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EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D. Criminal justice, Michigan State University
- 2010 M.S. Criminology, University of Pennsylvania
- 2005 J.D. Albany Law School
- 2002 B.S. Political Science, State University of New York at Plattsburgh

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – present **Assistant Professor**
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Niagara University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sentencing, Courts and Social Context, Community Corrections, Quantitative Methods, Program Evaluation

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Cole, K., Rydberg, J., & **Cassidy, M.** (2020). Going off the grid: Assessing sentencing departures for individuals convicted of sexual offenses. *Crime & Delinquency*. doi:[10.1177/0011128720977451](https://doi.org/10.1177/0011128720977451)
- Harmon, T. R., **Cassidy, M.**, & Kloch, R. (2020). Examination of decision-making and botched lethal injection executions in Texas. *American Behavioral Scientist*, 64(12), 1715-1732.
- Thompson, L., Rydberg, J., **Cassidy, M.**, Socia, K. M. (2020). Contextual influences on the sentencing of individuals convicted of sexual crimes. *Sexual Abuse*, 32(7), 778-805.

Cassidy, M. & Rydberg, J. (2020). Does sentence type and length matter? Interactions of age, race, ethnicity, and gender on jail and prison sentences. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 47(1), 61-79.

Cassidy, M. & Gibbs, C. (2019). Examining sentencing patterns and outcomes for white-collar and property crime offenders. *Victims & Offenders*, 14(1), 75-95.

Cassidy, M. & Rydberg, J. (2018). Analyzing variation in prior record penalties across conviction offenses. *Crime & Delinquency*, 64(7), 831-855.

Rydberg, J., **Cassidy, M.**, and Socia, K. M. (2018). Punishing the wicked: Examining the correlates of sentence severity for convicted sex offenders. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 34(4), 943-970.

Gibbs, C., **Cassidy, M.**, & Rivers, L. (2013). A routine activities analysis of white-collar crime in carbon markets. *Law and Policy*, 35(4), 341-374.

BOOK CHAPTERS, REVIEWS, AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

Gibbs, C. & **Cassidy, M.** (2016). Crimes in the carbon market. In L. Elliott & B. Schaedla (Eds.), *Handbook of Transnational Environmental Crime*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Cassidy, M. (2013). Libby, Lewis (Scooter). In L. Salinger (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of White-Collar and Corporate Crime*. (2nd ed., Vol. 12, pp. 557-558). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc.

Cassidy, M. (2013). Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act. In L. Salinger (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of White-Collar and Corporate Crime*. (2nd ed., Vol. 17, pp. 782-784). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc.

Cassidy, M. (2012). [Review of the book *Serious offenders: A historical study of habitual criminals*, by B. Godfrey, D. Cox, & S. Farrall]. *International Criminal Justice Review*, 42(2), 213-215.

LAW REVIEWS

Cassidy, M. (2009). Examining crack cocaine sentencing in a post-Kimbrough world. *Akron Law Review*, 42, 105-134.

Cassidy, M. (2007). Serving the community: The neighborhood post office and local planning and zoning. *Zoning and Planning Law Report*, 30(2): 1-8.

Cassidy, M., & Donohue, M. (2006). The Endangered Species Act and land use planning. *Zoning and Planning Law Report*, 29(9): 1-12.

Cassidy, M. (2005). To surf and protect: The Children’s Internet Protection Act polices material harmful to minors and a whole lot more. *Michigan Telecommunications and Technology Law Review*, 11, 437-472.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Cassidy, M., Rivera, C., Lauger, T., & Schupp, P. (2021). *Reducing Revocations Challenge: Niagara County, NY*. Written for Arnold Ventures.

Radatz, D. L., Schupp, P., & **Cassidy, M.** (2019). *Niagara County Probation Employment Focused Services Programming: An Exploratory Interview Study of Probation Officers*. Written for the Niagara County Probation Department.

Gibbs, C., **Cassidy, M.**, Simowski, S., & McGarrell, E. (2011). *Crime in Carbon Trading Markets*. Written for the INTERPOL Pollution Crimes Committee.

Cassidy, M. & Salkin, P. (2006). *The Procurement Stewardship Act: Opportunities for reform*. Written for the New York State Office of General Services.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

External Awards

2019-2022 **Subcontract Co-Principal Investigator** (with Drs. Timothy Lauger and Craig Rivera). “Niagara County Presenting Alternatives for Treatment and Healing (PATH).” Principal Investigator: Laura Kelemen, Niagara County Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (\$898,887). Subcontract to Niagara University: \$75,000.

2019-2021 **Co-Principal Investigator** (with Dr. Craig Rivera). “Reducing Revocations Challenge.” Co-Investigators: Drs. Timothy Lauger and Paul Schupp. Funded by Arnold Ventures. \$184,453.

2015 **Consultant**. “Community-Level Influences on the Sentencing of Convicted Sex Offenders.” Co-Principal Investigators: Drs. Jason Rydberg and Kelly Socia. Funded by the National Institute of Justice. \$39,997.

Internal Awards

2019 **Principal Investigator** “Analyzing the Influence of Judges’ Caseloads on Sentencing Outcomes for Drug and Sex Offenders,” Niagara University Research

Council Summer Research Grant, \$5,200.

- 2019 **Principal Investigator** “Analyzing Trial Conviction Disparities Across Judges: An Application of Linear Quantile Mixed Models,” Niagara University Research Council Research Support Grant, \$465.
- 2019 **Co-Principal Investigator** (with Drs. Dana Radatz and Paul Schupp). “Niagara County Probation Employment Focused Services Programming: An Exploratory Interview Study of Probation Officers,” Niagara University Academic Master Grant, \$2,394.
- 2017 **Principal Investigator** “Examining the Correlates of Sentence Severity for Low-Level White-Collar and Property Crime Offenders,” Niagara University Research Council Summer Research Grant, \$5,200.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- Cassidy, M. & Rydberg, J.** (November, 2019). *Revisiting the effect of judges’ caseloads on punishment outcomes for sex and drug offenders*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Schupp, P., Radatz, D. L., & **Cassidy, M.** (November, 2019). *Officer perceptions and experiences in community corrections*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Cassidy, M.** (November, 2018). *Examining interjudge sentencing disparities across modes of conviction*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Cassidy, M. & Rydberg, J.** (November, 2017). *Analyzing trial conviction disparities across judges: An application of linear quantile mixed models*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
- Cassidy, M., Rydberg, J., & Socia, K. M.** (November, 2016). *Examining the influence of judges’ caseloads on sentencing outcomes for sex and drug offenders*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.
- Cassidy, M.** (March, 2016). Feature Panel, *Does sentence length matter? Revisiting the interaction of age, race, and gender*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.
- Cassidy, M.** (November, 2015). *Examining inter-judge sentencing disparity*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

- Cassidy, M.** (November, 2014). *A multilevel analysis of race and gender disparities in the sentencing of street and white-collar crime offenders*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Cassidy, M.** (November, 2013). *Assessing the focal concerns of sentencing across white-collar and street crime offenders*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Gibbs, C., Simpson, S., & **Cassidy, M.** (November, 2012). *Sanctions, corporations and environmental violations: A test of deterrence theory*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.
- Gibbs, C., **Cassidy, M.**, & Rivers, L. (November, 2011). *White-collar crimes in the global carbon market*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.
- Cassidy, M.** (May, 2009). *An overview of the New York State regulatory process*. Invited presentation to the New York State Department of Health.
- Cassidy, M.** (January, 2006). *The Procurement Stewardship Act—Opportunities for reform*. Invited presentation to the New York State Procurement Council.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Niagara University

Undergraduate

- CRJ 103: Juvenile Justice (online)
- CRJ 390: Field Experience (in-person)
- CRJ 397: American Criminal Courts (in-person, online)
- CRJ 400: Criminological Research Methods (in-person, hybrid, online)
- CRJ 490: Policy Research Seminar (in-person)
- NUB 102: Niagara University Beginnings (in-person)

Graduate

- CRJ 585: Special Topic – Criminal Courts and Sentencing (in-person, hybrid)
- CRJ 585: Special Topic – Policies on Criminal Punishment (Saturday session)
- CRJ 650: Policy Paper (Saturday session)

School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

Undergraduate

- CJ 292: Methods of Criminal Justice Research
- CJ 335: Juvenile Justice

STUDENT THESIS COMMITTEES

Nicole Perry	Masters Thesis (reader, 2021)
Erin Faxlanger	Honors Thesis (chair, 2021)
Francesco Dirienzo	Masters Thesis (reader, 2020)
Sarah Wetzel	Honors Thesis (reader, 2020)
Richelle Kloch	Honors Thesis (reader, 2019)

SERVICE

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

2021 (summer)	Participant, Criminal Justice Major Discussion
2017 – present	Faculty Co-Advisor, Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society
2016 – present	Advisor, advise 20-25 Criminal Justice majors each semester

College of Arts and Sciences

2018 – 2019	Participant, Undergraduate Open House
2018 (spring)	Participant, Accepted Student Event
2017 – 2019	Participant, Graduate Open House
2017 – 2019	Participant, Summer Orientation
2017 (spring)	Participant, College of Arts & Sciences Day of Recognition

Niagara University

2019 – present	Member, Grade Appeal Committee
2017 – present	Member, Institutional Review Board
2018 (fall)	Member, Research Council Grant Evaluation Committee
2018 (fall)	Interim Director and Pre-Law Advisor, Pre-Law Program
2017 (spring)	Interviewer, Scholarship Invitational

Discipline

2017 – present	Member, Criminal Justice Research Consortium, 2017-Present
2016 – present	Manuscript Reviewer: <i>Crime & Delinquency</i> ; <i>Criminal Justice & Behavior</i> ; <i>Criminology & Criminal Justice</i> ; <i>International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice</i> ; <i>Justice Quarterly</i> ; <i>Victims & Offenders</i>
2016 (fall)	Panel Chair, <i>Students-Meet-Scholars: Meet the Editors</i> , American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2021	Applied Bayesian Data Analysis, Statistical Horizons Seminar
2020	Data Visualization, Statistical Horizons Seminar

2020 Statistics with R, Statistical Horizons Seminar

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2006 – 2013 **Assigned Appellate Counsel**
New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department
(criminal cases)

2007 – 2009 **Assistant Counsel**
New York State Governor’s Office of Regulatory Reform

2005 – 2007 **Fellow in Government Law and Policy**
Government Law Center at Albany Law School

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2014 – present American Society of Criminology
2006 – present State Bar of New York