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EDUCATION

2018	Ph.D. Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Missouri – St. Louis
2013	M.A. Criminal Justice University of Memphis
2011	B.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice, <i>magna cum laude, departmental honors</i> University of Memphis

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2026-present	Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology University of Memphis
2025-present	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology University of Memphis
2019-2025	Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Memphis
2018-2019	Assistant Research Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Missouri – St. Louis
2013-2017	Graduate Assistant, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Missouri – St. Louis
2011-2013	Graduate Research Assistant, Crisis Intervention Team Center University of Memphis

AFFILIATIONS

2025-present	Core Faculty, Memphis Applied Research and Community Action Institute University of Memphis
2025-present	Faculty Affiliate, Center for Community Research and Evaluation University of Memphis
2024-present	Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Advancement of Youth Development University of Memphis
2021-present	Faculty Affiliate, Urban Affairs Ph.D. Program University of Memphis
2024	Visiting Scholar, the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (NSCR)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Criminology, Youth Crime, Peer Influence, Digital Communication, School Safety, Urban Violence

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

(*denotes student coauthor)

McCuddy, Timothy, Owen Gallupe, Marleen Weulen Kranenbarg, & Frank Weerman. (2025). Online Peers and Delinquency: Testing Influence, Receptivity, and Selection Effects with Longitudinal Data. Forthcoming at the *Journal of Developmental and Life Course Criminology*

McCuddy, Timothy, Miriam Clark, Anwesha Guha*, and Ellen McLeod* (2024). A Longitudinal Examination of Gun Reporting by Middle and High-School Students. *Journal of School Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15388220.2024.2356562>

McCuddy, Timothy, Austin Wyatt*, & Stephen Watts. (2024). Adolescent Weapon Carrying Inside and Outside of School: The Impact of Experiences and Perceptions of Violence. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12103-020-09763-x>

Vogel, Matt, **Timothy McCuddy**, Brenda Mathias, Maribeth Rezey. (2024). Assessing the Acute Effects of Exposure to Community Violence among Adolescents: A Strategic Comparison Approach. *Social Science Research*. 121, 103026

Clark, Miriam, Stephen Watts, **Timothy McCuddy**, Ellen McLeod* (2023). Antecedents of legal cynicism unpacked: The impact of parental incarceration, race, and ACEs on its development. *Journal of Criminal Justice*. 88, 102116

McCuddy, Timothy, Faraneh Shamserad*, and Finn Esbensen. (2023). Arming Teachers as a Response to School Violence: Using a Risk Assessment Model to Understand Student Perceptions. *Journal of School Violence*. 22(1), 61-74

McCuddy, Timothy. (2022). Digital Disclosure of Delinquency. Online Peers and the Sharing of Offline Crime. *Crime and Delinquency*. 68(13-14), 2554–2580

McCuddy, Timothy and Finn-Aage Esbensen. (2022). Delinquency as a Response to Peer Victimization: The Implications of School and Cyberbullying Operationalizations. *Crime and Delinquency*. 68(5), 760-785.

McCuddy, Timothy. (2021). Peer delinquency among digital natives: The cyber context as a source of peer influence. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 58(3), 306-342

Shamserad, Faraneh*, **Timothy McCuddy**, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. (2021). Pistol Packing Teachers: What Do Students Think? *Journal of School Violence*, 20(2), 127-138

Thomas, Kyle and **Timothy McCuddy**. (2020). Affinity, affiliation, and guilt: Examining between- and within-person variability in delinquent peer influence. *Justice Quarterly*, 37(4), 715-738

Rosenfeld, Richard, Matt Vogel, and **Timothy McCuddy**. (2019). Crime and inflation in U.S. cities. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 35(1), 195-210

McCuddy, Timothy and Finn-Aage Esbensen. (2017). After the bell and into the night: The link between delinquency and traditional, cyber-, and dual-bullying victimization. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 54(3), 409-441

Vogel, Matt, Lauren Porter, and **Timothy McCuddy**. (2017). Hypermobility, destination effects, and delinquency: Specifying the link between residential mobility and offending. *Social Forces*, 95(3), 1261-1284

McCuddy, Timothy and Matt Vogel. (2015). Beyond traditional interaction: Exploring the functional form of the exposure-offending association across online network size. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 43(2), 89-98

Vogel, Matt, Chris Rees, **Timothy McCuddy**, and Dena Carson. (2015). The highs that bind: School context, peer networks, and marijuana use. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 44(5), 1153-1164

McCuddy, Timothy and Matt Vogel. (2015). More than just friends: Online social networks and offending. *Criminal Justice Review*, 40(2), 169-189

Book Chapters

McCuddy, Timothy and Finn-Aage Esbensen. (2020). The Role of Online Communication among Gang and Non-gang Youth. In *Gangs in the Era of Internet and Social Media*. Eds. Chris Melde and Frank Weerman. Springer

O'Neill, Jennifer, **Timothy McCuddy**, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. (2019). Perceptions of School Safety in The Aftermath of a Shooting: Challenge to Internal Validity? In *Methods of Criminology and Criminal Justice Research*. Sociology of Crime, Law, and Deviance, Volume 24. Eds. Mathieu Deflem & Derek M.D. Silva. Bingley, UK: Emerald

Technical Reports

McCuddy, Timothy, Miriam Clark, Austin Wyatt*, Ellen McCleod*, & Sierra Dwight* (2023). *The Youth and Family Resource Center (YFRC): Process Evaluation*. (2023). Shelby County Division of Community Services.

McCutcheon, James and **Timothy McCuddy**. (2022). *2022 Strategies for Policing Innovation: Final Evaluation Prepared for the Memphis Police Department and the Bureau of Justice Assistance*. Bureau of Justice Assistance

Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Stephanie Wiley, **Timothy McCuddy**, Elaine Doherty, Lee A. Slocum, Terrance J. Taylor, Kyle J. Thomas, Matt Vogel. (2020). *Final Report for the University of Missouri-St. Louis Comprehensive School Safety Initiative*. National Institute of Justice

McCuddy, Timothy, Cherrell Green, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. (2019). *UMSL CSSI Fact Sheet #9: Do Students Understand Bullying? Comparing Experiences and Perceptions*. St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Faraneh Shamserad, **Timothy McCuddy**, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. (2019). *UMSL CSSI Fact Sheet #10: "Pistol Packing Teachers: What Do Students Think?* St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri - St. Louis.

McCuddy, Timothy and Finn Esbensen (2019). *UMSL CSSI Fact Sheet #12: The Role of Online Communication among Gang and Non-Gang Youth*. St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri - St. Louis.

McCuddy, Timothy, Finn-Aage Esbensen, Elaine Doherty, Lee A. Slocum, Jennifer Medel Jennifer O'Neill, Terrance J. Taylor, Matt Vogel, and Kyle J. Thomas. (2018). *Overview of the UMSL Comprehensive School Safety Initiative – 2018*. St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri - St. Louis.

McCuddy, Timothy, Finn-Aage Esbensen. (2018). *UMSL Fact Sheet #2: Prevalence and Overlap of School Bullying and Cyberbullying*. St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri - St. Louis.

McCuddy, Timothy, Finn-Aage Esbensen. (2018). *UMSL Fact Sheet #3: Measuring Bullying and Cyberbullying Victimization*. St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Esbensen, Finn-Aage and **Timothy McCuddy**. (2018). *UMSL CSSI Fact Sheet #4: Gang Involved Youth and Their Impact on School Climate*. St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Doherty, Elaine, Finn-Aage Esbensen, **Timothy McCuddy**. 2018. *School Victimization and Avoidance Behaviors*. St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri - St. Louis.

McCuddy, Timothy, Finn-Aage Esbensen, Stephanie Wiley, Elaine Doherty, Lee A. Slocum, Matt Vogel, Kyle J. Thomas, Terrance J. Taylor, Jennifer Gerlomes, Jennifer O'Neill. (2017). *University of Missouri-St. Louis Comprehensive School Safety Initiative Report to Participating Schools: Student Survey Results*. St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri - St. Louis.

O'Neill, Jennifer, Finn-Aage Esbensen, Elaine Doherty, Lee A. Slocum, Matt Vogel, Kyle J. Thomas, Stephanie Wiley, Terrance J. Taylor, **Timothy McCuddy**, and Jennifer Gerlomes. (2017). *University of Missouri-St. Louis Comprehensive School Safety*

Initiative Report to Participating Schools: School Personnel Survey Results. St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Taylor, Terrence J., Jennifer Gerlomes, **Timothy McCuddy** and Jordan Pickering. (2016). *St. Louis Public Schools / St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Collaborative Evaluation Program Delivery Report.* St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Taylor, Terrence J., Jennifer Gerlomes, Jordan Pickering, and **Timothy McCuddy**. (2016). *St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (SLMPD) and St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) Evaluation Training Report.* St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Other Publications

McCuddy, Timothy, Matt Vogel, and Steven F. Messner. (2005) Unstructured Socializing in Online and Offline Settings: Is time spent with peers online associated with delinquency? *CrimRxiv.* <https://doi.org/10.21428/cb6ab371.589738ed>

GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

External

2024-2027	Investigator. “Evaluation of Returning Neighbors.” Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. \$200,000. Principal Investigator: Todd Zoblotksy
2024-2025	Principal Investigator. “Community Conversations around Youth Justice and Diversion.” Funded by the Black Clergy Collaborative of Memphis via the Annie E. Casey Foundation. \$17,694
2021-2023	Principal Investigator, “Evaluation of the Shelby County Youth Assessment Center.” Funded by Shelby County Community Services. \$74,954.
2021-2022	Investigator, “Youth Villages Life Coach and Street Outreach Evaluation Preparation.” Funded by Youth Villages Incorporated. \$14,979. Principal Investigator: Jennifer Turchi
2021-2022	Investigator, “Strategies for Policing Innovation.” Funded by the Memphis Police Department through the Bureau of Justice Assistance. \$117,650. Principal Investigator: James McCutcheon
2016-2020	Project Director Research Assistant: “UMSL Comprehensive School Safety Initiative.” Funded by the National Institute of Justice, \$1,603,690. Principal Investigator: Finn-Aage Esbensen

2011-2013 Research Assistant: “Law Enforcement Response to Special Populations.” Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, \$900,000. Principal Investigator: Randolph Dupont

Internal

2024-2025 Principal Investigator, “A Multi-Method Examination into the Online Causes of Offline Youth Crime.” Funded by the Faculty Research Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Memphis, \$9,725

2021-2022 Co-Principal Investigator, “Convening Minds to Address Youth Justice and Youth Violence in Memphis, TN.” Funded by the Community of Research Scholars Program, University of Memphis, \$1,600

2015-2016 Research Assistant: “Evaluation of St. Louis Public Schools/St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Collaborative.” Principal Investigator: Terrance J. Taylor. Support provided by the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri – St. Louis

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Memphis

Survey of Advanced Quantitative Methods (graduate)
Criminological Theory (graduate)
Exploration in Urban Research Theory (graduate)
Capstone in Criminology and Criminal Justice (graduate)
Juvenile Delinquency Theory and Processes (undergraduate/graduate)
Methods of Social Research (undergraduate)
Criminology (undergraduate)
Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice (undergraduate)

University of Missouri – St. Louis

Computers in Criminal Justice (undergraduate)
Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice (Teaching Assistant)
Statistical Analysis in Criminology and Criminal Justice (Teaching Assistant)
Senior Seminar: Drugs, Crime, and Social Control (Teaching Assistant)

Master’s Thesis Committees

Sam Baker, (Member, Sociology and Legal Studies, University of Waterloo, 2025)
Ellen McLeod (Chair, Criminology and Criminal Justice, UofM, 2024)
Tammy Shartz (Member, Criminology and Criminal Justice, UMSL, 2022)

Ph.D. Advisory Committee

Emily Thomson (Chair, Urban Affairs, University of Memphis, 2022-)
Austin Wyatt (Chair, Urban Affairs, University of Memphis, 2021-)
Kelli Davis (Member, Urban Affairs, University of Memphis, 2021-2022)

Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee

Emily Thomson (Chair, Urban Affairs, University of Memphis, 2024-2025)

Austin Wyatt (Chair, Urban Affairs, University of Memphis, 2023-2024)

Kelli Davis (Member, Urban Affairs, University of Memphis, 2023-2024)

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee

Austin Wyatt (Chair, Urban Affairs, University of Memphis, expected 2026)

Emily Thomson (Chair, Urban Affairs, University of Memphis, expected 2026)

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2024-2025 Chair, Faculty Policies Committee, University of Memphis

2023-2025 Faculty Senate Representative, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Memphis

2022-2025 Editor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Website, University of Memphis

2023-2024 Member, University of Memphis Research Council

2021-2023 Graduate Committee, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Memphis

2021-2022 Member, Department Search Committee, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Memphis

2021 Member, Department Chair Search Committee, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Memphis

2020-2021 Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Memphis

2019-2020 Member, Strategic Planning Committee, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Memphis

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2021-2024 Membership Committee, American Society of Criminology

2017-2019 Committee Member; Youth Violence Prevention Partnership, City of St. Louis

2015-2016 Vice President; Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association
University of Missouri – St. Louis

2014-2015 President; Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association

University of Missouri – St. Louis

Ad Hoc Reviewer

American Journal of Criminal Justice; Crime & Delinquency; Criminal Behavior and Mental Health; Criminal Justice & Behavior; Criminal Justice Review; Criminology; Children & Youth Services Review; Child & Youth Care Forum; Developmental Psychology; Deviant Behavior; European Journal of Criminology; International Journal of Bullying Prevention, Journal of Adolescence, Journal of Aggression, Conflict, & Peace Research; Journal of Communication; Journal of Forensic Psychology Research and Practice; Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency; Journal of School Violence; Kriminologie; Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice; SAGE Open; Social Science Computer Review; Social Forces; Social Science Research; Youth & Society

Grant Reviewer

Bureau of Justice Assistance. National Institute of Justice

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

2022 McCuddy, Timothy. “Social Media, Rap Music, and Youth Violence.” Youth Villages Incorporated. January 2022

2021 McCuddy, Timothy. “Students and Social Media: Influences of Social Media (positive and negative) in Schools.” Professional Development with Shelby County Schools Division of Alternative Education. December 2021

McCuddy, Timothy. “The Causes and Consequences of School Violence: The Impact of Social Media on Delinquency.” National Institute of Justice Virtual Conference on School Safety. February 2021

2020 McCuddy, Timothy. “The Impact of Online Peers on Youth Violence.” Webinar with the New York State Youth Justice Institute. December 2020

McCuddy, Timothy. “Let’s Talk about Cyberbullying.” *Conversations about Cutting-Edge Youth Justice Research*. Podcast Interview with the New York State Youth Justice Institute. April 2020

Conference Presentations

2024 McCuddy, Timothy, Matt Vogel, Steven Messner. “Unstructured Socializing with Peers and Social Media Use: How Are Different Settings Associated with Delinquency?” To be presented at the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA

McCuddy, Timothy, Frank Weerman, Owen Gallupe. “The Offline Impact of Online Exposure to Peer Delinquency and Online Unstructured Socializing among Gang- and Non-Gang-Involved Youth.” To be presented at the Eurogang Workshop. Boulder, CO

2023 McCuddy, Timothy, Miriam Clark., and Ellen McLeod. A Longitudinal Examination of Gun Reporting by Middle and High-School Students. Presented at the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Wyatt, Austin, Stephen Watts, and Tim McCuddy. Exploring links between Violent Victimization and Gang Membership: The Role of Neighborhood Perceptions and Collective Efficacy. Presented at the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

McLeod, Ellen and Timothy McCuddy. A Consideration of How Police Contact Impacts Students Perceptions of Police at School. Presented at the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Thomson, Emily, Miriam Clark, and Timothy McCuddy. Exploring Factors that Influence the Public's Preferences Within the Criminal Legal System. Presented at the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Carson, Dena, Timothy McCuddy, Austin Wyatt, Unpacking the Relationship between Gangs in School, School Climate, and School-based Crime and Victimization. Presented at the Eurogang Program of Research Meeting, Barcelona, Spain

2022 McCuddy, Timothy and Finn-Aage Esbensen. Gangs, Guns, and School Safety: Attitudes Related to Arming Teachers in School. Presented at the Eurogang Program of Research Meeting, Neustadt an der Weinstraße, Germany

Wyatt, Austin and Timothy McCuddy. I See Death Around the Corner: Fatalism and Its Role in Youth Risky Behavior. Presented at the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, Georgia.

McCuddy, Timothy, Owen Gallupe, Marleen Weulen Kranenbarg, & Frank Weerman. Online Peers and Delinquency: Testing Influence, Receptivity, and Selection Effects with Longitudinal Data. Presented at the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, Georgia.

Wiley, Stephanie & Timothy McCuddy. Deviance Amplification among Digital Natives: Labeling and the Impact on Online and Offline Delinquent Peers. Presented at the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, Georgia.

2021 McCuddy, Timothy, Benjamin Kuettel, and Matt Vogel. Schools, Substance Use, and Online Peers: The role of school context in online peer influence. Presented at the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL

2020 McCuddy, Timothy. Digital disclosure of delinquency: Factors related to online sharing of offline crime. Presented at the Criminology Consortium (webinar).

2019 McCuddy, Timothy. An empirical test of virtual differential association theory. Presented at the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA

Shamserad, Faraneh, Timothy McCuddy, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. Pistol packing teachers: What do students think? Presented at the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA

McCuddy, Timothy and Finn-Aage Esbensen. Online Communication Among Gang and Non-Gang Youth, Presented at the Eurogang Program of Research Meeting, Canterbury, United Kingdom

McCuddy, Timothy and Cherrell Green. Perceptions of bullying at school and online: Implications of bullying measurement. Presented at the Western Society of Criminology. Honolulu, HI.

Green, Cherrell and Timothy McCuddy. Understanding and defining bullying: An exploratory qualitative examination of student perceptions. Presented at the Western Society of Criminology. Honolulu, HI.

Esbensen, Finn-Aage and Timothy McCuddy. Street orientation of gangs: Does cyberspace provide a new public space for gang members? Presented at the European Society of Criminology. Ghent, Belgium.

2018 McCuddy, Timothy. Peer Delinquency and Digital Natives: Exploring the Moderating Effect of Online Peer Delinquency. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA

O'Neill, Jennifer and Timothy McCuddy. Perceptions of school safety in the aftermath of a shooting: Challenge to internal validity? Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA

McCuddy, Timothy and Finn-Aage Esbensen. What's Social Media Got to Do with It? A Gang and Non-Gang Comparison. Presented at the Eurogang Program of Research Meeting, Rotterdam/Almen, The Netherlands

2017 McCuddy, Timothy. Expanding the Study of Peers and Crime: A Cyber-Contextual Model of Peer Influence. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Rosenfeld, Richard, Matt Vogel, and Timothy McCuddy. Crime and Inflation in US Cities. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

2016 McCuddy, Timothy and Kyle Thomas. Offending propensity versus offending frequency: The differential effects of normative peer influence and unstructured socializing. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

Thomas, Kyle, and Timothy McCuddy. Delinquent peers and drift: Assessing between and within-individual differences in deviant peer thresholds. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

Gerlomes, Jennifer, Timothy McCuddy, Jordan C. Pickering, and Terrence J. Taylor. Police-Youth Collaborative Pilot Program in St. Louis. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

2015 McCuddy, Timothy and Finn-Aage Esbensen. After the bell and into the night: Exploring the criminogenic effects of traditional bullying versus cyberbullying victimization. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.

2014 McCuddy, Timothy. Online socialization and peer influence: Exploring the effect of network size on personal offending. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California

2013 McCuddy, Timothy. Peer influence and social networking websites: Applying differential association and social learning theory to online interaction. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia

2012 McCuddy, Timothy. What works today and for the future, sustaining CIT: Outcome of curriculum analysis. Presented at the Crisis Intervention Team International Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Development Assignment (Sabbatical), Fall 2025, University of Memphis

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Doctoral Student Summit, Annual Conference of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL (2015)

Online in 9: Online course development series. Offered through the Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Missouri – St. Louis (2015)

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

2024 Mentor Award, Graduate Student Association, University of Memphis

2023 Michael K Harless Faculty Excellence Award, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Memphis

2023 Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Memphis

2017 Charles G. Huber, Jr. Endowed Dissertation Fellowship in Criminology and Criminal Justice

2015-2017 E. Desmond Lee Scholarship Award, University of Missouri – St. Louis

2015 Doctoral Fellow of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

2017-Present Eurogang Research Program

2013-Present American Society of Criminology

REFERENCES

Available upon request