

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

**Doctor of Philosophy** – Criminal Justice  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey: Newark, NJ

**Master of Arts** – Forensic Psychology  
Russell Sage College: Albany, NY

**Bachelor of Arts** – Psychology  
State University of New York at Albany: Albany, NY

## Academic Positions

### **Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ**

- Department of Crime and Justice Studies

- Associate Professor, Jan 2022-Present
- Assistant Professor, Aug 2015-Jan 2022
- Department Chair: Crime and Justice Studies, May 2022- present
- Graduate Program Director: MA Criminal Justice & Human Rights, June 2019-May 2022

### **University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT**

Department of Criminal Justice and Human Security

- Visiting Assistant Professor

### **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Newark, NJ**

School of Criminal Justice

- Part-time Lecturer

### **Ramapo State College of New Jersey, Ramapo, NJ**

Department of Law and Society

- Adjunct Professor

# Scholarship

## Peer-reviewed Academic Journals

- Cooper, D., Frisbie, S., Wang, S., Jonas, V., Gibbs, V. Love, Abigail M. A., **Mogavero, M.**, Benevides, T. W., Hyatt, J. M., Hooven, K., Basketbill, I., & Shea, L. (2024). What do we know about autism and policing globally? Preliminary findings from an international effort to examine autism and the criminal justice system. *Autism Research*, <https://doi.org/10.1002/aur.3203>
- Shea, L. L., Cooper, D., Wilson, A. B., Hyatt, J., Msipa, D., Hofvander, B., Overland, S., Da Silva, W. C., **Mogavero, M.**, Green, D., Wall, N., Lerner, M., Stahmer, A., Hooven, K., Bornman, J., Robinson, K., & Burke, J. (2024). A response to and caution of “Language is a critical mediator of autistic experiences within the criminal justice system.” *Autism Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/aur.3111>
- Love, A. M. A., Gibbs, V., Cooper, D., Benevides, T. W., **Mogavero, M. C.**, Basketbill, I. L., Shea, L. L. (2024). Creating the global criminal justice survey: A questionnaire designed to gather perspectives from the autism community and criminal justice professionals. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, 54, 1455-1437. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10803-022-05835-1>
- Mogavero, M. C., Hsu, K. H., & Bolger, P. C. (2022). A conjunctive analysis of false accusations, official misconduct, and race in violent and sexual exonerations cases. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, 40(6), 756-786. <https://doi.org/10.1002/bsl.2587>
- Mogavero, M. C. (2020). An exploratory examination of intellectual disability and mental illness associated with alleged false confessions. *Behavioral Sciences & The Law*, 38(4), 299-316. <https://doi.org/10.1002/bsl.2463>
- Mogavero, M. C. & Hsu, K. H. (2020). Dating and courtship behaviors among those with autism spectrum disorder. *Sexuality and Disability*, 38(2), 355-364. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11195-019-09565-8>
- Mogavero, M. C. (2019). What do criminal justice students know about autism? An exploratory study among future professionals. *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*, 34(4),428-438. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11896-018-9302-0>
- Mogavero, M. C. & Hsu, K. H. (2018). Sex offender mobility: An application of crime pattern theory among child sex offenders. *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, 30(8), 908-931. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1079063217712219>
- Mogavero, M. C. & Hsu, K. H. (2018). Autism spectrum disorder and harassment: An application of attribution theory. *International Journal of Criminology and Sociology*, 7, 260-274. <https://doi.org/10.6000/1929-4409.2018.07.19>
- Mogavero, M. C. & Kennedy, L. W. (2017). The social and geographic patterns of sexual offending: Is sex offender residence restriction legislation practical? *Victims & Offenders*, 12(3): 401-433. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2015.1084962>
- Mogavero, M. C. (2016). Autism, sexual offending, and the criminal justice system. *Journal of Intellectual Disabilities and Offending Behavior*, 7(3), 116-126. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JIDOB-02-2016-0004>

## Book Chapters

- Mogavero, M. C., Fenrich, A., Patel, R., & Etzi, S. (in press). “Neurodevelopmental Disorders and Sexual Offending,” In Best Practices in Sexual Offender Assessment and Management (Eds.), Tully, R. & Bohall, G. Springer Publishers.

Mogavero, M. C. (2017). "Teddy Roosevelt's Fight against Police Corruption," In *The Use and Abuse of Police Power in America: Historical Milestones and Current Controversies*, Robertello, G. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC/CLIO

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

Mogavero, M. C. (2021). "Passing the Trash," In *Sexual Harassment and Misconduct: An Encyclopedia*, Robertello, G. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC/CLIO.

Mogavero, M. C. (2021). "Affirmative Consent Laws," In *Sexual Harassment and Misconduct: An Encyclopedia*, Robertello, G. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC/CLIO.

Mogavero, M. C. (2019). "Female Sexual Predators," In *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*, Robertello, G. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

### **Invited Professional Conferences**

Mogavero, M. C. (2021). *Autism, sexual offending, and the criminal justice system*. Sexuality in Neurodivergent Individuals. Sept. 1, 2021. The University at Salford, Manchester, UK. <https://www.salford.ac.uk/news/event-sexuality-neurodivergent-individuals>

### **Accepted Professional Conferences**

Mogavero, M. C., Shea, L., Cooper, D., Love, A., Gibbs, V., Benevides, T., Basketbill, I., Hooven, K. (2023). Criminal Justice Professionals' Autism Knowledge and Perceptions of Confidence when Interacting with Autistic Individuals. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology 2023 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 17. <https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/asc/asc23>

Mogavero, M. C. & Hsu, K. H. (2023). "Tik Tok you don't stop": Social Media Consumption and Criminal Justice Students' Perceptions of Police. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology 2023 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 15. <https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/asc/asc23>

Mogavero, M. C., Hsu, K. H., & Bolger, P. C. (2022). A conjunctive analysis of official misconduct, false accusations, and race in violent and sexual exoneration cases. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology 2022 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 16. <https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/asc/asc22/>

Gibbs, V., Love, A. M, Benevides, T. W., **Mogavero M. C.**, Hooven, K. and Basketbill, I. (2022). *Global Criminal Justice Survey: Initial Scale Development and Validation*. Identifying Interdisciplinary and International Approaches to Address Inequities in Criminal Justice System Contact Among Autistic Individuals May 12, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. INSAR 2022, Austin, TX. May 11-14, <https://www.autism-insar.org/page/2022AnnMtg>.

Mogavero, M. C. (2020). *Taking stock of wrongful convictions: A Conjunctive Analysis of The National Registry of Exonerations*. Paper Accepted at the American Society of Criminology 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (meeting canceled due to COVID-19). <https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/asc/asc20/>

Mogavero, M. C. (2019). *An exploratory examination of cognitive ability and other legal and extra-legal risk factors associated with false confessions*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 15, 2019. <https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/asc/asc19/>

Mogavero, M.C. & Hsu, K. H. (2018). *Autism and persistent courtship: A test of attribution theory*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology 74<sup>th</sup>

Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 16, 2018.

<https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/asc/asc18/>

Mogavero, M.C. & Hsu, K. H. (2017). *Attribution model of stalking and autism spectrum disorder*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 16, 2017. <https://asc41.com/events/2017-asc-annual-meeting/>

Hsu, K. H. & Mogavero, M. C. (2017). *Persistent dating and courtship behaviors among those on the autism spectrum*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 16, 2017. <https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/asc/asc17/>

Mogavero, M. C. (2016). *A comparison of the Sexually Violent Predator Acts: New Jersey and Florida*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Nov 16, 2016. <https://asc41.com/events/2016-asc-annual-meeting/>

Mogavero, M. C. (2015). *The social and geographic patterns of sexual offending: Questioning the practicality of residence restriction legislation*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Nov 19, 2015. <https://asc41.com/events/2015-asc-annual-meeting/>

### **Book Reviews**

Mogavero, M. C. (2022, June). [Review of the book *Law and Neurodiversity: Youth with Autism and the Juvenile Justice Systems in Canada and the United States* by D. L. Baker, L. A. Drapela, & W. Littlefield] [Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books](#).

Mogavero, M. C. (2020, March). [Review of the book *The Psychology of False Confessions: Forty Years of Science and Practice*, by G.H. Gudjonsson]. [Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books](#).

Mogavero, M. C. (2018, January). Review of the book *Contemporary Issues in Victimology: Identifying Patterns and Trends*, edited by C. M. Hilinsji-Rosick and D. R. Lee]. [Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books](#)

Mogavero, M. C. (2017, January). [Review of the book *Implied Consent and Sexual Assault: Intimate Relationships, Autonomy, and Voice*, by M. Plaxton]. [Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books](#).

Mogavero, M. C. (2016, September). [Review of the book *Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: Beyond Victims and Villains*, by A. Lutnick]. [Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books](#).

Mogavero, M. C. (2016, January). [Review of the book *In Cold Storage: Murder and Sex on the Plains*, by J. W. Hewitt]. [Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books](#).

Mogavero, M. C. (2016, January). [Review of the book *The Common Language of Homicide and Suicide: Evidence of the value of Durkheim's Typologies*, by J. M. Bozeman]. [Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books](#).

### **Student Scholarship Mentorship**

- Taragin, Z. PsyD. 2024. Doctoral Dissertation. School Psychology. Georgian Court University. Dissertation Title: *Home Sweet Home: The Moderating Role of Home Involvement on Gender and Parental Self-Stigma*
- C. Russo, MA, 2020. Master's Thesis Title: *Bail Reform: County by County in New Jersey*

### **Scholarship Awards**

- 2017 Emerald Literati Network Award for Excellence: for *Autism, Sexual Offending, and the Criminal Justice System*.

## Teaching

### Georgian Court University

#### *Graduate Courses*

CJ510 Criminal Justice Research Methods	CJ511 Research Design
CJ520: Victimology	CJ565: Selected Topics: Sex Crimes
CJ565: Selected Topics: Independent Research	CJ590: Capstone

#### *Undergraduate Courses*

CJ410: Independent Research in Crim. Justice	CJ401: Sex Crimes
CJ353: Victimology	CJ331: Criminal Justice Res. Meth
CJ320: Special Populations in Crim Justice Sys	CJ231: Juvenile Delinquency
CJ200: Theories of Crime	SO201: Social Statistics
CJ111: The Criminal Justice System	CJ110: Writing in Criminal Justice
WS311 Shaping Lives: Women and Gender	GEN101: Pathway to the Bridge

### University of Bridgeport

CJHS398: Criminal Justice Internship	SO311: Juvenile Delinquency
CJHS271: Law Enforcement and Society	SO270: Sociology of Deviance
CJHS265: Intro to Corrections	CJHS118: Intro to Criminal Justice
PSCI101: American Government	

### Rutgers University

CJ301 Criminal Justice Research Methods	CJ223 Delinquency and Juvenile Justice
CJ204 Corrections (co-lectured)	CJ103 Introduction to Criminal Justice
CJ102 Criminology	

### Ramapo, State College of New Jersey

LAWS390: Selected Topics: Forensic Psychology and Law

## Select Professional Development

- ArcGIS 10.1.7: Introduction, hosted by Rutgers University
- Blackboard Learn Fundamentals of Digital Teaching and Learning, hosted by GCU
- Qualtrics: hosted by GCU,
- Quality Matters: Design That Welcomes Your Learners: hosted by GCU,
- Quality Matters: Improving Your Online Course: hosted by GCU
- Quality Matters: Designing Your Online Course: hosted by GCU

- ArcGIS 10.0 Mapping for Public Safety, hosted by Rutgers University Center on Public Security

### **Awards**

- 2018 Georgian Court University Teaching with Technology Award Grant

## **Select Service Positions**

- Department Chair: Crime and Justice Studies, May 2022- present
- Graduate Program Director: MA Criminal Justice & Human Rights, June 2019-May 2022
- Committee Chair: Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee- (AY 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020; 2020-2021) and Secretary (AY 2015-2016)
- Panel Participant. “Navigating the Search for Work/Family Balance.” American Society of Criminology 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. November 14, 2018
- Panel Moderator: “Human Rights and Democracy in Egypt.” Symposium hosted by the University of Bridgeport. November 21, 2014.

### **Peer Reviewer (select journals)**

- Criminal Justice and Behavior
- Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders
- Justice Quarterly
- Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling
- Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice
- Autism Research

### **GCU Media Contributions**

- GCU University News (2022, Feb). [\*Love on the Spectrum—Beyond Reality TV to Real Talk\*](#)
- Faculty Focus (2021, Aug), [\*“Exploring Nuance in the Criminal Justice System”\*](#) (pp. 6-7).
- GCU Magazine (2018, Spring), [\*“The New Department of Criminal Justice. Anthropology, Sociology & Human Rights”\*](#)

### **Volunteer/Community Service Associations:**

- Puppies Behind Bars-Puppy socialization (November 2016-March 2023)
- Arc of Ocean County- Volunteer in Recreation (2018-2020), Fundraising (November 2018-present)

### **Professional Memberships**

- Member, American Society of Criminology
- Associate Member, American Psychological Association
- Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society
- Professional Member: Autism Self-advocacy Network
- Professional Member: POAC Autism Services

## **Non-academic Professional Positions**

### **Medicaid Service Coordinator-**

Alternative Living Group: Schenectady, NY

- Assessed the needs of children and adults with developmental disabilities and developed an Individualized Service Plan (ISP).
- Referred to necessary services and supports according to their ISP and monitored their implementation.
- These responsibilities, along with written documentation, were conducted to the standards of the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD; formally OMRDD), and the United States Government Medicaid program.

### **Intensive Case Manager-**

St. Catherine's Center for Children: Albany, NY

- Assessed the needs of parents and/or their children with mental health conditions or disabilities receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and developed their Individualized Service Plan (ISP), with a focus on self-sufficiency.
- Referred to necessary services and supports according to their ISP and monitored their implementation.
- Advocated Collaborated ISPs with the New York State Department of Social Services and New York State Child Protective Services

### **Teacher Assistant-**

St. Colman's School: Watervliet, NY

- Under the supervision of a licensed NYS educator, taught academics to children with autism spectrum disorder according to their Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- Taught various self-help skills to improve independence and quality of life, according to their Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- Implemented behavior management plans using the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Model

### **Practicum-**

**Capital District Psychiatric Center, Albany, NY**

Under the supervision of unit psychologist, Dr. Paul Shapiro

- Co-led Group cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) sessions with civil and forensic patients, with a focus on recidivism prevention and offense cycles
- Conducted weekly individual counseling sessions with a forensic patient who began supervised furloughs

- Participated in patients' monthly Treatment Reviews, attended Forensic Committee meetings, and attended court hearings for retention and River's Petitions.
- Independently Administered Wechsler Abbreviate Scale of Intelligence (WASI) to patients, interpreted results, and completed reports for the patients' files
- Co-Administered psychological testing to patients (Rorschach Ink Blot, Full Scale Wechsler Intelligence Scale, Bender-Gestalt) and assisted in interpretation and discussion of results for the patients' files.

**Undergraduate Research:**

Psychology Research Assistant

Supervisor: Dr. James Tedeschi (deceased)

State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY

- Conducted experimental psychology studies on bias
- Coded qualitative survey data measuring victimization of harm and violent behavior

**Awards**

Dean's List Honors, State University of New York at Albany