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## Curriculum Vitae

### **EDUCATION**

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**Ph.D.** Sociology, Bowling Green State University, December, 2004.

Area Preliminary Examinations: Criminology, Social Psychology  
*Double Major*

Doctoral Dissertation: *Racial Bias or "Blameworthiness":  
Offense Seriousness, Sentencing, and Time to  
Recidivism for Whites, Blacks, Hispanics,  
and Mexican Immigrants.*

**M.A.** Sociology, Bowling Green State University, August, 2001.

Entered program August, 1999

Master's Thesis: *Gender and the Role of Second-Order Expectations: Do  
Reflected Appraisals Affect Male Behavior?*

**B.A.** Sociology, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, 1999.

Minor: Economics, Political Science

Graduated *Cum Laude*

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Criminology	Drugs and Crime	Social Psychology
Organized Crime	Sociology of Sport	Status
Transnational Crime	Family Violence	White Collar Crime

### **PUBLICATIONS**

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McGovern, Virginia, Steve Demuth, and Joe Jacoby. *Racial and Ethnic Recidivism Risks: A Comparison of Postincarceration Rearrest, Reconviction, and Reincarceration Among White, Black, and Hispanic Releasees.* The Prison Journal, Vol. 89, No. 3, 309-327 (2009).

McGovern, Virginia. *Trash Talk—Fee Evasion and Techniques of Neutralization by Older Women in Response to Rising Garbage Collection Fees.* The Internet Journal of Criminology 2010. [www.internetjournalofcriminology.com](http://www.internetjournalofcriminology.com)

McGovern, Virginia and Stephen Demuth. *Race/Ethnicity and Recidivism Risk: The Importance of Considering Nativity when examining White, Black and Hispanic Differences*. Forthcoming (December, 2010): International Journal of Sociological Research. <http://www.serialspublications.com/journals1.asp?jid=456&jtype=1>

### **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

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McGovern, Virginia and Martin Malone. *Eating Disorders, Body Image, and College Size*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Baltimore, Maryland. March, 2009.

McGovern, Virginia. *Race/Ethnicity and Recidivism Risk: The Importance of Considering Nativity when examining White, Black and Hispanic differences*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. St. Louis, Missouri. November, 2008.

McGovern, Virginia *Trash Talk—Criminal Behavior among the Elderly*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, Georgia. November, 2007.

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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McGovern, Virginia *Career Choices for MSMU Criminal Justice Graduates*  
Presentation at Seton Hall, Daughters of Charity  
April, 2008

McGovern, Virginia *Criminal Justice at the Mount*.  
Presentation at Charlestown, West Virginia Sheriff's department.  
October, 2007.  
Presentation at Sykesville, Maryland Police and Corrections Officers  
Training Academy. October, 2007.  
Open House at Mount Saint Mary's Frederick campus for Frederick  
County police officers. October, 2007.  
Presentation at Ft. Detrick, Maryland army base recruiting seminar.  
March, 2006.

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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Awarded Tenure—Promoted to Associate Professor—March 25, 2011  
National Champion Senior Games—Gold Medal, Racquetball, Houston, 2011  
Awarded Auxiliary Police Officer Position—Gettysburg Police Department—January, 2008  
APS Charter Advisor—Spring, 2007  
APS Honor Society Inductee MSMU Spring, 2007  
AKD Honor Society Inductee MSMU Spring, 2006

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Eastern Sociological Society (2009—present)  
APS Honor Society (2007—present)  
AKD Honor Society (2006 – present)  
American Society of Criminology (2002 - present)  
American Sociological Association (1999 - 2008)  
North Central Sociological Association (1999 - 2001)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Mount Saint Mary's University**

Business	320	<i>Business Statistics</i>
Core Courses	101	<i>Freshman Seminar</i>
Core Courses	102	<i>Freshman Seminar-Values</i>
Criminal Justice	222	<i>Drugs and Crime</i>
Criminal Justice	315	<i>Ethics in Criminal Justice</i>
Criminal Justice	318	<i>Criminology</i>
Criminal Justice	335	<i>Juvenile Delinquency</i>
Criminal Justice	370	<i>Organized Crime</i>
Criminal Justice	380	<i>White Collar Crime</i>
Criminal Justice	400	<i>Research Methods</i>
Criminal Justice	410	<i>Statistics</i>
Sociology	101	<i>Foundations of Sociology</i>
Sociology	320	<i>Sociology of Sport</i>
Sociology	498	<i>Senior Seminar</i>

### *Independent Study Courses*

Sociology	350	<i>Animal Abuse/Welfare</i>
Sociology	350	<i>Domestic Violence</i>
Sociology	350	<i>Governmental Agencies and Policy</i>
Sociology	350	<i>Social Organizations</i>
Criminal Justice	350	<i>Serial Killers</i>
Criminal Justice	350	<i>Transnational Crime</i>

### **Bowling Green State University**

Sociology	101	<i>Principles of Sociology</i>
Sociology	202	<i>Social Problems</i>
Sociology	301	<i>Social Psychology</i>
Sociology	341	<i>Juvenile Delinquency</i>
Sociology	441	<i>Introduction to Criminology</i>
Sociology	443	<i>White Collar Crime</i>

**OFFICES HELD**

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2010—Present—Faculty Athletic Representative

2010—Present—Chair, Athletics Advisory Board

2008—Present—Chapter Advisor Alpha Phi Sigma—Criminal Justice Honor Society

2009—Present—Compensation Analysis Committee—MSMU

2007—2010 —Assessment Committee—MSMU