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Education

2012 Ph.D. Arizona State University, Criminology and Criminal Justice

2007 M.S. California State University, Fresno, Criminology

2005 B.S. California State University, Fresno, Criminology

Professional Appointments

2015–Present Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder

2012–2015 Assistant Professor
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University

2008–2012 Instructor and Research Assistant
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University

2007–2008 Instructor
Department of Criminology, California State University, Fresno

Professional Affiliations

2018–Present Fellow, Colorado Applied Research and Action Network, Barton Institute, University of Denver

2015–Present Faculty Associate
Problem Behavior and Positive Youth Development Program, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado Boulder

2015–Present Research Affiliate
Correctional Management Institute of Texas, George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center, Sam Houston State University

2015–Present Faculty Fellow
Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder

Research and Teaching Interests

Gangs and Criminal Networks	Criminological Theory	Quantitative Methods
Juvenile Delinquency and Justice	Social Media and Crime	Research Design
Life-Course Criminology	Incarceration and Offender Reentry	Extremism/Radicalization

Honors and Awards

2018	Provost's Faculty Achievement Award (recognition of research contributions to an academic field), Academic Affairs, University of Colorado Boulder
2016	Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar Award, American Society of Criminology Tory J. Caeti Memorial Award, Juvenile Justice Section, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
2015	Early Career Award, Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology, American Society of Criminology Academy New Scholar Award, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
2011	Western Society of Criminology's Miki Vohryzek-Bolden student paper competition, First Place Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Michael C. Braswell/Anderson Publishing Outstanding Student Paper Award (with Scott Wolfe), First Place
2010	Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) student paper competition, First Place
2007	Outstanding Thesis, College of Social Sciences, California State University, Fresno Dean's Medalist, Outstanding Graduate of the College of Social Sciences, California State University, Fresno

Funded Research

In Progress

2019-2021	<i>Leaving gangs and desisting from crime using a multidisciplinary team approach: A randomized control trial evaluation of the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver</i> Role: Principal Investigator Funded by the National Institute of Justice, Research on Gangs and Gang Violence (2018-75-CX-0028). \$600,797
2018-2019	<i>Preparing high-risk inmates for successful reentry: An experimental study of a restrictive housing step-down program in Oregon</i> Role: Principal Investigator (Bert Useem and Ryan Labrecque, Co-Principal Investigators) Funded by the Charles Koch Foundation. \$110,000.

Completed

- 2015-2018 *Gangs on the street, gangs in prison: Their nature, interrelationship, control, and re-entry*
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Scott Decker, Principal Investigator)
Funded by the National Institute of Justice, Research on Gangs and Gang Violence (2014-MU-CX-0111). \$840,807
- A comparative study of violence extremism and gangs*
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Gary LaFree, Principal Investigator)
Funded by the National Institute of Justice, Research and Evaluation on Domestic Radicalization to Violent Extremism (2014-ZA-BX-0002). \$639,736
- 2017-2018 *Continuity and change in protective and risk factors among participants in the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver: A pilot project*
Role: Principal Investigator
Funding: City of Denver (\$20,000)
- Mortality risk among gang members*
Role: Principal Investigator (Ryan Masters and Rick Rogers, Co-Principal Investigators)
Funding (internal): Institute of Behavioral Science (\$15,000), the Center to Advance Research in the Social Sciences (\$4,500), and Department of Sociology (\$600)
- 2012-2014 *Gang intervention treatment: Reentry development for youth*
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Vince Webb, Principal Investigator)
Funded by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (years 2 and 3 evaluations). \$75,000
- 2013 *Understanding the long-term consequences of gang membership: Desistance, amplification, and impacts on post-adolescent outcomes*
Role: Co-Investigator (with Scott Decker, Principal Investigator)
Funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Gang Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Program (OJJDP-2011-2964). \$124,606
- 2012 *The long-term consequences of gang membership*
Role: Principal Investigator (Scott Decker, Faculty Supervisor)
Funded by the National Institute of Justice, PhD Graduate Research Fellowship 2011 (2011-JP-FX-0101). \$25,000
Final Report: [*The non-criminal consequences of gang membership: Impacts on education and employment in the life-course*](#) (192 pages)
- 2011 *Understanding the role of the internet in joining, sustaining, and leaving gangs*
Role: Co-Investigator (with Scott Decker, Principal Investigator)
Funded by Google Ideas (Google Corporation). \$25,000
Final Report: [*Leaving the gang: Logging off and moving on*](#) (63 pages)
- 2010, 2015 *Absconding after release from secure care among Arizona juvenile parolees*
Role: Principal Investigator
Funded by the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC). \$16,300
Final Report: [*Assessing abscond risk among juvenile parolees: The abscond risk instrument*](#) (41 pages)

- 2009-2010 *Responding to gangs in Napa County: A data driven approach*
 Role: Research Assistant (Scott Decker and Charles Katz, Principal Investigators)
 Agency: County of Napa, California
 Final Report: [Napa County gang and youth violence master plan](#) (108 pages)
- 2006-07 *Fresno County Jail demographic and needs assessment*
 Role: Research Assistant (Barbara Owen, Principal Investigator)
 Agency: Fresno County, CA Sheriff's Department

Books

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- Under Contract **Pyrooz, David C.**, and Scott H. Decker
Competing for control: Gangs and the social order of prisons.
 Cambridge University Press.
- 2015 Decker, Scott H., and **David C. Pyrooz** (Editors)
The handbook of gangs.
 Chichester, West Sussex: Wiley-Blackwell. [\[book link\]](#)
- 2014 Curry, G. David, Scott H. Decker, and **David C. Pyrooz**
Confronting gangs: Crime and community (3rd Edition).
 New York: Oxford University Press. [\[book link\]](#)

Refereed articles

(*denotes graduate student)

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- Accepted and forthcoming Augustyn, Megan, Jean Marie McGloin, and **David C. Pyrooz**
 "Does gang membership pay? Illegal and legal earning through emerging adulthood"
Criminology
- Pyrooz, David C.**, and Meghan M. Mitchell
 "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
- Decker, Scott H., and **David C. Pyrooz**
 "Activism and radicalization in prison: Measurement and correlates in a large sample of inmates in Texas"
Justice Quarterly [\[article link\]](#)
- Mitchell, Meghan M.*, Kallee McCullough*, Jun Wu*, **David C. Pyrooz**, and Scott H. Decker
 "Survey research with gang and non-gang members in prison: Operational lessons from the LoneStar Project"
Trends in Organized Crime [\[article link\]](#)
- Densley, James A., and **David C. Pyrooz**
 "A signaling perspective on disengagement from gangs"
Justice Quarterly [\[article link\]](#)
- 2018 **Pyrooz, David C.**, and James A. Densley
 "On public protest, violence, and street gangs"
Society 55(3): 229-236 [\[article link\]](#)

Pyrooz, David C., Gary LaFree, Scott H. Decker, and Patrick James.
“Cut from the same cloth? A comparative study of domestic extremists and gang members in the United States”
Justice Quarterly 35(1): 1-32. [[article link](#)]

Collins, Angela*, Scott Menard, and **David C. Pyrooz**
“Collective behavior and the generality of integrated theory: A national study of gang fighting”
Deviant Behavior 39(8): 992-1005[[article link](#)]

2017 **Pyrooz, David C.**, Jean Marie McGloin, and Scott H. Decker
“Parenthood as a turning point in the life course for male and female gang members: A study of within-individual changes in gang membership and criminal behavior”
Criminology 55(4): 869-899. [[article link](#)]

Pyrooz, David C., Nancy Gartner*, and Mary Smith*
“Consequences of incarceration for gang membership: A longitudinal study of serious offenders in Philadelphia and Phoenix”
Criminology 55(2): 273-306. [[article link](#)]

Spooner, Kallee*, **David C. Pyrooz**, Vincent J. Webb, and Kate Fox
“Recidivism among juveniles in a multi-component gang reentry program: Findings from a program evaluation in Harris County, Texas”
Journal of Experimental Criminology, 13(2): 275-285. [[article link](#)]

Shjarback, John A., **David C. Pyrooz**, Scott E. Wolfe, and Scott H. Decker
“De-policing and crime in the wake of Ferguson: Racialized changes in the quantity and quality of policing among Missouri police departments”
Journal of Criminal Justice 50: 42-52. [[article link](#)]
— Featured in the *New York Times*

Roman, Caterina G., Scott H. Decker, and **David C. Pyrooz**
“Leveraging the pushes and pulls of gang disengagement to improve gang intervention: Findings from three multi-site studies and a review of relevant gang programs”
Journal of Crime and Justice, 40(3): 316-336. [[article link](#)]

Moule, Richard K. Jr., Scott H. Decker, and **David C. Pyrooz**
“Technology and conflict: Group processes and collective violence in the Internet era”
Crime, Law, and Social Change 68(1-2) 47-73. [[article link](#)]

Mitchell, Meghan M.*, Chantal Fahmy*, **David C. Pyrooz**, and Scott H. Decker
“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 **Pyrooz, David C.**
“Gang affiliation and restrictive housing in U.S. prisons”
In *Restrictive housing in the U.S.: Issues, challenges, and future directions*. Washington D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice [[article link](#)]

Pyrooz, David C., Scott H. Decker, Scott E. Wolfe, and John A. Shjarback*
“Was there a Ferguson Effect on crime rates in large U.S. cities?”
Journal of Criminal Justice, 46(1): 1-8 [[article link](#)]

Wu, Jun*, and **David C. Pyrooz**

“Uncovering the pathways between gang membership and victimization.”

Journal of Quantitative Criminology, 32(4): 531-559. [[article link](#)]

Pyrooz, David C., and James A. Densley

“Selection into street gangs: Signaling theory, gang membership, and criminal offending.”

Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, 53(4): 447-481. [[article link](#)]

Pyrooz, David C., Jillian J. Turanovic*, Scott H. Decker, and Jun Wu*

“Taking stock of the relationship between gang membership and offending: A meta-analysis.”

Criminal Justice and Behavior, 43(3): 365-397. [[article link](#)]

O’Neal, Eryn Nicole*, Scott H. Decker, Richard K. Moule, Jr.*, and **David C. Pyrooz**

“Girls, gangs, and getting out: Gender differences and similarities in leaving the gang.”

Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice, 14(1): 43-60. [[article link](#)]

Huebner, Beth M., Kimberly Martin, Richard K. Moule, Jr.*, **David C. Pyrooz**, and Scott H. Decker

“Dangerous places: Gang members and neighborhood levels of gun assault.”

Justice Quarterly, 33(5): 836-862. [[article link](#)]

2015

Pyrooz, David C., and Gary Sweeten

“Gang membership between ages 5 and 17 years in the United States.”

Journal of Adolescent Health, 56(4): 414-419. [[article link](#)]

Pyrooz, David C., Scott H. Decker, and Richard K. Moule, Jr.*

“Criminal and routine activities in online settings: Gangs, offenders, and the Internet.”

Justice Quarterly, 32(3): 471-499. [[article link](#)]

— Featured in domestic (ABC News, Houston Chronicle, Kansas City Star, FastCompany, Daily Dot, The Crime Report, Chief Security Officer, Networkworld, Science Daily, PoliceMag, Motherboard, Police Professional) and international (Winnipeg Free Press, Electronic Beats, New Scientist, Hochschulanzeiger, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Slate.fr) outlets

Decker, Scott H., and **David C. Pyrooz**

“‘I’m down for a Jihad’: How 100 years of gang research can inform the study of terrorism, radicalization and extremism.”

Perspectives on Terrorism, 9(1): 104-112. [[article link](#)]

2014

Decker, Scott H., **David C. Pyrooz**, Gary Sweeten, and Richard K. Moule, Jr.*

“Validating self-nomination in gang research: Differences in gang embeddedness across non-, current, and former gang members.”

Journal of Quantitative Criminology, 30(4):577-598. [[article link](#)]

Pyrooz, David C.

“‘From your first cigarette to your last dyin’ day’: The patterning of gang membership in the life-course.”

Journal of Quantitative Criminology, 30(2):349-372. [[article link](#)]

Moule, Jr., Richard K.*, **David C. Pyrooz**, and Scott H. Decker

“Internet adoption and online behavior among American street gangs: Integrating gangs and organizational theory.”

British Journal of Criminology, 54(6):1186-1206. [[article link](#)]

— Featured in National Gang Center newsletter (Spring, 2015)

Decker, Scott H., **David C. Pyrooz**, and Richard K. Moule, Jr.*
“Disengagement from gangs as role transitions.”
Journal of Research on Adolescence, 24(2):268-283. [[article link](#)]

Pyrooz, David C., Richard K. Moule, Jr.*, and Scott H. Decker
“The contribution of gang membership to the victim-offender overlap.”
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, 51(3):315-348. [[article link](#)]
— Featured in the London School of Economics and Political Science USAPP [blog](#)

Pyrooz, David C.
“From colors and guns to caps and gowns? The effects of gang membership on educational attainment.”
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, 51(1):56-87. [[article link](#)]

Wolfe, Scott E., and **David C. Pyrooz**
“Rolling back prices and raising crime rates? The Walmart effect on crime in the United States.”
British Journal of Criminology, 54(2):199-221. [[article link](#)]
— Featured in domestic (Huffington Post, AOL Money, FastCompany, Science Daily) and international (Daily Mail, BBC, Vancouver Sun, Montreal Gazette) outlets

Pyrooz, David C., Scott H. Decker, and Vincent J. Webb
“The ties that bind: Desistance from gangs.”
Crime and Delinquency, 60(4):491-516. [[article link](#)]

2013 **Pyrooz, David C.**, Gary Sweeten, and Alex R. Piquero
“Continuity and change in gang membership and gang embeddedness.”
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, 50(2):239-271. [[article link](#)]

Pyrooz, David C., and Scott H. Decker
“Delinquent behavior, violence, and gang involvement in China.”
Journal of Quantitative Criminology, 29(2):251-272. [[article link](#)]
— Translated and published in *Issues in Crime and Delinquency*
戴维·C.皮鲁兹、斯科特·H.德克：《中国青少年团伙的违规行为、暴力行为研究》，陈波译，载《青少年犯罪问题》2015年第3期

Pyrooz, David C.
“Gangs, criminal offending, and an inconvenient truth: Considerations for gang prevention and intervention in the lives of youth.”
Criminology and Public Policy, 12(3): 427-436. [[article link](#)]

Sweeten, Gary, **David C. Pyrooz**, and Alex R. Piquero
“Disengaging from gangs and desistance from crime.”
Justice Quarterly, 30(3):469-500. [[article link](#)]

Decker, Scott H., Chris Melde, and **David C. Pyrooz**
“What do we know about gangs and gang members and where do we go from here?”
Justice Quarterly, 30(3):369-402. [[article link](#)]

Moule, Jr., Richard K.*, **David C. Pyrooz**, and Scott H. Decker
“From ‘What the f#@% is a Facebook?’ to ‘Who doesn’t use Facebook?’ The role of criminal lifestyles in the adoption and use of the Internet.”
Social Science Research, 42(6):1411-1421. [[article link](#)]

- 2012 **Pyrooz, David C.**
 “Structural covariates of gang homicide in large U.S. cities.”
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, 49(4):489-518. [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**
 “Absconding among juvenile parolees in Arizona: Constructing and validating a gender-responsive risk instrument.”
Criminal Justice and Behavior, 39(7): 923-937. [[article link](#)]
- 2011 **Pyrooz, David C. and Scott H. Decker**
 “Motives and methods for leaving the gang: Understanding the process of gang desistance.”
Journal of Criminal Justice, 39(5):417-425. [[article link](#)]
 — Reprinted in Maxson, Cheryl L., Arlen Egley Jr., Jody Miller, and Malcolm W. Klein (2013). *The modern gang reader* (4th edition). New York: Oxford University Press.
- Decker, Scott H., and **David C. Pyrooz**
 “Gangs, terrorism, and radicalization.”
Journal of Strategic Security, 4(4): 151-166. [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C., Scott E. Wolfe, and Cassia Spohn**
 “Gang-related homicide charging decisions: The implementation of a specialized prosecution unit in Los Angeles.”
Criminal Justice Policy Review, 22(1):3-26. [[article link](#)]
 — Research featured in National Gang Center newsletter (Fall, 2012)
- Pyrooz, David C., Scott H. Decker, and Mark Fleisher**
 “From the street to the prison, from the prison to the street: Understanding and responding to prison gangs.”
Journal of Aggression, Conflict, and Peace Research, 3:12-24. [[article link](#)]
 — Highly Commended Paper, Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2012
- Wolfe, Scott E., **David C. Pyrooz**, and Cassia C. Spohn
 “Unraveling the effect of offender citizenship status on federal sentencing outcomes.”
Social Science Research, 40(1): 349-362. [[article link](#)]
- 2010 Decker, Scott H., and **David C. Pyrooz**
 “On the validity and reliability of gang homicide: A comparison of disparate sources.”
Homicide Studies, 14(4):359-376. [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C., Andrew M. Fox, and Scott H. Decker**
 “Racial and ethnic heterogeneity, economic disadvantage, and gangs: A macro-level study of gang membership in urban America.”
Justice Quarterly, 27(6):867-892. [[article link](#)]
- 2009 Kissner, Jason, and **David C. Pyrooz**
 “Self-control, differential association, and gang membership: A theoretical and empirical extension of the literature.”
Journal of Criminal Justice, 37(5):478-487. [[article link](#)]
- Decker, Scott H., Frank van Gemert, and **David C. Pyrooz**
 “Gangs, migration, and crime: The changing landscape in Europe and the USA.”
Journal of International Migration and Integration, 10(4):393-408. [[article link](#)]

Non-Refereed Works (book chapters, essays, media contributions)

- 2018 **Pyrooz, David** and James Densley
“Is gang activity on the rise? A movement to abolish gang databases makes it hard to tell”
The Conversation [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**, and Meghan M. Mitchell*
“The hardest time: Gang members in total institutions”
In Natasha Frost and Beth Huebner (Eds.), *Handbook on the Consequences of Sentencing and Punishment Decisions*, Volume 3. American Society of Criminology.
- Pyrooz, David C.**
“Using restrictive housing to manage gangs in U.S. prisons”
Corrections Today July/August: 10-13 [[article link](#)]
- Clark, Kendra J.,* **David C. Pyrooz**, and Ryan Randa
“School of hard knocks: Gangs, schools, and education in the United States”
In Harvey Shapiro’s (Ed.), *The Wiley Handbook on Violence in Education: Forms, Factors, and Preventions*, pp. 203-225. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
- 2017 Decker, Scott H., Caterina G. Roman, and **David C. Pyrooz**
“Disengaging from gang life: What works?”
The Crime Report [[article link](#)]
- Shjarback, John, Scott Decker, Scott Wolfe, and **David C. Pyrooz**
“Did the Ferguson shooting make police less proactive?”
Washington Post [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David** and James Densley
“To deal with antifa, designate it a street gang”
Wall Street Journal [[article link](#)]
- 2016 Wolfe, Scott E., Scott H. Decker, and **David C. Pyrooz**
“What does science tell us about the so-called Ferguson Effect?”
Quillette [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**, Richard K. Moule, Jr., and Scott H. Decker
“Closing the digital divide in criminological and criminal justice research”
ACJS Today, XLI(1), pp. 1-12. Greenbelt, MD: Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.
[[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**, and Kathleen A. Fox
“Triggerman today, dead man tomorrow: Gangs, violence, and victimization.”
In Carlos Cuevas and Callie M. Rennison (Eds.), *Handbook on the Psychology of Violence*, pp. 197-210. New York: Wiley.
- Sela-Shayovitz, Revital, **David C. Pyrooz**, and Scott H. Decker
“Israeli and US gangs in the virtual world: The sociocultural context of gang members’ online activity”
In Cheryl L. Maxson and Finn-Aage Esbensen (Eds.), *Gang Transitions and Transformations in International Context*. New York: Springer.

- Decker, Scott H., and **David C. Pyrooz**
 “The real gangbanging is in prison”
 In John Wooldredge and Paula Smith (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook on Prisons and Imprisonment*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2015 Moule, Jr., Richard K.,* Scott H. Decker, and **David C. Pyrooz**
 “Kollektive gewalt, gangs und das Internet”
 In Axel T. Paul and Benjamin Schwalb (Eds.), *Gewaltmassen: Uber eigendynamik und selbstorganisation kollektiver gewalt*, pp. 124-146. Hamburg: Hamburger Edition.
- Pyrooz, David C.**, and Meghan M. Mitchell*
 “Little gang research, big gang research.”
 In Scott H. Decker and David C. Pyrooz (Eds.), *The Handbook of Gangs*, pp. 28-58. Chichester, UK: Wiley.
- 2014 **Pyrooz, David C.**, and Scott H. Decker
 “Recent research on disengaging from gangs: Implications for practice”
 In John A. Humphrey and Peter Cordella (Eds.), *Effective interventions in the lives of criminal offenders*, pp. 81-98. New York: Springer. [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**
 Book review. Edward Orozco Flores’s *God’s gangs: Barrio ministry, masculinity, and gang recovery*. *Crime, Law, and Social Change*, 62(5):621-624. [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**, and Meghan M. Mitchell*
 “Prison gangs and subculture.”
 In Richard Wright (Ed.), *Oxford bibliographies: Criminology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**, and Alejandro A. Ferrer*
 “Gangs: Theories of involvement and behavior.”
 In J. Mitchell Miller (Ed.), *The encyclopedia of theoretical criminology*. Chichester, West Sussex, UK: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.
- Decker, Scott H., and **David C. Pyrooz**
 “Les gangs et al violence.”
 In Jean-Pierre Guay and Chantal Fredette (Eds.), *Le phénomène des gangs de rue: Théories, évaluations, intervention*, pp. 95-114. Montréal: Les Presses de l’Université de Montréal.
- Feavel, Katie*, and **David C. Pyrooz**
 “Desistance from gangs.”
 In Gerben Bruinsma and David Weisburd (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of criminology and criminal justice*, pp. 978-988. York: Springer.
- Decker, Scott H., and **David C. Pyrooz**
 “Gangs: Another form of organized crime?”
 In Letizia Paoli (Ed.), *Oxford handbook of organized crime*, pp. 270-287. New York: Oxford University Press. [[article link](#)]

- 2013 Moule, Jr., Richard K.,* Scott H. Decker, and **David C. Pyrooz**
 “Social capital, the life-course, and gangs.”
 In Chris L. Gibson and Marvin D. Krohn (Eds.), *Handbook of life-course criminology*, pp. 143-158. New York: Springer. [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**
 Book review. James C. Howell’s *Gangs in America’s communities*.
 Rutgers University, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books. [[article link](#)]
- Griffin, Marie L., **David C. Pyrooz**, and Scott H. Decker
 “Surviving and thriving: The growth, influence and administrative control of prison gangs.”
 In Jane L. Wood and Theresa A. Gannon (Eds.), *Crime and crime reduction: The importance of group processes*, pp. 137-156. New York: Routledge.
- Pyrooz, David C.**, and Scott H. Decker
 “Motifs et modalités de sortie d’une bande organisée : Compréhension du processus de retrait d’une bande.”
 In Marwan Mohammed (Ed.), *Sortir de la délinquance: Théories, enquêtes, perspectives internationales*. Paris: La Decouverte.
- 2012 Decker, Scott H., and **David C. Pyrooz**
 “Gang offending and online behavior.”
JRSA Forum, 30(3). [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**, Andrew M. Fox, Charles M. Katz, and Scott H. Decker
 “Gang organization, offending, and victimization: A cross-national analysis.”
 In Finn-Aage Esbensen and Cheryl L. Maxson (Eds.), *Youth gangs in international perspective: Results from the Eurogang Program of Research*, pp. 85-105. New York: Springer. [[article link](#)]
- Decker, Scott H., and **David C. Pyrooz**
 “Contemporary gang ethnographies.”
 In Francis T. Cullen and Pamela Wilcox (Eds.), *Oxford handbook of criminological theory*, pp. 274-293. New York: Oxford University Press. [[article link](#)]
- 2011 Decker, Scott H., and **David C. Pyrooz**
 “Timing is everything: Gangs, gang violence and the life course.”
 In Matt DeLisi and Kevin M. Beaver (Eds.), *Criminological theory: A life-course approach*, pp. 149-164. Boston, MA: Jones and Bartlett.
- 2010 Decker, Scott H., and **David C. Pyrooz**
 “Gang violence worldwide: Context, culture, and country.”
 In *Small Arms Survey 2010: Gangs, groups, and guns*, pp. 128-155. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**, and Scott H. Decker
 “James F. Short, Jr: Gangs and group processes.”
 In Francis T. Cullen and Pamela Wilcox (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of criminological theory*, pp. 842-846. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Invited Presentations

- 2018 *How do we get people out of gangs?*
Project Safe Neighborhoods, Department of Justice, Kansas City, MO.
- Blood in, blood out? Methods and motives for leaving gangs in prison*
Colloquium, Department of Criminology, University of Pennsylvania
- What have we learned about disengaging from gangs?*
Learning from Adjacent Fields: Gangs. Radicalisation Awareness Network. European Union Centre of Excellence. Prague, Czech Republic.
- Bringing the “gang” back into gang research: Group-level characteristics of gangs in the Texas prison system.*
Justice Center for Research, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Pennsylvania State University.
- The LoneStar Project briefing: Preliminary findings*
Correctional Management Institute of Texas and Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Huntsville, TX.
- 2017 *What can a century of research on street gangs teach us about outlaw motorcycle gangs?*
Leiden University and the National Police of the Netherland, Leiden.
- Prison, gangs, and the “final frontier”: Initial findings from the LoneStar Project*
Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine.
- The transition of gang members from the prison the street: Findings from the LoneStar Project.* The 6th Annual Los Angeles Gang Prevention & Intervention Conference.
- 2016 *Cut from the same cloth? Comparing domestic extremists and gang members*
Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), Washington DC
- Gang affiliation and restrictive housing in U.S. prisons: What do we know and where do we go from here?*
National Institute of Justice panel, American Correctional Association, Boston, MA
- 2015 *Gang activity on the internet*
Gangs & Guns Expert Witness Symposium
Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police Toronto, ON
- What do we know about gangs and gang members and where do we go from here?*
Justice Quarterly Editor’s Showcase: New Directions in Gang Research.
Annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL
- Disengaging from gangs and desistance from crime*
Justice Quarterly Editor’s Showcase: New Directions in Gang Research.
Annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.

- 2014 *Little gang research, big gang research*
Criminology Program in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Science, University of Texas at Dallas.
- School of hard knocks: Educational consequences of gang membership.*
Youth Violence Prevention Conference, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- 2011 *Racial and ethnic heterogeneity, economic disadvantage, and gangs: A macro-level study of gang membership in urban America.*
Justice Quarterly Invitational Showcase, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Toronto.
- 2007 Speaker, College of Social Sciences Graduate Commencement, California State University, Fresno

Teaching

Courses

University of Colorado Boulder

- Criminology* (graduate)
- Special Topics in Criminology--Solitary Confinement* (graduate)
- Quantitative Research Design* (graduate)
- Crime and Society* (undergraduate)
- Criminology* (undergraduate)
- Advanced Topics in Criminology--Gangs* (undergraduate)

Sam Houston State University

- Gangs: Causes and Consequences* (undergraduate, graduate)
- Introduction to Methods of Research* (undergraduate)
- Criminology* (undergraduate)

Arizona State University

- Gangs* (undergraduate)
- Juvenile Justice* (undergraduate)

California State University, Fresno

- Research Methods* (undergraduate)
- Criminology* (undergraduate)
- Juvenile Justice* (undergraduate)

Student Committees

Chair

- Kendra Clark (2018). *Rethinking prisonization: A longitudinal investigation of adherence to the convict code across stages of incarceration.* Master's Thesis, Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder.
- Mike Burtis (2017). *Pretending to be John Wayne is exhausting: How veteran treatment courts strategically redefine masculinity to produce healthy lifestyles among military veterans.* Master's Thesis, Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder.
- Jun Wu (2014). *The direct and indirect effects of gang membership on victimization.* Master's Thesis, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

Member

- Amanda Barrientez (2018). *Toward rehabilitative justice: The journey from de-habilitated boys to re-habilitated men*. Doctoral Dissertation, Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder
- Philip Pendergast (2018). *Redefining risk: Constructing and validating a Bayesian tool for reducing recidivism in the era of mass incarceration*. Doctoral Dissertation, Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder
- Jennifer Balliet (in progress). *Education, cultural context, and intimate partner abuse in the Global South*. Doctoral Dissertation, Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder.

External Reader

- Meghan Mitchell (2018) *The convict code revisited: An examination of prison culture and its association with violent misconduct and victimization*. Doctoral Dissertation, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University.
- Kallee Spooner (2018). *Prisoners' perceptions of procedural justice and legitimacy: Examining constructs and effects on recidivism*, Doctoral Dissertation, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University.
- Jun Wu (2018). *Understanding prison gang members' behavior: A test of gang and non-gang-related misconduct and victimization*. Doctoral Dissertation, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University.
- Jason Gravel (2013). *Jack-of-all-trades: Social capital, criminal versatility and brokerage in a street gang network*. Master's Thesis, Criminology, Simon Fraser University.

Service

Editorial Board

Criminology (2015-2017, 2018-present)
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency (2017-present)
Journal of School Violence (2015-present)
Journal of Criminal Justice (2013-present)
Psychology of Violence (2019-present)
Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice (2013-present)

Grant Reviewer

Centers for Disease Control
National Institute of Justice
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Manuscript Reviewer

Criminology

American Journal of Criminal Justice • *Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice*
• *Crime and Delinquency* • *Criminal Justice and Behavior* • *Criminal Justice Review*
• *Criminology* • *Criminology and Public Policy* • *European Journal of Criminology* • *Feminist Criminology* • *Global Crime* • *Homicide Studies* • *International Criminal Justice Review* •
International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice • *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* • *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* • *Journal of Crime and Justice* • *Journal of Criminal Justice* • *Journal of Criminological Research, Policy and Practice* •
Journal of Experimental Criminology • *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* • *Journal of School Violence* • *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* • *Justice Quarterly* • *Race and Justice*
• *Western Criminology Review* • *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*

Psychology/Medical

Aggression and Violent Behavior • *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* • *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry* • *Developmental Psychology* • *Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research* • *Ireland Health Research Board* • *Journal of Research on Adolescence* • *Psychology, Crime and Law* • *Psychology of Violence* • *Sage Open Medicine*

Sociology

International Journal of Comparative Sociology • *International Journal of Criminology and Sociology* • *Journal of Marriage and Family* • *Social Forces* • *Social Networks* • *Social Problems* • *Social Science Research* • *Socius*

Other Disciplines (General, Economics, Political Science, Social Work)

Applied Economics • *Children and Youth Services Review* • *Law & Society Review* • *PLOS ONE* • *Political and Legal Anthropology Review* • *Urban Affairs Review*

Book Presses

Oxford University Press • Rowman & Littlefield

Associations

Program Committee, Sub-area chair: Desistance theories, American Society of Criminology, 2019 San Francisco

Awards Committee, Member: Division of Juvenile Justice, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 2019 Baltimore

Program Committee, Sub-area chair: Gangs and Co-offenders, American Society of Criminology, 2018 Atlanta

Awards Committee, Member: Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology, American Society of Criminology, 2018 Atlanta

Awards Committee, Chair: New Scholar Award, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 2018 New Orleans

Program Committee, Organizer: Student Professional Development, American Society of Criminology, 2017 Philadelphia

Departmental and University

University of Colorado Boulder

Search Committee Co-Chair, Criminology, Department of Sociology, AY 2018-19

Merit Review Committee, Department of Sociology, AY 2016-17, AY 2017-18

Future Hires Committee, Department of Sociology, AY 2016-17, AY 2017-18

Search Committee Member, Director of Problem Behavior and Positive Youth Development, Institute of Behavioral Science, AY 2016-17

Discussant, Graduate Student Brown Bag series, "From Course Paper to Publication, Department of Sociology

Search Committee Member, Health and Sociology, Department of Sociology, AY 2015-16

Sam Houston State University

Discussant, Graduate Student Organization Brown Bag, "Tenure Track Jobs", Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, 2015

Graduate Standards and Admissions Committee, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, 2014-2015

Host, *CJ Movie Night and Roundtable Discussion*, College of Criminal Justice, September, 2014

Search Committee, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, AY2013

Graduate School and Beyond. Guest presentation, Doctoral Seminar in Criminal Justice Issues

Arizona State University

Doctoral Research Conference Organizing Committee, College of Public Programs, 2011-12

Co-editor, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice newsletter, 2010-12

Professional Societies

American Society of Criminology

Division on Corrections and Sentencing

Division of Developmental and Life Course Criminology

Division of Experimental Criminology

Division on Terrorism and Bias Crimes

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Eurogang Research Program