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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (May 2017), in Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. Dissertation title: "Individual Differences in the Impact of Stress on Alcohol use, Binge Drinking, and Alcohol Use Onset: The Role of Developmental and Biological Variation." Chair: Dr. Danielle Boisvert.

Masters of Arts (May 2013) in Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. Thesis title: "Molecular Genetic Underpinnings of Self-Control: 5-HTTLPR and Environmental Risk Factors." Chair: Dr. Todd Armstrong

Bachelor of Arts (May 2011) in Criminology & Criminal Justice and English, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois.

EMPLOYMENT

2017-present *Assistant Professor*, Department of Criminal Justice, Boise State University.

2017 *Adjunct Instructor*, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

2011-2017 *Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant*, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

2011-2012 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Correctional Management Institute of Texas, Sam Houston State University.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Books

Walsh, A., **Wells, J.**, & Gann, S. M. (2020). *Correctional Assessment, Casework & Counseling*. Springer International Publishing.

Journal Articles

- Kavish, N., Boisvert, D., Cooke, E., Lewis, R., Woeckener, M., **Wells, J.**, & Armstrong, T. (In press). Further evaluating the associations between psychopathic traits and symptoms of PTSD and depression. *Journal of Personality Disorders*.
- Cooke, E., Lewis, R., Hayes, B., Bouffard, L., Boisvert, D., **Wells, J.**, Kavish, N., Woeckener, M., & Armstrong, T. (2020). Examining the relationship between victimization, psychopathy, and the acceptance of rape myths. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
- Armstrong, T., Boisvert, D., **Wells, J.**, Lewis, R., Cooke, E., & Woeckner, M. (2020). Assessing potential overlap between self-control and psychopathy: A consideration of the Grasmick self-control scale and Levenson self-report psychopathy scale. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 70, 101725.
- Armstrong, T., Boisvert, D., **Wells, J.**, & Lewis, R. (2020). Extending Steinberg's adolescent model of risk taking to the explanation of crime and delinquency: Are impulsivity and sensation seeking enough? *Personality and Individual Difference*, 165, 110133.
- Cooke, E. M., Connolly, E. J., Boisvert, D. L., Armstrong, T. A., Kavish, N., Lewis, R. H., **Wells, J.**, Woeckener, M., & Harper, J. (2020). Examining how testosterone and cortisol influence the relationship between strain, negative emotions, and antisocial behavior: A gendered analysis. *Crime & Delinquency*.
- Boisvert, D., **Wells, J.**, Armstrong, T., Lewis, R., & Woeckner, M. & Nobles, M. (2020). Low resting heart rate and stalking perpetration. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 35(11-12), 2271-2296.
- Armstrong, T., **Wells, J.**, Boisvert, D., Lewis, R., Cooke, E., & Woeckener, M., Kavish, N. (2019). Skin conductance, heart rate, and aggressive behavior type. *Biological Psychology*, 141, 44-51.
- Kavish, N., Boisvert, D., **Wells, J.**, Lewis, R., Cooke, E., Woeckener, M., & Armstrong, T. (2019). On the associations between indicators of resting arousal levels, physiological reactivity, sensation seeking, and psychopathic traits. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 141, 218-225.
- Woeckener, M., Boisvert, D., Cooke, E., Kavish, N., Lewis, R., **Wells, J.**, Armstrong, T., Connolly, E., & Harper, J. (2018) Parental rejection and antisocial behavior: The moderating role of testosterone. *Journal of Criminal Psychology*, 8(4), 302-313
- Cooke, E. M., Armstrong, T., Boisvert, D., **Wells, J.**, Lewis, R. H., Hughes-Stamm, S., & Gangitano, D. (2018). The relationship between the MAOA-uVNTR polymorphism, delinquent peer affiliation, and antisocial behavior with a consideration of sex differences. *Psychiatric Quarterly*, 89(4), 841-853.

Wells, J., Armstrong, T., Boisvert, D., Lewis, R., Gangitano, D., & Hughes-Stamm, S. (2017). Stress, genes, and generalizability across gender: Effects of MAOA and stress sensitivity on crime and delinquency. *Criminology*, *55*, 548-574.

Boisvert, D., **Wells, J.,** Armstrong, T., & Lewis, R. (2017). Serotonin and self-control: A genetically moderated stress sensitization effect. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *56*, 98-106.

Wells, J., Armstrong, T., Boutwell, B., Boisvert, D., Flores, S., Symonds, M., & Gangitano, D. (2015). Molecular genetic underpinnings of self-control: 5-HTTLPR and self-control in a sample of inmates. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *43*(5), 386-396.

Armstrong, G. S., Atkin-Plunk, C. A., & **Wells, J.** (2015). The relationship between work–family conflict, correctional officer job stress, and job satisfaction. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *42*(10), 1066-1082.

Book Chapters

Wells, J., & Walsh, A. (2019). Biosocial Theories in Criminology. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.245>

Walsh, A., Jorgensen, C., & **Wells, J.** “Evolution and Punishment” *SAGE Handbook of Evolutionary Psychology*. (in press).

Manuscripts Under Review

Venta, A., Bechelli, J., Bick, J., Brewer, T., Boisvert, D., **Wells, J.,** Lewis, R., & Armstrong, T. “Inflammatory and environmental contributions to social information processing.” *Under review at Biological Psychology*.

Kulig, T. C., Armstrong, T. A., Krushas, A. E., Boisvert, D., Wells, J., & Lewis, R. “Examining the role of low self-control and psychopathy in explaining multiple victimization.” *Under review at Criminology*.

Wells, J., Armstrong, T., Cooke, E., & Boisvert, D. “Psychopathy and aggression: Dimensionality of psychopathy and reactive/proactive aggression across gender.” *Under review at Deviant Behavior*.

Mitchell, M., **Wells, J.,** & Crandall, K. “Gentrifying or gentrified: Neighborhood crime rates and calls for service in revitalizing areas.” *Under review at Crime & Delinquency*.

Armstrong, T., Boisvert, D., **Wells, J.,** Keller, S., & Vietto, N. “Preliminary evidence for a relationship between dopamine beta hydroxylase genotype and aggression.” *Under review at Journal of Genetics*.

Jorgensen, C., & **Wells, J.** “Is marijuana really a gateway drug? A nationally representative test of the marijuana gateway hypothesis using a propensity score matching design.” *Under review at Journal of Experimental Criminology: Revise and Resubmit*.

Armstrong, T., **Wells, J.**, Boisvert, D., Lewis, R., Cooke, E., Woeckener, M., & Kavish, N. "Testosterone, cortisol, and aggressive behavior type in men and women." *Under review at Biological Psychology: Revise and Resubmit.*

Woeckener, M., Lewis, R., **Wells, J.**, Boisvert, D., Connolly, E., Cooke, E., Kavish, N., & Armstrong, T. "Does heart rate reactivity moderate the influence of emotional child abuse on violent behavior? A gender-based analysis." *Under review at Journal of Criminal Justice: Revise and Resubmit.*

Wells, J. "Research on biosocial criminology" Chapter for *Wiley Series of Encyclopedias in Criminology and Criminal Justice.*

Works in Progress

Walsh, A., Vaske, J., & **Wells, J.** "Feminist Criminology through a Biosocial Lens, 3rd edition." *Under contract with Carolina Academic Press.*

Cooke, E. M., Boisvert, D. L., Armstrong, T. A., Kavish, N., Lewis, R. H., **Wells, J.**, Woeckener, M., & Harper, J. "Testing a dual hormone model of psychopathy and rape myth acceptance: Examining the relationship between psychopathy, testosterone, and cortisol on myth acceptance."

Armstrong, T., Boisvert, D., **Wells, J.**, Lewis, R., Woeckner, M., & Cooke, E. "Are Gottfredson and Hirschi's (1990) self-control and psychopathy the same thing? A consideration of conceptualization and measurement focusing on the Grasmick self-control scale and the Levenson self-report psychopathy scale."

Wells, J., Drawve, G., & Swerin, D. "Approaching intimate partner violence at the micro-level: An analysis in Boise, Idaho."

Wells, J., Comer, B., Lewis, R., Boisvert, D., & Armstrong, T. "Stress responsivity, sensitivity, and resiliency to the deleterious effects of intimate partner violence victimization."

Grubb, J., Posick, C., & **Wells, J.** "Examining near repeat burglaries involving single and serial offenders."

Wells, J., Grubb, J., & Posick, C. "Are places like people? A spatio-temporal analysis of crime specialization."

Wells, J., & Miller, A. "Gentrification and educational quality: An analysis of changing demographics in Portland, OR."

Miller, A., & **Wells, J.** "School choice and the utilization of community resources: Impacts of gentrification on school composition."

Wells, J., Jorgensen, C., & Comer, B. "MAOA, 5-HTTLPR, and alcohol use outcomes. A systematic review and meta-analysis of gene-environment interaction effects."

- Lewis, R. H., **Wells, J.**, Meziere M., McCain, S., Boisvert, D., & Armstrong, T. “How does attractiveness influence the relationship between aggression and psychopathy?”
- Lewis, R. H., Price, T., Boisvert, D., **Wells, J.**, & Armstrong, T. “How gender and sexual preference play a role in the effects of trauma, PTSD, and heart rate relationship concerning impulsivity, sensation seeking, and antisocial behavior.”
- Randa, R., **Wells, J.**, & Zedaker, S. “Perceptions of body size and bullying victimization: Consideration of social cues and victimization type.”

NON PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Public Service Scholarship/Technical Reports

- King, L., Growette-Bostaph, L., Gillespie, L., **Wells, J.**, Jeffries, R. (2020). “Idaho Crime Victim Survey Results.” Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance. Boise, ID.
- Growette-Bostaph, L., Jeffries, R., King, L., Gillespie, L., & **Wells, J.** (2020). “Idaho’s Sexual Assault Kit Initiative: The Effect of HB528 on Sexual Assault Clearance Rates.” Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance. Boise, ID.
- King, L., Growette-Bostaph, L., Gillespie, L., **Wells, J.**, & Jeffries, R. (2020). “Idaho Crime Victim Service Provider Survey Results.” Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance. Boise, ID.
- Gann, S., & **Wells, J.** (2018). “Community Correctional Education.” Idaho Criminal Justice Commission. Boise, ID.
- Armstrong, G. S., **Wells, J.**, & Atkin-Plunk, C. A. (2013). “The ‘silent killer’ of correctional officers: Examining job stress among TDCJ correctional officers (Correction Management Institute of Texas Report 2013-No. 1).” Correctional Management Institute of Texas. Huntsville, TX.

Book Chapters

- Wells, J.** (2019). Biosocial theories of female offending. In *Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*.

Media and Other Publications

- Wells, J.** (2018, May 14). “Explanations for Problem Drinking and What We Can Do About It.” <https://thebluereview.org/explanations-for-problem-drinking/>

GRANTS, PROPOSALS, AWARDS & CONTRACTS

PI/Co-PI

Gann, S., & Wells, J. (2018) "Community correctional education." Idaho Criminal Justice Commission, \$21,857.00, *funded*.

Thomas, S., Drawve, G., & Wells, J. (2015). "Examining the influence of incident, police organizational, and community level characteristics on the clearance by arrest for violent and non-violent offenses." National Institute of Justice, \$39,349, *not funded*.

Contracting

Bostaph, L., King, L., & Gillespie, L. (2020). "Biannual report on victimization and victim services."

Student Assistant

Biosocial Underpinnings of Stalking Wave 2; Enhancement Research Grant, *funded*, \$10,000.

Understanding the Resting Heart Rate/Antisocial Behavior Relationship; Office of Research and Special Programs, *funded*, \$17,500.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2020 Flexible Teaching for student Success Institute.

2019 ArcGIS Analysis Workflows for Law Enforcement; International Association of Crime Analysts.

2019 Boise State Uniting for Inclusion and Leadership in Diversity (BUILD) Certificate Program (Completed); Boise State University.

2019 eCampus Course Design and Development Seminar (eCD2S); Boise State University.

2018 eCampus Teaching Online Seminar (eTOS); Boise State University.

2017 Studying Patterns of Behavior Using Growth Curve and Group Based Trajectory Models; American Society of Criminology.

2015 ICPSR Structural Equation Modeling in STATA; Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research; University of Michigan.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Wells, J. (November, 2020) "Psychopathy: Beyond serial killers and into the community." Idaho Society of Certified Public Accountants. 2020 Fraud Conference.

Wells, J. (October, 2020). "Trauma in the criminal justice system." Osher Institute. Virtual Event.

Wells, J. (September, 2019). "Work-Life Balance in Graduate School and Beyond." Sam Houston State University.

OTHER SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Wells, J. (November, 2019). "Integrating biosocial and environmental criminology." American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Wells, J., Jorgensen, C., & Comer, B. (October, 2019). "MAOA, 5-HTTLPR, and alcohol use outcomes: A systematic review of gene-environment interaction effects." Western Association of Criminal Justice, Coeur D'Alene, ID.

Drawve, G., Wells, J., Swerin, D. (February, 2019). "Approaching intimate partner violence at the micro-level: An analysis in Boise, Idaho." Western Association of Criminology, Honolulu, HI.

Wells, J., Cooke, E., Lewis, R., Boisvert, D., & Armstrong, T. (November, 2018). "Low Self-Control and Opportunity: A Biosocial Perspective" American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Wells, J. (February, 2018). "IPV and depression: A stress sensitization approach" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, LA.

Chesna, E., Blanco, A; Behrec, C.; Cansino-Jones, G., Gandy, P., Wells, J., Boisvert, D., Armstrong, T., Hughes-Stamm, S., & Gangitano, D. (February, 2018). "Variation in genes affecting dopamine turnover, oxytocin, and serotonin in inmate and student populations" American Academy of Forensic Science, Seattle, WA.

Wells, J., Boisvert, D., & Armstrong, T. (November, 2017). "Stress sensitization and biological stress responsivity: A developmental approach to the impact of stress across gender." American Academy of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Chesna, E., Beherec, C., Cansino-Jones, G., Gandy, P., Wells, J., Boisvert, D., Armstrong, T., Hughes-Stamm, S., & Gangitano, D. (February, 2017). "Relationship of oxytocin (OXT) and the serotonin transporter (5-HTT) single nucleotide polymorphisms and antisocial behavior" American Academy of Forensic Science, New Orleans, LA.

Wells, J., (November, 2016). "Individual differences in the impact of stress on substance use: The role of developmental and biological variation" American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

Wells, J., Armstrong, T., Simmons, S. (March, 2016). "It depends: A spatial environmental approach to heartrate-environment interaction." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.

Wells, J., Randa, R., & Simmons, S. (March, 2016). "BMI and bullying victimization: An evolutionary perspective of extremes." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.

- Wells, J.,** Armstrong, T., Boisvert, D., Lewis, R. (November, 2015). “Stress, genes, and generalizability across gender: Direct and interactive effects of candidate genes and life stress on antisocial behavior.” American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C. (also presented at Graduate Research Symposium, Sam Houston State University).
- Wells, J.,** Cooke, E., Armstrong, T., Boisvert, D. (March, 2015). “The Association between Psychopathy, Reactive, and Proactive Aggression: A Gendered Approach.” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Orlando, FL.
- Wells, J.** (February, 2015). “Serotonin Transporter Gene Polymorphism in Interaction with Monoamine Oxidase SNPs in the Explanation of Sensation Seeking via Reward Processing.” Graduate Research Exchange. Sam Houston State University.
- Wells, J.** (November, 2014). “Aggression, psychopathy, & empathy.” American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.
- Wells, J.** (November, 2013). “The association between the serotonin transporter gene and self-control.” American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.
- Wells, J.,** Armstrong, G., & Atkin, C. (March, 2013). “The impact of work-family conflict on correctional officer job stress and job satisfaction.” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Dallas, TX.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- 2021 – present Criminal Justice Curriculum and Assessment Committee (member), Boise State University
- 2020 – present Criminal Justice Diversity and Inclusivity Committee (member), Boise State University
- 2020 – present Criminal Justice Communications Committee (member), Boise State University
- 2019 – present Pretenure Women’s Group (co-host), Boise State University
- 2019 – present School of Public Service Research Committee (member), Boise State University
- 2019 – present Urban Studies Faculty Affiliate, School of Public Service, Boise State University
- 2018 – present Faculty Senate Diversity Committee (chair), Boise State University
- 2018 – present Ph.D. Program Committee (member), Boise State University
- 2020 – 2020 SPS Inclusive Excellence Inventory Inquiry Team, School of Public Service, Boise State University

- 2018 – 2019 GIS Faculty Advisory Board (member), School of Public Service, Boise State University
- 2018 – 2020 Online CJ Degree Development Committee (member), Boise State University
- 2018 – 2019 Undergraduate Program PAR Review Committee, Boise State University
- 2018 – 2019 School of Public Service Cluster Hire Committee, Boise State University
- 2018 Ph.D. GA Assignment Committee (member), School of Public Service, Boise State University
- 2018 “Meet & Greet: Media and Criminal Justice Faculty” Organizing Committee (member)
- 2017 – 2018 Faculty Senate Diversity Committee (member), Boise State University
- 2017– 2018 Graduate Program PAR review committee, Boise State University
- 2016 Speaker at Thesis/Dissertation Workshop, SHSU
- 2015 Host of Interdisciplinary Workshop in Structural Equation Modeling in STATA
- 2015 – 2016 Fierce Focus Writing Group (organizer), College of Criminal Justice, SHSU
- 2014 – 2017 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Planning Committee, SHSU
- 2014 – 2017 Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization, College of Criminal Justice, SHSU; Technology Liaison
- 2014 – 2017 Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization, College of Criminal Justice, SHSU; Member of Service Committee
- 2013 – 2014 Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization, College of Criminal Justice, SHSU; Chair of Service Committee
- 2012 – 2017 Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization, College of Criminal Justice, SHSU; Member
- 2012 – 2017 Graduate Student Mentor, College of Criminal Justice, SHSU
- 2012 – 2013 Advisor, Dean’s Student Advisement Committee, College of Criminal Justice, SHSU

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Manuscript Reviewer

Psychological Reports
Criminal Justice and Behavior
Crime & Delinquency
Journal of Adolescence
Journal of Qualitative Criminology
Journal of School Violence

Panel Chair:

American Society of Criminology (2019)
Academy of Criminal Justice Science (2018)
Academy of Criminal Justice Science (2016)

Web-Developer

Western Association of Criminal Justice (2018-present)

Program Committee

American Society of Criminology: Division of Biopsychosocial Criminology (2018-present)

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2017 Advisor to the Idaho State Tax Commission (Aggression and Violence)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

American Society of Criminology

Division on Developmental/Life-Course Criminology

Division on Women & Crime

Division of Biopsychosocial Criminology

Division of Communities and Place

Biosocial Criminology Association

International Association of Crime Analysts

Western Association of Criminal Justice