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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION: Ph.D. in Criminology, University of South Florida (*expected December 2009*)
M.A. in Criminology, University of South Florida (May 2006)
B.A. in Criminology, University of Florida (August 2003)

Dissertation: “Examining Covariates of Multiple Sex Partners: A Longitudinal Study Among Justice-Involved Youth“

Co-Chairs: Drs. Richard Dembo and John K. Cochran (USF)
Committee Members: Drs. Christopher Sullivan (USF) and Ken Winters (University of Minnesota)

Master’s Thesis: “Gender Differences in Age of Onset for Delinquency: Risk Factors and Consequences”

Chair: Dr. John K. Cochran (USF)
Committee Members: Drs. Christine Sellers and Shayne Jones (USF)

AREAS OF RESEARCH/TEACHING INTEREST:

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency, Corrections, Criminal Violence, Family Violence, Mental Health and Adolescent Offenders, Psychology of Crime and Delinquency, Gender and Crime, Criminological Theory

PUBLICATIONS

Childs, K.K, Gulledge, L.M., & Sullivan, C.J. (in press)
Delinquent behavior across adolescence: Investigating the shifting salience of criminological predictors. *Deviant Behavior*.

Dembo, R. and Gulledge, L.M. (in press)
Truancy Intervention Programs: Challenges and Innovations to Implementation. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*.

Gulledge, L.M., Cochran, J.K., & Jones, S. (in press)
Gender differences in age of onset for delinquency: Risk factors and consequences. *Journal of Crime and Justice*.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Dembo, R., Gulledge, L.M., & Briones, R.
Enrolling and engaging high-risk youth and families in community-based, brief intervention services. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*.

PUBLICATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT

Gulledge, L.M., Childs, K.K., & Sellers, C.
Social control and social learning: An integrated approach to gang membership and delinquent behavior.

Childs, K.K., Gulledge, L.M., & Lynch, M.J.
An evaluation of crime, unemployment, and incarceration: Data from 1990-2000.

RESEARCH/GRANT EXPERIENCE

2007 - 2009 *Statistician/Research Support Specialist* (Dr. Richard Dembo, Co-P.I.)
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Grant: Brief Intervention for Drug-Abusing Juvenile Offenders and their Parents in the Community

- Assisted in developing data collection protocol
- Enrolling of families into the project
- Conducting baseline and follow up interviews with youth and parents
- Developing Community Referral Family Action Plans for control families
- Retrieving and coding juvenile justice agency records

2006 – 2009 *Statistician/Research Support Specialist* (Dr. Richard Dembo, P.I.)
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Grant: Brief Intervention for Drug Use and HIV/STD Risk Prevention Among Truants; Brief Counseling for Truant Youth and their Parents

- Assisted in developing data collection protocol
- Enrolling of families into the project
- Conducting baseline and follow-up interviews with youth and parents
- Developing Community Referral Family Action Plans for control families
- Development of data files
- Conducting statistical analyses
- Developing relationships with, and disseminating project information to community and school representatives

PROFESSIONAL/CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Dembo, R., Briones, R., Gullledge, L.M., Karas, L., Winters, K., & Belenko, S. (2009). Stress, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Problems In a Sample of Diversion Program Youth. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Gullledge, L.M., Dembo, R., Cochran, J.K., Sullivan, C.J., & Winters, K. (2009). Examining Covariates of Multiple Sex Partners: A Longitudinal Study Among Justice-Involved Youth. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Gullledge, L.M., Briones, R., Dembo, R., & Winters, K. (2009). Brief Intervention: A Study of Risky Sexual Behaviors Among Truant Youth. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Gullledge, L.M., Briones, R., Dembo, R., Belenko, S., & Winters, K. (2008). Intervention for truant youth: Preliminary descriptive information. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO.

Gullledge, L.M., Childs, K., & Sullivan, C.J. (2007). Delinquent behavior across adolescence: Investigating the shifting salience of criminological predictors. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Gullledge, L.M., Dembo, R., Winters, K., & Belenko, S. (2007). Brief intervention for truant youth and their families. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Gullledge, L.M., Childs, K., & Sullivan, C.J. (2007). Delinquent behavior across adolescence: Investigating the shifting salience of criminological predictors. Paper presented at the University of South Florida College of Arts and Sciences Research Symposium, Tampa, FL.

Gullledge, L.M., Childs, K., & Sullivan, C.J. (2007). Delinquent behavior across adolescence: Investigating the shifting salience of criminological predictors. Paper presented at the Criminology Graduate Student Organization Research Symposium, Tampa, FL.

Gullledge, L.M., Cochran, J.K., Sellers, C.S., & Jones, S. (2006). Gender differences in age of onset for delinquency: Risk factors and consequences. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

Childs, K., Gullledge, L.M., & Lynch, M. (2006). Environmental justice in Hillsborough County, FL: An analysis of crime, race, income, and CERCLIS sites. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

Gullledge (Thomason), L.M., Childs, K., & Sellers, C. (2005). Social control and social learning: An integrated approach to gang membership and delinquent behavior. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, ON.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2009 – Dec 2009* Instructor, USM School of Criminal Justice, Hattiesburg
Family Violence, undergraduate lecture-based course
- Expected enrollment - 40 students
- Aug 2009 – Dec 2009* Instructor, USM School of Criminal Justice, Hattiesburg
Juvenile Justice, undergraduate lecture-based course
- Expected enrollment - 40 students
- Jan 2009 – May 2009* Adjunct Instructor, USF Department of Criminology, Tampa
Criminal Violence, Senior Seminar lecture-based course
- 40 students
- Aug 2008 – Dec 2009* Adjunct Instructor, USF Department of Criminology, Tampa
Criminal Violence, Senior Seminar lecture-based course
- 40 students
- May 2008 – July 2008* Adjunct Instructor, USF Department of Criminology, Tampa
Criminal Violence, Topics lecture-based topics course
- 60 students
- Jan 2008 – May 2008* Adjunct Instructor, USF Department of Criminology, Tampa
American Correctional Systems, undergraduate web-based course
- 140 students
- May 2007 – Aug 2007* Adjunct Instructor, USF Department of Criminology, Tampa
American Correctional Systems, undergraduate web-based course
- 60 students
- Jan 2007 – May 2007* Adjunct Instructor, USF Department of Criminology, Tampa
Criminal Violence, Topics lecture-based topics course
- 60 students

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2004-2006* Graduate Teaching Assistant to Denise Paquette Boots, Ph.D.
- American Correctional Systems; undergrad (70 students)
 - Crime & Justice in America; undergrad (266 students)
- 2006-2007* Graduate Teaching Assistant to Shayne Jones, Ph.D.
- Criminological Theory; undergrad (70 students)
 - Psychology of Antisocial Behavior; senior seminar (40 students)
 - Quantitative Analysis 1; graduate (25 students)

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2009–Present* Instructor
School of Criminal Justice
University of Southern Mississippi
- 2007–2009* Statistician/Research Support Specialist
University of South Florida Criminology Program (Dr. Richard Dembo, Co-P.I.)
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Grant: Brief Intervention for Drug-
Abusing Juvenile Offenders and their Parents in the Community
- 2006–2009* Statistician/Research Support Specialist
University of South Florida Criminology Program (Dr. Richard Dembo, P.I.)
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Grant: Brief Intervention for Drug Use
and HIV/STD Risk Prevention Among Truants; Brief Counseling for Truant
Youth and their Parents
- 2004–2006* YMCA Assistant Director, Special Needs Children/Youth Program
Tampa, Florida
- 2003–2005* KAPLAN Test Prep, SAT & LSAT instructor
Tampa, Florida

EXTERNAL FUNDING

- 2005-2008* University of South Florida Student Government Travel Grants
2004-2006 Department of Criminology Graduate Assistantship and Tuition Waivers

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- 2008* Criminology Graduate Student Organization Symposium paper judge
2007 Panel Session Chair “Understanding Delinquency in Adolescence and Emerging
Adulthood” (Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology Atlanta,
GA)
2007-2008 Faculty Graduate Committee - Graduate Student representative

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ORGANIZATIONS

American Society of Criminology
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
American Correctional Association
Criminology Graduate Student Organization

HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society
Golden Key International Honor Society
Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society