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## EDUCATION

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- 2024 (Exp.) **Doctor of Philosophy**, Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University  
Cumulative GPA: 4.0
- 2021 **Master of Arts**, Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University  
Cumulative GPA: 4.0  
Thesis: *Reentry, Resistance, and Hybridization in the Long Shadow of the Devolving Penal State: An Ethnographic Study of a Community-Based Reentry Organization*  
Thesis Committee: Drs. Danielle Rudes (Chair), Robert Norris, Yasemin Irvin-Erickson, & Mona Lynch
- 2019 **Bachelor of Science**, Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University  
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*  
Mason Impact Project Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Devon Johnson

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2021-  
2020-2021 **Research Associate (Research Faculty)**  
**Graduate Research Assistant**  
*Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University*
- Duties include project management and team facilitation; conducting cognitive and semi-structured interviews with jail, probation, and community behavioral health practitioners; data analysis with SPSS; and survey design and implementation with Qualtrics.
    - *Project Manager*: “Improving Public Safety Outcomes through Reduced Conditions of Supervision: An Experimental Test” (Funded by Arnold Ventures, PI: Faye S. Taxman)
    - *Researcher*: “Evaluation of Stepping Up Efforts to Improve Mental Health Services and Justice Utilization” (Funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, PI: Faye S. Taxman and Jennifer Johnson)
    - *Researcher*: “Developing Practice Guidelines for Supervision Agencies” (Funded by Arnold Ventures, PI: Faye S. Taxman)
- 2023 **Adjunct Faculty**

*Department of Criminology, Law, and Society, George Mason University*

- Instructor of record for Community Corrections

2019

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

*Department of Criminology, Law, and Society, George Mason University*

- Duties included grading papers, proctoring exams, designing quizzes, assisting students in research projects, and troubleshooting student issues with ArcGIS software.

2019

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**

*Department of Criminology, Law, and Society, George Mason University*

- 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 a study of the consequences of school-based social control.
  - *Research Assistant*: “Making a Case for Race and Space: Examining the Impact of Justice System Facility Presence on Health Inequality” (PI: Stacey L. Houston, II)
  - *Research Assistant*: “Pushed Out, Pulled Down: Examining the Influence of School Suspension of Youth’s Depressive Symptoms” (PI: Stacey L. Houston, II)
  - *Research Assistant*: “UPO Reentry Project Study”

2017-2019

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**

*Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, George Mason University*

- Duties included examination and transcription of police, court, and probation records; collection, analysis, and visualization of quantitative and qualitative data; content analysis; internet research for special projects; and archival research at the Library of Congress.
  - *Research Assistant*: “Harlem in Disorder: A Spatial History of Race and Violence in the Great Depression” (Funded by the Australian Research Council and the University of Sydney, PI: Stephen Robertson)

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Books**

Durnescu, I., Taxman, F. S., Byrne, J., & **Mackey, B. J.** (Eds.). (forthcoming). *The Routledge handbook on global community corrections*. Routledge.

**Articles**

Ramezani, N., Hailemariam, M., Breno, A. J., **Mackey, B. J.**, Cuellar, A. E., Johnson, J. E., & Taxman, F. S. (2023). Impact of county-level health infrastructure on participation in a reform effort to reduce the use of jail for individuals with mental health disorders. *Health & Justice, 11*, Article 27. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40352-023-00226-9>

Ramezani, N., Breno, A. J., **Mackey, B. J.**, Viglione, J., Cuellar, A. E., Johnson, J. E., & Taxman, F. S. (2022). The relationship between community public health, behavioral health service accessibility, and mass incarceration. *BMC Health Services Research*, 22, Article 966. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12913-022-08306-6>

Tafrate, R. C., Mitchell, D., **Mackey, B. J.**, Appleton, C., Walters, S. T., Lee, J., & Taxman, F. S. (2021). Surfing the three waves of CBT in community supervision. *Federal Probation*, 85(3), 21-26. [https://www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/85\\_3\\_3\\_0.pdf](https://www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/85_3_3_0.pdf)

**Mackey, B. J.**, Appleton, C., Lee, J. S., Skidmore, S., & Taxman, F. S. (2021). At the intersection of research and practice: Constructing guidelines for a hybrid model of community supervision. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 63, Article 101689. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.avb.2021.101689>

### **Book Chapters & Encyclopedia Entries**

**Mackey, B. J.** (forthcoming). Nongovernmental involvement in international community corrections systems: Where the state, civil society, and private sector meet. In I. Durnescu, F. S. Taxman, J. Byrne, & B. J. Mackey (Eds.), *The Routledge handbook on global community corrections*. Routledge.

Pattavina, A., & **Mackey, B. J.** (forthcoming). A world view of technology use in community corrections: The role of electronic monitoring. In I. Durnescu, F. S. Taxman, J. Byrne, & B. J. Mackey (Eds.), *The Routledge handbook on global community corrections*. Routledge.

**Mackey, B. J.**, & Taxman, F. S. (in press). Jails: The center of decarceration policy reforms. In D. S. Rudes, K. Kras, T. J. Carter, & G. Armstrong (Eds.), *Handbook on prisons and jails* (Vol. 8). Routledge.

**Mackey, B. J.**, Lee, J., Appleton, C., Skidmore, S., & Taxman, F. S. (2023). Managerial justice, community supervision, and treatment mandates: The intersection of clinical practice and social control. In D. DeMatteo & K. Scherr (Eds.), *The Oxford handbook of psychology and law* (pp. 380-400). Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780197649138.013.22>

Rudes, D. S., **Mackey, B. J.**, & McPherson, M. (2022). Reentry and reintegration in Virginia, U.S. In P. Priestley & M. Vanstone (Eds.), *The Palgrave handbook of global rehabilitation in criminal justice* (pp. 667-686). Palgrave Macmillan. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-14375-5\\_38](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-14375-5_38)

**Mackey, B. J.**, & Rudes, D. S. (2021). Discretion in the U.S. parole system. In H. Pontell (Ed.), *Oxford research encyclopedia of criminology and criminal justice*. Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.227>

Appleton, C., **Mackey, B. J.**, Skidmore, S., Lee, J., & Taxman, F. S. (2021). The pendulum of community supervision: The emergence of RNR, working alliance, and motivational factors as a means to improve supervision. In E. L. Jeglic & C. Calkins (Eds.), *Handbook of issues in criminal justice reform* (pp. 365-397). Springer. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-77565-0\\_19](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-77565-0_19)

### **Book Reviews**

**Mackey, B. J.** (2021). Gary T. Marx: Windows into the soul: Surveillance and society in an age of high technology. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 32(2), 289-291. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10511253.2021.1883696>

**Mackey, B. J.** (2020). Calvin Morrill and Michael Musheno: Navigating conflict: How youth handle trouble in a high-poverty school. *Critical Criminology*, 28(2), 293-297. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10612-020-09521-5>

### **Other Publications**

**Mackey, B. J.** (2021). *Reentry, resistance, and penal hybridization in the long shadow of the devolving penal state: An ethnographic study of a nonprofit reentry organization* [Master's thesis, George Mason University]. Mason Archival Repository Service. <http://hdl.handle.net/1920/12096>

Lee, J., Appleton, C., **Mackey, B. J.**, Skidmore, S., Barberi, D., & Taxman, F. S. (2021). *Developing practice guidelines: Synthesizing research and expert knowledge*. Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence.

Ramezani, N., Breno, A., Viglione, J., **Mackey, B.**, Cuellar, A. E., Chase, A., Johnson, J., & Taxman, F. (2020). Multilevel matching in natural experimental studies: Application to Stepping Up counties. In *JSM Proceedings*, Survey Research Methods Section, New Advances in Modeling Survey Data Session. American Statistical Association. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8035050/>

**Mackey, B. J.** (2018). A state of illegitimacy: The dynamics of criminal and state legitimacy in Mexico. *Inquiries Journal*, 10(10). <http://www.inquiriesjournal.com/articles/1742/a-state-of-illegitimacy-the-dynamics-of-criminal-and-state-legitimacy-in-mexico>

**Mackey, B. J.** (2018). A line in the sand: Drug control along the U.S.-Mexico border. *Inquiries Journal*, 10(1). <http://www.inquiriesjournal.com/articles/1726/a-line-in-the-sand-drug-control-along-the-us-mexico-border>

### **Under Review & In-Progress**

**Mackey, B. J.** (under review). Penal hybridization: State influence and local resistance at a community-based reentry organization.

**Mackey, B. J.**, Ramezani, N., Viglione, J., Thurman, T., Moffett, M., Johnson, J. E., & Taxman, F. S. (under review). Mechanisms of decarceration: Implementation approaches to reform the use of local jail for people with behavioral health conditions.

Lee, C. A., Moffett, M., **Mackey, B. J.**, Johnson, J. E., & Taxman, F. S. (in progress). Jails, mental health, and substance use services: Examining organizational structure variation in all 50 United States.

Appleton, C., **Mackey, B. J.**, Lee, J. S., & Taxman, F. S. (in progress) Risk as a contested core idea: How risk prevents a truly rehabilitative approach in RNR-based supervision.

**Mackey, B. J.**, Hailemariam, M., Ramezani, N., Rosen, R. K., Thurman, T., Viglione, J., Johnson, J. E., & Taxman, F. S. (in progress). The who, what, and how of interagency criminal justice-behavioral health teams: Developing and sustaining collaborations.

**Mackey, B. J.**, Appleton, C., Lee, J. S., & Taxman, F. S. (in progress). Raising voices, leveraging experiences: Perspectives of individuals involved in the criminal legal system informing best practices in community supervision.

**Mackey, B. J.** (in progress). Coming home to a crisis: Reentry and retrenchment in the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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(\* Denotes presenter)

### **Academic & Professional Conference Presentations**

**Mackey, B. J.\***, Hailemariam, M., Ramezani, N., Rosen, R., Thurman, T., Viglione, J., Johnson, J. E., & Taxman, F. S. ([Upcoming] 2023, September). *The who, what, and how of interagency criminal justice-behavioral health teams: Developing and sustaining collaborations*. Oral presentation to be given at the 23rd Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Florence, Italy.

Appleton, C.,\* **Mackey, B. J.\***, Mizel, M.,\* & Taxman, F. S.\* ([Upcoming] 2023, August). *Rightsizing public safety outcomes through reduced conditions: An implementation science study*. Workshop presentation to be given at the American Probation and Parole Association 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Institute, New York, NY.

**Mackey, B. J.\*** (2023, June). *Records request: Using archival research strategies to investigate decision-making processes of multinational penal corporations*. Oral presentation given at the 2023 Law and Society Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Mackey, B. J.**, Taxman, F. S., Ramezani, N., Viglione, J., Thurman, T., & Johnson, J. E. (2022, December). *Cross-system implementation scales to measure policy team efforts*. Poster

presentation given at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health, Washington, DC.

**Mackey, B. J.,\*** Ramezani, N., Moffett, M., Viglione, J., Johnson, J., & Taxman, F. S. (2022, November). *The mechanics of decarceration: How counties work to keep people with mental illness out of jail*. Oral presentation given at the 2022 American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA.

**Mackey, B. J.,\*** Appleton, C.,\* Lee, J., & Taxman, F. S. (2022, November). *Guidelines for special populations under community supervision: Using the RAND/UCLA Appropriateness Method to synthesize knowledge from diverse sources*. Oral presentation given at the 2022 American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA.

**Mackey, B. J.\*** (2022, September). *Multinational penal corporations and technology transfer: A case study of electronic monitoring in Latin America*. Oral presentation given at the 22nd Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Malaga, Spain.

Appleton, C.,\* **Mackey, B. J.,\*** Lee, J., & Taxman, F. S. (2022, August). *Moving forward supervision guidelines: Implementing practice guidelines*. Workshop presentation given at the American Probation and Parole Association 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Institute, Chicago, IL.

**Mackey, B. J.\*** (2022, July). *Coming home to a crisis: Reentry, state control, and neoliberal neglect in the COVID-19 pandemic*. Oral presentation given at the 2022 Law and Society Association Global Conference, Lisbon, Portugal.

Appleton, C.,\* **Mackey, B. J.,\*** Lee, J., & Taxman, F. S. (2022, July). *Raising voices, leveraging experiences: Perspectives of individuals involved in the criminal legal system informing best correctional practices*. Oral presentation given at the 2022 Law and Society Association Global Conference, Lisbon, Portugal.

McPherson, M.,\* & **Mackey, B. J.** (2022, February). *Reentry and reintegration in Virginia, U.S.* Oral presentation given at the 2022 Western Society of Criminology Conference, Honolulu, HI.

**Mackey, B. J.\*** (2021, November). *Reentry, resistance, and penal hybridization in the long shadow of the devolving penal state: An ethnographic study of a nonprofit reentry organization*. Oral presentation given at the 2021 American Society of Criminology Conference, Chicago, IL.

Appleton, C.,\* Taxman, F. S., Lee, J. S., **Mackey, B. J.,** & Skidmore, S. (2021, November). *Which supervision practices do probation staff deem appropriate: Results from an appropriateness process*. Oral presentation given at the 2021 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Appleton, C.,\* **Mackey, B. J.**,\* & Campbell, C. (2021, November). *The process of rapport: Probation officers' perspectives of rapport-building in the supervision setting*. Oral presentation given at the 2021 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

**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.

Meyer, L. F.,\* Lee, C., Davis, L., **Mackey, B. J.**, Hartwell, T., Adams, S., Hancock, V., Kushmerick-McCune, B., Moffett, M., Sosorburam, T., & Taxman, F. S. (2021, November). *Jails, mental health, and substance use services: Examining organizational structure variation in all 50 United States*. Oral presentation given at the 2021 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

**Mackey, B. J.**,\* Davis, L.,\* Hailemariam, M., Rosen, R., Hartwell, T., Valencia, C., Wencheko, H., Taxman, F. S., & Johnson, J. E. (2021, October). *Improving behavioral health service implementation for justice-involved individuals: Behavioral health administrator perspectives*. Poster presentation given virtually at the 2021 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo.

**Mackey, B. J.**,\* Appleton, C., Barberi, D., Knapp, J., Lee, J., & Taxman, F. S. (2020, November). *Developing practice guidelines for community supervision: Using meta-analyses to locate and code high-impact interventions*. Oral presentation at the 2020 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, DC. [Conference cancelled due to COVID-19]

**Mackey, B. J.**\* (2020, November). *Funding reentry in the long shadow of the carceral state: An ethnographic study of a nonprofit reentry organization*. Oral presentation at the 2020 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, DC. [Conference cancelled due to COVID-19]

Breno, A.,\* **Mackey, B. J.**, Ramezani, N., & Taxman, F. S. (2020, November). *Multilevel matching in natural experimental studies*. Oral presentation at the 2020 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, DC. [Conference cancelled due to COVID-19]

Ramezani, N.,\* Breno, A., **Mackey, B. J.**, Cuellar, A., Viglione, J., Chase, A., Johnson, J., & Taxman, F. S. (2020, August). *Multilevel matching in natural experimental studies: Application to Stepping Up counties*. Oral presentation given virtually at the 2020 Joint Statistical Meetings.

**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 given virtually at the 2020 Law and Society Association Annual Conference.

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

### **Invited Talks**

**Mackey, B. J.,\*** & Appleton, C.\* ([Upcoming] 2023, September). *Appropriateness of different conditions of supervision*. Invited presentation to be given at the 2023 Correctional Management Institute's Probation Chiefs Leadership Conference, Galveston, TX.

**Mackey, B. J.,\*** & Taxman, F. S.\* (2023, June). *Appropriateness of different conditions of supervision in problem-solving courts and probation*. Invited presentation given at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Annual Training Conference (RISE23), Houston, TX.

Taxman, F. S.,\* & **Mackey, B. J.\*** (2023, January). *Evaluation of Stepping Up to improve mental health services and justice utilization*. Invited presentation given at the National Alliance on Mental Illness Justice Capacity Building Conversations – January Session.

Taxman, F. S.,\* & **Mackey, B. J.\*** (2022, June). *Overview of findings from a national evaluation of the Stepping Up Initiative*. Invited presentation given at the National Association of Counties Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee.

**Mackey, B. J.\*** (2022, April). *The facts and more: The SO WHAT? of research*. Invited panelist at the 2022 National Returning Citizens Virtual Conference.

**Mackey, B. J.\*** (2021, September). *Decision-making and discretion in parole*. Invited speaker in Dr. Danielle Rudes's graduate-level Justice Organizations course, George Mason University.

**Mackey, B. J.\*** (2021, April). *The facts and more: The SO WHAT? of research*. Invited panelist at the 2021 National Returning Citizens Virtual Conference.

### **Webinars**

**Mackey, B. J.,\*** Thurman, T.,\* Taxman, F. S., Johnson, J. E., Viglione, J., & Breno, A. J. (2021, August). *The benefits of participating in the I.M. Justice BH study: The feedback report*. Virtual webinar for the Justice & Behavioral Health Webinar Series.



Breno, A. J.,\* Ramezani, N.,\* Taxman, F. S., Johnson, J. E., Viglione, J., & **Mackey, B. J.** (2021, July). *County level data resources, measures, and characteristics used in a nationwide initiative*. Virtual webinar for the Justice & Behavioral Health Webinar Series.

Taxman, F. S.,\* Lee, J.,\* Appleton, C.,\* **Mackey, B. J.,\*** & Skidmore, S.\* (2020, November). *Standards in probation: A marriage between research findings and practice*. Virtual webinar for the American Parole and Probation Association.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, & AWARDS**

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2023	CLS Doctoral Student Summer Scholarship
2022	Society for Implementation Research Collaboration (SIRC) Mission Award. Awarded to the Stepping Up initiative and I.M. Stepping Up Study Team at the SIRC 2022 biannual conference
2022	CLS Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award
2021	CLS Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award
2020	CLS Doctoral Student Summer Scholarship
2020	Dean's Challenge Award
2019	Graduate Assistantship
2019	Academic Excellence Award
2018	May La Due Bishop Scholarship
2018	General Scholarship Fund
2017	Patriot Transfer Scholarship
2016	Envisioning a Brighter Future Scholarship

## **TEACHING & MENTORSHIP**

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### **Courses Taught**

Community Corrections (summer 2023)

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Research Methods and Analysis in Criminology  
Crime and Place

## Introduction to Criminal Justice

### **Mentorship**

Chloe Harris	ACE! undergraduate research assistant (spring-summer 2022)
Rachel Gentry	ACE! undergraduate research assistant (spring-summer 2022)
Lara Garrity	ACE! undergraduate research assistant (spring-summer 2021)
Carly Daehnic	ACE! research assistant (spring 2021)
Mina Bayati	ACE! undergraduate research assistant (spring 2021)
Yesenia Diaz	ACE! undergraduate research assistant (spring 2021)

### **ACTIVITIES & SERVICE**

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#### **Service to the Field**

2022	<i>Member</i> , Research Administrative Coordinator Search Committee, Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence (George Mason University)
2022	<i>Facilitator</i> , Lived Experiences Panel: Navigating Justice Spaces and Identifying Opportunities for Change – Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence Symposium: Charting a Course Toward Social Justice in Corrections
2021-2022	<i>Treasurer</i> , Criminology, Law and Society Student Association (George Mason University)
2021	<i>Facilitator</i> , Virtual Participatory Action Research Panel and Q&A – Criminology, Law and Society Student Association (George Mason University)
2020-2021	<i>Vice-President</i> , Criminology, Law and Society Student Association (George Mason University)
2019-2020	<i>Member</i> , College Access Project working group: research support in pilot program to provide scholarships to incarcerated persons from Washington, DC

#### **Manuscript Reviewer**

*Victims & Offenders*