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CAREER SUMMARY

Laisa F. Abreu Rivera is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Florida Atlantic University. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Criminology from the University of Florida in 2018, followed by a Master of Science in Criminology from Florida State University in 2021. She completed her Ph.D. in Criminology at Florida State University in 2025.

Her research interests include victimization, capital punishment, race, and crime. She has published articles in the *British Journal of Criminology* and the *European Journal of Criminology*. She is readily involved in several collaborative research projects. She has assisted in research projects funded by the National Science Foundation. She has taught and assisted courses centering on corrections, the courts, research methods, and comparative criminology and criminal justice.

EDUCATION

2025	Ph.D. <i>Criminology</i> , Florida State University
2021	M.S. <i>Criminology</i> , Florida State University
2018	B.A. <i>Criminology</i> , University of Florida

AREAS OF INTEREST

Victimization, Capital Punishment, Race and Crime

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019 Adelaide D. Wilson Graduate Fellowship Endowment Fund, Florida State University.
2017 The Florida Bar Book Award, University of Florida.

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Sylvia J. Piatkowska, **Laisa F. Abreu Rivera**, and Steven F. Messner. "Immigrant threat, political articulation by extreme right parties, and support for capital punishment: A multilevel analysis of European countries." *The British Journal of Criminology*, 63(3), 784-802.

Laisa F. Abreu Rivera and Sylvia J. Piatkowska. "Immigrant Threat, Perception of Unsafety, and Political Articulation of Immigration and Multiculturalism in European Countries." *European Journal of Criminology*. In press.

Manuscripts in Progress

Laisa F. Abreu Rivera. "Victimization and Punitiveness: Examining Variation by Race and Gender Among College Students"

Laisa F. Abreu Rivera. "Violent Victimization and Punitive Attitudes Among College Students"

Laisa F. Abreu Rivera and Michelle Eliasson. "The Costs of Toughness: Perceptions of Victimization, Toxic Masculinity, and Help-Seeking"

Reports

Cassandra A. Atkin-Plunk, Brian D. Graves, and Laisa F. Abreu Rivera. Palm Beach County Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry (CSCR) Program: Evaluation Report 1

Cassandra A. Atkin-Plunk, Brian D. Graves, and Laisa F. Abreu Rivera. Palm Beach County Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry (CSCR) Program: Evaluation Report 2

Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Wendy P. Guastaferrero, Adam Dobrin, And Laisa F. Abreu Rivera. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Connect and Protect Program. Implementation Year 1 – Interim Evaluation Report.

Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Wendy P. Guastaferrero, Adam Dobrin, And Laisa F. Abreu Rivera. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Connect and Protect Program. Implementation Year 2 – Interim Evaluation Report.

PRESENTATIONS

2026 **Laisa F. Abreu Rivera** and Michelle N. Eliasson. "The Costs of Toughness: Perceptions of Victimization, Toxic Masculinity, and Help-Seeking." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, September 14-18.

- 2025 **Laisa F. Abreu Rivera**. “Victimization and the Development of Punitive Attitudes among College Students: Differences by Gender and Race.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, D.C., November 12-15.
- 2023 **Laisa F. Abreu Rivera** and Jillian J. Turanovic. “Victimization, Attitudes, and Behaviors among College Students.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Philadelphia, PA, November 15-18.
- 2022 **Laisa F. Abreu Rivera** and Sylwia J. Piatkowska. “The relative size of immigrant population and support for punishment: A cross-national analysis using different geographical units.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, GA, November 16-19.
- 2021 **Laisa F. Abreu Rivera** and Sylwia J. Piatkowska. “Immigrant threat, risk perception, and political articulation of immigration and multiculturalism in European countries.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Chicago, IL, November 17-20.
- 2021 Sylwia J. Piatkowska, **Laisa F. Abreu Rivera**, and Steven F. Messner. “Out-group intolerance, political articulation, support for capital punishment.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Chicago, IL, November 17-20.
- 2020 **Laisa F. Abreu Rivera**, Sylwia J. Piatkowska, and Steven F. Messner. “Racial threat and capital punishment: a multilevel analysis of European countries. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, D.C., November 18-21. (canceled due to COVID-19).

RESEARCH & DATA EXPERIENCE

- 2024 Investigator. Variable creation, Variable Management, Data Collection and Data Creation. Victimization and punitive attitudes among college students. Principal Investigator: Jillian J. Turanovic

Part-time position. December 2022 - Present. 20 hours per week

Supervisor: Jillian J. Turanovic. (2022-present). 602-327-7738

Duties:

- Survey design and administration and recruitment
- Human subjects certification with the institutional review board
- Design of survey questions and design in Qualtrics
- Data cleaning and management in STATA
- Descriptive bivariate, multivariate analysis of data in STATA
- Provide expert testing and measurement advice and consultation
- Design, adapt, and implement creative solutions to challenges with data

- Use testing software applications effectively and efficiently for examination development, for testing and measurement activities
- Use advanced statistical methods and analyses to provide me with a solid foundation in analyzing, formulating, and developing ideas, concepts, and methodology for new or revised policies, procedures, and systems
- To provide guidance and direction to agency program staff in the implementation of program policy, goals, plans, and objectives.
- Can and have advised on the advantages and disadvantages of different research approaches and alternatives

2024 Research Assistant. Variable creation, Variable Management, and Data Collection. Study of Victimization, Attitudes, and Behaviors Submitted for Annual Principal Investigators: Kristin Lloyd and Jillian J. Turanovic

Part-time position. December 2023 - Present. 20 hours per week

Supervisor: Jillian J. Turanovic. (2023-present). 602-327-7738

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2023 Research Assistant: National Science Foundation Data Collection and Management: Understanding Hate Crime Victimization and Reporting. Principal Investigators: Sylwia J. Piatkowska and Brendan Lantz

Part-time position. June 2022- January 2023. 20 hours per week

Supervisor: Sylwia Piatkowska. (2022-2023). 850-644-3782

Duties:

- Data cleaning and management in STATA
- Descriptive bivariate, multivariate analysis of data in STATA
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2022 Research Assistant and Author: Data Collection and Variable Management. The Relative size of immigrant population and support for punishment: A cross-national analysis using different geographical units. Principal Investigators: Sylwia J. Piatkowska

Part-time position. December 2020 – February 2022. 20 hours per week

Supervisor: Sylwia Piatkowska. (2020-2022). 850-644-7382

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2021 Research Assistant: Data Collection and Management. Brexit, terrorist attacks, and hate crime: A longitudinal analysis. *The British Journal of Criminology*. Principal Investigators: Sylwia J. Piatkowska and Brendan Lantz

Part-time position. August 2020 - January 2021. 20 hours per week

Supervisor: Sylwia Piatkowska. (2020-2021). 850-644-7382

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2021 Research Assistant: Data Cleaning and Variable Management. Temporal clustering of hate crime in the aftermath of the Brexit vote and terrorist attacks: A comparison of Scotland and England and Wales. *The British Journal of Criminology*. Principal Investigators: Sylwia J. Piatkowska and Brendan Lantz

Part-time position. June 2020 – December 2021. 20 hours per week

Supervisor: Sylwia Piatkowska. (2020-2021). 850-644-7382

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

2023 *Corrections* (CJC3010), Undergraduate-Level Course, Florida State University

2022 *The Courts* (CJL3510), Undergraduate-Level Course, Florida State University

Courses Assisted

2024 *Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice* (CCJ4004). Undergraduate-Level Course, Florida State University. Professor: Sylwia J. Piatkowska

2024 *Research Methods* (CCJ5705). Graduate-Level Course, Florida State University. Professor: Sylwia J. Piatkowska

2021 *Research Methods* (CCJ4700), Undergraduate-Level Course, Florida State University. Professor: Brian Stults

2021 *Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice* (CCJ4004). Undergraduate-Level Course, Florida State University. Professor: Sylwia J. Piatkowska

ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer

European Sociological Review

International Review of Victimology

Service to Florida State University and The College of Criminology and Criminal Justice

2019-Present PhD Student Campus Preview Panelist and Student Liaison, College of Criminology and Criminal Justice, *Florida State University*.

Professional Development

2022 *Professional Development in Criminology* (CCJ 6065), Dr. Carter Hay, Florida State University.

2022 *Using Census and American Community Survey Data for Criminological Research*, Dr. Brian Stults, Criminology Graduate-Faculty Workshop Series, Florida State University.

2021 *Qualitative Research Methods and Analysis: A Brief Introduction*, Dr. Jennifer Copp, Criminology Graduate-Faculty Workshop Series, Florida State University.

2020 *GIS and Spatial Analysis in Criminology*, Dr. Young-An Kim, Criminology

Graduate-Faculty Workshop Series, Florida State University.

- 2019 *How to Write Like a Social Scientist*, Dr. Daniel Mears, Criminology Graduate-Faculty Workshop Series, Florida State University.
- 2019 *An Overview of NIBRS*, Dr. Brendan Lantz, Criminology Graduate-Faculty Workshop Series, Florida State University.
- 2019 *Program Evaluation: Examples from the Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research*, Dr. George Pesta, Criminology Graduate-Faculty Workshop Series, Florida State University.
- 2019 *Program for Instructional Excellence Conference, Training*, The Graduate School, Florida State University.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology
National Postdoctoral Association