

Curriculum Vitae
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School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
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EDUCATION

- 2014 Doctor of Philosophy, Criminal Justice
 Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
 Dissertation: *Examining the impact of problem-solving court clients' perceptions of procedural justice on compliance with court mandates and recidivism.*
 Committee: Drs. Gaylene Armstrong (Chair), Travis Franklin, Bill Wells
- 2010 Master of Arts, Criminal Justice and Criminology
 Sam Houston State University
 Thesis: *Employer attitudes toward the hiring of ex-offenders: A Texas sample.*
 Committee: Drs. Gaylene Armstrong (Chair), Jeffery Bouffard, Travis Franklin
- 2008 Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice (Minor: Chemistry)
 Magna Cum Laude
 Sam Houston State University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018-Present ***Graduate Coordinator***
 School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Florida Atlantic University
- 2017-Present ***Affiliate Faculty***
 Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions (CUES), Florida Atlantic University
- 2014-Present ***Assistant Professor***
 School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Florida Atlantic University
- 2013-2014 ***Doctoral Teaching Fellow***
 Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University
- 2010-2013 ***Graduate Assistant***
 Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ)
- 2009-2014 ***Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Gaylene Armstrong***
 Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Prisoner Reentry

Community Corrections

Problem-Solving Courts

Procedural Justice

Program and Policy Evaluation

Institutional Corrections

Evidence-Based Practices

REFEREED SCHOLARLY MANUSCRIPTS

*Denotes graduate student at time of submission

- 2019 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, Peck, J. H., & Armstrong, G. S. Do race and ethnicity matter? An examination of racial/ethnic differences in perceptions of procedural justice and recidivism among problem-solving court clients. *Race and Justice*, 9(2), 151-179. Online first February 8, 2017. DOI: 10.1177/2153368717691800
- 2018 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Sloas, L. B. Support for balanced justice and rehabilitation for justice-involved veterans. *Criminal Justice Review*. Online first August 21, 2018. DOI: 10.1177/0734016818793698
- 2018 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Armstrong, G. S. Disentangling the relationship between social ties, prison visitation, and recidivism. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 45(10), 1507-1526. DOI: 10.1177/0093854818772320.
- 2018 Sloas, L. B., & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** Perceptions of balanced justice and rehabilitation for drug offenders. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*. Online first March 19, 2018. DOI: 10.1177/0887403418762532.
- 2017 Ratkalkar, M.,* & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** Can I ask for help? The relationship among incarcerated males' sexual orientation, sexual abuse history, and perceptions of rape in prison. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Online first June 14, 2017. DOI: 10.1177/0886260517714440
- 2016 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Armstrong, G. S. An examination of the impact of drug court clients' perceptions of procedural justice on graduation rates and recidivism. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 55(8), 525-547.
- 2016 Armstrong, G. S., **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** & Gartner, N. R.* Perceptions of motivational interviewing: Validation of the Client Evaluation of Motivational Interviewing scale with probation clients. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 43(8), 1095-1106.
*One of *Criminal Justice and Behavior's* most-read articles*
- 2015 Armstrong, G. S., **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Wells, J.* The relationship between work-family conflict, correctional officer job stress, and job satisfaction. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 42(10), 1066-1082.
*One of *Criminal Justice and Behavior's* 10 most-read articles of 2015*
- 2013 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Armstrong, G. S. Transformational leadership skills and correlates of prison warden job stress. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 40(5), 551-568.

- 2013 **Atkin, C. A.**, & Armstrong, G. S. Does the concentration of parolees in a community impact employer attitudes toward the hiring of ex-offenders? *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 24(1), 71-93.
- 2012 **Atkin, C. A.**, & Cramer, R. J. Ex-offenders on the stand: Steps toward eliminating jury bias. *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*, 12(3), 211-226.
- 2011 Armstrong, G. S., Armstrong, T. A., Webb, V. J., & **Atkin, C. A.** Can financial incentives reduce juvenile confinement levels? An evaluation of the Redeploy Illinois program. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 39(2), 183-191.

OTHER REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Sloas, L. B. "Specialty courts: Funneling offenders with special needs out of the criminal justice system." In K. Dodson (Ed.), *Handbook on Offenders with Special Needs*. New York: Routledge.
- 2015 Schmallegger, F., & **Atkin-Plunk C. A.** "Prison History." In B. Huebner (Ed.), *Oxford Bibliographies in Criminology*. New York: Oxford University Press.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 2013 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Armstrong, G. S. Correctional management: Prison warden stress and job performance. In G. Bruinsma & D. Weisburd (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. New York: Springer Verlag.
- 2011 **Atkin, C.** Review of Veysey, B. M., Christian, J., & Martinez, D. J. (Eds.) (2009). *How offenders transform their lives*. Portland, OR: Willan Publishing. *Criminal Justice Review*, 36(1), 118-120.
- 2011 **Atkin, C.** Comprehensive Methamphetamine Control Act. In M. Kleiman & J. Hawdon (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Drug Policy*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Maguire, E. R., **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Wells, W. The effects of procedural justice on cooperation and compliance among inmates in a work release program. Revise and Resubmit.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Atkin-Plunk, C. A., & Armstrong, G. S. An examination of the relationship between veterans' court clients' perceptions of procedural justice and recidivism. (In preparation for submission to a peer reviewed journal)

Atkin-Plunk, C. A., & Sloas, L. B. Support for balanced justice and moral blameworthiness. (In preparation for submission to a peer reviewed journal)

Guastafarro, W. P., Lutgen, L., & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** Procedural justice, substance abuse needs and recidivism in a jail population: A quasi-experimental approach. (In preparation for submission to a peer reviewed journal)

Ratkalkar, M. & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** In the “hole” and needing help: Solitary confinement of women and prison mental health treatment. (In preparation for submission to a peer reviewed journal)

Sloas, L. B., & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** Balanced justice and support for mental health courts. (In preparation for submission to a peer reviewed journal)

EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH

Total external funding = \$444,885

- 2019 **Principal Investigator.** *Palm Beach County School and Community Violence Prevention Task Force Evaluation.* Co-Principal Investigator: Dr. Vaughn J. Crichlow. Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA-2018-13605), contract through Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office, \$98,000. Funded January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.
- 2019 **Principal Investigator.** *Recidivism Data Validation Study.* Funded by The GEO Group, Inc., \$5,673. Funded January 2, 2019 through May 11, 2019.
- 2018 **Principal Investigator.** *Frequent Users System Engagement (FUSE) Evaluation.* Co-Principal Investigator: Dr. Seth W. Fallik. Funded by the MacArthur Foundation, contract through Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission, \$128,257. Funded August 14, 2018 through August 13, 2020.
- 2018 **Principal Investigator.** *Palm Beach County Regional and State Transitional Offender Reentry (RESTORE) Initiative Evaluation.* Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA-2017-11541), contract through Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, \$135,128. Status: Funded January 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020.
- 2017 **Principal Investigator.** *Continuum of Care Evaluation.* Funded by The GEO Group, Inc., \$23,500. Funded October 1, 2017 through May 1, 2018.
- 2015 **Principal Investigator.** *Florida Department of Corrections Re-entry Center and Portal Replication Initiative.* Co-Principal Investigator: Dr. Lincoln B. Sloas. Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, contract through Florida Department of Corrections, \$54,277. Funded May 26, 2015 through March 31, 2018.
- 2013 **Data Analyst.** *Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Windham School District Correctional Education Program Outcome Evaluation.* Principal Investigator: Gaylene S. Armstrong, Ph.D. Funded by the Windham School District
- 2013 **Data Manager.** *Evaluation of the Nueces County, Texas Veteran’s Drug Treatment and Mental Health Court.* Principal Investigator: Gaylene S. Armstrong, Ph.D. Funded by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice

- 2009 **Data Analyst.** *Evaluation of Harris County Drug Court Changing Women's Lives Program.* Grant Co-Author and Evaluator: Gaylene S. Armstrong, Ph.D. Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Funded through 2013.
- 2009 **Data Collector and Report Contributor.** *Evaluation of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehension, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Initiative.* Principal Investigator: Gaylene S. Armstrong, Ph.D. Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

UNFUNDED EXTERNAL RESEARCH PROPOSALS

- 2017 **Principal Investigator.** *Frequent Users System Engagement (FUSE) Evaluation.* Funding sought from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ-2017-11363), \$199,978 (two years of funding).
- 2017 **Principal Investigator.** *RESTORE Enhancement Program Evaluation.* Funding sought from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA-2017-11540), contract through Gulfstream Goodwill Industries, \$138,128 (three years of funding).

INTERNAL FUNDING

- 2018 *Graduate Student Recruitment Grant,* Funded through Florida Atlantic University's Graduate College, \$2,000.

PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 2019 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** *The GEO Group Graceville Correctional Facility Recidivism Rates.* Final report submitted to The GEO Group.
- 2018 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** *The GEO Group Continuum of Care Evaluation.* Final report submitted to The GEO Group.
- 2013 Armstrong, G. S., **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.,** & Gartner, N. *Evaluation of Nueces County CSCD Problem-Solving Courts – Phase 1 Results.* Final report submitted to Texas Criminal Justice Assistance Division.
- 2013 Armstrong, G. S., **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.,** & Gartner, N. *Nueces County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD) Customer Satisfaction Survey.* Final report submitted to Texas Criminal Justice Assistance Division.
- 2013 Armstrong, G. S., & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** *Harris County STAR Drug Court Changing Women's Lives.* Final report submitted to the Harris County STAR Drug Court and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
- 2011 Armstrong, G. S., Dretke, D., & **Atkin, C. A.** *The importance of low span of control in effective implementation of evidence-based probation and parole practices.* Final report submitted to the National Institute of Corrections.

- 2010 Armstrong, G., Armstrong, T., Miller, H., Bouffard, J., **Atkin, C. A.**, Harpster, N., & Campbell, B. *Evaluation of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail prisoner reentry initiative*. Final report submitted to TDCJ. Huntsville, TX.
- 2010 Armstrong, G. (2010) *SMART grant final report* (contributor). Final report submitted to TDCJ. Huntsville, TX.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Florida Atlantic University

Corrections (CJC 4310) – *In-person*
 Corrections (CJC 4310) – *Distance Learning*
 Ethics and the Justice System (CCJ 4054) – *In-person*
 International Criminal Justice Systems (CJE 4174) – *Study Abroad in Scotland*
 International Criminal Justice Systems (CJE 4174) – *In-person*
 Capital Punishment (CCJ 6934) – *Graduate course, In-person*

Sam Houston State University

Correctional Systems and Practices (CRIJ 2365) – *Writing Enhanced Course*
 Correctional Systems and Practices (CRIJ 2365) – *Honors Course*

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Maguire, E., **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Wells, W. *The effects of procedural justice on cooperation and compliance among inmates in a work release program*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD.
- 2019 Sloas, L. B., & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** *Balanced justice and support for DWI and domestic violence courts*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, Honolulu, HI.
- 2018 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, Lockwood, K., Sloas, L. B., & Winkler, B. *Practical advice for shaping researcher/practitioner relationships*. Presented at the inaugural Palm Beach County Reentry Summit, West Palm Beach, FL.
- 2017 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Sloas, L. B. *Moral blameworthiness and support for balanced justice*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 Sloas, L. B., & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** *Balanced justice and support for mental health courts*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 Ratkalkar, M. & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** *In the “hole” and needing help: Solitary confinement of women and prison mental health treatment*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

- 2017 Crow, M. S., **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, Vanvalkenburg, A., Dunaway, S., & Pisarski, M. *Study and research abroad: Faculty and student reflections*. Roundtable presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, Lockwood, K. & Sloas, L. B. *Analyzing the process: What works and doesn't in the implementation of a prison reentry portal*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, KS.
- 2017 Ratkalkar, M., & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** *In the "hole" and needing help: Solitary confinement of women and mental health treatment in prison*. Paper presented at the Helen I. Moorehead-Laurencin, MD, Sex and Gender Research Forum at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Sloas, L. B. *Balanced justice and support for problem-solving courts*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, Armstrong, G. S., & Peck, J. *Procedural justice, problem-solving courts, and race*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington DC.
- 2015 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Armstrong, G. S. *Changing Women's Lives: The long-term effectiveness of a drug court treatment program*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.
- 2014 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** *Disentangling the relationship between adult social bonds, prison visitation, and recidivism*. Paper presented at the 17th Annual Graduate Research Exchange, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.
- 2014 Armstrong, G. S. & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** *Perceptions of procedural justice in an adult drug court*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2014 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Armstrong, G. S. *Examining the impact of adult social bonds on inmates' visitation and recidivism*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2013 **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Armstrong, G. S. *Perceptions of procedural justice in an adult drug court*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- 2013 Wells, J., Armstrong, G. S., & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** *The impact of work-family conflict on correctional officer job stress and job satisfaction*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Dallas, TX.
- 2011 **Atkin, C. A.**, & Armstrong, G. S. *Determinants of job satisfaction and job stress of prison wardens*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

- 2011 **Atkin, C. A.** *Keeping it real: Working together toward an evidence-based organization.* Presentation for the biannual meeting of the American Correctional Association, Kissimmee, FL.
- 2011 **Atkin, C. A.** *Things I wish I knew about the thesis process.* Presentation for graduate students of the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.
- 2011 **Atkin, C. A.** *The new and challenging world of social media.* Presentation for the biannual meeting of the American Correctional Association, San Antonio, TX.
- 2010 **Atkin, C. A., & Armstrong, G. S.** *Employer attitudes toward hiring ex-offenders: A Texas sample.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- 2010 **Atkin, C. A.** *The new and challenging world of social media.* Presentation for the biannual meeting of the American Correctional Association, Chicago, IL

INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2018 **Atkin-Plunk, C.A., & Crichlow, V. J.** *Procedural justice: Theory and Practice.* Presented at the Miami Community Advisory Board's monthly meeting, Miami, FL. (May 3, 2018)
- 2017 **Atkin-Plunk, C.A., & Crichlow, V. J.** *Procedural justice, implicit bias, and body worn cameras.* Presented at the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission's Annual Planning Meeting, West Palm Beach, FL. (February 27, 2017).

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2015 *Houston Matters: Impact of Specialty Courts.* Houston Public Media News 88.7. (July 2, 2015).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2019 *Re-Entry Simulation Training*
United States Attorney's Office – Southern District of Florida
Palm Beach County, Florida
March 8, 2019
- 2018 *LSI-R Certification Training*
Palm Beach County Public Safety Department
Palm Beach County, Florida
October 9-11, 2018
- 2018 *Restrictive Housing Workshop*
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Nebraska-Omaha
Omaha, Nebraska
September 13, 2018

- 2018 *Innovations Suite Researcher-Practitioner Fellows Academy*
Bureau of Justice Assistance
Denver, Colorado
July 31-August 3, 2018
- 2016 *eCertification Designer/Facilitator Eight Week Training Workshop*
Center for eLearning
Florida Atlantic University
Topics included: Academic identity; Assessments; Course design blueprint; Collaboration and community; Teacher presence and communication; Active learning; Syllabus and rubrics
- 2015 *Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training*
Counseling and Psychological Services
Florida Atlantic University
- 2015 *New Faculty Workshop*
Florida Atlantic University
Topics included: What kind of professor are you?; Faculty role in supporting student success; Integrating teaching and research
- 2014 *Constructing Valid and Reliable Tests Workshop*
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Florida Atlantic University
- 2014 *Eliminate Campus Sexual Violence Training*
Florida Atlantic University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the Institution – Florida Atlantic University (FAU)

- 2018-present Global Engagement Steering Committee – member
2018 Explore FAU – volunteer/attendee
2017 Explore FAU – volunteer/attendee
2016 FAU Expo – volunteer/attendee
2015 FAU Campus Days – volunteer/attendee
2014-2015 Student Conduct Board – member

Service to the College – FAU College for Design and Social Inquiry (CDSI)

- 2018 CDSI Graduation – attendee
2016-present CDSI Research Committee – member
2016 CDSI Graduation – marshal
2015 CDSI Graduation – attendee

Service to the School – FAU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (SCCJ)

- 2018 SCCJ Director Search Committee – member
2017-2018 SCCJ Marketing liaison
2017 SCCJ Assistant and Associate Professor Search Committee – member
2016 Death Row Exonerated Guest Speaker: Seth Penalver – coordinator
2015-2017 SCCJ Website liaison
2015-2016 SCCJ Assistant Professor Search Committee – member

2015 SCCJ Expo Committee – member
 2014-present SCCJ Speaker Series Committee – member
 2014-2015 Graduate Program Committee –member

Service to the Department – SHSU Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology

2010-2014 Ph.D. Student Mentor
 2010-2012 Dean’s Student Advisory Council – member

Service to the Discipline

2017-present American Society of Criminology, Division on Corrections and Sentencing, Student Affairs Committee – member
 2016 National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences – proposal reviewer

Service to the Community

2019-present Going the Distance, Gulfstream Goodwill Chapter – mentor
 2017-present Frequent User Systems Engagement (FUSE) Policy Group – member
 2017-present Palm Beach County (PBC), Florida Reentry Task Force – advisory member
 Data and Evaluation Subcommittee
 Youth Reentry Subcommittee
 Recidivism Workgroup
 Program Workgroup
 2017-2018 PBC Reentry Summit Planning Committee – member
 Program Subcommittee – chair
 2015-2017 Miami-Dade Reentry Task Force – member
 2015-2017 Tri-County Animal Rescue, Boca Raton, Florida – volunteer
 2011-2014 Big Brothers Big Sister. Houston, Texas Chapter – mentor

JOURNAL MANUSCRIPT PEER REVIEWER

Crime & Delinquency	Journal of Crime and Justice
Criminal Justice & Behavior	Journal of Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice Review	Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology
Criminal Justice Studies	Journal of Offender Rehabilitation
Criminal Justice Policy Review	The Sociological Quarterly
International Criminal Justice Review	
International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology	

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology
Division on Corrections and Sentencing
 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019 Florida Atlantic University Assistant Professor Research of the Year nominee
 2018 Florida Atlantic University Presidential Award for Outstanding Faculty-Led
 Community Engagement for Community Engaged Research/Scholarship

2015 Florida Atlantic University Honorary Faculty Football Coach
2014 Sam Houston State University Graduate Research Exchange – Most Impactful
Research Award
2014 Sam Houston State University Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award nominee
2014 Sam Houston State University Excellence in Writing Recognition
2013 Sam Houston State University Excellence in Writing Recognition
2012 Sam Houston State University Excellence in Writing Recognition
2011 Sam Houston State University Mentoring Award – Finalist