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CURRICULUM VITAE

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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

Correlates of Jail Recidivism
Disparities in the Criminal Justice System
Adult Drug Treatment Courts and Veteran’s Treatment Courts

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, 2021 – present, Criminal Justice and Criminology Department, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Senior Lecturer, 2019 – 2021, Criminal Justice and Criminology Department, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Project Assistant – Field Placement, 2014 – 2015, Criminal Justice and Criminology Department, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

¹ Legal name-change from Pfeiffer to Sheeran throughout curriculum vitae.

Graduate Assistant, 2014 – 2015, Criminal Justice and Criminology Department, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

Graduate Internship, 2014, The Office of Community Outreach and Education, Milwaukee Police Department, Milwaukee, WI

GRANTS AND SPONSORED RESEARCH

Co-Principle (with Co-Principle, Tina Freiburger), 2019 – present

- Project: Assessment of Performance Measures for Milwaukee County Adult Drug Treatment Court
- Funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), \$350,000, Grant #MIL115345

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH POSITIONS

Associate Researcher, 2019 – 2020, Criminal Justice and Criminology Department, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

- Project: Evaluation of the Enhanced Mental Health Diversion and Deferral Program

Research Assistant, 2016 – 2019, Criminal Justice and Criminology Department, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

- 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]

Research Assistant, 2018, Criminal Justice and Criminology Department, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

- Project: Eviction Defense Project Evaluation (funded by the Legal Action of Wisconsin)

Research Assistant, 2017 – 2018, Office of African American Affairs, Milwaukee, WI

- Project: Office of African American Affairs Project ASPIRE – Measures of Recidivism

Research Assistant, 2016 – 2017, Outagamie County, WI; Criminal Justice and Criminology Department, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

- Project #1: Outcome Evaluation of the Safe Streets Treatment Options Program (SSTOP)
- Project #2: Assessment of Recidivism Rates for Outagamie County, WI

Research Assistant, 2015 – 2016, Criminal Justice and Criminology Department, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

- 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

Research Assistant, 2014, Criminal Justice and Criminology Department, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

- Project: Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Students Talking it Over with Police (S.T.O.P.) program – Implemented in Milwaukee, WI.

BOOKS

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

MANUSCRIPTS

- Sheeran, A.M.**, Freiburger, T.L., & Knoche, T.A. (under review). Improving youth's perceptions of law enforcement: Results from an experimental design in two cities. *Crime and Delinquency*.
- Sheeran, A.M.**, Knoche, T.A., & Freiburger, T.L. (under review). Identifying predictors of drug court graduation: Findings from an evaluation of the Milwaukee County Adult Drug Treatment Court. *Journal of Criminal Justice Studies*.
- Sheeran, A.M.**, & Heideman, A. (2021). The effects of race and ethnicity on admission, graduation, and recidivism in the Milwaukee County Adult Drug Treatment Court. *Social Sciences, Racial and Ethnic Issues in the Criminal Justice System* [special issue], 10(261), 1-18.
- 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*, 5(5), 351-376.
- 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

- Sheeran, A.M.**, Roach, L. & Freiburger, T.L. (2020). *Evaluation of the Milwaukee County Adult Drug Treatment Court Final Report 2019*. Presented to the Milwaukee County Adult Drug Treatment Court team, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin.
- 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.

SERVICE IN DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Helen Bader School of Social Welfare & Academic Affairs, Restructure Research and Curriculum Workgroup (2021 – present)

Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, PhD Committee (2020 – present)

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)

SERVICE OR LEADERSHIP IN A PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION

2018 – present, *Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research* – Editorial Review Board Member

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2021

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

Spring 2021

- CRM JST 662 (section 201 and 202): Methods of Social Welfare Research
- CRM JST 773: Criminological Perspectives (Graduate course)

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

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL 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 REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ACADEMIC MEETINGS

Sheeran, A.M., & Heideman, A.J. “Racial disparities in access to and movement through drug treatment court.” To be presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association in September 2021.

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)

IMPORTANT TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

Equity and Inclusion Training, hosted by National Drug Court Institute – 2021 (virtual)

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

Achieving Cultural Competency and Addressing Behavioral Health Disparities, hosted by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) – 2018 (Rockville, MD)

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