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Education

- In progress* **Ph.D.**, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University
Certificate: Sexuality Studies
- 2024 **M.A.**, Criminology, The University of Maryland
Thesis: Queering our Conclusions: Understanding Measurement's Influence on Queer Criminological Research
Committee: Drs. Robert Stewart (chair), Robert Brame, Wade Jacobsen
- 2022 **B.A.**, Criminology, Women's Studies, The Pennsylvania State University

Manuscripts in Progress

*Denotes equal authorship

Raskauskas, J. "Toward a Standard Measure of Queerness: The Intricacies and Effects of Sexuality and Gender on Data Collection and Analysis."

Lee, J.E.,* **Raskauskas, J.*** "Departing from Gender Norms? An Analysis of the Interactions Between Gender and Federal Sentencing Guideline Departures."

Blount-Hill, K-L., **Raskauskas, J.**, Sarpong, D., Goodson, M.V., Yan, S. "A Theory Evaluation of the City of Phoenix's Prostitution Diversion Program."

Canada, K., Snively, C., Ramseyer Winter, V., Preble, K., **Raskauskas, J.** "Raising Awareness about the Transgender Community in Prison: Findings from a Statewide Training for Correctional Staff."

Translational Documents

Yan, S., Goodson, M. V., Blount-Hill, K-L., **Raskauskas, J.**, Sarpong, D., Phillips, B. (2025). An evaluation of the City of Phoenix's Prostitution Diversion Program (PDP) and Prostitution Solicitation Diversion Program (PSD). Final report to the City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office.

Awards and Fellowships

- 2025 **Arizona State University**
Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$950)
- The Western Society of Criminology**
Winner, Miki Vohryzek-Bolden Student Paper Competition (\$350)

- 2023 **The American Society of Criminology**
Third place, Graduate Student Poster Competition
- 2020-21 **Penn State University Abroad**
Perreault International Research Fellowship (\$5,000)

Graduate Research Appointments

- 2025 **Does Justice Mean Consistency? A study of how court actors think about the role of discretion in plea-bargaining processes and outcomes, Graduate Research Assistant**
P.I.s: Drs. Rachel Bowman, Elizabeth Webster, Beth Huebner
Interviews with public defenders, judges, and prosecutors were conducted in 2021 on their perceptions of how legal and extralegal factors influence discretion in the plea bargaining and decision-making processes. Responsible for coding interviews between P.I.s and court actors in Milwaukee, WI, and St. Louis, MO for discussion of sources of discretion and consistency in plea bargaining.
- 2024-25 **City of Phoenix Prostitution Diversion Program Evaluation, Graduate Research Assistant, Graduate Project Lead**
P.I.s: Drs. Shi Yan, Kwan-Lamar Blount-Hill, Marva Goodson, Beth Huebner
An evaluation of the City of Phoenix Prosecutor's Office's prostitution-related diversion programs: the Prostitution Diversion Program (PDP, focusing on people who engage in prostitution) and the Prostitution Solicitation Diversion Program (PSD, focusing on people who patronize prostitution). Responsibilities include interview question writing; maintaining contact between the research team, community partner Catholic Charities, and the Prosecutor's Office; recruiting participants; scheduling interviews; preparing interview materials; interviewing 25 (to date) program "graduates"; disbursing compensation; quantitative coding and analysis of arrest and diversion program intake data; transcription, deidentification, and qualitative coding and analysis of interviews.
- 2023 **Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center, Graduate Research Assistant**
P.I.: Dr. Bianca Bersani
An evaluation of pretrial risk assessment tools across Maryland jurisdictions using the Client Legal Utility Engine (CLUE) Data. Responsibilities include data scraping and imputation.

Conference Presentations

- 2025 Lee, J.E., **Raskauskas, J.** "Departing from Gender Norms? An Analysis of the Interactions Between Gender and Federal Sentencing Guideline Departures." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. November.

Raskauskas, J., Goodson, M. V., Blount-Hill, K.-L., Yan, S. “‘Getting Him To Pay Me Is How I Take Control’: Conversations with Phoenix Prostitution Diversion Program Graduates.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. November.

Yan, S., **Raskauskas, J.**, Phillips, B., Goodson, M.V., Blount-Hill, K.-L. “Evaluating the Prostitution-Related Diversion Programs in Phoenix, Arizona: The Correlates of Completion and New Arrests.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. November.

Yan, S., Goodson, M. V., Blount-Hill, K.-L., **Raskauskas, J.**, Sarpong, D., Weaver, C., Huebner, B. “Who Avoids Prison by Community Program Completion? Lessons from Diversion Programs at Phoenix, USA.” Who Goes to Prison: International Developments in Structuring and Restricting the Use of Custody, Prague, Czech Republic. May.

Raskauskas, J. “Queering our Conclusions: Understanding Measurement’s Influence on Queer Criminological Research.” Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington. February.

2024 **Raskauskas, J.** “Queering our Conclusions: Understanding Definitions’ Influence on Queer Criminological Research.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California. November.

Raskauskas, J. “Queering our Conclusions: Understanding Measurement’s Influence on Queer Criminological Research.” Arizona State University Institute for Social Science Research, Tempe, Arizona. November.

2023 **Raskauskas, J.** “Criminalizing Queerness: An Empirical Analysis of Queer Strain and Criminal Convictions.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. November.

Raskauskas, J. “Queer confinement: An empirical analysis of queer strain and criminal convictions in the United States.” Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Florence, Italy. September.

2021 McGregor, K., **Raskauskas, J.** “Obstacles and Opportunities: LGBTQIA+ Domestic Abuse help-seeking during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” European Conference on Domestic Violence, Ljubljana, Slovenia. September.

Teaching Experience

Arizona State University

CRJ 240: Introduction to Corrections (Instructor)

CRJ 304: Inequality, Crime, and Criminal Justice (Teaching Assistant)

CRJ 305: Gender, Crime, and Criminal Justice (Instructor)

The University of Maryland

CCJS 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

CCJS 105: Introduction to Criminology (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

The Pennsylvania State University

CRIM/WMNST 197: Domestic Violence in the LGBT Community (Instructor)

CRIM/WMNST 453: Women and Justice (Undergraduate Teaching Assistant)

Mentorship

2025 Graduate Research Program Mentor
Mentor to Tamia Butler, Charlotte Kiehl

2024-26 ASC Division of Corrections and Sentencing Mentee
Mentee to Drs. Bryant Jackson-Green, Brittany Martin

ASC Division of Feminist Criminology Mentee
Mentee to Dr. Rachel Davis

Service and Involvement

Service to the Discipline

2025 ASC Division of Feminist Criminology Newsletter Committee
ASC Division of Queer Criminology Awards Committee

Service to the University, College, and Department

2024-25 Co-Chair, Graduate Student Committee (*Arizona State University*)
2023-24 Graduate Student Leadership Committee (*University of Maryland*)
2022-24 Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council (*University of Maryland*)
2022-23 Graduate Student Government (*University of Maryland*)

Service to the Community

2025 Penpal, Black and Pink National
2018-22 Dancer, Penn State IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON)

Technical Skills

Canva, GitHub, Google Suite, Microsoft Office, PROSECUTORbyKarpel, R-Studio, Stata

Affiliations

Member, American Society of Criminology

Division of Corrections and Sentencing
Division of Feminist Criminology
Division of Queer Criminology

Member, Western Society of Criminology