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Education

- 2019 PhD, Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Missouri – St. Louis
Dissertation Title: “A Dynamic Approach to Understanding Immigration, Ethnicity and Violent Crime in Chicago Communities”
Dissertation Committee: Finn Esbensen, Adam Boessen, Stephanie Di Pietro, Maria Vélez University of Maryland, and Charis Kubrin University of California- Irvine
- 2011 Master of Arts, Sociology
The University of New Mexico
Thesis Title: Jail Incarceration and Violent Crime Rates: A cross-sectional exploratory analysis in Albuquerque, New Mexico 2000-2001
Thesis Chair: Maria Vélez
- 2009 Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, *Suma Cum Laude*
The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

Higher Education Administration Experience

- 2019 - 2020 *Academic Affairs, Program Director of Adult Education Justice Initiative Re-entry Resources Center/Program (RRC). Central New Mexico Community College Albuquerque, New Mexico.*
- Responsible for strengthening and expanding relationships between CNM, Local Re-entry Agencies, New Mexico Courts and Corrections;
 - Program curriculum development for peer mentors, student interns, educational skills and workplace skills for roughly 140 High School Equivalency (HSE) and Associate/Certificate students;
 - Planning, scheduling, and marketing on-campus opportunities for RRC students to comply with mandated court conditions of release;
 - Author and publish Academic Affairs key processes related to program registration, scholarship and emergency fund distribution, and hiring students with a criminal history;
 - Development of Memoranda of Understanding between community partners, criminal justice system agencies and CNM to provide internship and condition of release opportunities for RRC students;
 - Primary supervisor of fifteen student employees;
 - Ensure effective communication between RRC students, CNM faculty/staff/divisions and criminal justice as well as employer partners;
 - Design pathways from criminal justice supervision through registration in the RRC program to enrollment in Associate or Certificate programs and transfer to four-year bachelor’s degree granting institutions or careers with community partners;
 - Managed RRC program budget for the New Mexico Higher Education Adult Education Justice Initiative grant (~\$249k);
 - Assist with quarterly and annual NMHED Adult Education Justice Initiative grantee status reports;
 - Procure space and renovation of space (~\$12k institutional funds) for a physical Re-entry Resources Center on CNM’s main Albuquerque campus;

- Orchestrate RRC program recruitment events, processes, and advisement;
- Encourage RRC program and CNM retention of RRC students from HSE through Associate or Certificate program graduation.

- 2018 – 2019 *Academic Affairs, Interim Director of Transfer Pathways.* Central New Mexico Community College
- Collaborated with university provosts and their representatives to negotiate intrastate, and national transfer and articulation agreements;
 - Advocated for fair and transparent transfer credit for alumni and former students upon their transfer to partner institutions;
 - Designed, implemented and evaluated professional development in written communication, project management, implementation and results evaluation dissemination for two direct report full-time employees;
 - Ensured successful institution completion of New Mexico Trifecta legislation (managed degree, certificate, (~200) and course revisions (~550) to comply with state-wide common course numbering, and general education course focus on essential skills);
 - Advised School Deans, Associate Deans, and Program Directors on student learning outcomes, outcome assessment, transfer pathway opportunities, NMHED compliance, HLC compliance, and compliance with Trifecta legislation;
 - Authored with new program applications/presentations to NMHED and the Higher Learning Commission (HLC);
 - Actively participated in the implementation/expansion of credit for prior learning program and institutional work experience initiatives;
 - Built relationships with the New Mexico criminal justice system including: State and Metropolitan Courts, Metropolitan, State and Federal Probation and Parole, and Correctional institutions to ensure seamless transitions for formerly incarcerated students into higher education, workplace internships, and encourage successful re-entry through education and work;
 - Assisted in authorship of NMHED Adult Education Justice Initiative Request for Proposal (Grant funds awarded August 2019).

Teaching and Research Experience

- 2020-Present *College of Arts and Sciences Assistant Professor.* New Mexico State University Las Cruces, New Mexico. Traditional and Online Section of Nature of Crime.
- 2019 - 2020 *Communications, Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) Criminology Faculty.* Central New Mexico Community College Albuquerque, New Mexico. Traditional and Online Section of Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems. Average 55 students per semester.
- 2019 - 2020 *Arts and Sciences Adjunct Faculty.* University of Missouri- St. Louis. Online Section of Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Delinquency. Average 40 students per semester. Online Section of Research Methods for Criminology and Criminal Justice Average 35 students per semester.
- 2016 - 2017 *Online Instructor of Record,* University of Missouri—St. Louis. Statistical Analysis for Criminal Justice Majors section; average 40 students per semester.
- 2015 – 2018 *CHSS,* Central New Mexico Community College. Traditional and Online Sections of Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Criminology, Deviance, Social Problems, Crime Policy & Justice, Sociology and Criminology Capstone, Juvenile Justice; average 230 students per semester.
- 2013 - 2017 *Online Instructor of Record,* University of Missouri – St. Louis. Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Delinquency section; average 25 students per semester.
- 2012 - 2013 *Research Assistant,* University of Missouri – St. Louis.
A Multi-method, Multi-site Study of Gang Desistance funded by the National Institute of Justice \$501,337 (2011-MU-MU-0027). Principal Investigator: Finn-Aage Esbensen.

- 2010 - 2012 *Graduate Assistant*, The University of New Mexico.
Instructor of Record. Undergraduate Research Methods and Statistics in Social Sciences; average 65 students per semester.
Emergency Teaching Assistant
- 2010-2012 *Research Assistant*, The University of New Mexico.
 Cross-National Comparisons of Gender Differentiation in Professional Employment 1960-2008: Apparent Realities and Urban Possibilities.
 Principle Investigator: Robert Fiala
- 2009-2011 *Research Assistant Albuquerque Site*, The University of Missouri – St. Louis
 Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T) Program, funded by the National Institute of Justice. \$2,497,585 (2006-JV-FX-0011).
 Principal Investigator: Finn-Aage Esbensen.
- 2009-2011 *Instructor of Record*, University of New Mexico. Traditional and online course sections of Sociology 101 Average 300 students per semester; Research Methods and Statistics Average 60 students per semester; Research and Statistics Lab Average 60 students per semester.

Professional Publications

Book Chapters

- 2018 Trujillo, Sandra D. and Maria B. Velez. “*Ethnicity and Crime*”. In Ramiro Martinez and Meghan Hollis (eds.) *The Handbook of Race, Ethnicity, Crime and Justice*. Wiley Publishing.

Professional Presentations

- 2020 Presentation at the CNM’s Center for Teaching and Learning Annual Meeting for Higher Educational Professionals, Albuquerque, New Mexico. “F.I.R.S.T. (Formerly Incarcerated Students’ Re-integration Success Team) know the opportunity for successful re-entry through higher education opportunity” **Sandra Trujillo**, Erica Volkers-Barrerio, Christopher Cavasos, Shamayne Hernandez, Jimi Sanchez, Karina Guzzi and Angel Garcia
- 2019 Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA. “A Dynamic Approach to Understanding Immigration, Ethnicity and Violent Crime in Chicago” **Sandra Trujillo**
- 2019 Presented to the New Mexico State Probation and Parole Officer’s Association. Albuquerque, New Mexico. “Work with CNM F.I.R.S.T. to encourage clients’ successful completion of probation, parole, and desistance” **Sandra Trujillo**
- 2019 Presented to the New Mexico State Metropolitan Specialty Court Judicial Division. Albuquerque, New Mexico. “Building evidence-based partnerships to reduce recidivism” **Sandra Trujillo**
- 2019 Presented at the CNM President’s Council October 2019 Meeting. “Keeping CNM F.I.R.S.T. in Understanding the Community College Student Population and Implementing Innovative Service.” **Sandra Trujillo**, Christopher Cavasos, Shamayne Hernandez, Karina Guzzi and Angel Garcia
- 2019 Presented at the UNM CNM Transfer Collaborative 2019 Meeting. “Data-Driven Approach to Problems and Prospects of associate to bachelor’s degree Transfer Pathways and Retention” **Sandra Trujillo**

- 2018 Presented at the New Mexico Higher Education Retention and Assessment Retreat (followed by Poster presentation at NMHEAR Annual Conference). Albuquerque, New Mexico. “The Future is Now: Liberal Arts Education and Essential Skills Assessment”. **Saundra Trujillo**, Pat Seitz, Zac Shank and Dan Peterman
- 2017 Presented at the Central New Mexico Community College Spring 2017 President’s Council Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico. “Problem & Project- Based Student Learning: Fall 2016 Experiential Collaborative Criminology Community Policing Project. **Saundra Trujillo**, Matt Thomas, Emily Tyndall, and Christian Neel
- 2015 Poster Presentation at the American Society of Criminology Meetings, Washington, D.C. “Gang Membership and the Risk-Protection Continuum”. **Saundra Trujillo**
- 2014 Presented at the American Society of Criminology Meetings, San Francisco, CA. “Searching for Conceptual Clarity: Protective Factors and Gang Joining”
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- 2013 Presented at the American Society of Criminology Meetings, Atlanta, GA. “Street Code and Victimization Risk across Neighborhoods” **Saundra Trujillo**, Finn-Aage Esbensen, Dena Carson and Adrienne Freng
- 2011 Presented at the American Society of Criminology Meetings, Washington, DC. “Jail Incarceration and Violent Crime Rates: A cross-sectional exploratory analysis in Albuquerque, New Mexico 2000-2001”. **Saundra Trujillo**

Relevant Teaching Certifications

- 2018 Inside Out Prison Exchange Program Certified Instructor, *Temple University*. Hazelton Federal Penitentiary West Virginia
- 2016 Quality Matters Teaching and Learning Online Certified Instructor, *Central New Mexico Community College*, Albuquerque New Mexico

Institutional Service & Service to Discipline

- 2018-present Criminology Research Principle Investigator for Community Partner Requests: Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) Personnel Victimization Risk and Safety in Downtown Albuquerque. *Central New Mexico Community College*
- 2018-present Chair, Formerly Incarcerated Students’ Reintegration Success Team (F.I.R.S.T.), Central New Mexico Community College
- 2017-present Manuscript reviewer for *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*
- 2018 – 2019 Academic Affairs representative member of Enrollment Barriers to Student Achievement committee, Central New Mexico Community College
- 2017-2019 Higher Education Department New Mexico Curriculum Articulation Committee Member, Central New Mexico Community College Institutional Representative
- 2017-2018 Faculty consultant on interdisciplinary (Criminology/Sociology and Criminal Justice) revisions to New Mexico Department of Public Safety Biennial Training
- 2017-2018 Faculty consultant on interdisciplinary (Criminology/Sociology and Criminal Justice) Albuquerque Police Academy Recruitment, Retention, and Training Materials revisions for Department of Justice oversight mandates
- 2016-2019 Chair Liberal Arts Learning & Assessment (LALA) committee/CHSS Assessment Committee
Central New Mexico Community College
- 2016-2017 Assisted in development and consultation on experiential learning project for Central New Mexico Community College Sociology and Criminal Justice Departments

2015-2016 Data Analyst Liberal Arts Learning & Assessment (LALA) committee; *Central New Mexico Community College*

Honors & Awards

2017 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Doctoral Fellow
2013 & 2014 E. Desmond Lee Scholar, University of Missouri – St. Louis
2007-2009 National Dean’s List
2009-2014 Golden Key National Honor Society
2007-2014 Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society