

**Anthony G. Vito, Ph.D.***Curriculum Vitae*

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Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology

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**EDUCATION**

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Doctorate of Philosophy, Justice Administration, May 2015

University of Louisville, KY

Dissertation: *Racial Profiling: Using Propensity Score Matching to Address Focal Concerns Theory*

Chair: George E. Higgins Ph.D., Professor, University of Louisville, Department of Criminal Justice

Committee: Thomas W. Hughes Ph.D., Associate Professor, Former Director of the Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville, Department of Criminal Justice; William F. Walsh Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Former Director of the Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville, Department of Criminal Justice; James Frank Ph.D., Professor, University of Cincinnati, Department of Criminal Justice

Master of Science, Justice Administration, May 2012

University of Louisville, KY

Master's Thesis: *Adolescent Steroid Use: A Logistic Regression Analysis*

Chair: George E. Higgins Ph.D., Professor, University of Louisville, Department of Criminal Justice

Committee: Geetha Suresh Ph.D., Associate Professor, Stevenson University, Department of Criminal Justice; Seana Golder Ph.D., University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work

Graduate Studies, Criminal Justice, September 1, 2010 – April 1, 2011

University of Cincinnati, OH

Bachelor of Science, Justice Administration, August 2010

University of Louisville, KY

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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- 2021 Missing Data in R Statistical Horizons
- 2017 Quality Matters Teaching Online Certificate (Completing of Seven Quality Matters Courses: Assessing Your Learners, Connecting Learning Theories to Your Teaching Strategies, Creating Presence in Your Online Course, Evaluating Your Course Design, Exploring Your Institution's Policies, Gauging Your Technology Skills, Orienting Your Online Learners)
- 2016 Quality Matters Peer Reviewer (Completion of Three Quality Matters Courses: Applying the QM Rubric Workshop, Peer Reviewer Course, Designing Your Online Course)
- 2012 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Training Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research: Hierarchical Linear Models I

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2018-Present Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)  
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology  
Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana
- 2015-2018 Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)  
Department of Criminology  
University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia
- 2012-2015 Graduate Assistant University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky
- Managing Editor Journal of Criminal Justice Education
  - Data Collection and Analysis Capital Sentencing Project
  - Taught JA 202 Corrections in American (Spring Semester 2013)
  - Teaching Assistant for JA 326 Quantitative Analysis (Fall Semester 2012) and JA 596 Crime Analysis (Fall Semester (2012)
- 2011 Academic Athletic Tutor University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky
- Business Statistics
  - Criminal Procedure
  - Criminalistics
- 2010-2011 Graduate Assistant University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Data Entry

- Transcribing Interviews for the EPICs Project (program for probationers and parolees).

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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2022–Present Assistant Editor for the *Journal of Criminal Justice and Law*

## AWARDS

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2018 Outstanding Research Award, College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia

2018 Outstanding Research Award, Department of Criminology, University of West Georgia

2015 Outstanding Graduate Student: Southern Criminal Justice Association

## PUBLICATIONS

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### ACADEMIC PRESS BOOK

**Vito, A. G.** (2018). *Racial Profiling: Using Propensity Score Matching to Examine Focal Concern's Theory*. New York, New York, United States of America: Routledge: Taylor & Francis Group.

### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Vito, G.F., Vito, A.G., & Higgins, G.E. (Accepted). The gender gap in attitudes towards capital punishment and life without parole (LWOP) in Kentucky. *Women & Criminal Justice*.

Intravia, J., **Vito, A.G.**, & Rocheleau, G.C. (2022). Low Self-Control and Vaping: The Mediating Role of Health and Risk Perceptions. *Substance Use & Misuse*, 57(6), 956-966.

**Vito, A.G.**, & Higgins, G.E. (2021). Understanding the role of race, gender and age in request to consent search drivers. *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*, 19 (3-4), 223-243.

Naito Mills, M. & **Vito, A.G.** (2021). Addressing the issue of race and drug offenses: An analysis of the safety valve provision in federal sentencing. *Corrections*, 1-16.

Hahlbeck, S.M. & **Vito, A.G.** (2021). Adolescent marijuana dependence: The role of social bonds and social learning theory. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*, 54 (1), 956-966.

- Vito, A.G.,** Rocheleau, G.C., & Intravia, J. (2021). Understanding the role of vaping in criminal behavior among adolescents. *Criminal Justice Review*, 47(3), 285-301.
- Vito, A.G.,** Higgins, G.E., & Vito, G.F. (2021). Police stop and frisk and the impact of race: A focal concerns theory approach. *Social Sciences*, 10(6), 230-243.
- Vito, G. F., **Vito, A. G.**, & Monahan, E. (2021). A Comparison of Executions and Death to Life Commutations in Kentucky, 1901-2019: A Critical Review of the Process. *The Prison Journal*, 101(5), 591-608.
- Vito, A. G.**, Vito, G. F., & Higgins, G. E. (2020). Examining the sentence of life without parole in Kentucky homicide cases. *Justice Evaluation Journal*, 4(1), 98-111.
- Vito, A.G.,** Griffin, V., Vito, G.F., & Higgins, G.E., (2020). "Does Daylight Matter"? An Examination of Racial Bias in Traffic Stops by Police. *Policing: An International Journal*, 43(4), 675-688.
- Rocheleau, G. C., **Vito, A. G.**, & Intravia, J. (2020). Peers, Perceptions, and E-Cigarettes: A Social Learning Approach to Explaining E-Cigarette Use among Youth. *Journal of Drug Issues*, 50(4), 472-489.
- Vito, A. G.**, Schaefer, B., Higgins, G. E., Marcum, C., & Ricketts, M. (2019). Self-control, social learning theory, social bonds and binge drinking: Results from a national sample. *Journal of Substance Use*, 24(6), 655-659.
- Vito, A. G.**, Grossi, E. L., Griffin, V. W., & Higgins, G. E. (2019). Consent searches: Understanding the role of race and what occurs during the traffic stop. *Policing: An International Journal*, 42(4), 611-623.
- Griffin, V. W., Lee, G. M., **Vito, A. G.**, & Walker, J. T. (2019). It's not so black and white: A conjunctive analysis of racial differences in incidents of prison misconduct. *Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research*, 4(2), 126-152.
- Vito, A. G.**, Grossi, E. L., & Higgins, G. E. (2018). Analyzing racial profiling from traffic searches: Using focal concerns theory and propensity score matching. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management*, 41(6), 721-733.
- Vito, G. F., **Vito, A. G.**, & Higgins, G. E. (2018). Kentuckians' attitudes toward capital punishment 1989 - 2016. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 43(4), 861-870.
- Vito, A. G.**, Vito, G. F., Higgins, G. E., & Tewksbury, R. (2017). The recidivism of drug offenders following release from prison: A comparison of Kentucky outcomes. *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*, 2(4), 223-236.
- Vito, A. G.**, Grossi, E. L., & Higgins, G. E. (2017). The issue of racial profiling in traffic stop citations. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 33(4), 431-450.

- Vito, A. G., & Vito, G. F.** (2015). What police leaders learned from "Lincoln on leadership". *Policing: An International Journal fo Police Strategies & Management*, 38(4), 775-787.
- Schaefer, B. P., **Vito, A. G.**, Marcum, C. D., Higgins, G. E., & Ricketts, M. L. (2015). Examining adolescent cocaine use with social learning and self-control theories. *Deviant Behavior*, 36(10), 823-833.
- Schaefer, B. P., **Vito, A. G.**, Marcum, C. D., Higgins, G. E., & Ricketts, M. L. (2015). Heroin Use among Adolescents: A Multi-Theoretical Examination. *Deviant Behavior*, 36(2), 101-112.
- Vito, G. F., Higgins, G. E., & **Vito, A. G.** (2014). Capital Sentencing In Kentucky, 2000-2010. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 39(4), 753-770.
- Vito, G. F., Higgins, G. E., & **Vito, A. G.** (2014). Tracking Capital Homicide Cases in Jefferson County, KY 2000-2010. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 39(2), 331-340.
- Vito, A. G.**, & Higgins, G. E. (2013). A Research Note on Adolescent Steroid Use: An Examination of Social Learning Theory and Self-Control Theory. *Deviant Behavior*, 34(12), 951-960.
- Vito, A. G.**, & Vito, G. F. (2013). Lessons for Policing from Moneyball: The Views of Police Managers - A Research Note. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 38(2), 236-244.
- Higgins, G. E., Vito, G. F., Grossi, E. L., & **Vito, A. G.** (2012). Searches and Traffic Stops: Racial Profiling and Capriciousness. *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*, 10(3), 163-179.
- Vito, A. G.**, Higgins, G. E., Walsh, W. F., & Vito, G. F. (2012). The threat of methamphetamine use and production: evaluation results from a Kentucky law enforcement prgramme. *International Journal of Police Science & Management*, 14(3), 201-212.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- Vito, A.** (e 28). Race and the death penalty. In Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Oxford University Press. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.342>
- Vito, G. F., & **Vito, A. G.** (2017). General Deterrence and Brutalization. In R. M. Bohm, & G. M. Lee, Routledge Handbook on Capital Punishment. New York, New York: Routledge: A Taylor & Francis Group.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

- Vito, A.G.** and Vito, G.F. (2013). "Capital Punishment." [The Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice](#)

**Vito, A.G.** and Vito, G.F. (2012). "Capital Punishment." The Encyclopedia of Theoretical Criminology

## TECHNICAL REPORTS

Wentz, E., & **Vito, A. G.** (2017). *Sandy Springs Police Department Physical Agility Validation Study - Phase I*. Carrollton, GA: University of West Georgia Department of Criminology.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### PANEL PRESENTATIONS

**Vito, A.G.** (2020). Protective Pat Downs: Understanding Police Decision Making. Paper to be presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) San Antonio, TX. \*Accepted for presentation. Unable to deliver due to COVID-19 outbreak\*

Vito, G.F., **Vito, A.G.**, & Monahan E. (2019). A Review of Death to Life Commutations in Kentucky since 1920. MCJA Chicago, IL.

**Vito, A.G.** (2019). Investigatory Stops: A Focal Concerns Theory Perspective. MCJA Chicago, IL.

**Vito, A.G.** (2019). Racial Bias and Use of Force with Citizens under the Influence. SCJA Nashville, TN.

**Vito, A.G.**, Vito, G.F., & Higgins G.E. (2019). Factors Influencing Prosecutorial Pleas for Life without Parole in Kentucky Homicide Cases. SCJA Nashville, TN.

Rocheleau, G., & **Vito, A.G.** (2019). Adolescent E-Cigarette Use: Testing Learning and Control Theories. ACJS Baltimore, MD.

**Vito, A.G.** (2019). Investigating the Issue of Racial Profiling in Traffic Stops Verses Investigatory Stops. ACJS Baltimore, MD.

**Vito, A.G.**, Higgins, G.E., & Vito, G.F. (2018). Kentuckian's Attitudes of Life without Parole (LWOP) versus Capital Punishment. IASS New Albany, IN.

**Vito, A.G.**, Vito, G.F., & Higgins, G.E. (2018). Testing the Effect of the Veil of Darkness Hypothesis Using Traffic Stops. MCJA Chicago, ILL.

Wentz, E. & **Vito, A.G.** (2017). Police Officers' Perceptions of Physical Fitness Standards. ASC Philadelphia, PA.

Naito, M. & **Vito, A.G.** (2017). Racial issues in the Safety Valve Initiative in Federal Sentencing. ASC Philadelphia, PA.

**Vito, A.G.**, Vito, G.F., & Higgins, G.E. (2017). Analysis of Kentuckian's Attitudes about the Death Penalty. WSC Las Vegas, NV.

**Vito, A.G.**, Naito, M. & Foxworth, E. (2016). The Issue of Race and Drug Offenses for Federal Criminal Sentences. ASC New Orleans, LA.

**Vito, A.**, Vito, G., Higgins, G. & Tewksbury R. (2016). The Recidivism of Drug Offenders Following Release from Prison: A Comparison of Kentucky Outcomes. SCJA Savannah, GA.

**Vito, A.** (2015). Adolescent Gun Carrying at School. SCJA Charleston, SC.

**Vito, A.G.**, & Higgins, G.E. (2015). Applying Social Learning Theory to Weapon Incidents in School Using Structural Equation Modeling. ACJS Orlando, FLA.

Osborne, D., Kirchner, E., **Vito, A.G.**, & Higgins, G.E. (2014). Exploring the Link between Trajectories of Bullying and Parenting. ASC San Francisco, CA.

**Vito, A.G.**, Kirchner, E., Osborne, D., & Higgins, G.E. (2014). Missing Data: Understanding the Role of Self-Control. ASC San Francisco, CA.

**Vito, A.**, Schaefer, B., Marcum, C., & Higgins, G. (2014). Self-control, social learning theory, and binge drinking: Results from a national sample. SCJA Clearwater, FLA.

**Vito, A.G.**, & Higgins, G.E. (2014). Nonfatal Gunshot Wounds: In the Context of School Violence Using General Strain Theory. ACJS Philadelphia, PA.

McCord, E.S., & **Vito, A.G.** (2013). Acres of Opportunity: Examining Crime at Shopping Centers. ASC Atlanta, GA.

Vito, G., Higgins, G., & **Vito, A.** (2013). Capital Sentencing in Kentucky, 2000-2010. SCJA Virginia Beach, VA.

**Vito, A.G.** (2013). Adolescent Steroid Use: A Use of Logistic Regression. ACJS Dallas, TX.

Vito, G.F., Higgins, G.E., & **Vito, A.G.** (2013). Tracking Capital Homicide Cases in Jefferson County, KY 2000-2010. ACJS Dallas, TX.

## POSTER SESSION

**Vito, A.G.**, & Woodward Griffin, V. (2022) Stop and Frisk and COVID-19. Poster to be presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Atlanta, GA.

Waldspurger, E., & **Vito, A.G.** (2022). Racial Profiling: Testing the Social Conditioning Model with Vehicle Consent Search Requests. Poster presented at the Ball State University Student Symposium 2022.

Kedra, D., & **Vito A.G.** (2022). Examining Racial Bias in Fatal Police Shootings with a Fleeing Victim. Poster presented at the Ball State University Student Symposium 2022.

Richert, R., & **Vito A.G.** (2022). Examining the correlation between marijuana and alcohol use among 18-25-year-old lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals with possible causations. Poster presented at the Ball State University Student Symposium 2022.

Dent, L., & **Vito, A.G.** (2021). Applying the Veil of Darkness Hypothesis to Investigatory Stops

Hahlbeck, S., & **Vito, A.G.** (2020). Three Criminological Theories as Predictors of Adolescent Marijuana Abuse. Poster presented at the Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA) Virtual Conference.

Vito, G.F., **Vito, A.G.**, & Higgins, G.E. (2020) Prosecutorial Decision Making in Kentucky Homicide Cases, 2000-2016: A Focal Concerns Approach. Poster to be presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) San Antonio, TX. \*Accepted for presentation. Unable to deliver due to COVID-19 outbreak\*

**Vito, A.G.**, & Wentz E. (2019) Understanding College Students Attitudes of Campus Police. ACJS Baltimore, MD.

Thomas, S., & **Vito, A.** (2017). School Shootings in the U.S.: A Behavioral Development Model of Targeted Violence. SCJA New Orleans, LA.

Vito, G.F., **Vito, A.**, & Richards, G. (2016). A Scale on Ethical Scenarios in Criminal Justice Education. ACJS Denver, CO.

**Vito, A.G.**, & Vito, G.F. Lincoln on Leadership: Views of Police Managers. ACJS Philadelphia, PA.

**Vito, A.** (2012). The Re-Entry Performance of Drug Offenders Released from Kentucky Prisons, July 2002 through December 2004. SCJA Atlantic Beach, FLA.

**Vito, A.G.** Lessons for Policing from *Moneyball* the Views of Police Managers. Annual Conference of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March 2012. This poster was also



presented at The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Research Symposium at the University of Louisville, March 2012.

Vito, G.F., Suresh, G., & **Vito, A.G.** (2010). Meth Lab Locations and Arrest Patterns in Louisville, KY. ACJS San Diego, CA.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

Discussants: Joseph, J., Williams, J., **Vito, A.G.**, Higgins, G.E., Craig, M., Reid, J., Jones Brown, D., Davis, D., Fuller K., & Cobbina, J., Over-policing Black Bodies: The Need for Multidimensional and Transformative Reforms. Roundtable Discussant at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Virtual Conference.

Discussants: Burgason, K.A., Pazzani, L., **Vito, A.G.** & Lee, G. (2020). The Future of Capital Punishment. Roundtable Discussant at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) San Antonio (TX). \*Accepted for as a roundtable discussant. Unable to deliver due to COVID-19 outbreak\*

Discussants: Denney, A., Connor, D., **Vito, A.**, & Cruze J. (2013). Tips for First-Time Teachers in Criminology/Criminal Justice. SCJA Virginia Beach, VA.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Courses Taught-Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Ball State University**

#### **Undergraduate**

##### **Face-to-Face Course:**

- CJC 211: Race, Gender, and Crime
- CJC 230: Introduction to Policing
- CJC 301: Evaluation Research in Criminal Justice
- CJC 399: Special Populations in Criminal Justice

##### **Online Course:**

- CJC 211: Race, Gender, and Crime
- CJC 301: Evaluation Research in Criminal Justice
- CJC 333: Policing in a Free and Diverse Society
- CJC 399: Special Populations in Criminal Justice

### **Courses Taught-Department of Criminology, University of West Georgia**

#### **Undergraduate**

##### **Face-to-Face Course:**

- CRIM 1100: Intro to Criminal Justice

- CRIM 2272: Intro to Law Enforcement
- CRIM 3242: Drug Abuse
- CRIM 4712: Law and Society

**Online Course:**

- CRIM 2272: Intro to Law Enforcement
- CRIM 3242: Drug Abuse
- CRIM 4003: Statistics for Social Sciences
- CRIM 4277: Police in Society
- CRIM 4280: School Violence
- CRIM 4280: Capital Punishment
- CRIM 4284: Senior Capstone

**Graduate**

**Face-to-Face Course:**

- CRIM 6013: Social Research
- CRIM 6280: Criminal Justice Administration

**Thesis Committees**

2017	Elizabeth Foxworth – Juvenile Delinquency and Strain (completed) – MA Completed
2016	Jamie Sailors – Micro-Ecology and Spatial Analysis of Police Use of Force in Carrollton, Georgia (member) – MA completed

**SERVICE**

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Committee Service**

2020	Committee Member for the Outstanding Masters Student Award SCJA
2019	ACJS 2019 Program Panel Development Topic Chair Learning Theories
2018	Committee Member of The Tom Barker Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award SCJA
2018	Committee Member for the Program Committee for SCJA
2017	Committee Member Masters Outstanding Graduate Student SCJA

**Manuscript Reviewer**

Ad hoc journal reviewer: *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, *American Political Science Review*, *Asian Journal of Criminology*, *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*, *Crime &*

*Delinquency, Criminal Justice Studies, Journal for the Study of Sport and Athletes Education, Journal of Criminal Justice, Journal of Criminal Justice Education, Journal of Psychoactive Drugs, Journal of Substance Use, Justice Quarterly, Policing: An International Journal*

## **COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### **Ball State University**

2021-2022 Public Safety Committee (Chair)  
 2020-2021 Public Safety Committee (Chair)  
 2021 Faculty Salary & Benefits Subcommittee (member)  
 Faculty Representative from College of Sciences and Humanities  
 2020-2021 Addictions Coalition of Delaware County (member)

### **University of West Georgia**

2017-2018 Faculty Senate Rules Subcommittee

## **DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

### **Ball State University**

2022-Present Policy and Procedure Committee (Member)  
 2020-Present Student Learning Outcomes Committee (Chair)  
 2020-Present Career Fair/Mock Interviews Committee (Co-chair)  
 2018-2020 Student Learning Outcomes Committee (Member)  
 2020-2021 Assistant Professor Search Committee (Member)  
 2018-2020 Career Fair/Mock Interviews Committee (Member)  
 2018-2020 Student Learning Outcomes Committee (Member)  
 2018-2021 Strategic Plan Committee (Member)  
 2018-2021 Diversity Plan Committee (Co-chair)  
 2019-2020 Assistant Professor Search Committee (Co-chair)  
 2018-2019 Visiting Professor (Secondary Search Committee Member)  
 2018-2019 Mentor/Mentee Committee (Member)  
 2018-2019 Search Assessment Committee (Member)

### **University of West Georgia**

2017-2018 Criminology Leadership Team Chair Search  
 2017-2018 Faculty Advisor – Criminology Association at the University of West Georgia  
 2015-2017 Student Advisor – Undergraduate advisor to sixty Criminology majors  
 2015-2018 Criminology Graduate School Committee  
 2015-2016 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee  
 2015 Criminology Search Committee Member

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2010-Present

- Police Section 2017 – Present
- Drugs and Alcohol Research Section 2018 - Present

The American Society of Criminology 2012-Present

- Police Section 2017 - Present

Midwest Criminal Justice Association 2018-2019

Southern Criminal Justice Association 2012-Present

Western Society of Criminology 2017

References available upon request