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# Academic Positions

2021 - present Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Tampa

2020 – 2021 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Criminology, University of South Florida 2015 – 2020 Graduate Assistant, Department of Criminology, University of South Florida 2015 Research Assistant, Center for Community Development and Social Justice,

Lynchburg College

2013 – 2015 Graduate Assistant, School of Humanities and Social Science, Lynchburg College

# Education

2020 Ph.D. University of South Florida, Department of Criminology Dissertation: *Mental Health and In-Prison Experiences: Examining Socioeconomic and Gender Differences*

Dissertation Committee: Drs. Ráchael Powers (chair), George Burruss, Kathleen Heide, and Joshua Cochran

2015 Master of Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, VA

2012 Bachelor of Science, Department of Psychology and Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology

Longwood University, Farmville, VA

# Research Interests

Mental Health Issues in the Criminal Justice System Theories of Crime and Formal Social Control Mental Illness/Substance Abuse and Crime

Gender and Crime

# Peer-Reviewed Publications

Mandatori, F., Paez, G. R., Robinson, R. B., & **Severson, R. E.** (2023) Comparing the effects of victimization, school connectedness, and social support on heterosexual and sexual minority adolescent suicidality in the U.S.: A partial test of minority stress theory. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, Online First. doi: 10.1177/08862605231168822

Powers, R. A., Moule, R. K., & **Severson, R. E.** (2022). Adverse childhood experiences and offending among Hispanic adults in the US: Examining differences in prevalence and effects across nativity. *Journal of Crime & Justice, 79*, 1-10. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2022.101893

**Severson, R. E.**, Toman, E. L., & Alvarado, M. (2020). Mental health service utilization: General and gendered consequences for prison strains. *Crime & Delinquency, 66*(12), 1754- 1786.

**Severson, R. E.** (2019). Gender differences in mental health, institutional misconduct, and disciplinary segregation. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *46*(12), 1719-1737.

Kabiri, S., Cochran, J. K., **Severson, R.**, Shadmanfaat, S. M., Rahmati, M. M., & Sharepour, M. (2018). Social and personal controls and performance enhancing drug use: Toward an explanation of doping activity among professional athletes in Rasht, Iran. *Deviant Behavior, 39*(11), 1483-1469D.

# Other Publications

Book Chapters

Powers, R.A., and **Severson, R. E.** (2021). “Bureau of Justice Statistics” in J.C. Barnes, and D.R. Forde (Eds.) *The Encyclopedia of Research Methods and Statistics Techniques in Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Wiley-Blackwell.

**Severson, R. E.**, Kodatt, Z. H., & Burruss, G. W. (2019). “Explaining White-Collar Crime: Individual-Level Theories” in M. Rorie (Ed.) *Handbook on White-Collar and Corporate Crime*. Wiley-Blackwell.

Technical Reports

**Severson, R. E.**, Allen, S., Brewer, K., Dodge, C., Heiss-Moses, E., Hentschel-Fey, K., Iannuzzi, V., Khachatryan, N., Law, C., Miley, L., Rad, J., Toth, A., Trapassi, J., Wik, A., & Powers, R. A. (2017). Citizens’ perceptions of and experiences with Palmetto police. University of South Florida Community Sustainability Partnership Program.

McCabe, K. A., **Severson, R. E.**, Labelle, E., Egan, B., & Holland, S. (2015). Virginia Sheriffs' Census Project, Virginia Sheriff's Institute*.*

McCabe, K. A., & **Severson, R. E.** (2014). Responding to persons with mental illness: Perceptions from Virginia Deputies. Virginia Sheriff’s Association Dispatch.

McCabe, K. A., **Severson, R. E.**, Payne, J. & Anthony, W. (2013) Assessment of Regional Well-Being (4th ed.), the Lynchburg Community Trust, Lynchburg, VA.

# Presentations

2021 **Severson, Rachel.** Does treatment matter? The mediating effect of mental health services in institutional violence and disciplinary segregation. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2020 **Severson, Rachel.** Mental health and in-prison experiences: examining Socioeconomic and gender differences. Paper submitted to present at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual meeting, San Antonio, TX. Meeting cancelled due to COVID-19.

Rude, Amanda, Toman, Elisa, & **Severson, Rachel.** Exploring the effects of pre- trial detention on prison strain for individuals with mental health problems. Paper submitted to present at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual meeting, San Antonio, TX. Meeting cancelled due to COVID-19.

2019 **Severson, Rachel.** Exploring the role of poverty, mental illness, and mental health treatment in institutional misconduct. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

**Severson, Rachel.** Mental health and in-prison experiences: examining socioeconomic and gender differences. Paper to be presented at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN.

**Severson, Rachel.** Exploring the role of mental health and poverty in inmate adjustment. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

2018 **Severson, Rachel,** Toman, Elisa, & Alvarado, Micaela. Exploring mental health service utilization: Insights from a nationally representative state prison sample. Paper to be presented at the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

**Severson, Rachel.** Inmate misconduct and disciplinary segregation: Exploring the role of mental illness. Poster presented at USF’s Graduate Student Research Symposium, Tampa, FL.

**Severson, Rachel.** Inmate misconduct and disciplinary segregation: Exploring the role of mental illness. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

2017 **Severson, Rachel**, & Powers, Ráchael. Solitary confinement in the United States: An analysis of state policies. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

2016 Bromley, Max L., & **Severson, Rachel.** A 10-year assessment of a cohort-based graduate program for criminal justice professionals. Southern Criminal Justice Association. Savannah, GA.

**Severson, Rachel**, & Powers, Ráchael. Solitary confinement in the United States: A content analysis of state policies. Poster presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Kabiri, Saeed, Cochran, John K., **Severson, Rachel**, Sharepour, Mahmoud, Rahmati, Mohammad M., & Shadmanfaat, Syede M. Low self-control and performance enhancing drug use: Toward an explanation of doping activity among professional athletes in Rasht, Iran. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

2015 Landers, M., & **Severson, R. E.** (2015). Assessing the use of person-first language in criminology: A journal content analysis. Poster presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

McCabe, K. A., **Severson, R. E.**, Labelle, E., Egan, B., & Holland, S. (2015). Virginia Sheriffs' Institute Management Information, Virginia Sheriff's Institute. Roanoke, VA.

# Teaching Experience

Graduate Courses

University of Tampa

2022 CRM 617 – Justice, Law, & Policy University of South Florida

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| 2019 | CCJ 6118 – Introduction to Criminological Theory (online) |
| 2015 | CCJ 6936 – Current Issues in Law Enforcement (TA) CCJ 6705 – Research Methods in Criminology (TA) |

Undergraduate Courses

University of Tampa

2023 CRM 102 – Introduction to Criminal Justice

CRM 421 – Special Topics: Myths of the Criminal Justice System CRM 310 – Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System

2022 CRM 102 – Introduction to Criminal Justice CRM 310 – Abnormal Behavior & Criminality

2021 CRM 102 – Introduction to Criminal Justice CRM 240 – Research Methods

University of South Florida

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| 2021 | CCJ 3117 – Theories of Criminal Behavior (online, spring semester) CCJ 4933 – Abnormal Behavior/Criminality (online, spring semester) |
| 2020 | CCJ 4933 – Myths of the Criminal Justice System (online) CCJ 4933 – Abnormal Behavior/Criminality (online) |
| 2019 | CCJ 4933 – Myths of the Criminal Justice System (online) CCJ 4933 – Hate Crimes (TA, online) |
| 2018-2019 | CCJ 3117 – Theories of Criminal Behavior (online) CCJ 3117 – Theories of Criminal Behavior (TA) |
| 2018 | CCJ 4933 – Hate Crimes (TA, online) CCJ 4933 – Media & Crime (online) CCJ 3024 – Survey in Criminal Justice |
| 2015-2016 | CJE 4114 – American Law Enforcement Systems (TA) |

Lynchburg College

2014 CRIM 372 – Quantitative Methodology

# University and Professional Service

University of Tampa

University Curriculum Committee (2023) University Sustainability Committee (2022-2023)

College of Social Sciences, Mathematics, & Education Strategic Planning Committee (2023) Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Faculty Search Committee (2021-2022; 2023)

University of South Florida

Faculty Search Committee (2018) Scientific Review Committee (2018-2019)

Criminology Graduate Student Organization (CGSO) President (2017-2018) CGSO Vice President (2016-2017)

Criminology Graduate Student Recruitment Committee (2016-2020) Criminology Graduate Student Mentorship Program (2016-2020)

# Awards

2019 Outstanding Doctoral Student Southern Criminal Justice Association

2017 Doctoral Student Summit Fellow Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

2016 Community Sustainability Partnership Program

University of South Florida and the City of Palmetto, Florida

Annual Research Symposium, 2nd Place

Department of Criminology, University of South Florida

# Journal Manuscript Peer Reviewer

*Criminal Justice and Behavior Journal of Experimental Criminology Justice Quarterly*

*Journal of Crime & Justice*

*Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research*

*Journal of Criminal Justice & Law: A Publication of the Law and Public Policy Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*

# Professional Memberships

American Society of Criminology

Sections: Division of Correction & Sentencing, Division on Women & Crime

Southern Criminal Justice Association

Student and Untenured Faculty Award, Committee Chair (2022)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Sections: Corrections