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University of Central Florida
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EDUCATION

- 2019 **Doctor of Philosophy**
Criminal Justice, *University of Cincinnati*
Dissertation: [*Victimization of the 21st Century: An Examination of Cyberstalking
Victimization Using a Target Congruence Approach*](#)
Chair: Dr. Bonnie S. Fisher
Committee: Dr. Pamela Wilcox, Dr. Joseph Nedelec, and Dr. Kathleen Fox
- 2014 **Master of Science**
Criminal Justice, *University of Cincinnati*
Demonstration Project: *Spectator Violence at Athletic Events*
Advisor: Dr. Pamela Wilcox
- 2013 **Bachelor of Arts**
Sociology-Criminology, *Ohio University*
Minor in Psychology

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2019 – Present **Assistant Professor**
Department of Criminal Justice, *University of Central Florida*
- 2019 – Present **Faculty Cluster Member**
Violence Against Women Faculty Cluster, *University of Central Florida*
- 2017 – 2019 **Managing Editor**
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Co-Editors Dr. Jean
McGloin and Dr. Christopher Sullivan
- 2017 **Adjunct Professor**
College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services, *University of
Cincinnati*
School of Criminal Justice, *University of Cincinnati*
- 2014 – 2016 **Graduate Assistant**
Institute of Crime Science, *University of Cincinnati*
School of Criminal Justice, *University of Cincinnati*

2013 – 2015

EPICS (Effective Practices in Community Supervision) Coder
University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute, *University of Cincinnati*

PUBLICATIONS (* denotes graduate student)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Forthcoming Palmer, J. E., **Fissel, E. R.**, Hoxmeier, J., & Williams, E.* #MeToo for whom? Sexual assault disclosures before and after #MeToo. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.
- Online First Palmer, J. E., McMahon, S., & **Fissel, E. R.** (2020). Correlates of incoming male college students' proclivity to perpetrate sexual assault. *Violence Against Women*. [[article link](#)]
- Online First **Fissel, E. R.** (2018). The reporting and help-seeking behaviors of cyberstalking victims. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. [[article link](#)]
- 2020 Kulig, T. C., **Fissel, E. R.**, Anderson, V. R., & Fisher, B. S. (2020) Victim or prostitute?: The classification of commercial sex events involving minors in the National Incident-Based Reporting System. *Violence and Victims*, 35(3), 331-353. [[article link](#)]
- 2020 **Fissel, E. R.**, & Reynolds, B. W. (2020). The Aftermath of Cyberstalking: School, Work, Social, and Health Costs of Victimization. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 45, 70-87. [[article link](#)]
- 2019 **Fissel, E. R.**, Wilcox, P., & Tillyer, M. S. (2019). School discipline policies, perceptions of injustice, and in-school delinquency. *Crime & Delinquency*, 65(10), 1343-1370. [[article link](#)]
- 2019 Reynolds, B. W., & **Fissel, E. R.** (2019). Recurring online victimization among college women: Risk factors from within the hookup culture. *Violence and Victims*, 34(4), 701-716. [[article link](#)]
- 2018 Tillyer, M. S., Wilcox, P., & **Fissel, E. R.** (2018). Violence in schools: Repeat victimization, low self-control, and the mitigating influence of collective efficacy. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 34(2), 609-632. [[article link](#)]

Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entries

- Forthcoming **Fissel, E. R.**, & Wilcox, P. Social ecology. In *The Encyclopedia of Research Methods and Statistical Techniques in Criminology and Criminal Justice*, edited by J.C. Barnes and David R. Forde. Wiley Publishing.
- 2020 **Fissel, E. R.**, Reynolds, B. W., & Fisher, B. S. Stalking and cyberstalking victimization research: Taking stock of key conceptual, definitional, prevalence, and theoretical issues. In Sheridan, L., & Chan O. *Psychological Approaches to Stalking Behavior: An International Perspective*. Wiley Publishing. [[chapter link](#)]

- 2019 Reynolds, B. W., & **Fissel, E. R.** (2019) Cyberstalking. In *The Palgrave Handbook of International Cybercrime and Cyberdeviance*, edited by Thomas J. Holt and Adam Bossler. Palgrave Macmillan. [[chapter link](#)]
- 2017 **Fissel, E. R.** (2017). G.R.E.A.T. program. In *Encyclopedia of Juvenile Delinquency and Justice*, edited by Christopher J. Schreck. New York: Wiley-Blackwell. [[entry link](#)]

Technical Reports

- 2020 **Fissel, E. R.,** & Murray, Z. Orlando United Assistance Center: Assessing the needs of those impacted by the Pulse nightclub tragedy. Prepared for the Orlando United Assistance Center. [[report link](#)]
- 2019 **Fissel, E. R.** Rhode Island Cybercrime Support Initiative evaluation report. Prepared for State of Rhode Island, Department of Public Safety, Victims of Crime Act.

Manuscripts Under Review

- Fissel, E. R.** Predicting victims' perceptions of cyberstalking: An examination of perceived offender motivation. *Revise & Resubmit*
- Fissel, E. R.,** Fisher, B. S., & Nedelec, J. L. Cyberstalking perpetration among young adults: An assessment of the effects of low self-control and moral disengagement.
- Fissel, E. R.,** Fisher, B. S., & Wilcox, P. Testing the target congruence approach: Do vulnerability, gratifiability, and antagonism explain cyberstalking victimization among young adults?
- Fissel, E. R.,** Graham, A, Butler, L., & Fisher, B. S. A new frontier: The development and validation of the intimate partner cyber abuse instrument. *Revise & Resubmit*
- Palmer, J. E., & **Fissel, E. R.** Do no harm: Student reactions to participating in victimization surveys. *Revise & Resubmit*

Current Projects

- Fissel, E. R.** Are all cyberstalking behaviors the same? An examination of individual online pursuit behaviors causing fear and/or substantial emotional reactions.
- Fissel, E. R.** Unreported cyberstalking victimization: Predicting victim's reasons for not reporting
- Fissel, E. R.,** Fox, K., Reynolds, B. W., Fisher, B. S., & Nobles, M. Revisiting the fear standard: Results from a national sample of young adult cyberstalking victims.
- Fissel, E. R.,** & Kubesch, S. R.* Federal responses to organizations convicted of environmental crimes in Republican and Democratic administrations.
- Fissel, E. R.,** & Nedelec, J. L. Participation in online trolling.

Fissel, E. R., Palmer, J., Hoxmeier, J., & Williams, E.* Student perceptions of the #MeToo Movement.

GRANT FUNDED WORK

Awarded

- 2020 *Safe Transitions: Longitudinal Examination of Domestic Violence Transitional Housing Models on Survivor Outcomes*
PI: Bethany Backes, Co-PI: Leila Wood
Role: Instrumentation Lead
Office on Violence Against Women (OVW-2020-18032).
- 2019 *Intimate Partner Cyber Abuse Victimization.*
PI: Erica Fissel, Co-PI: Leah Butler; Supervisor: Bonnie Fisher.
Funded by the University of Cincinnati's Criminal Justice Research Center.
\$2,000.

Submitted, Under Review

- 2020 *Understanding Elder Cyber-Facilitated Financial Fraud: An Examination of Reporting Pathways.*
PI: Steve M. Grice, Shane T. Warren, **Co-PI: Erica R. Fissel**
National Institute of Justice (NIJ-2020-17328).
\$929,239.
- 2020 *Enhancing Investigative and Prosecutorial Decision-Making in Technology-Facilitated Stalking Cases.*
PI: Erica R. Fissel, Co-PIs: Patrick Q. Brady, Matthew R. Nobles
National Institute of Justice (NIJ-2020-17309).
\$792,930.

Submitted, Not Funded

- 2019 *Alcohol consumption and intimate partner cyber abuse perpetration: Addressing conceptual and methodological limitations.*
PI: Jacqueline Woerner, **CO-PI: Erica R. Fissel.**
University of Central Florida Seed Funding: ER1 Exploratory Research Award.
\$35,211.
- 2019 *Exploring the Response to Cyber Fraud and Exploitation of Elder Americans.*
PI: Shane T. Warren, **Co-PIs: Erica R. Fissel**, Steven M. Grice.
National Institute of Justice.
\$2.5 million.
- 2018 *Assessing Needs of Domestic Violence Advocates when Addressing the Increase in Cybercrime Impacting Victims*
Researcher: Erica R. Fissel; Practitioner: Kristin Judge.
Victim Researcher-and-Practitioner Fellowship coordinated by the Center for Victim Research.

\$15,000.

Grant Funded Contract

- 2019 *Rhode Island Cybercrime Support Initiative*
Awarded to Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center.
Role: Program Evaluator.
Funded by State of Rhode Island, Department of Public Safety, Victims of Crime Act.
\$282,665.12.
- 2019 *Florida and Michigan Cybercrime Victim Support Initiative.*
Awarded to Heart of Florida United Way, Inc.
Role: Program Evaluator.
Funded by U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (2018-V3-GX-K012).
\$1,426,528.

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

- 2019 – Present Lead Evaluator and Research Partner for the Cybercrime Support Network
- 2019 Served as Grant Writing Consultant for the Cybercrime Support Network
- 2018 – 2019 Served as a Mechanical Turk and Qualtrics Consultant for a study on drugging victimization and perpetration led by Dr. Nicole Lasky
- 2018 – 2019 Served as a Research Consultant for Inciter
- 2017 Interviewed as an expert consultant on cyberstalking by the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW) for a project on cyber violence

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- November 2020 Fissel, E. R., Palmer, J. E., Williams, E., & Hoxmeier, J. “Student Perceptions of the #MeToo Movement.” Scheduled to present at the Annual Meetings of the Criminology Consortium.
- November 2020 Backes, B., Fissel, E. R., & Kaukinen, C. “Building multidisciplinary partnerships.” Accepted to present at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, DC. *Conference cancelled due to COVID-19.*
- November 2020 Coleman, N., & Fissel, E. R. “Unreported cyberstalking victimization: Predicting victim’s reasons for not reporting to law enforcement.” Accepted to present at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, DC. *Conference cancelled due to COVID-19.*

- November 2020 Fissel, E. R. "Thinking Outside of the Box: Using Social Media as a Pathway to Improving Research." Accepted to present at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, DC. *Conference cancelled due to COVID-19.*
- November 2020 Fissel, E. R. "Are all cyberstalking behaviors the same? An examination of individual online pursuit behaviors causing fear and/or substantial emotional reactions." Accepted to present at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, DC. *Conference cancelled due to COVID-19.*
- November 2020 Kaukinen, C., & Fissel, E. R. "Building mentorship – mentee relationships among victimization scholars." Accepted to present at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, DC. *Conference cancelled due to COVID-19.*
- March 2020 Coleman, N., & Fissel, E. R. "Why Don't They Report? Cyberstalking Victims' Reasons for Not Reporting to Law Enforcement." Accepted to present at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in San Antonio, TX. *Conference cancelled due to COVID-19.*
- February 2020 Palmer, E. J., Hoxmeier, J., Fissel, E. R., & Williams, E. "The Impact of #MeToo on Sexual Assault Disclosures for College Students from Marginalized Communities." Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Philadelphia, PA.
- February 2020 Fissel, E. R. "Intimate Partner Cyber Abuse." Presented as a guest speaker in a graduate victimization course. University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.
- December 2019 Fissel, E. R. "Cybervictimization within Online Learning Platforms." Presented as part of the Winter Faculty Development Conference. University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.
- November 2019 Fissel, E. R. "Online and Cyber Dating and Partner Abuse." Presented as guest speaker in undergraduate domestic violence course. University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.
- November 2019 Fissel, E. R., Butler, L., & Fisher, B. S. "Health Consequences of Intimate Partner Cyber Abuse." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, CA.
- November 2018 Butler, L., Fissel, E. R., & Fisher, B. S. "Intimate Partner Cyber Abuse Victimization: Types and Predictors." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, GA.
- November 2018 Fissel, E. R., Kulig, T. C., Fisher, B. S., & Anderson, V. "The Classification of Commercial Sex Events Involving Adolescents: A Comparison of Incident-Level Details." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, GA.

- September 2018 Fissel, E. R. “Cyberstalking: What Do We Know?” Presented as a guest speaker in an undergraduate victimology course. University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.
- September 2018 Fissel, E. R. “Behaviors of the Cyberstalked.” Presented as part of a speaker series. Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- April 2018 Fissel, E. R. “Navigating Academia: My Tips and Experiences on Transitioning from Undergraduate to Graduate Education.” Presented as part of a speaker series. Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- November 2017 Fissel, E. R. “Examining Cyberstalking Victimization from a Target Congruence Approach.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Philadelphia, PA.
- September 2017 Fissel, E. R. “Stalking and Cyberstalking: Definitions, Prevalence, and Measurement.” University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.
- November 2015 Fissel, E. R., Wilcox, P., & Tillyer, M. S. “Suspended!: School-Based Place Management, Perceived Injustice and Student Misconduct.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, D.C.
- November 2014 Fissel, E. R., & McManus, H. “Crowd Violence at North American Athletic Venues: A Crime Prevention and Law Enforcement Approach.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, CA.

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Central Florida, Department of Criminal Justice

Women and Crime – CCJ4670

Face to face: Fall 2019 (Enrollment: 44); Spring 2020¹ (49)

Online: Summer 2020 (108)

Remote: Fall 2020 (36)

Cybercrime and the Criminal Justice System – CJE4694

Online: Fall 2020 (53)

Directed Independent Research – CCJ4912

Face to face: Spring 2020¹ (1)

Online: Fall 2020 (1)

University of Cincinnati, College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services

First Year Experience in CECH (Fall 2017)

¹ Note: Course moved online mid-semester due to COVID-19 pandemic.

University of Cincinnati, School of Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice Statistics (Spring 2017)

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS COMMITTEES

2020 Member – Diamonde McCollum, University of Central Florida – *The impact of child sexual abuse on adult sexual assault revictimization, psychological distress and substance use.*

GRADUATE THESIS COMMITTEES

2020 Member – Evansha André, University of Central Florida -

SERVICE

Service to the Community

2019 – Present Research Partner, *Orlando United Assistance Center*

Service to the Discipline

2020 – Present Guest Editor – *Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research*

2020 – Present Member – Mentoring Committee, *Division of Victimology* (American Society of Criminology)

2020 – Present Member - Conference Program Committee, *Division of Victimology* (American Society of Criminology)

2019 – Present Member - Newsletter Committee, *Division on Women and Crime* (American Society of Criminology)

2019 – Present Member - Technology and Communications Committee, *Division of Victimology* (American Society of Criminology)

2017 – Present Manuscript Reviewer
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
Journal of Interpersonal Violence
Computers in Human Behavior
Criminal Justice and Behavior
Social Science Computer Review
American Journal of Criminal Justice
Victims and Offenders
Women and Criminal Justice
Journal of School Violence
Deviant Behavior
Psychology, Crime, and Law
Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research
Policing: An International Journal
International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice

International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology
Sociological Focus
Heliyon

Service to the University

University of Central Florida

- 2020 – Present Member – Graduate Appeals Committee
- 2020 – Present Member – Faculty Excellence Advisory Committee
- 2020 – Present Member – Title IX Advisory Council

University of Cincinnati

- 2016 Planning Committee, *University of Cincinnati Teaching and Research Conference: Celebrating 25 Years*

Service to the Department

Department of Criminal Justice, *University of Central Florida*

- 2020 – Present Member – Race, Equity, and Social Justice Initiative Ad Hoc Committee

- 2020 – Present Member – Undergraduate Affairs Committee

RECOGNITION

- 2020 NACE Competency Faculty Champion. University of Central Florida.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2020 Participant. Teach-In: Inspiration for Meaningful Online Teaching on Issues of Race and Gender During a Global Pandemic. Hosted by the Division of Women and Crime’s Teaching and Pedagogy Committee.
- 2020 Participant. Pan(dem)ic Modalities: Problem Solving for Fall 2020 Courses. Hosted by the Karen L. Smith Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning. University of Central Florida.
- 2020 Participant. Leadership Empowerment Program Institute 2020: Envisioning the Future. Hosted by the 2020 Leadership Empowerment Program Cohort. University of Central Florida.
- 2020 Participant. Motivating Students in Remote or Online Courses. Hosted by the Karen L. Smith Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning. University of Central Florida.
- 2020 Participant. Panopto Essentials Workshop. Hosted by the UCF Division of Digital Learning. University of Central Florida.
- 2020 Participant. Academic Dishonesty in Online Environments. Hosted by the Karen L. Smith Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning. University of Central Florida.

- 2020 Participant. Introduction to Mixed Methods Research Summer Workshop. Hosted by the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR).
- 2020 Participant. New Women Faculty Mentoring Community. Hosted by Faculty Excellence. University of Central Florida.
- 2020 Participant. Course Innovation Project (CIP). Hosted by the Karen L. Smith Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning. University of Central Florida.
- 2019 Participant. Winter Faculty Development Conference. Hosted by the Karen L. Smith Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning. University of Central Florida.
- 2019 Certified Online Instructor. IDL6543 – Interactive Distributed Learning for Technology. University of Central Florida.
- 2019 Participant. Webcourses Gradebook and Improving Collaboration. Hosted by the Karen L. Smith Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning. University of Central Florida.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Victimology Section

American Society of Criminology
Division of Cybercrime
Division of Victimology
Division of White Collar & Corporate Crime
Division on Women and Crime

Southern Criminal Justice Association

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Victimization
Stalking and Cyberstalking
Cybercrime
Interpersonal Violence
Crime Prevention