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Education/Employment History

Academic Employment

2025-Current: Associate Professor
Florida Atlantic University
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2018-2025: Assistant Professor
Florida Atlantic University
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2015-2018: Full-Time Faculty Instructor
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Arizona State University

Education

2018 Doctor of Philosophy
2012 Master of Science
2010 Bachelor of Science
Arizona State University
School of Criminology & Criminal Justice

Scholarship/Research

Publications in Print

Refereed Journal Articles (* indicates student coauthor; ** indicates community partner)

- [15.] Thompson, Heather, Cooley, Morgan., Colvin, Marianna., **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Backstrom, Laura. (2026). "The one person in their world that doesn't have expectations": Guardian ad Litem perceptions of working with children in the child welfare system. *Juvenile & Family Court Journal*, 77(1), 50-71. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.1111/jfcj.70021>
- **[14.] Cooley, Morgan, **Cesar, Gabriel**, Colvin, Marianna, Crichlow, Vaughn, & **Best, Corey. (2026). Intersections for justice: Conceptualizing justice-centered child welfare practice. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 20(3), 616-640. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2025.2463606>.
- [13.] **Cesar, Gabriel**, Cheon, Hyunjung, & Sloas, Lincoln. (2025). Punishment, rehabilitation, or both: Assessing public support for balanced justice for "attempted" mass shooters. *Crime & Delinquency*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287251338>
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- *[11.] Walker D'Andre, **Cesar, Gabriel T**, Brown, Katharine, *Norris, Katherine, *Myers, Mason, & *Rosenbaum, Joshua. (2025). You are the father: Investigating the relationship between adolescent fatherhood & suicide attempt. *Youth & Society*, 57(6), 1097-1117. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X251323909>
- [10.] Thompson, Heather, Cooley, Morgan, **Cesar, Gabriel**, Backstrom, Laura, Colvin, Marianna. (2025). Forming relationships with youth in foster care: Perspectives of Guardians ad Litem. *Journal of Child & Family Studies*, 34, 68-82. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-024-02980-2>.
- *[9.] Dario, Lisa, **Cesar, Gabriel**, *Jalbert, Kristina, Delatorre, Frank. (2024). Quantifying the impact: From prevalence to harm in evaluating police misconduct. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 93. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2024.102229>.
- [8.] Sloas, Lincoln, & **Cesar, Gabriel**. (2024). Assessing public opinion regarding appropriate responses to would-be mass shooters: Applying a balanced justice framework. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 39(13-14), 3016-3039. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605231225521>.
- *[7.] *Gardner, Scott, Fallik, Seth, Dobrin, Adam, Guastafarro, Wendy, & **Cesar, Gabriel**. (2024). The effects of implicit bias in simulated police-public interactions: An Experimental Study. *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*, 39, 198-212. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11896-024-09643-4>.
- [6.] Dario, Lisa, **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Crichlow, Vaughn. (2022). Reappreciating the varieties of police behavior: A national examination of contemporary police mission statements. *Policing: An International Journal*, 45(6), 893-907. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-02-2022-0026>.
- [5.] **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Decker, Scott. (2020). "CPS Sucks, but... I think I'm better off in the system:" Family, social support, & arts-based mentorship in child protective services. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 118. 1-13. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105388>.
- [4.] Walker, D'Andre, & **Cesar, Gabriel**. (2020). Examining the "gang penalty" in the juvenile justice system: A focal concerns perspective. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 18(4), 315-336. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1541204020916238>.
- [3.] Wallace, Danielle, **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Hedberg, Eric. (2018). The effect of survey mode on socially undesirable responses to open ended questions: A mixed methods approach. *Field Methods*, 30(2), 105-123. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1525822X18766284>.
- [2.] Todak, Natalie, **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Louton, Brooks. (2015). Forensic reporting of TASER exposure: An examination of situational and exposure characteristics. *Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine*, 35, 4-8. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jflm.2015.06.010>

- [1.] Wright, Kevin, & **Cesar, Gabriel**. (2013). Toward a more complete model of offender reintegration: Linking the individual-, community-, and system-level components of recidivism. *Victims and Offenders*, 8(4), 373-398.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2013.803004>

Book Chapters (* indicates graduate student coauthor)

- [4.] **Cesar, Gabriel**, Walker D'Andre, & *Fernandez, Tiffany. (2024). "On gangs and family: Primary family, secondary family, and surrogate family." In David Pyrooz, James Densley, and John Liverso (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Gangs & Society* (pp. 560-576). Oxford.
- [3.] **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Decker, Scott. (2018). "The Promise and Process of Ethnography: What We Have Learned Studying Gang Members and CPS Kids." In Stephen Rice and Michael Maltz, (Eds.), *Using Ethnography in Criminology: Discovery through Fieldwork* (pp. 57-74). Springer.
- [2.] **Cesar, Gabriel T**, and Scott Decker. (2017). Coldblooded and Badass: A 'Hot' and 'Cool' Approach to Understanding Carjackers' Decisions." In Wim Bernasco, Henk Elffers, and Jean-Louis Van Gelder, (Eds.). *The Oxford Handbook of Offender Decision Making* (pp. 611-632). Oxford.
- [1.] **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Wright, Kevin. (2013). "'That ain't the only way to be': The reintegration of Dennis 'Cutty' Wise from an individual-, community-, and system-level perspective." In David C. Brody and Peter A. Collins (Eds.). *Crime, Justice, & Politics in the City as Seen through the Wire* (pp. 259-277). Carolina Press.

Other: Book Review

- [1.] **Cesar, Gabriel**. (2020). Ross Deuchar (2018). Gangs & Spirituality: A global perspective. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, 15(2), 1613–1615.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/police/paaa012>.

Other: Technical Reports

- [2.] Cooley, Morgan, Colvin, Marianna, Crichlow, Vaughn, **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Best, Corey. (2023). *Family engagement in child welfare: Perspectives of parents impacted by the child welfare system and professionals with child welfare experience*. Contract #2021-002RE. Report for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare.
- [1.] Cooley, Morgan, Colvin, Marianna, Crichlow, Vaughn, **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Best, Corey. (2023). *Understanding the need to address systemic racism in the child welfare system: Perspectives of parents and professionals with child welfare experience*. Contract #2021-002RE. Report for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare.

Other: Contracted Literature Review (** indicates community partner)

- [1.] **Cesar, Gabriel**, & **Csonka, Tiffany. (2025). *Medical Marijuana and Child Welfare*. Contract #FS26008747. Report for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare.

Refereed Presentations and Proceedings

*(National; * indicates presentation resulted in publication)*

***Walker, D'Andre and Cesar, Gabriel T**

November 2019 "Examining the "Gang Penalty" in the Juvenile Justice System: A Focal Concerns Perspective." (Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, CA)

Cesar, Gabriel T

November 2018 "'Like When I decided to Tell You my Real Age:' Phronetic Research in Criminology Careers." (Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, GA)

***Cesar, Gabriel T, Richard Moule, Jr.**

November 2016 "'CPS sucks... but I'm Better Off in the System': On Overlooked Forms of Social Control." (Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in New Orleans, LA)

***Todak, Natalie Erin, Gabriel T Cesar, and Brooks Louton**

November 2013 "TASER-Proximate Arrest-Related Deaths: An Examination of Autopsy Reports." (Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, GA)

Cesar, Gabriel T

November 2012 "Social Learning in Context: Group Homies, Mentorship, and Social Support." (Master's Thesis presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Chicago, IL)

***Cesar, Gabriel T, and Kevin A. Wright**

November 2011 "Toward a More Complete Model of Offender Reintegration: Linking the Individual-, Community-, and System-Level Components of Recidivism." (Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, DC)

*(Regional; * indicates presentation resulted in publication)*

Cesar, Gabriel T, Carolina Medolla, & Diana Sun

September 2026 "Differential Coercion & Social Support Theory: A Scoping Review" (Capstone student research presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association in Fort Lauderdale, FL)

Ward, Shannon & Gabriel T Cesar

February 2026 "Cognitive Process & the Decision to Shoot in Self-Defense" (Thesis research presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology in Denver, CO)

Chopp, Delaney & **Gabriel T Cesar**

February 2026 "Identifying Sexual Harassment in Virtual Reality" (Thesis research presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology in Denver, CO)

***Cesar, Gabriel T**, Danielle Wallace, and Eric Hedberg

February 2013 "Social Undesirability in Survey Responses: Do Web Surveys Generate Socially Extreme Reactions?" (Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology in Berkley, CA)

Funded Research

External Contracts

Cooley, Morgan, & **Cesar, Gabriel**, (Co-Principal Investigators); Marianna Colvin, Precious Skinner-Osei (Co-Investigators). *Developing Resilience & Leadership in Child Welfare System-Involved Families: A Parent Needs Assessment*. Two-year contract funded by the Florida Institute for Child Welfare (FICW) at Florida State University. I allocated 15% of my assigned 60% research effort to this project.

Amount Received: \$168,121:

Summer 2026 - Summer 2028

Cooley, Morgan, & Colvin, Marianna (Co-Principal Investigators); Clark, Shelby, Thompson, Heather, **Cesar, Gabriel**, Gillen, Martie, Simpson, David, Cui, Ming, Steen, April, & Dario, Lisa (Co-Investigators). *The Academy: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Preservice Training for Child Welfare Workers in Florida*. Two-year contract funded by the Florida Institute for Child Welfare (FICW) at Florida State University. I allocated 15% of my assigned 60% research effort to this project.

Amount received: \$646,148.

Summer 2024 - Summer 2026

Cooley, Morgan (Principal Investigator), Thompson, Heather, Colvin, Marianna, **Cesar, Gabriel**, Skinner-Osei, Precious, & Best, Corey (Co-Investigators). *Parent, Child, and Family Rights within the Florida Child Welfare System*. Grant funded by the Florida Institute for Child Welfare (FICW) at Florida State University. I allocated 10% of my assigned 60% research effort to this project.

Amount received: \$74,707

Fall 2023 - Fall 2024

Cesar, Gabriel (PI), Tiffany Csonka (Community Partner). *Medical Marijuana & Child Welfare: A Brief Literature Review*. Contract funded by the Florida Institute for Child Welfare (FICW) at Florida State University. Funding to produce and publish a brief literature review for dissemination via FICW website.

Amount Received: \$5,000

Fall 2025

Internal Grants

Cesar, Gabriel (PI), Chopp, Delaney. *Sexual Harassment in Virtual Reality*. FAU Center for Peace, Justice, & Human Rights Research Grant. Funding to purchase gaming computer capable of processing VR scenarios to facilitate VR pilot study.

Amount Received: \$2,000

Fall 2025

Cesar, Gabriel (PI), Anzures, Gizelle (Co-PI), & Sun, Diana (Co-I). *Choosing Violence: A Randomized, Controlled Trial of the Decision to Commit Violence*. (SOAR-CP). Funded by the College of Social Work & Criminal Justice February 2025. for consultation on development of NIH grant application.

Amount Received \$3,000

Spring 2025

Courses Taught at FAU

Online Courses (*indicates new course developed)

*CCJ 4508 *Gangs, Groups, and Justice* (eDesigned with QM certification; **Zero book cost**)

*CCJ 4700 *Research Methods* (eDesigned with QM certification)

*CJC 6216 *Prison Gangs* (Graduate; eDesigned with QM certification)

*CCJ 6709 *Qualitative Research Methods* (Graduate; Synchronous; **Zero book cost**)

*CCJ 6485 *Applying Criminal Justice Theory and Practice* (Graduate Capstone; Synchronous; **Zero book cost**)

In-Person Courses

*CCJ 6485 *Applying Criminal Justice Theory and Practice* (Graduate Capstone; **Zero book cost**)

*CCJ 6669 *Class, Race, & Gender in Criminal Justice* (Graduate Requirement; **Zero book cost**)

*CCJ 6709 *Qualitative Research Methods* (Graduate Elective; **Zero book cost**)

*CJC 6216 *Prison Gangs* (Graduate Elective; **Zero book cost**)

*CCJ 4508 *Gangs, Groups, and Justice* (Undergraduate Elective; **Zero book cost**)

*CCJ 4670 *Women, Crime, and Criminal Justice* (Undergraduate Elective; **Zero book cost**)

Mentorship of Graduate Students

Capstone Students who progressed to doctoral studies:

[5] Shannon Ward, USF (2026)

[4] Vitaliy Artemenko, FSU (2026)

[3] Dakota Lucci, FSU (2026)

[2] Madison Sokol FIU (2026)

[1] Breana Frazier FIU (2022; set to defend dissertation Fall 2026)

Master's Theses Chaired

Student: Kenyse Horsey

Thesis Title: "Community Justice and Public Safety at Music Festivals"

Defense Date: Spring 2023

*Student went on to become a private investigator at Command Investigations

Student: Hannah Gorman

Thesis Title: "Prosecutorial Discretion: A Legal & Theoretical Synthesis"

Defense Date: Spring 2022

*Student went on to the United States Sentencing Commission in Washington, DC

Student: Maria Alvarez

Thesis Title: "Virginia Artrip, Poet, Investigator, Poet"

Defense Date: Spring 2022

*Student went on to leadership position in Florida Department of Corrections (Probation)

Student: John Roberts

Thesis Title: "Code of the Calle: Narcocorridos & Violence"

Defense Date: Spring 2022

*Student went on to serve as instructor and law enforcement trainer at University of Denver

Student: Selina Cuevas

Thesis Title: "Assessing the Lived Experience of Drug Court Participants"

Defense Date: Spring 2022

*Student went on to work in substance abuse treatment in Broward County

Service and Professional Development

School of Criminology & Criminal Justice

2025-Current **Committee Member: SCCJ Annual Evaluation Criteria Committee**

This committee is responsible for authoring evaluation criteria drafts, communicating proposed criteria to the faculty, processing faculty feedback, and administering faculty votes regarding ratification of criteria for the School of Criminology & Criminal Justice.

2025 **Committee Chair: Assistant Professor Search Committee**

This was the first committee I had the opportunity to chair. The committee was responsible for collecting, reviewing, and considering applications for one open assistant professor line, communicating our findings to the faculty, and assisting in the planning and execution of visits and facilitating consideration of candidates.

2019-Current **Committee Member: SCCJ Graduate Advisory Committee**

This committee is responsible for setting and applying admission guidelines, structuring curriculum, and planning for growth and rigor of FAUCCJ's Master of Science program.

- 2025 **FAU Decision Lab Tour: CCJ Soar-In 4 students c/o Sandra Jakubow**
Each semester, I led a selected series of simulations with 10-12 Soar-In-4 student participants and discuss the role of simulated reality in the past, present, and future of training and research. **(4/7/2025; 10/6/2025)**
- 2020-2025 **Committee Member: SCCJ Bylaws Committee**
This committee was responsible for authoring bylaw drafts, communicating proposed revisions to the faculty, processing faculty feedback, and administering faculty votes regarding ratification of bylaws for the School of Criminology & Criminal Justice. The bylaws were ratified by the Dean during spring 2025.
- 2024-2025 **Committee Member: Assistant Professor Search Committee**
This committee was responsible for collecting, reviewing, and considering applications for one open assistant professor line, communicating our findings to the faculty, and assisting in the planning and execution of visits and facilitating consideration of candidates.
- 2022-2023 **Committee Member: Director Search Committee**
This committee collected, reviewed, and considered applications for our open director line. The selection process generated several promising candidates.
- March 2021 **Guest Speaker: Graduate Committee Brown Bag Series**
Presentation and discussion with graduate students regarding effective execution of employment documents including cover letters, CVs, and resumes.
- Feb. 2020 **Guest Speaker: Graduate Committee Brown Bag Series**
Presentation and discussion with graduate students regarding opportunities challenges associated with thesis and capstone options for graduation.
- Feb. 2019 **Guest Speaker: Graduate Committee Brown Bag Series**
Presentation and discussion with graduate students regarding opportunities challenges associated with thesis and capstone options for graduation.
- 2018-2019 **Committee Member: SCCJ Undergraduate Advisory Committee**
Scheduled curriculum, attended to other administrative concerns regarding FAUCCJ's Bachelor of Arts program.

Service and Professional Development (cont.)

College of Social Work & Criminal Justice

- 2026-Current **Faculty Assembly Steering Committee**
This committee is responsible for coordinating faculty governance, setting assembly agendas, and acting as a communication bridge between the college faculty and the administration. The goal of faculty governance and of the

college's bylaws is to maintain the respect and the communication between faculty and administration that make it possible for the university to function.

2025-Current **CoSWCJ/OURI Liaison: University Research Curriculum Committee**

This committee meets monthly to discuss, plan, and budget services and programs for undergraduate students interested in research opportunities. Service on this committee links our school and college with students and professors conducting research across the university.

2025 **Committee Member: Associate Dean Search Committee**

Working under Committee Chair Morgan Cooley, this committee is responsible for collecting, reviewing, and considering applications for one Associate Dean line, communicating our findings of fact to the broader faculty, as well as assisting in the planning and execution of visits and facilitating consideration of candidates.

2025-Current **Committee Chair: CoSWCJ Honors & Awards Committee**

This committee is responsible for administering honors & awards for the college. As the chair of this committee, I also serve as the college representative on the University Honors & Awards Committee.

2024-Current **Committee Member: Key Performance Indicators Committee**

This committee is responsible for establishing and monitoring key performance indicators for the college/university.

2025-Current **Committee Member: CoSWCJ Annual Evaluation Criteria Committee**

This committee is responsible for authoring evaluation criteria drafts, communicating proposed criteria to the faculty, processing faculty feedback, and administering faculty votes regarding ratification of criteria for the College of Social Work & Criminal Justice.

2021-Current **Committee Member: CoSWCJ Bylaws Committee**

This committee is responsible for authoring bylaw drafts, communicating proposed revisions to the faculty, processing faculty feedback, and administering faculty votes regarding ratification of bylaws for the College of Social Work & Criminal Justice.

2025 **Committee Member: Ad-Hoc Committee for CoSWCJ Annual Review Policy**

This committee was responsible for identifying, compiling, assessing, and establishing promotion criteria for CoSWCJ that are reflective the university's criteria.

2021 **Guest Speaker: Community Conversations Event: Rethinking Gangs**
For this event I outlined the ecological context of gang membership at the individual and community levels, and discussed, along with my co-host novel ways of addressing gang problems with an eye on converting toxic masculinity into prosocial masculinity and preserving racial and ethnic identity throughout the process.

University Service

2025 (Fall) **Expert Panelist: Covidence Conversations: Faculty Insights**
This panel was convened to communicate the benefits of the data analysis program Covidence in engaging students in research and publication. Other panelists included Dr. Louis A. Merlin, Associate Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, and Dr. Morgan Cooley, Associate Professor, Sandler School of Social Work. My former Capstone student Madison Sokol attended with me to convey her several “hacks” (including using AI to help flesh out search terms) that she developed during our work together. The panel took place on October 16, 2025.

2025 (Fall) **Invited Guest Speaker: PJHR Research Talk**
The FAU Center for Peace, Justice, & Human Rights sponsors this series of research talks to provide a forum for researchers to speak about, and students and colleagues to learn about ongoing research endeavors across disciplines and departments at FAU. For our part, my thesis student Shannon Ward and I presented our cognitive decision-making experiment entitled “Choosing Violence: Rationality, Experientiality, & the Split-Second Decision to Shoot in Self-Defense” on September 3, 2025.

2025-Current **Advisor: FAU Office of Research Development Advisory Panel**
The focus of this panel is to review limited submissions applications. Limited submissions occur when an agency restricts the number of grant proposals that can be submitted by an organization, which can result in an internal review process. Faculty members submit internal applications to ORD through a ticketing system. Since there are generally only 45 days from when ORD receives applications to the agency deadline date, reviews can require a quick turnaround. We strive to provide completed reviews within one week.

2025-Current **Member & College Representative: University Honors & Awards Committee**
This committee is responsible for administering honors & awards for the university. I also serve as the chair of the CoSWCJ Honors & Awards Committee.

2024-Current **Committee Member: Breezeway Dialogue Committee**
This committee develops ideas and plans events for university-wide outdoor events that bring professors and students together to discuss emergent or

controversial topics in an open, supportive, open-minded forum that considers diverse perspectives and encourages constructive debate.

2024-Current **Committee Member: Center for Peace, Justice & Human Rights (PJHR) Curriculum Development Committee**

This committee is responsible for developing, administering, and evaluating PJHR's curricula for the PJHR Certificate and minor programs.

2024-Current **Peer-Reviewer: Florida Atlantic Undergraduate Research Journal (FAURJ)**

This journal features research articles by undergraduate students from across the full range of majors and research fields across FAU. Reviewing for FAURJ allows me to interact with emerging research from all over the university and apply my unique perspective and expertise beyond the confines of my own department.

2022-Current **Grant Committee Member & Content Expert (Policing): FAU Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (CARD)**

I have served as a volunteer consultant with CARD since 2022. We have been meeting 3 times per semester since that time to develop, implement, review, and revise training curricula to improve interactions between first responders and people who are neurodivergent, particularly in the context of the autism spectrum of behaviors.

2021 **Event Host: "How to FAU"**

Along with a team of graduate and undergraduate student volunteers and Ellen Rondina from SSW, I facilitated a mask-making workshop with a group of 130 incoming freshman. The Event was one of several "breakout session" experiences administered by university groups, teams, and clubs. I participated on behalf of the PJHR, having funded the session through our PJHR working group on art and social change.

2021 **Event Host: FUTUROS Retreat**

Along with a team of graduate and undergraduate student volunteers and Ellen Rondina from SSW, I facilitated a mask-making workshop with a group of 50 incoming Latinx freshman. The Event was one of several "breakout session" experiences designed to build social networks, develop identities, and engage Latinx students with Latinx faculty members. I participated on behalf of the PJHR, having funded the session through our PJHR working group on art and social change.

2020 **Table Host: FAU's Annual Graduate Recruitment Fair**

Hosted information booth (online format due to COVID-19 restrictions) for current FAU undergraduate students thinking about applying for graduate programs.

- 2018 **Panel Judge:** 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Competition
Evaluated and provided feedback for very short-format research presentations by 10 undergraduate and graduate competition finalists.
- 2018 **Table Host: FAU Explorer Day**
Hosted information booth for high school students considering undergraduate programs.

Professional Service

- 2025 **Panel Moderator:** *(Re)establishing Parental Rights After Incarceration*. 2025 Palm Beach Reentry Summit, West Palm Beach, FL
- 2024-Current **Editorial Board Member:** *Victims & Offenders*
- 2014-Current **Peer-Reviewer:** *Justice Quarterly*
- 2024 **Peer-Reviewer:** *Youth*
- 2023 **Peer-Reviewer:** *Critical Sociology*
- 2017 **Peer-Reviewer:** *Journal of Orthopsychiatry*
- 2014 **Peer-Reviewer:** *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*
- 2014 **Proposal Reviewer:** Routledge Books, Division of Criminology
- 2013 **Panel Chair:** *Family Violence*. The annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA
- 2013 **Panel Chair:** *Innovative Methods to Study Crime and Justice*. The annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, Berkeley, CA
- 2012 **Panel Chair:** *Social Processes in the Immigration-Crime Nexus*. The annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL
- 2011 **Panel Chair:** *Incarceration, Reentry, & Reintegration*. The annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC
- 2011-2012 **Grant Application Reviewer:** Graduate and Professional Student Association, Arizona State University

Community Service

- 2023 **Career Day Event Table Host (Children's Harbor Group Homes)**
Spoke with over 50 young adults in the process of aging-out of Florida's child welfare system about college life, research opportunities, graduate school, and career opportunities in criminal justice.
- 2021-2022 **Youth Mentor: Project 18 (Children's Home Society)**
One-on-one mentor to system-involved young adults in the custody of Florida's child welfare system during the process of "aging-out" of state custody in child protective services in Palm Beach County. My primary role in this capacity was providing emotional, educational, and professional support for a young man in the process of competing high school, living independently, and embarking on a career.

- 2020-2022 **Guardian Ad Litem: Palm Beach County**
During COVID-19 restrictions working with attorneys, caseworkers, and volunteers, visiting and advocating for specific youth in the custody of Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to help ensure youth safety, monitor their case progression, and address youth needs as they arise.
- 2018 **Guest Speaker: Palm Beach County Juvenile Probation Summer Program**
“Paving the Path from Juvenile Probation to College.” In collaboration with my colleague Dr. Lisa Dario, I led a guided discussion with juvenile probationers about their personal goals, and how college can help connect those dots.

Professional Development

- Fall 2026 **COCE PIAIground: Using AI as Your Creative Collaborator**
Hosted by Moises Linares. Using Gemini to develop collaborative teams using a “who, know, do” framework. By changing the perspective of the tool (e.g., the storyteller, the student, and critic), users can examine an idea from multiple points of view.
- Spring 2026 **Covidence Data Extraction 2 Tool Training Workshop**
Hosted by the Cochrane Group, developer of Covidence. Workshop covered data extraction procedures for scoping, systematic, and narrative reviews and meta-analyses and qualitative meta-analysis using Covidence’s Extraction 2 Tool. The tool is an adaptation of the Extraction 1 tool that is designed for social science reviews.
- Spring 2025 **Spring CoSWCJ Statistical Training Workshop**
Hosted by Michael DeDonno. Statistics refresher for research which covered the benefits and potential drawbacks of conducting database research including National Health & Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) and the National Trauma Databank.
- Spring 2025 **Covidence Data Extraction 1 Tool Training Workshop**
Hosted by the Cochrane Group, developer of Covidence. Workshop covered data extraction procedures for scoping, systematic, and narrative reviews and meta-analyses and qualitative meta-analysis using Covidence’s Extraction 1 Tool. The tool incorporates large-language modeling and machine learning to systematize and streamline the extraction process.
- Spring 2025 **College of Social Work & Criminal Justice Statistics Workshop**
Hosted by Michael DeDonno. Statistics refresher for research which covered Gaussian assumptions, effect size, statistical significance, and power, and selecting the appropriate regression (or other statistical modelling) depending on variable types and research questions.

- Spring 2025 **Center for Online & Continuing Education (COCE)**
With a designer, I reviewed and updated my canvas course in preparation to apply for **Quality Matters (QM) designation** for CCJ 4700 Research Methods in Criminal Justice which was awarded in February 2025. This experience provided me with additional training and experience on effective online pedagogy, recording presentations, and engaging content creation.
- Fall 2024 **Charles R. Schmidt College of Medicine Covidence Training Workshop**
Hosted by Michelle Keba Knecht, MSIS, MSL, AHIP, Senior Medical Librarian, Schmidt College of Medicine. Introduction and basic training on software designed to facilitate and streamline the research methods associated with scoping, systematic, and umbrella reviews, as well as meta-analyses. This training added direct benefit to my Capstone students, most of whom conduct scoping analyses for their terminal projects.
- Fall 2022 **Center for Online & Continuing Education (COCE)**
Reorganized & e-designed an online section of CCJ 4700 (Research Methods) to include best practices including studio-recorded video introductions, cohesive and engaging clickthrough experience, and innovative, video-based essays designed to assess core competencies. This experience provided me with additional training and experience on effective online pedagogy, recording presentations, and engaging content creation.
- Spring 2022 **Center for Online & Continuing Education (COCE)**
Reorganized & e-designed my online section of CJC 6216 (Prison Gangs) to include best practices including studio-recorded video introductions, cohesive and engaging clickthrough experience, and zero-cost reading list. Culminated with **Quality Matters (QM) designation** March 1, 2023. This experience provided me with additional training and experience on effective online pedagogy, recording presentations, and engaging content creation.
- Summer 2021 **Center for Online & Continuing Education (COCE)**
Reorganized & e-designed my online section of CCJ 4508 (Gangs, Groups & Justice) to include best practices including studio-recorded video introductions, cohesive and engaging clickthrough experience, and zero-cost reading list. Culminated with **Quality Matters (QM) designation** May 25, 2022. This experience provided me with additional training and experience on effective online pedagogy, recording presentations, and engaging content creation.

Honors and Awards

- 2025 Center for Peace, Justice, & Human Rights (PJHR) Faculty Affiliate of the Year Award**
This award is an annual award given to a PJHR Faculty Affiliate who goes above and beyond in service to the Center. This honor comes with a *one-time \$800 award*. From the award letter: "This academic year (2024-2025) you have stepped up to assist with

curriculum development, created a new student award, and much more. You are a tireless mentor to your students and a dedicated affiliate. Congratulations Dr. Cesar!”

2025 FAU Artists & Authors Recognition Award

This award recognized my work integrating life course theory, trauma informed practice, and gang research to better understand the social dynamic between the gang and the family as institutions central to youth development. The work was published in the Oxford Handbook on Gangs & Society, and was my first publication with a student from my Capstone class.

2017 Fellowship: Inaugural Child Abuse Research Institute (NIHCD)

Funded by National Institute of Child and Human Development and led by Drs. Cathy Spatz-Widom and Melissa Jonson-Reid, this week-long research gathering allowed me to network with an interdisciplinary group of emerging and senior child abuse researchers including medical doctors, psychologists, social workers, and criminologists from around the country.

2016 Award: Outstanding Graduate/Professional Student Mentorship (ASU)

This award recognized my informal mentorship to undergraduate and graduate students in my role as instructor, field researcher, and community volunteer during my graduate studies.

2014 Award: Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Servant-Leader Award (ASU)

This award recognized service to community through mentorship and collaborative art with local youth in the custody of CPS.

Link to award announcement: <https://www.asu.edu/mlk/archive.html>

2013 Pitchfork Award: Outstanding ASU Undergraduate Organization – Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honors Society

This award recognized my work as vice president, along with a team of fellow students, in quadrupling the membership of ASU’s chapter of the criminal justice honors society and establishing more rigorous entrance criteria and expanding group activities. Link to award: <https://eoss.asu.edu/pitchfork-awards/winners>

Institutional Affiliations

American Society of Criminology (ASC)
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
Western Society of Criminology (WSC)
Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA)
Florida Institute for Child Welfare (FICW)
Parent Advocates for Transformation and Healing (PATH)
FAU Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)
FAU Center for Peace, Justice, and Human Rights (PJHR)