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Curriculum Vitae

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
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EDUCATION:

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, May 2023 PHOENIX, AZ
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Dissertation: A Mixed Methods Examination of the Impact of *Clark v. Arizona*
Committee: Henry F. Fradella (Chair), Kathleen A. Fox, and Valena E. Beety

MASTER OF SCIENCE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, December 2015 KENNESAW, GA
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Thesis: A Content Analysis of Pre- and Post-Jones Federal Appellate Cases: Implications of
Jones on Fourth Amendment Search Law
Committee: Christopher D. Totten (Chair), Sutham Cobkit, and Peter Fenton

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, December 2012 KENNESAW, GA
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Courts and Sentencing
Constitutional Criminal Procedure
Criminal Law
Sociology of Law

PUBLICATIONS:

Articles:

Totten, C. D., & **Purdon, J.A.** (2024). A content analysis study of *Lange v. California* and lower court interpretive cases: A limited due process “victory.” *Criminal Law Bulletin*, 60(4), 612-639.

Totten, C. D., & **Purdon, J. A.** (2023). A content analysis of significant interpretive cases for *Kansas v. Glover*: The evisceration of Fourth Amendment particularization for *Terry* stops in the traffic context. *Criminal Law Bulletin*, 59(6), 917-944.

Purdon, J. A., Fradella, H. F., Totten, C. D., & Gang, L. (2021). Police officer’s knowledge of *Gant*. *New Criminal Law Review*, 24(4), 468-497.

Lutes, E., **Purdon, J. A.**, & Fradella, H. F. (2019). When music takes the stand: A content analysis of how courts use and misuse rap lyrics in criminal cases. *American Journal of Criminal Law*, 46(1), 77-132.

Totten, C.D. & **Purdon, J.** (2017). A content analysis of post-*Jones* federal appellate cases: Implications of *Jones* for Fourth Amendment search law. *New Criminal Law Review*, 20, 233-308.

Totten, C.D. & **Purdon, J.** (2015). Rodriguez v. United States: “Bringing the dogs in” for police traffic stops or simply keeping them in check. *Criminal Law Bulletin*, 51, 1531 - 1560.

Book Chapters:

McMahon-Howard, J., **Purdon, J. A.**, Scherer, H., & McCafferty, J. (2022). State laws for carrying concealed guns on campus: History, status, and impacts. In J. Sloan, & B. Fisher (Eds.), *Campus crime: Legal, social and policy perspectives* (4th ed., pp. 98-114).

Fradella, H. F. & **Purdon, J. A.** (2021). Citations in lieu of arrest. In J. Copp, S. Demuth, & C. S. Scott-Hayward (Eds.), *Handbook on corrections & sentencing: Pretrial justice* (ASC Division of Corrections and Sentencing Handbooks Vol. 6, pp. 113–129). New York, NY: Routledge.

Purdon, J. A., White, M. D., & Fradella, H. F. (2020). Stop and frisk. In G. Alpert, R. G. Dunham, & K. McLean (Eds.), *Critical issues in policing* (8th ed., pp. 461–483). Long Grove, IL: Waveland. [Invited]

Comments and Reviews:

AS CONTRIBUTING EDITOR OF THE *CRIMINAL LAW BULLETIN*

Purdon, J. A., & Hreha-Purdon, E. (2025). From the Legal Literature: Absolute judicial immunity or absolute judicial impunity? Revisiting the doctrine of judicial immunity. *Criminal Law Bulletin*, 61(3), __-__.

Purdon, J. A., & Hreha-Purdon, E. (2025). From the Legal Literature: Forensic genetic genealogy: Relatively guilty. *Criminal Law Bulletin*, 61(2), __-__.

Purdon, J. A., & Hreha-Purdon, E. (2025). From the Legal Literature: Geofences: An unanswered Fourth Amendment Question. *Criminal Law Bulletin*, 61(1), 159-173.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

*Note: An asterisk next to a co-presenter’s name indicates the person was a student of mine with whom I presented a paper that the student and I co-authored as part of a thesis or independent study research project.

EAST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, APR. 2025

COMMERCE, TX

Krivokapic, T.,* & Purdon, J. A. (Paper Presentation)
The Impact of Race on Sentencing Outcomes in the U.S.

Chokkakula, D. K. N.,* & Purdon, J. A. (Paper Presentation)
Exigent Circumstances and the Fourth Amendment Implications of Lange v. California

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY, NOV. 2024

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Purdon, J. A. (Panel Chair and Paper Presentation)
Limiting exigency: A study investigating the impact of Lange v. California on the warrants requirement.

- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY, NOV. 2023 PHILADELPHIA, PA
 Serota, M., Spohn, C., & Purdon, J. A. (Paper Presentation)
Legislating criminal justice reform.
- WESTERN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY, FEB. 2022 HONOLULU, HI
 Purdon, J. A. (Paper Presentation)
A content analysis on Clark's effect on mental health evidence and the insanity defense.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY, NOV. 2021 CHICAGO, IL
 Purdon, J. A., Miller, N., & Fradella, H. F. (Paper Presentation)
Media depiction of police drones.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY, NOV. 2019 SAN FRANCISCO, CA
 Purdon, J. A., Totten, C. D., & Fradella, H. F. (Paper Presentation)
An empirical study of police officers' understanding how Arizona v. Gant restrains their conduct.
- WESTERN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY, FEB. 2019 HONOLULU, HI
 Purdon, J. A., Lutes, E., & Fradella, H. F. (Paper Presentation)
When music takes the stand: An examination of rap's influence in criminal court cases.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY, NOV. 2015 WASHINGTON, DC
 Totten, C.D. & Purdon, J. A. (Paper Presentation)
Content analysis of pre- and post-Jones federal appellate cases: implications for fourth Amendment search law.
- ACADEMY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES, MAR. 2015 ORLANDO, FL
 Totten, C.D. & Purdon, J. A. (Poster Presentation)
Katz vs. Jones: Judicial and policy implications of a new Fourth Amendment "search" standard.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY, NOV. 2014 SAN FRANCISCO, CA
 Totten, C.D. & Purdon, J. A. (Poster Presentation).
A content analysis of post-Jones "search" cases: Does a new "search" test matter?

GRANTS

- CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR [with Tapia, M. & Garcia, A.]
Each one teach one: A near-peer mentorship program for East Texas foster youth. Awarded 2025.
 Sponsor: FL Young Foundation. Funded Amount: \$5,000.
- CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR [with Tapia, M. & Garcia, A.].
Each One Teach One: A Near-Peer Mentorship Program for East Texas Foster Youth. Awarded 2025.
 Sponsor: College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSSA). Funded Amount: \$8,000.

INVITED LECTURES:

EAST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY April 9, 2025

Guest Speaker: Special lecture on Fourth Amendment, Fifth Amendment, and the exclusionary rule for CJ 2328: Police Systems.

EAST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY Sept. 12, 2024

Guest Speaker: Special lecture on Fourth Amendment and the exclusionary rule for CJ 2314: Criminal Investigations.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

EAST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

COMMERCE, TX

Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Aug. 2023-Present

Courses: CJ 1301: Introduction to Criminal Justice, CJ 1306: Courts and Criminal Procedure, CJ 1310: Fundamentals in Criminal Law, CJ 360: Mass Media and Crime, CJ 397: Law of Investigation, CJ 431: Law and Courts, CJ 520: Criminal Justice Administration and Management, CJ 531: Issues in Criminal Law and Courts, CJ 575: Research Methods in Criminal Justice.
Supervised honors undergraduate thesis.

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

PHOENIX, AZ

Ph.D. Student at the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Aug. 2018-May 2023

Courses: CRJ 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice, CRJ 203: Courts and Sentencing, CRJ 260: Substantive Criminal Law, CRJ 404: Juvenile Justice, CRJ 410: Criminal Procedure I: Law of Investigations, and CRJ 462: Gangs.

SERVICE:

EAST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Department:

Chapter Advisor for Alpha Phi Sigma (Alpha Kappa Omega chapter), Nov. 2024-Present

Search Committee Chair, Instructor of Criminal Justice, June 2025–Aug. 2025

Graduate Program Coordinator for the Master's in Applied Criminology Program, June 2024-Jan. 2025

Graduate Steering Committee for the Master's in Applied Criminology Program, Aug. 2023-Present

Student Service Fees Event Planning Committee Member, Dec. 2023-Present

Video Interview for Bryan Adams Dual Credit Program in Dallas, July 2024

Search Committee Member, Criminal Justice, Oct. 2023-April 2024

MANE Event Member: March 2024; Oct. 2024

College:

Search Committee Member, Literature and Languages, March 2025–May 2025

Profession:

Contributing Editor for the *Criminal Law Bulletin*, Nov. 2024-Present

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Department:

Bluebook Transformation Projects, Fall 2020; Spring 2021
 Systematic Social Observations, Spring 2019

Profession:

Managing Editor for the *Criminal Law Bulletin*, Spring 2019-Spring 2021

MENTORING OF STUDENTS:

EAST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

As Chair of Honors College Undergraduate Thesis Committee
 ○ Tijana Krivokapic, B.S., 2025

HONOR SOCIETIES:

Alpha Phi Sigma, National Criminal Justice Honor Society (Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter)	Fall 2024
Alpha Phi Sigma, National Criminal Justice Honor Society (Kappa Upsilon Chapter)	Fall 2015
Golden Key International Honor Society	Fall 2015

AWARDS:

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE Outstanding Graduate Student Award	Fall 2015
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ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY	Current
WESTERN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY	Current