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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, International Crime and Justice **May 2019-Aug. 2022**

Florida International University, Miami, FL

Dissertation: *Gender and Prosecutorial Decision Making: An Examination of Representative Bureaucracy*

Dissertation Committee Co-chairs: Dr. Besiki Kutateladze, Dr. Rebecca Dunlea

Master of Science, Criminology and Criminal Justice **Aug. 2017-May 2019**

Florida International University, Miami, FL

Bachelor of Arts, Criminology and Law, International Studies **Aug. 2012-May 2016**

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Assistant Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice. **Aug. 2022-**

- Teaching CJBS250 and CJBS300
- Conducting research as a member of the LPS faculty

Graduate Instructor, Florida International University **Jan 2022- May 2022**

- Assisted with the development of materials including lectures and assignments for an undergraduate online research methods and statistics course.

Teaching Practicum Course, Florida International University **Jan 2019- May 2019**

- Prepared a hybrid course syllabus and lesson plans for an introductory criminal justice course.
- Evaluated peers' lectures and made changes to lectures based on peer evaluations.
- Work toward required hybrid certification.
- Discussed issues related to diversity, inclusion, and the challenges faced by first-generation students.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Florida International University **Aug. 2017-Dec. 2017**

- Assisted faculty with online capstone course preparation.
- Graded research papers and provided feedback to students.

- Proactively communicated with students who did not turn in classwork and addressed issues with the online course platform.

Tutor, University of Florida Athletic Association Hawkins Center **Aug. 2016-May 2017**

- Prepared students for exams in law and criminology-related courses.
- Assisted students with oral/written communication skills and time management strategies

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Prosecution and courts
 Disparities in criminal case processing
 Representation in the legal system
 Misdemeanor case processing

PUBLICATIONS

Arndt, M., Stolzenberg, L., & D'Alessio, S. J. (2020). The effects of race and physical evidence on the likelihood of arrest for homicide. *Race and Justice*, 2153368719900358.

Arndt, M., Examining the gap between prosecutor attitudes and decisions: Case prioritization through case elimination mechanisms in driving with a suspended license cases. *Criminal Justice Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07340168211061162>

Kutateladze, B. L., Dunlea, R. R., Liu, L., & **Arndt, M.** (2022). A test of the bifurcation hypothesis in prosecutorial diversion. *Criminology & Public Policy*.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW/IN PROGRESS

Arndt, M., Does prosecutor gender matter? An analysis of unwarranted disparities in prosecutors' dismissal decisions. (In progress).

Arndt, M., "Data can be manipulated": How assistant state attorneys' views on data and disparities diverge in Florida. (In progress)

Silverthorn, R. & **Arndt, M.**, How prosecutors' caseload characteristics influence decision making. (In progress)

REPORTS

Kutateladze, B., Richardson, R., Meldrum, R.C., Stemen, D., Olson, D., Webster, E., **Arndt, M.**, Matthews, D., Soor, S. (October 2019). "Race, Ethnicity and Prosecution in Cook County, Illinois: Advancing Prosecutorial Effectiveness and Fairness Report Series".

Kutateladze, B., Richardson, R., Meldrum, R.C., Stemen, D., Olson, D., Webster, E., **Arndt, M.**, Matthews, D., Soor, S. (September 2019). "Race, Ethnicity and Prosecution in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin: Advancing Prosecutorial Effectiveness and Fairness Report Series".

Kutateladze, B., Richardson, R., Meldrum, R.C., Stemen, D., Olson, D., Webster, E., **Arndt, M.**, Matthews, D., Soor, S. (August 2019). "Race, Ethnicity and Prosecution in Clay, Nassau, and Duval Counties, Florida: Advancing Prosecutorial Effectiveness and Fairness Report Series".

Kutateladze, B., Richardson, R., Meldrum, R.C., Stemen, D., Olson, D., Webster, E., **Arndt, M.**, Matthews, D., Soor, S. (July 2019). "Race, Ethnicity and Prosecution in Hillsborough County, Florida: Advancing Prosecutorial Effectiveness and Fairness Report Series".

Kutateladze, B., Richardson, R., Meldrum, R.C., Stemen, D., Olson, D., Webster, E., **Arndt, M.**, Matthews, D., Soor, S. (December 2018). "Prosecutorial Attitudes, Perspectives, and Priorities: Insights from the Inside: Advancing Prosecutorial Effectiveness and Fairness Report Series".

PRESENTATIONS

Arndt, M. (2021). Gender and its Role in Prosecutorial and Judicial Discretion: An Assessment of Representative Bureaucracy. Accepted for Presentation at the American Society of Criminology in Chicago, IL.

Arndt, M. (2021). Measuring the Gap Between Prosecutor Attitudes and Decisions: Case Prioritization through Case Elimination Mechanisms in Driving with a Suspended License Cases. Presented at the Florida International University Graduate Research Symposium via Zoom.

Arndt, M. (2020). Gender and its Role in the Courtroom: Does Chivalry Supersede the Courtroom Hierarchy? Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Criminology Consortium via Zoom.

Arndt, M. (2020). Race, Alternative Sanctions, and Pretrial Detention and Their Effect on Plea Bargaining. Presented at the Florida International University Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Research Symposium via Zoom.

Arndt, M. (2019). Examining the Gap Between Prosecutor Attitudes and Decisions: Case Prioritization through Case Elimination Mechanisms in Driving with a Suspended License Cases. Presented at the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, CA.

Arndt, M., Stolzenberg, L., & D'Alessio, S. J. (2019). The Effects of Race and Physical Evidence on the Likelihood of Arrest for Homicide. Presented at the Florida International University Graduate Research Symposium in Miami, FL.

Kutateladze, B., Richardson, R., Meldrum, R.C., Stemen, D., Olson, D., Webster, E., **Arndt, M.,** Matthews, D., Soor, S. (2018). Advancing Prosecutorial Fairness and Effectiveness: A Research and Technical Assistance Project. Presented at the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, GA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant at Florida International University Dept. Criminology and Criminal Justice **Jan. 2018-Dec. 2021**

- Conducted research for the MacArthur Foundation-funded project entitled, “Advancing Prosecutorial Fairness and Effectiveness through Data and Innovation”.
- Participated in site visits and meetings with project stakeholders, researchers, prosecutors, and other criminal justice practitioners.
- Assisted in planning, data collection, and analysis of qualitative (semi-structured interviews) and quantitative (online surveys, administrative case data) research
- Supervised new graduate assistants’ data collection efforts for a national database for elected prosecutors using census data, election coverage in the media, and state public records.

SERVICE

Children’s Home Society of Florida **Jan. 2015-Aug. 2016**

- Observed court-mandated visits between parents and children in a neutral environment.
- Transcribed or took notes based on the meetings for families’ files used for evaluation in family court.

Student Legal Services, University of Florida **Jan. 2015-May 2015**

- Managed the front desk of the office where students meet with attorneys to discuss landlord disputes, conflicts with other students, or alcohol-related charges.
- Answered the phones and scheduled appointments for attorneys.
- Organized files, followed up with students to check if they have additional questions or concerns after their appointments.

CERTIFICATIONS

- Hybrid Course Teaching Certification **In Progress**
- CITI Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research Certification **July 2021-**
- CITI Human Subjects Research Certification. **Jan. 2018-**

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology

Jan. 2018-

REFERENCES

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