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EDUCATION:

- 2015            Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice  
University of Maryland, College Park  
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Jean McGloin
- 2011            M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice  
University of Maryland, College Park
- 2009            B.A. in Criminal Justice (Summa Cum Laude)  
Washington State University

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2019 - Present            Assistant Professor  
Department of Sociology  
University of Colorado Boulder
- 2015 - 2019            Assistant Professor  
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice  
University of Missouri-St. Louis

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REFEREED JOURNALS

\*Denotes a graduate student co-author

**Thomas, Kyle J.**, Jennifer O'Neill and Thomas A. Loughran. Estimating latent preferences for crime: Implications for rational choice, identity and desistance theories. Forthcoming in *Justice Quarterly*.

**Thomas, Kyle J.**, Greg Pogarsky and Thomas A. Loughran. Patterns on agency and crime: A response to critics on his behalf. Forthcoming in *Journal of Developmental and Life Course Criminology*

**Thomas, Kyle J.** and Holly Nguyen. 2021. Status gains versus status losses: Loss aversion and deviance. Forthcoming in *Justice Quarterly*.

**Thomas, Kyle J.** and Jennifer O'Neill\*. 2021. Reflected appraisals across multiple reference groups: Discrepancies in self and individual delinquency. *Social Science Research* 100, 102613.

McGloin, Jean Marie, **Kyle J. Thomas**, Zachary Rowen and Jessica Deitzer. Can the group disincentivize offending? Considering opt-out thresholds and decision reversals. *Criminology* 59: 738-765..

**Thomas, Kyle J.**, Thomas A. Loughran and Benjamin C. Hamilton\*. 2020. Perceived arrest risk, psychic rewards and offense specialization: A partial test of rational choice theory. *Criminology* 58: 485-509.

**Thomas, Kyle J.** and Timothy G. McCuddy\*. 2020. Affinity, affiliation and guilt: Examining between- and within-person differences in susceptibility to peer influence. *Justice Quarterly* 37: 715-738.

**Thomas, Kyle J.** and Matt Vogel. 2019. Testing a rational choice model of “desistance:” Decomposing changing expectations and changing utilities. *Criminology* 57: 687-714.

**Thomas, Kyle J.**, Jean Marie McGloin, and Christopher J. Sullivan. 2019. Quantifying the likelihood of false positives: Using sensitivity analysis to bound statistical inference. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 35: 631-662.

Hoeben, Evelien and **Kyle J. Thomas**. 2019. Peers and offender decision making. *Criminology and Public Policy* 18: 759-784.

**Thomas, Kyle J.** 2019. Rationalizing delinquency: Understanding the person-situation interaction through item response theory. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 56: 3-41.

McGloin, Jean Marie and **Kyle J. Thomas**. 2019. Peer influence in criminology. *Annual Review of Criminology* 2: 241-264.

**Thomas, Kyle J.**, Benjamin C. Hamilton\*, and Thomas. A. Loughran. 2018. Testing the transitivity of reported risk perceptions: Evidence of coherent arbitrariness. *Criminology* 56: 59-86 .

**Thomas, Kyle J.** 2018. Revisiting delinquent attitudes: Measurement, dimensionality and behavioral effects. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 34: 313-341.

McGloin, Jean Marie and **Kyle J. Thomas**. 2016. Incentives for collective deviance: Group size and changes in perceived risk, cost and reward. *Criminology* 54: 459-486.

McGloin, Jean Marie and **Kyle J. Thomas**. 2016. Considering the elements that inform perceived peer deviance. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 53: 597-625.

**Thomas, Kyle J.** 2016. Peer isolation and offense specialization: Investigating the role of peer influence in promoting offending versatility. *Crime and Delinquency* 62: 23-56.

**Thomas, Kyle J.** 2015. Delinquency peer influence on offending versatility: Can peers promote specialized delinquency? *Criminology* 53: 280-308.

- McGloin, Jean Marie, Christopher J. Sullivan, and **Kyle J. Thomas**. 2014. Peer influence in context: The interdependence of friendship groups, schoolmates and network density in predicting substance use. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*: 43: 1436-1452.
- Loughran, Thomas A., Raymond Paternoster and **Kyle J. Thomas**. 2014. How valid are self-report offending and subjective deterrence measures? An investigation using Bayesian Truth Serum. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 30: 677-707.
- Paternoster, Raymond, Jean Marie McGloin, Holly Nguyen, and **Kyle J. Thomas**. 2013. The causal impact of exposure to deviant peers: An experimental investigation. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 50: 476-503.
- Thomas, Kyle J.** and Jean Marie McGloin. 2013. A dual systems approach for understanding differential susceptibility to processes of peer influence. *Criminology* 51: 435-474.
- Thomas, Kyle J.**, Thomas A. Loughran, and Alex R. Piquero. 2013. Do individual characteristics explain variation in sanction risk updating among serious juvenile offenders?: Advancing the logic of differential deterrence. *Law and Human Behavior* 37: 10-21.
- Thomas, Kyle J.**, Peter A. Collins, and Nicholas P. Lovrich. 2011. An analysis of conductive energy device policies: Are municipal policing agencies meeting *PERF* recommendations. *Criminal Justice Policy Review* 23: 399-426.
- Mazeika, David, Brad Bartholomew, Michael Distler, **Kyle Thomas**, Sarah Greenman and Stephanie Pratt. Trends in Police Research: A Cross-Sectional Analysis of the 2000- 2007. 2010. *Police Practice and Research: An International Journal*, 11:520-547.
- Thomas, Kyle J.**, Peter A. Collins, and Nicolas P. Lovrich. 2010. Conductive Energy Device Use In Municipal Policing: Results Of A National Survey On Policy And Effectiveness Assessments. *Police Quarterly*, 13: 290-315.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

- Thomas, Kyle J.** and Benjamin C. Hamilton. Crime. In *Investigating Social Problems*. Javier Trevino (Ed.) Sage.
- McGloin, Jean Marie and **Kyle J. Thomas**. Revisiting Matza's Concepts of Affinity and Affiliation: Lessons for the Study of Peer Influence in Criminology. Forthcoming in *Delinquency and Drift Revisited: The Criminology of David Matza and Beyond*. Thomas Blomberg, Francis T. Cullen, Chrstiffer Carlsson and Cheryl Lero Jonson (Eds.).
- Thomas, Kyle J.** and Sally S. Simpson. 2013. Social learning theory. In Gerben .J.N. Bruinsma and David L. Weisburd (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*, Springer. New York.
- Thomas, Kyle J.** and Thomas A. Loughran. 2013. Rational choice and prospect theory. In Gerben J.N. Bruinsma and David L. Weisburd (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*, Springer. New York 2014

**Thomas, Kyle J.** and Matt R. Nobles. 2013. Perspectives on structure, normative conflict and social disorganization in *The Wire*. In Collins, Peter A. and David C. Brody. *Crime and Justice in the City as Seen Through "The Wire"*. Carolina Academic Press..

McGloin, Jean Marie and **Kyle J. Thomas**. 2013. Experimental Tests of Criminological Theory. In Brandon C. Welsh, Anthony A. Braga, and Gerben J. N. Bruinsima (eds.). *Experimental Criminology: Prospects for Advancing Science and Public Policy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

**Thomas, Kyle J.** 2011. Psychological Theories of Crime. *The Encyclopedia of American Law and Criminal Justice*. Facts on File, Inc. New York, NY

**Thomas, Kyle J.** 2012. Restorative Justice. *The Encyclopedia of American Law and Criminal Justice*. Facts on File, Inc. New York, NY.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SOCY 7004: Criminological Theory  
University of Colorado Boulder

SOCY 6111: Data 2: Data Analysis  
University of Colorado Boulder

SOCY 4014: Criminology  
University of Colorado Boulder

SOCY 4024: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency  
University of Colorado Boulder

CCJ 6440: Nature of Crime  
University of Missouri-St. Louis

CCJ 6480: Multivariate Statistics in Criminology  
University of Missouri-St. Louis

CCJ 2210: Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice  
University of Missouri-St. Louis

CCJ 1110: Theories of Crime  
University of Missouri-St. Louis

CCJS 454: Seminar in Criminological Theory  
University of Maryland

CCJS 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice  
University of Maryland

CCJS 200: Statistics for Criminology and Criminal Justice (Teaching Assistant)  
University of Maryland  
Summer 2010

CCJS 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice (Teaching Assistant)  
University of Maryland

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

*Nonparametric Statistics in Criminology and Criminal Justice.* Invited presentation for the Methodological Applications for Criminology. University of Colorado Boulder. October 2021.

*Structural Predictors of Offender Decision Making: Testing a Rational Choice Model of Crime.* Invited Presentation at the Institute of Behavioral Science. University of Colorado Boulder. September 2020.

*Decision-Making Processes and Desistance from Crime: The Relative Importance of Changing Expectations and Changing Preferences.* Invited presentation at the Pennsylvania State University. October 2018.

*Understanding Peer Influence through a Decision Making Framework: Implications and Prospects.* Invited presentation at the Albany Symposium of Offender Decision Making. State University of New York at Albany. April 2018.

*Nonparametric Statistics in Criminology and Criminal Justice.* Invited presentation for the Methodological Applications for Criminology. University of Missouri-St. Louis. October 2017.

*Item Response Theory: Applications for Criminology and Criminal Justice.* Invited workshop at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. May 2016.

*Item Response Theory: Applications for Criminology and Criminal Justice.* Invited workshop at the University of Nebraska, Omaha. April 2016.

*Getting to the Core of Poverty.* Invited panel discussant for the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Washington State University.

#### PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS:

Thomas, Kyle, Jennifer O'Neill and Lee Slocum. Testing a unified rational choice and identity theory of crime. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. November 2021.

Thomas, Kyle, Jennifer O'Neill and Thomas Loughran. A discrete choice random utility model of crime: Implications for rational choice, identity and desistance theories. Paper presented at the *Western Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting. Phoenix, AZ. February 2020.

Thomas, Kyle, Eric Baumer and Thomas Loughran. Structural determinants of individual perceptions and preferences. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. November 2019

Thomas, Kyle and Jennifer O'Neill. Reflected appraisals across multiple reference groups: Examining discrepancies in the concept of self. Paper presented at the *Western Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting. Honolulu, HI. February 2019.

Thomas, Kyle and Matt Vogel. Testing a rational choice model of "desistance": Decomposing changing expectations and changing utilities. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. November, 2018.

Thomas, Kyle J. and Holly Nguyen. Status gains versus status losses: Social framing, loss aversion and deviance. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. November 2017.

Loughran, Thomas A., Kyle J. Thomas and Jean Marie McGloin. Just bad decisions? Decision-making competencies in an offending sample. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. November 2017.

Thomas, Kyle J and Timothy McCuddy. Delinquent peers and drift: Between- and within-variability in susceptibility to delinquent peers. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. November 2016

Hamilton, Benjamin C., Kyle Thomas, and Thomas Loughran. Coherent arbitrariness in reported risk perceptions: Implications for deterrence research. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. November 2016

Thomas, Kyle J., Benjamin Hamilton, and Thomas Loughran. Unanswered Questions in Deterrence Theory: Crime-Specific Risk Updating and Behavioral Effects. Paper presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 2016

Thomas, Kyle J. Understanding delinquent rationalizations through item response theory: Implications for theory and research. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. November 2015.

McGloin, Jean M., Kyle J. Thomas and Christopher Sullivan. Considering the consequences of controlling for friendship selection. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. November 2015.

Thomas, Kyle J. Acting on attitudes: Examining the intersection between situational circumstances and attitudes on the emergence of delinquency. Paper presented at the *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences* Annual Meeting. Orlando, FL. March 2015.

Thomas, Kyle J. Specific attitudes towards delinquency: Identification, measurement and effects on behavior. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. November 2014.

Thomas, Kyle J., Holly Nguyen and Jean McGloin. Spur of the moment or planned cooperation? Examining the correlates of (non) spontaneous group offending. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. November 2013.

Thomas, Kyle J. and Jean Marie McGloin. Differential association with crime-specific behavior patterns: Can peers promote specialized offending? Paper presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, New York, NY. August 2013.

Thomas, Kyle J. and Jean Marie McGloin. A dual systems approach for understanding differential susceptibility to processes of peer influence. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. November 2012.

Thomas, Kyle J. Peer isolation and offense specialization: Investigating the role of peer influence in promoting offending versatility. Paper presented at the *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences* Annual Meeting, New York, NY. March, 2012.

Sullivan, Christopher J., Jean McGloin, and Kyle J. Thomas. Disentangling the contributors to peer influence on delinquency. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. November, 2011.

Nguyen, Holly and Kyle J. Thomas. Homophily in co-offending groups: Considering the role of neighborhood. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. November, 2011.

Thomas, Kyle J. and Jean Marie McGloin. Protection from the risk of unstructured and unsupervised socializing with peers. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. November, 2011.

Thomas, Kyle J. and Jean McGloin. On the Relationship between propensity and peers: The elusive point of vulnerability. Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. November, 2010.

Thomas, Kyle J., Peter A. Collins, and Stephanie M. Pratt. A Qualitative Review of Written CED Policies in Municipal Policing Agencies Paper presented at the *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. November, 2010.

Thomas, Kyle J. and Peter A. Collins. Conductive Energy Device Use In Municipal Policing: Results Of A National Survey On Policy And Effectiveness Assessments. \. Paper presented at the *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences* Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. February, 2010.

Thomas, Kyle J. Parental Alcohol Abuse as a Predictor of Antisocial Behavior in a College Sample. Poster Presentation at *The American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. November, 2009.

Thomas, Kyle J., Garrett Foster, and Peter A. Collins. Tasing Down the Streets: An Analysis of Police Use of Force. Paper presented at *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences* Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. March 2009.

## GRANTS AND FUNDED RESEARCH:

Project R.E.S.T.O.R.E.: Youth Violence Prevention in St. Louis County (Evaluation Component)

Total Amount: \$356,000

Taylor, Terrence J., Kyle Thomas, and Matt Vogel.

UMSL Communities Safe School Initiative.

Total Amount: \$1.6 million

Esbensen, Finn, Lee Slocum, Elaine Doherty, Terrence Taylor, Kyle Thomas, Matt Vogel and Stephanie Wiley.

CougParent Funding Program- Total Amount: \$2,000

Thomas, Kyle J. and Peter A. Collins. *Tasing Down the Streets: National Survey on the Police Use of Force Continuum and the Effectiveness of Electro-Muscular Disruption Devices in Reducing Lethal Force*

## AWARDS, MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

All S.T.A.R. (Student, Teaching and Research) Award for Outstanding Graduate Student: University of Maryland. 2013-2014.

Outstanding Graduating Senior Award: Washington State University, College of Liberal Arts May, 2009.

Outstanding Criminal Justice Undergraduate: Washington State University Criminal Justice Program April, 2009

Washington State University Police Department Police Advisory Board  
Criminal Justice Undergraduate Member  
2008-2009

V.A. Leonard Scholarship Award  
Department of Political Science Criminal Justice Program  
Academic Year: 2008-2009

Frank and Irene Potter Memorial Scholarship Award  
College of Liberal Arts  
Academic Year: 2008-2009

Washington State University Criminal Justice Club  
Position: President  
Responsibilities: Ensure the responsibilities of the club are being executed efficiently; assist in organizing guest speakers; assist in the organization of fundraising opportunities; organize community service activities;  
2007-2009

Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society; Alpha Chapter



Position: Vice President

Community service activities include: Annual food drive for the Alternative to Violence on the Palouse Shelter, Sponsoring YWCA Week Without Violence, Co-Sponsors for the National Homelessness and Hunger Awareness Week, Fundraising for Washington State Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program, 2007-2009

Washington State University Criminal Justice Club

Position: Coordinator

Responsibilities: Contact and organize guest speakers from various areas of the Criminal Justice System.

2006-2007

National Society of Collegiate Scholars

2006-Present

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER FOR:

*Criminology*

*Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER FOR:

*American Journal of Sociology*

*Criminology*

*Journal of Adolescence*

*Journal of Quantitative Criminology*

*Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*

*Justice Quarterly*

*Journal of Experimental Criminology*

*Criminal Justice and Behavior*

*European Journal of Criminology*

*Rationality and Society*

*Social Problems*

*Social Science Research*

*Sociological Quarterly*

*Police Quarterly*

SERVICE:

University/College Service

Boulder Faculty Assembly, Department Senator  
2022

CARTSS Grant Reviewer

2022

### Departmental Service

Department of Sociology Undergraduate Committee Member  
2019-Present

Criminology and Criminal Justice Working Group, Co-Advisor  
2019-Present

### Professional Organization Service

Area sub-chair for “Deterrence, rational choice and offender decision-making.  
2022 *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting

Area sub-chair for “Quantitative Methods.”  
2021 *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting

Area sub-chair for “Deterrence, rational choice and offender decision-making.  
2020 *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting

### Masters Committees

Erica Jackson, 2021 (Chair)  
Elizabeth Weltman, 2020  
Alysa Kaiser, 2019  
Lauren McCloud, 2018  
Claire Greene, 2017  
Allyson Gatens, 2016

### Dissertation Committees

Jennifer O’Neill, 2021  
Ben Hamilton, 2020 (Chair)  
Sultan Alkitri (External: University of Cincinnati), 2020  
Shaina Herman (External: SUNY Albany), 2020  
Kendra Clark, 2020  
Jennifer Balliet, 2020  
Will Bryant, 2020  
Timothy McCuddy, 2018

### Qualifying Committees

Elizabeth Weltman, 2021  
Jose Sanches, 2021  
Jennifer Tostlebe, 2020  
Anthony Michalka, 2019 (Chair)  
Benjamin Hamilton, 2018 (Chair)  
Timothy McCuddy, 2016

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