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**Curriculum Vitae**

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**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., Sociology, The Ohio State University, June 2008 (Expected). *Title:* "Do Swifter Executions Lower Homicide Rates? An Examination of the Effect of the Celerity and the Reach of Executions." Committee: Ruth D. Peterson (Chair), David Jacobs, and Richard Lundman.

Candidacy Exams in Crime, Criminological theory and Sociology of Social Control

M.A., Sociology, The Ohio State University, 2002. *Title:* Desistance: An Examination of Gender Differences and Theoretical Explanations. Committee: Christopher Browning (Chair), Dana Haynie, and Richard Lundman.

B.A., Criminal Justice, Savannah State University, Savannah, Georgia, 1996.

**PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:**

Research Interest:

Policy Evaluation  
Racial/Ethnic Inequality in the Criminal Justice System  
Women and Crime

Teaching Interest:

Crime and delinquency  
Criminal justice administration  
Deviance  
Police and policing

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Graduate Teaching Associate, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University.  
Autumn 2000- Summer 2002, Autumn 2003-Winter 2004, Spring 2005-Summer  
2007. Course Responsibilities:

Introduction to Sociology (Independent Instructor and Recitation Leader)  
Sociology of Deviant Behavior (Independent Instructor and Teaching Associate)  
Penology (Teaching Associate)  
Youth and Crime (Independent Instructor)

Senior Teaching Associate and Conference Facilitator, Department of Faculty and  
Teaching Associate Development, The Ohio State University. Autumn 2003-  
Autumn 2007. Courses Taught:

Facilitating Classroom Discussion  
Teaching in the Social Sciences  
Teaching in the Diverse Classroom  
Creating and Grading Assignments and Exams  
Teaching in the Recitation

Graduate Research Associate, Criminal Justice Research Center, The Ohio State  
University. Summer 2005-Autumn 2006. *The Many Colors of Crime:  
Inequalities in Race, Ethnicity, and Crime in America*. Edited by Ruth Peterson,  
Lauren Krivo, and John Hagan.

Graduate Research Associate, School of Public Health, The Ohio State University, Spring  
2004-Spring 2005. "*Examination of Sexual Choices Among Religious Teens.*"  
Principal Investigators: Kenneth Steinman and Elizabeth Cooksey. Research  
funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Graduate Research Associate, Criminal Justice Research Center, The Ohio State  
University. Autumn 2000-Summer 2002, "*Analysis of Ohio Incident-Based  
Data.*" Principal Investigators: Ruth Peterson and Lauren Krivo. Research  
funded by The Office of Criminal Justice Services.

Juvenile Counselor, Cornell Abraxas, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

June 1998-October 1999

Developed treatment plans for juvenile delinquents; facilitated individual, group,  
and family counseling sessions; wrote court and quarterly reports on clients  
behaviors and progress toward treatment goals; provide recommendations to the  
juvenile court regarding case disposition when conditions of probation were  
violated.

## **PUBLICATION(S):**

Steinman, Kenneth, Valerie Wright, Elizabeth Cooksey, Linda James Myers, Townsend Price-Spratlen, and Ron Ryles, 2005. "Collaborative Research in a Faith-Based Setting: Columbus Congregations for Healthy Youth. *Public Health Reports* 120:213-216.

## **PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

Wright, Valerie. 2004. "Desistance: An Examination of Gender Differences and Theoretical Explanations." Southwester Social Science Conference, Corpus Christie, Texas, March 18.

Wright, Valerie. 2003. "Explaining Racial Difference in Desistance: An Examination of Disparities in Marriage and Employment." Annual National Consortium on Violence Research (NCOVR) Summer Workshop, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 13.

Wright, Valerie. 2001. "Preventing Youth Violence in Public Schools." University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany, November 14.

## **AWARDS, HONORS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

The Ohio State University, Criminal Justice Research Center  
Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice-Network Member, 2004-2007

National Science Foundation:  
Summer Research Fellowship, 2006.

School of Criminal Justice University at Albany State University of New York:  
Summer Workshop on Violence Research, 2005.

Carnegie Mellon University:  
National Consortium on Violence Fellowship 2001-2004.

University of California Irvine Presley Center of Crime and Justice Studies:  
Summer Institute on Youth Violence Prevention and Evaluation Research, 2002.

The Ohio State University:  
Graduate Teaching Associate Award, 2001.

American Society of Criminology:  
Student Member, 2001-present

## **REFERENCES**

### Dr. Ruth Peterson

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### Dr. Lauren Krivo

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