

## Rachel Honor Jensen Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

George Mason University, *Fairfax, VA*  
Master of Arts Degree in Criminology, Law and Society  
Expected date of Graduation: May 2017

The Pennsylvania State University, Berks Campus, *Reading PA*  
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Applied Psychology  
Schreyer Scholar  
Date of Graduation: May 2014  
GPA: 3.95

### UNDERGRADUATE THESIS RESEARCH

Jensen, R. (2014). Jury decision making: Perceptions and biases of the insanity defense plea and defining 'insanity'. (Published undergraduate thesis). Schreyer Honors College, State College.

Jensen, R. (2014). ). "Not Everyone is like Rain Man": The Lack of Diagnostic Police Training on ASDs. (Poster).

### EDITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

#### *Articles*

Patterson, K. L., Oswald, D. L., & Russell, B. (in press). Labeling Sexual Victimization Experiences: The Role of Sexism, Rape Myth Acceptance, and Tolerance for Sexual Harassment. *Violence and Victims*.

Russell, B., Chapleau, K., & Kraus, S. W. (in press). Sexual Orientation, and Protection Orders Influence Decisions in a Case of Intimate Partner Abuse. *Partner Abuse, Special Edition*.

Russell, B. & Kraus, S. W. (in review). Protect the Women: How Gender Stereotypes Explain Differences in Attributions of Blame in Domestic Assault. *Psychology and Violence*.

Russell, B., & Kraus, S. W. (revise and resubmit). Who Initiated the Fight? The Importance of Assailant and Victim Gender and Gender Roles in Evaluating Partner Violence, Violence & Victims.

Russell, B., & Oswald, D. (in review). When Sexism Cuts Both Ways: Predictors of Tolerance of Sexual Harassment of Men. *Men and Masculinities*.

### *Literature Reviews*

Russell, B.L. (Ed.) (2013). *Perceptions of Female Offenders: How Stereotypes and Social Norms Affect Criminal Justice Response*. Springer, NY.

### *Manuscript Edits and Revisions*

Russell, B. L. (in press). Book Review --Reflections of a domestic violence prosecutor: Suggestions for reform. *Partner Abuse*.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

*Michael F. Serafino Award* for best undergraduate poster at Society for Police and Criminal Psychology Fall Conference. (2013). "Not Everyone is like Rain Man": The Lack of Diagnostic Police Training on ASDs.

*Young Investigator Award for the Division of Arts & Sciences (2013)*: Nominated and chosen by faculty. "Not Everyone is like Rain Man": The Lack of Diagnostic Police Training on ASDs.

Dean's list recipient multiple times. The Pennsylvania State University, Berks campus.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Jensen, R. H. (2013, Sept). "*Not everyone is like rain man:*" *The lack of diagnostic police training on autism spectrum disorders*. Poster Society for police and criminal psychology, Ottawa, Canada.

Russell, B., Hamel, J. Jensen, R., Mennan, H., & Mitzner, H. (2013, Sept). *Police training to identify the primary aggressor: Where the badge meets bias*. Poster Society for police and criminal psychology, Ottawa, Canada.

Russell, B., Hamel, J., Jensen, R., Williams, P., & Anderson, B. (2011,Nov). *Reliability and Validity of Defining Domestic Abuse in Police Manuals* Poster American society of criminology, Washington, DC.

## **EXPERIENCE**

### *Current Projects*

Shoreline and RADAR study – George Mason University, *Fairfax, VA*

- Project Head: Dr. Charlotte Gill
- Funded through Bureau of Justice Assistance – Smart Policing Initiative
- Developing an information sharing tool for officers to utilize when responding to calls involving people with a mental illness

- Duties include: drafting IRB submissions, literature reviews and action plans, collecting relevant information on study design and scholarly research, data analysis

Youth Engagement Study – George Mason University, *Fairfax, VA*

- Project Head: Dr. Allison Redlich
- Funded through NSF and NIJ
- Focus on youths in the court process, particularly juvenile engagement with court proceedings such as plea bargaining
- Duties include: methods quality assessment, participant recruitment, interviewing and data collection

### *Past Internships*

Research Intern – The Forensic Panel, *New York City, NY*

- Performed various research tasks such as pulling relevant articles, reviewing literature reviews in manuscript form, and wrote expanded abstracts for various topics (i.e. quantifying evil, drug-facilitated sexual assault, fetal abduction)
- Cleaned and organized a large data file used to develop a scale that focuses on standardizing depravity in crimes
- Organizing case files related to depravity scale and rated data
- Writing methodology and results section for two consecutive criminology articles

Legal Intern – Public Defenders Office, *Doylestown, PA (September 2014-November 2014)*

- Observed bench warrant interviews at the courthouse and involuntary commitment hearings at Norristown State Hospital
- Conducted office interviews for incoming qualifying clients

Legal Intern – Berks Women in Crisis, *Reading, PA (January 2014-April 2014)*

- Assisted Executive Director research existing York County task force of multi-system approach to combating domestic violence in the community
- Completed 63 hours of training to interact with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault
- Observed attorneys drafting emergency PFAs
- Experienced system advocacy in context of domestic violence and sexual assault

Research Intern – Penn State Berks, *Reading, PA (August 2013-December 2013)*

- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Brenda Russell in Forensic Psychology (PSYCH 445) course
- Prepared poster on student led research
- Presented poster "*Not Everyone is like Rain Man: The Lack of Diagnostic Training for Autism Spectrum Disorders*" at 2013 Society for Police and Criminal Psychology conference in Ottawa, Canada
- Assisted in collecting, coding and synthesizing data with SPSS on perceptions on gender in simple and aggravated assault situations as well as career surveys of college students

Research Assistant – *Positive Resources, LLC, Belvidere, NJ (May 2013-September 2013)*

- Sentencing mitigation specialist, case relevant was capital punishment trial in Reading, Pennsylvania
- Collected and synthesized relevant data to mitigating factors
- Observed and logged court proceedings on: jury selection, prosecution and criminal defense tactics, jury instructions, victim statements and sentencing

Research Intern -- Penn State Berks, *Reading PA (January 2013-April 2013)*

- Read and coded state police manuals with a focus on domestic violence topics (predominant aggressor laws, female abusers, gender roles)
- Collected and synthesized data
- Reviewed and edited manuscripts for potential publication in journals

Intern -- Greater Reading Mental Health Alliance, *Wyomissing, PA (August 2012 December 2012)*

- Collected consumer quality data on consumers
- Attended WRAP sessions

### *Research*

Research Independent Study -- *Penn State Berks, Reading, PA (January 2012-May 2012)*

- Designing Schreyer Honors thesis in consultation with thesis chair, Dr. Russell
- Thesis focused on internal law enforcement training in regards to handling individuals with special needs

Research Assistant – *Penn State Berks, Reading PA (January 2011-May 2011)*

- Collected data, coded and synthesized data on state police manuals with a focus on domestic violence topics (predominant aggressor laws, female abusers, gender roles)

## **VOLUNTEERING**

Greater Reading Mental Health Alliance, *Wyomissing, PA (January 2013-May 2013)*

- Assisted in preparation for an audit of clinical files
- Designed quality assurance evaluations of patient clinical files as well as conducted analysis on clinical files with the quality assurance evaluation

Take Back the Night, *Reading, PA (April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013)*

- Vice President of PSU Berks Feministic Club, host
- National event to raise awareness about college sexual assault on college campuses
- Assisted club President in developing event programs, speeches, and activities

## **PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS**

American Psychological Association  
American Society of Criminology

Schreyer Honors College of the Pennsylvania State University  
Psi Kappa Psi Member

### **CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING**

Identifying the Sex Offenders Among Us: Advances in Criminal Profiling