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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice (2016- present)

Instructor of Criminal Justice (2013-2016)

Michigan State University

426 Auditorium Road

East Lansing, Michigan 48824

Visiting Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology (2012-2014)

Georgia Southern University

1332 Southern Drive

Statesboro, Georgia 30460

Teaching and Research Fellow (2009-2014)

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

899 Tenth Avenue

New York, New York 10019

EDUCATION / TRAINING

Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice (May 2015)

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

The Graduate Center, CUNY

899 Tenth Avenue

New York, NY

Dissertation Title: Negotiating Limits: Boundary Management in the Bondage/Discipline/Sadomasochism (BDSM) Community

Dissertation Chair: Jock Young, Ph.D./David Brotherton, Ph.D.

Master of Philosophy in Criminal Justice (September 2012)

The Graduate Center, CUNY

365 Fifth Avenue

New York, New York

Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology (May 2009)

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

899 Tenth Avenue

New York, NY

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Forensics track, Summa cum laude (January 2007)

DeSales University

2755 Station Avenue

Center Valley, PA

Training: Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (Completed February 1, 2008)

- Reference number 1572057

Affiliation John Jay College of Criminal Justice

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Holt, K. (Forthcoming). Violations of Consent and Retaliatory Justice in the BDSM Community. In J.D. Stein (ed.) *Asking for It: An Anthology of Consent*. Riverdale Avenue Books.

Holt, K. (2016). Blacklisted: Boundaries, Violations, and Retaliatory Behavior in the BDSM Community. *Deviant Behavior*, DOI:10.1080/01639625.2016.1156982

Holt, K. & Massey, C. (2013). Sexual preference or opportunity: An examination of situational factors by gender of victims of clergy abuse. *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*. DOI 10.1177/1079063211425690

OTHER PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Holt, K. (2014). "Sadism and masochism." In Copes, H. & Forsyth, C. (eds). *The encyclopedia of social deviance*. Sage Publications.

Holt, K. (2014). "Fetishes." In Copes, H. & Forsyth, C. (eds). *The encyclopedia of social deviance*. Sage Publications.

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Salman, S. & Holt, K. (2014). In Memorium: Jock Young. *The Critical Criminologist*, 22(2), 7.

Cubelis, M. & Pepper, K. (2011). Routine activities and sexual offending. *Sex Offender Law Report*, 12(2), 1.

Holt, T.J. & Pepper, K. (2011). Web resources used by individuals aroused by children. *Sex Offender Law Report*, 12(1), 1.

Pepper, K. (2010). Synthesizing the literature: Juvenile sex offenders. *Sex Offender Law Report*.

Pepper, K. (2009). Sex offender variations in criminal offending challenge strict classifications as generalists or specialists. *Sex Offender Law Report*, 10(6), 85.

RESEARCH / INTERNSHIPS

(May 2010 – January 2011) *John Jay College of Criminal Justice* *New York, NY*

Project: Domestic Violence

Supervisor: Valli Rajah, Ph.D.; Department of Sociology

Position: Research Assistant

Role: Collecting and coding data from domestic violence websites in order to ascertain the ways in which the media and organizational frames situate or define woman who experience partner violence and are involved in drug use.

(September 2009 – May 2010) *John Jay College of Criminal Justice* *New York, NY*

Project: Sexual Abuse of Minors in the Catholic Church: Understanding the Causes and Context of the Problem

Supervisors: Karen Terry, Ph.D.; Department of Law, Police Science and Criminal Justice; Margaret Smith, ABD; Institute for Criminal Justice and Ethics

Position: Graduate Research Assistant

Role: Utilizing the existing data from the descriptive study The Nature and Scope of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Catholic Priests and Deacons in the United States, in conjunction with a theoretical and micro-analysis of the problem based on data from interviews and surveys, in order generate new knowledge of the cause and context of child abuse in the Catholic Church as well as add to the knowledge of the overall societal problem of sexual abuse of youth in this society.

(March 2010 – November 2010) *John Jay College of Criminal Justice* *New York, NY*
Project: Spatial Analysis of Death Penalty Cases
Supervisor: Valerie West, Ph.D.; Department of Law and Political Science
Position: Research Assistant
Role: Collecting data using WestLaw on the situational variables associated with death penalty cases.

(March 2009 – August 2009) *Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation Center* *New York, NY*
Project: Collaborative Family Initiative
Supervisor: Nancy Jacobs, Ph.D.; Executive Director/Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation Center
Position: Research Assistant
Role: The Department of Juvenile Justice in collaboration with the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation Center developed a family focused reentry program for youth with mental health issues returning to the community from secure and non-secure detention in New York City. Collected mental health data from treatment files in order to facilitate a needs assessment.

(August 2008 – May 2009) *John Jay College of Criminal Justice* *New York, NY*
Project: Master's thesis
Supervisor: Karen Terry, Ph.D.; Department of Law, Police Science and Criminal Justice
Position: Primary Investigator
An original piece of research that included coding and analyzing serial rape cases from the F.B.I. files of John Jay College in order to determine whether serial rapists specialize in sexual crimes or evidence versatility in their offending behaviors.

(January 2008 – August 2008) *John Jay College of Criminal Justice* *New York, NY*
Project: John Jay College of Criminal Justice and FBI Behavioral Science Unit Collaborative Research Project
Project Director: Gabrielle Salfati, Ph.D.; Department of Psychology
Position: Research Assistant
Role: Coded stranger and domestic homicide cases from F.B.I. files in order to construct a valid and reliable database for research purposes.

(January 2008 – May 2008) *John Jay College of Criminal Justice* *New York, NY*
Project: Empirical Crime Scene Analysis – class linked to John Jay College of Criminal Justice and F.B.I. Collaborative Research Project
Title: Avoiding Detection: An Examination of Adaptive and Maladaptive Behaviors in Serial Homicide
Supervisor: Gabrielle Salfati, Ph.D.; Department of Psychology
Position: Co-investigator
Role: Conducted research on adaptive and maladaptive detection avoidance behaviors in serial homicide. Analyzed eighty-five offenses committed by seventeen serial homicide offenders in order to determine if offenders engage in adaptive and maladaptive behaviors and how behavior changes over a series.

(July 2005 – December 2007) *DeSales University* *Center Valley, PA*
Project: Internship
Supervisor: Katherine Ramsland, Ph.D.; Department of Psychology
Position: Research Assistant
Role: Developed literature reviews on cognition in psychopathy, the history of forensic science, serial homicide, serial killer culture, and the apprehension of serial homicide offenders.

(April 2006)

DeSales University

Center Valley, PA

Project: Effects of Aggression in Urinary Dopamine Levels in Male Mice

Supervisor: Boyce Jubilan, Ph.D.; Department of Psychology

Position: Co-investigator

Role: A collaborative and original piece of research that examined the neurotransmitter dopamine and its role in aggressive behavior. Induced aggression in mice and measured dopamine levels in urine in order to determine if levels were significantly higher during or after aggressive behavior.

(November 2005- May 2006)

Reading Specialists

Bethlehem, PA

Project: Internship

Supervisor: Jennifer Monji, M.S.W.

Position: Intern / Primary Investigator

Role: Spent two semesters interning with both adult and juvenile offenders. Participated in group and individual sessions and assisted in informal supervision with staff members. Interviewed adult sexual offenders in an outpatient treatment center regarding sexual fantasy and conducted a qualitative analysis of the content.

TEACHING

SPRING 2010 Victimology: (Guest lecturer for undergraduate level course)

FALL 2010 SOC203 Sociology: Introduction to Criminological Theory (Undergraduate level course)

SPRING 2011 SOC203 02 Sociology: Introduction to Criminological Theory (Undergraduate level course)

SPRING 2011 SOC203 05 Sociology: Introduction to Criminological Theory (Undergraduate level course)

FALL 2011 CJ304 01 Criminal Justice: Introductions to Corrections (Undergraduate level course)

WINTER 2012 CJ304 01 and 02 Criminal Justice: Introductions to Corrections (Undergraduate level course)

WINTER 2012 CJ201 07 Criminal Justice: Introduction to Criminal Justice (Undergraduate level course)

FALL 2012 CRJU 2131 Justice and Ethics (Undergraduate level course)

FALL 2012 CRJU 3631 Criminal Justice Policy (Undergraduate level course)

FALL 2012 CRJU 4231 Research Methods (Undergraduate level course)

FALL 2012 CRJU 2131 Theories of Justice (Undergraduate level course)

FALL 2012 CJ110 Introduction to Criminal Justice (Undergraduate level course)

SPRING 2013 CRJU 2131 Justice and Ethics (Undergraduate level course)

SPRING 2013 CRJU 3331 Corrections (Undergraduate level course)

SPRING 2013 CRJU 3533 Vulnerable Populations (Undergraduate level course)

SPRING 2013 CRJU 3631 Criminal Justice Policy (Undergraduate level course)

SPRING 2013 CRJU 4231 Research Methods (Undergraduate level course)

SUMMER 2013 CRJU 2131 Justice and Ethics (Undergraduate level course)

SUMMER 2013 CRJU 4231 Research Methods (Undergraduate level course)

FALL 2013 CRJ110 Introduction to Criminal Justice (Undergraduate level course)

SPRING 2014 CJ110 Introduction to Criminal Justice (Undergraduate level course)

SPRING 2014 CJ292 Research Methods (Undergraduate level course)

FALL 2014 CRJU 4231 Research Methods (Undergraduate level course)

FALL 2014 CRJU 3631 Criminal Justice Policy (Undergraduate level course)

FALL 2014 CRJU 2131 Justice and Ethics (Undergraduate level course)

SPRING 2015 CJ110 Introduction to Criminal Justice (Undergraduate level course)

SPRING 2015 CJ491 Sexual Offending (Undergraduate level course)

FALL 2015 CJ292 Research Methods (Undergraduate level course)

FALL 2015 CSJU 202 Introduction to Cybercrime (Undergraduate level course)

SPRING 2016 CJ292 Research Methods (Undergraduate level course)

SPRING 2016 CJ491 Sexual Offending (Undergraduate level course)

FALL 2017 CJ491 Sexual Offending (Undergraduate level course)

FALL 2017 CJ491 Violence and Victims (Undergraduate level course)

FALL 2017 CJ491 CJ110 Introduction to Criminal Justice (Undergraduate level course)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Fall 2010 SSC325 Research Methods for the Behavioral Sciences (Honors undergraduate level course)

Spring 2011HON502 (Honors undergraduate level thesis course)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Holt, K. (November 2015). Slipping behind the id: Barriers to consent in BDSM. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C.

Holt, K. (November 2014). Examining predation and protection from victimization in a BDSM subculture. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Holt, K. (April 2013). Constructing Consent. Paper presented at the University of Kent, Common Study Programme in Critical Criminology. London, England.

Holt, K. (November 2012). Examining Coercion and Harm in a BDSM Subculture. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.

Holt, K. & Holt, T. (March 2012). From Cyberspace to Subspace: A Qualitative Analysis of Dominatrix Advertisements Online. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Criminal Justice Sciences. New York, NY.

Pepper, K. & Holt, T. (November 2011). Exploring the Argot of Pedophiles Online. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C.

Pepper, K. & Massey, C. (November 2010). Sexual Preference or Opportunity: An Examination of Situational Factors by Gender of the Victim. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

West, V., Gentry, K., Hiropolous, A. & Pepper, K. (November 2010). The Spatial Concentration and Dependence of Capital Sentencing. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Pepper, K. (February 2010). Patterns of Sexual Offending in the Catholic Church. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Criminal Justice Sciences. San Diego, CA.

Pepper, K. and Terry, K. (November 2009). Serial Rapists: Specialized Sexual Offenders or Versatile Criminals? Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Pepper, K. (May 2009). Serial Rapists: Specialized Sexual Offenders or Versatile Criminals? Paper presented at John Jay's Celebrating Student Research Event, New York, NY.

Neimeyer, E., Pepper, K., and Salfati, C.G. (November 2008). Avoiding Detection: An Examination of Adaptive and Maladaptive Behaviors in Serial Homicide. Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO.

Miller, J., Pepper, K., Lee, D., and Jubilan, B. (March 2007). Effects of Aggression in Urinary Dopamine Levels in Male Mice. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Pepper, K. and McGrain, P. (November 2006). The Role of Deviant Fantasy in Sexual Offending. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

Pepper, K. and Van Horn, C. (April 2005). Looking into the Abyss: Attributions of Evil. Paper presented at the Lehigh Valley Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA.

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowship (John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY, 2009 – 2014)
- Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation for Outstanding Contributions to Forensic Psychology (U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation Behavioral Science Unit, 2008)
- Psychology Undergraduate Research Award (DeSales University, 2006)
- Distinguished Psychology Senior Award (DeSales University, 2006)
- Academic Excellence Award (DeSales University, 2005, 2006)
- Dean's List (DeSales University and John Jay College of Criminal Justice, all semesters)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
American Society of Criminology

SERVICE

STRIVE Program, Michigan State University (2015- present)
John Jay College of Criminal Justice Doctoral Program Admissions Committee, Fall 2011
Common Studies Programme Fall 2011