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**EDUCATION**

2026 (Exp.) **Doctor of Philosophy**, Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University

2023 (Exp.) **Master of Arts,** Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University

Thesis (in progress): *Prison as Punishment or Prison for Punishment: An Exploratory Analysis of Carceral Resident Letters*

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*, GPA: 3.85

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Institutional & Community Corrections

Prisonization and Adjustment to Incarceration

Societal Reactions to Crime and Punishment

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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 practitioners and stakeholders; data transcription; and data analysis.
  + - *Project:* “Enhancing Correctional Spaces & Cultures” (Supervisor: Dr. Danielle S. Rudes)
    - Project: “Developing Practice Guidelines for Supervision Agencies” (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)

2021- **Graduate Research Assistant**,Department of Criminology, Law, and Society, George Mason University

* Duties include project management; data collection from government and non-profit websites; conducting literature reviews; and preparing documents for meta-analysis using Zotero.
  + - *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:* “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 prison residents 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 prison residents 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**

***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***

**Kushmerick-McCune, B.,** Magnuson, S., Rudes, D. S., & Hattery, A. (under review). Accessing a W(hole) New Life: Carceral Resident Pathways to Coping While Living in Restricted Housing Units.

Rudes, D. S., Magnuson, S., Shaw, C., Smith, L., **Kushmerick-McCune, B**., Hartwell, T. N., Appleton, C., & Foudray, C. (under review). Recognizing and Remedying: Reflexive and Inclusive Approaches to Engaging in Research with Individuals in Carceral Settings

***In-Progress***

**Kushmerick-McCune, B.,** & Rudes, D. S. (in progress). A Neo-Institutional Account of

Prisonization.

**Kushmerick-McCune, B**. (in progress). Prison *as* Punishment or Prison *for*

Punishment: An Exploratory Analysis of Carceral Resident Letters.

**Kushmerick-McCune, B.,** Ingel, S., & Rudes, D. S. (in progress). “They should call me by my name”: Incarcerated Individuals Perceptions of Labels.

**Kushmerick-McCune, B.,** Mackey, B., & Taxman, F. S. (in progress). Do the Goals of Probation Align with Current Practices?: People Under Supervision and Probation Officers Perspectives on Supervision Tools.

Rudes, D. S., Ingel, S., Smith, L., McPherson, M., & **Kushmerick-McCune, B.** (in progress). Civil-ology: The Denial of Justice Due to Data Challenges and the Plight of Doing Research on U.S. Civil Courts

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

(\* Denotes presenter)

**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**

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 - fall 2022)

Mackenzie Bell ACE! undergraduate research assistant (spring 2022)

Feven Weldeyes OSCAR / CLS undergraduate research assistant (spring 2022)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Society of Criminology

→Division on Corrections and Sentencing

→Division on Convict Criminology

Criminology Law and Society Student Association, George Mason University

→Web Chair (run CLSSA twitter, plan events, create event flyers)

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2018 Atlas.ti Training Series, ACE!, July.

2018 Qualitative Data Analysis Training Series, ACE!, July.

2018 Qualitative Research Methods, ACE!, June.