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OBJECTIVE: To contribute to the quality education, professionalism, and spiritual lifestyle of Saint Vincent College by offering experience obtained from numerous college courses and programs of study, public and private sector employment endeavors, academic contributions and presentations, exposure from internships, time served in the military, and volunteer activities/service to the community

EDUCATION

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Ph.D., Criminology

Graduated: August 2010

3.96 Grade Point Average

Dissertation: *Determinate Sentencing of Drug Offenders: Assessing the Influence of Legally Relevant and Legally Irrelevant Variables on Sentence Outcome*

Committee Members: Dr. John Lewis (Chair), Dr. David Myers, Dr. Dennis Giever, Dr. Daniel Lee, Dr. Alex Heckert

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCCF)

(VLCCF is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation via the internet. The goal is to support the church's professional ministry of religious education and faith formation in cyberspace.)

Institute for Pastoral Initiatives-University of Dayton

Fall Semester 2003

Completed on-line course entitled: Jesus

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Masters Degree in Criminology

Graduated May 11, 2002

4.0 Grade Point Average

University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

Psychology and Administration of Justice Majors, Spanish Minor

Graduated April 29, 2000

Member of the Dean's List with a 3.58 QPA

RELEVANT COLLEGE COURSES TAUGHT AT SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE +

Saint Vincent College

Instructor of Record: Criminology, Law, and Society Department- I am currently employed as a professor at Saint Vincent College. I teach in the Criminology, Law, and Society Department as a full-time faculty member and have taught classes in the Sociology Department as needed. I am responsible for coordinating and facilitating all aspects of teaching undergraduate and graduate classes for Saint Vincent College. The classes that I have personally designed and instructed during my time include:

Undergraduate Classes:

CLS 101: Introduction to Criminology
CLS 215: Juvenile Justice
CLS 305: Violence and Victimology (Writing Designated)
CLS 340: Principles of Homeland Security
CLS 377: Addiction and Crime
CLS 380: Criminology of Firearms
CLS 504: Ethical Decisions and Dilemmas in Criminal Justice (Writing Designated)
CLS 510: Criminological Theories (Writing Designated)
SO 356: Research Methods

Graduate Classes:

GCLS 605: Special Topics (The Death Penalty)
GCLS 620: Advanced Criminological Theories
GCLS 660: Professional Seminar

PUBLICATIONS AT SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE +

Scholarly Publications:

*An Empirical Test of Social Information Processing Theory and Emotions in Violent Situations
Online citation: Bowen, Kendra N., Jennifer J. Roberts, Eric J. Kocian, and Aaron Bartula. (2014). "An Empirical Test of Social Information Processing Theory and Emotions in Violent Situations" *Western Criminology Review* 15(1): 18-33.

*Decision Making of Inmates: Testing Social Information Processing Concepts Using Vignettes
Online citation: Bowen, Kendra N., Jennifer J. Roberts, Eric J. Kocian (2016). "Decision Making of Inmates: Testing Social Information Processing Concepts Using Vignettes" *Applied Psychology in Criminal Justice* 12(1): 1-17.

*Contemporary Criminal Justice: An Examination of the System, Its Challenges, and Its Future. Published by Cognella (2017). Chapter 1: Crime and Victimization by Eric Kocian St. Vincent College.

Webpage Publications:

*September 2014: webpage articles referencing Dr. Eric Kocian with recognition of Saint Vincent College

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/gianna-sengupta/6-things-veterans-should-b_5878004.html

<https://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/loans/student-loans/applying-college-7-tips-veteran-students/>

<https://starsandstripeslounge.wordpress.com/2014/09/21/applying-to-college-6-tips-for-veteran-students/>

PRESENTATIONS WHILE AT SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

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A Public Forum on a Study of Opioid Addiction: Prevention and Treatment:

*September 6, 2017: Dr. John Lewis (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) and I were held a Town Hall Forum to share the findings of our research concerning pathways to addiction and recovery at the Fred Rogers Center at Saint Vincent College. The focus of our presentation revolved around our research and findings on the pathways to addiction, what can be done to help prevent others from going down this path, and how to better promote recovery within the county. This was a televised event that appeared on the PCN Channel and over 300 people attended.

Pennsylvania House of Representatives House Judiciary Committee Informational Meeting in Harrisburg, PA Presentation entitled, "A Study on Opioid Addiction: Prevention & Treatment":

*December 6, 2017: Speaking on behalf as a Saint Vincent College representative due to my research on addiction and recovery, I was an invited guest who presented research and findings to the House Judiciary Committee. My presentation focused on prevention and treatment and was based on my research conducted over the course of the past two years. In attendance were: Chairman Ron Marsico (R-Dauphin), Chairman Joseph Petrarca (D-Armstrong) and Representatives Tarah Toohil (R-Luzerne), Becky Corbin (R-Chester), Sheryl Delozier (R-Cumberland), Barry Jozwiak (R-Berks), Kate Klunk (R-York) Jerry Knowles (R-Berks), Eric Nelson (R-Westmoreland) Tedd Nesbit (R-Butler), Rick Saccone (R-Allegheny), Paul Schemel (R-Franklin), Todd Stephens (R-Montgomery), Jesse Topper (R-Bedford), Martina White (R-Philadelphia), Tim Briggs (D-Montgomery), Dom Costa (D-Allegheny), Tina Davis (D-Bucks), Madeleine Dean (D-Montgomery), Hal English (R-Allegheny), Joanna McClinton (D-Montgomery), and Father Paul Taylor (Saint Vincent College). I also met briefly with Representatives George Dunbar, Eli Evankovich, Mike Reese, Anita Kulik, Harry Readshaw, Adam Harris, Bryan Barbin, Eddie Pashinski, Leanne Krueger-Braneky, Mike Carroll, Eli

Evankovich, Ed Gainey, Mark Mustio, Margaret Tricarico, Legislative Assistant to Representative Readshaw, Senator Gene Yaw and Rita Zielonis, Executive Assistant to Senator Yaw. I also spoke with the governor's Deputy Chief of Staff Eric Hagarty.

Pennsylvania HOPE Caucus Event in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf Roundtable Event on Opiate Addiction:

*October 25, 2017: Speaking on behalf as a Saint Vincent College representative due to my research on addiction and recovery, presented my research and findings to Senator Gene Yaw, Representatives Dan Frankel, Ed Gainey, Leanne Krueger-Braneky, Mark Longietti, Dan Miller, Joe Petrarca, Frank Ryan, Eddie Pashinski, Harry Readshaw, Rita Zielonis, Executive Assistant to Senator Yaw, Nick Troutman, Legislative Director for Senator Yaw, Bill Casey, Legislative Assistant to Senator Judy Schwank, Kristen Bernard, Executive Assistant for Representative Petrarca, Barry Denk, Executive Director, Center for Rural Pennsylvania. I also met with Representatives Paul Costa, George Dunbar, Eli Evankovich, Mike Reese, Anita Kulik and dropped of materials at the offices of Representatives Aaron Kaufer, William Kortz, Eric Nelson, Rick Saccone, Peter Schweyer, Pam Snyder, and Father Paul Taylor (Saint Vincent College).

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Formal Briefing (Unclassified):

*September 27, 2017: I was invited by Craig Haller, Federal Prosecutor and Head of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) for Allegheny County, PA to brief a joint drug enforcement task force that consists of FBI, DEA, ATF, IRS, United States Marshals, and Department of Homeland Security agents and attorneys. I discussed the results of our research concerning pathways to addiction and recovery and fielded questions afterwards. Appreciation and additional follow up research and contact resulted from this formal presentation and multiple contacts were made and/or reinforced.

Federal Bureau of Investigation H.O.P.E. Formal Briefing (Unclassified):

*September 20, 2017: Dr. John Lewis and I were invited to brief the Heroin Outreach Prevention and Education (H.O.P.E.) group directed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Pittsburgh, PA Office). Included in attendance for this meeting and briefing were high ranking Drug Enforcement Administration Agents, Special Agents, Intelligence Analysts, School Superintendents, psychologists, community outreach members, service providers, and physicians. We discussed the results of our research concerning pathways to addiction and recovery and fielded questions afterwards. The FBI requested additional follow up research in this area to better support their mission and personnel and disseminated our contact information to interested associates.

Federal Bureau of Investigation Formal Briefing (Unclassified):

*August 10, 2017: Dr. John Lewis and I were invited to brief the Supervisor Special Agents, Intelligence Analysts, Special Agents, and the Community Outreach Specialist on the findings of our research concerning pathways to addiction and recovery. We presented at the FBI Field

Office in Pittsburgh, PA and the focus of our presentation revolved around pathways to addiction, what can be done to help prevent others from going down this path, and how to better promote recovery. The FBI requested additional follow up and research in this area to better support their mission and personnel.

Private Meeting with Bishop Malesic and His Staff:

*August 8, 2017: I was invited by Bishop Malesic to share with him and members of the Diocese of Greensburg the findings of my research concerning pathways to addiction and recovery at the Greensburg Chancery Office. The focus of my presentation revolved around pathways to addiction, what can be done to help prevent others from going down this path, and how to better promote recovery within the Diocese of Greensburg.

GOAL Magazine We Are War Drug Symposium at Saint Vincent College:

*November 8, 2017: Dr. John Lewis (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) and I were invited keynote speakers for an addiction symposium at the Fred Rogers Center at Saint Vincent College. The event was hosted by Wendy Bell and featured a variety of speakers talking about the impact on addiction so as to better educate the community. The focus of our presentation revolved around our research and findings on the pathways to addiction and recovery. This event was attended by over 200 people.

Westmoreland County Drug Overdose Task Force Meeting:

*August 9, 2017: Dr. John Lewis and I were invited to share the findings of our research concerning pathways to addiction and recovery at the Westmoreland County Court House. The focus of our presentation revolved around pathways to addiction, what can be done to help prevent others from going down this path, and how to better promote recovery within the county.

Home Box Office (H.B.O.) Documentary Contributor:

*August 17, 2017: Dr. John Lewis and I were interviewed and filmed by H.B.O. Productions at the Westmoreland County Coroner's Office regarding our research as part of a documentary they are doing on the effects of stress and addiction to be aired within the coming year.

Saint Vincent College Advisory Board Presentation

*September 8, 2017: I was invited to share the findings of my research with the Saint Vincent College Advisory Board at the Fred Rogers Center at Saint Vincent College. The focus of my presentation revolved around the research I recently completed on pathways to addiction, prevention, and recovery and future research goals.

Diocese of Greensburg Catholic Schools In-service Presenter:

*August 18, 2017: I was an invited speaker for the Diocese of Greensburg Catholic School In-service Day at Our Lady of Grace Parish. The focus of my presentation revolved around the research I recently completed on pathways to addiction, prevention, and recovery.

Private Meeting with Dr. Rachel Levine, Acting Secretary of Health and Physician General:

*September 11, 2017: I was invited to share the findings of my research with the Acting Secretary of Health and Physician General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the University of Pittsburgh. The focus of my conversation revolved around the research I recently completed on pathways to addiction, prevention, and recovery and future research goals.

Norwin School District K-12 Operation Prevention Advisory Committee Invited Presenter:

*November 14, 2017: I was an invited speaker/presenter for the Norwin School District K-12 Operation Prevention Advisory Committee Meeting. I spoke to the school principals, coordinators, teachers, and superintendent about my research on drug addiction and recovery.

Ligonier Valley Middle School Invited Presenter:

*October 20, 2017: I was the invited keynote speaker for the Ligonier Valley Middle School Drug Awareness and Education Day. I spoke to the entire middle school about the importance of making good decisions and the dangerous consequences of drug and alcohol experimentation.

Westmoreland County Community Drug Forum at Hempfield Area Senior High School:

*October 25, 2017: I was an invited panel member for the Hempfield Area School District's Forum on Addiction and Recovery. The focus of event revolved around addiction and recovery, with a documentary entitled The Anonymous People. A question and answer session followed with myself and other panel members from the Westmoreland County Detective's Bureau, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Drug Overdose Task Force, and with knowledge and/or experience in this epidemic.

Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Presentations:

- *February 18, 2017 (The Death Sentence from Then till Now)
- *December 20, 2015 (Heroin, the Law, and Lawyers)
- *April 12, 2015 (The Criminology of Firearms: Research and Issues in the Field)
- *April 7, 2013 (Computer Crime and the Law Enforcement Response)
- *February 24, 2013 (History of Capital Punishment and Classical Criminology)

Governor Tom Wolf Roundtable Event on Opiate Addiction:

*June 3, 2016: Speaking on behalf as a Saint Vincent College representative due to my research on addiction and recovery, I consulted and contributed to a roundtable discussion with Governor

Tom Wolf and various professionals and representatives regarding the overdose and opiate crisis in Westmoreland County.

Seminar on Faith-Based Solutions to the Opioid Epidemic:

*March 8, 2017: I was the keynote speaker for this event that took place at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. I presented some initial findings from my research that focused on drug experimentation and treatment options for those in various stages of recovery.

Saint Vincent College Series on Aging and Spirituality:

*April 20, 2017: I was the invited keynote speaker for the Saint Vincent College Series on Aging and Spirituality. The focus of my presentation revolved around the ideas of mercy and compassion when dealing with people addicted to various forms of controlled substances.

Saint Vincent College Prevention Projects Advisory Council:

*September 5, 2017: I presented to the Saint Vincent College Prevention Projects Advisory Council in Greensburg, Pennsylvania regarding the drug experimentation and treatment options for those in various stages of addiction and recovery with an emphasis on early intervention and treatment. The Advisory Council, as a result, will attempt to share the contents of my research in the community.

*April 12, 2017: I presented to the Saint Vincent College Prevention Projects Advisory Council in Greensburg, Pennsylvania about the progress of my research that focused on drug experimentation and treatment options for those in various stages of recovery. The Advisory Council, as a result, will attempt to share the contents of my research in the community.

Academic Panel Discussions:

*October 29, 2014: The Pennsylvania Sentencing Guidelines: A Panel Discussion held at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg to discuss the process of punishment in Pennsylvania. I was one of the invited panel members to discuss my research. Also present were Judge Debra Pezze, Judge Christopher Feliciani, Assistant District Attorney Greg DeFloria, and Westmoreland County Chief Public Defender Wayne McGrew.

*February 17, 2015: Ferguson: A Wide Discussion. I was one of the invited panel members to provide a narrative regarding the events that took place on the ground from a law enforcement perspective. The event took place on the campus of Saint Vincent College. Also present were Dr. George Leiner, Dr. Tim Kelly, Attorney Candace Regan, and Saint Vincent College Student Nubia Williams.

Senate Testimony for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania:

*July 21, 2015: I testified at a public hearing at Saint Vincent College on Heroin and Opioid Addiction Treatment and Services. The Pennsylvania Legislature and Senator Gene Yaw were

grateful for my report in hopes of providing more education and information on this topic to help draft legislation that is productive. This event was televised.

Academic Conferences:

*June 5-7, 2014: Benedictine Pedagogy Conference @ Saint Vincent College. Presentation given June 6th, 2014: Answering the Call: A Vocation in Academia.

*March 31-April 1, 2014: Skills Learned, Respect Earned: Valuing the Veteran in Higher Education Conference @ Slippery Rock University

Saint Vincent College Faculty Scholarship and Creative Work Recognition:

*May 11, 2017: I was invited and participated in the 3rd annual Faculty Scholarship and Creative Work Recognition Celebration at Saint Vincent College. My focus was on the research and interviews surrounding the heroin epidemic in Westmoreland County and beyond.

Greensburg Business Connection Invited Speaker:

*February 8, 2018: I was the invited speaker at the Greensburg Business Solutions monthly breakfast meeting to speak to those in attendance about pressing issues that face the county. My focus was on the research and interviews surrounding the heroin epidemic in Westmoreland County and beyond and I fielded questions following my talk.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION COLLABORATION EFFORTS +

FBI Heroin Outreach Prevention and Education Working Group Consultant:

*August 2015-Present: I have been asked to be a part of the ongoing Heroin Outreach Prevention and Education (H.O.P.E.) group directed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Pittsburgh, PA Office) and have been awarded the opportunity to examine the pathways to addiction and recovery in Westmoreland County with the hopes of learning ways to prevent addiction and promote recovery. I was contacted by various professionals within the county in order to provide ideas to reduce overdose deaths in Westmoreland County.

*August 24, 2015: Consultation Meeting with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in order to assess the likelihood of serving in this capacity for the foreseeable future based on mutual research interests.

*September 30, 2015: As part of our research into the heroin problem, we were asked to present our initial findings to the Heroin Outreach Prevention and Education (H.O.P.E.) group directed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Pittsburgh, PA Office). We presented to approximately 40 high ranking officials from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, and other federal, local, and state entities.

*November 3, 2015: United States Attorney's Office Working Group on Drug Overdose and Addiction (DEA 360 Strategy)

*December 1, 2015: Follow up meeting with the Heroin Outreach Prevention and Education (H.O.P.E.) group directed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Pittsburgh, PA Office). I was asked about chairing a subcommittee to investigate various ways and entities of getting the message out regarding heroin and its devastating properties.

*February 3, 2016: As part of our research into the heroin problem, I was asked to chair a subcommittee and present thoughts to the Heroin Outreach Prevention and Education (H.O.P.E.) group directed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Pittsburgh, PA Office). I presented to approximately 40 high ranking officials from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, and other federal, local, and state entities about ways to increase community awareness about opioid addiction.

*May 18, 2016: Follow up meeting with the Heroin Outreach Prevention and Education (H.O.P.E.) group directed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Pittsburgh, PA Office). Updates regarding a variety of initiatives were discussed along with action items for future direction.

*August 17, 2016: Meet with the Heroin Outreach Prevention and Education (H.O.P.E.) group directed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Pittsburgh, PA Office) regarding the upcoming initiatives for the new academic year.

*June 20, 2017: Meeting with the Heroin Outreach Prevention and Education (H.O.P.E.) group directed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Pittsburgh, PA Office) with research updates regarding various statistical analyses in progress.

*August 10, 2017: Dr. John Lewis and I were invited to brief the Supervisor Special Agents, Intelligence Analysts, Special Agents, and the Community Outreach Specialist on the findings of our research concerning pathways to addiction and recovery. We presented at the FBI Field Office in Pittsburgh, PA and the focus of our presentation revolved around pathways to addiction, what can be done to help prevent others from going down this path, and how to better promote recovery. The FBI requested additional follow up and research in this area to better support their mission and personnel.

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*January 31, 2018: Meeting with the Heroin Outreach Prevention and Education (H.O.P.E.) group directed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Pittsburgh, PA Office). Updates regarding a variety of initiatives were discussed along with action items for future direction.

Saint Vincent College Cybersecurity Day:

*October 18, 2016: Participated in efforts and planning to coordinate a Saint Vincent College Cybersecurity Day partnered with the Pittsburgh Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This event focused on threats to cybersecurity and is aimed at prospective high school students in the area to be hosted at Saint Vincent College. *The Ethics of Duty and Justice for All* was the title of my presentation.

*October 17, 2017: Participated in efforts and planning to coordinate the Saint Vincent College 2nd Annual Cybersecurity Day. This event focused on threats to cybersecurity and is aimed at prospective high school students in the area to be hosted at Saint Vincent College. *The Ethics of Duty and Justice for All* was the title of my presentation.

SERVICE TO SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

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Educational Policies Committee (EPC) Representative:

*In the Spring semester of 2016, I secured an elected position on the Educational Policies Committee at Saint Vincent College. My duties will begin at the start of the academic year and my appointment will last for 2 years.

ROTC Coordinator/Veteran's Resource for Saint Vincent College:

*August 2013-Present: I am the ROTC Coordinator responsible for facilitating all aspects of the program for students who are interested in taking courses as part of a scholarship or for college credit. Saint Vincent College is partnered up with the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Seton Hill, and Westmoreland County Community College.

*September 17, 2014: ROTC Student Meeting on the campus of Saint Vincent College with the Three Rivers Command Division and students interested in scholarship/credit opportunities

*October 24, 2014: Coordinated a guest speaker, Retired Colonel Steve Scheuman, to speak with the Saint Vincent College ROTC program regarding leadership styles and the importance of leading by example in the military and in all aspects of life

*November 11, 2014: Organized and participated in the Veteran's Day Flag Raising Ceremony and Prayer Service to honor those who served in the United States Armed Forces

*November 15, 2017: ROTC Student Meeting on the campus of Saint Vincent College with the Three Rivers Command Division and students interested in scholarship/credit opportunities

Saint Vincent College Search Committee Representative:

*Summer 2014: Assistant Vice President for Admissions Search Committee

*Spring 2015: Assistant Vice President for Admissions Search Committee

Saint Vincent College Faculty Search Committee Representative:

*Fall 2015-Spring 2016: Assistant Professor Criminology, Law, and Society Search Committee

*Fall 2017-Spring 2018: Assistant Professor Criminology, Law, and Society Search Committee

Saint Vincent College Criminal Law Symposium 2017 Critical Topic Presentation

*January 24, 2017: I helped organize and present a symposium on The Heroin Epidemic. In cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA, and the Pennsylvania State Police, we spoke to high school students, faculty, and administrators from various school districts in Westmoreland County about the heroin epidemic and the topic of school violence.

New courses designed and taught for the Criminology, Law, and Society Department:

*Violence and Victimology (CLS 305)

*Addiction and Crime (CLS 377)

*Homeland Security (CLS 340)

*Ethical Decisions and Dilemmas in Criminal Justice (CLS 404)

*Criminology of Firearms (CLS 380)

*Advanced Criminological Theories (GCLS 620)

Freshman Seminar Courses Taught:

*Introduction to Criminology (CLS 101); Fall Semesters

Writing Designated (WD) Courses Taught:

*Violence and Victimology (CLS 305)

*Ethical Decisions and Dilemmas in Criminal Justice (CLS 404)

*Criminology Theories (CLS 510)

Workshops:

*Interdisciplinary Writing Program Workshops (3 per year)

Saint Vincent College Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategic Planning Task Force Member:

*Spring 2017: I was a faculty representative for the Task Force to address alcohol and other drug use in terms of the Strategic Plan

Mock Trials:

- *October 8, 2013 (Saint Vincent College)
- *October 21, 2014 (Saint Vincent College)
- *October 29, 2015 (Saint Vincent College)
- *October 26, 2016 (Saint Vincent College)
- *October 31, 2017 (Saint Vincent College)

Saint Vincent College Majors Fair Representative:

- *October 1, 2014
- *October 7, 2015
- *October 5, 2016

Saint Vincent College Blue Mass:

*October 2, 2016: I helped coordinate the Blue Mass, sponsored by the Saint Vincent College Criminology, Law, and Society Program and the Archabbot to honor and recognize first responders at the 11:30 mass on Sunday October 2, 2016.

College Recruitment and Orientation Seminars:

*September 2012-Present: Get Acquainted Day Representative for the Criminology, Law, and Society Department

*June-August 2014-Present: Saint Vincent College Academic Orientation for Incoming Freshman and Families

*October 12, 2017: University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg 14th Annual Graduate and Professional School Fair

*October 19, 2016: Greater Latrobe Area High School Freshman Visit to Campus (2 Mock Class Presentations)

*January 29, 2015: Military Scholarship and Opportunity Seminar Presentation at Saint Vincent College

*April 29, 2014: Greater Latrobe Area High School Freshman Visit to Campus (2 Mock Class Presentations)

*August 22, 2014: Faculty Workshop Presentation on Welcoming Veterans on Campus

*August 19, 2014: New Faculty Orientation Panel Question and Answer session with Dr. Jessica Harvey and Dr. Anthony Serapiglia for Saint Vincent College

*April 26, 2014: Kenton Iwaniec Memorial Race, Take-Off: Honor the Past, Shape the Future. I volunteered with the Criminology Club Members and served as a Course Monitor

*April 24, 2014: Served as a judge for the Mr. SVC Event at Saint Vincent College to assist with the Student Government Association fundraising event

*April 5, 2014: Saint Vincent College Focus Day Presentation to College Students

*March 22, 2014: Spring Cotillion Chaperone at Stratigo's in Irwin to assist the Student Government Association

*October 21, 2013: Westmoreland County Community College Class Presentation on Saint Vincent College's Criminology, Law, and Society Program

*October 9, 2013: Westmoreland County Community College Transfer Fair

Criminology Club Faculty Advisor:

*August 2013-Present: I serve as the Criminology Club Faculty Advisor and help promote ways to build the club, raise money for events and activities, and foster an appreciation for our discipline outside the classroom

*October 2014-Present: Our Criminology Club takes part in Red Ribbon Week on campus at Saint Vincent College. The club passes out red ribbons to promote drug-free choices and lifestyles and to honor Enrique Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent who was tortured and killed in Mexico in 1985

*November 2014-Present: Letter-writing and Card-making campaign to the wounded veterans at the National Naval Medical Center at Walter Reed

*January 26, 2015: Telephone conversation with Lt. Colonel Matthew St. Laurent from the National Naval Medical Center at Walter Reed regarding the Criminology Club's Veteran's Day Card Campaign and future endeavors

Saint Vincent Columbian Squires Boot Camp:

*December 13, 2014: At the request of Michael Krom, Ph.D. in the Philosophy Department at Saint Vincent College, I coordinated and conducted a "boot-camp" type exercise for the young men in the program. I spoke about the importance of Advent preparations for the coming of Christ in mind, body, and spirit before leading the men and boys through a variety of exercises and calisthenics on the campus of Saint Vincent College.

Saint Vincent College First Friday Forum: Pathways to Addiction and Recovery

*February 3, 2017: I presented at the monthly forum on campus regarding my research on addiction and recovery with interested parties affiliated with Saint Vincent College in hopes of facilitating an academic discussion about the drug epidemic in the country.

Contributions to Athletic Programs:

*Faculty Mentor for Men's Lacrosse Team 2014-2015: As Faculty Mentor, I was responsible for meeting with the coaches at the beginning and end of the season to clarify roles, I acted as a resource for student-athlete team members, attended at least one team practice, two games, matches, or competitions, and communicated with the Faculty Athletic Representative, as needed.

*Honorary Faculty Coach for the Football Team: I was nominated and selected by the football team to serve as the Honorary Coach for the Football game on Homecoming weekend versus Grove City 2014. My duties included talking to the team prior to the game and being on the sidelines for the game.

Saint Vincent College Events Attended:

*September 10, 2014: Best Practices in Law Enforcement in the Next Decade

*August 10, 2016: Pennsylvania House Judiciary Committee hearing on police use of body cameras

*September 19, 2016: Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Christine Donahue's Talk on Ethics in the Criminal Justice System for the next decade

Letters of Recommendation/Reference:

*Dozens of letters of recommendation have been written on behalf of my students.

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Pathways to Addiction and Recovery Study and Recognition:

*August 2014-Present: I have developed and have been awarded the opportunity to examine the pathways to addiction and recovery in Westmoreland County with the hopes of learning ways to prevent addiction and promote recovery. I was contacted by various professionals within the county in order to provide ideas to reduce overdose deaths in Westmoreland County.

*Article on the study appeared in the Tribune Review on Tuesday June 30, 2015. Link found here: <http://triblive.com/news/westmoreland/8449552-74/drug-county-kocian#axzz3fPJMvLX4>

*Follow up article appeared in the Latrobe Bulletin on Monday March 14, 2016.

*March 15, 2016: Radio interview with Hank Bauchman of WCNS radio 1480 regarding Saint Vincent College and the research on addiction and recovery

*Article on the study appeared in the Tribune Review on Tuesday April 2, 2016. Link found here: <http://triblive.com/news/westmoreland/10207091-74/heroin-kocian-students>

*Article on the study appeared in the Tribune Review on June 4, 2016. Link found here: <http://triblive.com/news/westmoreland/10571127-74/drug-county-wolf>

*Article on the faith-based initiatives to opioid addiction appeared in the Tribune Review on March 9, 2017. Link found here: <http://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/12000042-74/addiction-county-kocian>

*Article in the Latrobe Bulletin on Sunday May 28, 2017 regarding my meeting with Patricia Hoover, field representative for U.S. Representative Keith Rothfus, and Colin Dwyer, FUSE Corps Executive Fellow of the Allegheny County Health Department about research on the opioid crisis.

*Article on the study appeared in the Tribune Review on Monday September 4, 2017. Link found here: <http://triblive.com/news/adminpage/12652486-74/st-vincent-drug-study-turns-up-surprising-data>

*News broadcast on WTAE News on Monday September 4, 2017 regarding the findings of my research on addiction and recovery. Link found here: <http://www.wtae.com/article/state-of-addiction-finding-early-indicators-of-heroin-addiction/12173153>

*Live radio broadcast on WMBS Radio with Host Doug Saltzman on Wednesday September 6, 2017 regarding the findings of my research on addiction and recovery.

*Article on following the Public Forum appeared in the Tribune Review on Thursday September 7, 2017. Link found here: <http://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/12652998-74/study-backs-role-of-faith-in-drug-addiction-recovery>

*Article on my filming with HBO appeared in the Tribune Review on Wednesday September 13, 2017. Link found here: <http://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/12727592-74/hbo-films-in-westmoreland-for-documentary-on-male-mortality-and-its-causes>

*October 23, 2017: Radio interview with host Tay Waltenbaugh and guest Tim Phillips of WCNS radio 1480 regarding Saint Vincent College and the research on addiction and recovery which aired Saturday October 28, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

*November 8, 2017: Radio interview with host Hank Baughman of WCNS radio 1480 regarding Saint Vincent College and the research on addiction and recovery to help promote the GOAL Magazine's We Are At War Event at Saint Vincent College November 8, 2017.

*Article in the Latrobe Bulletin on Thursday November 9, 2017 regarding my meeting with Representative Ed Gainey and other members of the Pennsylvania State Legislator's Heroin Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE) Caucus. This event took place in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

*Article on my research presentation to the Pennsylvania state lawmakers on addiction and recovery that appeared in the Tribune Review on Wednesday December 13, 2017. Link found

here: <http://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/13069482-74/st-vincent-professor-shares-drug-study-findings-with-state-lawmakers>

*Article on my research appeared in the Lancaster Online publication on January 15, 2018. Link found here: http://lancasteronline.com/opinion/columnists/for-many-faith-can-be-an-antidote-to-opioid-addiction/article_c9a156f0-f6fe-11e7-878d-cf0bd19823a3.html

Westmoreland County Re-Entry Meetings:

*April 24, 2014: Meeting with Dr. Jonathan Valano at the University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg to discuss collaboration opportunities between UPG and Saint Vincent College with the Offender Re-Entry Process in Westmoreland County

*April 30, 2014: An Examination of the Offender Re-entry Process in Westmoreland County @ the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

*June 5, 2014: Meeting with Ryan Hrobak, Chris Foschia, Veronica Ent, and Linda Morlacci to discuss opportunities for Saint Vincent College to receive grant funding for Offender-Reentry Programs

OTHER INTELLECTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS/TEACHING MATERIALS +

Bowen, K., Roberts, J.J., & Kocian, E.J. (2011). Presenter at The American Society of Criminology Conference. Title of presentation: An Analysis of the Criminal Situation: Decision Making and the Other Contextual Factors of Assault.

Kocian, E.J. (2011). Presenter at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Center for Teaching Excellence: Reflective Practice Large Group Meeting. Topic of discussion: How to use everyday items and activities to foster student learning and engagement.

Kocian, E.J. (2010). Determinate Sentencing of Drug Offenders: Assessing the Influence of Legally Relevant and Legally Irrelevant Variables on Sentence Outcome.

Kocian, E.J., et al. (2005). Reintegration: A Case Study. Indiana University of Pennsylvania: Public Policy and Governance Case Studies.

Kocian, E. J., et. al. (2005). Evaluation Assessment Project for Child Advocacy Center of Indiana County.

Vocation Retreat Day (2005). Presenter with the Diocese of Greensburg's Office of Clergy Vocations. This one day seminar dealt with helping people identify and listen to God's purpose or vocation in life.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

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Saint Bartholomew's Catholic Church

Director of Religious Education and Faith Formation- Currently, I am Director of Religious Education and Faith Formation and coordinate the entire Religious Education program for Sunday mornings throughout the school year for preschool through 12th grade children. I have assumed these responsibilities from 2005 through the present. My duties have included lesson plan and activity preparation, selecting supplemental readings to support textbook material, and the construction of tests and quizzes to assess educational progress. I also serve as a Eucharistic Minister for Saturday evening or Sunday morning masses. After mass, I administer Holy Communion to the sick or those unable to attend services for a variety of reasons. I also have taught classes ranging from Kindergarten through high-school age.

Saint Bartholomew's Catholic Church

Guest Speaker at Mass (2007-present)- Several times throughout the year, I speak at mass during the time set aside for the homily on a variety of topics depending on the liturgical calendar and the needs of the parish.

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Church- I occasionally serve as a lector and/or altar server for daily mass. I assist with the safety and security measures of the church by locking the church at night.

Saint Paul's Catholic Church Youth Group

Sunday Evening Presenter (January 2012)- I spoke to the junior high and senior high youth group on the importance of prayer in life. My presentation included meditation, discussion, and reflection.

Joyful Noise Praise and Worship Group- I volunteered my time and talents from 2003 through 2006 for a praise and worship band that performed monthly in churches, auditoriums, and theatres throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. My primary functions involved reading Scriptural passages, writing spiritual reflections, and sharing motivation/inspirational accounts.

OTHER NOTABLE WORK EXPERIENCE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Special Agent Training- I was employed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for New Agent Training in Quantico, Virginia as part of the 2012-01 Academy Class. I was required to successfully pass all academic examinations, work through case scenarios, conduct surveillance exercises, master several techniques for interviewing individuals, maintain proficiency in firearms and physical fitness, and negotiate a variety of case scenarios designed to challenge and assess individual and collective skill levels.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Instructor of Record: Criminology Department and Sociology Department- I was employed as a professor at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania various semesters from 2006

through 2013. I have taught and continue to teach in the Criminology and Sociology Departments as a temporary faculty member. I was responsible for coordinating and facilitating all aspects of teaching undergraduate classes as well as completing all assignments related to preparing future faculty members for careers in this field.

Spring 2018

CRIM 391: Substance Use and Abuse in Criminal Justice

Fall 2017

CRIM 205: Policing and the Community

CRIM 400: Theoretical Criminology (Writing Intensive)

Spring 2013

SOC 333: Delinquency and Youth (2 sections)

SOC 335: Drug and Alcohol Abuse (2 sections)

Fall 2012

SOC 333: Delinquency and Youth (3 sections)

SOC 335: Drug and Alcohol Abuse

Summer 2010

SOC 333: Delinquency and Youth

Spring 2010

CRIM 403: Dilemma in Criminology and Criminal Justice (2 sections)

CRIM 394: Delinquency and Youth

Fall 2009

CRIM 394: Delinquency and Prevention (2 sections)

Spring 2009

CRIM 255: Law, Social Control, and Society (2 sections)

SOC 333: Delinquency and Youth (2 sections)

Fall 2008

CRIM 255: Law, Social Control, and Society (2 sections)

Spring 2008

CRIM 255: Law, Social Control, and Society

SOC 333: Delinquency and Youth (2 sections)

Fall 2007

CRIM 255: Law, Social Control, and Society (2 sections)

SOC 333: Delinquency and Youth (2 sections)

Summer 2007

SOC 333: Delinquency and Youth

Spring 2007

CRIM 255: Law, Social Control, and Society

SOC 333: Delinquency and Youth

Fall 2006

CRIM 255: Law, Social Control, and Society

Slippery Rock University

Instructor of Record: Criminology and Criminal Justice Department- I was employed as a professor at Slippery Rock University from 2011 through 2012. I taught in the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department as a temporary faculty member. I was responsible for coordinating and facilitating all aspects of teaching undergraduate classes.

Spring 2012

CRIM 205: Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice

CRIM 333: Crime, Justice, and Society (3 sections)

Fall 2011

CRIM 273: American Corrections

CRIM 301: Theoretical Criminology (2 sections)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Special Topic Guest Lecturer: Criminology Department (No formal evaluations)

Fall 2010

CRIM 410: Race, Ethnic, Social Structure, and Crime (2 sections)

CRIM 384: Violence and Victimology (2 sections)

CRIM 101: Crime and Justice Systems

Spring 2010

CRIM 384: Violence and Victimology (2 sections)

CRIM 101: Crime and Justice Systems

Fall 2009

CRIM 384: Violence and Victimology (2 sections)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Independent Researcher- From June 2010 through October 2010, I assisted in collecting and interpreting data for a research project entitled *An Analysis of Criminal Situations: Decision Making and other Contextual Factors of Robbery and Assault*. My duties and responsibilities included, but were not limited to: interviewing inmates at various county correctional institutions throughout Western Pennsylvania, recording and tabulating responses to interview questions, and providing insights and observations to the lead researcher in order to recognize occurrences and trends. The project sought to learn more about violent and assaultive behaviors by utilizing a psychological theory and will result in publications for vested researcher members.

Dr. Tim Bridges and Associates, Inc.

Behavioral Specialist Consultant/Mobile Therapist- I helped provide many types of psychological services to children, adults, and families. Behavioral Health Rehabilitative Services (BHRS) also known as “Wraparound” Services is an intensive service that focuses on providing treatment within the natural setting such as home, school, and community. These services strive to help children and families develop interventions and strategies to decrease negative behavioral and emotional problems and increase positive coping strategies. I was employed here from October of 2005 through July of 2008

WORKS IN PROGRESS

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The Fly and The Rainbow: Daily Reflections of Faith. I am finishing work and seeking publication on a daily devotional book focusing on building better relationships with God by recognizing the many ways in which He is ever-present in our lives.

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIPS

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Westmoreland County Detective Bureau- I worked in cooperation with the county detectives on police-type matters ranging from homicide investigations to computer crimes. The majority of my time was spent working alongside the detectives who worked narcotics investigations. In that time, I participated in residential surveillances, drug buys, conversations with controlled informants, and serving arrest warrants from January 3, 2000 through April 17, 2000. I also did a graduate internship from January 3, 2002 through April 2002.

University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Research Assistant- As part of an ongoing study conducted by Dr. Dugan and Dr. Evans-Rhodes, I helped research, interview, code, and interpret the values and beliefs of juvenile delinquents to compare their results to those of the non-criminal juveniles in society. The interviews with the delinquent juveniles took place at the Shuman Center in Pittsburgh every Saturday throughout the semester.

MILITARY SERVICE

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United States Marine Corps Reserves

- *Honorably Discharged August 11, 1998 as a Private First Class
- *Served in the Military Police Unit Located in North Versailles
- *Qualified as a Marksman with the M-16 A2 Service Rifle
- *Qualified as a Sharpshooter with the Beretta Service Pistol

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

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- *Awarded the 2010-2011 Teaching Award from the IUP African American Student Organization
- *Currently serving as an active member of the Univ. of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Alumni Board
- *Currently serving as an active member of the University of Notre Dame Booster Club
- *Recognized as a Member of the Who's Who Among College Students 2000, 2010 Editions
- *Named Ambassador to the Class of 2000 at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
- *President of the Student Athlete Advisory Council, 1998-1999
- *Awarded the President's Scholarship for maintaining a 3.25 QPA or higher at UPG
- *Co-Captain of the Men's Varsity Basketball Team at Pitt-Greensburg, 1998-99
- *Graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
- *Graduated with a 4.0 QPA in the Masters Program at the Indiana University of PA