

CURRICULUM VITAE
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EDUCATION

- PhD** Criminal Justice – Michigan State University 2022 (expected)
Dissertation Topic: Coping with Victimization: An examination of the internal and external consequences of school-based victimization.
Committee: Chair: Dr. Chris Melde. Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh, Dr. Jennifer Cobbina, Dr. Sandi Smith
- MCJ** Criminal Justice – Boston University 2016
- BS** Business Administration – Bryant University 2012
Concentration: Finance. Minor: Psychology
Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Interests include youth-based violence and victimization, school safety, juvenile justice, criminal justice system, interpersonal violence and relationships, peer dynamics, criminal justice policy, community corrections, mixed methods research, social network analysis.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2022 **The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley – Edinburg, TX**
Lecturer I. Courses: *CRIJ 1301 - Introduction to Criminal Justice, CRIJ 3322 – Juvenile Delinquency and Justice CRIJ 3303 – Criminology (2 sections), CRIJ 3305 – Statistical Applications in Criminal Justice (2 sections).*
- Fall 2021 **The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley – Edinburg, TX**
Lecturer I. Courses: *CRIJ 3303 – Criminology (2 sections), CRIJ 3305 – Statistical Applications in Criminal Justice (2 sections)*
- Summer 2021 **Wayne State University – Detroit, MI**
Online Instructor for *CRJ 3550 – Research Methods in Criminal Justice*

Summer 2021 **Michigan State University – East Lansing, MI**
Online Instructor for *CJ 292 – Methods of Criminal Justice Research*

Fall 2020 **Michigan State University – East Lansing, MI**
Online* Instructor for *CJ 292 – Methods of Criminal Justice Research*
*Course was originally to be delivered in-person (Covid-19)

Scheduled:

Summer 2022 **The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley – Edinburg, TX**
Lecturer I. Courses (online): *CRIJ 3322 – Juvenile Delinquency and Justice*,
CRIJ 4321 – White-Collar and Organized Crime. (Both asynchronous online)

Fall 2022 **Wayne State University – Detroit, MI**
Online Instructor for *CRJ 2550 – Race, Crime and Justice* (asynchronous
online)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Cunningham, M.; Cobbina, J.; Melde, C.; **Abad, D.**; Almanza, M.; Goldstick, J.; Zimmerman, M.; & Heinze, J. Attitudes towards police and weapon carrying among adolescents. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. Published online: September 2021.

Abad, D., Almanza, M., Melde, C., Cobbina, J., & Heinze, J. (2020). A Modified Approach to In-School Victimization, Authoritative School Climate, and Student Feelings of Safety. *Journal of Crime and Justice*. Accepted July 31, 2020. Published online: September 2, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0735648X.2020.1810740>

Li, C., Almanza, M., **Abad, D.**, & Melde, C. (2020). Are Different Explanations Necessary to Explain Low and High Rate Adolescent Weapon Carrying? *Victims & Offenders*. Accepted July 19, 2020. Published online: August 19, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2020.1799467>

Book Chapters

Galasso, M., **Abad, D.**, Almanza, M., Melde, C., Cobbina, J., & Heinze, J. (2020). Youth Perspectives on Gangs, Violence, and Social Media in a High Crime City. In C. Melde & F. Weerman, *Gangs in the Era of Internet and Social Media*. (pp. 135-153). Springer Nature Switzerland AG

Under Review

Abad, D.; Melde, C.; Galasso, M.; Almanza, M.; Cobbina, J.; & Henize, J. Students' Perceptions of School Safety and the Transition to High School: Is there a Honeymoon Effect? (*Deviant Behavior*). *Revise and Resubmit*

Manuscripts in Preparation

Abad, D. The Effect of Underage Internal Possession Laws: A Matched Pair Examination.

Reports

Melde, C.; Henize, J.; Cobbina, J.; Cunningham, M.; **Abad, D.**; & Almanza, M. (2017) "Safe School Transitions Project: Fall 2017 Report to Schools. Perceptions and Attitudes about School, Crime, and Violence among 5th through 7th Grade Students in the Flint Community School District." Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fall 2016 – Spring 2021 **Research Assistant, Michigan State University – Dr. Chris Melde**

Projects:

- ***Safe School Transitions Study (SSTS)***: administered student surveys, conducted in-person student interviews, managed research team schedules for school visits, data entry/management, report writing, and community presentations. Flint, MI.
NIJ Award No. 2015-CK-BX-0003
- ***Comprehensive Approaches to Addressing Mental Health Needs and Enhancing School Security: A Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial***: survey design, managed relationships with school district partners, data entry/management, in charge of graduate & undergraduate student entry team (i.e. scheduling, questions, etc.), progress reports and other updates. Flint, MI.
NIJ Award: No. 2015-CK-BX-0017
- ***National Center for School Safety***: literature review and annotated bibliography, online training video content, and group meetings. Ann Arbor, MI.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 Abad, D. & Melde, C. Student Perceptions of School Safety and the Transition to a New School: Is there a Honeymoon Effect? National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Virtual Conference on School Safety 02/16/2021.
- 2020 **Abad, D.** Coping with In-School Victimization in a Violent Community. American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. *Meeting cancelled due to Covid-19.*

- 2020 Almanza, M.; Li, C.; **Abad, D.**; & Melde, C. Do Predictors of Weapon Carrying Vary Across Low and High Rate Offenders? Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX. *Meeting cancelled due to Covid-19.*
- 2019 **Abad, D.**; Melde, C.; Almanza, M.; Galasso, M.; Cobbina, J.; & Heinze, J. The Role of Friends of Feelings of Safety during School Transitions. American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 Galasso, M.; **Abad, D.**; & Almanza, M. Inner-City Youths on Gangs, Violence, and Social Media. American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 **Abad, D.** The Effect of Underage Internal Possession Laws: A Matched Pair Examination. Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.
- 2018 **Abad, D.**; Galasso, M.; Almanza, M.; Cunningham, M.; Cobbina, J.; Heinze, J.; & Melde, C. Students' Perception of School Safety and the Transition to High School: Is there a honeymoon effect? – A qualitative analysis. American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 Melde, C.; **Abad, D.**; & Almanza, M. On the ir(rational) choice to join a gang: Lessons from decision sciences. Eurogang Program of Research Meeting, hosted by Erasmus University, Almen, The Netherlands.
- 2018 **Abad, D.** & Almanza, M. A Modified Approach to In-School Victimization, Authoritative School Climate, and Student Feelings of Safety. Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.

AWARDS AND FUNDING

Awards

- 2021 Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Section Student Paper Competition (*3rd Place*) – The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS). Orlando, FL (switched to virtual due to Covid-19 pandemic).
Paper Title: Student Perceptions of School Safety and the Transition to a New School: Is there a Honeymoon Effect? – A Qualitative Analysis
(Co-authors: Matthew Almanza & Matthew Galasso)
- 2019 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper (*Honorable Mention*) – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference in Chicago, IL
Paper Title: The Effect of Underage Internal Possession Laws: A Matched Pair Examination.

2018 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper (*Winner*) – Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference in Chicago, IL – \$150
Paper Title: A Modified Approach to In-School Victimization, Authoritative School Climate, and Student Feelings of Safety (Co-author: Matthew Almanza)

Funding

2021 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, MSU Graduate School – \$9,000.00
 (Awarded – 8/21/2020 for Spring 2021 semester)

2020 MSU College of Social Sciences Research Scholars Award - \$2,714.00
 Summer Research Fellowship, MSU School of Criminal Justice - \$2,000.00

2019 Huff Travel Award, MSU School of Criminal Justice - \$469.00
 Conference Travel Award, MSU Council of Graduate Students - \$300.00
 Summer Research Fellowship, MSU School of Criminal Justice - \$3,000.00

2018 Huff Travel Award, MSU School of Criminal Justice - \$355.00
 Summer Research Fellowship, MSU School of Criminal Justice - \$3,000.00

2017 Summer Research Fellowship, MSU School of Criminal Justice - \$3,000.00

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2021-2022 **The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley – Department of Criminal Justice: Lecturer Issues and Concerns Committee**
 Served as a contributing member on the lecturer committee where we discussed current issues and topics relating to teaching, program requirements, and undergraduate student education and success.

2018 – 2019 **Michigan State University – School of Criminal Justice: Graduate Committee**
 Served as the graduate student member on committee responsible for the formulation, review, and recommendations concerning the graduate degree offerings, the quality of graduate education, and the quality of graduate admissions.

2018 **Michigan State University – Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) – Student Mentor**
 Served as a mentor to one student who was participating in SROP. Assisted student with research project (data management, quantitative analysis, presentation).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2018 – Present American Society of Criminology (ASC)
 2018 – 2020 Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA)
 2020 – Present Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

JOURNAL REVIEWER

2021	Journal of School Violence
2020	Journal of School Violence
2020	Crime & Delinquency