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Education/Employment History

Education

- 2018 Doctor of Philosophy**, Arizona State University
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
- 2012 Master of Science**, Arizona State University
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
- 2010 Bachelor of Science**, Arizona State University
Major: Criminology and Criminal Justice

Academic Employment

2018-Current: Assistant Professor
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Florida Atlantic University

2015-2018: Full-Time Faculty Instructor
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Arizona State University

Scholarship

Publications in Print

Refereed Journal Articles (* indicates student coauthor)

Dario, L., **Cesar, G. T.**, *Jalbert, K., Delatorre, F.

2024 Quantifying the impact: From prevalence to harm in evaluating police misconduct. *Journal of Criminal Justice*. 93.

Sloas, L., & **Cesar, G. T**

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.

*Gardner, S., Fallik, S., Dobrin, A., Guastaferro, W., & **Cesar, G. T**

2024 The Effects of Implicit Bias in Simulated Police-Public Interactions: An Experimental Study. *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*. 39, 198-212.

Dario, L., **Cesar, G. T.**, & Crichlow, V.

2022 Reappreciating the varieties of police behavior: A national examination of contemporary police mission statements. *Policing: An International Journal*, 45(6), 893-907.

Cesar, G. T. & Decker, S.

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. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105388>

Walker, D. & **Cesar, G. T.**

2020 Examining the "Gang Penalty" in the Juvenile Justice System: A Focal Concerns Perspective. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 18(4), 315-336. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1541204020916238>

Wallace, D., **Cesar, G. T.**, & Hedberg, E.

2018 The Effect of Survey Mode on Socially Undesirable Responses to Open Ended Questions: A Mixed Methods Approach. *Field Methods*, 30(2), 105-123.

Todak, N., **Cesar, G. T.**, & Louton, B.

2015 Forensic Reporting of TASER Exposure: An Examination of Situational and Exposure Characteristics. *Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine*, 35, 4-8.

Wright, K., & **Cesar, G. T.**

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.

Book Chapters (* indicates student coauthor)

Cesar, G. T., Walker D., & *Fernandez, T.

2024 "On Gangs and Family: Primary Family, Secondary Family, and Surrogate Family." *The Oxford Handbook of Gangs & Society*. (David Pyrooz, James Densley, and John Liverso, Eds.). Oxford.

Cesar, G. T., & Decker, S.

2018 "The Promise and Process of Ethnography: What We Have Learned Studying Gang Members and CPS Kids." *Using Ethnography in Criminology: Discovery through Fieldwork*. (Stephen Rice and Michael Maltz, Eds.). Springer.

Cesar, G. T., & Decker, S.

2017 "Coldblooded and Badass: A 'Hot' and 'Cool' Approach to Understanding Carjackers' Decisions." *The Oxford Handbook of Offender Decision Making*. (Wim Bernasco, Henk Elffers, and Jean-Louis Van Gelder, Eds.). Oxford.

Cesar, G. T., & Wright, K.

2013 "'That Ain't the Only Way to Be': The Reintegration of Dennis 'Cutty' Wise from an Individual-, Community-, and System-Level Perspective." *Crime, Justice, & Politics in the City as Seen through the Wire*. (David C. Brody and Peter A. Collins, Eds.). Carolina Press.

Technical Reports

Cooley, M. E., Colvin, M., Crichlow, V., **Cesar, G. T.**, & Best, C.

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.

Cooley, M. E., Colvin, M., Crichlow, V., **Cesar, G. T.**, & Best, C.

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.

Refereed Presentations and Proceedings

(National; * indicates presentation resulted in publication)

***Cesar, Gabriel T** and Lincoln Sloas

November 2024 "Assessing public opinion regarding appropriate responses to failed mass shooters: Extending the balanced justice framework." (Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA)

***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, 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, 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, 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, Atlanta, GA)

***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, Berkley CA)

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, 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, Washington, DC)

Grants

Funded External Grants

Parent, Child, and Family Rights within the Florida Child Welfare System (\$74,707)

PI : Morgan Cooley

Co-PIs: **G. Cesar**, H. Thompson, M. Colvin, Howard, H.

Consultants: Best, C., Jimenez-Bean, R.

Coverage period: September 1, 2023 – June 1, 2024

Funding Agency: Florida Institute for Child Welfare

Pursuant to this grant I facilitated a series of focus groups with system-impacted mothers whose children were removed by the state but reunited after case completion. Subsequently I assisted in compiling, coding, and analyzing data from these and other focus groups from around the state which were carried out by my colleagues.

Courses Taught at FAU

*Online Courses (*indicates new course developed)*

*CCJ 4508 *Gangs, Groups, and Justice* (eDesigned with QM certification)

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

- *CCJ 6934 *Prison Gangs* (Graduate; eDesigned with QM certification)
- *CCJ 6000 *Advanced Qualitative Research Methods: Phronetic Criminology* (Graduate)
- *CCJ 6485 *Applying Criminal Justice Theory and Practice* (Graduate Capstone)

In-Person Courses

- *CCJ 6485 *Applying Criminal Justice Theory and Practice* (FAU's Master Capstone)
- *CCJ 4508 *Gangs, Groups, and Justice*
- *CCJ 4670 *Women, Crime, and Criminal Justice*

Supervision of Graduate Students

Master's Thesis Chair

Student: Alice Assi

Thesis Title: "Exploring the view from inside the immigrant paradox: Narratives of crime, delinquency, and life in the U.S. for Portuguese- and Spanish-speaking immigrant youth"

Tentative Defense Date: Fall 2025

Directed Independent Research

Student: Bannah Kennedy

DIR Title: "Choosing Violence: Cognitive processes in shoot/don't shoot simulations"

Completed: Spring 2024

Master's Thesis Committee Member

Student: Kevin Lopez

Thesis Title: "Social Media and Crime Analysis: Online Posting and Law Enforcement"

Defense Date: Fall 2023

Master's Thesis Chair

Student: Kenyse Horsey

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

Defense Date: Spring 2023

Master's Thesis Chair

Student: Hannah Gorman

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

Defense Date: Spring 2022

Master's Thesis Committee Member

Student Selina Cuevas

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

Defense Date: Spring 2022

Master's Thesis Committee Member

Student: Rebeka Rocco

Thesis Title: "Prison Based Animal Programs: Students' Perceptions"

Defense Date: Fall 2021

Master's Thesis Committee Member

Student: Katherine Wilson-McCoy

Thesis Title: "The Competing Roles of Social and Legal Oppression"

Defense Date: December 2019

Undergraduate Research Mentor

Student: Brandee Augustine

Project Title: Black and African Students' Perspectives on Higher Education

Poster Presentation: 2018 Meeting of the American Society of Criminology Atlanta, GA

Service and Professional Development

School of Criminology & Criminal Justice

2020-Current **Committee Member: SCCJ 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 School of Criminology & Criminal Justice

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

Setting admission guidelines, structuring curriculum, and planning for growth and rigor of FAUCCJ's Master of Science program

2023 **Search Committee Member for Director Search**

This committee collected, reviewed, and considered applications for our open director line. The selection process is ongoing.

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

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2018-2019 **Committee Member: SCCJ Undergraduate Advisory Committee**

Scheduled curriculum, attended to other administrative concerns regarding SCCJ's Bachelor of Arts program

College of Social Work & Criminal Justice

2021-Current **Committee Member: CSWCJ 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

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

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

This journal features research articles by undergraduate students in 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.

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) 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

- 2024-Current **Editorial Board Member:** *Victims & Offenders*
- 2024 **Peer-Reviewer:** *Youth*
- 2023 **Peer-Reviewer:** *Critical Sociology*
- 2014-Current **Peer-Reviewer:** *Justice Quarterly*
- 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
- 2011-2012 **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 the 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 youth during the process of “aging-out” of state custody in child protective services in Palm Beach County, FL. My primary role in this capacity is 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**
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. This service was especially challenging and important during COVID-19 restrictions.

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 plans for the future, personal goals, and how college can be a useful way to connect those dots.

Honors and Awards

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>

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

Fall 2024: Research featured in news article for South Florida Sun Sentinel

“‘Hot spots’ for harmful police misconduct include Broward and Miami-Dade, study reveals”

<https://www.sun-sentinel.com/2024/08/05/hot-spots-for-harmful-police-misconduct-include-broward-and-miami-dade-study-reveals/>

Spring 2024: Research featured in news article for FAU News Desk

“Study Examines U.S. Public Opinion of ‘Would-Be’ Mass Shooters”

<https://www.fau.edu/newsdesk/articles/would-be-mass-shooter-study>

Fall 2020: Interviewed for news article featured on Slate.com

“Why Kids Join Gangs”

<https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2020/10/juvenile-criminal-justice-children-gangs.html>

Fall 2020: Interviewed for news article by Cronkite News (Arizona Public Broadcast Service)

“Street Love: Why Kids Join Gangs Despite the Risks of Arrest and Violence”

<https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2020/09/03/why-kids-join-gangs/>

Spring 2014: TV Appearance on Public Broadcast Service (Arizona PBS): “Horizonte”

“Volunteering & Grad School: Criminology, Art, and Community Engagement in Phoenix”

<http://www.pbs.org/video/horizonte-sounds-cultura-soc-moctezumas-revenge/>

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

United Faculty of Florida

FAU Center for Autism and Related Disabilities

FAU Center for Peace, Justice, & Human Rights

American Society of Criminology

Western Society of Criminology