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Curriculum Vitae  
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## **EDUCATION**

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**John Jay College of Criminal Justice / CUNY Graduate Center** - New York, NY  
Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, 2015  
MPhil in Criminal Justice, 2013  
Dissertation: Apple picking: The rise of electronic device theft in Boston subways  
Chair: Dr. Michael Maxfield

**University of Pennsylvania** - Philadelphia, PA  
M.S. in Criminology, 2008

**University of Florida** - Gainesville, FL  
B.S. in Journalism, 2006  
Honors: Cum Laude

## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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**Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice** August 2019-present  
Texas A&M University – Commerce (TAMUC) – Commerce, TX  
- Teach undergraduate and graduate courses: ground, hybrid

**Visiting Assistant Professor, Criminology & Criminal Justice** August 2018-August 2019  
Florida Atlantic University (FAU) - Boca Raton, FL  
- Taught undergraduate courses: ground, hybrid

**Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice** August 2017-May 2018  
Florida Memorial University (FMU) - Miami Gardens, FL  
- Taught undergraduate courses: ground, hybrid

**Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice** August 2015-June 2017  
**Visiting Instructor, Criminal Justice** August 2013-August 2015  
Nova Southeastern University (NSU) - Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
- Taught undergraduate and graduate courses: ground, online, hybrid

**Adjunct Instructor, Criminal Justice** August 2009-May 2013  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice (JJC) - New York, NY  
- Taught undergraduate and graduate courses: ground, hybrid

**Adjunct Instructor, Criminal Justice**

**September-December 2011**

Bronx Community College - Bronx, NY

- Taught ground-based undergraduate Intro to Criminal Justice course for high school students attending the College Now post-secondary preparatory program

**Adjunct Instructor, Journalism**

**June-August 2008**

City College of New York - New York, NY

- Taught ground-based investigative journalism course for high school students attending the Urban Scholars summer enrichment program

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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*Undergraduate*

Criminology\*  
Research Methods in Criminal Justice\*<sup>@</sup>  
Introduction to Statistics\*  
Crime Mapping\*<sup>@</sup>  
Introduction to Criminal Justice\*<sup>@</sup>  
Law Enforcement\*  
Police Administration\*  
Crime Profiling\*  
Juvenile Delinquency\*<sup>@</sup>  
Courts and Criminal Procedure<sup>@</sup>  
Corrections\*<sup>@</sup>  
Media and Crime\*  
Ethical Dilemmas and Decisions in Criminal Justice\*<sup>@</sup>  
Victimology\*  
Comparative Criminal Justice: Spain Study Abroad\*  
Terrorism and Homeland Security<sup>@</sup>  
Internship in Criminal Justice\*<sup>@</sup>  
Field Placement in Social Sciences\*  
First Year Seminar\*

*Master's*

Seminar in Policing and Law Enforcement<sup>@</sup>  
Criminological Theory and The Courts<sup>@</sup>  
Issues in Criminal Justice: Policing and Corrections\*  
Using Statistical Software for Research\*  
Social Administration in Criminal Justice<sup>@</sup>  
Seminar in Crime Analysis and Prevention<sup>@</sup>

*Doctoral*

Human Services and the Law<sup>@</sup>  
Dissertation Supervision<sup>@</sup>

\* ground course only

<sup>@</sup> online course only

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## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

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Environmental Criminology; Crime and Public Transportation; Technology and Crime; Crime and Media; Policing; Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods; Criminological Theory; GIS Applications in Criminal Justice; Comparative Criminal Justice; Human-Animal Interaction

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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### **Faculty Researcher**

**October 2017-May 2019**

Miami Gardens Police Department - Miami Gardens, FL

- Analyze gun violence and other crime statistics, report findings to police chief and crime intelligence unit, publish findings, present research to academic and practitioner audiences

### **Research Director**

**June 2012-May 2013**

Pinkerton Fellowship Initiative, JJC Research and Evaluation Center

- Supervised research assistants working on collaborative program evaluation projects with NYC juvenile justice agencies and their respective alternatives-to-incarceration programs. These researchers help agencies develop evidence-based programs by creating/revising their theory of change and logic model

### **Crime Analyst Researcher**

**December 2010-February 2015**

MBTA Transit Police - Boston, MA

- Independently examined the increase in electronic device theft, specifically smartphones, in the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) subway system. Use findings to create statistical reports, presentations and GIS maps for the police department

### **Research Project Manager**

**January 2009-August 2013**

JJC Department of Criminal Justice

- Assisted Dr. Valerie West in researching the trial and sentencing counties of death row inmates from 1975-2008; coordinate and manage two research assistants

### **Research Assistant**

**August 2008-January 2009**

JJC Center on Media, Crime and Justice (CMJC)

- A founding member of the TheCrimeReport.org (TCR) development team; conducted content analyses of news articles; assisted in planning and logistics of the annual Harry Frank Guggenheim Symposium on Crime in America / Awards for Excellence in CJ Reporting

## **JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE**

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### **Crime and Education Reporter**

**August 2006-August 2007**

Bucks County Courier Times - Levittown, PA

- Won Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) breaking news award, "17 Hurt in Bus Wreck"

### **Staff Writer**

**May 2006-August 2006**

Ocala Star Banner - Ocala, FL

### **Staff Writer**

**May 2005-August 2005**

Times-Daily - Florence, AL

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### *Peer-reviewed journal articles (in progress)*

**Gentry, K.,** & Pezzella, F.S. “Hate crime from a situational crime prevention viewpoint.”  
Submission: Fall 2018

**Gentry, K.** “Crepuscular criminals: A temporal application of crime pattern theory.”  
Submission: Spring 2019

**Gentry, K.** “Situational crime opportunities during Hurricane Irma.”  
Submission: Summer 2019

**Gentry, K.** “The impact of pet ownership on social bonds and deviant behavior.”  
Submission: Fall 2019

### *Edited book chapters*

**Gentry, K.** (2015). Apple picking: The rise of electronic device theft in Boston subways. In V. Ceccato & A. Newton (Eds.), *Safety and security in transit environments: An interdisciplinary approach, Crime Prevention and Security Management series.* (pp. 39-55). London: Palgrave.

### *Other publications*

Pezzella, F. S., & **Gentry, K.** (in press). Contemporary hate crimes: The legacy of race-motivated violence in the United States. In D. Jones-Brown & C. Barrow (Eds.), *Race, crime, and justice: An encyclopedia of the American mosaic.* Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood

## **PRESENTED PAPERS & INVITED TALKS**

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Moderator, FMU Constitution Day: The cost of free speech in an era of activism. October 2017.

Guest speaker, “Media and crime.” NSU Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI). February 2016.

Guest speaker, “Boston subway crime and risky locations.” MBTA Transit Police administration meeting. April 2014.

**Gentry, K.** “Apple picking: The rise of electronic device theft in Boston subways.” Paper presented at Safety in Transit Environments international seminar. Stockholm, Sweden: October 2013.

**Gentry, K.** “From Walkman to iPhone: The evolution of electronic device theft within the MBTA subway system.” Poster presented at Environmental Criminology and Crime Analysis (ECCA) annual international conference. Stavern, Norway: June 2012.

**Gentry, K.** “Smartphones and safe subways: Preventing cell phone theft within the MBTA subway system.” Paper presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) annual conference. New York: March 2012.

West, V., **Gentry, K.**, & Barrett, J. "Spatial concentration of capital sentencing." Paper presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) annual conference. New York: March 2012.

**Gentry, K.** "Victim blaming and media attention: Comparing two cases of missing women." Paper presented at American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual conference. San Francisco: November 2010.

West, V., & **Gentry, K.** "Spatial concentration and dependence in capital sentencing." Paper presented at American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual conference. San Francisco: November 2010.

**Gentry, K.** "Mistaken identities, DNA exonerations: A case study." Paper presented at 4th annual Guggenheim Symposium on Crime in America. New York: February 2009.

**Gentry, K.** "The power of the media: How the press covers violence against women." Paper presented at Femicide: Understanding and preventing the murder of women in intimate relationships conference. John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York: November 2008.

## **GRANT ACTIVITY**

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### *External*

2019 **Gentry, K.**, & Finch-Kareem, K. Human-Animal Interaction (HAI) Research. National Institute of Health (NIH) and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). [pre-application phase]

2011 **Gentry, K.** Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships. National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). \$40,575. [unfunded]

## **CERTIFICATIONS, TRAINING & AWARDS**

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2019	Advanced Faculty eLearning/Online Teaching certificate, Canvas
2017	Recipient of a My Favorite Teacher award, NSU My Favorite Teacher Project
2016	Advanced Faculty Online Teaching certificate, Blackboard
2016	Featured in Outstanding Black Women, NSU African Presence art exhibition
2013	Swedish Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) Safety in Transit Environments international seminar in Stockholm, Sweden, travel award for doctoral student presenter
2012	Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) annual meeting in Washington, DC, travel award for MBTA researcher

- 2012 Environmental Criminology and Crime Analysis (ECCA) annual international conference in Stavern, Norway, travel award for JJC doctoral student presenter
- 2012 Risk Terrain Modeling Spatial Risk Assessment, Rutgers Center on Public Security
- 2011 Geospatial methods courses in ArcGIS, ESRI Virtual Campus
- 2011 CrimeStat workshop, NIJ MAPS conference
- 2011 Spatial analysis workshop, John Jay College of Criminal Justice/NIMHD
- 2010 Network analysis workshop, Columbia University-Digital Social Science Center
- 2008-2013 National Science Foundation (NSF) - Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) Fellow at CUNY Graduate Center

## **DISSERTATION COMMITTEE WORK**

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### *Chair of Committee*

Asha Bolton - "Media effects and criminal profiling: How fiction influences perception and profiling accuracy." NSU Criminal Justice Ph.D. *Defense passed:* April 2019

David Taylor - "Blacks in policing and organizational change: A comparison of departments' participation in community-oriented policing activities." NSU Criminal Justice Ph.D. *Defense passed:* November 2018

Scott Duncan - "Unsolvable? Assessing the accuracy of missing person case data." NSU Criminal Justice Ph.D.

### *Committee Member*

Lisa Long - "Procedural justice and assaults on correctional staff members." NSU Criminal Justice Ph.D. *Defense passed:* April 2019

Charles MacLean - "Mirror, mirror, on the wall: Public confidence in law enforcement wanes when local law enforcement's racial/ethnic/cultural profile fails to mirror the profile of the community served." NSU Criminal Justice Ph.D. *Defense passed:* June 2019

## **SERVICE**

### *Service to the University*

City of Miami Gardens "Global 1000" hiring event - FMU faculty volunteer coordinator: 2018

Grant reviewer, NSU President's Faculty and Research Development Grant (PFRDG) competition: 2015-2017

NSU Undergraduate Student Research Symposium - Faculty judge: Winter 2016; Winter 2015; Winter 2017; Faculty advisor: Winter 2015

NSU Faculty Scholarship Council - Interviewer for the “President’s Scholarship” and the “President’s Premiere Scholarship” during the first-ever Shark Preview weekends: Winter 2016

NSU Public Safety and Emergency Preparation committee - CAHSS representative: 2015-2017

*Service to the School or College*

FAU SCCJ Bylaws committee: Fall 2018

Developer, FAU SCCJ academic-practitioner partnership with Florida Crime and Intelligence Analyst Association (FCIAA): Fall 2018

NSU university-wide open house - Faculty DJHS/CAHSS representative: 2015-2017

*Service to the Department*

Creator, FMU social sciences mock job interviews with alumni: 2018

NSU faculty peer reviewer for contract renewal: 2015-2017

NSU CJ undergraduate and graduate faculty working group: 2015-2017

*Service to the Program*

Creator, FAU crime mapping undergraduate research poster session: 2018

Creator, FMU law enforcement ride-along program: 2017-2018

Faculty advisor, NSU CJ Club: 2016-2017

Chapter advisor, NSU Alpha Phi Sigma undergraduate CJ honor society: 2016-2017

The American Society of Criminology (ASC) - Faculty advisor for undergraduate student poster presentation at the annual conference in New Orleans, LA: November 2016

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) - Faculty advisor for undergraduate student poster presentation at the annual conference in Denver, CO: March 2016

Creator, NSU CJ senior sendoff celebration: 2013-2017

NSU faculty application team, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) undergraduate certification application process: 2013-2015

### *Professional and Academic Service*

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) - Appointed chair of the William L. Simon / Routledge Outstanding Paper committee for the annual conference in Baltimore, MD: March 2019

National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) – Faculty member of the Conference Training committee for the annual conference in Hollywood, Florida: July 2018

Miami Gardens Police Department (MGPD) - Founding FMU faculty member of the internship, career pipeline and collaborative research partnership: October 2017-May 2018

The Learning Academy (TLA) - Summer School Coordinator: June 2017-August 2017

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) - Appointed member of the Student Affairs committee for the annual conference in Kansas City, MO: March 2017

Harlem Educational Activities Fund (HEAF) - College prep mentor for minority NYC high school seniors: 2011-2013

### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

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Online teaching-learning management systems: Canvas, Blackboard, WebCT  
Software: ArcGIS, CrimeStat, GeoDa, Stata, SPSS, Crystal Reports, Adobe Pagemaker, Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Microsoft Office programs

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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The American Society of Criminology  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
International Association of Crime Analysts  
Association of GIS Professionals  
Eastern Sociological Society  
Criminal Justice Journalists  
Alpha Phi Sigma