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EDUCATION

Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), Doctoral Student/Candidate in Criminology and Criminal Justice, 2016 to present.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), M.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice, 2015

Pennsylvania State University, Altoona, B.S. Criminal Justice, 2014

FIELD OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST

Corrections, drug policy, drug abuse and treatment, research methods, survey design, statistical analyses, criminological theory, comparative criminology.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLE PUBLICATIONS

Ishoy, G., & **Kruis, N.E.** (2018). A peacemaking approach to desistence from crime. *Critical Criminology*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10612-018-9405-z>.

Choi, J., & **Kruis, N. E.** (Accepted on 10/26/18). The effects of life domains on cyberbullying and bullying: Testing the generalizability of Agnew's integrated general theory. *Crime & Delinquency*.

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Wynkoop, K., Cardon, T., **Kruis, N.E.**, & Hawkins, P. M. (Under Review). Teachers and video modeling: A survey of use and perspectives. Submitted to *Remedial and Special Education*, in August 2018.

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

Kruis, N. E., Seo, C., & Kim, Bitna. (2018). *Revisiting the empirical status of social learning theory: A meta-analysis of substance use.*

Kruis, N.E., Heirigs, M., Wentling, R., & Ishoy, G. (2018). *The effects of familiarity on Perceptions of Firearms.*

Wentling, R., **Kruis, N.E.,** Heirigs, M., & Ishoy, G. (2018). *Status Quo? Student perceptions of gun laws.*

Kruis, N.E. (2018). *Medicated assisted treatment and harm reduction in the American criminal justice system.*

PUBLISHED BOOK REVIEWS

Kruis, N. E., & Rowland, N. (2014). A review of *Material politics: Disputes along the pipeline* by Andrew Barry. *Science & Technology Studies, 27,* (1) 115-118.

Kruis, N. E., Lehman, C., & Rowland, N. (2014) A review of *How to do things with videogames* by Ian Bogost. *The Information Society, 30* (3), 236- 237.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Criminal Justice, Penn State Altoona August 2018 – Present

- Teach introduction to Criminal Justice and Corrections in America.

Private Research Consultant May 2018 – Present

- Provide research consulting services for hire, including project development, data analysis, and reporting.

Research Associate, IUP's Applied Research Lab Winter 2017 & Summer 2018

- Developed, administered, and analyzed survey data on perceptions of pedagogical techniques for Indiana Area School District.
- Created the Phase II Victim's Needs Assessment Survey for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).
- Created the Phase II Service Providers Needs Assessment Survey for the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).

Research Consultant, IUP's Applied Research Lab August 2017 – May 2018

- Assisted with project development for grant funded research.
- Assisted faculty and students with sampling, power analysis, database creation and maintenance.
- Provided quantitative and qualitative data analysis software support.

Graduate Assistant, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

August 2016 – Present &
August 2014- December 2015

- Helped conceptualize and coordinate research projects.
- Graded undergraduate essays, tests, and homework assignments.
- Oversaw office hours, and assisted students with assignments during professor's absence.
- Developed assignments for 400 level criminological theory classes.

Drug and Alcohol Counselor, Pyramid Healthcare

January 2016- August 2016

- Facilitated group counseling discussions for 3 outpatient level of care groups.
- Utilized Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for individual counseling sessions.
- Monitored status and progression for more than 40 court ordered and self-appointed clients.

Intern, Blair County President Judge Jolene Grubb Kopriva

January 2014 - April 2014

- Conducted legal research for law clerks by examining case law on legal databases.
- Monitored status and progression of legal proceedings for more than 150 active cases.
- Prepared bi-weekly judicial review hearings for 55 drug-court participants.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Wynkoop, K., Cardon, T., **Kruis, N.E.**, & Hawkins, P. M. (January, 2019). *Teachers and video modeling: A survey of use and perspectives*. Paper to be presented at the International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities, Maui, HI in January, 2019.

Kruis, N. E., Seo, C., & Kim, B. (November, 2018). *Revisiting the empirical status of social learning theory: A meta-analysis of substance use*. Paper to be presented at the Annual meeting for the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA in November, 2018.

Wentling, R., **Kruis, N.E.**, Heirigs, M, & Ishoy, G. (November, 2018). *Status Quo? Student Perceptions of Gun Laws*. Paper to be presented at the Annual meeting for the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA in November, 2018.

Wynkoop, K., Cardon, T., **Kruis, N.E.**, & Hawkins, P. M. (November, 2018). *Teachers and video modeling: A survey of use and perspectives*. Paper to be presented at the Council for Exceptional Children Teacher Education Division, Las Vegas, NV in November, 2018.

Choi, J., & **Kruis, N.E.** (April, 2018). *The effects of life domains on cyberbullying and bullying: testing the generalizability of Agnew's integrated general theory*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting for the Pennsylvania Associations of Criminal Justice Educators, Lock Haven, PA in April, 2018.

Kruis, N. E., & Seo, J. (February, 2018). *Social learning theory and drug use: A systematic review and meta-analysis of research published from 2003 to 2017*. Paper presented at the

Annual Meeting for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, LA on February 15, 2018.

Ishoy, G., & **Kruis, N. E.** (November, 2017). *A peacemaking approach to desistence from crime.* Co-author and co-presenter for a roundtable at the Annual Meeting for the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA on November 16, 2017.

Kruis, N. E. (April, 2017). *The opioid epidemic and the American criminal justice system: Assessing the effectiveness of medicated assisted treatment on correctional populations.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting for the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Justice Educators, Edinboro, PA on April 8, 2017.

Kruis, N. E. (March, 2017). *Legalizing marijuana: An assessment of the literature on the effectiveness of policies that have decriminalized cannabis.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO on March 22, 2017.

Kim, Bitna., Merlo, A. V., Lin, W., & **Kruis, N. E.** (September, 2016). *Publication options for international/ comparative scholars: Exploring criminology and criminal justice journals.* Paper presented at the European Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Munster, Germany on September 23, 2016.

Merlo, A., Kim, B., Lin, W., & **Kruis, N. E.** (February, 2015). *Publication outlets for criminology and criminal justice scholars: Exploring international journals.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting for the Western Society of Criminology, Phoenix, AZ on February 20, 2015.

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

Awarded the *Dean's Award for Excellence* for top ranked project in the college of Health and Human Services at the 2018 IUP Graduate Scholars Forum. Project entitled: Application of Social Learning Theory to Substance Use: A Meta-Analysis, April 2018.

Awarded 1st place honors at the poster session for the 2018 Pennsylvania Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Annual Conference in Hershey, PA. Project entitled *The Relationship between Nutrition Knowledge, Reported Vitamin D Intake, and Sports Injuries in Collegiate Athletes*, April 2018.

Awarded *Doctoral Summit Fellowship* by American Society of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), February 2018.

Awarded a *Graduate Student Fellowship* from IUP's School of Graduate Studies and Research for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Co-advised, with Dr. Nicholas Rowland, the 2nd place research project for Penn State Altoona Undergraduate Research Fair. Project entitled *Helicopter Parenting as Intervention: Influence on discrimination in college housing markets*, April 2016.

Recipient of the *Michael Israel Graduate Student Scholarship* from the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences, Portsmouth RI, June 2015

Recipient of Penn State Altoona's *Excellence in Criminal Justice Award* for outstanding senior criminal justice student, May 2014

Recipient of the *Leadership Excellence Award* for the National Society of Leadership and Success, May 2012

ASSISTANCE WITH GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS

Kruis, N. E., Hawkins, P.M., Pray, C., Smith, M.O., Berman, M., & Bray, L. (2018). *PCCD Phase II Victims Needs Assessment*. Hired by Dr. Sherri Chippo

Kruis, N. E., Hawkins, P.M., Pray, C., Smith, M.O., Berman, M., & Bray, L. (2018). *PCCD Phase II Service Providers' Needs Assessment*. Hired by Dr. Sherri Chippo

Kruis., N.E., & Hawkins, P.M. (2018). *Mass Communication and the Opioid Crisis in Two Rural Counties*. Hired by Dr. Erick Lauber.

INSTUTIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

Bray, L., Berman, M., & **Kruis., N.E.**, (2018). *Trend's in ARL Services Provided*. Report prepared for the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research.

Kruis, N. E., Hawkins, P.M., & Andelfindger, J.A., Berman, M., Bray, L., Smith, M. (2018). *Perceptions of the Summit Learning Platform: Survey Results from IASD Parents*. Report prepared for Indiana Area School District.

Kruis, N. E., Hawkins, P.M., & Andelfindger, J.A., Berman, M., Bray, L., Smith, M. (2018). *Perceptions of the Summit Learning Platform: Survey Results from IASD Students*. Report prepared for Indiana Area School District.

Kruis, N. E., Hawkins, P.M., & Andelfindger, J.A., Berman, M., Bray, L., Smith, M. (2018). *Perceptions of the Summit Learning Platform: Survey Results from IASD Teachers*. Report prepared for Indiana Area School District.

Kruis, N.E. (2017) *Student readiness survey*. Survey developed for office of provost.

Kruis, N. E., Hawkins, P.M., & Pray, C. (2017). *IUP Student Teacher and External Educator Assessment of Preparedness: Survey Results for Coordinators*. Report prepared for the Office of Teacher Education & IUP's College of Education and & Educational Technology in preparation for CAEP reaccreditation.

Kruis, N. E., Hawkins, P.M., & Pray, C. (2017). *IUP Student Teacher and External Educator Assessment of Preparedness: Survey Results for Employers*. Report prepared for the Office of Teacher Education & IUP's College of Education and & Educational Technology in preparation for CAEP reaccreditation.

Kruis, N. E., Hawkins, P.M., & Pray, C. (2017). *IUP Student Teacher and External Educator Assessment of Preparedness: Survey Results for Graduates*. Report prepared for the Office of Teacher Education & IUP's College of Education and & Educational Technology in preparation for CAEP reaccreditation.

Kruis, N. E., Hawkins, P.M., & Pray, C., (2017). *IUP Student Teacher and External Educator Assessment of Preparedness: Survey Results for Mentors*. Report prepared for the Office of Teacher Education & IUP's College of Education and & Educational Technology in preparation for CAEP reaccreditation.

Kruis, N. E., Hawkins, P.M., & Pray, C. (2017). *IUP Student Teacher and External Educator Assessment of Preparedness: Survey Results for Students*. Report prepared for the Office of Teacher Education & IUP's College of Education and & Educational Technology in preparation for CAEP reaccreditation.

WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS GIVEN

Kruis, N.E., & Bray, L. (2018). *An introduction to open-source coding and hypothesis testing using R*. Workshop to be delivered to IUP students, teachers, and staff on April 5, 2018; Davis 127.

Kruis, N.E., & Berman, M. (2018). *An introduction to best practices in data cleaning, using syntax, and performing preliminary analysis with SPSS*. Workshop delivered to IUP students, teachers, and staff on April 4, 2018; Davis 127.

Kruis, N.E., & Berman, M. (2018). *An introduction to psychometrics, best practices in survey design and administration, and Qualtrics*. Workshop delivered to IUP students, teachers, and staff on April 3, 2018; Davis 127.

Kruis, N.E., & Berman, M. (2018). *Designing effective surveys using Qualtrics*. Workshop delivered to Dr. Julie Ankrum's CURR 920: Doctoral Quantitative Research Methods Class on February, 24, 2018; Monroeville Campus, room 901.

Kruis, N.E., & Hawkins, P.M. (2018). *How to use Graphics in Qualtrics*. Workshop delivered to Mr. Thaddeus Dachille's COMM 240: Communications Graphics class on February 20th, 2018; Stouffer G16D.

Hawkins, P.M., Andelfinger, J.A., **Kruis, N.E.**, Bray, L., & Smith, M.O. (2018). *Perceptions of The Summit Learning Program*. Presentation for Indiana Areas School District (IASD) on January 22nd, 2018; IASD Administration Building.

Kruis, N. E., Hawkins, P.M., Pray, C.M., & Berman, M. (2017). *Data Analysis: From Qualtrics to SPSS with an Introduction to SPSS, Best Practices in Data Cleaning and Preliminary Analysis*. Workshop delivered to Dr. Machado's ALS 852: Doctoral Survey Evaluation class on November 11th, 2017; Stouffer 123.

Kruis, N. E., & Hawkins, P.M. (2017). *Best practices in survey design with an introduction to Qualtrics*. Workshop delivered to Dr. Machado's ALS 852: Doctoral Survey Evaluation class on October, 7th, 2017; Stouffer 123.

Kruis, N. E., (2017). *Demonstrating the Applied Research Lab's new intake process*. Presentation given to Dr. Swauger's SOC Proseminar 700 on October, 7, 2017; McElhaney Hall.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

D2L Brightspace Boot Camp

- Two day workshop on how to effectively use D2L, attending on March 13 & 14, 2018; Davis Hall, Room 109.

SERVICE

Reviewer for Criminal Justice Policy Review, 2018-present

Faculty/staff advisor for IUP's chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma (Tri Sigma) national sorority, 2017-2018

Co-advisor Penn State Altoona Undergraduate Research Lab, Spring 2016

COMPUTER SKILLS

Skilled in data analysis using syntax for both Statistic Programs for the Social Sciences (SPSS) and R.

Capable of performing Meta-analysis in R

Former brand administrator for Qualtrics online survey design platform.

Experience using NVIVO software for qualitative data analyses.

Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

ACTIVITIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND HONOR SOCIETIES

Advisor and research assistant for Penn State Altoona's Undergraduate Research Lab, 2013 – 2016

Member, Pennsylvania Prison Society, 2014

Member, Phi Kappa Phi honor society, 2014

Member, National Society of Leadership and Success, 2011

Member, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, 2010

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Society of Criminology, 2017

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 2017

Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Justice Educators, 2017

Northeastern Association of Criminal of Criminal Justice Sciences, 2015

REFERENCES

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Dr. Rowland was my teacher and mentor at Penn State Altoona.

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Dr. Merlo was one of my supervisors for my graduate assistantship at IUP and is the chair of my dissertation committee.

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Dr. Kim was my statistics teacher at IUP and serves on my dissertation committee.

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Dr. Arter was my internship program coordinator at Penn State Altoona.