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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

Articles (Peer-Reviewed Journals)

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.

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.

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.

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*.

Pizarro, Jesenia M., and April M. Zeoli. "The Quality of Homicide Data: An Assessment of the Supplementary Homicide Reports." *Justice Quarterly*.

DeJong, Christina, Jesenia M. Pizarro, and Edmund McGarrell. "Can Situational and Structural Factors Differentiate between Intimate Partner and "Other" Homicide?" *Journal of Family Violence* (Conditional Accept).

Grants

External

Co-Principal Investigator-- High Risk, 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).

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 (Presenter)

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
Criminology & Public Policy

Graduate

Crime Prevention, Causation, & Control (Masters Level Course)
Macro-Level Theories of Crime & Criminality (Doctoral Level Course)

Students Advised

Graduate Students

Raymond Espinosa Narag. Thesis Title: "Criminal Victimization in the Philippines: A Test of Lifestyle Exposure, Routine Activities, and Social Disorganization Theories." May 2007, Michigan State University.

SERVICE

Criminal Justice Agencies

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

Research Reports

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).

Institutional

- 2006-Present Member; International Committee, *Michigan State University*
- 2006-Present Member; Curriculum 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; 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, September 29, 2010, “A Killing Field – 50th 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
2003-Present	Homicide Research Working Group