***Curriculum Vitae***

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**EDUCATION**

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| 2018 | Ph.D., Criminology and Criminal Justice, Florida State University |
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| 2012 | M.S., Criminology and Criminal Justice, Florida State University |
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| 2008 | B.S., Criminal Justice and Criminology, Radford University |

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

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| 2023-present | Associate Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Louisville |
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| 2018-2023 | Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Louisville |

**AWARDS**

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| 2021 | Early Career Award, Division of Developmental and Life Course Criminology,  American Society of Criminology |

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS** \*Denotes graduate student coauthor.

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| *Forth* | **Widdowson, Alex O.**, and \*Anna M. Kyser. Investigating the impact of prior criminal justice contact on labor market outcomes during the COVID-19 pandemic: A propensity score analysis. *Crime & Delinquency.* doi:10.1177/00111287231225139 |
|  |  |
| *Forth* | **Widdowson, Alex O.**, Javier Ramos, \*Kayla Alaniz, and Kristin Swartz. The within-individual effects of U.S. immigration on individual-level offending during adolescence and early adulthood. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*. |
|  | doi: 10.1177/00224278231161028 |
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| 2024 | **Widdowson, Alex O.**, J. W. Andrew Ranson, and \*Anna M. Kyser. Continuity of |
|  | offending in young adulthood: A test of Moffitt’s snares hypothesis. *Crime & Delinquency* 70:157-181. |
|  |  |
| 2023 | Fisher, Benjamin W., and **Alex O. Widdowson**. Racial and ethnic differences in the consequences of school suspension for arrest. *Criminology* 61:622-653. |
| 2022 | Siennick, Sonja E., and **Alex O**. **Widdowson**. Juvenile arrest and later economic |
|  | attainment: Strength and mechanisms of the relationship. *Journal of Quantitative* |
|  | *Criminology* 38:23-50. |
|  |  |
| 2021 | **Widdowson, Alex O.**, \*L. Sergio Garduno, and Benjamin W. Fisher. The school-to- |
|  | gang pipeline: Examining the impact of school suspension on joining a gang for the |
|  | first time. *Crime & Delinquency* 67:997-1021. |
|  |  |
| 2021 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**., Carter Hay, and Sonja E. Siennick. Romantic partners and |
|  | young adult offending: Considering the role of partner’s socioeconomic characteristics. |
|  | *Criminology* 59:158-190. |
|  |  |
| 2021 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**., and Sonja E. Siennick. The effects of residential mobility on criminal persistence and desistance during the transition to adulthood. *Journal of* |
|  | *Research in Crime and Delinquency* 58:151-191. |
|  |  |
| 2020 | Siennick, Sonja E., **Alex O. Widdowson**, and Mark E. Feinberg. Youth with co- |
|  | occurring delinquency and depressive symptoms: Do they have better or worse |
|  | delinquent outcomes? *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 49:1260-1276. |
|  |  |
| 2020 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**., and Benjamin W. Fisher. Mass incarceration and subsequent preventive healthcare: Mechanisms and racial/ethnic disparities. *American Journal of* |
|  | *Public Health* 110:S145-S151. |
|  |  |
| 2020 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**., Wade C. Jacobsen, Sonja E. Siennick, and Patricia Y. Warren. |
|  | Together despite the odds: Explaining racial and ethnic heterogeneity in union dissolution after incarceration. *Criminology* 58:129-155. |
|  |  |
| 2020 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**., J. W. Andrew Ranson, Sonja E. Siennick, Kelly L. Rulison, and |
|  | D. Wayne Osgood. Exposure to persistently delinquent peers and substance use onset: |
|  | A test of Moffitt’s social mimicry hypothesis. *Crime & Delinquency* 66:420-445. |
|  |  |
| 2019 | Forrest, Walter, Carter Hay, **Alex O**. **Widdowson**, and Michael Rocque. The |
|  | development of impulsivity and risk-seeking: Implications for the dimensionality and |
|  | stability of self-control. *Criminology* 57:512-543. |
|  |  |
| 2018 | Hay, Carter, **Alex O**. **Widdowson**, Meg Bates, Michael T. Baglivio, Katherine |
|  | Jackowski, and Mark A. Greenwald. Predicting recidivism among released juvenile |
|  | offenders in Florida: An evaluation of the residential positive achievement tool. *Youth* |
|  | *Violence and Juvenile Justice* 16:97-116. |
|  |  |
| 2018 | Hay, Carter, **Alex O. Widdowson**, and Brae C. Young. Self-control stability and |
|  | change for incarcerated juvenile offenders. *Journal of Criminal Justice* 56:50-59. |
|  |  |
| 2017 | Hay, Carter, Ryan C. Meldrum, **Alex O**. **Widdowson**, and Alex R. Piquero. Early |
|  | aggression and later delinquency: Considering the redirecting role of good parenting. |
|  | *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 15:374-395. |
|  |  |
| 2017 | Siennick, Sonja E., and **Alex O**. **Widdowson**. Incarceration and financial dependency |
|  | during and after “youth.” *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology* 3: |
|  | 397-412. |
|  |  |
| 2017 | Siennick, Sonja E., **Alex O**. **Widdowson**, and Daniel T. Ragan. New students’ peer |
|  | integration and exposure to deviant peers: Spurious effects of school moves? *Journal of* |
|  | *Early Adolescence* 37:1254-1279. |
|  |  |
| 2017 | Siennick, Sonja E., **Alex O**. **Widdowson**, Mathew K. Woessner, Mark E. Feinberg, and |
|  | Richard L. Spoth. Risk factors for substance misuse and adolescents’ symptoms of |
|  | depression. *Journal of Adolescent Health* 60:50-56. |
|  |  |
| 2016 | Siennick, Sonja E., **Alex O**. **Widdowson**, Mathew Woessner, and Mark E. Feinberg. |
|  | Adolescent depression, peer substance, use, and the onset of substance use. *Journal of* |
|  | *Research on Adolescence* 26:645-657. |
|  |  |
| 2016 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**., Sonja E. Siennick, and Carter Hay. The implications of arrest |
|  | for college enrollment: An analysis of long-term effects and mediating mechanisms. |
|  | *Criminology* 54:621-652. |
|  | ^Featured in *Criminological Highlights* volume 16(4) |

**GRANTS**

**Funded Research**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 2022-2025 | Fisher, Benjamin W., Thomas J. Mowen, Samantha Viano, Aishia Brown, **Alex O. Widdowson**, and John H. Boman. More than just safety: School security measures and academic, behavioral, and social outcomes. *Institute of Education Sciences*, R305A220359 ($1,698,516). Role: Investigator. |

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS** \*Denotes graduate student coauthor.

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| 2024 | **Widdowson, Alex O.**, Benjamin W. Fisher, Thomas J. Mowen, Samantha Viano, Aishia A. Brown, John H. Boman IV, Kristina N. LaVenia, and \*Holly Kratzwald. School security measures and academic, behavioral, and social outcomes: Have the associations changed over time? *Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Chicago, IL*. |
|  |  |
| 2023 | \*Humphrey, Branna, Kristin Swartz, and **Alex O. Widdowson**. Trauma then and now: Exploring the relationship between adverse childhood experiences, violence and trauma in the workplace, and PTSD among correctional officers. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA*. |
|  |  |
| 2023 | Siennick, Sonja E., and **Alex O. Widdowson**. Is one month enough?: Examining how long an incarceration spell must be to affect post-release outcomes. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA*. |
|  |  |
| 2023 | Viano, Samantha, Benjamin W. Fisher, John H. Boman IV, Thomas J. Mowen, **Alex O. Widdowson**, Aishia A. Brown., and Kristina N. LaVenia. The prison industrial complex goes to school: School security measures and teachers, principal, and school-level outcomes. *Paper presented at the Public Policy Analysis and Management annual meeting, Atlanta, GA*. |
|  |  |
| 2023 | Viano, Samantha, Benjamin W. Fisher, John H. Boman IV, Thomas J. Mowen, **Alex O. Widdowson**, Aishia A. Brown, and Kristina N. LaVenia. Does hardening schools exacerbate educational inequality? School security measures and teacher, principal, and school-level outcomes. *Paper presented at the University Council for Educational Administration, Minneapolis, MN.* |
|  |  |
| 2023 | Mowen, Thomas J., Benjamin W. Fisher, Samantha Viano, Aishia A. Brown, **Alex O. Widdowson**., and John H. Boman IV. School security and achievement: Racial and ethnic pathways. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL.* |
|  |  |
| 2022 | \*Kyser, Anna M., and **Alex O. Widdowson**. Mass incarceration, work, and health: |
|  | Assessing how those with a history of arrest and incarcerated fared during the |
|  | COVID-19 pandemic. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society* |
|  | *of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.* |
|  |  |
| 2022 | J. W. Andrew Rason, **Alex O. Widdowson**, and \*Anna M. Kyser. Mind the gap: |
|  | Examining the influence of the maturity gap on delinquency and substance use. *Paper* |
|  | *presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.* |
|  |  |
| 2022 | **Widdowson, Alex O.**, and Sonja E. Siennick. Incarceration length and post- |
|  | release employment outcomes: Investigating the underlying mechanisms. *Paper* |
|  | *presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.* |
|  |  |
| 2021 | Fisher, Benjamin W., and **Alex O. Widdowson**. Racial and ethnic differences in the |
|  | link between suspension and arrest. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the* |
|  | *American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.* |
|  |  |
| 2021 | Jacobsen, Wade C., Jessica Deitzer, \*Anat Kimchi, D. Wayne Osgood, \*Cassandra |
|  | Philippon, **Alex O. Widdowson**. Adolescent arrest, friendship, and unstructured |
|  | socializing. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of* |
|  | *Criminology, Chicago, IL.* |
|  |  |
| 2021 | \*Kyser, Anna M., **Alex O. Widdowson**, and J. W. Andrew Ranson. Continuity of |
|  | offending in young adulthood: A test of Moffitt’s snares hypothesis. *Paper presented* |
|  | *at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.* |
|  |  |
| 2021 | **Widdowson, Alex O.**, and Javier Ramos. A life-course approach to immigration and |
|  | crime: Examining the within-individual effects of immigration on individual |
|  | offending. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of* |
|  | *Criminology, Chicago, IL.* |
|  |  |
| 2019 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**. Does leaving the neighborhood mean leaving the gang?: |
|  | Considering the role that long distance residential mobility plays in desistance from |
|  | gangs and criminal offending. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American* |
|  | *Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.* |
|  |  |
| 2019 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**., and Sonja E. Siennick. Economic disparities in young |
|  | adulthood: The impact of juvenile arrest on financial assets and debt. *Paper presented* |
|  | *at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.* |
|  |  |
| 2018 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**. Cutting ties with prior places: Considering the role that |
|  | residential mobility plays in desistance from crime and substance use during the |
|  | transition to adulthood. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society* |
|  | *of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.* |
|  |  |
| 2017 | Hay, Carter, Brae C. Young, and **Alex O. Widdowson**. Treatment quality and |
|  | behavioral change among incarcerated offenders: Assessing a Standardized Program |
|  | Evaluation Protocol in Florida. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American* |
|  | *Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.* |
|  |  |
| 2017 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**., Carter Hay, and Sonja E. Siennick. Romantic partnerships and |
|  | desistance from crime: Considering the role of partner’s socioeconomic |
|  | characteristics. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of* |
|  | *Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.* |
|  |  |
| 2016 | Hay, Carter, and **Alex O**. **Widdowson**. The foreshadowing of desistance among |
|  | incarcerated juvenile offenders. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of* |
|  | *American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.* |
|  |  |
| 2016 | Scaggs, Samuel J. A., **Alex O**. **Widdowson**, and William D. Bales. A wrinkle (over) |
|  | time: County-level predictors of an aging population sentenced to prison in Florida |
|  | from 1980 to 2010. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society* |
|  | *of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.* |
|  |  |
| 2016 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**. Residential mobility and desistance from crime during young |
|  | adulthood. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of* |
|  | *Criminology, New Orleans, LA.* |
|  |  |
| 2016 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**., Wade C. Jacobsen, Sonja E. Siennick, and Patricia Y. Warren. |
|  | Together despite the odds: Relationship resilience following incarceration in the |
|  | United States. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of* |
|  | *America, Session 214: Incarceration and Family Life, Washington, DC.* |
|  |  |
| 2015 | Siennick, Sonja E., and **Alex O**. **Widdowson**. Incarceration and off-time development |
|  | during and after “youth.” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American* |
|  | *Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.* |
|  |  |
| 2015 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**., J. W. Andrew Ranson, Sonja E. Siennick, Kelly L. Rulison, |
|  | and D. Wayne Osgood. An empirical test of Moffitt’s social mimicry hypothesis. |
|  | *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology,* |
|  | *Washington, DC.* |
|  |  |
| 2015 | Siennick, Sonja E., **Alex O**. **Widdowson**, and Mark E. Feinberg. Early adolescent |
|  | depression, peer substance use, and the onset of substance use. *Paper presented at the* |
|  | *biannual meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA.* |
|  |  |
| 2014 | **Widdowson, Alex O**., Sonja E. Siennick, and Daniel T. Ragan. The structure and |
|  | behavioral content of new students’ friendship networks. *Paper presented at the* |
|  | *annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.* |
|  |  |
| 2013 | Hay, Carter, and **Alex O**. **Widdowson**. Changes in risk and protective factors among |
|  | incarcerated juveniles in Florida. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the* |
|  | *American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.* |
|  |  |
| 2013 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**., Carter Hay, and Sonja E. Siennick. Delinquency and |
|  | educational attainment: Considering the role of advanced placement coursework. |
|  | *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology,* |
|  | *Atlanta, GA.* |
|  |  |
| 2012 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**. An empirical examination of Moffitt’s snares hypothesis. *Paper* |
|  | *presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.* |
|  |  |
| 2011 | **Widdowson**, **Alex O**., Carter Hay, Ryan C. Meldrum, and Alex R. Piquero. Early |
|  | problem behavior and later delinquency: Considering the moderating role of the |
|  | family. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of The American Society of* |
|  | *Criminology, Washington, DC*. |

**PAST POSITIONS HELD**

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| 2018 | Project Analyst: The Florida Juvenile Justice Residential Program |
|  | Recidivism and Cost-Effectiveness Study. Principle Investigator: Dr. Sonja |
|  | Siennick. Funded by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. |
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| 2017 | Project Analyst: Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) |
|  | Assessment Study. Principle investigator: Dr. Carter Hay. Funded by the |
|  | Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. |
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| 2013-2018 | Project Analyst: Adolescent Friendship Networks and the Emergence of |
|  | Substance Use. Principle investigator: Dr. Sonja E. Siennick. Funded by the |
|  | National Institute on Drug Abuse. |
|  |  |
| 2011-2013 | Project Analyst: Residential Positive Achievement Change Tool (R-PACT) |
|  | Validation Study. Principle investigator: Dr. Carter Hay. Funded by the |
|  | Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. |
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| 2010-2011 | Graduate Assistant: Dr. Carter Hay and Dr. Gordon P. Waldo |

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Doctoral Courses Taught (University of Louisville)**

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| CJ749 Advanced Statistical Analysis in Criminal Justice: Fall 2023 |
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| CJ751 Computer Applications in Criminal Justice: Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022,  Spring 2023, Spring 2024 |
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| CJ752 Research Methods: Fall 2022, Fall 2023 |

**Graduate Courses Taught (University of Louisville)**

CJ649 Applied Statistics in Criminal Justice: Fall 2019, Fall 2020

**Undergraduate Courses Taught (University of Louisville)**

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| CJ305 Criminal Behavior (In-Person): | Fall 2018 (2 sections), Spring 2019 (2 sections), Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2021 (2 sections),  Spring 2022 |
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| CJ305 Criminal Behavior (Online): | Summer 2019, Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021, Fall 2022, Summer 2022, Summer 2023 |

**Undergraduate Courses Taught (Florida State University)**

Criminal and Delinquent Behavior: Summer 2017

**Independent Studies/Mentored Research (University of Louisville)**

Holly Kratzwald, Doctoral Student, Spring 2024

Katelyn McMahon, Doctoral Student, Spring 2024

Branna Humphrey, Doctoral Student, Fall 2022

Anna Kyser, Doctoral Student, Fall 2021

Rychelle Moses, Doctoral Student, Fall 2021

Amy Yabao, Doctoral Student, Spring 2021

**Doctoral Dissertation Committees (University of Louisville)**

Ivan Benitez (August 2022). “SRO roles and teacher training on positive behavioral

intervention strategies: a multivariate analysis on behavioral approaches and student outcomes.”

Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member

Anna M. Kyser (expected 2024). “Mass incarceration, work, and health: Assessing

how those with a history of arrest and incarceration fared during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Doctoral Dissertation Chair

**Graduated Students Supervised**

L. Sergio Garduno, University of Louisville

Holly Kratzwald, University of Louisville

Anna M. Kyser, University of Louisville

**Professional Development**

Delphi U: Principles of Online Course Design (8 weeks, 20 hours)

**Awards**

UofL Student Champion Award (2022)

**SERVICE**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Editorial Boards**

*Journal of Youth and Adolescence* (2021-present)

*Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* (2018-present)

**Journal Reviewer**

*Advances in Life Course Research, American Journal of Criminal Justice, American Journal of*

*Hypertension, Asian Journal of Criminology, Criminal Justice and Behavior, Criminal Justice*

*Review, Criminal Justice Studies*, *Criminology, Criminology & Public Policy, Deviant*

*Behavior, Health Affairs, Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Journal of Family Violence*, *Journal of*

*Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, Journal of*

*Youth and Adolescence, Justice Quarterly*, *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies*, *New*

*Directions for Child and Adolescent Development*, *Social Problems*, *Sociology of Education*,

and *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*.

**Professional Affiliations**

*Member of the American Society of Criminology* (2011-present)

*Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*

**INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Departmental Service**

|  |  |
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| Mar 2023-  present | Merit System Review (Ad Hoc) Committee, Chair, University of Louisville, Department of Criminal Justice. |
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| Jan 2022- | Graduate Program Committee, Member, University of Louisville, Department of |
| present | Criminal Justice |
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| July 2021- | Doctoral Student Qualifier Review Committee, Member, University of Louisville, |
| present | Department of Criminal Justice. |
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| Aug 2019- | Professional Development Committee, Member, University of Louisville, |
| present | Department of Criminal Justice. |
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| Aug 2018- | Culture and Climate Committee, Member, University of Louisville, |
| Aug 2019 | Department of Criminal Justice. |
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**University Service**

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| Mar 2022 | Faculty Judge for 15th Annual Graduate Student Regional Research Conference. |
|  | Hosted by University of Louisville’s Graduate Student Council. |
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| Mar 2021 | Faculty Judge for 14th Annual Graduate Student Regional Research Conference. |
|  | Hosted by University of Louisville’s Graduate Student Council. |

**Community Service**

Statistical and Program Consultant to Westerville City Schools (K-12), Westerville, OH.

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request