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EDUCATION

- 2027 (Exp.) **Doctor of Philosophy**, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University
- 2023 **Master of Arts**, Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University
Thesis: *The Operational Pains of Carceral Confinement: Prison Staff as Front-Line Arbiters of Punishment*
Thesis Committee: Dr. Robert Norris (Chair); Dr. Yasemin Irvin-Erickson; Dr. Janani Umamaheswar; Dr. Danielle S. Rudes
- 2021 **Bachelor of Science**, Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University
Minor, Forensic Psychology
Minor, Philosophy
Magna cum laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Institutional Corrections
Prisonization, Coping, and Adjustment to Incarceration
Prison Staff Discretion & Decision-Making
Societal Reactions to Crime and Punishment

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023 - **Graduate Research Assistant**, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University
- Duties include project management, interviews with incarcerated people and corrections staff, and qualitative data analysis with Atlas.ti.
 - *Project*: “Enhancing Correctional Spaces & Cultures” (Supervisor: Dr. Danielle S. Rudes)
- 2021- **Research Assistant**, Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University
- Duties include corresponding with survey respondents; project management; management of prison mail correspondence; interviews with incarcerated

people, practitioners, and stakeholders; data transcription; data analysis with Atlas.ti; and assisting with IRB applications.

- *Project:* “HEAL Connections Needs Assessment” (Supervisor: Dr. Faye S. Taxman)
- *Project:* “Developing Practice Guidelines for Supervision Agencies” (Supervisor: Dr. Faye S. Taxman)
- *Project:* “Understanding Supervision in Maryland” (Supervisor: Dr. Faye S. Taxman)
- *Project:* “Implementation Mechanisms for Justice and Behavioral Health” (Supervisor: Dr. Faye S. Taxman)
- *Project:* “Change the Hole Mind: Living and Working in Solitary Confinement During Reform” (Supervisor: Dr. Danielle S. Rudes)

2022-

Consultant, Danielle S. Rudes Consulting

- Duties include interviews with practitioners and scholars and qualitative data analysis with Atlas.ti, and writing technical reports based on the findings of this analysis.
 - *Project:* “Examining the Current State of Civil Court Data Research in the U.S.” (Supervisor: Dr. Danielle S. Rudes)
 - *Project:* “Court Service Unit Evaluation” (Supervisor: Dr. Danielle S. Rudes)

2021-2023

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Criminology, Law, and Society, George Mason University

- Duties included creating a National inventory of domestic violence service providers; project management; preparing documents for meta-analysis using Zotero; conducting focus groups; creating and implementing surveys using Qualtrics; and assisting with IRB applications.
 - *Project:* “Understanding the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Victimization Risk and Service Needs for Domestic Violence Victims and Survivors” (Supervisor: Dr. Yasemin Irvin-Erickson)
 - *Project:* “Coalition to Enhance the Capacity of Policing Mental Health Problems in Virginia – CIT Training” (Supervisor: Dr. Sue-Ming Yang)
 - *Project:* “Community-Oriented Policing to Reduce Crime, Disorder, and Fear and Improve Legitimacy and Satisfaction with Police: A Systematic Review” (Supervisor: Dr. Charlotte Gill)

2018-2021

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University

- Duties included conducting semi-structured interviews with incarcerated individuals and staff; data analysis with Atlas.ti; data collection from government, non-profit and academic websites; management of prison mail correspondence; and transcription of in-person and telephone interview notes.
 - *Project:* “Implementation Mechanisms for Justice and Behavioral Health” (Supervisor: Dr. Faye S. Taxman)

- *Project: “Change the Hole Mind: Living and Working in Solitary Confinement During Reform”* (Supervisor: Dr. Danielle S. Rudes)
- *Project: “Knowledge and Perceptions of Students on Changing Title IX Guidelines”* (Supervisor: Lindsay Smith)
- *Project: “Bureau of Prisons National Jail Compendium”* (Supervisor: Dr. Danielle S. Rudes)

2018 **Summer Intern**, Office of Student Scholarship, Creative Activities, and Research, George Mason University

- Duties included conducting semi-structured interviews with incarcerated individuals and staff and data analysis with Atlas.ti.
 - *Project: “Change the Hole Mind: Living and Working in Solitary Confinement During Reform”* (Supervisor: Dr. Danielle S. Rudes)

FIELD EXPERIENCE

2019-2021 **Service Coordinator**, Opportunities, Alternatives & Resources (OAR) of Northern Virginia, Fairfax, VA

- Duties included providing immediate services and entry-level case management to individuals re-entering the community post-release from Fairfax Adult Detention Center, instructing a bi-weekly Shoplifting Prevention Program class, and recruiting participants for alternative sentencing programs using a database at the Fairfax County Courthouse

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Kushmerick-McCune, B. (in press). A Neo-Institutional Account of Prisonization. In D. S. Rudes & J. Ingram (Eds.), *Using organizational theory to study, explain, and understand criminal legal organizations*. Springer.

Rudes, D. S., Magnuson, S., Shaw, C., Smith, L., **Kushmerick-McCune, B.**, Hartwell, T. N., Appleton, C., & Foudray, C. (in press). Recognizing and Remediating: Reflexive and Inclusive Approaches to Engaging in Research with Individuals in Carceral Settings. In D. S. Rudes, K. Kras, T. J. Carter, & G. Armstrong (Eds.), *Handbook on prisons and jails* (Vol. 8). Routledge.

Technical Reports

Rudes, D.S., Ingel, S., & **Kushmerick-McCune, B.** (2023). *System Review of Fairfax County’s Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court (adult)*. Report prepared for Fairfax County (Virginia) Court Services Unit.

Rudes, D. S., Ingel, S., **Kushmerick-McCune, B.**, Smith, L., & McPherson, M. (2022). *Examining the Current State of Civil Court Research in the United States*. Report prepared for Legal Services Corporation.

Translational Work

Smith, L., Suh, B., & **Kushmerick-McCune, B.** (2022). Mentoring During a Pandemic: Doctoral Student Approaches to Virtual Mentorship with Master's and Undergraduate Students. *Criminologist* (47)3, 28-29. <https://asc41.com/wp-content/uploads/ASC-Criminologist-2022-05.pdf>

Under Review & In-Progress

Kushmerick-McCune, B., Magnuson, S., Rudes, D. S., & Hattery, A. (invited revise and resubmit at Justice Quarterly). "Without any support, you can't survive jail": People's Pathways to Coping While Confined in Restricted Housing Units.

Kushmerick-McCune, B., Ingel, S., Rudes, D. S., & Lasalle, C. M. B. (under review). Hunger, Health, and Harm: Perceptions of Prison Food, Medical Care, and Well-Being.

Kushmerick-McCune, B. (in progress). The Operational Pains of Carceral Confinement: Prison Staff as Front-Line Arbiters of Punishment.

Kushmerick-McCune, B., Ingel, S., & Rudes, D. S. (in progress). "They should call me by my name": Incarcerated Individual's Perceptions of Labels.

Rudes, D. S., **Kushmerick-McCune, B.**, Ingel, S., Bauer, C., & Brown, W. (in progress). Managing the Unknown: Behavioral Health Literacy and Implementation of COVID protocols in Four U.S. Men's Prisons.

Rudes, D. S., **Kushmerick-McCune, B.**, & Ingel, S. (in progress). Scapegoating HALT: Naming, Blaming, and Discrediting Practice Changes Within Correctional Restricted Housing Units.

Ingel, S., Craig, M., **Kushmerick-McCune, B.**, & Rudes, D. S. (in progress). Embracing eCRT by Rejecting the Racial and Ethnic Categories Used by United States' Prisons.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

(* Denotes presenter)

- Kushmerick-McCune, B.***, Ingel, S., Bauer, C., & Rudes, D. S. (Upcoming [2023, September]). “*Can we talk about the food in these places?*”: *Prison Food and Harm to Wellbeing*. Oral presentation to be given at the 2023 European Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Florence, Italy.
- Kushmerick-McCune, B.***, & Ingel, S.* (2023, June). “*They should call me by my name*”: *Incarcerated individual’s perceptions of labels*. Oral presentation given at the 2023 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Rudes, D. S.,* Bauer, C., Ingel, S., & **Kushmerick-McCune, B.** (2023, June). *Scapegoating HALT: Naming, blaming, and discrediting practice changes within correctional Restricted Housing Units*. Oral presentation given at the 2023 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Kushmerick-McCune, B.*** (2022, November). *Prison as punishment or prison for punishment: An exploratory analysis of carceral resident letters*. Oral presentation given at the 2022 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Natarajan, M.,* Irvin-Erickson, Y., Suh, B., **Kushmerick-McCune, B.**, & Smith, L. (2022, November). *Lessons learned: Best practices in meeting the needs of domestic violence victims and survivors during the covid-19 pandemic*. Oral presentation given at the 2022 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Suh, B.,* **Kushmerick-McCune, B.**,* Smith, L., Martinez, E., Amdahl, A., Natarajan, M., & Irvin-Erickson, Y. (2022, November). *An assessment of service needs of victims and survivors of domestic violence during the covid-19 pandemic*. Oral presentation given at the 2022 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Irvin-Erickson, Y.,* Natarajan, M., Smith, L., Suh, B., **Kushmerick-McCune, B.**, & Martinez, E. (2022, November). *Domestic violence risk during the covid-19 pandemic*. Oral Presentation given at the 2022 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Kushmerick-McCune, B.*** Pickett, H., Magnuson, S., Rudes, D. S., & Hattery, A. (2022, July). *Navigating life in lockdown: Institutional barriers to carceral resident coping in Restricted Housing Units*. Oral presentation given at the 2022 Law and Society Association Global Conference, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Mackey, B. J.,* Meyer, L. F., Lee, C., Davis, L., Hartwell, T., Adams, S., Hancock, V., **Kushmerick-McCune, B.**, Moffett, M., Sosorburam, T., & Taxman, F. S. (2021, November). *Devolutionary practices and unique bureaucratic structures in community*

supervision: Examining state-level variation in all 50 United States. Oral presentation given at the 2021 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Kushmerick-McCune, B.,* & Adams, S.* (2021, April). *Availability and funding of mental health and substance use disorder treatment services in state jails.* Oral presentation given at the 2021 Office of Student Scholarship, Creative Activities and Research Celebration of Student Scholarship, Fairfax, VA. [virtual conference]

Kushmerick-McCune, B.,* Pickett, H.,* Magnuson, S., Rudes, D., & Hattery, A. (2019, April). *Accessing a W(hole) New Life: Inmate Pathways to Coping While Living in Solitary Confinement.* Poster presentation given at the 2019 National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Kennesaw, GA.

Kushmerick-McCune, B.,* Pickett, H.,* Magnuson, S., Rudes, D., & Hattery, A. (2019, March). *Accessing a W(hole) New Life: Inmate Pathways to Coping While Living in Solitary Confinement.* Oral presentation given at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Kushmerick-McCune, B.,* Pickett, H.,* Magnuson, S., Rudes, D. S., & Hattery, A. (2018, August). *Accessing a W(hole) New Life: Inmate Pathways to Coping While Living in Solitary Confinement.* Poster presentation given at the 2018 Office of Student Scholarship, Creative Activities and Research Summer Celebration of Student Scholarship, Fairfax, VA.

HONORS & AWARDS

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| 2023 | Outstanding Student Honoree (MA level) , George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society |
| 2023 | Outstanding Graduate Service Award , George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society |
| 2022 | Graduate Student Travel Fund , George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society (\$1,000.00) |
| 2022 | Doctoral Summer Scholarship , George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society (\$600.00) |
| 2021 | Graduate Fellowship , George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society (\$25,000.00 per academic year) |
| 2021 | Outstanding Service Award , George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society |

2021 **Academic Excellence Award**, George Mason University, Department of Criminology, Law and Society

2020 **Best Undergraduate Student Paper Award in Interdisciplinary Legal Studies**, the Consortium for Undergraduate Law and Justice Programs

MENTORSHIP

Patricia Snell ACE! undergraduate research assistant (spring 2022 - fall 2023)
Mackenzie Bell ACE! undergraduate research assistant (spring 2022)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & SERVICE

2022 - American Society of Criminology
 →Division on Corrections and Sentencing

2022-2023 Criminology Law and Society Student Association, George Mason University
 →Web Chair (run CLSSA twitter, plan events, create event flyers)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2023 Interviewer Training, QualCore Research Partners
2018 Atlas.ti Training Series, ACE!, July.
2018 Qualitative Data Analysis Training Series, ACE!, July.
2018 Qualitative Research Methods, ACE!, June.