

CURRICULUM VITAE  
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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology  
Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, 2015-present

**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. in Sociology, May 2015  
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC  
Dissertation: *An Elaboration and Reformulation of Social Support Theories of Crime: Conditioned Social Support Theory*  
Committee: Patricia L. McCall (chair), Charles R. Tittle, Steven McDonald, and Theodore N. Greenstein

M.S. in Sociology, 2010  
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC  
Thesis: *An Examination of Social Support Theory Across European Regions Over Time*  
Committee: Patricia L. McCall (chair), Charles R. Tittle, and Theodore N. Greenstein

B.A. in Criminology (Summa Cum Laude), 2006  
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

**SCHOLARLY INTERESTS**

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*Cross-National Crime; Criminological Theory; Social Control; Theory Construction; Global Neoliberalization; Inequality (Race, Class, and Gender); Quantitative Research Methods (Big Data Analytics, Decomposition/"Hybrid" Panel Analysis, Hierarchical Linear Modeling)*

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Journal Articles**

Russell, David, Naomi J. Spence, and Kelly M. Thames. 2019. "It's So Scary How Common This is Now: Frames in Media Coverage of the Opioid Epidemic by Ohio Newspapers and Themes in Facebook User Reactions." *Information, Communication, and Society*. DOI: 10.1080/1369118X.2019.1566393.

Perdue, Robert Todd, James Hawdon, and Kelly M. Thames. 2018. "Can Big Data Predict the Rise of Novel Drug Abuse?" *The Journal of Drug Issues*. DOI: 10.1177/0022042618772294.

Thames, Kelly M. and Patricia L. McCall. 2015. "A Longitudinal Examination of the Effects of Social Support on Homicide Across European Regions." *International Journal of Conflict and Violence* 8:234-261.

Ray, Bradley, Cindy B. Dollar, and Kelly M. Thames. 2011. "Observations of Reintegrative Shaming in a Mental Health Court." *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry* 34:49-55.

### **Chapters in Edited Volumes**

McCall, Patricia L., Paul Nieuwbeerta, Rodney L. Engen, and Kelly M. Thames. 2011. "Explaining Variation in Homicide Rates across Eastern and Western European Cities: The Effects of Social and Economic Forces." In Marieke Liem and William A. Pridemore (eds.) *Homicide Research in Europe*. Springer.

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

Thames, Kelly M. "An Elaboration and Reformulation of Social Support Theories of Crime: Conditioned Social Support Theory."

Thames, Kelly M. "A Cross-National Test of Conditioned Social Support Theory of Crime"

Perdue, Robert Todd, Kelly Thames, and James Hawdon. "Gateway or Cul de Sac? Legal Recreational Marijuana and Changes in the Use of 'Hard' Drugs."

Russell, David, Naomi Spence, and Kelly M. Thames. "Beliefs and Narratives of Addiction in Audience Reactions to Media Coverage of the Opioid Epidemic."

Thames, Kelly M. "The Structural Correlates of Opioid Overdoses in the United States."

Thames, Kelly M. and Cameron D. Lippard. "Making a Home in Hostile Territory: Cross-National Public Attention and Syrian Refugee Resettlement Outcomes."

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Assistant Professor, Appalachian State University**

Criminology; Communities and Crime; Juvenile Delinquency; Punishment and Social Control; Corrections; Social Deviance; Crime, Law and Deviance in the European Union (Study Abroad); Sociology of Law (Study Abroad); Inequality and the Neoliberal Welfare State (Study Abroad); Propaganda, Media, and Society (Distance Education)

### **Graduate Student Instructor, North Carolina State University**

Criminology; Social Deviance; Technology in Society and Culture; Technology in Society and Culture (Distance Education)

### **Teaching Assistant, North Carolina State University**

Criminology, Charles R. Tittle; Theories of Social Structure, Charles R. Tittle; Community and Crime, William R. Smith; Sociology of Law, Patricia L. McCall; Technology and Society, William R. Smith (Distance Education); Sports in Society, William R. Smith (Distance Education)

### **Pedagogical Development**

“Teaching Sociology,” with Maxine Atkinson

“Instructional Technology Assistant Program,” completed 2008

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 2012 – 2013 Research Assistant to Charles R. Tittle and Anna Manzoni – *Racial Segregation and Socio-Economic Status*, funded by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University. Compiled and maintained large dataset and conducted statistical analyses.
- 2011 – 2013 Research Assistant to Patricia McCall and Charles R. Tittle – *Collective Reflectiveness and Crime Rates in U.S. Cities*, funded by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University. Compiled and maintained dataset and conducted statistical analyses.
- 2009 – 2013 Research Assistant to Patricia L. McCall – *Longitudinal and Contextual Analyses of Violent Crime in the European Union*, funded by the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation. Compiled and maintained dataset, conducted statistical analyses, and co-authored associated papers.

### **METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING**

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Software: STATA, SAS (Base and Enterprise Guide), SPSS, HLM, R

Data Analysis: Longitudinal Data Analysis, Social Networks Analysis

### **SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS**

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- 2011 Gene Carte Graduate Student Paper Award, Second Place, The American Society of Criminology
- 2006 Department of Sociology and Anthropology’s Highest Scholastic Achievement Award, North Carolina State University
- 2005 Gary D. Hill Scholarship, North Carolina State University

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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Thames, Kelly M. Forthcoming. "The Structural Correlates of Opioid Overdoses in the United States." To be presented at the 2019 Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Russell, David, Kelly Thames, and Naomi Spence. 2019. "Beliefs and Narratives of Addiction in Audience Reactions to Media Coverage of the Opioid Epidemic." Presented at the 2019 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Russell, David, Naomi Spence, and Kelly Thames. 2018. "Frames in Media Coverage of the Opioid Epidemic by Ohio Newspapers and Themes in Facebook User Reactions." Presented at the 2018 American Sociological Association Media Sociology Preconference, Philadelphia, PA.

Thames, Kelly M. 2016. "An Elaboration and Reformulation of Social Support Theories of Crime: Conditioned Social Support Theory." Presented at the 2016 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

McCall, Patricia L., Jonathan Brauer, and Kelly M. Thames. 2013. "Homicide Across European Cities: The Influence of Social and Economic Forces between 2000 and 2005." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.

Thames, Kelly M. 2011. "Using 'Hybrid' Panel Analysis in an Examination of the Effects of Social Support on Homicide Across European Regions Over Time." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.

Thames, Kelly M. 2011. "An Examination of the Effects of Social Support on Homicide Across European Regions Over Time." To be presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, NV.

McCall, Patricia L. and Kelly M. Thames. 2010. "Longitudinal Analyses of Violent Crime in the European Union." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Ray, Bradley, Cindy B. Dollar, and K. M. Thames. 2010. "Observations of Reintegrative Shaming in a Mental Health Court." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, GA.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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2018 – 2019 Peer Reviewer, *International Criminal Justice Review*  
2018 Peer Reviewer, *Sociological Inquiry*

- 2018 Student Recruitment and Retention Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University
- 2015 – 2018 Student Development Committee (Chair), Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University
- 2017 – 2018 Department Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University
- 2015 – 2018 Curriculum Sub-Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University
- 2015 – 2016 Assessment Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University

## **THESES AND HONORS PROJECTS**

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### **Undergraduate, In Progress**

Stone, Ashlyn. Department of Sociology Honors Program Thesis (Chair)

Kloeval, Callie. Departmental Honors Program Thesis (Committee Member) Honors

### **Undergraduate, Defended/Completed**

Kloeval, Callie. 2019. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Juvenile Delinquency

Abernathy, Morgan. 2018. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Punishment and Social Control.

Sosa, Julianna. 2018. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Punishment and Social Control.

Stone, Ashlyn. 2018. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Juvenile Delinquency.

Streets, Clark. 2017. “The Millennial Generation and Their View on Terrorism: A Perspective for Policymakers.” (Committee Member)

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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- American Society of Criminology
- American Sociological Association
  - Crime, Law, and Deviance Section Member
  - Race, Gender, and Class Section Member
- Southern Sociological Society
- Society for the Study of Social Problems

## **HONOR SOCIETIES**

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- Phi Beta Kappa Society
- Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi