

# **LAURA M. GULLEDGE**

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION:** Ph.D. in Criminology, University of South Florida (*expected August 2010*)  
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. Christine Sellers (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., Sullivan, C.J., & Gulledge, L.M. (in press)

Delinquent behavior across adolescence: Investigating the shifting salience of criminological predictors. *Deviant Behavior*.

Dembo, R. and Gulledge, L.M. (2009). Truancy Intervention Programs: Challenges and Innovations to Implementation. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 20(4), 437-456.

Dembo, R., Gulledge, L.M., & Briones-Robinson, R. (in press)

Enrolling and engaging high-risk youth and families in community-based, brief intervention services. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*.

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., Briones-Robinson, R., Gulledge, L.M., Karas, L., Winters, K., & Belenko, S.  
Stress, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Problems in a Sample of Diversion Program Youth

#### **PUBLICATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT**

Dembo, R., Briones-Robinson, R., Gulledge, L.M., Ungaro, R., Schmeidler, J., Belenko, S., & Winters, K. Classification of diversion program and truant youths: A multi-group latent class analysis

#### **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

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

#### **REFEREED PROFESSIONAL TALKS/PRESENTATIONS**

Dembo, R., Gulledge, L., Briones, R., Winters, K., & Belenko, S. (2010). A Longitudinal Analysis of Risky Sexual Behavior Among Truant Youths in a Brief Intervention Study. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescents, Philadelphia, PA.

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

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

Gulledge, 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.

Gulledge, 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.

Gulledge, 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.

Childs, K., Gulledge, 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.

Gulledge (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.

### **CONTRIBUTED/UNREFEREED PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

Gulledge, 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.

Gulledge, 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.

### **COURSES AND OTHER CURRICULA DEVELOPED**

*June 2010 – July 2010*            Instructor, USM School of Criminal Justice, Hattiesburg  
Modern Corrections, undergraduate web-based (online) course

*June 2010*                            Instructor, USM School of Criminal Justice, Hattiesburg  
Juvenile Justice, undergraduate lecture-based course (5-wk intensive)

*Jan 2010 – May 2010*            Instructor, USM School of Criminal Justice, Hattiesburg  
Juvenile Corrections, undergraduate lecture-based course

*Jan 2010 – May 2010*            Instructor, USM School of Criminal Justice, Hattiesburg  
Juvenile Justice, undergraduate lecture-based course

*Aug 2009 – Dec 2009*            Instructor, USM School of Criminal Justice, Hattiesburg  
Family Violence, undergraduate lecture-based course

*Aug 2009 – Dec 2009*            Instructor, USM School of Criminal Justice, Hattiesburg  
Juvenile Justice, undergraduate lecture-based course

*Jan 2009 – May 2009* Adjunct Instructor, USF Department of Criminology, Tampa  
Criminal Violence, Senior Seminar lecture-based course

*Aug 2008 – Dec 2009* Adjunct Instructor, USF Department of Criminology, Tampa  
Criminal Violence, Senior Seminar lecture-based course

*May 2008 – July 2008* Adjunct Instructor, USF Department of Criminology, Tampa  
Criminal Violence, Topics lecture-based course

*Jan 2008 – May 2008* Adjunct Instructor, USF Department of Criminology, Tampa  
American Correctional Systems, undergraduate web-based course

*May 2007 – Aug 2007* Adjunct Instructor, USF Department of Criminology, Tampa  
American Correctional Systems, undergraduate web-based course

*Jan 2007 – May 2007* Adjunct Instructor, USF Department of Criminology, Tampa  
Criminal Violence, Topics lecture-based course

### **TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS**

*2004-2006* Graduate Teaching Assistant to Denise Paquette Boots, Ph.D.

- American Correctional Systems; undergrad (70 students)
- Crime & Justice in America; undergrad (265 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,  
University of South Florida

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

2008 Criminology Graduate Student Organization Symposium Presentation Judge,  
University of South Florida

2007 Panel Session Chair “Understanding Delinquency in Adolescence and Emerging  
Adulthood” (Annual mtg of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA)

2007–2008 Faculty Graduate Committee, Graduate Student representative, University of  
South Florida

### **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

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING**

2010 Mplus Short Course: Introductory and Intermediate Growth Modeling, Johns  
Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

2010 Mplus Short Course: Advanced Growth Modeling, Survival Analysis, and  
Modeling with Missing Data, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

*2010* Blackboard Online Course Training, USM Learning Enhancement Center

*2010* Faculty First Year: Planning for Pre-Tenure Review, Promotion, and Tenure,  
USM Learning Enhancement Center

### **CONSULTANCIES**

*2009* 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 (Dr. Richard Dembo, P.I.)