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EMPLOYMENT

Clemson University Assistant Professor, Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice	2018-Present
The Pennsylvania State University Associate Research Professor of Sociology and Criminology Deputy Director, Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing	2017-2018
University of Minnesota Law School Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Research Fellow, Sentencing Law and Policy	2014-2017
Appalachian State University Assistant Professor, Department of Government and Justice Studies	2011-2014

EDUCATION

University of South Carolina, PhD Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice	2012
University of South Carolina School of Law, JD <i>Cum laude</i> ; Order of the Wig and Robe	2004
Charleston Southern University, cum laude BS, Social Sciences BA, Humanities and Fine Arts	2001

PUBLICATIONS

Hester, Rhys, Richard S. Frase, Julian V. Roberts, and Kelly Mitchell. (2018). Prior Record Enhancements at Sentencing: Exploring the Unsettled Justifications and Unsettling Consequences. In Michael Tonry (Ed.), *Crime and Justice: A Review of Research*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

- Hester, Rhys**, Julian V. Roberts, Richard S. Frase, and Kelly Mitchell. (In Press). A Measure of Tolerance: Public Attitudes on Sentencing Enhancements for Old and Juvenile Prior Records. *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*.
- 2017 **Hester, Rhys**. Judicial Rotation as Centripetal Force: Sentencing in the Court Communities of South Carolina. *Criminology*, 55(1): 205-235.
- Hester, Rhys**, and Todd Hartman. Conditional Race Disparities in Criminal Sentencing: A Test of the Liberation Hypothesis from a Non-Guidelines State. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 33: 77-100.
- 2016 **Hester, Rhys**, and Eric L. Sevigny. Court Communities in Local Context: A Multilevel Analysis of Felony Sentencing in South Carolina. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 39(1): 55-74.
- Reprinted in Jennifer H. Peck. (2017). *Race and Ethnicity in Juvenile and Criminal Justice Systems: Contemporary Issues of Offending Behavior and Judicial Responses*. New York: Routledge.
- Hester, Rhys**. Sentencing Policies and Practices in South Carolina, *Oxford Handbooks Online*, (New York: Oxford University Press).
<http://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199935383.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780199935383-e-153>
- 2015 Frase, Richard S., Julian V. Roberts, **Rhys Hester**, and Kelly Mitchell. *Criminal History Enhancements Sourcebook*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, The Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice.
- Hester, Rhys**. How Race and Ethnicity Impact Criminal Sentencing. In M. Robinson (Ed.), *Race, Ethnicity, Crime, and Justice*. Durham: Carolina Academic Press.
- Hester, Rhys**. Criminal History. In Wesley G. Jennings, George E. Higgins, Dave N. Khey, and Mildred M. Maldonado-Molina (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment*.
- 2014 Koons-Witt, Barbara, Eric Sevigny, John D. Burrow, and **Rhys Hester**. Gender and Sentencing Outcomes in South Carolina: Examining the Interactions with Race, Age, and Offense Type. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 25(3): 299-324.

2012 Steiner, Benjamin, **Rhys Hester**, Matthew Makarios, and Lawrence Travis. Examining the Link Between Parole Officers' Bases of Power and their Exercise of Power. *The Prison Journal*, 92: 435-459.

Hester, Rhys. *Arizona v. Gant*. In David Schultz (Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of American Law and Criminal Justice*.

Hester, Rhys. *Chimel v. California*. In David Schultz (Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of American Law and Criminal Justice*.

Hester, Rhys. *New York v. Belton*. In David Schultz (Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of American Law and Criminal Justice*.

Hester, Rhys. Three Strikes Laws. In Wilber Miller and J. Geoffrey Golson (Eds.), *The Social History of Crime and Punishment in America*.

Hester, Rhys. *Gregg v. Georgia*. In Wilber Miller and J. Geoffrey Golson (Eds.), *The Social History of Crime and Punishment in America*.

2011 Smith, Michael, and **Rhys Hester**. *Arizona v. Gant* and Searches of Automobiles Incident to Arrest: Analysis and Recommendations for Policy and Practice. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*, 34: 265-84.

2010 Burrow, John D., and **Rhys Hester**. Dazed and Confused: The Judiciary's Role in Sell-ing Psychotropic Drugs to Inmates and Detainees. *New England Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement*, 36: 3-37.

UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

Hester, Rhys. (Under Review). Prior Record and Recidivism Risk.

Hester, Rhys. (Under Contract). Sentencing Disparity and Mass Incarceration. In Vanessa Edkins and Allison Redlich (Eds.), *A System of Pleas: Social Science's Contributions to the Real Legal System*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Frase, Richard S. and **Rhys Hester**. (Under Contract). Magnitude of Criminal History Enhancements on Sentence Severity. In Richard S. Frase and Julian V. Roberts, *Criminal History Enhancements*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Frase, Richard S. and **Rhys Hester**. (Under Contract). Adverse Impacts on Conviction-Offense Proportionality and on Prison-Use Priorities. In Richard S. Frase and Julian V. Roberts, *Criminal History Enhancements*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Frase, Richard S. and **Rhys Hester**. (Under Contract). Disproportionate Impact on Minority Offenders. In Richard S. Frase and Julian V. Roberts, *Criminal History Enhancements*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Frase, Richard S. and **Rhys Hester**. (Under Contract). Impact of Criminal History Enhancements on Prison Bed Needs and Costs. In Richard S. Frase and Julian V. Roberts, *Criminal History Enhancements*. New York: Oxford University Press.

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Criminal History and Recidivism Risk: A Multi-Jurisdictional Comparison. The Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (December, 2017).

The Justice Center for Research and Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing: Missions and Initiatives. Penn State Department of Sociology and Criminology, Criminology Forum, State College, PA (October, 2017).

Punishing for the Past: Examining the Justifications and Current Practices of Enhancing Sentences on the Basis of Offender Criminal History. Lunch and Learn Seminar (CLE), Harrisburg, PA (September, 2017).

Paying (Again) for the Past: Criminal History Enhancements. The Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (October, 2016) (with Julian V. Roberts).

Prior Record Enhancements: Where do the Public Stand?, National Association of Sentencing Commissions Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT (August, 2016) (with Julian V. Roberts).

Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System, The Robina Institute's *In Conversation Series* (Panel Moderator), Minneapolis, MN (June, 2016).

Criminal History Enhancements: Recommendations for Kansas, The Kansas Sentencing Commission, Topeka, KS (November, 2015).

Criminal History Enhancements, The Robina Institute's Criminal History Enhancements Sourcebook Conference, Minneapolis, MN (October, 2015).

(Re)examining Criminal History Enhancements. National Association of Sentencing Commissions Annual Meeting, Girdwood, AK (August, 2015).

Evolving Standards of Democracy: The Supreme Court's Role in the Death Penalty Debate. ASU Constitution Day, Boone, NC (September, 2012).

Appellate Law Update. The Association of South Carolina Claimant Attorneys for Workers' Compensation, Asheville, NC (November, 2005).

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Frase, Richard S. (chair), **Rhys Hester**, Marc Mauer, Kevin R. Reitz, Julian V. Roberts, Cassia Spohn, Michael Tonry, and Jeffery T. Ulmer, *Prior Record Sentencing Enhancements and Prison Racial Disproportionalities*, Roundtable, American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA (November, 2017).

Hester, Rhys. *Prior Record, Offender Age, and Recidivism Risk*, American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA (November, 2017).

Hester, Rhys (chair), David P. Farrington, Richard S. Frase, Megan Kurlycheck, Michael Tonry, and Jeffery T. Ulmer, *Criminal History Enhancements and Criminal Careers*, Roundtable, American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA (November, 2016).

Hester, Rhys. *Re-examining the Inevitable Influence of Prior Record in Sentencing*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO (April, 2016).

Hester, Rhys. *On the Road Again: The Effects of Judicial Rotation on Plea Bargaining Practices, Sentencing Norms, and Local Legal Culture*, American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC (November, 2015).

Hester, Rhys, Julian V. Roberts, and Richard S. Frase. *Aging Out of Crime and Into Prison: A Multi-State Analysis of the Impact of Criminal History Scores on Aging Offenders*, American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC (November, 2015).

Hester, Rhys. *Opportunistic Pleas: Judge Shopping and Assembly Line Justice in South Carolina*, Research Coordination Network on Guilty Pleas, Guilty Pleas Symposium, Albany, NY (June, 2015).

Hester, Rhys and Richard S. Frase. *The Impact of Offender Criminal History on Racial Disparities in Sentencing*, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA (November, 2014).

Marcum, Catherine, and **Rhys Hester**. *Investigating the Effects of the Financial Collapse on Sentencing Practices in North Carolina*, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA (November, 2014).

Hester, Rhys. *Prosecutor Justices: Does Prosecutorial Experience Influence U.S. Supreme Court Justices' Voting Behaviors?* American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL (November, 2012).

Hester, Rhys. *Sentencing Disparities and Interaction Effects in a Non-Guidelines State*, American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC: (November, 2011)

Hester, Rhys, Barbara Koons-Witt, Eric Sevigny, and John Burrow. *Gender and Sentencing Outcomes in South Carolina: Findings from a Non-Guidelines State*, American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC (November, 2011).

Hester, Rhys and Eric Sevigny. *A Cross-Classified Multilevel Model of Judge- and County-Level Effects on Sentencing in South Carolina*, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA (November, 2010).

Hester, Rhys. *Contextual Effects on Sentencing Outcomes in a Non-Guidelines State*, Symposium on Crime and Justice: The Past and Future of Sentencing Research, Albany, NY (September, 2010).

Sevigny, Eric, Barbara Koons-Witt, John D. Burrow, Benjamin Steiner, and **Rhys Hester**. *Sentencing in South Carolina: Judge-Level Effects*, American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA (November, 2009).

Sevigny, Eric, Barbara Koons-Witt, John D. Burrow, and **Rhys Hester**. *Race and Disparity in South Carolina: A Multilevel Model of Sentencing in a Failed Guideline State*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Boston, MA (March, 2009).

OTHER RESEARCH

Contributor, *Profiles in Probation Revocation: Examining the Legal Framework in 21 States*. (2014). The Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, Probation Revocation Project Series. (Available at <http://www.robinainstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/Probation-Report-10-9.pdf>).

Research Assistant, "Developing the U.S. Drug Consequences Indices, 2000-2009," funded by The Office of National Drug Control Policy, 2010-2011 (PI: Eric L. Sevigny). (Final report available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/developing_the_us_drug_consequences_indices_2000-2009_august_2013.pdf.)

Research Assistant, “Lexington County Methamphetamine Initiative Evaluation,” funded by Lexington County Sheriff’s Department, 2009-2010 (Co-PIs: Michael Smith & Eric L. Sevigny).

COURSES TAUGHT

Clemson University:

Criminal Law

Justice Administration

University of Minnesota Law School:

Criminal Procedure

Appalachian State University:

The Judicial Process

Moot Court (honors)

Criminal Procedure

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Criminal Law

The Constitution (honors)

University of South Carolina:

The American Criminal Justice System

Criminal Courts

Charleston Southern University:

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Theories of Crime & Justice

Judicial Systems and Practices

Criminal Procedure

Current Legal Issues (graduate)

Criminal Investigations

Constitutional Law I

Constitutional Law II

Ethics in Criminal Justice

Research Methods

HONORS AND AWARDS

Outstanding Doctoral Student Award, USC

2011

Honorable Mention, Symposium on Crime and Justice
Young Scholar Paper Competition for the paper “Contextual
Effects on Sentencing Outcomes in a Non-Guidelines State”

2010

Dera D. Parkinson Fellowship
(for Excellence in Graduate Study and Scholarship)

2009-2010

Order of the Whig and Robe (top 15% of class)

2004

University of South Carolina School of Law

CALI Awards (highest grade in class), USC School of Law	
Evidence	Spring, 2003
Construction Law	Fall, 2003
Family Law	Fall, 2003
Gift & Estate Tax	Fall, 2003

SERVICE

Conference Session Chair	
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO	2016
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL	2015
American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA	2014
Coach, ASU Moot Court Team, Appalachian State University	2012-2014
Faculty Advisor, International Justice Mission, App State Campus Chapter, ASU	2012-2014
Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Delta (Pre-law Society), Appalachian State University	2011-2014
Department Personnel Committee, Appalachian State University	2012-2013
Faculty Senate, Charleston Southern University	2006-2008
Faculty Advisor, South Carolina Student Legislature, Charleston Southern University Delegation	2007-2008
Mock Trial Coach, 8 th and 9 th Graders Columbia, South Carolina	2010

REVIEWER

<i>Criminology</i>	<i>Journal of Crime and Justice</i>
<i>Journal of Quantitative Criminology</i>	Oxford University Press
<i>Crime and Justice: A Review of Research</i>	Wadsworth Publishing
<i>Psychology, Public Policy, and Law</i>	Cengage Publishing
<i>Criminal Justice Policy Review</i>	
<i>Police Practice & Research: An Int'l Journal</i>	

Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research
The American Journal of Comparative Law

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

South Carolina Bar	2004-Present
American Society of Criminology	2009-Present
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences	2009-Present
National Association of Sentencing Commissions	2014-Present
John Belton O'Neall Inn of Court, student member	2003-2004

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Charleston Southern University (criminal justice faculty)	2006-2008
South Carolina Court of Appeals (staff attorney)	2004-2006
South Carolina Senate Judiciary Committee (law clerk)	2004
South Carolina Centers for Equal Justice (law clerk)	2002