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Education

2016- 2020 Ph.D., Criminology, Law & Society, University of Florida
2015 M.S.W., Social Policy and Administration, Florida State University
2015 M.P.A., Florida State University
2011 B.A., Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, University of Richmond
2011 B.A., Geography, University of Richmond

Academic Positions

2020- present **Assistant Professor**, University of Mississippi

Professional Experience

2016-2020 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
2019 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
2014-2019 **SNAP® Prevention Program Group Facilitator**, Gainesville, FL
2015-2016 **Instructional Coach**, United Way, Austin, TX
2014-2015 **Gubernatorial Fellow**, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Tallahassee, FL
2013-2014 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Institute for Family Violence Studies, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
2011-2013 **Teach for America**, West Tallahatchie School District, Sumner, MS

Areas of Interest

- Juvenile justice
- Children and punishment
- Systems and delinquency
- Crime prevention and public policy
- Applied quantitative methods

Awards and Honors

2021 Faculty travel grant award recipient, Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference
2020 First Place, Faculty Lightning Talks, Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference

- 2020 Gorman Research Methods Award, University of Florida Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law
- 2020 Outstanding Colleague Award, University of Florida Criminology Syndicate
- 2019 Graduate Student Council Travel Grant, University of Florida
- 2019 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, University of Florida
- 2019 Most Innovative Dissertation Award, University of Florida Criminology Syndicate
- 2019 Outstanding Colleague Award, University of Florida Criminology Syndicate
- 2019 ACJS Doctoral Summit Scholarship Recipient
- 2018 Ronald L. Akers Graduate Student Paper Award, University of Florida Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law
- 2018 Graduate Student Instructor of the Year, University of Florida Criminology & Law Honor Society
- 2018 Outstanding Colleague Award, University of Florida Criminology Syndicate
- 2018 Graduate Student Council Travel Grant, University of Florida
- 2016- 2020 Graduate Research Fellow, University of Florida
- 2014 Florida Gubernatorial Fellowship
- 2014 Foundation Scholarship, Askew School of Public Administration and Policy, Florida State University
- 2014 Joyce Harper Laidlaw Scholarship in Child Welfare, Florida State University
- 2014 Budd Bell Scholarship, Florida State University
- 2013 Foundation Scholarship, Askew School of Public Administration and Policy, Florida State University
- 2013 PEO Foundation for Continuing Education Scholarship, Florida State University
- 2013 Joanna F. Gorman Scholarship, Florida State University
- 2013 Graduate Assistantship, School of Social Work, Florida State University
- 2013 Teach for America Sue Lehmann Nominee
- 2011 Westhampton College Distinguished Leader Award, University of Richmond
- 2011 Boatwright Memorial Library Modlin Book Award, University of Richmond

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (* denotes graduate student co-author)

- Novak, A., & De Francisco Lopes, V.*** Structuring discretion: The association between law enforcement policies and arrests of children in Florida. Accepted at *Crime & Delinquency*.
- Novak, A., & Fagan, A.** The Conditioning Effects of Positive Experiences on the ACEs-Offending Relationship in Adolescence. In Press at *Child Abuse & Neglect*.
- Novak, A.** (2022). The consequences of school suspension at different developmental stages: The relationships between age, race, suspension, and justice-related outcomes. *Criminal Justice & Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0093854822110756>
- Beck, B., Holder, E., **Novak, A.**, & Kaplan, J. (2022). The Material of Policing: Budgets, Personnel, and the United States' Misdemeanor Arrest Decline. *British Journal of Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azac005>

- Novak, A.** (2022). ACEs, Neuropsychological Deficits, and Early Childhood Suspension: A Test of Moffitt's Interactional Hypothesis. *Journal of Developmental and Life-course Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40865-022-00192-0>
- Hartsell, E.* & **Novak, A.** (2022). A comparison of re-arrest outcomes between youth in juvenile drug court, teen court, probation, and dismissed cases. *Crime & Delinquency*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287211073704>
- Novak, A.** & De Francisco Lopes, V.* (2022). Child delinquents, ACEs, and the juvenile justice system: Does exposure to ACEs affect justice system experiences for children? *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 20(2), 113-138.
- Novak, A.,** & Hartsell, E.* (2022). Does speed matter? The association between case processing time in juvenile court and re-arrest. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 33(3), 317-343. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08874034211035500>
- Novak, A.,** & Fagan, A. (2022). Expanding research on the school-to-prison pipeline: Examining the relationships between suspension, expulsion, and recidivism among justice-involved youth. *Crime & Delinquency*, 68(1), 3-27. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0011128721999334>
- Novak, A.** (2021). Trajectories of Exclusionary Discipline: Risk Factors and Associated Outcomes. *Journal of School Violence*, 20(2), 182-194. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15388220.2021.1872028>.
- Novak, A.,** & Krohn, M. (2021). Collateral consequences of school suspension: Examining the 'knifing off' hypothesis. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 46(5), 727-747. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12103-020-09579-5>
- Novak, A.,** & Benedini, K. (2020). Sibling separation and self-reported offending: An examination of the association between sibling placement and offending behavior. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 111, 1-9.
- Novak, A.,** Poling, D.J., Muller, R., & Peyton, D.J. (2020). Gender differences in risk and protective factors among youth with EBD: Findings from the NLTS2. *Behavioral Disorders*, 46(1), 29-41.
- Novak, A.** (2019). Is a Minimum Age Necessary? An Examination of the Association Between Justice System Contact in Childhood and Negative Outcomes in Adolescence. *Journal of Developmental and Life-course Criminology*, 5(4), 536-553.
- Novak, A.** (2019). The association between disciplinary alternative school placement and delinquency: A narrative review and meta-analytic assessment. *Journal of School Violence*, 18(3), 421-439.
- Novak, A.** (2019). The school-to-prison pipeline: An examination of the association between suspension and justice system involvement. *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, 46(8), 1168-1180.
- Novak, A.** (2018). The association between experiences of exclusionary discipline and justice system contact: A systematic review. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 40(1), 73-82.
- Fagan, A., & **Novak, A.** (2018). Adverse childhood experiences and adolescent delinquency in a high-risk sample: A comparison of White and Black youth. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 16(4), 395-417.

Additional Publications

Novak, A. & Hartsell, E. (2021, 16 September). For some justice system-involved young people, shorter case processing times can reduce their chance of re-arrest. *London School of Economics' Blog on American Politics and Policy*. Retrieved from <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2021/09/16/for-some-justice-system-involved-young-people-shorter-case-processing-times-can-reduce-their-chance-of-re-arrest/>

Novak, A. (2020). Selective Incapacitation. In Lewandowski, C., & Bumgarner, J. (Eds.) *Criminal justice in America: The encyclopedia of crime, law enforcement, courts, and corrections* (pp. 586 – 587). Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

Manuscripts Under Review.

Novak, A., & De Francisco Lopes, V.* What about the kids? A mixed methods approach to understanding law enforcement policies pertaining to the arrest of children in Florida. Under Review.

Manuscripts in Progress

Novak, A., & Gilbreath, S.* Police stops and later justice system contact: Race and gender differences.

Presentations at Academic Conferences

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| 2022 | Southern Criminal Justice Association | Asheville, North Carolina |
| | What about the kids? A mixed methods approach to understanding law enforcement policies pertaining to the arrest of children in Florida. | |
| 2022 | Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences | Las Vegas, Nevada |
| | Novak, A. & De Francisco Lopes, V.* Structuring discretion: The association between law enforcement policies and arrests of children in Florida. | |
| 2021 | American Society of Criminology | Chicago, Illinois |
| | Novak, A., & Fagan, A. The Conditioning Effects of Positive Experiences on the ACEs-Offending Relationship in Adolescence. | |
| 2021 | Southern Criminal Justice Association | Daytona Beach, Florida |
| | Novak, A. & De Francisco Lopes, V.* Child delinquents, ACEs, and the juvenile justice system: Does exposure to ACEs affect justice system experiences for children? | |
| 2021 | Mississippi Forum for the Future | Virtual Conference |
| | Novak, A. Early Childhood Exclusionary Discipline in MS: Risk factors, consequences, and opportunities for intervention. | |
| 2020 | Southern Criminal Justice Association | Virtual Conference |
| | Novak, A. The comparative effects of justice system contact in childhood and adolescence on negative outcomes in adulthood. | |
| 2019 | American Society of Criminology | San Francisco, CA |
| | Novak, A. Adverse childhood experiences and trajectories of exclusion: The association between early childhood adversity, school exclusion, and juvenile justice system involvement. | |
| 2019 | Southern Criminal Justice Association | Nashville, Tennessee |

- Novak, A.** The association between adverse childhood experiences, neuropsychological deficits, and school discipline in early childhood education: A test of Moffitt's interactional hypothesis.
- 2019 American Criminal Justice Society Baltimore, Maryland**
Novak, A. An assessment of the association between early arrest and later offending using propensity score estimation.
- 2019 Florida Society of the Social Sciences Gainesville, Florida**
Novak, A. Adverse childhood experiences and early childhood expulsion: An exploratory study.
- 2018 American Society of Criminology Atlanta, Georgia**
Novak, A. An assessment of the association between suspension and justice system contact using propensity score analysis.
- 2018 Southern Criminal Justice Association Pensacola Beach, Florida**
Novak, A. The school-to-prison pipeline: An assessment of the association between suspension and justice system contact using structural equation modeling.
- 2018 Florida Society of the Social Sciences Gainesville, Florida**
Novak, A. The association between early-onset suspension and adolescent justice system contact.

Invited Presentations

- 2020 University of Mississippi School of Applied Sciences Oxford, Mississippi**
Novak, A. Labeling and the life-course perspective.

Courses Taught

University of Mississippi

Criminal Justice Program and Policy Evaluation (graduate level, on-line course)
 The American Criminal Justice System (graduate level)
 Principles of Leadership (graduate level, on-line course)
 Victimology (undergraduate level, on-line course)
 Longitudinal Research (graduate level)
 Cybercrime and Cybersecurity (graduate level, on-line course)
 Criminal Justice Administration (graduate level)
 Criminal Justice Capstone (graduate level, on-line course)
 Data Management & Data Science (graduate level)
 Advanced Criminal Justice Policy Studies (doctoral level)

University of Florida

Victimology (undergraduate level)
 Victimology (undergraduate level)
 Advanced Principles of Criminology (undergraduate level)

Courses Assisted

University of Florida

Spring, 2019 Juvenile Justice (undergraduate on-line course)

Spring, 2020 Criminological Theory

Graduate Research Supervision

2022 – 2023

Shelby Gilbreath, Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies, University of Mississippi
(member, Master's Thesis Committee)

Senneca Evans, Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies, University of Mississippi
(member, Master's Thesis Committee)

Sierra Molina, Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies, University of Mississippi
(member, Master's Thesis Committee)

Robert Mosely, Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies, University of Mississippi
(chair, Master's Project Committee)

Marsia Flowers, Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies, University of Mississippi
(chair, Master's Project Committee)

2021-2022

Vitoria De Francisco Lopes, Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies, University of Mississippi (chair, Master's Thesis Committee)

Erin Geist, Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies, University of Mississippi
(member, Master's Thesis Committee)

2020-2022

Shanda Martin, Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies, University of Mississippi
(member, Master's Thesis Committee)

Undergraduate Research Supervision

2022

Ameleigh Bippen, Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies, University of Mississippi
(reader, honors thesis)

2021

Emma Jeanne Molden, Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies, University of Mississippi (third reader, honors thesis)

2020

Selina Tiang, Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law, University of Florida (mentor, Undergraduate Research Symposium)

2018-2019

Carly Minsky, Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law, University of Florida
(member, Honor's Thesis Committee)

Service to the Department

2022-2023 Qualifying Exam Committee, University of Mississippi

2020-2023 Member, Graduate Committee, University of Mississippi

2020-2023 Member, Awards Committee, University of Mississippi

2019-2020 Program Coordination, University of Florida Criminology Syndicate

2018-2019 Member, University of Florida Criminology Syndicate
2017-2018 Program Coordinator, University of Florida Criminology Syndicate
2016-2018 Member, University of Florida Criminology Syndicate

Service to the Profession

2022 Member, Awards Committee, Southern Criminal Justice Association
2019 Moderator and Paper Judge, Florida Society of the Social Sciences 14th annual conference of the Social Sciences
2018-2019 Member, Newsletter Committee, Southern Criminal Justice Association
2018 Panel Chair, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
2018 Moderator, Florida Society of the Social Sciences 13th Annual Conference of the Social Sciences

Service to the Community

2021 – present Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer, Lafayette County, Mississippi
2021 – present Foster volunteer, Tails of Hope Dog Rescue, Memphis, Tennessee
2014-2019 SNAP® Prevention Program Group Facilitator, Gainesville, Florida

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Criminal Justice and Behavior
Journal of School Violence
Justice Quarterly
Journal of Crime and Justice
Crime & Delinquency
Criminal Justice Studies
Sociological Focus
National Science Foundation