

CURRICULUM VITAE
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology
Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, 2021-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, 2015-2021

EDUCATION

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Russell, David, Jon Gordon, and Kelly M. Thames. 2025 "The New Social Roots of School Shootings: A Refined Constellation Theory of Rampage Attacks." *Socius*. DOI: 10.1177/23780231251352221

Russell, David, Kelly M. Thames, Naomi J. Spence, and Callie Koeval. 2020. "Where the Fault Lies: Representations of Addiction in Audience Reactions to Media Coverage of the Opioid Epidemic." *Contemporary Drug Problems*. 47:83-102. DOI: 10.1177/0091450920929102

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.) *The Handbook of European Homicide Research*. New York, NY: Springer.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Thames, Kelly M. "An Elaboration and Reformulation of Social Support Theories of Crime: Conditioned Social Support Theory." To be submitted to *Theoretical Criminology*.

Thames, Kelly M. "A Cross-National Test of Conditioned Social Support Theory of Crime." To be submitted to *Criminology*.

Thames, Kelly M., David Russell, and Jon Gordon. "Toward a Theory of Community-Embedded Rampage Shootings." To be submitted to *Theoretical Criminology*.

Thames, Kelly M., David Russell, and Jon Gordon. "Applying the Community-Embedded Rampage Violence Model to Mass Shootings in the United States: Evidence from Shootings Occurring from 1966 to 2022." To be submitted to *Social Problems*.
Russell, David, Kelly M. Thames, and Jon Gordon. "Testing the Constellation Theory of Rampage School Shootings: Evidence from Shootings Occurring between 2009 and 2022." To be submitted to *Social Problems*.

Thames, Kelly M. David Russell, and Naomi Spence. "Media Framing of the Opioid Crisis and Support for Harm Reduction: The Role of Criminalization and Stigma." To be submitted to the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.

Thames, Kelly M. "The Structural Correlates of Opioid Overdoses in the United States." To be submitted to *Social Problems*.

Thames, Kelly M. and David Russell. "Exploring Cultural Scripts Surrounding Rampage School Shootings: Evidence from News Reporting and Social Media between 2012 and 2020." To be submitted to the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate 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

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

- Software: STATA, SAS (Base and Enterprise Guide), SPSS, HLM, R
- Data Analysis: Longitudinal Data Analysis, “Hybrid” Panel Analysis, Social
 Networks Analysis

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

- 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

Thames, Kelly M., David Russell, and Ashlyn Stone. Forthcoming. “Testing the Constellation Theory of Rampage School Shootings: Evidence from Shootings Occurring between 2012 and 2019.” To be presented at the 2020 Annual Meetings of American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C. (Conference canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic).

Thames, Kelly M. Forthcoming. “The Structural Correlates of Opioid Overdoses in the United States.” To be presented at the 2020 Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C. (Conference canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic).

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 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 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 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 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.

McCall, Patricia L., Paul Nieuwbeerta, Rodney L. Engen, and Kelly M. Thames. 2009. "Explaining Variation in Homicide Rates across Eastern and Western European Cities: The Effects of Social and Economic Forces." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

To the Discipline

2019 – 2025 Peer Reviewer, *Sociation*
2018 – 2025 Peer Reviewer, *Social Science Journal*
2018 – 2025 Peer Reviewer, *International Criminal Justice Review*
2018 – 2020 Peer Reviewer, *Sociological Inquiry*
2017 - 2013 Peer Reviewer, *International Journal of Conflict and Violence*

To the University

2020– 2023 Faculty Senate, Appalachian State University
2020– 2021 Campus Technology Committee, Appalachian State University
2020 Accessibility Working Group, Appalachian State University
2019 – 2023 General Education Social Sciences Faculty Coordinating Committee, Appalachian State University

To the Department

2020	Policy and Assessment Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University
2015 – 2020	Curriculum Sub-Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University
2019 – 2020	Faculty Development Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University
2017 – 2019	Department Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University
2015 – 2019	Student Development Committee (Chair), Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University
2018	Student Recruitment and Retention Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University
2015 – 2016	Assessment Committee, Department of Sociology, Appalachian State University

THESES AND HONORS PROJECTS

Undergraduate Theses, In Progress

Waters, Dylan. Expected 2026. Department of Sociology Honors Program Thesis (Chair)

Undergraduate Theses, Completed

Howell, Lauren. 2024. “Rampage Shootings: A Theoretical Analysis.” Department of Sociology Honors Program Thesis (Chair)

Mills, Hannah. 2024. “Educational Outcomes and Juvenile Detention.” Department of Sociology Honors Program Thesis (Chair)

Coutu, Hank. 2021. “The Effect of Attitudes on Criminal Innovation.” Department of Sociology Honors Program Thesis (Chair)

Humme, Hannah. 2020. “Media and Mass Shootings: Second Level Agenda Setting in News Coverage of the Columbine High School and Parkland High School Mass Shootings.” Appalachian State University Honors Program Thesis (Committee Member)

Stone, Ashlyn. 2019. “A Test of the Constellation Theory of Rampage School Shootings: An Analysis of 2012-2019 Shootings. Department of Sociology Honors Program Thesis (Chair)

Koeval, Callie. 2019. “The Impact of Paternal Incarceration on Childhood Violence, Truancy, and School Performance.” Departmental Honors Program Thesis (Committee Member)

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

Undergraduate, Honors Projects, In Progress and Completed

Howell, Lauren. 2023. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Juvenile Delinquency.

Moeller, Elizabeth. 2023. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Juvenile Delinquency.

Mills, Hannah. 2023. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Juvenile Delinquency.

Munier, Olivia. 2022. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Juvenile Delinquency.

Craig, Taylor. 2022. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Punishment and Social Control.

Howell, Lauren. 2022. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Punishment and Social Control.

Coutu, Hank. 2021. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Punishment and Social Control.

Jimenez, Nataly. 2021. University Honors Program, Honors Study in Communities and Crime.

Mercurio, Hailey. 2021. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Punishment and Social Control.

Mercurio, Hailey. 2021. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Communities and Crime.

Coutu, Hank. 2020. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Communities and Crime.

Greene, Krista. 2020. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Punishment and Social Control.

Stone, Ashlyn. 2019. Departmental Honors Program, Honors Study in Punishment and Social Control.

Koeval, 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.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 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

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