of Crime

### **COURSES DEVELOPED:**

Hate Crime Victims, Offenders and Situational Circumstances  
The Policy and Enforcement Dilemmas of Hate Crime Statutes  
Issues in Criminal Justice-Online

## **JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS:**

- Pezzella, Fetzter & Keller (in press) The Dark Figure of Hate Crime Under Reporting, *American Behavioral Scientist, Special Edition on Hate and Extremism*.
- Petrosian & Pezzella (in press) IUU Fishing and Seafood Fraud: Using Crime Script Analysis to Inform Interventions, *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, Special Edition on Regulating Crime: The new criminology of crime control*.
- Fetzter, M. & Pezzella, F. (2016) The nature of bias crime injuries: A comparative analysis of physical and psychological victimization effects. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, doi: 10.1177/0886260515586374
- Pezzella, F. & Fetzter, M. (2015) The Likelihood of Injuries Among Bias Crimes: An analysis of general and specific bias types, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, Volume 32, Number 5 pp. 703-729
- Pezzella, F. Thornberry, T., & Smith, C. (2015) Race Socialization and Parenting Styles: Links to Delinquency for African American and White Adolescents *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, Volume 14, Number 4, pp. 448-467
- Pezzella, F., Paladino, A., & Zoller, C & Mandery, E. (2014) The Efficacy of Student Learning in Large Size Introductory Classes, *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, Volume 25 No.1 pp. 106-130
- Pezzella, F. & Vlahos, S., (2014) “The Moderating Influence of Religion on the Behavioral Health of Formerly Incarcerated Men, *Journal of Religion and Health*, Volume 53 Number 6, pp. 1873-1884
- Edwards, W., Bennett, I., White, N., & F. S. Pezzella (1998) “Who’s in the Pipeline? A Survey of African Americans in Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice,” *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, Volume 9 Number 2, pp. 1-18.
- Edwards, W., White, N., Bennett, I., & F.S. Pezzella (1998) “Who Has Come Out of the Pipeline? A Survey of African Americans in Criminology and Criminal Justice,” *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, Volume 9 Number 2, pp. 249-264.

## **BOOKS/MONOGRAPHS:**

- Pezzella, F. (2017) *Hate Crimes Statutes: A public policy and law enforcement dilemma*, Springer Publishing Company, New York, NY

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017** Faculty Senate & College Council

**2015-2017** CJBA Thesis Mentor

**2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014** Department of Criminal Justice Grade Appeals Committee

## **GRANTS:**

PSC-CUNY- Downward Departures: a study of sentencing practices and the utility of Pre-sentence Investigation Reports – \$5500

Inter-university Consortium of Political and Social Science research (ICPSR) summer scholar selected to study bias crime trends using the National Incident Based Reporting System - \$3000

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

Pezzella, F., Sung, H., YunHo, Y., Yuchen, H., St. John, V., & Bernheimer, A. “Community and Agency Racial Composition and the Outcomes of Police Use of Deadly Force”, presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference (February, 2017)

Pezzella, F. “Hate Crime Statutes: a public policy and law enforcement dilemma, presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference (November, 2016)

Fetzer, M., Pezzella, F. & Maloney, C. “An Analysis Comparing Severity of Injury Among Hate Crimes of Differing Bias Types, presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference (Discussant) (November, 2015)

Pezzella, F. Feng, S & Fetzer, M. “Downward Departures: the efficacy of judicial discretion in sentencing decisions”, presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, (November, 2014)

Pezzella & Fetzer “The Likelihood of Injury Among Bias Crimes: An Analysis of General and Specific Bias Types”, presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual conference - Discussant, (November, 2014)

Pezzella, F., Thornberry, T., & Smith, C. “The Influence of Developmental Differences Between Parenting Styles on Adolescent Delinquency for African American and White Youth” presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia (November, 2013)

Pezzella, F., Vlahos, S., & Dyanand, M. “Prisoner Reentry Services that Reduce Community Health Disparity” presented at Xavier College of Pharmacy's Center for Minority Health & Health Disparities Fifth Health Disparities Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, (March, 2012)

Pezzella, F. “The Efficacy of Faith-Based Mentoring and Access to Health Re-integrative Services on Health Disparity” presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois (2012, November)

Pezzella, F. “The Evidence and Best Practices of Faith-Based Reentry programs “ presented at the Brooklyn-Queens Prison Fellowship Conference with the New York State Division of Parole and the Kings County District Attorney, Medgar Evers College Brooklyn, NY. (April, 2011)

Pezzella, F. “Authoritarian Parenting: A race socializing protective factor that deters at risk African American adolescents from delinquency and violence.” presented at American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, California (November, 2010)

Pezzella, F., & Fetzer, M. A “Comparison of Injuries: Bias vs. Non-Bias Crimes” presented at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa. (November, 2009)

Pezzella, F. “The Thinking Behind Carter G. Woodson’s Decision to Celebrate Black History” presented at United Court System, Judicial Friends and Tribune Society Black History Symposium, New York, (February, 2006)

Pezzella, F. “The Effects of Faith-Based Mentoring on Community Health Disparity” presented at 13th Research Centers in Minority Institutions International Symposium on Health Disparities, San Juan, Puerto Rico (2012, December)

Pezzella, F. “The Critical Importance of a Diverse Workforce” Verizon Black History Month Symposium, New York, N.Y., February, 2006

Pezzella, F. “Equal Justice and Equal Opportunity” Tribune Society 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Dinner, Bronx, N.Y., November, 2005

Pezzella, F. “The Constitutionality of Hate Crime Statutes” Morehouse Research Institute, Gunner Myrdal American Dilemma Symposium, Atlanta Georgia

#### **AWARDS:**

Tribune Society of the Courts of the State of New York, Presidents Prestigious Public Service Award

Blacks in Government, New York Chapter, Excellence in Leadership Award

Judicial Friends of New York , Continuous Public Service Award

Tribune Society of the Courts, State of New York, Outstanding Leadership Award

District of Columbia Board of Parole, Public Service Recognition Award

Morehouse Research Institute, Outstanding Scholarship: *The Constitutionality of Hate Crime Statutes*

**RESEARCH INTERESTS and SPECIALIZATIONS:**

Causes and Correlates of Race, Ethnicity, Crime and Justice  
Hate Crime Victimizations, Offenders and Legislation  
Crime Prevention and Analysis  
Risk and Protective Factors for Delinquency and Violence  
Religion and Crime

**OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCES:**

Katherine Gibbs School of Business, Business Law Instructor

LaGuardia Community College – Correctional Education Consortium  
General Equivalency Education Instructor

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)  
American Society of Criminology (ASC)  
ASC Division for People of Color  
ASC Division for Hate and Extremism

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE and ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:**

**New York State Unified Court System**

*Westchester County Surrogates Court* *1994 to 2007*  
140 Grand Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor White Plains, NY

Deputy Chief Clerk – General administration and supervision of Westchester County Surrogates Court including case management; court and agency budget preparation; deployment and of staffing resources; receipt, accounting and transfer of fees to Albany; implementation of policy and procedures; management and maintenance of inventory; training of staff; supervision and coordination of records archival; supervision of time and leave; development of court operations and case processing; systems administrator for local area networks; Chief and Deputy Chief Clerk presentation at court operations conferences.

*Office of Budget, Finance and Audit Services* *1990-1994*  
Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY

Principal Court Analyst – Responsible for development of legislative budget submissions for local city and district courts throughout New York State in addition to NYC Criminal Court, NYC Civil and Housing Courts, NYC County Clerks, Suffolk and Nassau County District

Courts and NYS Community Dispute Resolution Program. Relevant skills involved intergovernmental relations, assessing fiscal impact of Senate and Assembly bills, determining cost allocation and drafting judicial proposals and legislative initiatives such as court merger, community courts, domestic violence courts; participation on task forces for cost benefit studies of court operational procedures; conducting procedure audits for city and district program improvements; conceptualizing and developing local court pilot projects; writing budget justifications and management plans; supervision and coordination of annual fiscal, staffing and workload comparison study; developed 1991 United Court System Resource Comparison Report.

***Appellate Division Assigned Counsel Legal Defense Panel***

***1988-1990***

210 Joralemon Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Brooklyn, NY

Deputy Administrator – supervised 18 B attorney assignments to court cases in Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond counties; assisted in the development and maintenance of a local area network information system designed to track attorney payments and homicide, felony, misdemeanor and parole case assignments; coordinated arrest to arraignment, preliminary hearing and trial court 18 B attorney staffing with court administrators; developed 18 B attorney presentations to bar associations; participated in monthly Kings County criminal justice planning and policy development meetings with NYC Police, Corrections, administrative judges and NYC Mayor’s Office.

***NYC Department for the Aging***

***1987-1988***

2 Lafayette Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, NY

Director of Special Projects – Responsibilities included planning, development of program models, management analysis and policy development. Duties included developing performance-based budgets; negotiating contracts; planning, monitoring and assessing program performance; projecting service needs; coordinating intergovernmental initiatives; analyzing and recommending improvements in the annual contract process; and converting manual to computerized budgets using spreadsheet software.

***District of Columbia Board of Parole***

***1984-1986***

1111 E Street, Washington D.C.

Director of Planning and Informational Services – Responsibilities included development of parole policy, procedures, program planning and evaluation. Relevant skills involved: analysis of legal and policy issues; drafting procedural recommendations; enhancing the automated database; development of ad hoc and monthly performance reports; preparation of line item and zero-based budgets; writing grants and proposals; drafting city council and congressional testimonies; revised parole case processing system; developed parole management information system; implemented a division-wide quality control

system; administrative responsibilities and supervision for the Office of Planning and Informational Services; Public Information Officer to act as liaison to Washington D.C. press corps.

***New York City Mayor's Office of Operations***

***1983-1984***

100 Church Street, New York, NY

Administrative Associate – Acted as troubleshooter and liaison between Mayor's Office of Operations, line agencies and municipal unions; advised labor management group of mayoral policies and objectives; analyzed new operating procedures; prepared oral and written presentations; drafted and edited mayor's management report; developed training programs and seminars; prepared line item budget; wrote grants and proposals.

***New York City Criminal Justice Agency***

***1979-1983***

Bronx Criminal Court

215 East 161<sup>st</sup> Street, Bronx, NY

Special Projects Coordinator – Conducted research and feasibility studies in court operations including misdemeanor and violation desk appearance ticket study, the impact of type of defendant notification on failure to appear rates and arrest-to-arraignment time motion study; formulated policy that reduced failure to appear rates at court; coordinated and supervised the Release on Recognizance Interview and Information Processing Department. Developed demographic profile of black-out defendants; policy and procedure recommendations; implemented court policy and procedures; created performance indicator reports.

***Vera Institute of Justice – Pre-Trial Services Agency***

***1974-1979***

310 East 149<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY

ROR Interviewer – Interviewed defendants to determine their qualification criteria for release on recognizance at criminal court arraignment on behalf of a pilot project cosponsored by the Vera Institute of Justice and City of New York; represented and articulated basis of pre-trial services release recommendation at arraignments. The pre-trial services pilot was designed to assess the feasibility of releasing defendants with strong roots in the community on their own recognizance; success of the pilot was measured by low failure to appear rates of targeted group of defendants; Pre-Trial Services Agency was subsequently implemented city-wide as a city agency named New York City Criminal Justice Agency.