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Curriculum vitae

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SUBSTANTIVE AREAS OF INTEREST: Drug Policy, Law Enforcement, Rural Crime, and Victimology

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2018). Criminal Justice. University of New Haven, School of Criminal Justice.
Dissertation: An Examination of Key Determinants of Violent Victimization, Violent Behavior, and Injury Type in Prison: Is Prison Violence Triggered by Importation or Deprivation?

M.A. (2011). Criminal Justice Management and Administration. University of Central Oklahoma, School of Criminal Justice.

B.A. (2008). Sociology with emphasis in Criminology, minor in Psychology. University of Oklahoma, Department of Sociology.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor (August 2023-current). University of Oklahoma

Associate Professor (August 2021-July 2023). East Central University

Assistant Professor (August 2015- July 2021). East Central University

Full Time Lecturer (August 2014 - May 2015). University of Central Oklahoma

Ph.D. Teaching Fellowship (August 2013 - May 2016). University of New Haven

Teaching Assistantship (2011). University of Central Oklahoma

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor (August 2025 – present). University of Oklahoma

Assistant Dean (May 2024 – August 2025). University of Oklahoma

Assistant Dean (August 2021 - July 2023). East Central University

Department Chair (August 2019 - July 2022). East Central University

Criminal Justice Program Coordinator (January 2016 - August 2019). East Central University

GRANTS/FUNDING

Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse - Higher Education Prevention Services – Contract Position (2024)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Drug Free Communities Prescription Drug Prevention – Grant Coordinator (2022-present)

Oklahoma Health Science Center – University Center for Excellent in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (UCEDD) – Grant Coordinator (2019-2023)

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Tully, T. and Smith, M. (2015). Officer perceptions of crisis intervention team training effectiveness. *The Police Journal: Theory, Practice, and Principles*, 88(1), 51-64.

Inglis, M. and Tully, T. (2017). Elderly Prison Inmates: Specifying Priorities for Care and Staff Training. *Evidence Based Practice Quarterly*, 1(4), 1-9.

Tully, T. and Inglis, M. (2018). Female serial killers: Motives, case studies, and a new typology. *Criminal Justice Research Review*, 19(2), 45-51.

Yaksic, E., Allely, C.S., De Silva, R., Smith-Inglis, M., Konikoff, D., Ryan, K., Gordon, D., Denisov, E. and Keatley, D. (2019a). Detecting a decline in serial homicide: have we banished the devil from the details? *Cogent Social Sciences*, 5(1), 1-23.

Yaksic, E. Konikoff, D. Allely, C.S. Sarteschi, C. De Silva, R. Smith-Inglis, M. Matykiewicz, B. Giannangelo, S.J. Daniels, S. and Keatley, D. (2021). A heuristic study of the similarities and differences in offender characteristics across potential and successful serial sexual homicide offenders. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, 39(1), 428-449.

Tully, T. and Inglis, M. (2022). A comparison between rural and urban jail proximities to in-patient mental health care in New York. *Journal of Correctional Health Care*, 28(1), 12-21.

Shukla, R. and Inglis M. (2023). Going the distance: Field approaches to researching the rural—A research note. *International Journal of Rural Criminology*.

Dement, C. & Inglis, M. (2024). Artificial intelligence-assisted criminal justice reporting: An exploratory study of benefits, concerns, and future directions. Accepted with minor revisions to *Criminology & Criminal Justice*.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Dement, C. & Inglis, M. Preparing for the AI revolution in criminal justice reporting: Training and education strategies. Under review in *Police Chief Magazine*.

Inglis, M., Tully, T., Promisel, I. The impact of social movements and social unrest on police morale, job satisfaction, and mental health. Under review in *The Police Journal: Theory, Practice and Principles*

Regan, J., Tully, T. & Inglis, M. The Impact of the Southern Border Crisis on Recent Drug Overdose Deaths. Under review in *Justice Quarterly*

BOOK CHAPTERS

Binnall, J. and Inglis, M. (2021). Coalition Building on Campus: Creating and Maintaining Student Organizations for Students with Criminal Convictions. In *Handbook of Research on Higher Education Accessibility Behind and Beyond Prison Walls*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Dement, C. & Inglis, M. AI can be used to write better criminal justice reports, but professionals in the field still have reservations about its use. *The London School of Economics and Political Science*. July 20, 2023.

Lewandowski, C. and Bumgarner, J. (2021) Criminal Justice in American, The Encyclopedia of Crime, Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections. Inglis, M., *Prison Violence*.

Lewandowski, C. and Bumgarner, J. (2021) Criminal Justice in American, The Encyclopedia of Crime, Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections. Inglis, M., *Serial Murder*.

ABC-Clio Criminal Justice Encyclopedia Entry: Special Edition on Sexual Harassment and Misconduct (2021). *Sexual Harassment in the Agriculture Industry*.

ABC-Clio Criminal Justice Encyclopedia Entry: Special Edition on Sexual Harassment and Misconduct (2021). *Sexual Harassment in the Fine Arts/Conductors*.

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Dement, C., & Inglis, M. (under contract). *AI and criminal justice: Exploring the future of narrative generation*. Lexington Books.

Book Project: Melissa Inglis & Rashi Shukla, Rural Law Enforcement and Crime.

Shukla, R., Stoneberg, D., Lockwood, M., & Inglis, M. Driving to Understand.

UNPUBLISHED REPORTS

Executive Summary on the 2018 Oklahoma Law Enforcement Rural Crime Survey for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry Investigative Services Unit (2019). Rashi Shukla, Melissa Inglis, and Jennifer Brown.

Executive Summary on Key Determinants of Prison Violence for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections (2019). Melissa Inglis

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Co-investigator, Methamphetamine: Additional Indicators (2018-present).

Research Assistant, University of New Haven, School of Criminal Justice (2012-2015).

Co-Investigator, Crisis Intervention Team Training: Officer Perceptions from a Large Connecticut Police Department, with Tracy Tully (Principal Investigator), University of New Haven (2013-2014)

Research Assistant, University of Central Oklahoma, School of Criminal Justice (2011)

Principal Investigator, Issues Involving the Aging Inmate Population in a Midwestern State Prison System, University of Central Oklahoma (2011)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Because Being an AG Agent is Not What We Do, It’s What We Are”: Insights Into Specialized Rural Law Enforcement. Melissa Inglis & Rashi Shukla. Presentation accepted for American Society of Criminology, 2024

The Impact of the Southern Border Crisis on Recent Drug Overdose Deaths. Josh Regan, Tracy Tully, & Melissa Inglis. Presentation accepted for American Society of Criminology, 2024

Navigating the Backroads: Obstacles and Opportunities in Research Rural Oklahoma and Southwest Missouri. Melissa Inglis. Abstract submitted for Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 2024

Felony to Misdemeanor: Drugs & Crime Before & After Oklahoma State Question 780. Shukla, R., Inglis, M., Maier, E., & Eggink, F. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, 2023

Understanding the Challenges of Crime and Policing in Rural Oklahoma. Fleur, E., Shukla, R., & Inglis, M. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, 2023

Artificial Intelligence-Assisted Criminal Justice Reporting: An Exploratory Study of Benefits, Concerns, and Future Directions. Dement, C. & Inglis, M. Presented at the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, 2023

The Impact of Social Movement and Unrest on Police Morale, Job Satisfaction, and Mental Health. Inglis, M. & Tully, T. Presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 2023

Field Approaches to Researching Rural Crime & Law Enforcement. Shukla, R. & Inglis, M. Presented at the Oklahoma Criminal Justice Association Meeting, 2023

Along for the Ride: A Rural Ethnographic Approach to Studying Crime. Shukla, R. & Inglis, M. Presented at American Society of Criminology, 2022

An Ethnographic Examination of Illicit Drugs in a Rural Context. Stoneberg, D.M, Shukla, R., & Inglis, M. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology, 2022

Living on the Edge: Examining Individual and Structural Challenges to Desistance from Drugs. Stoneberg, D.M., Shukla, R., & Inglis, M. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology, 2022

Trust Your Neighbor, Brand Your Cattle. Inglis, M. & Shukla, R. poster presented at Oklahoma Criminal Justice Association Meeting, 2021

Living on the Edge: Examining Individual and Structural Challenges to Desistance from Drugs. Stoneberg, D.M., Shukla, R.K., and Inglis, M. paper accepted to the XV World Congress of Rural Sociology Conference, Australia, July 8012, 2020. Cancelled due to COVID-19.

A Comparison Between Rural and Urban Jail Proximities to In-Patient Mental Health Care in New York., Inglis, M. & Tully, T. paper presented at the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA, 2019

A Trip to No Man's Land: Journey Through the Panhandle. Shukla, R. & Inglis, M., paper presented at the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA, 2019

Driving to Understand. Shukla, R., Stoneberg, D., Lockwood, M., & Inglis, M., poster presented

- at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD, 2019
- Prison Gang Affiliations: Protective Factors and Risk Assessment, paper presented at American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, 2018
- Providing Resources and Support for College Students with Felony Convictions, Roundtable Chair at American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, 2018.
- Violent Victimization and Offending in Prison: Individual Level Determinants and Victim-Offender Overlap, paper presented at American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, 2017
- The Challenges of Publication in Teaching/Service Focused University Environments, Roundtable Discussant at American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, 2017
- Overlap and Sequencing of Victimization and Offending in Prisons, paper presented at American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA, 2016
Session Chair
- Does Adherence to Sexist Stereotypes, Sexual Assertiveness and Prior Sexual Victimization Predict Women's Use of Sexual Refusal Tactics, paper presented at American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C., 2015
- Crisis Intervention Team Training: Officer Perceptions from a Large Connecticut Police Department, with Tracy Tully, paper presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA, 2014.
- Crisis Intervention Team Training: Officer Perceptions from a Large Connecticut Police Department, with Tracy Tully, poster presentation at American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, 2013.
- Issues Involving the Aging Inmate Population in the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, poster presentation at American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C., 2011.
- Issues Involving the Aging Inmate Population in the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, poster presentation at Oklahoma Research Day, Lawton, OK, 2011
- Exploratory Study of Issues Involving the Aging Inmate Population in the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, presented at Oklahoma Criminal Justice Association Conference, Weatherford, OK, 2011

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Peer reviewer for *Journal of Rural Research & Policy*, 2024-current

Victims and Offenders

Peer Reviewer, 2023

Review of *Contemporary Corrections, First Edition* by Michael Pittaro and Christine Hess Orthmann, 2022. Cognella Academic Publishing

Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) Job Task Analysis, 2020
Created survey for use on the Job Task Analysis for National Accreditation of CLEET

Review of *Juvenile Justice: A Social, Historical, and Legal Perspective, Fourth Edition* by Preston Elrod and Scott Ryder, 2019

Oklahoma Commission on Youth and Family, Detaining Youth Task Force, 2019
Served as an advisor on rural justice issues.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Teach Out on Race Committee, 2024

Course and Curriculum Committee, 2023-present

Adjunct Process and Quality Committee, 2023-present

PACS Scholarship Selection Committee, 2023-present
University Assessment Committee, 2020-2023
Secretary, 2020-2021

Felony Application Review Board, 2020-2023

Academic Technology Advisory Committee, 2022-2023.

Hiring Committee for Brandon Whitten Institute position, 2018-2021.

Course Equivalency Project Meeting, 2019
Criminal Justice Program Representative

Academic Committee at East Central University, 2018-2021.
Committee Chair, 2019-2020

Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Committee Member at East Central University, 2016-2020.

Research Committee at East Central University, standing committee 2018-2019.
Committee Chair, 2019-2020

Open Educational Resource Committee at East Central University, 2019

Accessibility, Safety, and Wellbeing Committee, 2019-2020

Faculty Advisor for the *Alpha Phi Sigma* Criminal Justice Honor Society at East Central University, 2016-2023.

Faculty Advisor for the Human Services Club, 2015-2021

Faculty Advisor and Creator of Project RISE – Reducing Incarceration Stigma in Education, 2017-2019.

Hiring Committee for Safety Training and Technical Assistance for Administrators, Boards and Law Enforcement Coordinate Position, 2015

PROFESSIONAL AFFILITATIONS

American Society of Criminology, 2011-present
Subdivision ASC member of Division on Victimology, Division on Corrections, Division on Rural Criminology

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 2011-present

Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society, 2010-present

Oklahoma Criminal Justice Association
President, 2020-2021, 2025-2026

Association of Oklahoma Narcotics Enforcers, 2019-2023

Federal Justice Research Network, 2015-2019

AWARDS AND HONORS

Colonel Tom A. Thomas Endowed Chair, 2018-2023

ECU Teaching Excellence Award, 2019

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Quality Matters Training, 2016

Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program Training, 2017

Grant Training Workshop through the Grant Training Center, 2018

Advanced Rural Crime Investigations Training, 2018

Academic Impressions, Growing and Scaling Online Programs, 2018

ODMHSAS Suicide Prevention Conference, 2019

Inquiry Based Learning Workshop with Dr. Jeff King, 2019

Transformative Learning Conference, 2019

Educators' Leadership Academy, Facilitating a Collegial and Civil Department and University:
Strategies for Success Workshop, 2019

Higher Education Suicide Prevention Conference, 2019

Academic Leadership Fellows Academy, 2019-2020

Association of Oklahoma Narcotics Enforcers Conference, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

ODMHSAS Prevention and Recovery Conference, 2022, 2023

Trust Based Relationship Intervention training, 2023

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, 2023

RX Summit, 2023, 2024

National Council on Mental Well-Being Conference, 2024

OU Online Conference, 2023

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mental Health First Aid trainer, 2022-present

QPR Training Institute Facilitator, 2018-present

Suicide Prevention Trainer

Garrett Lee Smith (GLS) Grant Advisory Team, 2019-present

Title IX and Clery Act Training at Pontotoc County Technology Center, 2018

Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner Faculty Advisor, 2017-2019

Crime Victim Support Services of the North Bronx, Bronx, NY. 2013
General office duties

Cleveland County CASA, Norman, OK. 2008-2011
Court Appointed Special Advocate

Mary Abbott House, Norman, OK. 2007-2010.
Child Advocate

OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Department of State Public Trust Member (2024-present)
Promotion Boards

Quinnipiac University Polling Institute (2013-2014)
Conducted Nationwide polls

Cleveland County Sheriff's Office (2008-2009)
Deputy Sheriff

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST