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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **Criminal Justice**, Expected: 2021
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Cobbina
- M.S.** **Criminal Justice**, 2016
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC
Thesis: *Coping and Reentry: The Impact of Individual Coping Style on Reentry Outcomes*
Committee: Dr. Shelley Listwan (chair), Dr. Jennifer Hartman, Dr. Shannon Reid
- M.Ed.** **Counseling and Development**, 2015
Specialization: Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC,
- B.A.** **Justice and Law**, 2013
The American University, Washington, DC
Danish Institute for Study Abroad, Copenhagen, Denmark, Fall 2012
Area of study: Positive Psychology

AREAS OF INTEREST

Corrections, Ex-offender Reentry, Prison Programs, Effects of Parental Incarceration, Serial Crime/Criminals

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016-2017 Research Assistant. *Mecklenburg County Frequent User Service Engagement (FUSE) Evaluation*. Project Evaluated the FUSE initiative across a three-year span. Principal Investigator: Dr. Shelley Listwan. (Full award: \$191,000, Mecklenburg County, NC).

PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming Listwan, S. J., & LaCourse, A. Punishing smarter initiatives. In R. D. Morgan (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Criminology*. Washington, DC: Sage Publications.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 **LaCourse, A., & Listwan, S. J.** The impact of coping styles on reentry outcomes: Preliminary results. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference, Denver, CO.

AWARDS

2016-2017 UNC Charlotte, Research Assistantship
2016 Robert Lassiter Outstanding Paper Award
2015-2016 UNC Charlotte, Graduate Teaching Assistantship

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016 Introduction to Criminal Justice—Guest Lecturer, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, UNC Charlotte

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2017-
current Graduate Research Assistant, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
Assistant to: Dr. Jennifer Cobbina

2016-2017 Research Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Assistant to: Dr. Shelley Listwan
Duties: Report writing, data analysis, coordinating scheduling of interviews, interviewing clients, data entry

2015-2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Assistant to: Dr. Shelley Listwan, Dr. Jennifer Hartman, Anna Divita, M.S.
Duties: Guest lecture, grade student papers, assist with exam preparation, conduct study sessions, maintain gradebook for 200-student class, data collection and entry, and assist with organizing panels for ACJS conference.

2014-2015 Counseling Intern, Mecklenburg County Jail, Charlotte, NC
Duties: Conduct intake interviews, assess needs, formulate treatment goals, deliver appropriate interventions, maintain case notes, and research evidence-based practices for offenders.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2015 Graduate Assistant to Program Co-chairs (Drs. Shelley Listwan and Jennifer Hartman) for 2016 Annual Program Committee ACJS

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2016- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Corrections Section
2016- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
2016- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
2012- Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society