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Academic Positions

2020-present Chair, Criminology & Criminal Justice Program, University of Rhode Island
 (on sabbatical academic year 2022-2023)

2019- present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Rhode Island

2013-2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Rhode Island

2017-present Joint Appointment, Criminology & Criminal Justice Program, University of Rhode Island

Education

2013 Ph.D. Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, Comprehensive Exams: Criminology (*high pass*) & Gender (*high pass*)

2008 M.A. Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut

2005 B.A. Sociology and Anthropology, Fordham University, *Summa Cum Laude*

Research Interests

Crime, Law, Punishment, Culture

PublicationsBook

2019 Zozula, Christine. *Courting the Community: Legitimacy and Punishment in a Community Court*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.

Reviewed in: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Law and Society Review*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books*

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2021 Zozula, Christine, Barbara Costello, and Bradley Anderson. "Self-Control, Opportunity, and College Students' Bystander Intervention in Sexually Coercive Situations." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. 36(11-12): 6144-6165.

2020 Zozula, Christine, and Melissa F. Lavin. "Frame Analysis and Deviance Scholarship: Exploring Links through Drugs and Guns." *Deviant Behavior* 41(7): 856-867.

2018 Costello, Barbara and Christine Zozula. "Peer Influence: Mechanisms and Motivations." *Deviant Behavior*. 39(1): 94-110.

2018 Zozula, Christine. "Courting the Community: Organizational Legitimacy & Community Courts." *Criminology & Criminal Justice*. 18(2): 226-244.

2018 Zozula, Christine. "Using Essays to Explore Motivations of Peer Influence." *SAGE Research Methods Cases, Part 2*.

2015 Wright, Bradley R.E., Michael Wallace, Annie Scola Wisnesky, Chris Donnelly, Stacy Missari, and Christine Zozula. "Religion, Race, and Discrimination: A Field Experiment of How American Churches Welcome Newcomers." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 54 (2): 185-204.

2015 Levin, Leslie C., Christine Zozula, and Peter Siegelman. "The Questionable Character of the Bar's Character and Fitness Inquiry." *Law and Social Inquiry*. 40(1): 51-85.

2012 Missari, Stacy, Christine Zozula. "'Woman As...': Personhood, Rights and The Case of Domestic Violence." *Societies Without Borders*. 7(1): 52-73.

2012 Wallace, Michael, Bradley R.E. Wright, Christine Zozula, Stacy Missari, Chris Donnelly, and Annie Scola Wisnesky. "A New Approach for Studying Stratification and Religion: Early Results from a National Internet-Based Field Experiment Study of U.S. Churches." *Research in the Sociology of Work*. 23:369-397.

2012 Wilson, James A. and Christine Zozula. "Risk, Recidivism and Rehabilitation: Another Look at Project Greenlight." *The Prison Journal*. 92(2): 203-230.

Republished in Chinese: He Ting (editor). 2014. "Risk, Recidivism and (Re)Habilitation: Another Look at Project Greenlight." *Foreign Empirical Research on Criminal Justice*. Peking, China: Peking University Press

2011 Wilson, James A., Christine Zozula and Walter R. Gove. "The Relationship between Age and Educational Attainment: The Importance of Gender." *Social Science Research*. 40(1): 136-149.

Book Chapters

2011 Zozula, Christine. Erosion of Political and Civil Rights: Looking Back to Changes since 9/11. In *In Our Own Backyard: Human Rights, Injustice, and Resistance in the United States*, W. Armaline, D. Glasberg and B. Purkayastha (eds). Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

This book won the 2013 Hirabayashi Book Award from the American Sociological Association Human Rights Section

Reports

2013 Leslie, C. Levin, Christine Zozula, and Peter Siegelman. "Study of the Relationship Between Bar Admissions Data and Subsequent Lawyer Discipline." *Law School Admissions*

Council.

2011 Wilson, James A., and Christine Zozula. "Reconsidering the Project Greenlight Intervention: Why Thinking About Risk Matters." *National Institute of Justice*.

Editorial Activities

2022. Guest Editor with Graham Cassano, Barbara Gurr, and Melissa F. Lavin. Special Issue "Teaching Horror, Dystopia, and the Post/Apocalypse." *Teaching Sociology*. 50(4).

2022. Guest Editor with Graham Cassano, Barbara Gurr, and Melissa F. Lavin. "Introduction to the Special Issue: Teaching Apocalypse, Now." *Teaching Sociology*. 50(4). 305-308.

2020. Guest Editor with Melissa F. Lavin. Special Issue "Deviance, The Undead: Contemporary Deviancy and Social Movements." *Deviant Behavior*. 41(7).

2020. Lavin, Melissa F. and Christine Zozula "Introduction to Deviance, The Undead: Contemporary Deviancy and Social Movements, A Special Issue." *Deviant Behavior*. 41(7).

Invited Talks & Conference PresentationsConference Presentations

2023 Zozula, Christine. "Watching the Detectives: The Politics and Practice of True Crime" Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, February 23-February 26.

2023 Zozula, Christine. "Gluttons for Punishment: Towards a Politics of True Crime." Annual Meeting on Law and Society, San Juan, June 1-June 4.

2020 Zozula, Christine. "Advocating with Broken Frames: Criminal and Medical Discourses in Contemporary Social Movements." Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, February 27-March 1.

2018 Zozula, Christine. "Flexible Punishment: Medicalization and Criminalization." Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, February 22-25.

2017 Zozula, Christine, Barbara Costello & Alana Bibeau. "Peer Influence and Bystander Intervention Among College Students." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia November 16-19.

2016 Zozula, Christine. "'He's a Monster': Online Discussions of Crime." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 16-19. (poster).

2016 Zozula, Christine. "Sherlock in Cyberspace: Solving Criminal Cases on Internet Forums." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Denver, March 29-April 2.

2014 Costello, Barbara and Christine Zozula. "Peer Influence: Mechanisms and Motivations." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 19-22.

2010 Zozula, Christine. "Marketing Justice: Community Courts and Strategic Interactions." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA, August 14-17.

2010 Wilson, James A., Christine Zozula, and Gabrielle Chapman. "Assessing Risk Assessment Instruments." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. San Diego, February 23-27.

2009 Zozula, Christine. "For the Good of the Community: Due Process and Treatment at a Community Court." Stony Brook Graduate Student Ethnography Conference, New York City, May 1.

2009 Missari, Stacy and Christine Zozula. "Effective Strategy? Implications of Jessica Gonzales v. United States for Domestic Violence in the United States." University of Connecticut Graduate Human Rights Conference, Storrs, April 4.

2008 Zozula, Christine. "The Construction of Gendered Blame in a Low-Level Court." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, August 1-4.

2007 Zozula, Christine. "Broken Windows, Broken People: Interaction in a Quality-of-Life Court." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Seattle, March 13-17.

2006 Wilson, James A. and Christine Zozula. "Gender-Specific Differences in Processes of Educational Attainment and Some Implications." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, August 11-14.

Invited Talks

2022 Zozula, Christine. "Moral Panics & FOSTA/SESTA." How to be Media Literate Citizens: The Role of Researchers, Journalists, and Students in the World of Heightened Disinformation, Conspiracy Theories, and Hate. University of Rhode Island, March 22.

2019 Zozula, Christine. "Courting the Community: Legitimacy and Punishment: A Center for Court Innovation Dialogue." Center for Court Innovation, New York City, November 15.

2019 Zozula, Christine. "Marketing Justice: How Community Courts Cultivate Legitimacy." URI Forensic Science Partnership Seminar Series, University of Rhode Island, October 25. - *this talk was also designated as an official event for Alumni & Family Weekend.*

2017 Zozula, Christine. "Wolf in Sheep's Clothing: Spotting Bad Data & Bad Sources." Finding Reliable Information in a Post-Fact World. University of Rhode Island, March 23.

2017 Costello, Barbara and Christine Zozula. "The Role of Friends in Crime and Conformity." URI Forensic Science Partnership Seminar Series, University of Rhode Island, March 3.

2015 Zozula, Christine. "Navigating the Job Market." The MASSCON Symposium on Qualitative Sociology, Boston, May 13.

2010 Wilson, James A. and Christine Zozula. "Risk, Recidivism and Rehabilitation: Another Look at Project Greenlight. Invited Talk at the VERA Institute of Justice." New York, NY, December 15.

Other

2022 Faculty Sponsor/Participant. URI Gender and Sexuality Center Sex Fest, Kingston, RI, Oct 22.

Grants and Other Competitive Funding

2022 “Gluttons for Punishment: Towards a Politics of True Crime.” Faculty Research Grant for 2022-2023, University of Rhode Island Center for the Humanities.
\$1,000

2022 “Community Involvement in Justice and Crime-Solving.” College of Arts and Sciences, Dean’s Opportunity Fund. \$2,000

2020 Funding for Speakers for Anti-Black Racism & White Supremacy Class. College of Arts and Sciences, Dean’s Event Fund. \$2,000

2016-2017 “Reducing Recidivism: Lessons from the Research.” The College & University Research Collaborative. \$4,000
-deferred

Fellowships and Awards

2012 Susan Porter Benson Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Women’s Studies, University of Connecticut for “Woman As...’: Personhood, Rights and The Case of Domestic Violence.” with Stacy Missari as co-author.

2011 Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut.

2011 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean’s Fellowship, University of Connecticut.
\$1,500

Relevant Employment

2012-13 Graduate Assistant for the Leadership Learning Community, University of Connecticut.

2008-11 Consultant on Method and Quantitative Analyses. “A Study of the Relationship Between Bar Admissions Data and Subsequent Lawyer Discipline.” Law School Admissions Council Grant. Principal Investigator: Leslie Levin, JD.

Teaching**Courses Taught (Undergraduate)**

Anti-Black Racism & White Supremacy

Class, Power and Inequality

Criminalization and Medicalization

Deviant Behavior/Deviance, Crime, and Cultural Change

Gender, Crime, and Justice

Introduction to Sociology (Standard and Writing Intensive)

Leadership Seminar

Race Class Gender (Standard and Writing Intensive)

Sociological Perspectives on Poverty

Sociological Research Methods

Sociology of Law: Global and Comparative Perspectives
 Sociology of Sex and Gender
 Stigma and Social Movements
 Theories of Crime and Delinquency

Undergraduate Student Research Training and Supervised Projects

Honors Projects

2020. Hannah Ilagan. “Understanding the Varying Causes and Effects of Mass Shootings as Influenced by the Media from a Criminological and Thanatological Point of View”

2017-2018 Bethany Parslow and Topaz Sczewoski , “Choose Your Own Adventure: An Analysis of Gender Inequality in Higher Education.”

2017 Funding from two internal but competitive sources, Honors Funding (\$500) and URI² Undergraduate Research Funding (\$1100).

2018 presented at Eastern Sociological Society’s Annual Meeting, Baltimore, February 22-25.

2015 Kayla Toole, “They Tried to Make Me Go To Rehab: A Study on Rehabilitation in United States Corrections”

Independent Studies Supervised

Fall 2022 Casey McLaughlin
 Spring 2021 Morgan Soderlund
 Spring 2018 Steven Lombardi
 Spring 2014-Fall 2014 Julia Uber
 Spring 2014 Tatiana Ramirez

Pedagogical and Administrative Training

2021 Inclusive Mentoring Workshop, University of Rhode Island, June 23-June 30.

2021 Virtual Seminar for Department Chairs, Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences, July 7-13.

2020 Online Pedagogy, Office for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, University of Rhode Island.

2019 High Impact Teaching Seminar: Researching Across the Disciplines, University Libraries and Office of Advancement of Teaching and Learning, University of Rhode Island

2018 Master Advisor Education Program, University College for Academic Success, University of Rhode Island

2017 Writing Across the Curriculum, Office of Advancement of Teaching and Learning, University of Rhode Island

2016 SAFE Zone Facilitator Training, University of Rhode Island, Oct 28.

Professional Memberships and Service

Professional Memberships

American Society of Criminology Law and Society Association
 Academy of Criminal Justice Science
 Eastern Sociological Society
 Law and Society Association

Editorial Positions

2019-present Editor, *Deviant Behavior*

Grant Reviewer

2022 National Science Foundation Proposal
 2021 National Science Foundation Proposal

Reviewer

American Journal of Sociology
Justice Quarterly
Law and Social Inquiry
Law and Society Review
Deviant Behavior
Journal of Interpersonal Violence

Other

2015 Zozula, Christine. "Navigating the Job Market." The MASSCON Symposium on Qualitative Sociology, Boston, May.

2014 Session Chair, "Specifying the Role of Friends and Family in the Etiology of Delinquency," American Criminological Society Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 19-22.

Service at University of Rhode Island

Department

2021 Search Committee for Lecturer, Criminology and Criminal Justice Program, University of Rhode Island

2021 Chair of Search Committee for Postdoctoral Multicultural Fellow, Criminology and Criminal Justice Program, University of Rhode Island, in Spring 2021 and Fall 2021

2019 Search Committee for Lecturer, Criminology and Criminal Justice Program, University of Rhode Island

2019 Search Committee for Department Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Rhode Island

2018 Search Committee for Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice Program, University of Rhode Island

2017- 2020 Chair, Sociology Assessment Committee

2016 Search Committee for Political Science, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Rhode Island

2015 Search Committee for Sociology Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Rhode Island

2015-present Chair, Standards and Review Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Rhode Island

2015-2017 Sociology Assessment Outcome Committee

2015, 2017 Presenter, College Breakout Sessions, URI Welcome Day

2014-2017 Criminology and Criminal Justice Degree Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Rhode Island

2014-2015 Search Committee for Tenure-Track Sociologist, Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Sociology, University of Rhode Island

2014 Sociology Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Rhode Island

College

2022 Search Committee for Lecturer, Philosophy, University of Rhode Island

2021 Search Committee for Chair, Africana Studies, University of Rhode Island

2015-2018 Arts and Sciences Scholastic Standing Committee, College of Arts and Science, University of Rhode Island

University

2020-present, Faculty Senator, University of Rhode Island, Committee Assignment: Teaching, Advising, and Assessment Committee.

2017 Immigration Policy and International Education Working Group, University of Rhode Island

2016-2018 Advisory Committee, Honors Colloquium, *Empowering All: Women, Gender and Action*.

2015 Undergraduate Research Initiative Grant Review Committee, University of Rhode Island Fall

2014 Interim Faculty Senator, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Rhode Island