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Vita

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Education

Degrees Awarded

Ph.D., 2007, University of Texas at Dallas, Criminology
Linkages Among Social Control, Crime, and Deviance: A Subcultural Approach.
Supervised by Dr. Bruce Jacobs

M.S., 2004, University of Texas at Dallas, Applied Sociology

B.A., 2003, University of Texas at Dallas, Crime and Justice Studies

Areas of Research Interest

Criminal and Deviant Subcultures
Ethics of Care
Qualitative Methods
Sociological Theories of Crime
Street Crime and Retaliation
Technology, Crime and Deviance

Experience

Academic Positions

2008-present, Assistant Professor & Graduate Faculty Member, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT)

2007-2008, Assistant Professor, School of Behavioral Sciences, College of Mount St. Joseph

2006-2007, Pre-Doctoral Teaching Associate, Criminology Program, School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas

2004-2005, Teaching Assistant, Criminology Program, School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas

Dr. Bruce Jacobs

Assisted with courses: Violent Crime, Victimless Crime, Advanced Criminological Theory

Dr. Danielle Lavin-Loucks

Assisted with courses: Qualitative Research Methods, Media and Crime

Related Positions

2006, Advisor, Undergraduate Criminology Program, School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas

Undergraduate Courses Taught

Advanced Justice Studies
Community Corrections
Cybercrime
International Justice Perspectives
Introduction to Sociology
Social Control & Criminal Sanctions
Sociological Theories of Crime
Theories of Justice

Advanced Qualitative Methods
Corporate Crime
Integrating Project
Introduction to Criminology
Qualitative & Case Study Methods
Social Problems & Deviant-Behavior
Technology, Crime, & Deviance

Graduate Courses Taught

Researching Crime & Deviance on the Internet

Publications: Peer Reviewed Articles

- Cesaroni, Carla, **Downing, Steven**, & Shahid Alvi. (2012). Bullying Enters The 21st Century? Turning a Critical Eye to Cyberbullying Research. *Youth Justice*, 12(3): 199-211.
- MacDiarmid, Laura & **Steven Downing**. (2012). A 'Rough' Aging out: Graffiti Writers and Subcultural Drift. *International Journal of Criminal Justice Sciences*, 7(2): 619-631.
- Downing, Steven**. (2011). Retro Gaming Subculture and the Social Construction of a Piracy Ethic. *International Journal of Cyber Criminology*, 5(1): 749-771.
- Downing, Steven**. (2011). Gaming Subculture, Social Control and Virtual Criminality: An Ethnographic Account. *Internet Journal of Criminology*.
- Levan, Kristine, Polzer, Katherine, & **Steven Downing**. (2011). Media and Prison Sexual Assault: How We Got to the "Don't Drop the Soap" Culture. *Internet Journal of Criminology and Sociological Theory*, 4(2): 674-682.
- Downing, Steven K.** (2011). Street Justice: A Theoretical Paradigm. *Contemporary Justice Review*, 14(2): 125-147.
- Downing, Steven**. (2010). Social Control in a Subculture of Piracy. *Criminal Justice and Popular Culture*, 17(1): 77-123.
- Downing, Steven K.** (2010). Online Gaming and the Social Construction of Virtual Victimization. *Eludamos: Journal for Computer Game Culture*, 4(2): 287-301.
- Downing, Steven K.** (2009). Attitudinal and Behavioral Pathways of Deviance in Online Gaming. *Deviant Behavior*, 30(3): 293-320.

Publications: Book Chapters

- Downing, Steven**. (2012). Technology & Crime Prevention. In D. Mackey & K. Levan (Eds.) *The Transformation of Crime Prevention*. Sudbury, Bartlett.

Publications: Encyclopedic Entries

- Downing, Steven**. (2013). Pickpocketing. In J.I. Ross (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Street Crime in America*. Thousand Oaks, Sage.

Manuscripts Under Review

- Downing, Steven**, Polzer, Katherine & Kristine Levan. (*Revise and Resubmit*). Space, Time and Reflexive Interviewing: Implications for Qualitative Research with

Active, Incarcerated and Former Criminal Offenders. *International Journal of Qualitative Methodology*.

Downing, Steven & Bobby Copeland. (*Under Review*). Race, Gender, Crime, and the Code of Silence: A Qualitative Examination of Offender and Non-Offender Perceptions of Snitching. *Policing and Society*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Downing, Steven & Bruce Jacobs. Getting Even or Getting Even: Street Crime, Strain and Distributive Justice. *Will be submitted to Crime and Delinquency in May, 2013.*

Saulnier, Alana & **Steven Downing.** Reaction and Resistance: Racialized Accounts of Canadian Border Surveillance.

Conference Proceedings

2012, American Society of Criminology, Panel Chair, Advances in Qualitative Methods in Criminology, "Space, Time and Reflexive Interviewing: Implications for Qualitative Criminology" *With Drs. Kristine Levan and Katherine Polzer*

2011, American Society of Criminology, "Why did "Cyberbullying" Supersede Hate Crime? Mass Distraction and the Tyler Clementi Case" *With Drs. Carla Cesaroni and Shahid Alvi.*

2011, American Society of Criminology, Round Table: "Faculty Writing Groups: Challenges and Directions" *With Drs. Kristine Levan and Katherine Polzer.*

2010, American Society of Criminology, Round Table: "Integrating Real-World Experiences into Undergraduate Criminal Justice Courses: Practice, Pedagogy and Effects on Student Learning" *With Dr. Kristine Levan.*

2010, Western Society of Criminology, "Virtual Immersion and the Social Construction of Cyber Victimization"

2009, American Society of Criminology, "Exploring Software Piracy for Professional Use"

2009, American Society of Criminology, "Cyber Bullying" *With Drs. Shahid Alvi and Carla Cesaroni.*

2008, American Society of Criminology, "The Classroom, The American Hero, and Firearms: Learning to Live in a Gun Culture"

2008, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, "Social Control in a Culture of Software Piracy"

2007, American Society of Criminology, Social Learning Panel, "Crime, Deviance and Online Gaming: Attitudinal and Behavioral Pathways"

2006, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Social Learning Panel, "Inside the Thieves Guild: Formal and Informal Social Control in a Virtual Subculture"

Other Notable Research Experience

2006-2007, Research Assistant to Dr. Finn Esbensen, University of Missouri-St. Louis, NIJ funded National Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education & Training (G.R.E.A.T) Program.

2006, Research Subcontractor for Dr. Charles Leonard & Regional Rapid Transit Work Group of the North Texas Commission

2004, Program Evaluation Design for Dispute Mediation of Dallas, Inc.

Honors & Awards

2004-2007, recipient of University of Texas at Dallas Graduate Fellowship

2006, recognized for student athlete outreach by the University of Texas at Dallas

2004, Recognition of Service to the City of Dallas for Dispute Mediation inc. program evaluation design

Organizational Memberships

American Society of Criminology

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

UOIT Digital Life Research Group, founding member (2010)

Criminology Honor Society, UTD chapter, founding member (2002); Treasurer (2002-2003); Vice President (2003-2004)

Service: Discipline

2011, Judge, Midwestern Criminal Justice Association, Outstanding Graduate & Undergraduate Paper Competition

2010, ACJS, Conference Planning & Advisory Committee

Service: University

2012-present, Faculty Representative, UOIT, IT Operations Committee

2012-2013, Faculty Representative, UOIT, Admissions and Scholarship Committee

2012, Hiring Committee, UOIT, Faculty of Business & IT

2011, Faculty Participant, UOIT, Homecoming Alumni Connection Event

2011, Poster Judge, UOIT, Student Research Showcase

2010, STAR Award Committee, UOIT

2010, Invited Guest Lecturer, UOIT, School Visits Program

2006, Mentoring Panelist, New Teaching Assistant Orientation, University of Texas at Dallas, Center for Teaching Excellence

Service: Departmental

2008-present, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, UOIT

2012-present, Graduate Student Enhancement Fund Committee, UOIT, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

2013, 2010, 2009, Hiring Committee, UOIT, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

2012, Chair, Community Activism Course Planning Subcommittee, UOIT, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities

2009-2012, Academic Appeals Committee, UOIT, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities

2012, 2009, University Fair Representative, UOIT, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities

2011, Writing Curriculum Subcommittee, UOIT, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities

2011, Faculty Participant, Student Award Dinner, UOIT, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities

2011, Faculty Participant, Student Athlete Breakfast, UOIT, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities

2009-2010, Social Media Committee, UOIT, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities

2009, Classroom Management Committee, UOIT, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities

2008-2009, Alumni Relations Subcommittee, UOIT, Faculty of Social Science & Humanities

2007-2008, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, College of Mount St. Joseph,

Journal Review & Editorial Work
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Department of Behavioral Sciences

2012-present, Co-editor, Internet Journal of Criminology

2012-present, Editorial Board, SAGE Open

2012-present, Reviewer, Sociological Focus

2011-present, Reviewer, Eludamos: Journal for Computer Game Culture

2011-present, Reviewer, Contemporary Justice Review

2012, Invited editor, Sage Open

2009-2010, Reviewer, Information, Communication & Society

2009-2010, Reviewer, Victims and Offenders

2008-2009, Reviewer, Criminal Justice Review

2007, Selections from: Hagan. 2007. Introduction to Criminology: Theories, Methods, and Criminal Behavior

2006, Selections from: Walsh and Ellis. 2006. Criminology: An Interdisciplinary Approach

Student Supervision

2013, Masters thesis committee member for Allison Gray, UOIT

2013, Honors thesis supervisor for Lindsay Ranger, UOIT

2013, Masters thesis supervisor for Vanessa Rhodes, UOIT

2013, Masters thesis committee member for Matthew Hack, UOIT

2013, Honors thesis supervisor for Michael Schneider, UOIT

2012, Masters thesis committee member for Kamille Tzotzes, UOIT

2012, Honors thesis Supervisor for Kyle Sutherland, UOIT

2011, Masters thesis committee member for Laura MacDiarmid, UOIT

2011, Masters thesis committee member for Steven Roberts, UOIT

2011, Masters thesis external examiner for Amanda Couture, UOIT

2009, Honors Thesis Supervisor for Melissa Ferguson, UOIT