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**EDUCATION**

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- 2018 Ph.D., *Criminal Justice*, Sam Houston State University
- 2011 M.S., *Criminal Justice Administration*, North Dakota State University
- 2009 B.S., *Criminal Justice and Psychology*, North Dakota State University

**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

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- 2018-Present Assistant Professor  
Department of Criminal Justice, University of Central Florida
- 2017-2018 Interviewer  
National Institute of Justice: Measuring the effects of correctional officer stress on the well-being of the individual officer and the prison workplace and developing a practical index of correctional officer stress for use by correctional agencies (2014-IJ-CX-0026). PI: John Hepburn; SHSU Site Coordinator: Melinda Tasca, Co-Coordinator: H. Daniel Butler
- 2015-2018 Project Manager  
National Institute of Justice: Gangs on the street, gangs in prison: Their nature, interrelationship, control, and re-entry (2014-MU-CX-0111). PI: Scott Decker; Co-PI: David Pyrooz
- 2013-2018 Research Assistant  
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University
- 2011-2013 Adjunct Faculty  
Department of Social Science-Criminal Justice, Upper Iowa University- Madison Wisconsin Campus

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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- Corrections
- Reentry
- Subcultures
- Inequality

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals*

- In Press Pyrooz, D.C., & **Mitchell, M. M.** The use of restrictive housing on gang and non-gang affiliated inmates in U.S. prisons: Findings from a national survey of correctional agencies. *Justice Quarterly* [[article link](#)]  
\*\*Opinion editorial featured in the Wall Street Journal [[article link](#)]
- In Press **Mitchell, M. M.**, Brinser, K., & Jai, D. Hope is around the corner: Determining the effect of neighborhood revitalization on crime through an evaluation of Houston HOPE. *Criminal Justice Policy Review* [[article link](#)]
- In Press **Mitchell, M. M.**, Armstrong, G., & Armstrong, T. Disproportionate school disciplinary responses: An exploration of prisonization and minority threat hypothesis among black, Hispanic and Native American students. *Criminal Justice Policy Review* [[article link](#)]
- In Press **Mitchell, M. M.** Spooner, K., Wu, J., Pyrooz, D.C., & Decker, S. H. Survey research with gang and non-gang members in prison: Operational lessons from the LoneStar Project. *Trends in Organized Crime* [[article link](#)]
- 2018 Randa, R. & **Mitchell, M. M.** Vulnerability, context, and fear of victimization: Exploring race and ethnicity. *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*, 16(1), 22–39. [[article link](#)]
- 2017 **Mitchell, M. M.**, Fahmy, C., Pyrooz, D. C., & Decker, S. H. Criminal crews, codes, and contexts: Differences and similarities across the code of the street, convict code, street gangs, and prison gangs. *Deviant Behavior*, 38(10), 1197–1222. [[article link](#)]
- 2016 **Mitchell, M. M.**, Spooner, K., Jia, D., & Zhang, Y. The effect of prison visitation on reentry success: A meta-analysis. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 47, 74–83. [[article link](#)]

### *Chapters in Edited Volumes*

- 2019 Pyrooz, D. C., & **Mitchell, M. M.** Hard time: Gang members in total institutions. In B. M. Huebner & N. A. Frost (Eds.), *The collateral consequences of sentencing and punishment decisions*. New York, NY: Routledge. [[book link](#)]
- 2015 Pyrooz, D. C., & **Mitchell, M. M.** Little gang research, big gang research. In S. H. Decker & D. C. Pyrooz (Eds.), *The Handbook of Gangs* (pp. 28–58). New York, NY: John Wiley & Sons Inc. [[book link](#)]

### *Technical Reports*

- 2015 Randa, R., **Mitchell, M. M.**, & Brady, P. *Bullying and the fear of victimization*. Huntsville, TX: Crime Victims' Institute. [[article link](#)]

### Chapters

- 2016 **Mitchell, M. M.**, & Pyrooz, D. C. Gang membership. In W. G. Jennings, G. E. Higgins, M. M. Maldonado-Molina, & D. N. Khey (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell. [\[article link\]](#)
- 2015 Pyrooz, D. C., & **Mitchell, M. M.** Prison gangs and subculture. In R. Wright (Ed.), *Oxford Bibliographies*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. [\[article link\]](#)

### Book Reviews and Forums

- 2017 Fahmy, C. & **Mitchell, M.M.** From working on a grant to chasing grants: Graduate student experiences with funded research. *The Criminologist*, 42(5). [\[article link\]](#)
- 2016 **Mitchell, M. M.** Book review: Community criminology: Fundamentals of spatial and temporal scaling, ecological indicators, and selectivity bias. *Criminal Justice Review*, 41(2), 236–238. [\[article link\]](#)

### WORK UNDER REVIEW

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**Mitchell, M. M.**, Wells, J., & Crandall, K. Gentrification and Crime: The Importance of Neighborhood Culture

**Mitchell, M.** The Convict Code Revisited: A Quantitative Examination and Validation of Prison Culture.

Fahmy, C., Clark, K., **Mitchell, M. M.**, Pyrooz, D.C., & Decker, S. H. Method to the madness: Tracking and interviewing respondents in a longitudinal study of prisoner reentry.

### IN PROGRESS

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Clark, K., **Mitchell, M. M.**, Fahmy, C., Pyrooz, D.C., & Decker, S. H. The highest of high risk: Examining predictors of retention among former prisoners

**Mitchell, M. M.**, Fahmy, C., Clark, K., Pyrooz, D.C., & Decker, S. H. Predictors of recidivism: Estimating the effects of non-random study attrition

**Mitchell, M. M.** & Clark, K. Gang life: More than drugs, violence, and crime

### GRANTS AND SPONSORED RESEARCH

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#### *Externally Funded*

- 2019-2020 *A longitudinal evaluation of correctional officer recruit's mental health in Canada.* **PI: Meghan Mitchell.** Funded by the Memorial University of Newfoundland \$8,000.
- 2017-2018 *The evolution of the convict code throughout mass incarceration: The influence of subculture on misconduct, victimization, and offender attitudes.* **PI: Meghan Mitchell;** Supervisor: Melinda Tasca. Funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics Graduate Research Fellowship for Criminal Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice (2016-R2-CX-0024) \$45,000.

2017-2018 *The evolution of the convict code throughout mass incarceration: The influence of subculture on misconduct, victimization, and offender attitudes.* **PI: Meghan Mitchell;** Supervisor: Melinda Tasca. Funded by the Charles Koch Foundation, Dissertation Research Grant \$5,000.

#### *Internally Funded*

2019-2020 *Determining the influence of a global criminal culture on recidivism.* **PI: Meghan Mitchell.** Funded by the University of Central Florida, Vice President for Research (VPR) Advancement of Early Career Researchers (AECR) \$7,500.

#### *Other Grant Experience*

2019-2020 *Leaving gangs and desisting from crime using a multidisciplinary team approach: A randomized control trial evaluation of the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver.* **PI: David Pyrooz; Role: Advisory Board Member.** Funded by the National Institute of Justice, Research on Gangs and Gang Violence (2018-75-CX-0028) \$600,797

#### *Under Review*

2019 *Proposal to Establish a Rural Jail Research Hub Site at the University of Central Florida.* **PI: Ryan Labrecque; Co-PI's: Meghan Mitchell, Michael Caudy, Jill Viglione, & Thomas Baker.** Submitted to the Vera Institute of Justice \$200,000.

*Review of the Harris County Criminal Justice System.* **PI: Jacinta Gau; Co-PI's: Meghan Mitchell, Jennifer Peck, Michael Caudy, Jill Viglione, James Ray, Catherine Kaukinen, & Bethany Backes.** Submitted to Harris County, Texas \$1,500,000.

#### *Externally Unfunded*

2018 *Prisoner reentry, social inequality, and street and prison culture.* **Co-PI: Meghan Mitchell;** Co PI's: David C. Pyrooz, Richard K. Moule Jr., & Scott H. Decker. Submitted to the Russell Sage Foundation: Social Inequality \$128,000.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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2018 **Mitchell, M. M.** *The convict code revisited: An examination of inmate subculture and its association with violent misconduct and violent victimization.* Presented at the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Washington, DC.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### *University of Central Florida*

- Undergraduate Live  
Data Analysis for Criminal Justice

### *Upper Iowa University*

- Undergraduate Live  
Senior Project Capstone  
Juvenile Justice  
Victimology  
Introduction to Criminal Justice  
Criminology

North Dakota State University

- Undergraduate Live  
Applied Research Methods Laboratory

## **STUDENT MENTORSHIP**

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*Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor*

2018-2019     Catarina Kaltenhauser. *Evaluating gendered responses to proposed Title IX changes on college campuses*. Department of Criminal Justice

## **SERVICE**

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*Manuscript and Book Reviewer*

Justice Quarterly  
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency  
Journal of Criminal Justice  
Criminal Justice Review  
International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology  
Journal of School Violence  
Race and Justice  
Journal of Criminal Justice Education  
Routledge

*Committees*

2018-Present     Member, American Society of Criminology, Division on Corrections & Sentencing:  
Dissertation Scholarship Committee

*Department, College, and University*

2019-Present     Member, UCF Department of Criminal Justice Awards Committee  
2019                 Presenter, Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association: Preparing for the job  
market  
2019                 Judge, Office of Research: Graduate Research Forum  
2018-2019         Member, UCF Department of Criminal Justice Promotion and Tenure Research  
Committee  
2018                 Presenter, Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association: Resources for students

## **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

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*Paper Presentations*

Forthcoming     **Mitchell, M. M.** & Pyrooz, D.C. *The use of restrictive housing on gang and non-gang  
affiliated inmates in U.S. prisons: Findings from a national survey of correctional agencies*.  
Presented at the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

2019                 **Mitchell, M. M.**, Fahmy, C., Clark, K., Pyrooz, D.C., & Decker, S. H. *Predictors of  
recidivism: Estimating the effects of non-random study attrition for longitudinal research*.  
Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD.

- 2018 **Mitchell, M. M.**, Pyrooz, D.C., & Decker, S. H. *Cultural implications on inmate experiences: Evaluating the association between the convict code and victimization in prison.* Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Mitchell, M. M.** *Cultural implications of inmate behavior: Evaluating the association between the convict code and inmate misconduct.* Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 **Mitchell, M. M.** *Measuring the convict code: Evaluating the construct using exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis.* Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
- Mitchell, M. M.**, Spooner, K., Wu, J., Pyrooz, D.C., & Decker, S. H. *Interviewing gang members in prison: Operational lessons from the LoneStar Project.* Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO.
- Fahmy, C., Clark, K., **Mitchell, M. M.**, Pyrooz, D.C., & Decker, S. H. *From the prison to the street: Finding gang and non-gang members in the free world.* Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO.
- 2016 **Mitchell, M. M.**, Spooner, K., Jia, D., & Zhang, Y. *The effect of prison visitation on reentry success: A meta-analysis.* Presented at the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.  
 \*\*Also presented at Sam Houston State University 3MT (Minute Thesis)
- Mitchell, M. M.**, Brinser, K., & Jia, D. *HOPE is around the corner: Determining the effect of neighborhood revitalization on crime.* Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.
- Mitchell, M. M.**, Fahmy, C., Pyrooz, D. C., & Decker, S. H. *Code of the street, convict code, street gangs, and prison gangs: Differences and similarities in offender subcultures.* Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.
- 2015 **Mitchell, M. M.** *Gang life: More than drugs, violence, and crime.* Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.
- Mitchell, M. M.** *Neighborhood crime and police calls for service in gentrifying areas.* Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL. \*\*Also presented at Sam Houston State University Graduate Research Symposium
- 2014 **Mitchell, M. M.**, Armstrong, G. S., & Armstrong, T. *Racial threat hypothesis and school discipline: Restorative or punitive treatment of Native American students.* Presented at the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.  
 \*\*Also presented at Sam Houston State University Graduate Research Symposium
- 2013 **Mitchell, M. M.**, & Browning, S. *Sobriety checkpoints and the university student.* Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

2012 Reece, K., & **Mitchell, M. M.** *Racial disparities in the criminal justice system*. Presented at the Nehemiah Center for Justice and Reconciliation, Madison, WI.

**Mitchell, M. M.**, & Browning, S. *The effects of informal and formal labeling on later self-reported non-violent and violent delinquency*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

#### *Roundtables*

Forthcoming **Mitchell, M.M.**, Ricciardelli, R., Groll, D., Quirion, B., Orrick, E., Niebuhr, N., Askew, L., & Griffin, A. *Correctional officer recruit's mental health, training, and retention concerns*. Roundtable at the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

#### *Poster Presentations*

2015 Gravel, J., Valasik, M., Pyrooz, D. C., & **Mitchell, M. M.** *The small world of gang research: "Gangs" of gang scholars in a co-authorship network*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

#### *Chair and Discussant*

2019 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences session chair/discussant: "Measurement and Validity Issues"

2018 American Society of Criminology session chair/discussant: "Resources & programs aiding reentry in prison"  
American Society of Criminology session chair/discussant: "The role of community in the reentry process"

2016 American Society of Criminology session chair/discussant: "Individual and family impacts of incarceration"

2015 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences session chair/discussant: "Policing: Calls for service and technology"

2014 American Society of Criminology session chair/discussant: "Disparities in treatment of youth"

2013 American Society of Criminology session chair/discussant: "Policing special populations"

2011 American Society of Criminology session chair/discussant: "Gender and class differences in juvenile delinquency and criminal behavior"

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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2019	University of Central Florida: Inclusive Communication
2019	University of Central Florida: LGBTQ+101
2019	University of Central Florida: Teaching and Learning Day
2019	University of Central Florida: Webcourses New Gradebook
2018	University of Central Florida: Instructional Design for Online Teaching
2018	University of Central Florida: Office of Research-National Science Foundation Inside Scoop
2018	University of Central Florida: Office of Research-Introduction to Grants
2018	Presenting Data and Information with Edward Tufte
2017	Sam Houston State University: Academic Teaching Conference
2016	Sam Houston State University: Academic Teaching Conference
2016	ICPSR Workshop: Multi-Level Modeling for Longitudinal and Clustered Data
2016	Sam Houston State University: Research and Statistics Workshop
2015	Sam Houston State University: LoneStar Project Blaise-CAPI
2015	Sam Houston State University: LoneStar Project Interviewing Techniques of Special Populations
2015	Sam Houston State University: Survival Analysis
2015	Sam Houston State University: STATA Analysis
2015	Sam Houston State University: Blackboard Training Certificate
2015	Sam Houston State University: Graduate Studies Leadership Conference
2015	Sam Houston State University: Online & Teaching Conference
2014	Sam Houston State University: Graduate Studies Leadership Conference
2014	Sam Houston State University: Academic Teaching Conference
2014	Sam Houston State University: Hierarchical Linear Modeling Training
2013	Sam Houston State University: Academic Teaching Conference
2012	YWCA: Racial Justice Summit
2010	American Society of Criminology: Propensity Score Matching Workshop
2010	Minnesota State University Moorhead: Designing Online Instruction & Teaching Online Courses
2010	North Dakota State University: Multi-Disciplinary Academic Writing
2009	North Dakota State University: Introduction to College Teaching
2008	North Dakota State University: Bullying Intervention: Adults Stepping In
2008	Youth Intervention and Prevention Association: GLBTQ Youth in a System of Care
2007	North Dakota State University: Safe Zone Ally Training Step #2: Gender Identity
2007	North Dakota State University: Social Justice Workshops: Racism, Classism, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity
2006	North Dakota State University: TOCAR (Training Our Campus Against Racism) Part 1
2006	North Dakota State University: Safe Zone Ally Training

### *Statistical Program Proficiencies*

- Stata
- SPSS
- AMOS
- CMA
- HLM
- SAS
- Esri ArcGis
- Geoda



## **HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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2017	Sam Houston State University: General Graduate Studies Scholarship (\$1,000)
2017	Sam Houston State University: Teaching Assistant Certification Series (TACS) (\$500)
2016	Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ) Fellowship (\$2,700)
2016	Sam Houston State University Graduate Studies Scholarship (\$500)
2015	Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ) Fellowship (\$2,700)
2015	Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Doctoral Summit Student Participant
2015	Sam Houston State University: Academic Success Center- Excellence in Writing
2015	Sam Houston State University Graduate Studies Scholarship (\$500)
2014	Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ) Fellowship (\$2,025)
2014	Sam Houston State University Graduate Studies Scholarship (\$500)
2013	Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ) Fellowship (\$675)
2013	University of Wisconsin- Madison: Honorary Fellow

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Society of Criminology  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences