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Education/Employment History

Academic Employment

2025: Associate Professor

Florida Atlantic University
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

2018-2025: Assistant Professor

Florida Atlantic University
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

2015-2018: Full-Time Faculty Instructor

School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Arizona State University

Education

2018 Doctor of Philosophy

2012 Master of Science

2010 Bachelor of Science

Arizona State University
School of Criminology & Criminal Justice

Scholarship/Research

Publications in Print

Refereed Journal Articles (* indicates student coauthor; ** indicates community partner)

*/**[14.] Cooley, Morgan, Crichlow, Vaughn, **Cesar, Gabriel**, Colvin, Marianna, **Best, Corey, Smyth, Katherine, & *Jimenez-Bean, Robin. (in press). Evaluating the Authentic Family Engagement and Strengthening approach. *Journal of Justice-Informed Social Work Practice and Research*, (Accepted 4/17/2025).

[13.] **Cesar, Gabriel**, Cheon, Hyunjung, & Sloas, Lincoln. (2025). Punishment, rehabilitation, or both: Assessing public support for balanced justice for “attempted” mass shooters. *Crime & Delinquency*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287251338>

*[12.] Walker D’Andre, **Cesar, Gabriel T**, Brown, Katharine, *Norris, Katherine, *Myers, Mason, & *Rosenbaum, Joshua. (2025). You are the father: Investigating the relationship between adolescent fatherhood & suicide attempt. *Youth & Society*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X251323909>

[11.] Cooley, Morgan, **Cesar, Gabriel, Colvin, Marianna, Crichlow, Vaughn, & **Best, Corey. (2025). Intersections for justice: Conceptualizing justice-centered child welfare practice. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2025.2463606>.

- [10.] Thompson, Heather, Cooley, Morgan, **Cesar, Gabriel**, Backstrom, Laura, Colvin, Marianna. (2025). Forming relationships with youth in foster care: Perspectives of Guardians ad Litem. Revised & Resubmitted June 15, 2024. *Journal of Child & Family Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-024-02980-2>.
- *[9.] Dario, Lisa, **Cesar, Gabriel**, *Jalbert, Kristina, Delatorre, Frank. (2024). Quantifying the impact: From prevalence to harm in evaluating police misconduct. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 93. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2024.102229>.
- [8.] Sloas, Lincoln, & **Cesar, Gabriel**. (2024). Assessing public opinion regarding appropriate responses to would-be mass shooters: Applying a balanced justice framework. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 39(13-14), 3016-3039. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605231225521>.
- *[7.] *Gardner, Scott, Fallik, Seth, Dobrin, Adam, Guastaferro, Wendy, & **Cesar, Gabriel**. (2024). The effects of implicit bias in simulated police-public interactions: An Experimental Study. *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*, 39, 198-212. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11896-024-09643-4>.
- [6.] Dario, Lisa, **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Crichlow, Vaughn. (2022). Reappreciating the varieties of police behavior: A national examination of contemporary police mission statements. *Policing: An International Journal*, 45(6), 893-907. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-02-2022-0026>.
- [5.] **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Decker, Scott. (2020). "CPS Sucks, but... I think I'm better off in the system:" Family, social support, & arts-based mentorship in child protective services. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 118. 13 Pages. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105388>.
- [4.] Walker, D'Andre, & **Cesar, Gabriel**. (2020). Examining the "gang penalty" in the juvenile justice system: A focal concerns perspective. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 18(4), 315-336. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1541204020916238>.
- [3.] Wallace, Danielle, **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Hedberg, Eric. (2018). The effect of survey mode on socially undesirable responses to open ended questions: A mixed methods approach. *Field Methods*, 30(2), 105-123. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1525822X18766284>.
- [2.] Todak, Natalie, **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Louton, Brooks. (2015). Forensic reporting of TASER exposure: An examination of situational and exposure characteristics. *Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine*, 35, 4-8. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jflm.2015.06.010>
- [1.] Wright, Kevin, & **Cesar, Gabriel**. (2013). Toward a more complete model of offender reintegration: Linking the individual-, community-, and system-level components of recidivism. *Victims and Offenders*, 8(4), 373-398. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2013.803004>

Book Chapters (* indicates graduate student coauthor)

- [4.] **Cesar, Gabriel**, Walker D'Andre, & *Fernandez, Tiffany. (2024). "On gangs and family: Primary family, secondary family, and surrogate family." In David Pyrooz, James Densley, and John Leverso (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Gangs & Society* (pp. 560-576). Oxford.
- [3.] **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Decker, Scott. (2018). "The Promise and Process of Ethnography: What We Have Learned Studying Gang Members and CPS Kids." In Stephen Rice and Michael Maltz, (Eds.), *Using Ethnography in Criminology: Discovery through Fieldwork* (pp. 57-74). Springer.
- [2.] **Cesar, Gabriel T**, and Scott Decker. (2017). Coldblooded and Badass: A 'Hot' and 'Cool' Approach to Understanding Carjackers' Decisions." In Wim Bernasco, Henk Elffers, and Jean-Louis Van Gelder, (Eds.). *The Oxford Handbook of Offender Decision Making* (pp. 611-632). Oxford.
- [1.] **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Wright, Kevin. (2013). "'That ain't the only way to be': The reintegration of Dennis 'Cutty' Wise from an individual-, community-, and system-level perspective." In David C. Brody and Peter A. Collins (Eds.). *Crime, Justice, & Politics in the City as Seen through the Wire* (pp. 259-277). Carolina Press.

Other: (Book Review)

- [1.] **Cesar, Gabriel**. (2020). Ross Deuchar (2018). Gangs & Spirituality: A global perspective. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, 15(2), 1613–1615.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/police/paaa012>.

Other: (Technical Reports)

- [2.] Cooley, Morgan, Colvin, Marianna, Crichlow, Vaughn, **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Best, Corey. (2023). Family engagement in child welfare: Perspectives of parents impacted by the child welfare system and professionals with child welfare experience. Contract #2021-002RE. Report for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare.
- [1.] Cooley, Morgan, Colvin, Marianna, Crichlow, Vaughn, **Cesar, Gabriel**, & Best, Corey. (2023). *Understanding the need to address systemic racism in the child welfare system: Perspectives of parents and professionals with child welfare experience*. Contract #2021-002RE. Report for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare.

Refereed Presentations and Proceedings

(National; * indicates presentation resulted in publication)

*Walker, D'Andre and **Cesar, Gabriel T**

November 2019 "Examining the "Gang Penalty" in the Juvenile Justice System: A Focal Concerns Perspective." (Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA)

***Cesar, Gabriel T**

November 2018 “‘Like When I decided to Tell You my Real Age:’ Phronetic Research in Criminology Careers.” (Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA)

***Cesar, Gabriel T, Richard Moule, Jr.**

November 2016 “‘CPS sucks... but I’m Better Off in the System’: On Overlooked Forms of Social Control.” (Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA)

***Todak, Natalie Erin, Gabriel T Cesar, and Brooks Louton**

November 2013 “TASER-Proximate Arrest-Related Deaths: An Examination of Autopsy Reports.” (Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA)

Cesar, Gabriel T

November 2012 “Social Learning in Context: Group Homies, Mentorship, and Social Support.” (Master’s Thesis presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL)

***Cesar, Gabriel T, and Kevin A. Wright**

November 2011 “Toward a More Complete Model of Offender Reintegration: Linking the Individual-, Community-, and System-Level Components of Recidivism.” (Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC)

(Regional; * indicates presentation resulted in publication)

***Cesar, Gabriel T, Danielle Wallace, and Eric Hedberg**

February 2013 “Social Undesirability in Survey Responses: Do Web Surveys Generate Socially Extreme Reactions?” (Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, Berkley CA)

Grants & External Contracts

1. **Cesar, Gabriel (PI)**, Anzures, Gizelle (Co-PI), & Sun, Diana (Co-I). *Choosing Violence: A Randomized, Controlled Trial of the Decision to Commit Violence*. FAU College of Social Work & Criminal Justice Seed Grant. **Amount applied for: \$10,000** for summer funding to complete NIH grant application for submission Fall 2025. (Seed grant application denied April, 2025).
2. **Cesar, Gabriel (PI)**, Anzures, Gizelle (Co-PI), & Sun, Diana (Co-I). *Choosing Violence: A Randomized, Controlled Trial of the Decision to Commit Violence*. (SOAR-CP). Funded by the College of Social Work & Criminal Justice February 2025. **Awarded \$3,000** for consultation on development of NIH grant application for submission Fall, 2025. I

allocated 10% of my assigned 60% research effort to this consultation process during Spring 2025.

3. Cooley, Morgan, & Colvin, Marianna (Co-Principal Investigators); Clark, Shelby, Thompson, Heather, **Cesar, Gabriel**, Gillen, Martie, Simpson, David, Cui, Ming, Steen, April, & Dario, Lisa (Co-Investigators). *The Academy: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Preservice Training for Child Welfare Workers in Florida*. Contract funded by the Florida Institute for Child Welfare (FICW) at Florida State University. (April 1, 2024-June 30, 2026). **Amount received: \$646,148**. I allocated 15% of my assigned 60% research effort to this project.
4. Cooley, Morgan (Principal Investigator), Thompson, Heather, Colvin, Marianna, **Cesar, Gabriel**, Skinner-Osei, Precious, & Best, Corey (Co-Investigators). *Parent, Child, and Family Rights within the Florida Child Welfare System*. Grant funded by the Florida Institute for Child Welfare (FICW) at Florida State University (September 1, 2023-September 1, 2024). **Amount received: \$74,707**. I allocated 10% of my assigned 60% research effort to this project.

Courses Taught at FAU

Online Courses (*indicates new course developed)

- *CCJ 4508 *Gangs, Groups, and Justice* (eDesigned with QM certification)
- *CCJ 4700 *Research Methods* (eDesigned with QM certification)
- *CCJ 6934 *Prison Gangs* (Graduate; eDesigned with QM certification)
- *CCJ 6709 *Qualitative Research Methods* (Graduate; Synchronous)
- *CCJ 6485 *Applying Criminal Justice Theory and Practice* (Graduate Capstone; Synchronous)

In-Person Courses

- *CCJ 6485 *Applying Criminal Justice Theory and Practice* (FAU's Master Capstone)
- *CCJ 6709 *Qualitative Research Methods* (Graduate)
- *CCJ 4508 *Gangs, Groups, and Justice*
- *CCJ 4670 *Women, Crime, and Criminal Justice*

Supervision of Graduate Students

Master's Thesis Chair

Student: Delaney Chopp

Thesis Title: "Sexual Harassment & the Willingness to Intercede in Virtual Reality"

Tentative Defense date: Spring 2026

Master's Thesis Chair

Student: Shannon Ward

Thesis Title: "Heart Rate & Cognitive Decision-Making during Simulated Violent Encounters"

Tentative Defense date: Spring 2026

Master's Thesis Member (Dr. Diana Sun, Chair)

Student: Alice Assi

Thesis Title: "A Scoping Review of Second-Generation Immigrant Drug Use"

Tentative Defense Date: Fall 2025

Master's Thesis Member (Dr. Lisa Dario, Chair)

Student: Nicole Lange-Figueroa

Thesis Title: Assessing the Use of Force Continuum

Tentative Defense Date: Fall 2025

Master's Thesis Committee Member (Dr. Lisa Dario, Chair)

Student: Kevin Lopez

Thesis Title: "Social Media and Crime Analysis: Online Posting and Law Enforcement"

Defense Date: Fall 2023

*Student went on to doctoral program in CCJ at American University

Master's Thesis Chair

Student: Kenyse Horsey

Thesis Title: "Community Justice and Public Safety at Music Festivals"

Defense Date: Spring 2023

*Student went on to become a private investigator at Command Investigations

Master's Thesis Chair

Student: Hannah Gorman

Thesis Title: "Prosecutorial Discretion: A Legal & Theoretical Synthesis"

Defense Date: Spring 2022

*Student went on to the United States Sentencing Commission in Washington, DC

Master's Thesis Chair

Student: Maria Alvarez

Thesis Title: "Virginia Artrip, Poet, Investigator, Poet"

Defense Date: Spring 2022

*Student went on to leadership position in Florida Department of Corrections (Probation)

Master's Thesis Chair

Student: John Roberts

Thesis Title: "Code of the Calle: Narcocorridos & Violence"

Defense Date: Spring 2022

*Student went on to serve as instructor and law enforcement trainer at University of Denver

Master's Thesis Committee Member (Dr. Wendy Guastaferro, Chair)

Student: Selina Cuevas

Thesis Title: "Assessing the Lived Experience of Drug Court Participants"

Defense Date: Spring 2022

*Student went on to work in substance abuse treatment in Broward County

Master's Thesis Committee Member (Dr. Cassandra Atkin-Plunk, Chair)

Student: Rebeka Rocco

Thesis Title: "Prison Based Animal Programs: Students' Perceptions"

Defense Date: Fall 2021

*Student went on to UCF CCJ doctoral program & tenure track professorship at Endicott College

Master's Thesis Committee Member (Dr. Lisa Dario, Chair)

Student: Katherine Wilson-McCoy

Thesis Title: "The Competing Roles of Social and Legal Oppression"

Defense Date: December 2019

*Student went on to UCF CCJ doctoral program & Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Service and Professional Development**School of Criminology & Criminal Justice****2025-Current SCCJ Annual Evaluation Criteria Committee**

This committee is responsible for authoring evaluation criteria drafts, communicating proposed criteria to the faculty, processing faculty feedback, and administering faculty votes regarding ratification of criteria for the School of Criminology & Criminal Justice.

2025-Current Graduation Marshal: School of Criminology & Criminal Justice

Every semester, I serve as Graduation Marshal for the School's graduate students. This service allows me to experience graduation alongside students from each semester of Capstone and provides a consistent presence during the ceremonies.

2020-Current Committee Member: SCCJ Bylaws Committee

This committee was responsible for authoring bylaw drafts, communicating proposed revisions to the faculty, processing faculty feedback, and administering faculty votes regarding ratification of bylaws for the School of Criminology & Criminal Justice. The bylaws were ratified by the Dean during spring 2025.

2019-Current Committee Member: SCCJ Graduate Advisory Committee

This committee is responsible for setting and applying admission guidelines, structuring curriculum, and planning for growth and rigor of FAUCCJ's Master of Science program.

April 2025 FAU Decision Lab Tour: CCJ Soar-In 4 students c/o Sandra Jakubow (4/7/2025)

Led simulations with student participants and discussed the role of simulated reality in the future of training and research.

- 2024-2025 **Assistant Professor Search Committee Member**
This committee is responsible for collecting, reviewing, and considering applications for one open assistant professor line, communicating our findings to the faculty, and assisting in the planning and execution of visits and facilitating consideration of candidates.
- 2022-2023 **Director Search Committee Member**
This committee collected, reviewed, and considered applications for our open director line. The selection process generated several promising candidates.
- March 2021 **Guest Speaker: Graduate Committee Brown Bag Series**
Presentation and discussion with graduate students regarding effective execution of employment documents including cover letters, CVs, and resumes.
- Feb. 2020 **Guest Speaker: Graduate Committee Brown Bag Series**
Presentation and discussion with graduate students regarding opportunities challenges associated with thesis and capstone options for graduation.
- Feb. 2019 **Guest Speaker: Graduate Committee Brown Bag Series**
Presentation and discussion with graduate students regarding opportunities challenges associated with thesis and capstone options for graduation.
- 2018-2019 **Committee Member: SCCJ Undergraduate Advisory Committee**
Scheduled curriculum, attended to other administrative concerns regarding FAUCCJ's Bachelor of Arts program.

College of Social Work & Criminal Justice

- 2025 **Associate Dean Search Committee Member**
Working under Committee Chair Morgan Cooley, this committee is responsible for collecting, reviewing, and considering applications for one Associate Dean line, communicating our findings of fact to the broader faculty, as well as assisting in the planning and execution of visits and facilitating consideration of candidates.
- 2025-Current **Committee Chair: CoSWCJ Honors & Awards Committee**
This committee is responsible for administering honors & awards for the college. As the chair of this committee, I also serve as the college representative on the University Honors & Awards Committee.
- 2024-Current **Committee Member: Key Performance Indicators Committee**
This committee is responsible for establishing and monitoring key performance indicators for the college/university.

2025-Current **CoSWCJ Annual Evaluation Criteria Committee**

This committee is responsible for authoring evaluation criteria drafts, communicating proposed criteria to the faculty, processing faculty feedback, and administering faculty votes regarding ratification of criteria for the College of Social Work & Criminal Justice.

2021-Current **Committee Member: CoSWCJ Bylaws Committee**

This committee is responsible for authoring bylaw drafts, communicating proposed revisions to the faculty, processing faculty feedback, and administering faculty votes regarding ratification of bylaws for the College of Social Work & Criminal Justice.

2025 **Committee Member: Ad-Hoc Committee for CoSWCJ Annual Review Policy**

This committee was responsible for identifying, compiling, assessing, and establishing promotion criteria for CoSWCJ that are reflective the university's criteria.

2021 **Guest Speaker: Community Conversations Event: Rethinking Gangs**

For this event I outlined the ecological context of gang membership at the individual and community levels, and discussed, along with my co-host novel ways of addressing gang problems with an eye on converting toxic masculinity into prosocial masculinity and preserving racial and ethnic identity throughout the process.

University Service

2025 (Fall) **Invited Guest Speaker: PJHR Research Talk**

The FAU Center for Peace, Justice, & Human Rights sponsors this series of research talks to provide a forum for researchers to speak about, and students and colleagues to learn about ongoing research endeavors across disciplines and departments at FAU. For our part, my thesis student Shannon Ward and I presented our cognitive decision-making experiment entitled "Choosing Violence: Rationality, Experientiality, & the Split-Second Decision to Shoot in Self-Defense" on September 3, 2025.

2025 (Fall) **Expert Panelist: Covidence Conversations: Faculty Insights**

This panel was convened to communicate the benefits of the data analysis program Covidence in engaging students in research and publication. Other panelists included Dr. Louis A. Merlin, Associate Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, and Dr. Morgan Cooley, Associate Professor, Sandler School of Social Work. My former Capstone student Madison Sokol attended with me to convey her several "hacks" (including using AI to help flesh out search terms) that she developed during our work together. The panel took place on October 16, 2025.

- 2025-Current **Advisor: FAU Office of Research Development Advisory Panel**
The focus of this panel is to review limited submissions applications. Limited submissions occur when an agency restricts the number of grant proposals that can be submitted by an organization, which can result in an internal review process. Faculty members submit internal applications to ORD through a ticketing system. Since there are generally only 45 days from when ORD receives applications to the agency deadline date, reviews can require a quick turnaround. We strive to provide completed reviews within one week.
- 2025-Current **Member & College Representative: University Honors & Awards Committee**
This committee is responsible for administering honors & awards for the university. I also serve as the chair of the CoSWCJ Honors & Awards Committee.
- 2024-Current **Committee Member: Breezeway Dialogue Committee**
This committee develops ideas and plans events for university-wide outdoor events that bring professors and students together to discuss emergent or controversial topics in an open, supportive, open-minded forum that considers diverse perspectives and encourages constructive debate.
- 2024-Current **Committee Member: Center for Peace, Justice & Human Rights (PJHR) Curriculum Development Committee**
This committee is responsible for developing, administering, and evaluating PJHR's curricula for the PJHR Certificate and minor programs.
- 2024-Current **Peer-Reviewer: Florida Atlantic Undergraduate Research Journal (FAURJ)**
This journal features research articles by undergraduate students from across the full range of majors and research fields across FAU. Reviewing for FAURJ allows me to interact with emerging research from all over the university and apply my unique perspective and expertise beyond the confines of my own department.
- 2022-Current **Grant Committee Member & Content Expert (Policing): FAU Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (CARD)**
I have served as a volunteer consultant with CARD since 2022. We have been meeting 3 times per semester since that time to develop, implement, review, and revise training curricula to improve interactions between first responders and people who are neurodivergent, particularly in the context of the autism spectrum of behaviors.
- 2021 **Event Host: "How to FAU"**
Along with a team of graduate and undergraduate student volunteers and Ellen Rondina from SSW, I facilitated a mask-making workshop with a group of 130 incoming freshman. The Event was one of several "breakout session" experiences administered by university groups, teams, and clubs. I participated

on behalf of the PJHR, having funded the session through our PJHR working group on art and social change.

- 2021 **Event Host: FUTUROS Retreat**
Along with a team of graduate and undergraduate student volunteers and Ellen Rondina from SSW, I facilitated a mask-making workshop with a group of 50 incoming Latinx freshman. The Event was one of several “breakout session” experiences designed to build social networks, develop identities, and engage Latinx students with Latinx faculty members. I participated on behalf of the PJHR, having funded the session through our PJHR working group on art and social change.
- 2020 **Table Host: FAU’s Annual Graduate Recruitment Fair**
Hosted information booth (online format due to COVID-19 restrictions) for current FAU undergraduate students thinking about applying for graduate programs.
- 2018 **Panel Judge: 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Competition**
Evaluated and provided feedback for very short-format research presentations by 10 undergraduate and graduate competition finalists.
- 2018 **Table Host: FAU Explorer Day**
Hosted information booth for high school students considering undergraduate programs.

Professional Service

- 2024-Current **Editorial Board Member: Victims & Offenders**
- 2025 **Panel Moderator: (Re)establishing Parental Rights After Incarceration.** 2025 Palm Beach Reentry Summit, West Palm Beach, FL
- 2024 **Peer-Reviewer: Youth**
- 2023 **Peer-Reviewer: Critical Sociology**
- 2014-Current **Peer-Reviewer: Justice Quarterly**
- 2017 **Peer-Reviewer: Journal of Orthopsychiatry**
- 2014 **Peer-Reviewer: Journal of Mixed Methods Research**
- 2014 **Proposal Reviewer: Routledge Books, Division of Criminology**
- 2013 **Panel Chair: Family Violence.** The annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA
- 2013 **Panel Chair: Innovative Methods to Study Crime and Justice.** The annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, Berkeley, CA
- 2012 **Panel Chair: Social Processes in the Immigration-Crime Nexus.** The annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL
- 2011 **Panel Chair: Incarceration, Reentry, & Reintegration.** The annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC

2011-2012 **Grant Application Reviewer:** Graduate and Professional Student Association, Arizona State University

Community Service

2023 **Career Day Event Table Host (Children’s Harbor Group Homes)**
Spoke with over 50 young adults in the process of aging-out of Florida’s child welfare system about college life, research opportunities, graduate school, and career opportunities in criminal justice.

2021-2022 **Youth Mentor, Project 18 (Children’s Home Society)**
One-on-one mentor to system-involved young adults in the custody of Florida’s child welfare system during the process of “aging-out” of state custody in child protective services in Palm Beach County. My primary role in this capacity was providing emotional, educational, and professional support for a young man in the process of competing high school, living independently, and embarking on a career.

2020-2022 **Guardian Ad Litem, Palm Beach County**
Working with attorneys, caseworkers, and volunteers, visiting and advocating for specific youth in the custody of Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to help ensure youth safety, monitor their case progression, and address youth needs as they arise. This service was especially challenging and important work during COVID-19 restrictions.

2018 **Guest Speaker: Palm Beach County Juvenile Probation Summer Program**
“Paving the Path from Juvenile Probation to College.” In collaboration with my colleague Dr. Lisa Dario, I led a guided discussion with juvenile probationers about their plans for the future, personal goals, and how college can be a useful way to connect those dots.

Professional Development

Spring 2025 **Spring CoSWCJ Statistical Training Workshop**
Hosted by Michael DeDonno. Statistics refresher for research which covered the benefits and potential drawbacks of conducting database research including National Health & Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) and the National Trauma Databank.

Spring 2025 **Covidence Data Extraction 1 Tool Training Workshop**
Hosted by the Cochrane Group, developer of Covidence. Workshop covered data extraction procedures for scoping, systematic, and narrative reviews and meta-analyses and qualitative meta-analysis using Covidence’s Extraction 1 Tool. The tool incorporates large-language modeling and machine learning to systematize and streamline the extraction process. Over the last year, the Covidence application in general and the extraction tool in particular have improved the

rigor and output of my research and the effectiveness and breadth of my teaching output. Covidence and the extraction tool have also helped me incorporate both undergraduate and graduate students in my research and teaching via my Capstone class. Covidence is offered to FAU faculty and students for free through the Wimberly Library and allows students (and professors) to add an innovative data analysis tool to their resume/CV.

- Spring 2025 **College of Social Work & Criminal Justice Statistics Workshop**
Hosted by Michael DeDonno. Statistics refresher for research which covered Gaussian assumptions, effect size, statistical significance, and power, and selecting the appropriate regression (or other statistical modelling) depending on variable types and research questions.
- Spring 2025 **Center for Online & Continuing Education (COCE)**
With a designer, I reviewed and updated my canvas course in preparation to apply for **Quality Matters (QM) designation** for CCJ 4700 Research Methods in Criminal Justice which was awarded in February 2025. This experience provided me with additional training and experience on effective online pedagogy, recording presentations, and engaging content creation.
- Fall 2024 **Charles R. Schmidt College of Medicine Covidence Training Workshop**
Hosted by Michelle Keba Knecht, MSIS, MSL, AHIP, Senior Medical Librarian, Schmidt College of Medicine. Introduction and basic training on software designed to facilitate and streamline the research methods associated with scoping, systematic, and umbrella reviews, as well as meta-analysis. This training added direct benefit to my Capstone students, most of whom conduct scoping analyses for their terminal projects. Covidence cuts the data collection and analysis time down significantly, while simultaneously increasing the rigor and structure of the resulting research. In turn, this allowed me to allocate more time to collaborating with students about empirical, theoretical, and future research considerations as well as dissemination through publication and presentation, policy implications, and doctoral plans.
- Fall 2022 **Center for Online & Continuing Education (COCE)**
Reorganized & e-designed an online section of CCJ 4700 (Research Methods) to include best practices including studio-recorded video introductions, cohesive and engaging clickthrough experience, and innovative, video-based essays designed to assess core competencies. This experience provided me with additional training and experience on effective online pedagogy, recording presentations, and engaging content creation.
- Spring 2022 **Center for Online & Continuing Education (COCE)**
Reorganized & e-designed my online section of CJC 6216 (Prison Gangs) to include best practices including studio-recorded video introductions, cohesive

and engaging clickthrough experience, and zero-cost reading list. Culminated with **Quality Matters (QM) designation** March 1, 2023. This experience provided me with additional training and experience on effective online pedagogy, recording presentations, and engaging content creation.

Summer 2021 **Center for Online & Continuing Education (COCE)**

Reorganized & e-designed my online section of CCJ 4508 (Gangs, Groups & Justice) to include best practices including studio-recorded video introductions, cohesive and engaging clickthrough experience, and zero-cost reading list. Culminated with **Quality Matters (QM) designation** May 25, 2022. This experience provided me with additional training and experience on effective online pedagogy, recording presentations, and engaging content creation.

Honors and Awards

2025 Center for Peace, Justice, & Human Rights (PJHR) Faculty Affiliate of the Year Award

This award is an annual award given to a PJHR Faculty Affiliate who goes above and beyond in service to the Center. This honor comes with a *one-time \$800 award*. From the award letter: “This academic year (2024-2025) you have stepped up to assist with curriculum development, created a new student award, and much more. You are a tireless mentor to your students and a dedicated affiliate. Congratulations Dr. Cesar!”

2025 FAU Artists & Authors Recognition Award

This award recognized my work integrating life course theory, trauma informed practice, and gang research to better understand the social dynamic between the gang and the family as institutions central to youth development. The work was published in the Oxford Handbook on Gangs & Society, and was my first publication with a student from Capstone.

2017 Fellowship: Inaugural Child Abuse Research Institute (NIHCD)

Funded by National Institute of Child and Human Development and led by Drs. Cathy Spatz-Widom and Melissa Jonson-Reid, this week-long research gathering allowed me to network with an interdisciplinary group of emerging and senior child abuse researchers including medical doctors, psychologists, social workers, and criminologists from around the country.

2016 Award: Outstanding Graduate/Professional Student Mentorship (ASU)

This award recognized my informal mentorship to undergraduate and graduate students in my role as instructor, field researcher, and community volunteer during my graduate studies.

2014 Award: Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Servant-Leader Award (ASU)

This award recognized service to community through mentorship and collaborative art with local youth in the custody of CPS.

Link to award announcement: <https://www.asu.edu/mlk/archive.html>

2013 Pitchfork Award: Outstanding ASU Undergraduate Organization – Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honors Society

This award recognized my work as vice president, along with a team of fellow students, in quadrupling the membership of ASU's chapter of the criminal justice honors society and establishing more rigorous entrance criteria and expanding group activities. Link to award: <https://eoss.asu.edu/pitchfork-awards/winners>

Institutional Affiliations

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Western Society of Criminology (WSC)

Florida Institute for Child Welfare (FICW)

FAU Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)

FAU Center for Peace, Justice, and Human Rights (PJHR)

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