

Benjamin J. Mackey

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EDUCATION

M.A., Criminology, Law, and Society | George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (Expected spring 2021)

August 2019 – Present

Cumulative GPA: 4.0

B.S., Criminology, Law, and Society | George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Conferred Summer 2019

Cumulative GPA: 4.0 (Summa Cum Laude)

Mason Impact Project: Learning from the Past: An Exploratory Analysis of Educational Inequality in Mexico's New Judicial System

RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant | Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence (ACE!): Fairfax, VA

January 2020 – Present

- Provide research assistance on two projects: (1) developing practice guidelines for community supervision agencies (Dr. Faye Taxman, P.I.; funded by Arnold Ventures); (2) a national-level evaluation of the Stepping Up Initiative (Dr. Faye Taxman, P.I.; funded by the National Institute of Mental Health).

Graduate Teaching Assistant | Department of Criminology, Law, and Society – George Mason University: Fairfax, VA

August 2019 – December 2019

- Assisted in the instruction of three courses: Introduction to Criminal Justice (CRIM 100), Research Methods and Analysis in Criminology (CRIM 315), and Crime and Place (CRIM 320).
- Duties included grading papers, proctoring exams, designing quizzes, assisting students in research projects, and troubleshooting student issues with ArcGIS software.

Undergraduate Research Assistant | Department of Criminology, Law, and Society – George Mason University: Fairfax, VA

May 2019 – August 2019

- Assisted in criminological research projects under the direction of Dr. Stacey Houston, II.

- Duties included codebook design and data entry for an evaluation of a community-based reentry program; writing extended abstracts of key research articles; and academic literature search, review, and summary for an ongoing project on the consequences of school-based social control.

Undergraduate Research Assistant | Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media: Fairfax, VA
August 2017 - May 2019

- Assisted in an ongoing study of criminality in 1930s Harlem, NY, under the direction of Dr. Stephen Robertson.
- Duties included examination and transcription of police, court, and probation records; collection, analysis, and visualization of quantitative and qualitative data from these documents; content analysis; internet research for special projects; and archival research at the Library of Congress.

PUBLICATIONS

Mackey, B. J. (2018). A state of illegitimacy: The dynamics of criminal and state legitimacy in Mexico. *Inquiries Journal*, 10(10).

Mackey, B. J. (2018). A line in the sand: Drug control along the U.S.-Mexico border. *Inquiries Journal*, 10(1).

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Mackey, B. J. (2020, May). *Teaching law and order in the long shadow of the carceral state: An ethnographic study of nonprofit reentry organization staffers*. Oral presentation to be given at the Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO

Mackey, B. J. (2019, April). *Learning from the past: An exploratory analysis of educational inequality in Mexico's new judicial system*. Oral presentation at the GMU College of Humanities and Social Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium, Fairfax, VA.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

Member, College Access Project (CAP) Working Group | *October 2019 – Present*

- ❖ Support the research and planning activities of CAP, which aims to provide college scholarships to DC residents who are incarcerated in federal facilities across the country. Working group comprised primarily of DC-based nonprofit directors and staffers.

Student Member, American Society of Criminology (ASC) | *September 2019 – Present*

Member, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society | *October 2016 – Present*

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, & AWARDS

- Graduate Assistantship | *2019-2020*
- Summa Cum Laude, George Mason University | *August 2019*
- Academic Excellence Award, George Mason University | *May 2019*
- May La Due Bishop Book Scholarship | *2018-2019*
- General Scholarship Fund | *2018-2019*
- Patriot Transfer Scholarship | *2017-2018*
- Envisioning a Brighter Future Scholarship | *2016-2017*

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- ArcGIS (ArcMap)
- R Statistical Programming Language and Environment
- Zotero
- Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint)
- G Suite (Sheets, Docs, Slides, Drive)