

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
 Thesis: *Employer attitudes toward the hiring of ex-offenders: A Texas sample.*
 Committee: Drs. Gaylene Armstrong (Chair), Jeffery Bouffard, Travis Franklin
 Sam Houston State University
- 2008 Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice (Minor: Chemistry)
 Magna Cum Laude
 Sam Houston State University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 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
- 2009-2014 *Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Gaylene Armstrong*
 Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University
- 2010-2013 *Graduate Assistant*
 Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Institutional Corrections
 Community Corrections
 Problem-Solving Courts

Procedural Justice
 Evidence-Based Practices
 Program and Policy Evaluation

REFEREED SCHOLARLY MANUSCRIPTS

*Denotes graduate student at time of submission

- 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*. DOI: 10.1177/0886260517714440
- 2017 **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*. DOI: 10.1177/2153368717691800
- 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.
- 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

- Forthcoming **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Sloas, L. B. "Specialty Courts." 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

- Atkin-Plunk, C. A.,** & Sloas, L. B. (under review). Balanced justice and support for veterans' treatment courts. Submitted to a peer reviewed journal.
- Maguire, E. R., **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.,** & Wells, W. (under review). The effects of procedural justice on cooperation and compliance among inmates in a work release program. Submitted to a peer reviewed journal.
- Sloas, L. B., & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** (under review) Balanced justice and support for drug courts. Submitted to a peer reviewed journal.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- Atkin-Plunk, C. A.,** & Armstrong, G. S. Disentangling the effects between pre-prison relationships, prison visitation, and recidivism. (In preparation for submission to a peer reviewed journal)
- 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)
- 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

- 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). Status: Under review.

- 2017 **Principal Investigator.** *Palm Beach County Regional and State Transitional Offender Reentry (RESTORE) Initiative Evaluation.* Funding sought from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA-2017-11541), contract through Palm Beach County Public Safety Department, \$135,128 (three years of funding). Status: Under review.
- 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). Status: Under review.
- 2017 **Principal Investigator.** *Continuum of Care Evaluation.* Funded by the GEO Group, Inc., \$23,500. Funded through 2018.
- 2015 **Principal Investigator.** *Florida Department of Corrections Re-entry Center and Portal Replication Initiative.* Co-Principal Investigator: Lincoln Sloas. Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, contract through Florida Department of Corrections, \$54,277. Funded through 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.

PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 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

Undergraduate

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*

Graduate

Capital Punishment (CCJ 6934) – *In-person*

Sam Houston State University

Undergraduate

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

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

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Atkin-Plunk, C. A., & Sloas, L. B. (2017, November). *Moral blameworthiness and support for balanced justice.* Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Sloas, L. B., & **Atkin-Plunk C. A.** (2017, November). *Balanced justice and support for mental health courts.* Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Crow, M. S., **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, Vanvalkenburg, A., Dunaway, S., & Pisarski, M. (2017, September). *Study and research abroad: Faculty and student reflections.* Roundtable to be presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, New Orleans, LA.

Atkin-Plunk, C. A., Lockwood, K. & Sloas, L. B. (2017, March). *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.

- Ratkalkar, M., & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** (2017, March). *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.
- Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Sloas, L. B. (2016, November). *Balanced justice and support for problem-solving courts*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.
- Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, Armstrong, G. S., & Peck, J. (2015, November). *Procedural justice, problem-solving courts, and race*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington DC.
- Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Armstrong, G. S. (2015, March). *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.
- Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** (2014, March). *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.
- Armstrong, G. S. & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** (2014, February). *Perceptions of procedural justice in an adult drug court*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA.
- Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Armstrong, G. S. (2014, February). *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.
- Atkin-Plunk, C. A.**, & Armstrong, G. S. (2013, November). *Perceptions of procedural justice in an adult drug court*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Wells, J., Armstrong, G. S., & **Atkin-Plunk, C. A.** (2013, March). *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.
- Atkin, C. A.**, & Armstrong, G. S. (2011, November). *Determinants of job satisfaction and job stress of prison wardens*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.
- Atkin, C. A.** (2011, August). *Keeping it real: Working together toward an evidence-based organization*. Presentation for the biannual meeting of the American Correctional Association, Kissimmee, FL.
- Atkin, C. A.** (2011, May). *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.
- Atkin, C. A.** (2011, January). *The new and challenging world of social media*. Presentation for the biannual meeting of the American Correctional Association, San Antonio, TX.

Atkin, C. A., & Armstrong, G. S. (2010, November). *Employer attitudes toward hiring ex-offenders: A Texas sample*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Atkin, C. A. (2010, August). *The new and challenging world of social media*. Presentation for the biannual meeting of the American Correctional Association, Chicago, IL

INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2017 *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

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

Institutional Service - Florida Atlantic University (FAU)

2014-2015 Student Conduct Board, member

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

2016-present CDSI Research Infrastructure Committee, member

2016 CDSI Graduation, marshal
 2015 CDSI Graduation, attendee
 2015 Campus Days, attendee

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

2016 Death Row Exoneree Guest Speaker – Seth Penalver, coordinator
 2016 SCCJ Expo, attendee
 2015-present SCCJ Website liaison
 2015-2016 SCCJ Assistant Professor Search Committee, member
 2015 SCCJ Expo Committee, member
 2014-2015 Graduate Program Committee, member
 2014-2015 SCCJ Research Series Committee, member

Departmental Service – SHSU Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology

2010-2014 Ph.D. Student Mentor
 2010-2012 Dean’s Student Advisory Counsel, member

Community Service

2017-present Palm Beach County Reentry Task Force – Advisory Member – Palm Beach County, Florida
 2015-present Tri-County Animal Rescue – Volunteer – Boca Raton, Florida
 2011-2014 Big Brothers Big Sister – Mentor – Houston, Texas Chapter

JOURNAL MANUSCRIPT PEER REVIEWER

Criminal Justice & Behavior	Journal of Criminal Justice
Criminal Justice Studies	Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology
The Sociological Quarterly	Journal of Offender Rehabilitation

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2010-present Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
 2009-present American Society of Criminology, Division on Corrections and Sentencing
 2005-2007 Lambda Alpha Epsilon – American Criminal Justice Association
 2004-2009 J.C. Stallings Chemical Society
 2004-2005 Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society

AWARDS AND HONORS

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
 2012-2013 Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
 2011 Sam Houston State University Mentoring Award – Finalist
 2009-2010 Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges