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### EDUCATION

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Michigan State University  
Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice  
2021 - 2026 (expected)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy  
May 2018

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Court system policy, practice, and use of technology
- Sentencing and pretrial services
- Technology-facilitated abuse
- Collateral consequences of criminal convictions

### RESEARCH / PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Research Assistant Aug 2022 – Present  
Dr. Chris Melde; Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice  
*East Lansing, MI*

Coder for Effective Practices in Community Supervision Program Aug 2022 – Present  
[Ingham County 30th Circuit Court - Family Division](#)  
*Lansing, MI*

- Code audio recordings of EPICS sessions between Juvenile Court Officers (JCOs) and their juvenile and/or adult probationers
- Ensure fidelity to the EPICS model by providing individualized feedback to JCOs and their supervisors based on audio recordings
- Prepare monthly, quarterly, and yearly summary reports on EPICS fidelity to Family Division supervisors

Research Assistant Aug 2021 – Jul 2022  
Dr. April Zeoli; Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice  
*East Lansing, MI*

- Prepared an annotated bibliography on domestic violence and firearms and assisted in the drafting and programming of survey instruments in support of a multi-state study of domestic violence restraining order firearm restrictions

Public Health Research Analyst

Jul 2018 – Jul 2021

[RTI International - Division for Applied Justice Research](#)

*Research Triangle Park, NC*

- Supported a diverse portfolio of research projects ranging from small-scale local or state-funded studies to national surveys and evaluations of innovative interventions funded by federal entities, philanthropic foundations and educational institutions.

Research Assistant

Aug – Dec 2017

[North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission](#)

*Raleigh, NC*

- Provided research support and contributed to discussions on policy development for projects related to recidivism, reentry, and pretrial services
- Conducted a literature review on best practices for DWI treatment/intervention
- Cleaned and analyzed a dataset cataloging North Carolina laws and policies that impose collateral consequences for employment and occupational licensing

Senate Intern

May – Aug 2017

North Carolina General Assembly

*Raleigh, NC*

- Researched and prepared background materials on a wide range of policy issues, including medication disposal programs and pretrial services
- Formulated language for bills proposing revisions to various statutes

Intern

Jan – Apr 2017

[National Criminal Justice Association](#)

*Washington, DC*

- Authored features on promising state criminal and juvenile justice initiatives and federal criminal justice developments for two weekly e-newsletters
- Tracked federal legislation related to criminal/juvenile justice and grant funding

Research Unit Intern

May – Aug 2016

[The New Jersey State Parole Board](#)

*Trenton, NJ*

- Compiled a grant program manual and assisted in the drafting of grant-related documents for a Second Chance Act funded reentry program
- Performed queries in a statewide database and maintained a list of eligible candidates for the reentry program

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Lattimore, P., Tueller, S., Levin-Rector, A., Witwer, A. (June, 2020). [The Spread of Local Criminal Justice Practices](#). *Federal Probation*.
- Oblea, P. N., Adams, A. R., Nguyen-Wu, E. D., Hawley-Molloy, J. S., Balsam, K., Badger, T. A., Witwer, A. R., & Cartwright, J. (2022). [Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Queer Health-Care Experiences in a Military Population](#). *Journal of Homosexuality*, 1–21.

### Presentations and Proceedings

- Hamm, J. A., Ropp, J., Witwer, A., Scott, B. (2022, March). *Psychological Predictors of Court Officer Performance During an Organizational Crisis*. Planned presentation at the American Psychology-Law Society - canceled due to COVID-19.
- Witwer, A., McKay, T., Young, A. (2020, September). *Using Infographics for SCA Program Evaluation and Sustainability*. Presented to SCA program grantees and TTA coaches (Virtual).
- Pitts, W. J., Witwer, A. (2020, July). *Open Data Sources Available in the Region and Data Use*. Presented at the Increasing Capacity of Civil Society Organizations in Belize: 2020 Governance Improvement Summit (Virtual).

### Technical Reports

- Langton, L., Planty, M., Banks, D., Witwer, A., Woods, D., Vermeer, M., Jackson, B. (2022). [Sex Trafficking and Substance Use: Identifying High Priority Needs Within the Criminal Justice System](#). Prepared for the National Institute of Justice as part of the Priority Criminal Justice Needs Initiative.
- Hamm, J. A., Ropp, J., Scott, B. A., Witwer, A. R. (2021). [Virtual Courtroom Survey: Analysis Report](#). Prepared for the Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Office.
- Jackson, B., Vermeer, M., Woods, D., Banks, D., Goodison, S., Russo, J., Barnum, J., Gourdet, C., Langton, L., Planty, M., Shelton, S., Sitar, S. I., Witwer, A. (2021). [The U.S. Criminal Justice System in the Pandemic Era and Beyond](#). Prepared for the National Institute of Justice as part of the Priority Criminal Justice Needs Initiative.
- Witwer, A., Langton, L., Banks, D., Woods, D., Vermeer, M., Jackson, B. (2021). [Online Dispute Resolution: Perspectives to Support Successful Implementation and Outcomes in Court Proceedings](#). Prepared for the National Institute of Justice as part of the Priority Criminal Justice Needs Initiative.

- Witwer, A., Langton, L., Vermeer, M., Banks, D., Woods, D., & Jackson, B. (2020). [Countering technology-facilitated abuse: Criminal justice strategies for combating nonconsensual pornography, sextortion, doxing and swatting](#). Prepared for the National Institute of Justice as part of the Priority Criminal Justice Needs Initiative.
- Gourdet, C., Witwer, A., Langton, L., Banks, D., Planty, M., Woods, D., & Jackson, B. (2020). [Court appearances in criminal proceedings through telepresence: Identifying research and practice needs to preserve fairness while leveraging new technology](#). Prepared for the National Institute of Justice as part of the Priority Criminal Justice Needs Initiative.
- Rineer, J., Trudeau, J., Witwer, A., Burfeind, C., DeMichele, M., & Lattimore, P. (2020). *Key insights from the baseline survey on current pretrial practices and culture*. Prepared for Arnold Ventures.
- Gourdet, C., Witwer, A., Villeneuve, E., & Banks, D. (2019). *Indicators of civil legal aid needs in the United States: Literature review findings and preliminary recommendations to address information gaps*. Prepared for the Bureau of Justice Statistics.
- Lindquist, C. H., Krebs, C. K., Witwer, A., Berzofsky, M., Lee, P., & Zimmermann, S. (2019). [Findings from the KNOW MORE@MSU campus climate survey](#). Prepared for Michigan State University.
- Gourdet, C., & Witwer, A. (2018). *Human trafficking annotated bibliography*. Prepared for the Davidson County (TN) Prosecutor's Office.
- Witwer, A., ter Avest, S., Fitz, S., Solomon, R., & Armstrong, C. (2018). *Stakeholder perspectives: Risk assessment tools and the pretrial process*. Prepared for the Orange County (NC) Criminal Justice Resource Department.
- Witwer, A., ter Avest, S., Fitz, S., Solomon, R., & Armstrong, C. (2018). *VPRAI-R data report: Data analysis and recommendations*. Prepared for the Orange County (NC) Criminal Justice Resource Department.
- Witwer, A., ter Avest, S., Fitz, S., Solomon, R., & Armstrong, C. (2018). *VPRAI-R user manual*. Prepared for the Orange County (NC) Criminal Justice Resource Department.

## Factsheets, Briefs, Infographics and Videos

- Witwer, A. (2021). [Why Conduct a Rigorous Evaluation?](#) Video prepared for the Bureau of Justice Assistance as part of the Second Chance Act Evaluation and Sustainability Training and Technical Assistance Project.
- Witwer, A. (2021). [Alternatives to Random Assignment for Outcome Evaluations](#). Video prepared for the Bureau of Justice Assistance as part of the Second Chance Act Evaluation and Sustainability Training and Technical Assistance Project.

- Witwer, A. (2021). [\*Evaluation Readiness for Reentry Programs\*](#). Video prepared for the Bureau of Justice Assistance as part of the Second Chance Act Evaluation and Sustainability Training and Technical Assistance Project.
- Witwer, A. (2021). [\*Measuring and Assessing Recidivism: An Evaluation and Sustainability Resource\*](#). Infographic prepared for the Bureau of Justice Assistance as part of the Second Chance Act Evaluation and Sustainability Training and Technical Assistance Project.
- Witwer, A. (2021). [\*Alternatives to Random Assignment for Outcome Evaluations: A Second Chance Act Evaluation and Sustainability Resource\*](#). Infographic prepared for the Bureau of Justice Assistance as part of the Second Chance Act Evaluation and Sustainability Training and Technical Assistance Project.
- Witwer, A. (2021). [\*Mapping Your Reentry Program Evaluation Design: An Evaluation and Sustainability Resource\*](#). Infographic prepared for the Bureau of Justice Assistance as part of the Second Chance Act Evaluation and Sustainability Training and Technical Assistance Project.
- Witwer, A. (2021). [\*Narrative and Visual Storytelling: Strategies for Conveying the Impact of Your Reentry Program\*](#). Resource Brief prepared for the Bureau of Justice Assistance as part of the Second Chance Act Evaluation and Sustainability Training and Technical Assistance Project.
- Witwer, A. (2020). [\*Data-Driven Responses to Gender-Based Violence\*](#). Research brief prepared for the U.S. Embassy in Belize as part of the Improving the Data Ecosystem for Governance Decision Making in Belize Project.
- Witwer, A., Rineer, J. (2020) [\*Findings From the Baseline Survey on Current Pretrial Practices & Culture\*](#). Infographic prepared for the Advancing Pretrial Policy & Research Project.
- Witwer, A., Lindquist, C., & Scaglione, N. (2018) [\*Alternatives to climate surveys for understanding sexual misconduct on your campus\*](#). Factsheet prepared for the Campus Technical Assistance and Resource Project.
- Lindquist, C., Boyd-Keyes, C., Brinton, J., Scaglione, N., & Witwer, A. (2018). [\*Considerations for conducting climate surveys at minority-serving institutions and community colleges\*](#). Factsheet prepared for the Campus Technical Assistance and Resource Project.

## SERVICE EXPERIENCE

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Council of Graduate Students (COGS) Representative May 2022 - Present  
[MSU School of Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association](#)

Membership and Outreach Coordinator Sep – Dec 2019  
North Carolina Alliance for Women Reentrants and Their Children

Volunteer Sep 2016 – Dec 2017  
[Durham County Youth Home](#)

Jury Monitor Jun – Aug 2017  
[Capitol Area Teen Court](#)

GED Tutor Jul 2015, Dec 2015  
Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- University Distinguished Fellowship; Michigan State University
- Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society
- AKD International Sociology Honors Society
- Dean's List (Fall 2014 - Spring 2018)

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

## ADDITIONAL TRAININGS

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- Data Science with R: tidyverse Training Course, Udemy.com (Aug 2022)
- InDesign Essentials Training Course, Udemy.com (July 2019)