

CURRICULUM VITAE

Timothy R. Lauger

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN (April 2010)
Major: Criminal Justice
Minor: Sociology
B.A. Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI (2002)
Major: Criminal Justice
Minor: Psychology

EMPLOYMENT

2018 – 2021 Director of Graduate Program, Niagara University
2016 - present Associate Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice,
Niagara University
2012 - 2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice,
Niagara University
2008 - 2012 Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, Mercyhurst College

AWARDS

James L. Maddex, Jr. Paper of the Year for 2014, *Criminal Justice Review*.

Niagara University Excellence in Scholarship Award, 2022.

GRANTS FUNDED/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE: Total grant money – \$512,000

Co-principle investigator with Michael Cassidy & Craig Rivera: (In partnership with Niagara County Department of Public Health and substance abuse services): Niagara County PATH-3D (Presenting Alternatives to Treatment and Healing – Deflect, Destigmatize, attend to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – DEI) Team. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, & Bureau of Justice Assistance 2022-2025. Amount \$75,000 (total grant is for \$1,297,998)

Co-principle investigator with Michael Cassidy & Craig Rivera (In partnership with Niagara County Department of Public Health): Comprehensive Opioid Site-Based Program. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, & Bureau of Justice Assistance, November, 2019-October, 2021. *Amount \$70,000* (total grant is for \$900,000)

Co-investigator with Paul Schupp (Co-Principle investigators Michael Cassidy & Craig Rivera): Reducing Revocation Challenge. Arnold Ventures and CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance, October 1, 2019-February 1, 2020. *Amount \$187,000.*

Co-Principle investigator with Craig Rivera: Reducing Retaliatory Dispute Violence Involving Gangs and Guns in Niagara Falls, NY: A Problem Oriented Policing Intervention, October 2017-October 2019. Niagara University. Subcontract through Project Safe Neighborhood in partnership with the Rochester Institute of Technology, *Amount \$50,000.*

Co-principle investigator with Craig Rivera: Assessment of violent crime patterns in Niagara Falls, NY. July 2015 - Oct 2018. Subcontract through Niagara County District Attorney's office and NY State GIVE initiative, *Amount \$110,000*

Principle investigator: Content/cultural analysis of publicly available gang rap videos in Niagara Falls & Buffalo, NY, 2015-2016. Niagara University.

Principle investigator with Craig Rivera and Timothy Ireland: Gang assessment of Niagara Falls, NY, 2012. Niagara University. Subcontract through Project Safe Neighborhood in partnership with the Rochester Institute of Technology, *Amount \$20,000.*

Principle Investigator: Ethnographic study of street gang members in Indianapolis, 2007-2008, Indiana University-Bloomington, IN.

Research Fellowship: Indianapolis Lever-Pulling Experiment, 2004-2006
Indiana University-Bloomington, IN.

- Principle investigator: Steven Chermak, "Reducing Violent Crime and Firearms Violence: The Indianapolis "Lever-Pulling" Experiment." National Institute of Justice. *Amount: \$286,000; Duration: 9/1/2003 to 12/31/2006*

PUBLICATIONS (* graduate student)

BOOKS

- Lauger, T.R.** (2012). *Real Gangstas: Legitimacy, Reputation, and Violence in the Intergang Environment*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.
- Reviewed in *Criminal Justice Review & Contemporary Sociology*
 - Featured in *ACJS Today*, May 2014

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Lauger, T.R. & Rivera, C. (2022). Banging while Believing: Gangs, Religiosity, and Violence. *Social Problems*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spac027>

Rivera, R. & **Lauger, T.R.** (2021). The Protective Effects of Religious Group Membership, Service Attendance, and Scripture Reading on Binge Drinking Among College Students. *Pastoral Psychology*, 70(2), 125-140

Lauger, T.R. (2020). Gangs, Identity, and Cultural Performance. *Sociology Compass*, 14(4).

Lauger, T.R. & Densley, J.A (2018). Broadcasting badness: Violence, identity, and performance in the online gang rap scene. *Justice Quarterly*, 35, 816-841.

Rivera, C., **Lauger, T.R.**, and Cretacci, M. (2018). Religiosity, marijuana use, and binge drinking: A Test of the Moral Communities Hypothesis. *Sociology of Religion*, 79(3), 356-378.

Lauger, T.R. (2014). Violent Stories: Personal Narratives, Street Socialization, and the Negotiation of Street Culture Among Street-Oriented Youth. *Criminal Justice Review*, 39(2), 182-200.

Winner of the James L. Maddex, Jr., *Criminal Justice Review*, Paper of the Year for 2014.

Sieminski, J.* & **Lauger, T.R.** (2014). Intelligence Irrelevance in Intelligence Led Policing: Organizational Coupling and Systemic Problems in the Analyst/ Policymaker Relationship. *Law Enforcement Executive Forum*, 14(1), 16-35.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Lauger, T.R. (Forthcoming). F*#k with us and your life will end": The dilemmas of discerning local gang culture on the virtual corner." In Bakken S.A., & Harder, S. *Sensitive Images in Criminology: Visual Methods and Ethics On/Offline*. Palgrave.

Lauger, T.R. & Kubiniec, H.* (2024). Religion and gangs: An introduction to the isolated and integrated affiliation models. Pp. 599-617 in Densley, J.A., Pyrooz, D, & Leverso, J. (eds.). *The Oxford Handbook on Gangs and Society*. Oxford University Press.
<https://academic.oup.com/edited-volume/55820/chapter-abstract/437496930?redirectedFrom=fulltext>

Lauger, T.R. & Horning, B.* (2021). Street culture and street gangs. Pp. 238-248 in J.I. Ross (Ed.). *Handbook of Street Culture*. Routledge.

Lauger, T.R. & Lee, S. (2021). Gang Violence: Examining Ecological, Cultural, Social Psychological, and Psychological Factors Across the Life-Course. In R. Geffner, V. Vieth, V. Vaughan-Eden, A. Rosenbaum, L. K. Hamberger, J. White, G. Geffner (eds.). *Handbook of Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan*. Springer
https://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007/978-3-319-62122-7_104-1

Lauger T.R., Densley J.A., & Moule R.K. (2020). Social Media, Strain, and Technologically Facilitated Gang Violence. In Holt T., Bossler A. (eds). *The Palgrave Handbook of International Cybercrime and Cyberdeviance*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.

https://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007/978-3-319-90307-1_59-1?fbclid=IwAR0jSp6uwE555B3liKAnepy_haUUyDBfdyRdY907kr6hg43_a6lx4JccmVU

Lauger, T.R. (2019). Group processes within gangs. In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology*. Oxford University Press.

<https://oxfordre.com/criminology/abstract/10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.001.0001/acrefore-9780190264079-e-438?rskey=qj2vW3&result=1>

Lauger, T.R. (2018). Gang Violence. In W. DeKeseredy, C. Rennison, & A. Sanchez (Eds.). *Routledge International Handbook of Violence Studies*. Routledge.

Lauger, T.R. (2016). The reality and myth of weapons and violence in gang life. In Simon Harding & Marek Palasinski (eds.). *Psychological Perspectives on Youth Gang Behavior, Violence, and Weapons Use*. IGI Global.

Republished in (2017). *Violence and Society: Breakthroughs in research and practice*. IGI Global.

Lauger, T.R. (2007). The Scott Peterson Case: The drama that shaped legislation. In Chermak, S., & Bailey, F. (Ed.). *Crimes and Trials of the Century* (pp. 287-304). Westport, Conn: Greenwood Press.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (reviews/short encyclopedia entries, blogs, etc):

Lauger, T.R. (Forthcoming). Book Review: Blood Entanglements: Evangelicals and Gangs in El Salvador. *Politics, Ideology, and Religion*.

Lauger, T.R. (2021). Book Review: Multiple Marginality and Gangs: Through a Prison Darkly. Rutgers University Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books.
<https://cljbooks.rutgers.edu/books/multiple-marginality-and-gangs-through-a-prism-darkly/>

Lauger, T.R. (2020). Book Review: The Digital Street by Jeffrey Lane. *Theoretical Criminology*, 24(4), 706-708.

Lauger, T.R. (2016). Scott Peterson Case. In Chermak, S., and Bailey, F. *Crimes of the Centuries: An Encyclopedia of Notorious Crimes, Criminals, and Criminal Trials in American History*. Westport, Conn: Greenwood Press.

Lauger, T.R. (2016). Jeffery Dahmer Case. In Chermak, S., and Bailey, F. *Crimes of the Centuries: An Encyclopedia of Notorious Crimes, Criminals, and Criminal Trials in American History*. Westport, Conn: Greenwood Press.

Lauger, T.R. (2016). John Wayne Gacy Case. In Chermak, S., and Bailey, F. *Crimes of the Centuries: An Encyclopedia of Notorious Crimes, Criminals, and Criminal Trials in American History*. Westport, Conn: Greenwood Press.

Lauger, T.R. (2016). *Methods in Action: Ethnographic Study of Street Gangs*. SAGE Connection.

<http://connection.sagepub.com/blog/sage-connection/2016/03/09/methods-in-action-ethnographic-study-of-street-gangs/>

Lauger, T.R. (2014). Real Gangstas: A conversation with Timothy Lauger. *ACJS Today*, Vol XXXVIII, Issue 3.

http://www.acjs.org/uploads/file/ACJS_Today_May_2014.pdf

Lauger, T.R. (2008). Book Review, Klein, M.W., & Maxson, C.L. (2006). *Street Gang Patterns and Policies*. New York: Oxford University Press. In *Criminal Justice Review*, 33, 578-580.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Lauger, T.R., Rivera, C., & Cassidy, M. (2023). *Niagara County Path Evaluation*. Submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice on June 30, 2023.

Cassidy, M., Rivera, C., **Lauger, T.R.**, & Schupp, P. (2020). *Reducing Revocations Challenge: Draft Findings Report*. Submitted to Arnold Ventures and CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance on Oct 15, 2020.

Lauger, T.R., Rivera, C., Snowden, A. (2018). *Niagara County GIVE initiative: Analysis of relationship between 911 calls for fights and gun violence*. Contracted under New York Division of Criminal Justice Services GIVE grant. Submitted to Niagara County District Attorney's Office on Oct 2, 2018.

Lauger, T.R., Rivera, C., & Coleman, R.* (2017). *Niagara County GIVE initiative analysis of gun violence patterns and process: Final Report*. Contracted under New York Division of Criminal Justice Services GIVE grant. Submitted to Niagara County District Attorney's Office on Feb 1, 2017.

Final Report:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/315691722_NIAGARA_COUNTY_GIVE_INITIATIVE_ANALYSIS_OF_GUN_VIOLENCE_PATTERNS_AND_PROCESS_FINAL_REPORT

Lauger, T.R. & Rivera, C. (2016). *Niagara County GIVE Initiative Crime and Social Network Analysis*. Contracted under New York Division of Criminal Justice Services GIVE grant. Submitted to Niagara County District Attorney's Office on Feb 1, 2016.

Final Report:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/303382481_Gun_Violence_Analysis_for_Niagara_Falls_NY_GIVE_Focused_DeterrenceLever_Pulling_Initiative

Lauger, T.R., Rivera, C., & Ireland, T. (2012). *An Audit of the Gangs in Niagara Falls, NY*. Subcontract through Project Safe Neighborhood in partnership with the Rochester Institute of Technology. Submitted in September of 2012.

Final Report:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/271075901_An_Audit_of_the_Gangs_in_Niagara_Falls_New_York

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Lauger, T.R., & Yue, W. (in progress). Network analysis, gun violence, and focused deterrence: Exploring a methodology that can enhance violence reduction strategies

PRESENTATIONS

Lauger, T.R. (2022). Author Meets Critics: *Trying to Make it: The Enterprises, Gangs, and the People of the American Drug Trade* by Rajeev Gundur. Conference on Global Organized Crime (online).

Lauger, T.R., and Rivera C. (2019). *Gangs, Religiosity, and Violence*. At the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, November, 2019.

Lauger, T.R. (2018) *Network analysis, gun violence, and focused deterrence: Exploring a methodology than can enhance violence reduction strategies*. At the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, November, 2018.

Lauger, T.R. (2018) Roundtable discussion participant: *Understanding Street Culture*. At the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, November, 2018.

Culton, K., Durfee, M., Lauger, T.R., and Shoepflin (2017). *Using Ethnography Across Disciplines*. Roundtable discussion. Niagara University International Conference on Teaching and Learning. January 10, 2017.

Lauger, T.R. (2016) *Gang life on the virtual corner: Examining local gang culture through online rap videos*. At the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, November, 2016.

Lauger, T.R. (2016) *The reality and myth of weapons and violence in gang life*. At the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, November, 2016.

Lauger, T.R. (2016) Roundtable discussion participant: *The role of security threat groups in and outside of prison in different states and countries*. At the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, November, 2016.

Rivera, C., Lauger, T.R, and Cretacci, M. (2016) *The impact of trajectories and moral communities on marijuana use and binge drinking*. At the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, November, 2016.

Lauger, T.R. (2015). *Rapping with the Gang: How Street Gangs Perform Violence via Online Rap Videos*. At the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C., November, 2015.

Lauger, T.R (2014). *Author Meets Critics. Real Gangstas: Legitimacy, Reputation, and Violence*

in the Intergang Environment. At the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, November, 2014. Critics: David Harding, UC Berkley; James Densely, Metropolitan State University; Christian Bolden, Loyola University New Orleans.

Lauger, T.R. (2013). *The Social Construction of Gangs and the Pressure to “Do Gang”*. Paper Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, November 20-23, 2013.

Lauger, T.R. (2013). *Exploring Street Gang Variation: The Theoretical and Empirical Utility of Structural Typologies*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March, 19-23, 2013.

Sieminski, J., & Lauger, T.R. (2013). *The Problem of Intelligence Irrelevance in Intelligence Led Policing*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March, 19-23, 2013.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Rivera, C.J., Lauger, T.R., and members of the Niagara County criminal Justice community (2016). New York State Probation Officers Association Annual Conference. July 29, Niagara Falls, NY

Lauger, T.R., Rivera, C.J., and members of the Niagara County criminal justice community (2016). G.I.V.E. regional meeting, Jan 28, Rochester, NY

Lauger, T.R. (2013). *Gang Member Mentalities*. Presented at the New York Gang Investigators Association Greater Niagara Regional Training Conference. April 12, 2013.

Lauger, T.R. (2013). *Ethnography and Creating Theory*. Guest Lecture in Dr. Todd Schoepflin’s research methods course, Spring Semester. Niagara University.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

WGRZ, Ch. 2. (October 19, 2023).

Investigative Post (October 20, 2021). Violent crime is declining, but still high.
<https://www.investigativepost.org/2021/10/20/violent-crime-declining-but-still-high/>

Spectrum News Buffalo (September 6, 2018). Leaders, academics weigh in on solutions to gun violence.

Star-Ledger, Newark NJ (August 5, 2018). The gang leader who loved Instagram. Inside the takedown of Jersey’s notorious Grape Street Crips.
https://www.nj.com/crime/index.ssf/2018/08/guns_murder_and_instagram_insi_1.html#incart_2box_nj-homepage-featured

Buffalo ABC 7 (September 6, 2017) Research aims to answer gun crime.

Buffalo News (September 1, 2017). Small group accounts for most Niagara Falls gunfire NU researchers say.

Buffalo News (September 1, 2017). Niagara prosecutors try frank talk to steer offenders to better path. https://buffalonews.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/niagara-prosecutors-try-frank-talk-to-steer-offenders-to-better-path/article_a9074654-79ac-5b08-a64f-f075b15358f3.html

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Expert Witness: U.S. v. Turner (RICO). U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division, 2015. Defense expert. Defendant pled guilty before trial.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor: *Niagara University, Mercyhurst University, Indiana University, & IUPUI*

Undergraduate courses: Street gangs
Urban crime problems
Police Reform
Introduction to Criminal Justice
Police Functions
Independent Studies: Domestic Terrorism; Urban Poverty and Crime; Media and Crime; Serial Killers

Graduate Courses: Criminal Justice Administration (in class & online)
Theories of Street Crime (in class & Online)
Street Gangs (online)
Independent Studies: Culture, crime, and the streets; Community and Problem Oriented Policing; Ethics; Policing, Gangs and Street culture

STUDENT MENTORING

Master's Thesis Committee:

Haleigh Kubinieć (reader). "United States of Insanity: How America has treated incompetency to-be-executed claims post *Panetti*." Niagara University, Criminal Justice, Spring 2022

Francesco DiRenzo (reader). "Exploring Moffitt's Theory: Using Group-Based Trajectory Modeling to Analyze Offender Trajectory Profiles." Niagara University, Criminal Justice, Fall 2020.

Joseph Potolivo (reader). "Police Interaction with Prostitution and Human Trafficking: Officer perceptions and culture surrounding it." Niagara University, Criminal Justice, Spring 2019

Kelsey Temperato (reader). "A partial test of the Marshal hypothesis with a focus on method of delivery." Niagara University, Criminal Justice, Fall 2017

- Andrine Johnson (reader). “Domestic violence and disclosure: The influence of culture among black women.” Niagara University, Criminal Justice, Fall 2017
- Rebecca Coleman (reader). “Perspective of judges and district attorneys on victims of sexual assault and domestic violence victims.” Niagara University, Criminal Justice Spring 1017
- Aidan Stewart (reader). “White Collar Crime and Drug Crime Sentencing: A Direct Comparison at the Federal Level.” Niagara University, Criminal Justice, Spring 2016
- Paula Dapson (reader). “Extreme Emotional Disturbance (EED): A Legal Analysis of an Affirmative Defense to Murder.” Niagara University, Criminal Justice, Summer 2015
- Shanleigh Corrallo (reader): “Locked in Buffalo’s Socioeconomic Basement: An examination of Political and Institutional Racial Discrimination and its Effects on the local African American Community.” Niagara University, Interdisciplinary Studies, Fall 2014.
- Jeremy Sieminski (first reader), “Avoiding Intelligence Irrelevance in Law Enforcement.” Mercyhurst College, Intelligence Studies. June, 2011.
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis:*
- Erin Faxlanger (reader). “Mass Shootings in the United States: Underlying Commonalities and Predictive Behaviors.” Niagara University, Criminal Justice, Spring 2021
- Rebecca Coleman (Co Chair with Dana Radatz). “The Roles and Hurdles of Victim Advocates: What are the Perspectives of Victim Advocates on Sexual Assault Victims?” Niagara University, Criminal Justice, Spring, 2016.
- Julie Goodliff (Reader). “Examining the administration of methadone and buprenorphine: Are they effective replacement therapy options?” Niagara University, Criminal Justice, August, 2014.

SERVICE

College (at Niagara University)

- Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2019-2021
 Senate Graduate/Task Force Committee, 2018 - 2019
 Chair of the graduate program, 2018-2021
 Summer research stipend application reviewer, 2012-13, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2021-22
 Summer freshman orientation, course registrations 2013-2018
 Criminal Justice Club co-chair, 2013-2018
 Undergraduate Recruitment seminar, Fall 13, 14, 16; Spring 14
 SPIN session presenter, Fall 14
 Curriculum Committee, 2014/15
 Continuing Education Class, Spring 15
 SPIN Session for Accepted Students Reception, Spring 2015
 Search Chair – Criminal Justice faculty hiring committee (2 openings), 2015-16

Academic:

Peer Reviewer:

- **Journal Manuscript:** *Criminology, Social Problems, Justice Quarterly, Criminal Justice Review, Criminology & Public Policy, Criminal Justice Policy Review, Urban Affairs Review, Trends in Organized Crime, Sociology Compass, Journal of Community Psychology, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Oñati Socio-Legal Series, Policing: An International Journal; Sociology of Religion; Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research, Sociological Focus, Global Crime, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Deviant Behavior, Journal of Communication, City and Community*
- **External Reviewer for Tenure:** Santa Clara University, University of Maine
- **Full Book Manuscript:** Rutgers University Press, 2019
- **Book Proposal Review:** Carolina Press, 2010; Routledge, 2014; Rutgers University Press, 2014; 2018; Springer, 2019
- **Book Chapters:** IGI Global (three chapters), 2014; Oxford Encyclopedia for Intergroup Communications, 2016; Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology, 2019
- **Criminal Justice Textbook Proposal:** McGraw-Hill 2007, 2011

Community:

Niagara County Juvenile Task Force: Consulting about gangs and youth violence, meeting on January, 30, 2013.

Niagara University Opportunity Program: Outreach for Magdalene project (summer 2013)

Driver for Kiernan summer camps: NU Chapel/Heart & Soul kids (Summer 2013 & 2014)

SNUG Volunteer: Niagara Falls/Niagara County Jail (summer 2012 & 2013)

Crime analysis for Niagara Falls DA (with other local law enforcement agencies) through GIVE grant.

Youth Soccer Head Coach: Niagara Pioneer Soccer League, ages 6-8 (Summer 2014)

Youth Softball Assistant Coach: Lewiston/Porter, ages 7-10 (Summer 2015, 2016)

Youth Baseball Coach: Lewiston/Porter, assistant coach, ages 7 & 8 / 9 & 10 (Summer 2017, 2018, 2019); North Tonawanda Little League (NTLL) head coach, ages 11 & 12 (Summer 2020, 2021), NTLL assistant coach, ages 7 & 8 (summer 2021), ages 9 & 10 (Summer 2022), Mel Ott (Amherst), assistant/head coach, 13u travel (2022), Lewiston-Porter, assistant coach, modified (2023), Gronk Nation, head coach, 11u travel (2023-24).