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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D., Sociology
Bowling Green State University (BGSU), Bowling
Green, OH Major Area: Criminology
Minor Areas: Demography, Quantitative Methods
- 2013 M.A., Sociology
University of Toledo, Toledo, OH
- 2011 B.A., Sociology (Criminology
Minor) Miami University, Oxford,
OH

EMPLOYMENT

- 2022-present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY
- 2017-2022 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Life Course Criminology
Juvenile Delinquency
Social Mobility/Stratification
Social Responses to Crime

Quantitative Methods
Demography
Neighborhoods and Crime
Corrections

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Dennison, Christopher R. 2022. "Dropping Out of College and Dropping into Crime."
Justice Quarterly 39(3):585-611.

Dennison, Christopher R. and Kristen Schultz Lee (equal contribution). 2021. "Adult
Children's Educational Attainment and Parent Health in Mid- and Later- Life."
Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences 76(9):1857-1869.

* Editor's Choice.

- Dennison, Christopher R.** and Jessica G. Finkeldey (equal contribution). 2021. "Self-Reported Experiences and Consequences of Unfair Treatment by Police." *Criminology* 59(2):254-290.
- Dennison, Christopher R.**, Jessica G. Finkeldey, and Gregory C. Rocheleau. 2021. "Confounding Bias in the Relationship between Problem Gambling and Crime." *Journal of Gambling Studies* 37(2):427-444.
*Featured in [*The Wager*](#) (published by the Division on Addiction at Cambridge Health Alliance)
- Rocheleau, Gregory C., **Christopher R. Dennison**, Jessica G. Finkeldey, and Mackenzie F. Reiber. 2021. "Social Class Differences in the Relationships between Problem Gambling and Deviant Behavior." *Criminal Justice Studies* 34(1):68-87.
- Dennison, Christopher R.** 2021. "Racial and Ethnic Differences in the Relationship between Educational Mobility and Crime." *Race & Justice* 11(1):65-90.
- Finkeldey, Jessica G. and **Christopher R. Dennison**. 2020. "School-Based Resources as Protective Factors from the Influence of Parental Incarceration on Depressive Symptoms." *Social Currents* 7(5):402-423.
- Swisher, Raymond R. and **Christopher R. Dennison**. 2020. "First- and Continuing-Generation Students, Substance Use, and College Graduation." *Social Forces* 98(4):1636-1668.
- Finkeldey, Jessica G. and **Christopher R. Dennison**. 2020. "Multilevel Effects of Parental Incarceration on Adult Children's Neighborhood Attainment." *Social Problems* 67(1): 113-130.
- Dennison, Christopher R.** 2019. "The Crime-Reducing Benefits of a College Degree: Evidence from a Nationally Representative U.S. Sample." *Criminal Justice Studies* 32(4):297-316.
- Dennison, Christopher R.** 2019. "Gender Differences in the Criminogenic Consequences Associated with Intergenerational Educational Mobility." *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 44(2):248-276.
- Dennison, Christopher R.** 2019. "Intergenerational Educational Pathways and Instrumental Crime, Violent Crime, and Illegal Drug Use Across the Life Course." *Journal of Crime and Justice* 42(2):99-120.
- Krebs, Paul A., **Christopher R. Dennison**, Lisa Kellar, and Jeff Lucas. 2019. "Gender Differences in Eating Disorder Risk among NCAA Division I Cross Country and Track Student-Athletes." *Journal of Sports Medicine* (2019):1-5.
- Dennison, Christopher R.** and Raymond R. Swisher. 2019. "Postsecondary Education, Neighborhood Disadvantage, and Crime: An Examination of Life Course Relative Deprivation." *Crime & Delinquency* 65(2):215-238.

Dennison, Christopher R. and Stephen Demuth. 2018. “The More You Have, The More You Lose: Criminal Justice Involvement, Ascribed Socioeconomic Status, and Achieved SES.” *Social Problems* 65(2):191-210.

Dennison, Christopher R. 2018. “Intergenerational Mobility and Changes in Drug Use Across the Life Course.” *Journal of Drug Issues* 48(2):205-225.

Swisher, Raymond R. and **Christopher R. Dennison.** 2016. “Educational Pathways and change in Crime between Adolescence and Early Adulthood.” *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 53(6):840-871.

Dennison, Christopher R. 2016. “Keeping up with the Joneses? How Perceived SES Moderates the Relationship between Economic Problems and Instrumental Crime.” *Deviant Behavior* 37(10):1118-1131.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Lee, Kristen Schultz, **Christopher R. Dennison,** and Ashley B. Barr. Forthcoming. “Expanding Intergenerational Models of Adult Health: The Impact of Adult Children on Parent Health.” *Contexts*.

Dennison, Christopher R. and Jessica G. Finkeldey. 2021. “Racial groups suffer disparate consequences after unfair police treatment – but not the groups you might think.” [*The Conversation*](#).

Dennison, Christopher R. and Jessica G. Finkeldey. 2020. “The War on Drugs.” Pp. 693-695 in *Criminal Justice in America: The Encyclopedia of Crime, Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections*, edited by J. Bumgarner and C. Lewandowski. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC- CLIO.

Dennison, Christopher R. and Stephen Demuth. 2018. “The Criminal Justice System as an Engine for Downward Socioeconomic Mobility.” [*Work in Progress: Sociology on the Economy, Work and Inequality*](#).

Dennison, Christopher R. and Raymond R. Swisher. 2018. “Those with lower educational attainments compared to their parents or neighbors may be more likely to commit crime as adults.” [*London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog \(USAPP\)*](#).

Swisher, Raymond R. and **Christopher R. Dennison.** 2016. “Having more education than your parents makes it less likely that you will commit a crime as an adult.” [*London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog \(USAPP\)*](#).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Dennison, Christopher R. and Kristen Schultz Lee. 2022. "Adult Children's Educational Attainment and Parent Health in Mid- and Later-Life." Paper to be presented at the Gerontological Society of America Symposium on 2021 Featured Editor's Choice Articles from the *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*. Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dennison, Christopher R. "Health-Related Consequences of Unfair Treatment by Police." State University of New York at Fredonia. May 2021.

Dennison, Christopher R. "Confounding Bias in the Relationship between Problem Gambling and Crime." New York Council on Problem Gambling, November 2020.

Dennison, Christopher R. "Intergenerational Mobility, Social-Psychological Well-Being, and Crime." Brain and Behavioral Sciences Symposium, University at Buffalo, SUNY, May 2019.

Dennison, Christopher R. "Social Mobility and Criminal Justice Involvement." Jain Family Institute Discussion Series, March 2019.

Dennison, Christopher R. "Intergenerational Educational Mobility and Crime Across the Life Course." Sherry Corbett Lecture Series, Miami University, April 2018.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Dennison, Christopher R., Jessica G. Finkeldey, and Shiyue Cui. 2021. "The Association between Skin Color and Perceived Unfair Treatment by Police." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) in Chicago, IL.

Dennison, Christopher R. and Kristen Schultz Lee (equal contribution). 2021. "Adult Children's Educational Attainment and Parental Health in Mid- and Later-Life." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA), virtual meeting.

Dennison, Christopher R. and Jessica G. Finkeldey. 2020. "Sociodemographic Predictors of Unfair Treatment by Police." Paper accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) in Washington, D.C. Conference canceled due to Coronavirus outbreak.

Dennison, Christopher R. 2019. "Dropping out of College and Dropping into Crime." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC), San Francisco, CA.

Swisher, Raymond R., Emily Bragg, and **Christopher R. Dennison**. "Paying for the Party? Binge Drinking, Risky Sexual Behavior, and Graduation by Generational Status and Gender." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC), San Francisco, CA.

Dennison, Christopher R. 2018. "Gender Differences in the Relationship between Intergenerational Educational Pathways and Crime." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Atlanta, GA.

Swisher, Raymond R. and **Christopher R. Dennison.** 2017. "The Relationship between Educational Attainment and Crime among Potential First-Generation Students." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Philadelphia, PA.

Finkeldey, Jessica G. and **Christopher R. Dennison.** 2017. "Multilevel Effects of Parental Incarceration on Children's Self-Efficacy." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Philadelphia, PA.

Dennison, Christopher R. and Stephen Demuth. 2016. "The More You Have, The More You Lose: Criminal Justice Involvement, Ascribed Socioeconomic Status, and Achieved SES." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC), New Orleans, LA.

Dennison, Christopher R. 2016. "The Rich get Richer...and so do the Attractive? Ascribed Socioeconomic Status, Physical Attractiveness, and Achieved SES." Paper presented at the Add Health Users Conference, Bethesda, MD.

Dennison, Christopher R. 2015. "Keeping up with the Joneses? How Perceived SES Moderates the Relationship between Economic Problems and Instrumental Crime." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Washington D.C.

Swisher, Raymond R. and **Christopher R. Dennison.** 2014. "Social Mobility and Desistance." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC), San Francisco, CA.

Dennison, Christopher R. and Raymond R. Swisher. 2014. "Social Mobility, Employment, and Desistance." Paper presented at the 8th Annual BGSU/OSU Graduate Student Conference on Population, Bowling Green, OH.

Dennison, Christopher R. 2013. "Sentence Length and Recidivism: Are Longer Incarcerations the Solution to High Rates of Reoffending?" Paper presented at the North-Central Sociological Association (NCSA), Indianapolis, IN.

RESEARCH PROPOSALS

FUNDED

External

Carolina Population Center (2016)

Travel Stipend to attend the 12th National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health Users Conference in Bethesda, MA. **Christopher R. Dennison.** Total Award: \$900.

Internal

Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy (2021)

“He/She/They: Gender Pronouns and Gender Bias in Student Evaluations of Teaching”

Ashley Barr (PI), **Christopher R. Dennison** (Co-PI), and Mary Nell Trautner (Co-PI). Total Award: \$3,000.

UNDER REVIEW

National Institute on Aging

“Expanding Intergenerational Models of Adult Health: The Impact of Adult Children on Parent Health.” **Christopher R. Dennison** (PI), Ashley Barr (Co-PI), and Kristen Schultz Lee (Co-PI).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate

SOC 620	<i>Crime & the Life Course</i> University at Buffalo, SUNY
SOC 607	<i>Multiple Linear Regression</i> University at Buffalo, SUNY
SOC 587	<i>Criminological Theory</i> University at Buffalo, SUNY
SOC 6290	<i>Advanced Social Research Statistics</i> University of Toledo

Undergraduate

SOC 337	<i>Sociology of Punishment</i> University at Buffalo, SUNY
SOC 317	<i>Criminal Justice Systems</i> University at Buffalo, SUNY
SOC 307	<i>Criminology</i> University at Buffalo, SUNY
SOC 2020	<i>Social Problems</i> Bowling Green State University
SOC 101	<i>Introduction to Sociology</i> University at Buffalo, SUNY
SOC 1010	<i>Introduction to Sociology</i> University of Toledo

Other

SRI 2019	<i>Building a Better Regression Model</i> University at Buffalo Summer Research Institute
SRI 2018	<i>Introduction and Application of Propensity Score Analyses</i> University at Buffalo Summer Research Institute

THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

M.A. Advisor

Jeremy Carr, 2022
Emmett (Allen) Tabor, 2022
Nicole Keilitz, 2020
Tyrone Hill, Ongoing
Miranda Farthing, Ongoing

Ph.D. Committee Member

Wei Luo, 2021

M.A. Committee Member

Chang Yu, 2022
Zhe Zhang, 2021
Emily Foss, 2020
Jacqueline Sifuentes, 2020
Brooke Love, 2020
Alia Aeid, 2020
Camry Dean, 2020
Cassidy Castiglione, 2019
Alexander Capella, 2019
Christopher Bosley, 2019

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Fall 2020	“Understanding & Disrupting Implicit Bias: Training for CAS Faculty” by Maura Belliveau (University at Buffalo, SUNY)
Spring 2016	“Making Discussion Work in Support of Student Learning” by Jay R. Howard (Butler University)
Fall 2015	“Statistical Workshop on Propensity Score Analysis” by Shenyang Guo (Washington University)
Spring 2015	“Service Learning Workshop” by Michelle Lee Kozimor-King (Elizabethtown College)
Spring 2014	“Teaching Sociology: Pedagogical and Practical Aspects” by Melinda Messineo (Ball State University)
Summer 2014	Graduate Seminar, “Teaching Introductory Sociology” with Laura Sanchez (Bowling Green State University)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2018	BGSU Graduate College Distinguished Dissertation Award
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MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Section: Crime, Law, and Deviance

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

The International Sociology Honor Society: Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

Section: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency

SERVICE

Departmental

Chair, Clinical Assistant Professor Search Committee: 2022

Member, Awards Committee: 2022-Present

Member, Graduate Student Teaching Award Committee: 2020

Member, Clinical Assistant Professor Search Committee: 2020,
2021, 2022

Member, Qualifying Exam Committee: Summer 2018, Winter 2018, Winter 2019,
Summer 2020, Winter 2020, Summer 2021, Summer 2022

Member, Assistant Professor Search Committee: 2018

Member, Undergraduate Committee: 2017-2020

Member, Graduate Committee: 2020-Present

Member, Howe Award Committee: 2018-Present

Member, Undergraduate Student Paper Award Committee: 2019-Present

University

Undergraduate Commencement Academic Marshal: Summer 2018, Summer 2019,
Summer 2020

Member, UUP Individual Development Awards Committee: 2020-Present

Member, CAS Faculty Senate: 2021-Present

Panelist, New Faculty Orientation Program: 2022

Occasional manuscript reviewer: *American Sociological Review, City & Community, Crime & Delinquency, Crime, Law and Social Change, Criminal Justice and Behavior, Criminology, International Gambling Studies, Journal of Crime and Justice, Journal of Gambling Studies, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Justice Quarterly, PLOS One, Population Research and Policy Review, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social Sciences, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Forum, Sociology of Education, The Sociological Quarterly, Violence and Victims*