

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Positions Held

**Senior Researcher**, American Institutes for Research

July 2023 – Current

**Assistant/Associate Professor**, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

August 2016 – July 2023

### Education

**Rutgers University, Newark, NJ**

School of Criminal Justice

Ph.D., July 2016

**University at Albany, Albany, NY**

M.A., Criminal Justice, 2010

B.A. cum laude, Criminal Justice and Psychology, 2009

### Peer Reviewed Publications

Denver, Megan, Abby Ballou, & **Samuel E. DeWitt**. 2024. What's in a label? Public use and perceptions of labeling alternative in Criminology. *Justice Quarterly*, 41(6): 763-789.

Exum, M. Lyn, Joseph B. Kuhns, Shelley L. Johnson, & **Samuel E. DeWitt**. 2024. The impact of a brief and immersive use-of-force training exercise on citizens' attitudes toward police. *Policing: An International Journal*, 47(6): 1225-1243.

Schnell, Cory, **Samuel E. DeWitt**, & M. Dylan Spencer. 2024. The role of neighborhoods in the age of crime hot spots: A multi-level theory of the spatial distribution of robbery in Chicago. *Crime & Delinquency*, 70(11): 2855-2881. (Online first in 2022).

Denver, Megan & **Samuel E. DeWitt**. 2023. '[It's what you do after the mistake that counts]': Positive employment credentials, criminal record stigma, and potential pathways of mediation. *Criminology*, 61(1): 5-39. (Online-first in 2022).

Bacak, Valerio, **Samuel E. DeWitt**, & Shannon Reid. 2022. Gang membership and mental health during the transition to adulthood. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 38: 567-596. (Online-first in 2021)

**DeWitt, Samuel E.** and Megan Denver. 2020. Criminal Records, Positive Employment Credentials, and Race. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 57(3):333-368.

Ostermann, Michael, Jordan M. Hyatt, and **Samuel E. DeWitt**. 2020. The influence of technical violation revocations on parole efficacy: Employing competing risks survival analyses to address methodological challenges. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 43(3):323-341.

Rengifo, Andres F. & **Samuel E. DeWitt**. 2019. Incarceration and networks: Unpacking measures and meanings of tie strength." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 35(2):393-431.

Moreto, William D., Richard Charlton, **Samuel E. DeWitt**, and Christina Burton. 2019. The convergence of CAPTURED fish and people: Examining the symbiotic nature of labor trafficking and illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing. *Deviant Behavior*, forthcoming.

**DeWitt, Samuel E.**, Shawn D. Bushway, Garima Siwach, and Megan C. Kurlychek. 2017. "Redeemed compared to whom? Comparing the distributional properties of arrest risk across convicted and general populations." *Criminology & Public Policy*, 16(3), 963-997.

Parsons, J., Wei, Q., Rinaldi, J. Henrichson, C., Sandwick, T., Wendel, T., Drucker, E. Ostermann, M., **DeWitt, Samuel E.**, & Clear, T. 2014. "A natural experiment in reform: Analyzing drug law policy change in New York" Vera Institute of Justice. [http://www.vera.org/sites/default/files/resources/downloads/drug-law-reform-new-york-city-technical-report\\_03.pdf](http://www.vera.org/sites/default/files/resources/downloads/drug-law-reform-new-york-city-technical-report_03.pdf)

### **Book Chapters**

Apel, Robert J. & **Samuel E. DeWitt**. (2018). "Informal and formal sanctions" in *Deterrence, Choice, and Crime: Contemporary Perspectives*, Francis T. Cullen, Cheryl Lero-Johnson, and Daniel S. Nagin (Eds.). New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction.

Apel, Robert, **Samuel E. DeWitt**, & Rose Bellandi (2014). "Is capital punishment an effective deterrent for murder? An updated review of research and theory" in *America's Experiment with the Death Penalty: 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*, James R. Acker, Robert M. Bohm, and Charles S. Lanier, Eds.

### **Book Reviews**

**DeWitt, Samuel E.** (2012). Legalizing prostitution: From illicit vice to lawful business. *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books*, Phyllis Schultze (Ed).  
[http://clcjbooks.rutgers.edu/books/legalizing\\_prostitution.html](http://clcjbooks.rutgers.edu/books/legalizing_prostitution.html)

### **Manuscripts in Progress**

Denver, Megan, **Samuel E. DeWitt**, and Abigail Ballou. "Credential naming conventions and employer perceptions: An experimental test". *In Progress*.

**DeWitt, Samuel E.** "Is voluntary program participation a signal of desistance? A test of signaling theory using a high-risk sample of adjudicated youth." *In Progress*.

**DeWitt, Samuel E.** "Wage offers and the stigma of a criminal record: An experimental test." *Under review*.

**DeWitt, Samuel E.** and Robert Apel. "Treating model selection as a variable: An application of Bayesian Model Averaging to state-level violent crime analysis." *In Progress*.

Hyatt, Jordan M., **Samuel E. DeWitt**, and Kathleen Powell. "Applying the principles of deterrence in a treatment setting: Findings from the Pennsylvania SIP pilot evaluation." *In Progress*.

### **Technical Reports**

**DeWitt, Samuel E.**, Michael Ostermann, and Jordan M. Hyatt. (2016). Risk-based Supervision Pilot Project: Process Evaluation. Submitted to the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts – Probation Services. (2013-SM-BX-0004).

Hyatt, Jordan M., **Samuel E. DeWitt**, and Michael Ostermann. (2016). Risk-based Supervision Pilot Project: Organizational Impacts Evaluation. Submitted to the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts – Probation Services. (2013-SM-BX-0004).

Ostermann, Michael, **Samuel E. DeWitt**, and Jordan M. Hyatt. (2016). Risk-based Supervision Pilot Project: Outcomes Evaluation. Submitted to the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts – Probation Services. (2013-SM-BX-0004).

### **Grants**

**Principal Investigator.** North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense. *The Impact of Indigent Defense Availability on Court Outcomes and Local Jail Populations*. \$21,045.

**Co-Principal Investigator.** (M. Lyn Exum, P.I.). National Institute of Justice 2018-2022. *Improving Officer Decision-Making: Can Personality Predict Outcomes*. \$432,159

**Grant Recipient.** University of North Carolina at Charlotte – 2016 Faculty Research Grant Award. \$5982

**Grant Recipient.** Rutgers University-Newark – 2015 TA/GA Professional Development Fund Award. \$492

**Grant Recipient.** Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology & Criminal Justice – Spring 2015 Research Award. \$827

**Co-Principal Investigator.** (Cory Schnell, P.I.). Rutgers School of Criminal Justice – Dean’s Award. *Exploring the “Black Box” of Focused Deterrence Interventions*. May 1, 2014 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. \$1,250.

**Co-Investigator.** (\$743,601) U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. New Jersey Probation Risk-Based Supervision Pilot Project (2013-SM-BX-0004). October 2013.

### **Conference Presentations (from most recent)**

*\*denotes work with students*

Dylan M. Spencer, **Samuel E. DeWitt**, & Cory Schnell. “*Analyzing Crime Patterns Surrounding Light Rail Expansion in Charlotte, NC*.” American Society of Criminology Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2024.

Denver, Megan and **Samuel E. DeWitt**. “*It’s What You Do After the Mistake That Counts: A Mixed Methods Examination of Positive Credentials in the Employment Context*.” American Society of Criminology Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2021.

Apel, Robert and **Samuel E. DeWitt**. “*Moving to opportunity? Residential mobility, job growth, and parolee arrest recidivism*.” American Society of Criminology Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2019.

DuFour, Isabelle F. and **Samuel E. DeWitt**. “*The impact of penal programs on criminal trajectories of young adults in Canada*.” American Society of Criminology Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2019.

Denver, Megan and **Samuel E. DeWitt**. “*Criminal Records and Positive Employment Credentials*.” Utah Criminal Justice Conference, hosted by the Utah Criminal Justice Center. September 11, 2019. Invited presentation.

**DeWitt, Samuel E.** and Megan Denver. “*Race, Criminal Records, and Positive Employment Credentials*”

American Society of Criminology Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2018.

Jordan M. Hyatt, Nicolette Bell, **Samuel E. DeWitt**, Bret Bucklen, and Geoffrey C. Barnes. “*Swift-Certain-Fair Sanctioning during Reentry: Results from the Pennsylvania SIP Pilot Evaluation.*” Washington, D.C., November 2018.

\*Johnson, Cornelius, Olivia T. Maraj, Jahmina Ollison, and **Samuel E. DeWitt**. “*Examining the Impact of the City LYNX Gold Line Streetcar Rail on Crime*” Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, September 2018.

\*Maraj, Olivia T., Jahmina Ollison, Cornelius Johnson, and **Samuel E. DeWitt**. “*Examining the Impact of the City LYNX Gold Line Streetcar Rail on Crime*” Southern Criminal Justice Association Meeting, Pensacola, FL, September 2018.

**DeWitt, Samuel E.** “*Local Labor Market Conditions and Recidivism: An Analysis of State-Level Labor Market Changes Over Time and Parolee Recidivism.*” American Society of Criminology Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2017.

Bell, Nicolette, Jordan M. Hyatt, Geoffrey Barnes, **Samuel E. DeWitt**, and Bret Bucklen. “*Applying the Principles of Deterrence in a Treatment Setting: Findings from the Pennsylvania SIP Pilot Evaluation.*” American Society of Criminology Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2017.

**DeWitt, Samuel E.** “*Signaling Desistance: Using Short-Term Signals to Identify Long-Term Desisters.*” American Society of Criminology Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2016.

**DeWitt, Samuel E.** and Megan C. Kurlychek “*Is Forgiveness Divine? The Short-Term Employment Outcomes of Youthful Offender Seals in the NY State Long-Term Healthcare Field.*” American Society of Criminology Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2015.

Schnell, Cory and **Samuel E. DeWitt**. “*Exploring the “Black Box” of Focused Deterrence Strategies: Changes in Sanction Risk Within an Experimental Trial.*” American Society of Criminology Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2015.

Matlin, Alisa, **Samuel E. DeWitt**, and Robert Apel. “*Order, Chaos, or Both? Using Trajectory Models to Examine Patterns in Perceptual Risk Updating and Ambiguity.*” American Society of Criminology Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2015.

**DeWitt, Samuel E.** “*Perceptual Deterrence in a Nationally Representative Sample: Assessing the Explanatory Power of the Social Component of Risk Perceptions.*” American Society of Criminology Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2014.

**DeWitt, Samuel E.** and Robert Apel. “*Are Offenders Good Bayesians? Risk Updating In Response to Personal and Vicarious Experiences with Arrest.*” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2013.

**DeWitt, Samuel E.** and Andres F. Rengifo. “*Multiplexity and Hierarchy” An Alternate View on the Social Correlates of Criminal Justice Involvement.*” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2013

Apel, Robert J. and **Samuel E. DeWitt**. “*Deterrence and Deterrability: Analyzing Individual Contextual*

*Characteristics and Risk Perceptions in NLSY97.*" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2012.

**DeWitt, Samuel E.** "A Re-Analysis of the Blue Thursday Phenomenon in Homicide." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., November 2011.

Alqadi, Nazmia E., Lena B. Aspengren, **Samuel E. DeWitt**, Kathleen A. Frey, Colin Loftin, & R "Distributive Justice and the Murder of Police Officers." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2010.

### **Invited Presentations**

**DeWitt, Samuel E.** "An Academic Perspective on Higher-Ed/Government Organization Cross-Sector Partnerships." Association of Public Policy and Management Institutional Member Forum, Chapel Hill, NC, May 2022.

### **Professional Development Workshops Taught**

Data Management in Stata, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University-Newark. March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

Introduction to RStudio, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University-Newark. April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### **Research Assistantships & Internships**

#### **Research Assistantships**

*Research Foundation, State University of New York at Albany*

"The Influence of Criminal Background Checks on Employment in the Health Industry" September 2014 to August 2015

*State of New Jersey Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts*

"Smart Probation Grant, Risk Based Supervision Pilot Project" September 2014 to August 2016.

*Vera Institute of Justice*

"A Natural Experiment in Reform: Analyzing Drug Law Policy Change in New York State." January 2013-July 2013

#### **Undergraduate Internship/Research Experience**

*University at Albany*

New York State Intelligence Center, Data Analyst, Fall 2009 -Spring 2010

Research Assistant, Cognitive Psychology Lab, University at Albany, Fall 2009

#### **Teaching Experience**

*University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

Crime Analytics (CJUS 6106)

Data Analysis (CJUS 6103)

Data Analytics in Criminal Justice (CJUS 4370)

Research Methods and Design (CJUS 6102)

Research Methods in Criminal Justice (CJUS 2130)

## Research Methods in Criminal Justice (CJUS 3103)

### *University at Albany*

Discussion Leader, Criminology (RCRJ 203), Spring 2010 - Spring 2011

Discussion Leader, Criminal Justice Process (RCRJ 201), Spring 2011

### *Rutgers University, Newark*

Part-Time Lecturer, Social Research II, Summer 2012

Part-Time Lecturer, Data Analysis in Criminal Justice, Spring 2013

Part-Time Lecturer, Research Methods in Criminal Justice, Summer 2013

Graduate Statistics Assistant, PhD Intro & Intermediate Statistics, Fall 2012-Spring 2016

### **Professional/Academic Development**

Workshop Attendee. *Data Visualization with R*, Instructor: Robert Brame, University of South Carolina. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Workshop Attendee. *Methods for the Analysis of Non-Experimental Data: Instrumental Variables and Regression Discontinuity Designs*, Instructor(s): Steve van de Weijer, Catrien Bijleveld, Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement and VU University, Amsterdam. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Workshop Attendee. *Research Design for Causal Inference Workshop*, Northwestern Law School, July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/research-faculty/conferences/causalinference/frequentist/index.html>

Workshop Attendee. *Item Response and Graded Response Models*, Instructor(s): Gary Sweeten, Arizona State University. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

### **Academic/Professional Affiliations**

School of Criminal Justice Graduate Student Government Association, Rutgers Newark

Faculty Liaison, Fall 2012 – Spring 2014

Graduate Student Association, University at Albany, 2009 - 2010

First Year Master Student Representative, 2009 - 2010 Academic Year

Alpha Phi Sigma, National Honor Society for Criminal Justice

Psi Chi, National Honor Society for Psychology

Committee Chair, Excellence in Teaching Awards, Spring 2009

American Society of Criminology, 2010 – Present

Southern Criminal Justice Association, 2022

## **References**

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