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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Criminal Justice, 2005, Rutgers University, School of Criminal Justice.  
*Dissertation Title: An Examination of Individual, Situational, and Social Structural Predictors of Homicides: Are There Differences Among Homicide Subtypes?*  
(Advisors: George Kelling, Ron Clarke, Leslie Kennedy, & Travis Pratt)

M.A., Criminal Justice, 2002, Rutgers University, School of Criminal Justice.

B.S., Criminal Justice (Honors), 2000, Rutgers University.

**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

2006-Present Assistant Professor. School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University.

2005-2006 Visiting Assistant Professor. School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University.

2005 Research Associate. Police Institute, Rutgers University.

1999-2005 Research Assistant. Greater Newark Safer Cities Initiative, Police Institute, Rutgers University.

2001-2002 Research Assistant. Rhode Island Traffic Stop Statistics Act, Northeastern University Institute of Race and Justice, Northeastern University.

2001 Research Assistant. Bradley Project, Police Foundation.

1999-2000 Research Assistant. Community Policing and Crime Victims Study, Police Foundation.

1998-1999 Research Assistant. Jersey City Crime Displacement Project, Police Foundation.

## SCHOLARSHIP

(Updated September 28, 2011)

### Articles (Peer-Reviewed Journals)

Gruenewald, Jeffrey, Steven Chermak, and **Jesenia M. Pizarro**. (Forthcoming). "Covering Victims in the News: What Makes Minority Homicides Newsworthy." *Justice Quarterly*.

Pizarro, Jesenia M., and April M. Zeoli. (Forthcoming). "An Assessment of the Supplementary Homicide Reports: A Research Note." *Justice Quarterly*.

Pizarro, Jesenia M., Kristen M. Zgoba, and Wesley Jennings. 2011. "Assessing the Interaction between Offender and Victim Criminal Lifestyles & Homicide Type." *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 39 (5): 367-377.

DeJong, Christina, **Jesenia M. Pizarro**, and Edmund McGarrell. 2011 "Can Situational and Structural Factors Differentiate between Intimate Partner and "Other" Homicide?" *Journal of Family Violence*, 26 (5): 365-376.

Hall, Ronald, E., and **Jesenia M. Pizarro**. 2011. "Cool Pose: Black Male Homicide and the Social Implications of Manhood." *Journal of Social Service Research*, 37 (1): 86-98.

Diem, Chelsea, and **Jesenia M. Pizarro**. 2010. "Social Structure and Family Homicides." *Journal of Family Violence*. *Journal of Family Violence*, 25 (5): 521-532.

Pizarro, Jesenia M., Christina DeJong, and Edmund McGarrell. 2010. "An Examination of the Covariates of Female Homicide Victimization and Offending." *Feminist Criminology*, 5 (1): 51-72.

Hall, Ronald E., and **Jesenia M. Pizarro**. 2010. "Unemployment as Conduit of Black Self-Hate: Pathogenic Rates of Black Male Homicide via Legacy of the Antebellum." *Journal of Black Studies*, 40 (4): 653-665.

Adams, Jennifer J., and **Jesenia M. Pizarro**. 2009. "MS-13: A Gang Profile." *Journal of Gang Research*, 16 (4): 1-14.

Narag, Raymund E., **Jesenia M. Pizarro**, and Carole Gibbs. 2009. "Lead Exposure and Its Implication to Criminological Theory." *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 36 (9): 954-973.

Gruenewald, Jeffrey, **Jesenia M. Pizarro**, and Steven Chermak. 2009. "Evaluating the Newsworthiness of Homicide Incidents." *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 37 (3): 262-272.

Pizarro, Jesenia M. 2008. "Reassessing the Situational Covariates of Homicides: Is There a Need to Disaggregate?" *Homicide Studies*, 12 (4): 323-49.

Pizarro, Jesenia M., and William W. Sousa. 2008. "Strategic Problem Solving As a Tool for Violence Prevention." *Law Enforcement Executive Forum*, 8 (3): 99-110.

Pizarro, Jesenia M., and Raymund E. Narag. 2008. "Supermax Prisons: What We Know, What We Do Not Know, & Where We Are Going." *The Prison Journal*, 88 (1): 23-42.

Pizarro, Jesenia M., Nicholas A. Corsaro, and Sung-suk Yu. 2007. "Journey to Crime: An Application of Routine Activities and Crime Pattern Theory to Homicide Victimization and Perpetration." *Victims & Offenders*, 2 (4): 375-394.

Pizarro, Jesenia M., Steven Chermak, and Jeffrey Gruenewald. 2007. "Juvenile 'Super-Predators' in the News: A Comparison of Adult and Juvenile Homicides." *Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture*, 14 (1): 84-111.

Pizarro, Jesenia M., and Jean M. McGloin. 2006. "Explaining Gang Homicides in Newark, NJ: Collective Behavior or Social Disorganization." *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 34 (2):195-207.

Reprinted (2011): In Anthony Walsh & Craig Hemmens, (Eds.), Chapter 29, *Introduction to Criminology: A Text/Reader (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)*, Sage, Thousand Oaks, CA.

Pizarro, Jesenia M., Vanja M.K. Stenius, and Travis C Pratt. 2006. "Supermax Prisons: Myths, Realities, and the Politics of Punishment in American Society." *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 17 (1):6-21.

Reprinted (2009): In Bruce N. Waller, (Ed.), Chapter 12, Pp. 221-229, *You Decide! Current Debates in Criminal Justice*, Prentice Hall, Columbus, OH.

Pizarro, Jesenia M., and Vanja M.K. Stenius. 2004. "Supermax Prisons: Their Rise, Current Practices, and Effect on Inmates." *The Prison Journal*, 84 (2):248-264.

Reprinted (2009): In Mary Stohr, Anthony Walsh, and Craig Hemmens, Section 2, Pp. 120-131, *Corrections: A Text/Reader*, Sage, Thousand Oaks, CA.

### **Articles (Peer-Reviewed Journals – Under Review)**

Gibbs, Carole, **Jesenia M. Pizarro**, and Christopher Maxwell. "Environmental Inequities and Neighborhood Social Process: Exploring the Mechanisms of Differential Lead Exposure in Chicago Neighborhoods." *Social Forces*.

### **Book Chapters (Non-Peer-Reviewed)**

Chermak, Steven, Jeffrey Gruenewald, and **Jesenia M. Pizarro**. 2009. "The Presentation of Race in Crime Stories." In Robert L. Bing III (ed.) *Race, Crime, and the Media* (pp. 141-163). McGraw Hill: NY.

### **Research Reports (Non-Peer-Reviewed)**

Pizarro, Jesenia M. "Analyses of 2004 & 2005 Homicide Incidents, Victims, and Suspects Characteristics" Submitted to Director Garry McCarthy of Newark Police Department (December 20, 2006).

Pizarro, Jesenia M. "Analyses of 2006 Homicide Incidents, Victims, and Suspects Characteristics" Submitted to Director Garry McCarthy of Newark Police Department (April 12, 2007).

Pizarro, Jesenia M. "2007 Midyear Homicide Analyses" Submitted to Director Garry McCarthy of Newark Police Department (August 2, 2007).

### **Works in Progress**

Pizarro, Jesenia M., Kristen M. Zgoba, and Bryan Czako. "Assessing the Covariates of Homicide Conviction and Sentencing."

Pizarro, Jesenia M., and Jennifer J. Adams. "The Situated Transactions that Lead to Homicide: Revisiting Luckenbill (1977)."

Adams, Jennifer J., and **Jesenia M. Pizarro**. "Patterns of Specialization and Escalation in Criminal Careers of Gang and Nongang Homicide Offenders."

Pizarro, Jesenia M., and Kristen M. Zgoba. "Supermax and Deterrence: Who Recidivates and Why?"

### **Grants**

#### ***External***

*Co-Principal Investigator*-- Community-Based Prevention in Flint: The Michigan State University Prevention Component of MI-YVPC. Funded by the Center for Disease Control, \$87,869 (with Dr. Ed McGarrell).

*Co-Principal Investigator*--Lansing Drug Market Intervention (DMI). Funded by the National Institute of Justice, \$213,000 (with Drs. Ed McGarrell, Chris Melde, and Louie Rivers).

*Co-Principal Investigator*--Saginaw Michigan Smart Policing Initiative (with Drs. Ed McGarrell, Chris Melde, and Louie Rivers). Submitted to Bureau of Justice Statistics for 170,000. Pending Review.

*Co-Principal Investigator*--Towards Effective Prevention and Treatment Practices (TEPIT): Hispanic Gangs in Southwest Detroit (with Drs. Ruben Martinez, Chris Melde, and Pilar Horner). Submitted to Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for \$996,634. Pending Review.

*Co-Principal Investigator*--Community-Based Violence Prevention in Flint (with Dr. Ed McGarrell). Submitted to Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for \$220,00. Pending Review.

### ***Internal***

*Principal Investigator* -- Disentangling the Association between Structural Disadvantage, Lead, and Crime: A Within County Analysis. Michigan State University's College of Social Science Faculty Initiative Fund, \$6,000 (with Dr. Carole Gibbs, Michigan State University), 2008.

*Principal Supervisor* -- Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative, Michigan State University's College of Social Science, \$1,000 (with Dr. Carole Gibbs, Michigan State University), 2008.

### **Presentations**

#### ***Conference Papers***

Pizarro, Jesenia, Kristen Zgoba, and Wesley Jennings. "Assessing the Interaction of Offender and Victim Lifestyle Characteristics for Differentiating Homicide Incidents." American Society of Criminology Conference, San Francisco, CA (2010).

Pizarro, Jesenia M. "An Examination of the Situated Transactions that Lead to Homicide." American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA (2009).

Gibbs, Carole, and **Jesenia M. Pizarro**. "The Distribution of Lead Exposure: Structural Disadvantage and Collective Efficacy." American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA (2009).

Corsaro, Nicholas A., and **Jesenia M. Pizarro**. "Journey to Homicide: Traveling Patterns of Victims and Suspects." American Society of Criminology Conference, St. Louis, MO (2008).

Pizarro, Jesenia M., Christina DeJong, and Edmund McGarrell. "An Examination of the Social Ecology of Female Homicide Victimization and Offending in Two Metropolitan Cities." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference, Seattle, WA (2007).

Pizarro, Jesenia M. "Reassessing the Situational Covariates of Homicides: Is There a Need to Disaggregate?" American Society of Criminology Conference, Los Angeles, CA (2006).

DeJong, Christina, **Jesenia M. Pizarro**, and Edmund McGarrell. "A Comparison of Domestic Homicides in Two Metropolitan Areas: Indianapolis, IN and Newark, NJ." American

Society of Criminology Conference, Los Angeles, CA (2006).

Gruenewald, Jeffrey, **Jesenia M. Pizarro**, and Steven Chermak. "Evaluating the Newsworthiness of Homicide Incidents in Newark, NJ." American Society of Criminology Conference, Los Angeles, CA (2006).

Pizarro, Jesenia M., and Eric Piza. "Journey to Crime: An Application of Crime Pattern Theory to Homicide Victimization and Perpetration." American Society of Criminology Conference, Toronto, Canada (2005).

Neuilly, Melanie-Angela, and **Jesenia M. Pizarro**. "Compensating for Unknown Homicide Circumstances: An Analysis of Newark NJ Homicides." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference, Chicago, IL (2005).

Pizarro, Jesenia M., and Jean M. McGloin. "Differentiating Homicide in Newark, New Jersey: Are Gang-Related Homicide Unique?" American Society of Criminology Conference, Nashville, TN (2004).

Pizarro, Jesenia M., and Eric Piza. "Mapping Gang Violence: An Analysis of Gang Homicides in Essex County, NJ". American Society of Criminology Conference, Denver, CO (2003).

Pizarro, Jesenia M., Vanja M.K. Stenius, and Travis C. Pratt. "Supermax Prisons: Myths, Realities, and the Politics of Punishment in American Society." American Society of Criminology Conference, Chicago, IL (2002).

Ashimine, Elizabeth K., and **Jesenia M. Pizarro**. "Using GIS in Strategic Problem Solving: Identification and Analysis of Homicide Patterns." American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA (2001).

#### ***Invited Presentations***

Pizarro, Jesenia M. "Newark Homicides: Trend Analyses (1997-2005)." Presentation for Director of Newark Police Department. Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice, Newark, NJ (December 15, 2006).

Pizarro, Jesenia M. "The Relationship Between Race and Homicide." Presentation for the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, (October 22, 2007).

#### ***Other Presentations***

Pizarro, Jesenia M. "Perspectives on the Supermax Phenomena." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference, Roundtable, Cincinnati, OH (2008).

Pizarro, Jesenia M. "Prisons, Politics, and Crime." Panel Chair, Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology conference, Chicago, IL, 2002.

## TEACHING

### Courses Taught

#### *Undergraduate*

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Criminology

Corrections

Comparative and Historical Criminal Justice

Lethal Violence in America (Senior Level Writing Intensive Course)

Criminology & Public Policy (Senior Level Writing Intensive Course)

#### *Graduate*

Crime Prevention, Causation, & Control (Masters Level Course)

Macro-Level Theories of Crime & Criminality (Doctoral Level Course)

### Students Advised

#### *Ph.D. Guidance Committees:*

Raymund Espinosa Narag (Member). Michigan State University, 2008 – Present.

#### *Masters Thesis Committees:*

Jennifer J. Adams (Chair). “Patterns of Specialization and Escalation in Criminal Careers of Gang and Nongang Homicide Offenders.” Michigan State University, May 2011.

Chelsea Breanne Diem (Member). “Evaluating and Intensive Supervision Probation Program in a College City: Revisiting the Debate Between Rehabilitation and Control.” Michigan State University, May 2011.

Raymond Espinosa Narag (Member). “Criminal Victimization in the Philippines: A Test of Lifestyle Exposure, Routine Activities, and Social Disorganization Theories.” Michigan State University, May 2011.

## SERVICE

### Criminal Justice Agencies

Analyst (non-paid, volunteer). Newark, NJ Police Department. Analyses of Newark Homicides, Spring 2007 to 2008.

### Institutional

2006-Present Member; Curriculum Committee, *Michigan State University*

- 2006-2009     Member; International Committee, *Michigan State University*
- 2008            Member; Corrections Faculty Search Committee, *Michigan State University*
- 2008            Member; JSRI & Social Work Joint Appointment Search Committee, *Michigan State University*
- 2008            Member; External Review Research Subcommittee, *Michigan State University*
- 2006-2007     Member; Security Faculty Search Committee Member, *Michigan State University*
- 2001-2002     President; Student Government Association, *Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice*

### **Professional**

#### ***Manuscript Reviewer:***

American Sociological Review; Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency; Criminal Justice and Behavior; Justice Quarterly; Crime & Delinquency; Homicide Studies; Social Forces; Journal of Criminal Justice; Criminal Justice Policy Review; Criminal Justice Review; International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice.

#### ***Grant Reviewer:***

National Science Foundation

#### ***Textbook Reviewer:***

Jones & Barlett Learning; McGraw-Hill Higher Education; Sage

### **Media**

*Flint Journal*, April 25, 2011, “Flint police has 50 percent clearance rate on homicides since 2009; on lower end of national average.”

*Flint Journal*, September 29, 2010, “A Killing Field – 50<sup>th</sup> Flint Homicide Sparks More Fear, Pleas for Help.”

*Lansing State Journal*, September 6, 2010, “Lansing Area Murder-Suicide May Reflect U.S. Trend.”

*The New York Times*, November 29, 2009, “Bad Times Do Not Bring More Crime (if They Ever Did).”

*The Crime Report*, October 12, 2009, “Is It Time to Ban Solitary Confinement.”

*Miller McCune Center for Research, Media, and Public Policy*, March 24, 2008, “Creating Superfelons at the Supermaxes.”

*The Indianapolis Star*, September 21, 2008, “Lawless Legacy: Eastside Family has 50 Convictions. Eastside Family an Extreme Example of Generational Crime.”

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

2000-Present	American Society of Criminology
2002-Present	Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
2011-Present	Homicide Research Working Group