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**EDUCATION**

University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO  
Doctorate in Public Affairs, December 2013

State of Colorado: met course requirements and passed the Praxis content exam to obtain my alternative teaching license for English at the secondary level.

The University of South Florida, Tampa, FL  
Master of Arts in Criminology; May 2004

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA  
Bachelor of Arts in Administration of Justice; May 1998  
Bachelor of Arts in English; May 1998  
Minor in Sociology; May 1998  
Minor in World Literature; May 1998

**GRANT ACTIVITY**

2023-2029. National Institute of Justice. *A Micro and Macro Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Extreme Risk Protection Orders in Colorado*. NIJ-2023-171566. Role: Principal Investigator. Award Amount: \$1,456,274.

2023-2025. Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice. *Rural Violent Crime Initiative for Law Enforcement: A Public Safety/Victimization Survey in Eagle County, Colorado*. Role: Sub-contractor. Award Amount: \$150,000.

2024-2026. National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research (NCGVR); Rand Corporation. *Completing the Causal Chain of ERPO Effectiveness Evaluation: A Parallel Mixed Method Study*. Role: Co-Investigator. Award Amount: \$234,171

2024. CU Denver Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office Grant. *Leading the Charge in Equity in Billing Practices*. Role: Co-Principal Investigator with Nora Scanlon. Award Amount: \$8,000.

2024. Center for Disease Control (CDC). *Injury Prevention on Tribal Lands*. Role: Key Personnel.

2023. National Institute of Justice. *Center to Enhance Research Capacity (CERC) at a Minority-Serving Institution*. Role: Principal Investigator. Award Amount Requested: \$1,000,000. Pending.

2022-2024. Grand Challenges Internal CU Denver Grant. *Building Democratic Communities*.  
Role: Public Safety Sub-Group Leader. Award Amount for Entire Grant: \$300,000.

## **SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY**

### **Dissertation:**

2013. An Ecology of Games analysis of the games environmental justice organizations play. The research looks at the effects of resources and counter-mobilization on the games environmental justice organizations play.

### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:**

Knoepke, C.E., Barnard, L.M., Batta, N., McCarthy, M., Thies, K., Olivencia, C., Robinson, C., Kettering, S., Huss, S., & Betz, M.E. (2024). Petitions for Extreme Risk Protection Orders and Second Amendment Sanctuary Status in Colorado. *JAMA Net Open*, 7(4).

Stretesky, P.B., Huss, S.M., & Lynch, M.J. (2012). Density Dependence and Specialized Environmental Justice Organizations, 1970-2008. *The Social Science Journal*, 49(3): 343-351.

Huss, S.M., Abdul-Akeem, S., & Weible, C.M. (2012). Organizations and Emergency Management: Information, Trust, and Preparedness. *Journal of Emergency Management*, September/October: 359-372.

Stretesky, P.B., Huss, S., Lynch, M.J., Zahran, S., & Childs, B. (2011). The Founding of Environmental Justice Organizations Across U.S. Counties during the 1990s and 2000s: Civil Rights and Environmental Cross-Movement Effects. *Social Problems*, 58(3): 330-360.

Huss, S.M. (2010). Liability in Search and Rescues: Should Individuals Who Necessitate Their Own Rescues Have To Pay? *Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management*, 7(1).

Boyd, R.J., Huss, S.M., & Myers, D.L. (2008). Antecedents and Consequences of Juvenile Case Processing: Where Are We Now, and Where Do We Go from Here? *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 6(2): 195-220.

Sims Blackwell, B., Sellers, C.S., & Schlaupitz, S.M. (2002). A Power-Control Theory of Vulnerability to Crime and Adolescent Role Exits – Revisited. *Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology*.

### **Books:**

Dodge, M. & Huss, S.M. (2024, forthcoming). *A History of Arvada's Police Department*. Gatekeeper Press.

### Book Chapters:

“Trials, Sentencing, and Punishment”

Sheila M. Huss & Mary Dodge

In M. Dodge and A. Burke (forthcoming). *Women and Crime*.

“Planned Parenthood: 100 Years of Leadership and Controversy”

Sheila M. Huss & Lucy Dwight

In Beggan, J. K., & Allison, S. T. (Eds.) (2017). *Leadership and sexuality: Power, principles, and processes*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar.

“Characteristics of the Formalized Environmental Justice Movement: Implications for Environmental Governance”

Sheila M. Huss, Paul B. Stretesky, & Michael J. Lynch

In *Environmental Leadership: A Reference Handbook* by Deborah Rigling Gallagher (Ed.) 2011. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage: 795-807.

### Encyclopedia Entries:

Lucy Dwight and Sheila Huss

Planned Parenthood of America (2022) in *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Sexuality Education*. Louise Allen and Mary Lou Rasmussen (Eds.) CA: Palgrave Macmillan.

Sheila M. Huss

Sutherland, Edwin. (2013) in *The Encyclopedia of Theoretical Criminology*.

J. Mitchell Miller (Ed.) Wiley-Blackwell.

Sheila M. Huss

Sociology of Law. (2013) in *The Encyclopedia of Theoretical Criminology*.

J. Mitchell Miller (Ed.) Wiley-Blackwell.

### Reports and Unpublished Papers:

“Colorado Crime Report, 2021” Prepared for the Center for Community Safety and Resilience.

Callie Marie Rennison & Sheila M. Huss

2022

“Environmental Policy Processes: A View from the Perspective of Green Criminology.”

Pages 17-30 in *The New Frontiers Seminar Series: Workshop on Policy Process*

*Research*. Christopher M. Weible, Tanya Heikkila, Peter de Leon, Mark Davis, & David P. Carter (Eds.) School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver.

Fall 2011

“Race, Religion, and Attitudes Toward Capital Punishment: Preliminary Report Prepared for the Staff of the Hillsborough County Thirteenth Judicial Circuit”

Sheila M. Schlaupitz, Kathleen M. Heide, and John K. Cochran

April 2000

“Preliminary Findings from the Largo School Survey: A Report for the Largo Police Department”

Sheila M. Schlaupitz and Christine S. Sellers  
May 1999

Papers Presented:

“When politics and risk of violence collide: Extreme Risk Protection Orders in Colorado’s Second Amendment Sanctuary Counties”

Christopher Knoepke et al.

National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms; Chicago, IL  
October 2023

“Racial Resentment, Threat, and Gun Ownership Among Whites in the US”

Lucy Dwight and Sheila M. Huss

American Society of Criminology annual meeting; San Francisco, CA  
November 2019

“The Influences of Resources and Opposition on Environmental Justice Organizations’ Game Strategies: An Application of the Ecology of Games Framework”

Sheila M. Huss and Paul B. Stretesky

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting; Orlando, FL  
March 2015 (poster presentation)

“Environmental Policy Processes: A View from the Perspective of Green Criminology”

Sheila M. Huss, Paul B. Stretesky, and Michael J. Lynch

Workshop on Policy Process Research; School of Public Affairs; UC Denver  
Fall 2011

“The Role of Social Construction in Crime Policy”

Sheila M. Huss and Elizabeth Tomsich

American Society of Criminology annual meeting; San Francisco, CA  
November 2010

“Liability in Search and Rescues: Should Individuals who Necessitate Their Own Rescues Have to Pay?”

Sheila M. Huss

International Technical Rescue Symposium; Golden, CO  
November 2010

“Liability in Search and Rescues: Should Individuals who Necessitate Their Own Rescues Have to Pay?”

Sheila M. Huss

Emergency Management Higher Education Conf./FEMA; Emmitsburg, MD  
June 2009

“The Social Construction of the ICTY: Policy Design Elements”

Sheila M. Huss

University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs Social Construction Workshop  
May 2009

“The Social Construction of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia” (poster presentation)

Sheila M. Huss

University of Colorado Denver Research and Creative Activities Symposium

April 2009

“The Relevance of Juvenile Justice Education and Training for Juvenile Case Processing Time and Quality”

Rebecca J. Boyd, Sheila M. Huss, and David L. Myers

Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Justice Educators Annual Meeting

April 2006

“Antecedents and Consequences of Juvenile Case Processing: Where Are We Now, and Where Do We Go from Here?”

Rebecca J. Boyd, Sheila M. Huss, & David L. Myers

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences; Baltimore, MD

March 2006

“The Effect of Juvenile Transfer Legislation in Pennsylvania: A Test of General Deterrence Theory”

Sheila M. Huss & David L. Myers

American Society of Criminology; Toronto, Canada

November 2005

“The Effects of Pesticides on Farm Workers in California”

Sheila M. Schlaupitz

American Society of Criminology; Nashville, TN

November 2004

“Race, Religion, and Attitudes Toward Capital Punishment: An Indirect Test of Reference Group Theory”

Sheila M. Schlaupitz, John K. Cochran, Kathleen M. Heide, Christine S. Sellers, & Wilson R. Palacios

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences; New Orleans, LA

March 1999

#### Invited Presentations:

Summer 2024 Invited Presenter, Colorado Student Leaders Institute Summer Program | “Race and Capital Punishment;” Denver, Colorado

May 2024 Invited Presenter with Hope Yohn, “Emotions and Beliefs in Capital Punishment Testimony;” Building Democratic Communities Seminar

January 2024 Invited Presenter, Budget and Policy Committee, City of Denver | Findings from the Office of Neighborhood Safety Report; Online

Summer 2023 Invited Presenter with Lucy Dwight, Colorado Student Leaders Institute Summer Program | “Race and Capital Punishment;” Denver, Colorado

- March 2023 Invited Speaker with Callie Marie Rennison, Crime in Colorado; PUAD 5750: Policy Workshop
- March 2023 Invited Panelist with Callie Marie Rennison and Craig Springarn. “The Colorado Crime Report and Crime Trends in Colorado;” Denver, CO.
- Summer 2022 Invited Presenter with Lucy Dwight, Colorado Student Leaders Institute Summer Program | “Race and Capital Punishment;” Denver, Colorado

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT WORK**

#### Homelessness Assessment for Adams County (2024)

Contract Awarded: \$15,000

Contract with Adams County, Colorado (IFB-SPH-2024.819)

#### Feasibility Study on an Office of Neighborhood Safety in Denver (2022)

Contract Awarded: \$22,000

Contract with the City of Denver Office of Human Rights and Community Service through City Center at CU Denver.

Conducted a study on the feasibility of an Office of Neighborhood Safety in Denver  
Looked at whether an ONS would be a wise use of resources, what the structure would look like, where there is duplication of services, where the office would be best suited, etc.

Involved interviewing city agencies, City Council, and other stakeholders; attending RNO meetings, analyzing scholarly literature, interviewing individuals in other cities that have established an ONS, surveying RNOs, and analyzing secondary data related to public safety issues in Denver

#### Youth Violence Prevention Action Table and Needs Assessment (2020)

Contract Awarded: \$30,000

A group organized by Michael Hancock, the Mayor of Denver to address issues related to youth violence in Denver. It was expanded to incorporate intersections between youth violence and COVID-19 and later, intersections between youth violence and racial justice in light of the protests and other activities following the death of George Floyd.

Conducted a needs assessment, which entailed an analysis of literature and information; a quantitative analysis of secondary data from Denver Police Department and from open sources, as well as of primary data gathered from a survey of community partners; and qualitative analysis of interviews of community partners.

Attended a roundtable day-long meeting and many virtual meetings

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*At the University of Colorado Denver:*

Institutional, Research, and Clinical Faculty, Teaching Track Assistant Professor (2021-present)

Senior Instructor (2014-2021)

Courses taught:

I have taught classes in online and face-to-face formats:

CRJU 1000: Introduction to Criminal Justice  
CRJU 3100: Research Methods  
CRJU 3150: Statistics  
CRJU 3160/5574: White Collar Crime  
CRJU 3250/5420: Violence in Society  
CRJU 3252/6600: Violent Offenders  
CRJU 3510: Drugs, Alcohol, and Crime  
CRJU 3520: Juvenile Justice  
CRJU 4121/5552: Ethics in Criminal Justice  
CRJU 4410: Criminal Law and Constitutional Procedure  
CRJU 4430: Law and Society  
CRJU 4600: Capital Punishment  
CRJU 4600: Crime and Literature  
CRJU 4600: Fatal Violence Against Indigenous Women  
CRJU 4600/PUAD 4010: Public Service in Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
PUAD 3002: Program Design, Evaluation, and Analysis  
CRJU 5001: Criminal Justice Systems, Policies, and Practice  
CRJU 5002: Criminological Theory (graduate level)  
CRJU 5003: Research and Analytic Methods (graduate level)  
CRJU 5005: Law and Society (graduate level)  
CRJU 6600: Capital Punishment (graduate level)  
CRJU 5361: Capstone

Thesis Committees:

Courtney Leapley, Chair, completing, Fall 2024  
Shalene Henderson, second reader, completed, Spring 2024  
Brittany Sarvadi, Chair, completed, Fall 2023  
Megan Parker, second reader, completed, Spring 2021  
Jonathan Rivas, Chair, completed, Fall 2020  
Matt Best, second reader, completed, Summer 2019  
Juan Rodriguez, Chair, completed, Fall 2018  
Kelly Hume Friedrich, Chair, completed, Summer 2018

Independent Studies:

Samantha Naumann, Fall 2024  
Courtney Leapley, Spring 2024, Summer 2023, Spring 2022  
Katie Brown, Fall 2023  
Ben Scanlan, Fall 2023  
Lacey Winn, Fall 2023  
Jennifer Curran, Summer 2023  
Courtney Leapley, Spring 2023  
Kim Smith, Fall 2019  
Daniel Caballero, Fall 2018  
Gregory Slaman, Fall 2018  
Cynthia Cordova, Summer 2018  
Ailyn Aguilar, Spring 2018

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE TRAINING**

### Course Development:

- Developed PUAD 3002 (Program Design, Evaluation, and Analysis) for Undergraduate Public Service Program (2016)
- Developed PUAD 4010 (Public Service in Homeland Security and Emergency Management) for undergraduate Public Service Program (2016)
- Developed CRJU 3510 (Drugs, Alcohol, and Crime) as an online course (2015)
- Developed CRJU 1000 as a core course for CU Denver (2014)

Violence & Injury Prevention in Indian Country – Virtual Conference on using participatory action research to address violence and injury prevention in tribal communities (June 11, 2024).

North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University; Deese College of Business and Economics – Promoting Excellence from 1<sup>st</sup> Year to Career: Mentorship Webinar (March 2022)

Addressing Implicit Bias and Micro-Aggressions to Create an Inclusive Classroom & Campus Community: Webinar (March 2019)

Teaching Gen Z Students: Strategies for Dynamic & Engaging Learning Experiences: Webinar (February 2019)

Association of College and University Educators: Effective Teaching Practices (2018-2019)

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People: Professional Development Seminar (April 2017)

Safe Zone Ally: Training seminar (October 2016)

Undergraduate Experiences Symposia (September 2014 and September 2016)

Magna Seminar: Managing Hot Moments in the Classroom (April 2016)

Online Skills Mastery (OSM): 10-week course on teaching in an online setting (April 2015-June 2015)

Teaching in Condensed Formats Workshop: Seminar on teaching in a condensed time period (February 2015)

## **LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### *National Level:*

American Society of Criminology  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Journal Manuscript Reviewer  
*Journal of Applied Juvenile Justice Services* (June 2021-Present)

### *Other Service:*

Firearm Injury Prevention Initiative, Faculty Affiliate (Fall 2023-Present)



Center on Injury and Violence Prevention, Internal Advisory Committee Member (Fall 2023-Present)

Multidisciplinary Crime Prevention and Crisis Intervention (CPCI) Funding Committee;  
Division of Criminal Justice, Office of Research and Statistics, state of Colorado  
(Summer 2024)

*School of Public Affairs:*

Center on Community Safety and Resilience Co-Director (Fall 2022 to Present)  
BACJ Program Director (Fall 2016 to Present)  
Alpha Phi Sigma Faculty Sponsor (Fall 2016 to Present)  
Criminal Justice Committee (Fall 2014 to Fall 2023; Chair (Fall 2016 to Fall 2023)  
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice (BACJ) Committee Chair (Fall 2023 to Present)  
Master of Criminal Justice (MCJ) Committee (Fall 2023 to Present)  
Executive Committee (Fall 2016 to Present)  
School of Public Affairs Faculty Council (Fall 2014 to Present)  
Academic Operations Coordinator Search Committee (Fall 2022)  
APC (Spring 2022)  
Public Administration (BAPA) Centers for Excellence Committee (Spring 2022)  
Scholarship Committee (Spring 2019)  
La Raza Youth Leadership Conference (April 2019)  
Tenure/Tenure Track Search Committee (Fall 2018)  
Non-Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee (Spring 2018)  
Public Service (BAPS) Committee (2016-2017)  
PUAD 5008 Course Development (Fall 2016)

*University Level:*

Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Faculty Advisory Council (2024)  
Core Curriculum Oversight Committee (CCOC) (2023-Present)  
Strategic Enrollment Management Committee (Spring 2022)  
Campus-wide Award Selection Committee (Spring 2022)  
Faculty Mentor (Spring 2022)  
Interdisciplinary Computing Task Force at CU Denver (2021-2022)  
Assessment Committee (2016-2020)

**ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS**

*Research* – Outstanding Research IRC Faculty – annual award (2024) – School of Public Affairs and CU Denver Campus

*Nomination* – Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year Award (2024) – CU Denver Campus

*Nomination* – Graduate School Master’s Mentoring Award. This award is presented annually to recognize the efforts of faculty members who consistently serve as effective mentors. Students are asked to submit nomination letters to convey their appreciation and how much they value the guidance, feedback, and support they have received during their training. (Spring 2022)

*Teaching* – Outstanding Teacher IRC Faculty – annual award (2020) – School of Public Affairs

*Teaching* – Outstanding Teacher Non-Tenure Track Faculty – annual award (2018)

*Teaching* – Outstanding Teacher Non-Tenure Track Faculty – annual award (2016)

*Teaching* – Honorable Mention for Best Teaching Among Non-Tenure Track Faculty (2015)

*Dissertation* – Best Dissertation Honorable Mention (2013)

*International Technical Rescue Symposium* – Best Conference Paper Award (November 2010)

### **ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

Subpoena Specialist, October 2006-April 2008

MoneyGram International, Inc.; Lakewood, CO:

Process subpoenas received by state and federal agencies (e.g., DEA, FBI, CBI) and local law enforcement agencies. Set up request, correspond with requestor, set up search, ensure compliance in a timely manner, respond to requests with letters, results, etc.

Legal Researcher, September 2003-May 2006

Clark A. Mitchell & Associates; Washington, PA:

Legal research for civil law, particularly personal injury and workers' compensation cases; correspondence with adversarial parties, clients, and insurance companies; draft legal documents (e.g., Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, briefs, Complaints in Civil Civil Action, motions)

### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Violence

Law

Survey Design

Public Safety

Juvenile Justice

### **REFERENCES**

Mary Dodge: (720) 231-2560

Tanya Heikkila: (303) 809-3215

Callie Rennison: (303) 514-9306