Laura L. Lightfoot

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EDUCATION:

In Progress **Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology and Criminal Justice**
University of Missouri- St. Louis; St. Louis, MO

2022 **Master's Degree in Applied Sociology.**
University of Central Florida; Orlando, FL.
Thesis: *Deadly Combination: Factors That Predict Simultaneous Polysubstance Use*
Committee: Dr. Lin Huff-Corzine (Chair), Dr. Jacqueline Woerner, Dr. Amy Donely, Dr. Thomas Hall (external member)

2019 **Bachelor's Degree of Art in Psychology** with Honors.
Minor in Sociology.
Washburn University; Topeka, KS.
Undergraduate Thesis*: How Sleep Affects Attention Within the College Population*
Committee: Dr. Mike Russell (Chair)

2017 **Associate Degree of Art**
Allen County Community College; Iola, KS.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

2022-present *Graduate Research Assistant*, University of Missouri- St. Louis (Beth Huebner)
Assigned projects:

- ***Racial Equity in St. Louis Jail- Pioneering study funded by the MacArthur Foundation-***

  The study team works with jail administrators, program staff and contractors, corrections officers, jail residents and former residents to review policies, procedures, and data on the culture of the jail. Researchers have hopes that this project will produce practices and policy innovations that could be replicated across the criminal justice system.

- ***"Tap in Center"-***

  The center, which is part of a national effort to lower jail populations in jurisdictions across the country as part of the Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC), aids in responding to concerns raised by the

Department of Justice (DOJ) about racial injustice related to municipal court practices in its 2015 investigation into the Ferguson Police Department—which is located in the northern part of St. Louis County.

2022- present *Affiliate Lab Member,* Early Justice Strategies (EJS) Lab at George Mason University

Principal Investigator: Evan Lowder, PhD.

- The **Early Justice Strategies (EJS) lab** conducts research on strategies to facilitate community release, supervision, and connection to services and supports for individuals who are justice-involved. Many of our projects focus specifically on front-end criminal-legal processing (i.e., community-, police-, jail-, and court-based interventions).

2021- 2022 *Grant Writer***,** Children Athletes & Artists Involved in Recreational Events
2020-2022 *Graduate Teaching Assistant***,** Department of Sociology**,** University of Central-Florida
2020-2022 *Research Intern* at the Orange County Government Drug Free Coalition
2021-2022 *Graduate Research Assistant*, STRIVE Lab at University of Central Florida
Principal Investigator: Jacqueline Woerner
2020-2021 *Mental Health Technician* at Lakewood Center
2019-2020 *Student Care Manager* at Directions for Living
2018-2019 *Crisis Attendant Care* at Family Service and Guidance Center
2017-2018 *Mental Health Technician* at Valeo Behavioral Health
2017-2018 *Call In Teacher* at Security Benefit
2017-2017 *Mental Health Intern* at Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center

HONORS AND AWARDS:

2021 Graduate Paper Competition Winner 2021- Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Conference
2021 Alpha Kappa Delta- University of Central Florida
2019 Psi-Chi, International Honor Society of Psychology- Washburn University
2019 Psychology Department Honors- Washburn University
2019 Cum Laude- Washburn University
2013 Presidential Volunteer Service Award- Topeka, Kansas

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Incarceration, Reentry, Drug Use and Policy, and Harm Reduction

RESEARCH:

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

Manuscripts in Progress:

Laura Lightfoot, Evan Lowder, & Thomas Hall. "Cross Faded – The Relationship Between Opioid Use History and Polysubstance Use Risk Perceptions"

Laura Lightfoot, Evan Lowder, & Madelyn Diaz. "The Implementation of Drug-Induced Homicide Laws in Comparison to Overdose Prevention Policies in Each of the States"

Laura Lightfoot & Evan Lowder. "Deadly Combinations: Factors That Predict Simultaneous Polysubstance Use*"*

PRESENTATIONS:

Laura Lightfoot. "Deadly Combinations: Factors that are Associated with Simultaneous and Concurrent Polysubstance Use" (2022) American Society for Criminology Conference.

Laura Lightfoot. "Cross Faded – The Relationship Between Opioid Use History and Polysubstance Use Risk Perceptions" (2022) Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Conference.

L. Lightfoot, M.A., S. Da Silva, M.A., E. Gabriel, A. Toussaint, B. Coolidge, A. Haeny, J. Woerner, PhD**.** "Drinking Frequency During Covid-19 Within A Longitudinal Framework: Considering the Role Of Social And Pandemic-Specific Stressors" (2022) Research Society on Alcoholism Conference

Laura Lightfoot & Madelyn Diaz. **"**The Implementation of Drug-Induced Homicide Laws in Comparison to Overdose Prevention Policies in Each of the States" (2022). Homicide Research Working Group Conference.

Laura Lightfoot. "Responding to the Overdose Crisis: Orange County Residents' Willingness and Ability to Access Narcan & Fentanyl Testing Strips" (2022). Graduate Research Forum at University of Central Florida.

Laura Lightfoot. "Chance for Reversal: How Opioid Use Predicts Overdose Knowledge and Response" (2021). Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Conference

Laura Lightfoot. "Deadly Combination: Factors That Predict Simultaneous Polysubstance Use*" 3-minute thesis* (2021). Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Conference

Laura Lightfoot. "How Incarceration History Predicts Witnessing an Overdose and Response" (2021). Graduate Research Forum at University of Central Florida.

Laura Lightfoot. "Chance for Intervention: How Incarceration Relates to Opioid Use" (2021). American Society for Criminology Conference (not able to attend due to medical emergency)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant for the Following Courses:

2022	SYP3520: Criminology (Undergraduate) Instructor of Record: Dr. Amy Reckdenwald
2022	SYO3410: Drug Use in Society (Undergraduate) Instructor of Record: Dr. Jason Ford
2021	SYP3511: Sociology of Murder (Undergraduate) Instructor of Record: Dr. Jay Corzine
2021	SYP3530: Juvenile Delinquency (Undergraduate) Instructor of Record: Dr. Jason Ford
2021	SYP 3551: Alcohol in Society (Undergraduate) Instructor of Record: Dr. Jackie Woerner
2021	SYG2000: Intro to Sociology (Undergraduate) Instructor of Record: Dr. Bhoomi Thakore
2021	SYO3573: Social Networks: Theory and Application (Undergraduate) Instructor of Record: Dr. Sam Park
2021	SYP4004: Constructing Social Issues (Undergraduate) Instructor of Record: Dr. Sam Park
2020	SYP3520: Criminology (Undergraduate) Instructors of Record: Dr. Jay Corzine
2020	SYG2000: Intro to Sociology (Undergraduate) Instructor of Record: Dr. Angela Vergara

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society for Criminology
Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology
American Sociological Association
Homicide Research Working Group

References Available Upon Request