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## EDUCATION

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<b>George Mason University</b> Ph.D. in Criminology, Law and Society, <i>expected May 2023</i>	<b>2017-Present</b>
<b>George Mason University</b> M.A. in Criminology, Law and Society Thesis: <i>A National Survey of Veterans Treatment Court Actors</i>	<b>2017-2019</b>
<b>California State University, Fresno</b> B.S. in Criminology: Forensic Behavioral Sciences	<b>2013-2017</b>

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Graduate Research Assistant</b> MODILS Lab Supervisor: Dr. Allison Redlich <i>Department of Criminology, Law &amp; Society</i> George Mason University	<b>2017-Present</b>
<b>Undergraduate Research Assistant and Lab Manager</b> Criminology and Applied Psychology Research Center Supervisor: Dr. Jenna Kieckhaefer <i>Department of Criminology</i> California State University, Fresno	<b>2016-2017</b>
<b>Undergraduate Research Assistant</b> Supervisor: Dr. Candice Skrapec <i>Department of Criminology</i> California State University, Fresno	<b>2016-2017</b>

## HONORS & AWARDS

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2021	National Science Foundation Law and Science Dissertation Grant
2019	Criminology, Law and Society Graduate Outstanding Service Award
2018	Criminology, Law and Society Summer Scholarship
2017-2020	George Mason University Provost Scholarship Fellow
2017	Charles McCall Award for Best Undergraduate Paper, SSRIC
2017	Outstanding Oral Presentation, Central California Research Symposium
2017	American Psychology-Law Society Diversity Travel Award
2016-2017	Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program
2016-2017	California State University, Fresno College of Social Sciences Honors Program
2016	California State University, Fresno Undergraduate Research Grant

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Luna, S.** (2020). "Book Review: Beyond Punishment?: A normative account of the collateral legal consequences of conviction." *Criminal Justice Review*.

**Luna, S.,** Dezember, A., & Redlich, A.D. (2019). The Validity of Misdemeanor Pleas. In A. Smith & S. Maddan (Eds.), *The Lower Criminal Courts*. New York: Routledge.

Redlich, A.D. & **Luna, S.** (2019). Building the evidence base for criminal discovery policies. *Translational Criminology*.

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

Dezember, A., **Luna, S.,** Woestehoff, S.A., Stoltz, M., Manley, M., Quas, J.A., & Redlich, A.D. (2021). Plea validity in circuit court: Judicial colloquies in misdemeanor vs. felony charges. *Psychology, Crime, & Law*.

**Luna, S.** & Redlich, A.D. (2020). Unintelligent decision-making? The impact of discovery on defendant plea decisions. *The Wrongful Conviction Law Review*.

Scherr, C. K., Normile, J. C., **Luna, S.,** Redlich, A.D., Lawrence, M., & Catlin, M. (2020). False admissions of guilt associated with wrongful convictions undermine people's perceptions of exonerees. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*.

**Luna, S.,** & Redlich, A.D. (2020). A national survey of veterans treatment court actors. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*.

**Luna, S.** & Redlich, A.D. (2020). The decision to provide discovery: An examination of policies and guilty pleas. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*.

Kieckhaefer, J. M. & **Luna, S.** (2020). Do you think some veterans are receiving a "get out of jail free" card? Examining support for veterans treatment court as a function of mental health and offense type. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*.

### **Under Review**

**Luna, S.** (R&R). Defining coercion: An application in interrogation and plea negotiation contexts. Submitted to *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*.

Kieckhaefer, J. M. & **Luna, S.** (*under review*). Can you put a price on 14 years of life? Examining predictors of monetary compensation for exonerees. Submitted to *Psychology, Crime & Law*.

### **In Progress**

**Luna, S.** & Norris, R. J. (*in preparation*). Examining innocence organization intake decisions.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

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**Luna, S.,** Dianiska, R., Hardin, K., Quas, J., & Redlich, A.D. (2021, September). Assessing Investigator Practices for Questioning Suspected Minor Victims of Sex Trafficking. Virtual presentation at the annual meeting of the International Investigative Interviewing Research Group.

**Luna, S.** & Redlich, A.D. (2020, March). The Impact of Discovery Information and Guilt on Defendant Plea Decisions. In A. Dezember & S. Luna (Chairs) *Understanding Guilty Pleas and Modeling Plea*

*Decision-Making*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Luna, S.** & Redlich, A.D. (2020, March). Examining Controversial Veterans Treatment Court Issues: Insights from Court Actors. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Luna, S.**, Redlich, A. D., West, J., & Petersen, K. (2019, November). The Influence of Discovery and Guilt on Defendant Plea Decisions. In R. Norris (Chair) *Miscarriages of Justice*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, California.

Redlich, A.D., **Luna, S.**, & Dezember, A. (2019, November). The Validity of Misdemeanor Pleas. In A. Smith (Chair) *Assembly Line Injustice in the Lower Criminal Courts*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, California.

George, K., Kieckhafer, J. M., Loza, M., Juan, R., Lopez, V., **Luna, S.**, Ogaki, M., & Diaz, A. (2019, November). Police rapport: Increasing the accuracy in witness interviews. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, California.

Redlich, A.D. & **Luna, S.** (2019, October). Unintelligent Decisions: Discovery in the Context of Guilty Pleas. Invited presentation to the Criminology department, University of Pennsylvania.

Redlich, A. D. & **Luna, S.** (2019, April). Providing discovery in the context of guilty pleas. Invited presentation to the Virginia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Richmond, VA.

**Luna, S.**, Redlich, A. D., & Woestehoff, S. (2019, March). Reducing Prosecutorial Misconduct: The Impact of Two Discovery Policies. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society in Portland, Oregon.

Dezember, A., **Luna, S.**, Woestehoff, S., Stoltz, M., Manley, M., & Redlich A. D. (2019, March). Knowing, Intelligent, and Voluntary: The Validity of Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas. In A. Dezember (Chair) *Understanding Guilty Pleas: Validity, Discovery, and Decision-Making*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society in Portland, Oregon.

George, K., Kieckhafer, J. M., Juan, R., Lopez, V., **Luna, S.**, Ogaki, M., & Diaz, A. (2019, March). The Whats, Whens, Wheres, Whys, and Hows of Police Rapport with Witnesses and Victims. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society in Portland, Oregon.

**Luna, S.** & Redlich, A. D. (2019, February). A National Survey of Veterans Treatment Court Actors. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**Luna, S.**, Woestehoff, S., & Redlich, A. D. (2018, November). Examining the Impact of Discovery Policies on Prosecutorial Misconduct. In R. Norris (Chair) *Wrongful Convictions: Prosecutors, Public Attitudes, and Jailhouse Lawyers*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dezember, A., **Luna, S.**, Stoltz, M., Manley, M., & Redlich, A.D. (2018, November) The Validity of Misdemeanor Pleas. In S. Yan (Chair) *Advances in Study of Guilty Pleas and Prosecution*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Kieckhaefer, J. M., Juan, R., Lopez, V., George, K., **Luna, S.**, Ogaki, M., & Diaz, A. (2018, November). Police perceptions of rapport with crime witnesses and victims. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Luna, S.**, Kieckhaefer, J. M., Brito, D., Cameron, J., Cruz, J., Dardis, T., Diaz, A., George, K., Juan, R., Lopez, V., Mercado-Gonzalez, Y., Miller, J., Nick, M., Ogaki, M., & Sanchez De La Cruz, J. (2018, March). Examining if the Reason Behind an Exoneree's Wrongful Conviction and Participant Area of Education Influence Perceptions of Monetary Compensation. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society in Memphis, Tennessee.

**Luna, S.**, & Kieckhaefer, J. M. (2018, February). Examining the Influence of Mental Health Label and Offense Severity on Perceptions of a Veteran's Eligibility to Participate in Veterans Treatment Court. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Kieckhaefer, J. M., Elia, S., **Luna, S.**, Brito, D., Cameron, J., Cruz, J., Dardis, T., Diaz, A., George, K., Juan, R., Lopez, V., Mercado-Gonzalez, Y., Miller, J., Nick, M., Ogaki, M., & Sanchez De La Cruz, J. (2018, February). The Impact of Race on Perceptions of Wrongfully Convicted Individuals. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Elia, S., Kieckhaefer, J. M., **Luna, S.**, Brito, D., Cameron, J., Cruz, J., Dardis, T., Diaz, A., George, K., Juan, R., Lopez, V., Mercado-Gonzalez, Y., Miller, J., Nick, M., Ogaki, M., & Sanchez De La Cruz, J. (2017, April). Public perceptions of exonerees from the criminal justice system. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the California State University Student Research Competition in San Luis Obispo, California.

**Luna, S.**, & Kieckhaefer, J. M. (2017, April). The impact of veteran's mental health and offense severity on admissibility into Veterans Treatment Court. Paper presented at the California State University Social Science Research and Instructional Council's annual Social Science Student Symposium in Fresno, California.

**Luna, S.**, Kieckhaefer, J. M., Brito, D., Cameron, J., Cruz, J., Dardis, T., Diaz, A., George, K., Juan, R., Lopez, V., Mercado-Gonzalez, Y., Miller, J., Nick, M., Ogaki, M., & Sanchez De La Cruz, J. (2017, April). Do perceptions change when the police are to blame? Examining perceptions of monetary compensation for exonerees. Publication of abstract and oral presentation at the annual Central California Research Symposium, Fresno, CA.

Juan, R., Kieckhaefer, J. M., Lopez, V., George, K., **Luna, S.**, Ogaki, M., & Diaz, A. (2017, April). Rapport and witness interviewing: Examining officer stated verbal techniques and effectiveness. Publication of abstract and oral presentation at the annual Central California Research Symposium, Fresno, California.

**Luna, S.**, & Kieckhaefer, J. M. (2017, March). Examining the influence of gender on an interviewee's willingness to self-report transgressions. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society in Seattle, Washington.

**Luna, S.**, Kieckhaefer, J. M., Brito, D., Cameron, J., Diaz, A., George, K., Juan, R., Lopez, V., Mercado-Gonzalez, Y., Ogaki, M., & Sanchez De La Cruz, J. (2017, February). Is there a price for 14 years of life? Examining student perceptions of compensation for exonerees. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Kieckhaefer, J. M., Juan, R., Lopez, V., George, K., **Luna, S.**, Ogaki, M., & Diaz, A. (2017, February). Rapport and witness interviewing: A survey of Central California law enforcement. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Luna, S.**, & Kieckhaefer, J. M. (2016, April). "He Said, She (May Not Have) Said": Examining The Impact Of Gender On The Self-Reporting Of Transgressions. Publication of abstract and oral presentation at the annual Central California Research Symposium, Fresno, California.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Courses Taught

Applied Criminal Psychology  
George Mason University  
Summer 2019

Research Methods and Analysis in Criminology  
George Mason University  
Summer 2020

Interviewing and Interrogation  
California State University, Fresno  
Fall 2021

### Guest Lectures

“Homicide, Assault, and Family Violence”  
For Dr. Jenna Kieckhaefer,  
Psychology of Criminality  
California State University, Fresno  
Spring 2019

“Plea Bargaining”  
For Dr. Jenna Kieckhaefer,  
Wrongful Convictions  
California State University, Fresno  
Fall 2020

## STUDENT AND PEER MENTORING

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### Undergraduate Students

Jennifer West (George Mason University)  
Nivedita Anjaria (George Mason University)

### Graduate Students

Pallie Koehn (George Mason University)

## SERVICE

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Conference Submission Reviewer, <i>American Psychology-Law Society</i>	<b>2019-Present</b>
Student Reviewer, <i>Law and Human Behavior</i>	<b>2019-Present</b>
President, <i>Criminology, Law and Society Student Association</i> George Mason University	<b>2018-2019</b>

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Student Member of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences	<b>2017- Present</b>
Student Member of the American Psychology-Law Society	<b>2016- Present</b>
Student Member of the Western Society of Criminology	<b>2016- Present</b>

## RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Student Worker

Fresno County District Attorney's Office  
January 2016-December 2016