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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**ACADEMIC**

**STAFF:** Senior Lecturer

**PERSONAL**

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**EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Philosophy**, Social Welfare  
Specialization in Criminal Justice  
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI  
Degree Awarded: May 2020  
*Dissertation Title:* Examining the Influence of Individual and Neighborhood Characteristics on Jail Recidivism.

**Masters of Science**, Criminal Justice  
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI  
Degree Awarded: May 2015

**Bachelor of Science**, Criminal Justice  
Minor, Sociology  
Minor, Psychology  
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI  
Degree Awarded: May 2012

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Individual- and Neighborhood-level Influence of Jail Recidivism  
Disparities within the Criminal Justice System  
Adult Drug Treatment Courts  
Perceptions of Law Enforcement

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<sup>1</sup> Legal name-change from Pfeiffer to Sheeran throughout curriculum vitae.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2020

- CRM JST 305: Crime and Criminal Justice Policy
- CRM JST 385/970: Women and the Criminal Justice System – online (U/G) course
- CRM JST 662: Methods of Social Welfare Research
- CRM JST 756: Proseminar: Analysis of Criminal Justice Research (Graduate course)

Spring 2020

- CRM JST 305: Crime and Criminal Justice Policy
- CRM JST 662 (sections 001 and 002): Methods of Social Welfare Research
- CRM JST 773: Criminological Perspectives (Graduate course)

Fall 2019

- CRM JST 305: Crime and Criminal Justice Policy
- CRM JST 385: Women and the Criminal Justice System – online course
- CRM JST 420/970: Violence and the Criminal Justice System – online (U/G) course
- CRM JST 756: Proseminar: Analysis of Criminal Justice Research (Graduate course)

Spring 2019

- CRM JST 110: Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CRM JST 662: Methods of Social Welfare Research

Fall 2018

- CRM JST 420: Violence and the Criminal Justice System – online course
  - \*Responsible for course curriculum development
- CRM JST 305: Crime and Criminal Justice Policy

Spring 2018

- CRM JST 662: Methods of Social Welfare Research

Fall 2017

- CRM JST 662: Methods of Social Welfare Research

Fall 2016 (*Teaching Assistant*)

- CRM JST 756: Proseminar: Analysis of Criminal Justice Research – (Graduate course)

Spring 2016

- CRM JST 305: Crime and Criminal Justice Policy – online course

Fall 2015

- CRM JST 275: Criminal Court Process – online course

## BOOKS

Freiburger, T.L. & **Sheeran, A.M. (2019)**. *Cognella series on career development in criminology and criminal justice: Teaching research methods* (1<sup>st</sup> ed.). San Diego, CA: Cognella Academic Publishing.

## MANUSCRIPTS

**Sheeran, A.M.**, Hilinski-Rosick, C., Richie, M., Freiburger, T.L. (2018). Correlates of elderly inmate misconduct: A comparison of younger, middle-age, and elderly inmates.

*Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*. DOI: 10.1080/23774657.2018.1549965.

Freiburger, T.L., & **Sheeran, A.M.** (2018). Evaluation of Safe Streets Treatment Option to reduce recidivism among repeat drunk driving offenders. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 1-17.

Freiburger, T.L., & **Sheeran, A.M.** (2017). The joint effects of race, ethnicity, gender, and age on the incarceration and sentence length decision. *Race and Justice*, 1-20.

## **REPORTS**

- Freiburger, T.L., & **Sheeran, A.M.** (2020). *Enhanced Mental Health Diversion and Deferral Program Outcome Evaluation Results*. Presented to the Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.
- Sheeran, A.M.**, & Freiburger, T.L. (2019). *Evaluation of the Milwaukee County Adult Drug Treatment Court Final Report 2018*. Presented to the Milwaukee County Adult Drug Treatment Court team, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.
- Sheeran, A.M.**, Freiburger, T.L., & LeBel, T.P. (2018). *Evaluation of the Milwaukee County Adult Drug Treatment Court Final Report 2016-2017*. Presented to the Milwaukee County Adult Drug Treatment Court team, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.
- Sheeran, A.M.**, & Freiburger, T.L. (2018). *Office of African American Affairs (OAAA) Project Aspire – Measures of Recidivism Report*. Presented to the Office of African American Affairs, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.
- Pfeiffer, A.M.** & Freiburger, T.L. (2017). *Outagamie County Recidivism Rates*. Presented to Outagamie County, Wisconsin.
- Freiburger, T.L. & **Pfeiffer, A.M.** (2017). *Assessment of the “Safe Streets Treatment Options Program” (SSTOP)*. Presented to Outagamie County, Wisconsin.
- Freiburger, T.L. & **Pfeiffer, A.M.** (2015). *S.T.O.P. St. Louis Evaluation 2015-2016: Final Report*. Presented to the St. Louis Police Foundation.
- Freiburger, T.L. & **Pfeiffer, A.M.** (2015). *S.T.O.P. Racine 2015-2016: Final Report*. Presented to the Racine Police Department and the Mt. Pleasant Police Department.
- Freiburger, T.L. & **Pfeiffer, A.M.** (2015). *Assessment of the “Makin’ It Work” Program: Years Three and Four*. Presented to the Eastern District of Wisconsin United States Probation Office.

## **COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

- Freiburger, T.L., & **Sheeran, A.M.** “Equity, inclusion, and diversity: The importance of data and what it says.” Presented at the Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals (WATCP) Coordinators Conference in October 2019.
- Freiburger, T.L., & **Sheeran, A.M.** “Outcome evaluation of Safe Streets Treatment Options Program (SSTOP).” Presented at the County Executive Board Meeting, Outagamie County, WI in October 2017.

## **PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC MEETINGS**

- Sheeran, A.M.**, Richie, M., Hilinski-Rosick, C., & Freiburger, T.L. “Inmate misconduct: A test of the importation and deprivation theories.” Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in November 2018.
- Sheeran, A.M.** & Freiburger, T.L. “The joint effects of race, ethnicity, gender, and age on the likelihood of reoffending.” Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association in September 2018.
- Pfeiffer, A.M.**, & Freiburger, T.L. “A qualitative examination of the veteran’s treatment initiative in Milwaukee County.” Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in February 2018.
- Freiburger, T.L., & **Pfeiffer, A.M.** “A quasi-experimental evaluation of the safe streets treatment options program (SSTOP) in Outagamie County, WI.” Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association in September 2017.
- Freiburger, T.L., & **Pfeiffer, A.M.** “Improving juveniles’ attitudes toward the police: Results from an experimental design in two cities.” Accepted for presentation at the annual

meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in March 2017.

**Pfeiffer, A.M.,** Richie, M., Freiburger, T.L., & Hilinski-Rosick, C. “Factors contributing to prison misconduct among elderly inmates.” Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in March 2017.

Freiburger, T.L., & **Pfeiffer, A.M.** “Improving juveniles’ perceptions of the police”. Accepted for poster session at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in November 2016.

**Pfeiffer, A.M.,** & Freiburger, T.L. “The impact of race and gender on the likelihood of incarceration”. Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in March 2016.

**Pfeiffer, A.M.** “Community members’ perceptions of the police using Educate to Empower: Police and Citizens Together”. Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association in September 2015.

### **ACADEMIC AND UNIVERSITY AWARDS**

Graduate Student Excellence Fellowship Award

- University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (2019-2020 academic year)

Adjunct Faculty Teaching Award

- Helen Bader School of Social Welfare (2019)

Dean’s Random Acts of Kindness Award

- Helen Bader School of Social Welfare (2016, 2018, 2019)

Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowship Award

- University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (2017-2018 academic year)

Graduate Student Award in Criminal Justice

- Helen Bader School of Social Welfare (2016)

Dean’s Fellowship

- Helen Bader School of Social Welfare (2015-2016 academic year)

### **MEMBERSHIP IN DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES**

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Graduate Scholastic Appeals Committee (2019 – 2020)

Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, PhD Programs Committee (2018 – 2019)

Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, PhD Admissions Committee (2017 – 2019)

Student Grievance and Grade Appeal Committee (2015 – 2017)

### **MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS**

Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research – since 2018

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Midwestern Criminal Justice Association – member since 2017

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences – member since 2016

The American Society of Criminology – member since 2016

## **TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS**

Achieving Cultural Competency and Addressing Behavioral Health Disparities – 2018 (hosted by SAMSHA)

ICPSR workshop on Multilevel Modeling with HLM and SPSS – 2019 (Amherst, MA)

## **PRIOR RESEARCH AND PROGRAM EXPERIENCE**

### **Associate Researcher**

May 2019 – present

Milwaukee, WI

- **Project:** Milwaukee County Adult Drug Treatment Court: Treatment Service Expansion Project
  - Project funded by SAMSHA [#1H79TI081922-01]
- **Responsibilities:** Attend weekly staffing meetings and court proceedings; observe interactions between drug court team members and participants; conduct focus groups and in-depth interviews with MCADTC participants, as well as members of the treatment court team; transcribe, organize, and analyze qualitative data; assist in creating and implementing an exit survey for MCADTC participants gauging mental and physical health, education, employment, housing, and AODA needs; analyze outcome data from exit surveys; analyze additional data to examine treatment court effectiveness; develop evaluation reports on MCADTC participants and client outcomes.

### **Associate Researcher**

May 2019 – January 2020

Milwaukee, WI

- **Project:** Evaluation of the Enhanced Mental Health Diversion and Deferral Program
- **Responsibilities:** Conduct in-depth interviews with program participants; administer exit surveys for graduating participants; analyze outcome data from exit surveys and qualitative interviews; analyze quantitative data (program completion & recidivism) using propensity score matching to compare treatment group and comparison group (standard DPA); develop evaluation report on effectiveness of the program.

### **Research Assistant**

September 2016 – September 2017; May 2018 – September 2019<sup>2</sup>

Milwaukee, WI

- **Project:** Treatment Service Enhancement Evaluation of the Milwaukee County Adult Drug Treatment Court (MCADTC) and the Veteran's Treatment Initiative (VTI)
  - Project funded by SAMSHA [# MIL111928]
- **Responsibilities:** Attend weekly staffing meetings and court proceedings; observe interactions between drug court and veterans court team members and participants; conduct focus groups and in-depth interviews with MCADTC and VTI participants, as well as members of the treatment court team; transcribe, organize, and analyze qualitative data; assist in creating and implementing an exit survey for MCADTC participants gauging mental and physical health, education, employment, housing, and AODA needs; analyze outcome data from exit surveys; analyze additional data to examine treatment court effectiveness; develop evaluation reports on MCADTC participants and client outcomes.

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<sup>2</sup> Leave of absence as “research assistant” was taken during the 2017-2018 academic year due to receiving the Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowship Award. Involvement in the research project and collaboration efforts remained during this time though.

### **Research Assistant**

May 2018 – August 2018

Milwaukee, WI

- Project: Eviction Defense Project Evaluation
  - Project funded by the Legal Action of Wisconsin
- Responsibilities: Attended legal aid sessions; administered and collected satisfaction surveys from clients; managed and organized survey data for reports and follow-up surveys.

### **Research Assistant**

June 2017 – July 2018

Office of African American Affairs, Milwaukee, WI

- Project: Office of African American Affairs Project ASPIRE – Measures of Recidivism
- Responsibilities: Merged and cleaned numerous large-scale databases containing jail booking information and post-release criminal case information; developed “unique identifiers” for defendants to accurately link information between data sets; determined eligibility for recidivism based on various outcome measures and recidivism windows; calculated and analyzed recidivism rates for the county of Milwaukee; conducted statistical analyses to examine the relationship between various individual and legal factors and the likelihood of recidivism; developed and maintained positive working relationships with government agencies; prepared an evaluation report for the Office of African American Affairs.

### **Research Assistant**

June 2016 – August 2017

Milwaukee, WI and Outagamie County, WI

- Project #1: Outcome Evaluation of the Safe Streets Treatment Options Program (SSTOP)
- Responsibilities: Collected recidivism data for treatment and comparison group participants; determined eligibility for recidivism based on several outcome measures; conducted outcome analyses of program data; developed and maintained positive working relationships with government and community agencies; co-created an evaluation report for Outagamie County on the effectiveness of implementing SSTOP; presented evaluation findings at a county board meeting in Appleton, WI.
- Project #2: Assessment of Recidivism Rates for Outagamie County, WI
- Responsibilities: Collected recidivism data for a sample of individuals in Outagamie County, WI who were convicted of either a criminal traffic, misdemeanor, or felony offense; determined eligibility for recidivism based on various outcome measures and recidivism windows; calculated and analyzed recidivism rates for Outagamie County; conducted statistical analyses to examine the relationship between various individual and legal factors and the likelihood of recidivism; developed and maintained positive working relationships with government and community agencies; prepared an evaluation report for Outagamie County.

### **Research Assistant**

August 2015 – September 2016

Milwaukee, WI and St. Louis, MO

- Project: Process and outcome evaluation of the Students Talking it Over with Police (S.T.O.P.) program – Implemented in Racine, WI and St. Louis, MO
- Responsibilities: Administered pre- and post-test surveys to three schools in Racine, WI; observed and coded 27 program sessions for Racine (in-person) and St. Louis (video-recorded); traveled to and conducted focus groups with student participants in St. Louis, MO regarding program effectiveness; assessed officers’ program implementation and officer-student interactions; entered and maintained program related data; supervised additional

coding and data entry by several university student program assistants; co-created evaluation reports for both the Racine and St. Louis Police Departments on the implementation and delivery of S.T.O.P.

### **Field Placement Program - Project Assistant**

August 2014 – May 2015

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI

- Responsibilities: Coordinated student field placements with various agencies in the Milwaukee area; graded final papers and evaluation reports.

### **Graduate Assistant**

August 2014 – May 2015

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI

- Responsibilities: Graded assignments and quizzes for CRM JST 295: Crime and Criminal Justice Policy; Coded, entered, and maintained program related data for a study related to federal probation and parole; coded, entered, and maintained program related data for a study involving women in jail.

### **Graduate Intern**

September 2014 – December 2014

The Office of Community Outreach and Education

Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee, WI

- Responsibilities: Administered pre- and post-test surveys for the S.T.O.P. program; entered and maintained data for an educational program (Educate to Empower) implemented by the Milwaukee Police Department; developed and maintained positive working relationships with government and community agencies; assisted in developing a pilot session for an anti-bullying program created by the Milwaukee Police Department; contributed to the Auto-Theft Deterrence Initiative (assisted in organizing the initiative, created an evaluation survey used to assess program effectiveness, collected participant survey data and vehicle/driver information, and conducted basic analyses for the Milwaukee Police Department and the Chief of Police).

### **Research Assistant**

January 2014 – August 2014

Milwaukee, WI

- Project: Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Students Talking it Over with Police (S.T.O.P.) program – Implemented in Milwaukee, WI.
- Responsibilities: Administered pre- and post-test surveys to students in various public and private schools throughout Milwaukee; observed and coded 14 program sessions; assessed officers' program implementation and officer-student interactions; coded, entered and maintained program related data for 765 student participants.