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Curriculum Vita

Personal Information

Department of Criminal Justice
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Employment and Positions

2020, spring	Instructor for Quantitative Applications in Criminal Justice course, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2019-2020	Instructor for Research Methods courses, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2018, spring	Teaching Assistant to Dr. Perera, Department of Educational Psychology and Higher Education, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2016-2018	Graduate Assistant to Dr. Sousa, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2016-2017	Graduate Assistant to Dr. Rorie, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2015, summer	Data Analyst, Student Services, University of Nevada, Reno
2014-2016	Teaching Assistant to Dr. Everett, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Reno
2014	Research Assistant to Dr. Schatz-Stevens, Psychology Department, Aquinas College
2013-2014	Research Assistant to Dr. Chihak, Psychology Department, Aquinas College

Education

Ph.D. (Anticipated May, 2021) Criminology and Criminal Justice,

GPA: 4.0
Department of Criminal Justice,
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

M.A. (May, 2016)
GPA: 3.93
Criminal Justice,
Department of Criminal Justice,
University of Nevada, Reno
Thesis: *How immigration status and ethnicity of defendant
and mock jurors' cognitive processing relate to capital
jurors' sentencing verdicts and endorsements of and
weighing of aggravators and mitigators*

B.S. (May, 2014)
summa cum laude
Psychology,
Department of Psychology,
Aquinas College

Internships

2015, spring-summer
Nevada Department of Public Safety,
Uniform Crime Reporting Program

Honors

2020
Doctoral Fellow,
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

2019
Student Paper Award,
Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime,
American Society of Criminology

2019
Third Place Presentation Award,
Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Research Symposium,
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

2018
Third Place Presentation Award,
Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Research Symposium,
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

2016
Outstanding Student Presentation in Legal Research Award,
American Psychology-Law Society, Student Committee

2014
Outstanding Student Award,
Psychology Department,
Aquinas College

Grants and Awards*

2019
Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

	\$7,000
2017	Dan Riley Criminal Justice Research Fund Award, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Las Vegas \$4,000
2016	Hilliard Endowment, College of Liberal Arts, University of Nevada, Reno \$2,315**
2015	Grant-in-Aid, American Psychology-Law Society, \$495
2015	Diversity in Psychology and Law Research Award, Minority Affairs Committee American Psychology-Law Society, \$1,000
2015	Research Grant Graduate Student Association, University of Nevada, Reno \$2,500

**Only successfully funded applications are listed. I have submitted grant applications to the National Institute of Justice, the Nevada Department of Public Safety, the Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology, and the American Psychology-Law Society that did not ultimately receive funding.*

***Non-research based. Used to fund guest speaker event*

Publications

Peer Reviewed

Under Review

Park, S., Rorie, M., & **West, M. P.** (2020). Does structural choice theory predict immunity as well as victimization? A test using zero-inflated mixed-effect SEM analyses of adolescent victimizations in South Korea.

Belisle, L., **West, M. P.**, & Sousa, W. H. (2020). What really happens in Vegas?: Results of a randomized controlled trial evaluation of Nevada's first day reporting center. Paper submitted for publication.

West, M. P. & Reed, S. (2020). Thinking fast and thinking slow: Thinking styles and deterrence. Paper submitted for publication.

Reed, S. M., Rorie, M., & **West, M. P.** (2020). Re-assessing the role of racial threat: Racial homogeneity and the economy as influencers of white nationalism. Paper submitted for publication.

Published

West, M. P., & Rorie, M. (in press). Data simulations as a means of improving compliance measurement. In B. van Rooij & M. Rorie (Eds.), *Measuring compliance*. Cambridge.

West, M. P., & Miller, M. K. (in press). Psychology and the evolution of the death penalty. In R. Roesch (Ed.), *Routledge encyclopedia of psychology in the real world*. Routledge.

West, M. P., & Miller, M. K. (in press). The social science of the death penalty: Before, during, and after trial. In B. H. Bornstein, & M. K. Miller (Eds.), *Advances in psychology and law*. Springer.

Rorie, M., & **West, M. P.** (2020). Can “focused deterrence” produce more effective ethics codes? An experimental study. *Journal of White Collar and Corporate Crime*. doi: 10.1177/2631309X20940664

West, M. P., & Rorie, M., & Cohen, M. (2020). The “pliability” of criminological analyses: Assessing bias in regression estimates using Monte Carlo simulations. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. doi: 10.1007/s10940-018-9398-5

West, M. P., Wood, E. F., Miller, M. K., & Bornstein, B. H. (2020). How mock jurors’ cognitive processing and defendants’ immigrant status and ethnicity relate to decisions in capital trials. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*. doi: 10.1007/s11292-020-09411-4

West, M. P., Boppre, B., Miller, M. K., & Barchard, K. (2019). The effects of impact statements on jurors’ decisions and perceptions of the victim and defendant. *Applied Psychology in Criminal Justice*, 15(2), 185-200.

Yelderman, L., Joseph, J. J., **West, M. P.**, & Butler, E. (2019). Mass shootings in the United States: Understanding the importance of mental health and firearm considerations. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, 25(3), 212-223. doi: 10.1037/law0000200

Yelderman, L. A., **West, M. P.**, & Miller, M. K. (2019). Death penalty decision-making: Fundamental beliefs and the evaluation of aggravating and mitigating circumstances. *Legal and Criminological Psychology*. doi: 10.1111/lcrp.12141

Yelderman, L. A., **West, M. P.**, & Miller, M. K. (2018). Religious beliefs, religious contexts, and perceived interactions with ex-offenders. *Review of Religious Research*. doi: 10.1007/s13644-018-0331-z

West, M. P., Yelderman, L. A., & Miller, M. K. (2018). Gender differences in the evaluation of aggravating and mitigating circumstances: The mediating role of attributional complexity. *Psychology, Crime, & Law*. doi: 10.1080/1068316X.2018.1438432

West, M. P., Wood, E. F., Casas, J. B., & Miller, M. K. (2017). The legal and methodological implications of death qualification operationalization. *Applied Psychology in Criminal Justice, 13*(1), 18-32.

Reports

West, M. P., Belisle, L., & Sousa, W. H. (2019). *Nevada's day reporting center: An 18-month project update*. Las Vegas, NV: Center for Crime and Justice Policy.

West, M. P., Belisle, L., & Sousa, W. H. (2019). *The Nevada day reporting center: Results from a randomized controlled trial*. Las Vegas, NV: Center for Crime and Justice Policy.

West, M. P. (2018). *Homicide trends in Nevada, 1994-2016*. Las Vegas, NV: Center for Crime and Justice Policy.

Hall, E., & **West, M. P.** (2016). *2015 crime in Nevada*. Carson City, NV: Nevada Department of Public Safety.

Lowman, J., & **West, M. P.** (2015). A comparison of fraternity and sorority student members to non-fraternity and sorority students. Report generated for the University of Nevada, Reno.

Lowman, J., & **West, M. P.** (2015). Predictors of student drug and alcohol use over time. Report generated for the University of Nevada, Reno.

Book Reviews

West, M. P., & Lanterman, J. L. (2017). Book review: Unfair: The new science of criminal injustice. *Criminal Justice Review*. doi: 10.1177/0734016816658519

West, M. P., & Griffin, T. (2015). Book review: The short and tragic life of Robert Peace: A brilliant young man who left Newark for the Ivy League. *Criminal Justice Review, 40*(2), 237-238. doi:10.1177/0734016815570475

Conference Presentations

Boyer, C., **West, M. P., & Rios, I.** (2019). *Animal rights extremism: Perceptions and policy implications*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

West, M. P. (2019). *Death qualification on appeal*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

- Trejbalová, T., **West, M. P.**, Gilmore, H., & Reed, S. (2019). *Sexual assault as a trigger of moral intuitions: Aggravators, purity, and death sentencing*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Rorie, M., & **West, M. P.** (2019). *Policing the pits: Studying corporate gaming violations from criminological perspective*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Rorie, M., & **West, M. P.** (2019). *Do you see yourself complying?: The use of visual measures in compliance surveys*. Paper presented at the annual ComplianceNet conference, Villanova, PA.
- Belisle, L., **West, M. P.**, & Sousa, W. H. (2019). *The effectiveness of day reporting centers: Results from a randomized controlled trial*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD.
- West, M. P.**, Huff, J., Sousa, W. H., & Rorie, M. (2019). *Drug enforcement, crime, and broken windows: An empirical test of the pretextual hypothesis*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, Honolulu, HI.
- Rorie, M., & **West, M. P.** (2019). *Threat communication and the white collar offender: The potential for direct deterrence messaging in the workplace*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, Honolulu, HI.
- Boyer, C., Rios, I., & **West, M. P.** (2019). *Perspectives on eco-terrorism*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, Honolulu, HI.
- West, M. P.** (2018). *Are post-Gregg death sentences “wantonly” and “freakishly” imposed? A case study in Nevada*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Yelderman, L. A., Joseph, J. J., **West, M. P.**, & Butler, E. (2018). *Mass shootings in the United States: Why mental health and access to firearms are important*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, TN.
- Gonzalez, C., Trejbolava, T., & **West, M. P.** (2017). *Racial disparities in death row inmate misconduct*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

- Rorie, M. L., Pogarsky, G., & **West, M. P.** (2017). *Threat communication and the white collar offender: The potential for direct deterrence messaging in the workplace*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
- West, M. P.**, & Rorie, M. L. (2017). *Using Monte Carlo simulations to assess bias in linear regression estimates*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
- West, M. P.**, Wood, E. F., Miller, M. K., & Bornstein, B. H. (2017). *How cognitive processing and Mexican immigrant defendants relate to capital jurors' decisions*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
- West, M. P.**, Griffin, T., & Wiecko, F. M. (2016). *Theorizing pretextual policy: Implications of de facto legalization*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.
- West, M. P.**, Wood, E. F., & Miller, M. K. (2016). *Moral foundations and capital juror decision-making*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
- West, M. P.**, McDermott, C. M., Garrick, J., Wood, E. F., & Miller, M. K. (2016). *Does death qualification standard matter?: An analysis of mock juror decision-making*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
- West, M. P.**, Yelderman, L., & Miller, M. K. (2015). *Individual differences in the evaluation of aggravating and mitigating circumstances: The mediating role of attributional complexity*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.
- West, M. P.**, Schatz-Stevens, J., & Mahoney, H. (2015). *Depression, anxiety, and stress symptomology in emerging adulthood: Family influences*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Schatz-Stevens, J., Mahoney, H., & **West, M. P.** (2015). *Family security matters: Inter-parental conflict and attachments in emerging adulthood*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Mahoney, H., **West, M. P.**, & Schatz-Stevens, J. (2015). *Difficulties in emotional regulation effects on peer attachment in emerging adulthood*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Chihak, B., **West, M. P.**, & Mahoney, H. (2014). *Effects of recalibration on rotational locomotion*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Long Beach, CA.

Manuscripts in Progress

Trejbolava, T., & **West, M. P.** (in progress). Race and misconduct on death row: The subtle effects of prejudice.

West, M. P., & Yelderman, L. A. (in progress). Are post-*Gregg* death sentences “wantonly” and “freakishly” imposed? A case study in Nevada.

West, M. P. (in progress). Need for cognitive closure indirectly predicts sentencing decisions in capital cases via right-wing authoritarianism.

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught:

2019-2020, spring-fall Research Methods in Criminal Justice [in-person, online, and hybrid sections, undergraduate],
Department of Criminal Justice,
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

2017, fall Research Methods in Criminal Justice [online, undergraduate],
Department of Criminal Justice,
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Guest Lectures:

2017, fall “Causation Criteria and True Experiments,”
Course: Research Methods in Criminal Justice [undergraduate],
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

2017, fall “Increasing Validity via Triangulation,”
Course: Jury Decision-Making [graduate]
University of Nevada, Reno

2016, spring “Eyewitness Memory and Police Lineups,”
Course: Introduction to Administration of Justice [undergraduate]
University of Nevada, Reno

2015, fall “Criminology is a Black Box”
Course: Senior Seminar [undergraduate]
University of Nevada, Reno

Affiliations/Memberships

2020-present Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

2017-present Western Society of Criminology

2015-present	American Society of Criminology
2014-2017	American Psychology-Law Society
2014-present	Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology

Service

Reviewer Status:

2017	<i>Punishment & Society</i>
2016-present	<i>Criminal Justice and Behavior</i>
2016-present	<i>Criminal Justice Review</i>
2016-present	<i>Death Studies</i>
2016	Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association
2015-2016	<i>Nevada State Undergraduate Research Journal</i>

Leadership:

2015-2016	President, Social Research and Justice Club, University of Nevada, Reno
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Volunteer Status:

2017	Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Criminology
2015	Annual Meeting of the American-Psychology Law Society

Roundtable Discussant:

2018	<i>Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice Research,</i> Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Criminology
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References

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