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Curriculum Vitae

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Degrees Awarded:

- 2007 Ph.D., Criminology and Criminal Justice- University of Missouri-St. Louis.
Dissertation: "Peer-Group Composition and the Perceived Risk of
Victimization: Modeling Fear of Crime in a School-Based Sample"
- 2004 M.A., Criminology and Criminal Justice-University of Missouri- St. Louis
- 2001 B.A., Criminal Justice- Loras College, Dubuque, IA.

Areas of Interest:

Evaluation Research
Community and School-Based Interventions
Youth Gangs

Youth Violence
Research Methods
Adolescent Development

Academic Positions:

- 2010-Present Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies, School of Criminal Justice,
Michigan State University
- 2007-Present Assistant Professor: School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State
University, East Lansing, MI. *Courses Taught: Youth Gangs; Research
Methods; People and Environment: Youth Violence; Tier II Writing:
Special Topics (online)*
- 2005-2006 Instructor: Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of
Missouri- St. Louis, St. Louis, MO. *Course Taught: Corrections*
- 2002-2004 Teaching Assistant: Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice,
University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, MO. Under the Direction of
Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen. *Course Taught: Research Methods*

Grants Awarded

2009-Present Co-Principal Investigator (with Drs. Edmund McGarrell, Louie Rivers, and Jesenia Pizarro): “Lansing Neighborhood Stabilization and Youth Violence Initiative.” Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. \$213,000.

Research and Grant Experience:

2011-Present Consultant: “A Multi-method, Multi-site Study of Gang Desistance.” Funded by the National Institute of Justice. Principal Investigator: Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen.

2010-Present Co-Investigator: “PSN Academy: Provision of Research-Based Training and Technical Assistance to Project Safe Neighborhoods.” Funded by the National Institute of Justice. Principal Investigators: Dr. Edmund McGarrell and Dr. Timothy Bynum

2010-Present Co-Investigator: “Drug Market Intervention Training Initiative.” Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Principal Investigator: Dr. Edmund McGarrell

2008-2011 Co-Investigator: “Evaluating the Impact of the PSN Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative.” Funded by the National Institute of Justice. Principal Investigators: Dr. Edmund McGarrell and Dr. Timothy Bynum. \$327,152.

2007- 2008 Consultant: “Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program (G.R.E.A.T.).” Funded by the National Institute of Justice. Principal Investigator: Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen.

2007- 2008 Curriculum Review Committee Member. National Crime Prevention Council: “Teens, Crime, and the Community and Community Works Program.” Funded by the National Institute of Justice.

2006-2007 Research Assistant: “Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program (G.R.E.A.T.).” Funded by the National Institute of Justice. Principle Investigator: Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen. \$2,497,585.

2003-2007 Research Assistant: “National Evaluation of the Teens, Crime and the Community and Community Works Program.” Funded by the National Institute of Justice. Principal Investigator: Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2003-Present. \$1,625,274.

2005-2006 Interviewer: “Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN): Eastern District of Missouri and Southern District of Illinois.” Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Principal Investigator: Dr. Scott H. Decker. 2003-2005.

- 2003-2004 Principal Investigator: Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri- St. Louis, St. Louis, MO. *Prisoner Support Networks: Making it to the Other Side*. A qualitative project that examined how inmates lived their lives behind bars, with an emphasis on how they were preparing to leave prison, through the use of semi-structured face-to-face interviews with men incarcerated in a Missouri Department of Corrections maximum security facility.
- 2002-2004 Research Assistant: "Evaluation of Books and Badges- Operation Kid Read." Funded by the E. Desmond Lee Collaborative Vision. Principal Investigator: Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2002-2004
- 2002-2003 Research Assistant: "Evaluation of the Diversity Awareness Project." Funded by the E. Desmond Lee Collaborative Vision. Principal Investigator: Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2002-2003.

Publications:

Papers in Refereed Journals:

- Matsuda, Kristy, **Chris Melde**, Terrance J. Taylor, Adrienne Freng, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. (forthcoming) Gang Membership and Adherence to the "Code of the Streets." *Justice Quarterly*
- Melde, Chris**, Chelsea Diem, and Gregory Drake. (forthcoming) Identifying Correlates of Stable Gang Membership. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*.
- Melde, Chris** and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2012 .Gangs and Violence: Disentangling the Impact of Gang Membership on the Level and Nature of Offending. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* (online first; DOI 10.1007/s10940-012-9164-z)
- Melde, Chris**, Stephen M. Gavazzi, Edmund F. McGarrell, and Timothy Bynum. 2011. On the Efficacy of Targeted Gang Interventions: Can We Identify Those Most At Risk? *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 9: 279-294
- Melde, Chris** and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2011. Gang Membership as a Turning Point in the Life Course. *Criminology* 49: 513-552
- Watkins, Adam and **Chris Melde**. 2010. Latino and Asian Students' Perceptions of the Quality of Their Educators: The Role of Generational Status and Language Proficiency. *Youth and Society* 42: 3-32.
- Melde, Chris** and Callie M. Rennison. 2010. Intimidation and Street Gangs: Understanding the Response of Victims and Bystanders to Perceived Gang Violence. *Justice Quarterly* 27: 619-666.
- Watkins, Adam M. and **Chris Melde**. 2009. Immigrants, Assimilation, and Perceived School Disorder: An Examination of the "Other" Ethnicities. *Journal of Criminal Justice* 37: 627-635.

Rennison, Callie M. and **Chris Melde**. 2009. Exploring the Use of Victim Surveys to Study Gang Crime: Prospects and Possibilities. *Criminal Justice Review* 34: 489-515.

Melde, Chris and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2009. The Victim-Offender Overlap and Fear of In-School Victimization: A Longitudinal Examination of Risk Assessment Models. *Crime and Delinquency* 55: 499-525.

Melde, Chris. 2009. Lifestyle, Rational Choice, and Adolescent Fear: A Test of a Risk Assessment Framework. *Criminology* 47: 781-812

Melde, Chris, Terrance J. Taylor, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2009. 'I Got Your Back': Examining the Protective Function of Gang Membership in Adolescence. *Criminology* 47: 565-594.

*2010 The William L. Simon/Anderson Publishing Outstanding Paper Award:
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Melde, Chris, Finn-Aage Esbensen, and Terrance J. Taylor. 2009. 'May Piece Be With You': A Typological Examination of the Fear and Victimization Hypothesis of Adolescent Weapon Carrying. *Justice Quarterly* 26: 348-376

Melde, Chris and Callie M. Rennison. 2008. The Effect of Gang Perpetrated Crime on the Likelihood of Victim Injury. *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 33: 234-251.

Esbensen, Finn-Aage, **Chris Melde**, Terrance J. Taylor, and Dana Peterson. 2008. Active Parental Consent in School-Based Research: How Much is Enough and How Do We Get It? *Evaluation Review* 32: 335-362.

Melde, Chris. 2008. Penal Reform and the Stability of Prison Adaptive Modes. *Journal of Crime and Justice* 31: 59-80.

Watkins, Adam M. and **Chris Melde**. 2007. The Effect of Self-Control on Unit and Item Nonresponse in an Adolescent Sample. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 44: 267-294.

Melde, Chris. 2006. Social Disorganization and Violent Crime in Rural Appalachia *Journal of Crime and Justice* 29: 117-140.

Melde, Chris, Finn-Aage Esbensen, and Karin Tusinski. 2006. Addressing Program Fidelity Using Onsite Observations and Program Provider Descriptions of Program Delivery. *Evaluation Review* 30: 714-740

Book Chapters:

Melde, Chris and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2012. The Onset of (Euro)Gang Membership as a Turning Point in the Life Course. In F.-A. Esbensen & C. L. Maxson (Eds.), *Youth Gangs in International Perspective* (pp. 169-187). New York: Springer.

Melde, Chris. 2012. Fear of Crime. In R. J. R. Levesque (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Adolescence* (pp. 1007-1015). New York: Springer.

Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Bradley Brick, **Chris Melde**, Karin Tusinski, and Terrance J. Taylor. 2008. "The role of race and ethnicity in gang membership." In Frank van Gemert, Dana Peterson, and Inger-Lise Lien (eds.) *Youth Gangs, Migration, and Ethnicity*. Uffculme, Devon, UK: Willan Publishing Company.

Book Reviews:

Melde, Chris. 2006. Book Review: Heinous Crime: Cases, Causes, and Consequences. By Frederic G. Reamer. *Homicide Studies* 10(3): 220-221

Final and Technical Reports:

McGarrell, Edmund F., Nicholas Corsaro, **Chris Melde**, Natalie Hipple, Jennifer Cobbina, Timothy Bynum, Heather Perez. 2011. "An Assessment of the Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative: Final Project Report. Submitted to the National Institute of Justice, Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice.

Melde, Chris. 2009. "Chapter 4: Community Works Implementation: Classroom Observations." In Finn-Aage Esbensen (PI) Final Report: Evaluation of the Teens, Crime, and the Community and Community Works Program. Submitted to the National Institute of Justice, Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice.

Taylor, Terrance J., Finn-Aage Esbensen, **Chris Melde**, Karin E. Tusinski, and Bradley T. Brick. August 2006. "National Evaluation of the Teens, Crime, and the Community and Community Works (TCC/CW) Program: 2006 Report to Schools and Communities." University of Missouri-St. Louis, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Rodney K. Brunson, Kelli Burmeister, Karin Tusinski, and **Chris Melde**. August 2005. "Report to Schools Participating in the National Evaluation of the Teens, Crime and the Community and Community Works Program." University of Missouri-St. Louis: Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Allison Worthy, **Chris Melde**, and Kelli Dyer. 2004. "An Evaluation of the Books and Badges Reading Literacy Program: Final Report." University of Missouri-St. Louis: Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Works in Progress:

McGarrell, Edmund F., Nicholas Corsaro, **Chris Melde**, Timothy Bynum, Natalie Hipple, and Jennifer Cobbina. Attempting to Reduce Violent Crime Through a Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative. (Under Review)

Coffman, Donna, **Chris Melde**, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. Assessing the Mediating Role of Anticipated Guilt on the Relationship between Gang Membership and Substance Use in the Presence of Confounding and Moderation. (Under Review)

Zeoli, April, Sue Grady, Jesenia Pizzaro, and **Chris Melde**. Homicide as Infectious Disease: Using Public Health Methods to Investigate the Diffusion of Homicide. (Under Review)

Rennison, Callie M., Jody Miller, and **Chris Melde**. Gender and the Situational Context of Robbery: A National Test.

Melde, Chris, Edmund F. McGarrell, Louie Rivers, and Jesenia Pizarro. The Impact of Budgetary Cuts and Police Layoffs on Community Confidence in Law Enforcement.

Melde, Chris and Adam M. Watkins. The Victim-Offender Overlap and Adolescent Crime Reporting.

Melde, Chris, Mark Berg, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. Risk Avoidance: The Impact of Subjective Interpretations of Victimization Risk on Involvement in Violent Incidents.

Presentations:

2012 **Melde, Chris**, Mark Berg, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Striking a balance: A prospective examination of the cognitive-emotional elements of violence reduction." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL (*to be presented*)

2012 **Melde, Chris**. "Attempting to Reduce Violent Crime through a Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative." Eurogang Program of Research Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden. (*to be presented*)

2012 **Melde, Chris** and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Gangs and Violence: Disentangling the Impact of Gang Membership on the Level and Nature of Offending." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in New York, NY.

2011 **Melde, Chris** and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "The Proximate Impact of Gang Desistance: A Turning Point Framework." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

2011 Coffman, Donna L., **Chris Melde**, Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Assessing the Mediating Role of Anticipated Guilt on the Relationship between Gang Membership and Substance Use in the Presence of Confounding." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

- 2011 Freng, Adrienne, **Chris Melde**, Kristy N. Matsuda, Terrance J. Taylor. "Gang Membership and Adherence to the Code of the Streets." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.
- 2010 **Melde, Chris** and Adam M. Watkins. "The Victim-Offender Overlap and Adolescent Crime Reporting." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.
- 2010 Rennison, Callie M. and **Chris Melde**. "Gender and Robbery: Using the NCVS to Study Offending Patterns." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.
- 2010 **Melde, Chris**, Stephen M. Gavazzi, Edmund McGarrell, and Timothy Bynum. On the Efficacy of Targeted Gang Interventions: Can We Identify Those Most At-Risk? Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL
- 2010 **Melde, Chris**, Timothy Bynum, Edmund McGarrell, and Stephen M. Gavazzi. "Who is Targeted for Targeted Interventions?" Project Safe Neighborhoods National Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- 2010 **Melde, Chris** and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Onset of (Euro)gang membership as a turning point in the life course." Eurogang Program of Research Meeting, Neustadt, Germany.
- 2010 Bynum, Timothy, Edmund McGarrell, **Chris Melde**, and Stephen M. Gavazzi. "Overview of the Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative." National Institute of Justice Research and Evaluation Conference, Arlington, VA.
- 2010 **Melde, Chris** and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "The Influence of Gang Membership on Antisocial Attitudes, Emotions, and Behavior: A Prospective Study." Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Honolulu, HI.
- 2009 Rennison, Callie M., and **Chris Melde**. "Mullerian Mimicry and Street Gangs: Understanding the Response of Victims and Bystanders to Gang Violence." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009 Welker, Holly A., **Chris Melde**, Steven Chermak. "Deterrence, Treatment, and Compliance: Strategies for Reducing Recidivism." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009 Welker, Holly Ann, Chelsea Diem, and **Chris Melde**. "Factors Associated With Continued Involvement in Youth Gangs." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.
- 2009 **Melde, Chris**, Finn-Aage Esbensen, and Terrance J. Taylor. "'I Got Your Back': Examining the Protective Function of Gang Membership in Adolescence." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

- 2008 **Melde, Chris**, Finn-Aage Esbensen, Terrance J. Taylor, and Dana Peterson. "Reducing Initial Loss Rates Associated with Active Parental Consent." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO.
- 2008 Welker, Holly A., **Chris Melde**, Steven Chermak. "The Influence of Neighborhood Disadvantage on the Likelihood of Rearrest: Comparing Probation and Parole Outcomes." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO.
- 2008 Rennison, Callie M., and **Chris Melde**. "The Effect of Gang Perpetrated Crime on the Likelihood of Victim Injury." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO.
- 2008 Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Terrance J. Taylor, Dana Peterson, **Chris Melde**, Bradley T. Brick, Dena C. Carson. "Dueling Banjos: Does Gang Member Definition Matter?" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO.
- 2008 Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Bradley T. Brick, and **Chris Melde**. "An Empirical Assessment of the Eurogang Funneling Approach to Establish Gang Membership." European Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.
- 2008 **Melde, Chris**. "Strategies for Enhancing Program Implementation with Fidelity" National Institute of Justice Research and Evaluation Conference, Arlington, VA
- 2008 **Melde, Chris**. "The Transition From Graduate Student to Faculty Member" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, OH.
- 2007 Taylor, Terrance J., Nick Miofsky, and **Chris Melde**. "(Foreign) Born in the USA: Immigration, Youth Victimization, and Awareness of Victim Assistance Services" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA.
- 2007 **Melde, Chris**, Terrance J. Taylor, and Benjamin Voss. "Fear, the Perceived Risk of Victimization, and Target Hardening Practices Among Adolescents" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA.
- 2007 **Melde, Chris**. "Adolescent Fear of School Victimization" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA.
- 2007 **Melde, Chris**, Finn-Aage Esbensen, Dana Peterson, and Terrance J. Taylor. "Obtaining Active Parental Consent in a School-Based Sample" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA.
- 2006 **Melde, Chris**. "Adolescent Fear of Crime: A Test of a Risk Assessment Model of Fear" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA
- 2006 Tusinski, Karin E., **Chris Melde**, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "The Impact of Bullying: Does the Definition of Bullying Shape the Effect?" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA

- 2006 **Melde, Chris**. "Penal Reform and the Stability of Prison Adaptive Modes." Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL
- 2006 **Melde, Chris**, Finn-Aage Esbensen, and Karin Tusinski. "Addressing Program Fidelity Using Onsite Observations and Program Provider Descriptions of Program Delivery." Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL
- 2006 Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Bradley T. Brick, **Chris Melde**, Karin Tusinski, and Terrance J. Taylor. "The Role of Race and Ethnicity in Gang Membership." European Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Tübingen, Germany
- 2006 Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Karin Tusinski, **Chris Melde**, and Brad Brick. "Measuring Gang Membership." Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA
- 2005 **Melde, Chris** and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Fear of Crime: The Mediating Effects of Perceived Risk on Disorder and Fear." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada
- 2005 **Melde, Chris**. "Social Disorganization and Violent Crime in Rural Appalachia." Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL
- 2005 **Melde, Chris**. "Assimilation and Perceived Danger at School: An examination of Immigrant Youth." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL
- 2003 **Melde, Chris**. "Books and Badges: A Preliminary Report Focusing on Police/Recruit Personnel." Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL

Professional Service:

- 2011-2012 Faculty Advisory Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
- 2011-Present Editorial Board Member, *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*
- 2011 Invited Participant for the National Institute of Justice's Gang Research Topical Working Group. February 22-23 in Bethesda, MD.
- 2010-2011 Faculty Advisory Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
- 2010-Present Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Criminal Justice*
- Ad-hoc Reviewer: *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Crime and Delinquency*, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *Criminology*, *Criminology and Public Policy*, *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, *Journal of Crime and*

Justice, Journal of Criminal Justice, Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Justice Quarterly, Men and Masculinities, National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, Victims and Offenders, Youth and Society, Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice

- 2009-2010 Faculty Advisory Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
- 2008-2009 Self-Study Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University: in preparation for external review.
- 2008-2009 Faculty Advisory Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
- 2008-present Honors Advisor: The Honors College and the School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
- 2008 Session Organizer and Chair, "The Transition from Graduate Student to Faculty Member." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, OH.
- 2007 Screening Committee for University Award Nominations, College of Social Science Representative. Michigan State University.
- 2005 Session Chair, "Victimization and Schools" panel. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Toronto, Canada. November 2005
- 2003-2005 Student Government Association Representative. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association, University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

Awards:

- 2010 The William L. Simon/Anderson Publishing Outstanding Paper Award: Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Paper Title: "'I Got Your Back': Examining the Protective Function of Gang Membership in Adolescence" (with Terrance J. Taylor, and Finn-Aage Esbensen)
- 2006 Winning Submission- Student Paper Competition: Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
Paper Title: "Penal Reform and the Stability of Prison Adaptive Modes"
- 2006 E. Desmond Lee Collaborative Vision Student Scholarship Award (Fall Semester)
- 2006 E. Desmond Lee Collaborative Vision Student Scholarship Award (Winter Semester)

- 2005 Winning Submission- Student Paper Competition: Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
Paper Title: "Social Disorganization and Violent Crime in Rural Appalachia"
- 2004 E. Desmond Lee Collaborative Vision Student Scholarship Award
(Winter Semester)

Membership in Professional Associations:

American Society of Criminology
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Midwestern Criminal Justice Association
Eurogang Program of Research