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EDUCATION

- 2022 Doctor of Philosophy, Criminal Justice, specialization in Criminology and Crime Prevention
School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati
Dissertation Title: What will they think of me? Understanding the experiences of white-collar inmates
Dissertation Committee: Michael L. Benson (chair), Ben Feldmeyer, Paula Smith, and Sally S. Simpson
- 2016 Master of Science, Criminal Justice, specialization in Administration of Criminal Justice and Crime Prevention
School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati
- 2014 Bachelor of Arts, Criminology, Law and Society
School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine
Honors Cum Laude
- 2014 Bachelor of Arts, Social Ecology
School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine
Honors Cum Laude

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2022– **Assistant Professor**
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
College of Social Work and Criminal Justice
Florida Atlantic University
Boca Raton, FL
- 2015–22 **Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant**
School of Criminal Justice
College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, OH

GRANTS AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2023 **Principal Investigator**
FAU College of Social Work and Criminal Justice Seed Funding Award: “The Community Consequences of Overdose: Assessing the Impact of Overdose Deaths on Community Well-Being, 2000-2020” (\$5,000)
Co-Principal Investigator: Ben Feldmeyer
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Florida Atlantic University
- 2019–22 **Graduate Research Assistant**
National Science Foundation (NSF): “Macro-Level Sources of Illegal Drug Overdose Deaths across U.S. Communities”
Principal Investigators: Ben Feldmeyer and Francis T. Cullen
School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati
- 2018 **Principal Investigator**
UC School of Criminal Justice Summer Grant: “Racial invariance or Asian advantage: Comparing the macro-level predictors of violence across Asian, White, and Black populations” (\$3,000)
Co-Principal Investigator: Ben Feldmeyer
School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati
- 2015 **Staff Research Assistant**
National Institutes of Health (NIH): “Fragmented & Unpredictable Prenatal Environment in Humans; Nature & Outcomes”
Principal Investigators: Curt Sandman and Laura Glynn
Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, University of California, Irvine,
Crean College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, Chapman University
- 2013 **Co-Principal Investigator**
Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Fellowship (UROP)
University of California, Irvine (\$3,000)
Co-Principal Investigators: Jake Young and Paul Jesilow
*Received the *Special Call Award for the Women's Empowerment Initiative*
- 2013 **Co-Principal Investigator**
UC Irvine Summer Undergraduate Research Program Fellowship (SURP):
University of California, Irvine (\$3,000)
Co-Principal Investigators: Jake Young and Paul Jesilow

PUBLICATIONS

* National/media recognition

^ Award recognition

9. Benson, M. L. & **Sun, D.** (Forthcoming). Applying opportunity theory to corporate offending and victimization. In *Corporate Crime: The Firm as Victim and Offender, Advances in Criminological Theory*, Eds. Miranda A. Galvin and William S. Laufer. England: Routledge Press.
8. Pierce, K., Sun, D., & Feldmeyer, B. (2023). Staying under the radar? Overdose death patterns in immigrant communities and the impact of sanctuary status. *Societies*, 13(6), 135. <https://doi.org/10.3390/soc13060135>
7. Burton, B., **Sun, D.**, Jesilow, P. D., & Pontell, H. N. (2023). Two paths, one destination: A demographic portrait of physicians sanctioned by the federal government. *Journal of Health and Human Services Administration*, 45(3), 142-180. <https://doi.org/10.37808/jhhsa.45.3.1>
6. **Sun, D.**, Graham, A., Feldmeyer, B., Cullen, F. T., & Kulig, T. C. (2023). Public opinion about America's opioid crisis: Severity, sources, and solutions in context. *Deviant Behavior*, 44(4), 567–590. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2022.2071656>
5. *Feldmeyer, B., **Sun, D.**, Harris, C. T., & Cullen, F. T. (2022). More immigrants, less deaths: An analysis of immigration effects on county-level overdose deaths, 2000-2015. *Criminology*, 60(4), 667–699. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9125.12318>

*Highlighted in *Forbes Magazine* on November 15, 2022 at

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2022/11/15/more-immigrants-fewer-drug-related-deaths/?sh=2d404f3b4c2a>

*Highlighted in *University of Cincinnati's (UC) University News* on November 30,

2022 at <https://www.uc.edu/news/articles/2022/11/uc-study-finds-immigration-shows-no-increase-in-drug-related.html>

*Highlighted in *National Public Radio's Cincinnati WVXU* on December 13, 2022

at <https://www.wvxu.org/show/cincinnati-edition/2022-12-13/uc-research-political-rhetoric-drugs-immigration>

*Highlighted in *Florida Atlantic University's (FAU) College of Social Work and Criminal Justice Newsletter* on December 21, 2022 at

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/December-news-to-know.html?soid=1128530019078&aid=ip6LFLC9Vrc>

*Highlighted in *Forbes Magazine* on March 2, 2023 at

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2023/03/02/synthetic-opioid-overdose-deaths-soared-while-trump-was-president/?sh=b883ec9a4dc8>

4. **Sun, D.**, & Benson, M. L. (2022). Mixed methods: A justification, explication, and example. In *Qualitative Research in Criminology: Cutting Edge Methods*, Eds. Rita Faria and Mary Dodge (pp. 37–49). Switzerland: Springer Nature. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-18401-7_3
3. Feldmeyer, B., Cullen, F. T., **Sun, D.**, Kulig, T. C., Chouhy, C., & Zidar, M. (2022). The community determinants of death: Comparing the macro-level predictors of overdose, homicide, and suicide deaths, 2000 to 2015. *Socius*, 8, 23780231221100392. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231221100392>
2. **Sun, D.**, & Feldmeyer, B. (2022). Racial invariance or Asian advantage: Comparing the macro-level predictors of violence across Asian, White, and Black populations. *Race and Social Problems*, 14(2), 114–130. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12552-021-09344-1>

^Received the 2022 American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division of Community and Place (DCP) Ruth D. Peterson and Lauren J. Krivo Graduate Student Scholar Award
1. Jesilow, P., Burton, B., & **Sun, D.** (2022). Healthcare fraud. In *Oxford Bibliographies in Criminology*, Ed. Beth M. Huebner. New York: Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/OBO/9780195396607-0157>

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

* Indicates Ph.D. student

Holmes, B., Feldmeyer, B., **Sun, D.**, & *Arrigo, S. Prescription Opioids, Heroin, Fentanyl, and Methamphetamine: An analysis of prosecutorial and judicial responses to these “epidemics.” (Under review).

Feldmeyer, B., Holmes, B., & **Sun, D.** Federal drug sentencing and the overdose epidemic. (Under review).

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Sun, D. (2019 September 3). Insights on the Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime Student Committee. *American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime Newsletter: The White Collar Times*, 1(1). Available online. <https://ascdwcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019-DWCC-Fall-Newsletter.pdf>

Pitzer, L., **Sun, D.**, & Benson, M. L. (2020). Differences in the rehabilitation experience: A case study among two white-collar offenders. *University of Cincinnati's 2020 Undergraduate Scholarly Showcase*, 2(1). <https://journals.uc.edu/index.php/Undergradshowcase/issue/view/242>

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

National

Sun, D., Graham, A. L., Feldmeyer, B., Cullen, F. T., & Kulig, T. K. “Public opinion about America’s opioid crisis: Severity, sources, and solutions in context.” Presented at the 2022 American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA. *ASC Division of Communities and Place Sponsored Panel.*

Feldmeyer, B., **Sun, D.**, Harris, C. T., & Cullen, F. T. “More immigrants, less deaths: An analysis of immigration effects on county-level overdose deaths, 2000-2015.” Presented at the 2022 American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA. *ASC Division of Communities and Place Sponsored Panel.*

Pierce, K., Feldmeyer, B., & **Sun, D.** “Staying under the radar? Overdose death patterns in immigrant communities and the impact of sanctuary status.” Presented at the 2022 American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA. *ASC Division of Communities and Place Sponsored Panel.*

Homer, E., Sun, D., & Chan, F. “Students-meet-new-faculty: Professional development advice.” Presented at the 2022 American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA. *ASC Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime Sponsored Panel.*

Sun, D. “What will they think of me?: Stigmatization among white-collar offenders.” Presented at the 2021 American Society of Criminology Conference, Chicago, IL. *ASC Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime and European Working Group on Organizational Crime (EUROC) Sponsored Panel.*

Feldmeyer, B., Cullen, F. T., **Sun, D.**, Kulig, T. C., & Chouhy, C. “The community determinants of death: Assessing the macro-level sources of drug overdose death rates, 1999-2016.” Presented at the 2021 American Society of Criminology Conference, Chicago, IL.

Sun, D., Chio, H. L., & Joo, S. H. “White-collar crime and the ‘model minority’.” To be presented at the 2020 American Society of Criminology Conference, Washington, D.C. (*conference cancelled due to COVID-19*)

Sun, D., & Benson, M. L. “Turning a wrong into a right: Turning points for white-collar offenders.” Presented at the 2019 American Society of Criminology Conference, San Francisco, CA. *ASC Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime Sponsored Panel.*

Allen, C. B., Feldmeyer, B., & **Sun, D.** “The racial invariance assumption: A county-level examination of urban and rural America.” Presented at the 2019 American Society of Criminology Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Sun, D., Benson, M. L., & Anderson, V. R. “Understanding the gendered experiences of white-collar inmates.” Presented at the 2018 American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Feldmeyer, B., **Sun, D.**, Kulig, T., Cullen, F. T., & Chouhy, C. “Community-level concentrations of overdose: Assessing the macro-level patterns and predictors of drug overdose death rates across U.S. locales” Presented at the 2018 American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Sun, D., & Feldmeyer, B. “An Asian advantage or plagued by concentrated disadvantaged: The effects of Asian segregation on Asian crime.” Presented at the 2018 College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services, and Information Technology Fourth Annual Diversity Matters Research Day Conference, Cincinnati, OH.

Sun, D., Benson, M. L., & Anderson, V. R. “Understanding the female white-collar inmate experience.” Presented at the 2017 American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Burton, B., & **Sun, D.** “Constructing a demographic portrait of deviant doctors.” Presented at the 2016 American Society of Criminology Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Feldmeyer, B., Harris, C. T., Steffensmeier, D., Shafer, J., & **Sun, D.** “Age structure, disengaged youth, and race/ethnicity-specific violence: Unravelling the macro-level age-crime paradox.” Presented at the 2016 American Society of Criminology Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Sun, D., & Young, J. “Medical competency of physicians excluded from federal health care programs.” Presented at the 21st Annual UCI Undergraduate Research Symposium, Irvine, CA.

Invited Presentations

Sun, D. “School of Criminal Justice: Job market panel.” Presented on Friday, August 26, 2022 as a guest panelist for a UC Job Market Workshop, Coordinators: Ben Feldmeyer, Brittany Hayes, and Joseph Nedelec, Cincinnati, OH.

Sun, D. “Wayne State University’s National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU): Graduate school zoom panel.” Presented on Thursday, July 21, 2022, as a guest panelist for an NSF Research Experience Program, Coordinator: Mackenzie Grace, Detroit, MI.

Sun, D. “Immigrants, Asians, and crime.” Presented on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, as a guest speaker for a UC Race and Crime undergraduate level course, Instructor: Doyun Koo, Cincinnati, OH.

Sun, D. “GRADS: Professionalism and networking at conferences.” Presented on Friday, February 5, 2020, as a guest speaker for a graduate student colloquium, Cincinnati, OH.

Sun, D. “My guest speaker: An interview with a formerly incarcerated white-collar offender.” Presented on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, as a guest speaker for a UC White-Collar Crime undergraduate level course, Instructor: Michael L. Benson, Cincinnati, OH.

Sun, D. “Crime in the health care industry.” Two-part presentation, presented on Thursday, September 19, 2019, and Tuesday, September 24, 2019, as a guest speaker for a UC White-Collar Crime undergraduate level course, Instructor: Michael L. Benson, Cincinnati, OH.

Sun, D. “Female white-collar offenders and their prison experience”. Presented on Friday, October 18, 2019, as a guest speaker for UC Punishment Workgroup, Cincinnati, OH.

Sun, D. “Mixed methods research: An application on white-collar offenders and incarceration.” Presented on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, as a guest speaker for a UC Criminal Justice Introduction to Criminology undergraduate level course, Instructor: Amanda Graham, Cincinnati, OH.

Sun, D. “White-collar crime.” Presented on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, and Friday, April 1, 2019, as a guest speaker for a UC Criminal Justice Introduction to Criminology undergraduate level course, Instructor: Kalliopi Theocharidou, Cincinnati, OH.

Sun, D. “GRADS: Passing the comprehensive exam.” Presented on Friday, February 8, 2019, as a guest speaker for a graduate student colloquium, Cincinnati, OH.

Benson, M. L. “Social and economic impact of corporate crime: Recent cases in America.” Presented at the 2018 Anti-Corruption: Judicial, Law Enforcement, and Societal Issues Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program, Cincinnati, OH. *Assisted with presentation.*

RESEARCH LAB EXPERIENCE

2019-22 Graduate Research Assistant

Project: White-Collar Crime and the Model Minority

Duties: Drawing on United States Sentencing Commission (USSC) Data from FY2002 to FY2018, attend weekly meetings to discuss projects related to white-collar offenders and sentencing outcomes, characteristics, and cybercrime.

School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati

2015 Staff Research Assistant

Project: University of California, Irvine Women and Children’s Health and Well-Being Project: Pregnancy Experiences and Infant Development Study

Duties: Assisted Drs. Curt Sandman and Laura Glynn on a National Institutes of Health (NIH) government-funded early human development research project between University of California, Irvine and Chapman University, administered guided interviews, oversaw cognitive tests using a Cambridge CANTAB program, collected biosamples (i.e., saliva and hair samples), and assisted in grant applications.

Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, University of California, Irvine Crean College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, Chapman University

- 2014 Research Intern
Project: European Healthcare Fraud and Corruption Network (EHFCN) and Performant Financial Corporation
Duties: Evaluated and analyzed survey responses from twenty-eight European Union member states under the supervision of Paul Vincke (EHFCN) and Ted Doyle (Performant Financial Corporation) to develop the EHFCN 2014 Management Survey which provides a brief overview of strategies employed by the EU member states to combat fraud, waste, and corruption in healthcare.
Criminology, Law, and Society Department, University of California, Irvine

RESEARCH TOOLS WORKSHOPS

- 2019 Tips on Writing a Successful Grant Proposal. Speakers: Edward Latessa and Jaime Newsome
- 2018 Introduction to Data Management and Analysis with Stata: Criminal Justice Special Topics: Statistics One-Day Seminar. Speaker: Joseph L. Nedelec
- 2018 Introduction to Analysis Spatial Data using GIS: Criminal Justice Special Topics: Statistics One-Day Seminar. Speaker: Cory P. Haberman
- 2018 Introduction to Interrupted Time Series Analysis: Special Topics: Statistics One-Day Seminar. Speaker: Nicholas A. Corsaro
- 2017 NVivo Workshop: Meet NVivo: Explore and Visualize Your Data – Using NVivo 11 for Windows to Tell the Story; Using NVivo as a Research Tool
- 2017 Open Refine Workshop: Cleaning Data with OpenRefine

MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Present Masters Thesis Committee Member
Graduate student: Kevin Lopez (in progress)
Duties: Mentor graduate student thesis on crime analyst survey
- 2023 Honors Compact Chair
Undergraduate student: Chloe Bowe
Duties: Mentor undergraduate student on honors-level individual study project examining the history of policing, mentor student on research methodology and literature review process
- 2019–21 Graduate Student Mentor
Undergraduate student: Lauren Pitzer (graduated: 2022)
Duties: Mentor undergraduate research assistant on quantitative data management and qualitative data analyses techniques, including transcribing interviews

TEACHING AND MENTORING WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- 2022 Transition from Student to Faculty. Speaker: Brittany Hayes
- 2018 Teaching Tips Roundtable. Speakers: Susan Bourke and Regina Sapona
- 2017 Mentoring Research Self-Efficacy Workshop. Speakers: Sarah Manchak and Teresa C. Kulig

UNIVERSITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Selected by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) for peer review to represent an undergraduate level course taught at the University of Cincinnati, September 4, 2018, Office of the Provost, University of Cincinnati

Selected by School of Criminal Justice to be the Graduate Student Criminal Justice Representative, April 24, 2017, President Pinto Luncheon, University of Cincinnati

DEPARTMENT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- 2022–Present Bylaws Committee, Member, FAU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
- 2022–2023 Director Search Committee, Member, FAU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
- 2022–Present Journal Reviewer for *Deviant Behavior*. Craig J. Forsyth, Editor
- 2022–Present Journal Reviewer for *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*. Mark T. Palermo, Editor
- Spring 2023 Ruth D. Peterson and Lauren J. Krivo Graduate Student Scholar Award Committee, Member, Division of Communities and Place (DCP), American Society of Criminology
- Spring 2022 Program Committee Assistant, Division of Communities and Place (DCP), American Society of Criminology
- Spring 2022 Recruiter, School of Criminal Justice Graduate Student Recruitment Weekend, University of Cincinnati
- 2018–2022 Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime Student Committee Chair, American Society of Criminology, Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime
- 2018–2022 Managing co-editor of the *American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime Newsletter: The White Collar Times*. Available online. <https://ascdwcc.org/current-issue/>

- 2017–Present Member Outreach Committee, American Society of Criminology, Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime
- Spring 2019 Recruiter, School of Criminal Justice Graduate Student Recruitment Weekend, University of Cincinnati
- Fall 2018 Volunteer for School of Criminal Justice, College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services, and Information Technology Promotional College Publications, Marketing, and Website Photoshoot, University of Cincinnati
- Fall 2018 Volunteer, School of Criminal Justice Graduate Student Orientation, University of Cincinnati
- 2017–2018 GRADS Committee Coordinator 2017-2018, School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati
- Spring 2018 Recruiter, School of Criminal Justice Graduate Student Recruitment Weekend, University of Cincinnati
- 2017–2019 Volunteer, School of Criminal Justice Graduate Student Orientation, University of Cincinnati
- Spring 2017 Recruiter, School of Criminal Justice Graduate Student Recruitment Weekend, University of Cincinnati
- Spring 2017 Representative, College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services Diversity Matters Dinner Colloquium, University of Cincinnati

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- 2022 Ruth D. Peterson and Lauren J. Krivo Graduate Student Scholar Award, American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division of Communities and Place
- 2020 Larry J. Siegel Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Gender and Crime – Honorable Mention, American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division on Women and Crime (\$500)
- 2017 Robert B. Mills Memorial Graduate Honors Award, University of Cincinnati
- 2014 School of Social Ecology Dean's Scholar Award for Excellence in Research, University of California, Irvine
- 2013 Department of Criminology, Law, and Society Excellence in Undergraduate Research Award in Honor of Gilbert Geis*, University of California, Irvine (\$500)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member of American Society of Criminology (Member since 2016)
Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime (Member since 2017)
Division of Communities and Place (Member since 2018)
Division of Women on Crime (Member since 2020)
Division of Developmental/Life-Course Criminology (Member since 2020)
Division of Public Opinion and Policy (Member since 2022)

Member of Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (Member since 2017)

Member of European Society of Criminology (Member since 2021)
European Working Group on Organizational Crime (EUROC) (Member since 2021)

REFERENCES

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