

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### **EDUCATION**

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University of Mississippi (Anticipated) 2024  
Ph.D. in Criminal Justice Policy Studies

University of Mississippi 2022  
M.C.J. in Criminal Justice Practice and Policy

Thesis: Extra-Legal Factors in Juvenile Court Outcomes: What is the role of youth's race/ethnicity and family structure in disposition decisions?  
Committee Members: Dr. Abigail Novak (Chair), Dr. Kimberly Kaiser and Dr. D'Andre Walker

Flagler College 2018  
B.A. in Criminology and Sociology

#### **RESEARCH POSITIONS HELD**

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*Keywords/Research Interests: juvenile justice, race and crime, labeling theory*

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Mississippi 2020-present  
Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies  
Advisor/Mentor: Dr. Abigail Novak  
Adverse Childhood Experiences & Child Delinquency  
Minimum Age Policies & Law Enforcement Behavior  
Labeling Theory

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

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##### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. Novak, A., & De Francisco Lopes, V. (2022). Child delinquency, 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.

2. Novak, A., & **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (2022). Structuring discretion: The association between law enforcement policies and arrest of children in Florida. *Crime and Delinquency*.

#### PEER-REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS (UNDER REVIEW)

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

#### PEER-REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS (IN PREPARATION/PROGRESS)

1. **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (in progress). Extra-Legal Factors in Juvenile Court Outcomes: What is the role of youth's race/ethnicity and family structure in disposition decisions?
2. **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (in progress). Neighborhood Disorder and Delinquency.
3. Novak, A., & **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (in progress). National Minimum Age Policies on the Arrest of Children in the United States.

#### PRESENTATIONS

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1. Novak, A., & **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (November, 2021). Child delinquency, ACEs, and the juvenile justice system: does exposure to ACEs affect justice system experiences for children? Southern Criminal Justice Association, Florida, USA.
2. Novak, A., & **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (March, 2022). Structuring discretion: The association between law enforcement policies and arrests of children in Florida. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Nevada, USA.
3. **De Francisco Lopes, V.** (September, 2022). Extra-Legal Factors in Juvenile Court Outcomes: What is the role of youth's race/ethnicity and family structure in disposition decisions? Southern Criminal Justice Association, North Carolina, USA.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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*Keywords/Teaching Interests: juvenile justice, race and crime, labeling theory*

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Mississippi  
Department of Criminal Justice & Legal Studies 2022-present  
Courses: Online CJ 692 Capstone (2 classes; Summer 2022, Fall 2022); Online CJ 600  
Criminal Justice Administration (Fall 2022)

#### SERVICE

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Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer 2022-present.

Juvenile Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice 2019-2020  
Secretary, Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency 2017-2019

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS**

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Southern Criminal Justice Association  
American Society of Criminology  
Alpha Phi Sigma  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
Latina/o/x Criminology

## **AWARDS**

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Graduate Achievement Award for Criminal Justice and Legal Studies	Spring, 2022
Southern Criminal Justice Association - Travel Award	Fall, 2021
Southern Criminal Justice Association - Best Poster Award	Fall, 2022

## **SPECIAL SKILLS/PROFICIENCIES**

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Language: Spanish, Portuguese  
Stata  
Microsoft Office

## **REFERENCES**

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