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**EDUCATION**

**Doctorate of Philosophy Degree,** Department of Criminology **2013-2017**

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Dissertation Chairs: Dr. Ráchael Powers, Dr. Michael Leiber |

Committee: Dr. Wesley Jennings, Dr. Bryanna Fox, Dr. Alida Merlo

**Master of Science Degree,** Department of Psychology

University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, LA **2010-2012**

Independent Research Supervisor: Dr. Emily K. Sandoz

**Bachelor of Science Degree,** Department of Psychology **2006-2010**

University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, LA

Minor: Criminal Justice

Honors: Magna Cum Laude Graduate

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Graduate Coordinator Fall 2019-Present**

Department of Criminal Justice, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, LA

**Assistant Professor Fall 2017-Present**

Department of Criminal Justice, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, LA

**Lead Research Supervisor Fall 2016-2018**

Sociological and Psychological Research for Understanding Crime and it’s Etiology (SPRUCE) Research Lab, Tampa, FL.

**Adjunct Professor Spring 2016-2017**

Department of Criminology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

**REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

Burckley, J., **Jeanis, M.N**., Fox, B. (Forthcoming). On the Illegality of Sex Work and the Impact on Victimization, Health, and Human Trafficking: Is Criminalization a Cure or Disease? *Victims & Offenders.*

**Jeanis, M.N.**, Powers, R.A., Miley, L.E., & Shunick, C.E. (2021). The new milk

carton campaign: An analysis of engagement in social media. *Social Forces, 100*(2), 454–476.

**Jeanis, M.N.,** Fox, B., Jennings, W., Perkins, R., Liberto, A. (2020). Oooh she’s a

little runaway: Examining the invariance of runaway trajectories and risk factors by gender. *The Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology, 6*(4), 398-423.

Edwards, C., **Jeanis, M.N.**, & Khey, D. (2021). Louisiana Crime and Justice in the 21st

Century. In P. Cross & C. Maloyed (eds.) *The Party is Over: Louisiana Politics in the 21st Century.*

**Jeanis, M.N.,** Smith, S.A.(2020).Female perpetrators: Risks, needs, and pathways to

offending. In Hector, J. (ed.) *Female offenders.* Sage publishing.

**Jeanis, M.N.** (2020). Missing persons and runaway youth: The role of social media as an

Alert system and crime control tool. In A. Masys, J. Reid, & B. Fox (eds.) *Science informed policing*. New York, NY: Springer.

**Jeanis, M.N.,** Muniz, C., & Molbert, C. (2019). Law enforcement and social

media usage: An analysis of engagement. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice.*

**Jeanis, M.N.,** Fox, B., & Muniz, C. (2018). Revitalizing profiles of runaways: A latent

class analysis of delinquent runaway youth. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal.* DOI: 10.1007/s10560-018-0561-5

**Jeanis, M.N.** (2017). Chronic Runaway Youth: A Gender-Based Analysis. (Doctoral

dissertation). *The University of South Florida*, Tampa, FL.

**ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

Scott, M., **Jeanis, M.N**., & Fox, B. (2021, September). *Examining Fear of Crime and Media Coverage of Multiple Murderers and Mass Shooters*. Panel presentation at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference. Daytona Beach, Fl.

Lin, H.C., Knott, M., **Jeanis, M.N.,** & Storey, W. (2021, April). *How Stress Relates to Somatic Symptoms Varies by Attachment Anxiety*. Poster presentation accepted at the Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Convention. Virtual Meeting.

Marceaux, H., **Jeanis, M.N**. (2021, March). *Serial Killer Themes in Traditional News Media.* Paper presentation accepted at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Virtual Meeting.

Scott, M. **Jeanis, M.N.,** & Fox, B. (2021, March)*. Media, Self-Protection, and Murder: An Analysis of Google Trends in Instances of Serial Homicides and Mass Shootings.* Paper presentation accepted at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Virtual Meeting.

Lin, H.C., Knott, M., **Jeanis, M.N.,** & Storey, W. (2021, April). *Same Amount of Childhood Adversity but Different Health Symptoms: Two-Generation Comparisons.* Poster presentation accepted at the Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Convention. Virtual Meeting.

Lin, H.C., Knott, M., Storey, W**. Jeanis, M.N.**, Jones, M., Johnson, W., Derouen, O., & Fant, P. (2021, April). *The Association of Adverse Childhood Experiences with Anxiety: The Moderating Role of Stress*. Poster presentation accepted at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting. Virtual Meeting.

**Jeanis, M.N.**, Bethard, J., Fox, B., & DiGangi, E.(2021, January). *Racial Bias and Missing Persons Investigations.* Poster presentation accepted at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 73rd Virtual Annual Scientific Meeting.

Marceaux, H., **Jeanis, M.N.,** Thompson, K., & Stearns, A. (2020, March). *The Role of Moral Panic in Google Trends: A Preliminary Analysis of Serial Killer Media Exposure.* Paper presentation accepted at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Meeting canceled due to pandemic.

Smith, S., Warren, L., & **Jeanis, M.N.** (2020, March). *Finding the Missing: An Analysis of the Monetization of Social Media Exposure.* Paper presentation accepted at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Meeting canceled due to pandemic.

**Jeanis, M.N.** & Slakoff, D.C. (2020, November). *Missing and Murdered Native American and Indigenous Women and Girls in United States Crime News*. Paper presentation accepted at the American Society of Criminology. Meeting canceled due to pandemic.

Stearns, A. & **Jeanis, M.N**. (2019, November). *Media, Moral Panic, and Serial Killers: An Analysis of Fear-Based News and Societal Perceptions*. Paper presentation at the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Smith, S., Warren, L., & **Jeanis, M.N.** (2019, September) *Finding the missing: An analysis of the monetization of social media exposure.* Paper presentation at the Southern Criminal Justice Association. Nashville, TN.

Storms, M., McEntee, M., Lujan, O., & **Jeanis, M.N**. (2019, September). *The Missing Media: Assessing the media’s role in missing persons cases.* Posterpresentation at the Southern Criminal Justice Association. Nashville, TN.

Thompson, K. Marceaux, H., & **Jeanis, M.J**. (2019, September). *Killer media: An analysis of serial killer case characteristics.* Posterpresentation at the Southern Criminal Justice Association. Nashville, TN.

**Jeanis, M.N.** (2019, April) *Biases in the criminal justice system*. Invited guest speaker at the ULL Psychology Day 2019. Lafayette, LA.

**Jeanis, M.N.** (2018, November) *Runaway youth: An examination of risk factors and gender differences.* Paper presentation at the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

**Jeanis, M.N.** (2018, March) *Family dysfunction and risk for victimization and offending.* Invited guest speaker at ULL Psychology Day 2018. Lafayette, LA.

**Jeanis, M.N.** (2018, February) *Social media use by law enforcement agencies: A guide for best practices.* Poster presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. New Orleans, LA.

**NEWS MEDIA**

**BBC, The Conversation.** July 25, 2022. Produced by Alice Gioia. *Women Who go Missing.*

<https://www.bbc.com/mediacentre/proginfo/2022/30/the-conversation>

**Spectrum News.** March 01, 2021. David Stoelk*. Woman searching for her missing brother highlights disparity in media coverage*. <https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west/public-safety/2022/03/01/woman-pounds-the-pavement-to-look-for-her-missing-brother/>.

**The New York Times.** December 10, 2021. *Scuba-Diving YouTuber Finds Car Linked to Teens Missing Since 2000.* Amanda Holpuch. [https://www.nytimes.com/2021/12/10/us/](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/12/10/us/youtube-scuba-diver-missing-teens.html) youtube-scuba-diver-missing-teens.html.

**Newsweek.** October 12, 2021. *Will Brian Laundrie, Missing for Almost a Month, Ever Be Found?* Matthew Impelli. <https://www.newsweek.com/will-brian-laundrie-missing-almost-month-ever-found-1638103>.

**CNN**. October 2, 2021. *Time and environmental factors are complicating the search for Brian Laundrie, experts say.* Amir Vera. <https://www.cbs58.com/news/time-and-environmental-factors-are-complicating-the-search-for-brian-laundrie-experts-say>.

**CBS News**. September 27, 2021. *Gabby Petito case and missing white woman syndrome.* <https://www.cbsnews.com/video/gabby-petito-case-racial-disparities-coverage-missing-persons/>.

**BBC News**. September 24, 2021. Sam Cabral. Gabby Petito case: The missing Americans you don't hear about. <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-58669582>.

**Sarasota Herald-Tribune**. September 24, 2021. *Gabby Petito case reveals stark disparities in coverage of missing people.* Samantha Gholar Weires. [https://www.heraldtribune.com/ story/news/2021/09/24/research-suggests-public-views-missing-persons-color-less-worthy/8419515002/](https://www.heraldtribune.com/%20story/news/2021/09/24/research-suggests-public-views-missing-persons-color-less-worthy/8419515002/).

**The Washington Post.** September 22, 2021. *As the Petito case grips the nation, families of color say their missing loved ones matter, too.* Brittany Shammas and Kim Bellware. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2021/09/22/missing-persons-families-seek-help-after-gabby-petito-death/>.

**Missing Magnolias Podcast.** December 14, 2020. Three episodes including: Criminology discussion, The Red Heads, and Keiosha Felix Disappearance.

**Tampa Bay Times.** February 11, 2020. A USF student left home on a February morning. Two years later, he’s still missing. Lane DeGregory. [https://www.tampabay.com/narratives/ 2020/02/11/what-happened-to-gabriel-cordova-tejada/](https://www.tampabay.com/narratives/%202020/02/11/what-happened-to-gabriel-cordova-tejada/).

**NTD News.** February 6th, 2020. Missing Couple Found Dead Off Hiking Trail Near Big Bear. Victor Westerkamp. <https://www.ntd.com/missing-couple-found-dead-off-hiking-trail-near-big-bear_432075.html>.

**New Evidence Podcast**. January 6, 2020. Missing: The Jared Chavis Story. Vernon Francis.

**CBS Austin Evening News.** December 19th, 2019. Expert calls circumstances in missing Austin mother, baby case "profoundly rare". Melanie Barden. [https://cbsaustin.com/news /local/expert-calls-circumstances-in-missing-austin-mother-baby-case-profoundly-rare](https://cbsaustin.com/news%20/local/expert-calls-circumstances-in-missing-austin-mother-baby-case-profoundly-rare).

**Oxygen Network.** July 23, 2019. How To Stay Safe: How To Report A Missing Person. Stephanie Gomulak. <https://www.oxygen.com/crime-time/the-anatomy-of-a-missing-persons-case>.

**The Denver Post.** January 20, 2019. *Shanann Watts, Kelsey Berreth in national spotlight, but little attention on 38 other suspected Colorado domestic violence deaths in 2018.* Elise Schmelzer. *https://www.denverpost.com/2019/01/20/colorado-domestic-violence-deaths-2018/.*

**Minnpost.** January 15, 2019.*Kidnappings by strangers, like the Jayme Closs case, are rare. So are positive outcomes.* Greta Kaul. https://www.minnpost.com/politics-policy/2019/01/kidnappings-by-strangers-like-the-jayme-closs-case-are-rare-so-are-positive-outcomes/

**Green Bay Press Gazette.** November 15, 2018.*Barron in limbo as one month passes since Jayme Closs disappearance, parents’ murders.*https://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/ story/news/2018/ 11/15/jayme-closs-barron-double-murder-teen-disappearance-unique-crime/1934586002.

**ABC News.** October 8, 2018. *Why the first 72 hours in a missing persons investigation are the most critical, according to criminology experts.* https://abcnews.go.com/US/72-hours-missing-persons-investigation-critical-criminology-experts/story?id=58292638

**The Washington Post.** August 21, 2018. *Colorado murders signal a return of the news media’s ‘damsel in distress’ trope.* https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/ colorado-murders-signals-a-return-of-the-news-medias-damsels-in-distress-trope/ 2018/08/21/ c818aede-a557-11e8-97ce-cc9042272f07\_ story.html?noredirect=on& utm\_term=. a4c52f154bf3

**Crimeversations: A Podcast.** August 10, 2018. *Episode 3: Part 2: Dr. Michelle Jeanis.* http://crimeversation.libsyn.com/episode-3-part-2-dr-michelle-jeanis

**Des Moines Register.** July 31, 2018.*Mollie Tibbetts gets far more coverage than other missing Iowans. Is media bias to blame?* https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/ 2018/07/31/mollie-tibbetts-search-missing-iowa-media-bias-attention-missing-person/872539002/

**Iowa Public Radio.** August 2, 2018. *Disparity in news media coverage: Expert weighs in.*

**LaLouisiane Magazine.** Fall 2017. *Expert offers insight into crime coverage.* http://mzines.net/touch.aspx?pid=1612&pkey=rrcubvtsc

**CONSULTING**

USA Today: Disparity in coverage series research consultant (2022)

Pasco County Sheriff’s Office: Human trafficking screening (2019)

Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP: Independent Expert (2018-2019)

NISMART IV: Expert panel member for the redesign (2018)

Lafayette Parish Sheriff’s Office: Creation of BOLOs for runaway youth (2018)

Florida Department of Children and Families: Research consultant (2016)

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

The American Society of Criminology

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Resource Association for Missing People

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

McNair scholar mentor (2019-2021)

University of Louisiana at Lafayette Graduate Faculty Member (2017-present)

Visiting researcher, Lafayette Sheriff’s Office (2017-2021)

USF SPRUCE Lab research supervisor (2016-2018)

Resource Association for Missing People (RAMP) Volunteer Researcher (2015-Present)

**AWARDS**

UL Federal Credit Union/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Liberal Arts

(Fall 2022-Spring 2025)

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor (2019-2020 academic year)

The University of South Florida, Wall of Fame Outstanding Criminology Ambassador (2018-2019 academic year)

**MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER**

Race & Justice (2022)

Victims & Offenders (2022)

Violence Against Women (2022)

Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice (2021)

Journalism (2021)

The Journal of Research on Adolescence (2020, September & December)

Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy (2020)

Victims & Offenders (2020)

Violence Against Women (2019, 2022)

International Journal of Child Maltreatment (2019)

Violence & Victims (2019)

Journal of Criminal Justice (2018)