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EDUCATION

- 1999 Ph.D., Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- 1996 M. A., Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- 1992 B. A., Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Criminal justice policy and program evaluation; criminological theory; offense patterns with an emphasis on understanding changes in specialization over the life-course.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Sam Houston State University. Fall 2007 – Present

Assistant Professor, Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Fall 2005 – Spring 2007

Assistant Professor, Arizona State University West. Fall 1999 – Spring 2005

Director, Violence Prevention Academy. Developed the School Based Violence Prevention Planning Program (SBV3P) and online resources (<http://www.west.asu.edu/vpa>). The SBV3P is a curriculum for school based violence prevention practitioners designed to assist school personnel in identifying and effectively implementing evidence based violence prevention strategies. The curriculum emphasizes organizational planning and best practices, while building the capacity of schools to prevention violence. The SBV3P was been pilot tested and the revised curriculum implemented in six schools from the Glendale Elementary School District. Fall 2002 – Spring 2005

Program Evaluation Consultant, Montgomery County Department of Corrections. Used a randomized research design to evaluate the Moral Reconciliation Therapy program (MRT). Evaluation efforts included data collection, data base development, and statistical analysis. June 1997 - June 1999

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Armstrong, T. A. (accepted for publication). Does Age Explain Change in Offense Type Patterns across Offense Sequences? *Justice Quarterly*.

Armstrong, T. A. (accepted for publication). Exploring the Impact of Changes in Group Composition on Trends in Specialization. *Crime and Delinquency*.

Armstrong, T. A. and Webb, V. (2006). The School Based Violence Prevention Planning Program: A Pilot Test, *Journal of School Violence*, 5, 79-93.

Armstrong, T. A. (2005). Evaluating the Competing Assumptions of Gottfredson and Hirschi's (1990) *A General Theory of Crime* and Psychological Explanations of Aggression. *Western Criminology Review*, 6, 12-21.

Armstrong, T. A. and Britt, C. L. (2004). The Effect of Offender Characteristics on Offense Specialization and Escalation. *Justice Quarterly*, 21, 843-876.

Armstrong, T. A. and Armstrong, G. S. (2004). Determining the Organizational, Community, and Programmatic Characteristics of Effective After-School Program Implementation. *Journal of School Violence*, 3, 93-109.

Armstrong, T. A. (2003). The Effect of Moral Reconciliation Therapy on the Recidivism of Youthful Offenders: A Randomized Experiment. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 30:668-687.

Katz, C. M., Webb, V. J., and Armstrong, T. A. (2003). Fear of Gangs: A Test of Alternative Theoretical Models. *Justice Quarterly*, 20:95-130.

Armstrong, T. A. (2002). The Effect of Environment on the Behavior of Youthful Offenders: A Randomized Experiment. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 30:19-28.

Kassing, J. W. and Armstrong, T. A. (2001). Examining the Association of Job Tenure, Employment History, and Organizational Status with Employee Dissent. *Communication Research Reports*, 18:264-273.

Kassing, J. W. and Armstrong, T. A. (2001). Someone's Going to Hear about This: Examining the Association between Dissent-triggering Events and Employees' Dissent Expression. *Management Communication Quarterly*, 16:39-65.

Rosay, A. B., Gottfredson, D. C., Armstrong, T. A., and Harmon, M. A. (2000). Invariance of Measures of Prevention Program Effectiveness: A Replication. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 16:341-367.

Under Review

Armstrong, T. A., Lee, D., and Armstrong, G. S. The Attribution and Quantification of Theoretical Constructs in Tests Using National Youth Survey Data: Implications for the Patterning of Empirical Support for Criminological Theories, *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.

Armstrong, T. A., and Armstrong G. S. A Multivariate Analysis of the Socio-demographic Predictors of Methamphetamine Production and Use, *Crime and Delinquency*.

Armstrong, T. A., Katz, C., and Webb, V. Understanding the Impact of Sex Offender Registration on Offense Type and the Predictors of Recidivism Among Registered Sex Offenders, *Criminology and Public Policy*

Book Chapters

Armstrong, T. A. (2003). The Effect of Learning on Crime: Contrasting A General Theory of Crime and Social Learning Theory. In Chester L. Britt and Michael R. Gottfredson (eds.). *Control Theories of Crime and Delinquency. Advances in Criminological Theory, Volume 12*. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Funded

Principal Investigator with G. Armstrong, and V. Webb, Evaluation of Redeploy Illinois. Grant funded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, 2006. \$66,127

Principal Investigator with G. Armstrong, "The Relationship between Methamphetamine and Domestic Violence: Analysis of ICJIA In-House Datasets." Grant awarded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, 2005. \$6,261.

Principal Investigator, "Online Training Resources for Local Educational Agencies Applying for Title VI (Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Program) and State Chemical Abuse Funding." Developed online training designed to help schools conduct a needs assessment, select proven prevention strategies and evaluate the implementation and outcomes of those strategies. Contract awarded by the Arizona Department of Education, 2005 \$24,000.

Principal Investigator, "Violence Prevention Academy." Grant awarded by the Arizona Supreme Court, Juvenile Crime Reduction Fund, 2004. \$13,000.

Principal Investigator, "Offering AJS 304 – Criminology on 'the Net': Expanding our Distance Learning Capacity." Grant awarded by ASU West Instructional Development and Support Grant program, 2002. \$4,287.

Principal Investigator, "Race, Social Ties and the Perceived Costs and Benefits of Offending: Are There Significant Differences across Groups?" Grant awarded by ASU West Scholarship, Research and Creative Activities Grant program, 2002. \$5,000.

Principal Investigator with Chester L. Britt, "An Exploration of the Correlates of Specialization and Escalation." Grant awarded by the National Institute of Justice, Data Resources Program: Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data, 2001. \$30,814.

Principal Investigator with Gaylene Armstrong, "Process Evaluation for Effective Implementation of Violence Prevention Programs." Grant awarded by the Arizona Supreme Court, Juvenile Crime Reduction Fund, 2001. \$10,000.

Principal Investigator with Gaylene Armstrong, "Proposal for Seed Money in Support of White Papers for 'Violence, We've Drawn the Line: A Community Commitment' Conference and Forum". Grant awarded by the Motorola Great Communities Initiative, 2000. \$3,198.

AWARDS

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Anderson Paper Award for "Fear of Gangs: Implications for Victimization, Disorder, Community Concern and Subcultural Diversity Models." (March 2003)

ASU West Partnership for Community Development Faculty Fellowship (fall 2001 - spring 2002)

REPORTS

Katz, C. M., Webb, V., & Armstrong, T. (2006) *Where Do We Go From Here? A Report on Sex offenders and Sex offender Housing in Phoenix, Arizona*. Prepared for the Phoenix Police Department and the Phoenix City Council.

Armstrong, G., Armstrong, T., & Webb, V. (2006) *An Evaluation of Redeploy Illinois – St. Clair and Peoria County Sites*. Final report submitted to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

Armstrong, T. A. and Armstrong, G. S. (2002) *Determining the Organizational Characteristics of Effective After-School Program Implementation*. Final Report submitted to the Arizona Supreme Court, Phoenix, AZ.

Armstrong, T. A. and Armstrong, G. S. (2002) *Factbook on Violence*. Report submitted to the Partnership for Community Development, ASU West.

Armstrong, T. A. and Britt C. L. (2001). *An Exploration of the Correlates of Specialization and Escalation: Final Report*. Submitted to the National Institute of Justice

Armstrong, T. A., Armstrong, G. S., and Pastore, A. M. (2001). *Violence: We've Drawn the Line a Community Commitment*. Conference White Papers written in partnership with the Violence Prevention Initiative.

Armstrong, T. A. (1999). *A Test of the Generality of the Cognitive Determinants of Criminal and Delinquent behavior*. College Park: University of Maryland, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Unpublished Dissertation.

Armstrong, T. A. (July, 1998). *The Effect of Residence in the Youthful Offender Unit: A Replication Using Negative Binomial, Poisson and Probit models*. Report submitted to the Montgomery County Detention Center.

Armstrong, T. A. (April, 1998). *The Effect of Residence in the Youthful Offender Unit: An Exploration of Time in Residence Necessary for an Effect*. Report submitted to the Montgomery County Detention Center.

Armstrong, T. A. (January, 1998). *The Effect of Residence in the Youthful Offender Unit: An Extension*. Report submitted to the Montgomery County Detention Center.

Armstrong, T. A. (September, 1997). *The Effect of Residence in the Youthful Offender Unit on Disciplinary Violations*. Report submitted to the Montgomery County Detention Center.

Armstrong, T. A. (April, 1996). *The Effect of the Social Problem Solving Program Intervention on Problem Behavior*. College Park: University of Maryland, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Unpublished Thesis.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Britt, C. L., and Armstrong, T. A. (2006, October). *Analyzing Change in Panel Data: The Application of Latent Transition Analysis*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Toronto, CA.

Armstrong T. A. (2004, November). *Does Age Explain Change in Offense Patterns Across Offense Sequences?* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Nashville, TN.

Armstrong T. A. (2003, November). *The Measurement of Theoretical Constructs and the Use of Data drawn from the National Youth Survey.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Denver, CO.

Armstrong T. A. (2002, November). *The Effect of Offender Characteristics on Offense Specialization and Escalation.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Chicago, IL.

Katz, C. M., Webb, V. J., and Armstrong, T. A. (2002, March). *Fear of Gangs: A Test of Alternative Theoretical Models.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Science in Anaheim, CA.

Armstrong T. A. (2001, November). *Stronger Evidence for Specialization in Samples of Adults than in Samples of Juveniles: An Increase in Specialization over the Criminal Career or a Selection Process?* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, GA.

Armstrong, T. A. (2001, April). *Specialization over the Criminal Career: Change or Stability.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Science in Washington, DC.

Armstrong, T. A. (2000, November). *Treating Youthful Offenders with Moral Reconciliation Therapy: A Survival Analysis.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, CA.

Armstrong, T. A. (2000, April). *The Effect of Residence in the Youthful Offender Unit on the Moral Development of Inmates.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Science in New Orleans, LA.

Armstrong, T. A. (1999, November). *A Test of the Generality of the Cognitive Determinants of Aggression.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Toronto, Canada.

Armstrong, T. A. (1998, November). *The Effect of Environment on the Behavior of Youthful Offenders: A Randomized Experiment.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, DC.

Armstrong, T. A. (1997, November). *Invariance of Measures of Prevention Program Effectiveness: Evidence from Six Data Sets.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Diego, CA.

Armstrong, T. A. (1996, November). *Do Psychometric Properties of Drug Use and Risk Factors for Drug Use Vary Across Different Ethnic and Gender Groups?* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Chicago, IL.

Armstrong, T. A. (1995, November). *Are Psychometric Properties of Drug Use and Risk Factors for Drug Use Different for Different Ethnic Groups?* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Boston, MA.

TEACHING

Courses Taught

AJ 504 – Criminological Theory
AJ 415 – Crime Prevention
AJ 290 – Introduction to Criminal Behavior
CRJ 532 - Seminar in Criminology
CRJ 303 - Statistical Analysis
CRJ 302 - Research Methods
CRJ 304 - Criminology

Courses Developed

CRJ 532 - Seminar in Criminology
AJS 100 - The Justice System

Student Advising

Supervised Footnote 18 Honors Student
Chair, Masters in Criminal Justice Policy Project
Member, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee
Member, Masters Thesis Committee

Workshops

Participated in the "Making Critical Thinking Critical" Teaching Workshop, College of Education, Arizona State University West, 2000.

Participated in the "Creating an Online Syllabus" Faculty Development Workshop, Information Technology, Arizona State University West, 2003.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Professional

Advisor, Violence Prevention Initiative, Fall 2000 – Fall 2003
Assisted with the development of the Research, Planning and Development Bureau of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, Spring 2001

Arizona State University West

Senator, ASU West Academic Senate, Fall 2003 – Spring 2005
Member, Freshman Orientation Committee, Summer 2001

College of Human Services

Chair, Academic Standards and Educational Policy Committee, Fall 2001 – Spring 2003.
Member, By-Laws Committee, Fall 2004 – Spring 2005.
Member, College of Human Services Grant Development Program Committee
Fall 2004 – Spring 2005
Member, Youth Development Curriculum Committee, Spring 2000 - Fall 2001
Member, Department of Recreation and Tourism Management Search Committee,
Fall 2004 – Spring 2005

Departmental Committees

Member, Faculty Hiring Initiative Search Committee, Fall 2006 – Spring 2007
Member, Graduate Affairs, Fall 2006 – Spring 2007
Member, Student Grievance Committee, Fall 2005 – Spring 2006, Fall 2006 – Spring 2007
Member, Visioning Committee, Fall 2005 – Spring 2006
Chair, Academic Standards and Appeals, Fall 2004 - Spring 2005
Chair, Curriculum Committee, Fall 2001 - Spring 2002, Fall 2003 – Spring 2004
Chair, Capstone Course Committee, Fall 2002 - Spring 2003
Member, Graduate Program Committee, Fall 2001 - Spring 2002, Fall 2003 – Spring 2004
Member, Policy Research Institute Committee, Fall 2002 - Spring 2003
Member, Outcomes Assessment Committee, Fall 2000 - Spring 2001
Member, Curriculum Committee, Fall 2000 - Spring 2001
Member, Criminology Curriculum Committee, Fall 1999 - Spring 2000
Member, Corrections Curriculum Committee, Fall 1999 - Spring 2000

Other

Co-chair, Violence Research Working Group, Fall 2005 – Spring 2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Criminology
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Midwestern Criminal Justice Association