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Education

2015 – 2019: **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**, Criminology, University of Texas at Dallas.

Dissertation: *Examining the Relationship between Exposure to Violence and Delinquent Behaviors across Different Immigrant Generations*

Dissertation Committee: Alex R. Piquero (Chair), Bruce A. Jacobs, Nicole Leeper Piquero, Andrew P. Wheeler.

2010 – 2012: **MASTER OF ARTS**, Graduate School of Criminology, National Taipei University. Taipei, Taiwan.

Master Thesis: *The Life-Course and Termination Factors for Female Adolescent Drug Abusers in a Juvenile Reformatory in Taiwan*. National Taipei University.

2003 – 2007: **BACHELOR OF ARTS**, Department of Sociology, Soochow University. Taipei, Taiwan.

Research Interests

Juvenile delinquency; immigration & crime; life-course criminology; quantitative research methods; substance abuse and rehabilitation; corrections and reentry; restorative justice.

Employment and Internship

2022 – Present: **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

2019 – 2022: **VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

2011 summer: **CORRECTIONAL OFFICER INTERNSHIP**, Taoyuan Women's Prison, Agency of Correction, Ministry of Justice, Taiwan.

2007-2010: **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**, Chang Gung University, Graduate Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Taiwan.

Publications

- **Shih, M. R.** (2022). Examining the Relationship between Direct Exposure to Violence and Delinquent Behavior across Different Immigrant Generations. *Crime & Delinquency*, 68(10), 1765–1793. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287211072445>
- **Shih, M.R.** (2020) Examining the Fear of Victimization among Taiwanese Inmates. *Asian Journal of Criminology*, 15, 219–236. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11417-020-09309-0> (This article received the 2021 Asian Criminological Society Graduate Student Article Award.)
- Hsieh, Ming-Li and **Shih, M.R.** The Unsolved Immigration-Crime Nexus: Attributes that Buffer or Predict At-Risk Behaviors. (Under review)
- LaPrade, Jennifer, Chelsey Narvey, **Meng Ru Shih** & Sungil Han. “Factors Associated with Injuries in Police Use of Force.” (Reviewed and under the revision process). *Policing: An International Journal*.

Technical Reports

- Sheu, C.J.; Tsai, T.M.; Cheng, Y.S.; Lai, Y.L.; Yang, J. H.; Lin, Q. H.; **Shih, M. R.** (2015) Level-3 and Level-4 Soft Drugs Policy Evaluation and Prevention Study. *National Development Council*, Taipei City.
- Lin, Yusheng & **Shih, Meng-Ru** (2012). Over Response? Slow Response? The Initial Findings of Campus Bullying Report System. *Crime Prevention and Innovation Technology through Academic Perspective Council*. Central Police University, Taoyuan City.

Works in Progress

- Fox, Bryanna, Michelle Jeanis, and **Meng-Ru Shih** “Discussing the impact of ACE on precocious role behaviors.”
- Khey, David, Chase Edwards, and **Meng-Ru Shih** “Perception of peer review in criminology and criminal justice.”
- LaPrade, Jennifer and **Shih, Meng-Ru** “Predictors of increased levels of police use of force.”
- **Shih, Meng-Ru** “The effects of secondary exposure to violence on immigrant youth’s behavior across generations.”

- **Shih, Meng-Ru** “Violent crime and divorce rate in Texas – Error correction model application.”
- **Shih, Meng-Ru** “‘I know how to stop using drugs!’ An exploratory study of drug use trajectories among adolescent females in Taiwan.”

Research Experience

2010-2014: RESEARCH ASSISTANT, National Taipei University, Taiwan

2014: **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MEDIATOR TRAINING PROJECT** (PI: Dr. Susyan Jou) National Taipei University.

Duty: Program development.

2013: **SOFT DRUGS POLICY EVALUATION** (Taiwan National Development Council funding). (PI: Dr. Chuen-Jim Sheu) National Taipei University.

Duty: Project development, cases interview, qualitative analysis, and data analysis.

2012-2013: **CAMPUS ANTI-BULLYING CONFERENCE** (Taiwan Ministry of Education funding). (PI: Dr. Susyan Jou) National Taipei University.

Duty: Organization of restorative justice training in conflict mediation for school personnel; principal trainer.

2011-2012: **CAMPUS ANTI-BULLYING PROJECT** (Taiwan Ministry of Education funding). (PI: Dr. Charles Hou and Dr. Susyan Jou) National Taipei University.

Duty: Field observation, data analysis, report development, and preparation.

2011: **INTIMATES VIOLENCE REPORTS FOLLOW-UP STUDY** (Taiwan Ministry of Justice funding). (PI: Dr. Lanying Huang and Dr. Yushen Lin) National Taipei University.

Duty: Field interview, data analysis, report development, and received interviewer training.

Teaching Experience

I am a Certified Online Teacher affirmed by the Office of Distance Learning at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with the completion of trainings offered by Online Learning Consortium and Quality Matters since Fall 2019.

Spring 2022: **INSTRUCTOR** of “Intro to Research Methods (hybrid),” “Intro to Research

Methods (online),” “Juvenile Justice,” “Juvenile Justice (graduate-level),”
University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Fall 2021: **INSTRUCTOR** of “Intro to Research Methods (hybrid),” “Criminal Behavior (hybrid),” “Advanced Research Methods (in-person),” University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Fall 2020: **INSTRUCTOR** of “Intro to Research Methods (hybrid),” “Criminal Behavior (online),” “The Corrections Process (online),” University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Spring 2020/21: **INSTRUCTOR** of “Intro to Research Methods,” “Juvenile Justice,” “Juvenile Programs (graduate-level),” University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Fall 2019: **INSTRUCTOR** of “Intro to Criminal Justice,” “Criminal Behavior,” “The Corrections Process (online),” University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Spring 2019: **INSTRUCTOR** of “Theories of Justice,” University of Texas at Dallas.

Fall 2018: **INSTRUCTOR** of “Methods of Quantitative Analysis in the Social and Policy Sciences,” University of Texas at Dallas.

2017: **GUEST LECTURER.** “The Evidence-Based Study: Family, Peers, and School Based Crime Prevention Programs,” National Taipei University, Taipei, Taiwan.

Teaching Awards

2019: **Nomination of President's Teaching Excellence Award**

Teaching Interests

Undergraduate Level:

- Quantitative methods in Social Science Research
- Theories of Criminology
- Ethics in Criminal Justice
- Juvenile Justice
- Intro to Research Design

Graduate Level:

- Research Methods
- Inferential Statistics
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Programs

- Data Management
- Restorative Justice
- Evidence-Based Crime Policy

Conference Presentations

- Meng Ru Shih. 2019. **Examining the Relationship between Exposure to Violence and Delinquent Behaviors across Different Immigrant Generations.** Paper presented at 2019 American Society of Criminology Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Meng Ru Shih. 2018. **How Does Divorce Rate Influence Murder Rate – Error Correction Model Application.** Paper presented at 2018 American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Meng Ru Shih. 2017. **“I Know How to Stop Using Drugs!” An Exploratory Study of Drug Use Course for Adolescent Females in Taiwan.** Paper presented at 2017 American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Meng Ru Shih. 2017. **Prisoners’ Fear in a Chinese Society: Personal Characteristics, Locations, and Fear of Victimization.** Paper presented at 2017 American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Meng Ru Shih. 2016. **Fear in Prisons.** Paper presented at 2016 American Society of Criminology Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Meng Ru Shih. 2014. **The Life-Course and Termination Factors for Female Adolescent Drug Abusers in Juvenile Reformatory.** Paper presented at 2014 American Society of Criminology Conference San Francisco, CA.
- Meng Ru Shih. 2013. **Why Nobody Likes Me: Bullying Cases Study.** Paper presented at 2013 American Society of Criminology Conference Atlanta, GA.
- Meng Ru Shih. 2012. **Road out of Hell: The Course and Termination Factors for Female Adolescent Drug Abusers.** Paper presented at 2012 Asian Criminological Society Conference in Seoul, South Korea.

Professional Experience

2015-2017: **GROUP FITNESS INSTRUCTOR**, University of Texas at Dallas.

2013: **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MEDIATOR** in Taipei Court, Taiwan.

2010-2012: **CONSULTANT**, Taipei Juvenile Detention House, Taiwan.

2006-2007: **VICE DIRECTOR** of Graduate Student Association, Soochow University, Taiwan.

Training and Certificates

2019: **Certified Online Teacher, affirmed by the Office of Distance Learning, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.**

2016-2018: Adult and Child CPR/AED, American Red Cross.

2016: International Teaching Assistant Effectiveness Course, offered by ELS Education Services.

2016: Advanced-High Level Proficiency Certificate from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

2013-2014: Restorative Justice Mediator Training Course, National Taipei University, Taiwan.

2010: Suicide Prevention Training for Detained Juveniles, Taipei Juvenile Detention House, Taiwan.

Software

Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint; SPSS, R, Stata

Honors

2017: Group Exercise Instructor of the Year Award.

2012: Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society of The Republic of China (Taiwan).

2011: National Taipei University Graduate School Fellowship Recipient.

Service

Present: **Committee, Education and Professional Development Group at the Graduate Council Diversity & Inclusion Standing Committee, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.**

2019 - Present: **Undergraduate Advisor**, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

2019 - Present: **Committee Member of Graduate Comprehensive Exams**, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

2019 - Present: **Committee Member of Graduate Thesis**, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

2017-2018: Social Coordinator, Criminology Graduate Student Association, the University of Texas at Dallas.

2015: Volunteer, International English Camp for Japanese children, Tokyo, Japan. Dates: April 25-26.

Professional Affiliations

Association of Chinese Criminology and Criminal Justice (ACCCJ)

Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS)

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

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