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Education

University of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Program: Sociology/Criminology (Department of Sociology/Law School)

Degree earned: Doctorate

Graduation: 12/11/2008

Dissertation area: Human Smuggling/Illegal Migration

University of Cincinnati, Ohio USA

Program: Criminal Justice

Degree Earned: Master of Science

Graduation: 8/29/02

University of Vienna, AUSTRIA

Program: Adult and Media Education

Degree Earned: Master of Arts in Pedagogy, June 2000

Recent Academic Work Experience

Montclair State University

Associate Professor - Department of Justice Studies

Since 09/18

Tenure effective Sept. 1st 2020

- Classes taught: Research Methods, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Social Problems, Introduction to Corrections, Introduction to International Justice, Human Trafficking, Genocide, Crime and Globalization, Homeland Security, Crime and Crime Theory, Senior Seminar, Terrorism (undergraduate level), Terrorism: Introduction and State Sponsored Terrorism (graduate level), Crime and Media, Serial and Mass Murder, Organized Crime, Capital Punishment, and Transnational Crime
- Student advisor
- Committees/groups/other service
 - Core committee member of MIGHT (Montclair Initiative on Global Human Trafficking)
 - CHSS Senator for University Senate

- Summer Chair (8/12-22)
 - Member of Senate Academic Affairs Council
 - Member of Economic Justice search committee
 - Member Search Procedures committee
 - Teacher Education Articulation Agreement Task Force member
 - Department Search Procedures Review committee member
 - Member Department Personnel Committee
 - Member Department By-laws Committee
- **Current Professional Development, Training and Skills**
 - Montclair State University
 - Intro to Canvas (Online; 8/18)
 - Attended ACE Women’s Network Career Development “Managing Up and Around the University (10/18)
 - Completed CITI Human Subjects Research Montclair Basic Faculty Course (10/18)
 - Completed CITI Export Compliance State 1 (4/19)
 - Completed “at-risk” for University and College Faculty and Staff training (9/18)
 - Online Learning Consortium/OPEN SUNY
 - Completed Instructional Design Certificate Program (10/17-10/18)

State University of New York at Fredonia

Department Chair – Department of Sociocultural and Justice Sciences

08/17-08/18

- Overseeing 4th largest department on campus with majors in Criminal Justice, Social Work and Sociology, as well as minors in Criminal Justice, Sociology and Public Health
- Administratively responsible for 19 full- and part-time faculty and staff, who are working with over 500 majors, double-majors and minors within the various programs
- Managerial oversight for Social Work Program Accreditation
- Managerial leadership role in university-wide “Right Serving, Right Sizing” process to address enrollment shortfalls (current initiatives resulting from that process: introduction of two new certificate programs in are “Offender Reentry Services” and “Addiction Studies”, vast curriculum changes, introduction of new Public Health minor, discontinuation of Anthropology minor etc.)

Program Director and Internship Coordinator for Criminal Justice

08/11-8/18 (interim Director since 08/10)

- Program oversight for over 200 Criminal Justice Majors and Minors within the Department of Sociocultural and Justice Sciences
- Managerial responsibility in all program curriculum and personnel matters

Associate Professor for Criminal Justice, Department of Sociocultural and Justice Sciences
08/10-08/18 (Promotion effective Sept. 1st, 2015 and Tenure and Promotion confirmed by SUNY Chancellor effective Sept. 1st, 2016)

- Classes taught: Introduction to Criminal Justice, Criminology, Transnational Crime (f-2-f and online), Intro to Corrections, Senior Seminar, Terrorism, Crime and Media, Serial and Mass Murder (online), Organized Crime (online), study abroad program to Austria “Law, Crime and Punishment in Austria”, Capital Punishment (online)
- Advising: 45-60 students per semester
- Research (see publications)

Research and Publications

Published work (including accepted for publication)

- Benton, B. & Peterka-Benton, D. (2020). Hateproofing Your Message: Response and Prevention Strategies for Hatejacks. Institute for Public Relations. <https://instituteforpr.org/hateproofing-your-message-response-and-prevention-strategies-for-hatejacks/>
- Peterka-Benton, D., Benton, B. (2020). Kleider Machen Leute: The Role of Fashion and Brands for the Extreme Right. *Journal for Intelligence, Propaganda and Security Studies*, 14/1, 161-173.
- Peterka-Benton, D.; Masciadrelli, B. & Johnson P. (forthcoming). Mental Health Issues in New York County Jails. [To appear in: Families at the Intersection of Mental Health and Disabilities. The Groves Monographs on Marriage and Family, Volume 6].
- Benton, B., & Peterka-Benton, D. (2019). Hating in plain sight: The hatejacking of brands by extremist groups. *Public Relations Inquiry*, 9/1, 7-26. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2046147X19863838>
[Won “Top Faculty Paper Award” at the 2019 Annual Conference of the NJ Communication Association]
- Peterka-Benton, D., & Benton, B. (2019). Globalizing online learning: Exploring culture, corporate social responsibility, and domestic violence in an international classroom. *E-Learning and Digital Media*, 16/4, 267-283. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2042753019835890>
- Peterka-Benton, D. (2015) Law, Crime and Punishment in Austria – A 10-Day Study Abroad Program. *The Criminologist*, Vol. 40, No. 2, 36-37.
- Benton, B., Peterka-Benton, D. (2015) The Battle of Thermopylae and the Iconography of Hate. *Fletcher Forum of World Affairs (Fletcher Forum Online)*. Retrieved from: <http://www.fletcherforum.org/2015/02/24/bond/>

- Peterka-Benton, D., Benton, B. (2014). Effects of cultural collectivism on terrorism participation: Strategies for non-invasive counterterrorism programs. *Journal of Applied Security Research*, 9/1, 17-40.
- Peterka-Benton, D. & Masciadrelli, B. (2013). Legitimacy of corrections as a mental health care provider: Perspectives from U.S. and European systems. *Journal of the Institute of Justice & International Studies*, Vol. 13, 171-184.
- Benton, B., Peterka-Benton, D. (2013). When the Abyss Looks Back: Treatments of Human Trafficking in Superhero Comic Books. *The Popular Culture Studies Journal*, 1/1&2, pp. 18-35.
- Peterka-Benton, D. (2013). [Review of the book *Education in prison: Studying through distance learning*, by E. Hughes]. *International Criminal Justice Review* September 2013 23: 310-312, doi:10.1177/1057567713496816
- Benton, B., Peterka-Benton, D. (2013). *When the Abyss Looks Back: Treatments of Human Trafficking in Superhero Comic Books*. White paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeast Popular Culture Association, Rochester, NY. (published as conference proceedings: <http://fisherpub.sjfc.edu/nepca/conference/2012/4/>)
- Peterka-Benton, D. (2012). [Review of the book *Rioting in the UK and France. A Comparative Analysis*, ed. by D. Waddington, F. Jobard & M. King]. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*, Vol. 35/4, pp. 863-864.
- Peterka-Benton, D. (2012). [Review of the book *The Tradition of Non-Use of Nuclear Weapons*, by T. V. Paul]. *Journal for Intelligence, Propaganda and Security Studies*, 6/1. 228-229.
- Peterka-Benton, D. (2012). Arms Trafficking in Transnistria: A European Security Threat? *Journal of Applied Security Research*, 7/1, 71-92.
- Peterka-Benton, D. (2011). Human smuggling in Austria: a comparative analysis of data on smuggled migrants from Former Yugoslavia and the Russian Federation. *International Migration Review*, 45/2, 215-242.
- Peterka-Benton, D. (2011). [Review of the book *Preventing catastrophe. The Use and Misuse of Intelligence in Efforts to Halt the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction*, by T. Graham Jr. & K. A. Hansen]. *Journal for Intelligence, Propaganda and Security Studies*, 5/1. 170-171.

Under revision

- Peterka-Benton, D. & Laguardia, F. The Trouble with Numbers: Harnessing Open-Source Databases for Tracing Right-Wing Terrorism. An Investigative Approach. Under Review with Studies in *Conflict and Terrorism*.
- Benton, B. & Peterka-Benton, D. Qanon: Hijacking the Human Trafficking Discourse. Under revise and resubmit with *Anti-Trafficking Review*.

Publications/projects in progress

- Peterka-Benton, D. & Benton, B. Skadi Germanic Online Community: A Netnography.

Sponsored research (awards and submitted proposals)

- Awarded: Data Analysis Grant with the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice's Commission on Human Trafficking (\$50,000)
- Proposal under review: National Institute of Justice. Evaluation of the effectiveness of NJ's crime victim compensation program, with a focus toward understanding barriers causing a lack of program utilization for victims of human trafficking. Research and Evaluation of Services for Victims of Crime, Fiscal Year 2021 (O-NIJ-2021-40005).

Books

Kurze, A., Peterka-Benton, D. and Rubin, G. (2022). *International Justice: A Critical and Comprehensive Introduction*. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall Hunt. (Forthcoming: Submitting to publisher in Fall 2021).

Presentations and Professional Memberships

Selected Presentations

24th/25th Annual Jersey Communication Association Conference March 2021 (e-conference COVID-19)

Truth as a Victim: QAnon as a Threat in Human Trafficking Discourse

20th Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology September 2020 (e-conference COVID-19)

Skadi Forum: A Digital Ethnography of a Germanic online community

Popular Culture Association 2020 Annual Conference

Heritage as Hate: Codification of White Nationalism in the Skadi Forum"; (Conference canceled COVID-19).

Montclair State University Social Justice Conference 2019

"Human Trafficking in our World"; (Conference canceled COVID-19)

Montclair State University Out of the Fields: Mapping and Understanding Labor Exploitation in the Food Industry Awareness Campaign March 2020

Roundtable Discussant: Fighting Exploitation in the Field and Beyond: Advocacy and Social Responsibility

13th Annual Conference Society for Terrorism Research (Oslo, Norway; June 2019)

Presented: Harnessing Open-Source Databases for Tracing Right-Wing Terrorism: An Investigative Approach

23rd Annual Conference of the New Jersey Communication Association (Montclair, NJ; April 2019)

Co-Presented: Hating in Plain Site: The Hide and Seek Game of Hatejacking Brands
Won "Top Faculty Paper Award"

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting 2019 (Baltimore, MD) Presented:
Tracking Right-Wing Terrorism Across the United States and Europe: a Comparative Analysis

Montclair State University Social Justice Conference 2019

Provided Workshop: Hating in Plain Sight: How Hate Groups Adopt Symbols and Brands (co-presented with Bond Benton)

SUNY Farmingdale – SUNY Council on Writing Conference 2018

Presented: Telecollaborative Writing in Cross-cultural Online Learning

SUNY Fredonia - Professional Development Day Fall 2016

Presented: Breaking into Online Teaching: Is Teaching Online Right for Me?

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting 2016 (Denver, CO)

Presented: Inmates with Mental Illness in New York State Jails: An Assessment

Presented: Online Teaching and Learning (for Teaching, Learning and Scholarship section)

SUNY Fredonia - Ad hoc panel presentation and discussion (Nov. 2015)

Organized and presented: "ISIS Terror in Europe: Perspectives on The Islamic State, Migration, and Culture"

Co-presenters: Dr. Caviedes and Dr. Swansinger

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting 2015 (Orlando, FL)

Presented: Symbolism of the Battle of Thermopylae for Hate Groups and Far Right Organizations

SUNY Fredonia - Professional Development Day Fall 2014

Presented: Communicating Across Cultures

Co-presenter: Dr. Bond Benton

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting 2014 (Philadelphia, PA)

Roundtable Presentation: Planning and Participating in the New ACJS Section on Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship (Elected to Steering Committee for new ACJS Section on Teaching Learning and Scholarship)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting 2013 (Dallas, TX)

Presented: Law, Crime, and Punishment in Austria: A Faculty-led Study Abroad Program For Criminal Justice Students

Northeast Popular Culture Association

Conference 2012 (Rochester, NY)

Presented: "When the Abyss Looks Back. Treatments of Human Trafficking in Superhero Comic Books"

New York State Association of Incarcerated Education Programs, Inc. Annual Conference 2012 (Saratoga Springs, NY)

Presented: "Prison Education and Training in Europe"

SUNY Fredonia 6th Annual Teaching and Learning Conference (2012)

Presented: "Prison Education and Training in Europe"

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting 2011 (Toronto, CA)

Presented: "Transnistria: Security Loop-hole at Europe's Doorstep"

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting 2010 (San Diego, USA)

Presented: "Right wing extremism in Austria: Still a current threat?"

European Society of Criminology 8th Annual Conference 2008 (Edinburg, UK)

Presented: "Organized Human Smuggling in Austria"

University of Vienna Panel Discussion: „Trafficking in Human Beings“, Research Findings and New Approaches, 21.01.08 (Vienna, Austria)

Professional Memberships

Academy of Criminal Justice Science

- *Teaching and Learning Section*
 - Elected board member Feb. 2015 – Jan. 2017 (Executive Counselor)
 - Steering Committee Member for newly established section

- *Security and Crime Prevention Section*
 - Elected board member Feb. 2012 – Jan. 2014 (Vice President)
 - Elected board member Feb. 2010 - Jan. 2012 (Secretary)

- *International Section*
 - Elected board member Jan. 2011 - Jan. 2013 (Executive Counselor)

European Society of Criminology

Norwich University (Northfield, VT)

11/11-06/17

- Adjunct Faculty Master of Arts in Diplomacy Online Program
- Instructor for GDL 542L “Terrorism: Introduction and State Sponsored Terrorism”

01/09-06/10

- Assistant Professor in the Department of Justice Studies and Sociology
- Classes taught: Criminology, Homeland Security and Terrorism, International Crime and Justice (in class and online), Intro to Criminal Justice, Private Security Management and Organized Crime
- overall evaluation average 4.59 (above university and department average) – 5.0 highest
- advising, committee duties, student club advisor

U.S. Embassy Vienna (Austria)

5/04-12/08

- Surveillance Detection Coordinator for the Regional Security Office
- operational management of counterterrorism and surveillance program
- statistical data analysis
- training and development for surveillance detection team
- consultancy for UN Security Office Vienna

Webster University Vienna, Webster University St. Louis MO, University of Vienna, International University Vienna

2005 - 2008

- Visiting Professor teaching courses in Human Trafficking, Criminology, International Crime and Justice and Diplomatic Protocol
- Expert lecturer on several topics: death penalty, profiling, criminology, US justice system

Group 4 Falck (Vienna, Austria)

2/03-5/04

- project manager for diplomatic security services (supervision of over 100 guards)
- recruiting of suitable personnel for guard services to embassies
- development of training programs for security personnel
- project management for new national traffic toll enforcement system

Butler County Adult Probation (Ohio, USA)

11/02-1/03

- Intensive Supervision Officer
- supervision of adult felony offenders
- day to day tasks include: drug screening, weekly office visits, homevisits, court appearances, arrests, searches, etc.

University of Cincinnati (Ohio, USA)

9/01-10/02

- Research associate for the Dean's Office at UC's College of Education
- assisted with administration of College of Education grant programs (incl. Gear Up)
- assisted the director of outreach and services with evaluation, creation, and delivery of professional development courses
- edited and published quarterly College of Education Newsletter

Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg, USA)

Spring and Summer 2001

- graduate assistant in international student services
- assisted international students in orienting them to the university and community
- facilitated meetings and programs for the organization

Other Professional Development, Training and Skills

SUNY Fredonia

2016

- Attended Workshop 'The Chair as a Leader'
- Attended Workshop 'Best Practices for Engaging with New Employee Hires'
- Attended OnCourse Gradebook

2015

- Attended Strategic Enrollment Management Workshop
- Attended Moodle Rooms Training (12 hours) – October 2015
- Attended Intro to Moodle
- Attended Moodle Gradebook
- Attended Introduction to Omni Update

2014

- Attended Summit on General Education (SUNY Fredonia)
- Attended "Leaving ANGEL – What is this Moodle thing anyway?" (PDC)
- Attended Teaching and Learning conference
- Attended PDC Professional Development Day
 - Remarks on Retention and Student Success
 - Responding to Distressed and At Risk Students
 - Presented "Communication Across Cultures"
- Attended PDC event "Let us help you with tools and resources for Academic Advising"
- Attended PDC event "Degree Works!"

2013

- Attended "Teaching Research and Information Literacy Skills: A Hands On Approach" (PDC)

- Attended “Tools of Engagement Project (TOEP): Discovery Learning On-demand Professional Development”
- Attended “Policies that Impact Academic Advising” (PDC)
- Attended “Vision of SUNY Fredonia as a Global Community (PDC)

2011/2012

- Attended PDC workshop “Aligning Department and Unit-level Student Learning Outcomes to the Baccalaureate Goals”
- Attended iTunes U workshop (PDC)
- Attended Pearson Webinar “Learning Design: The Science Behind a Great Course” (Pearson/Chronicle of Higher Education)
- participated in SUNY Fredonia Disruption Day
- participated in eCOTS (Electronic Conference On Teaching Statistics)
- Attended Elluminate workshop (PDC)

2010/2011

- Completed “Basic Human Research” course (IRB)
- Cultural Competency Workshop
- Participated in Connections mentoring program with PDC (mentor: Dr. Vassoler-Froelich)
- Angel Gradebook course
- Angel I-Tunes U
- Completed SLN 201 “Online Teaching”
- Academic Advising Workshop
- Research and Grants Workshop
- Tenure and Promotion Workshop

Various security related trainings

2003-2007

- Surveillance Detection Training – U.S. State Department
- Airport Security Systems - Amsterdam Airport Schiphol
- Communication and Cultural Issues in Security Management – U.S. Consulate, Jerusalem
- Seminars in Chemical Warfare, Explosives, and Counterterrorism – U.S. State Department
- Seminar in Explosives Detection – Federal Austrian Police

Language skills

- English (fluent), Russian (basics – 2 years)
- Spanish (school level - 4 years), German (native language)