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PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Teaching and research interests include theoretical approaches, juvenile delinquency, racial/ethnic and gender differences in crime, risk factors associated with delinquency, interpersonal victimization, minority populations and violent victimization, hate crime, research methods, and quantitative analyses.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Criminology, University of South Florida
Dissertation: *The Impact of a Religious/Spiritual Turning Point on Desistance: A Lifecourse Assessment of Racial and Ethnic Differences*
Committee: Drs. Michael J. Leiber (Chair), Ojmarrh Mitchell, John K. Cochran, & Thomas A. Loughran
- M.A. Criminology, University of South Florida
Thesis: *Rape Attitudes and Beliefs: A Replication Study*
- B.S. Psychology, Sociology (Minor)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University

TEACHING POSITIONS

- 2020 to present *Assistant Professor*, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Tampa
- 2018 to present *Adjunct Instructor*, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Tampa
- 2014 to present *Adjunct Instructor*, Department of Criminology
University of South Florida, Tampa
- Adjunct Instructor*, Department of Criminology
University of South Florida, St. Petersburg

2014 to 2015 *Adjunct Instructor*, Department of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
University of South Florida, Tampa

2012 to 2015 *Graduate Teaching Assistant*, Department of Criminology
University of South Florida, Tampa

COURSES INSTRUCTED

*Courses taught at the University of Tampa

^New courses developed for Spring 2023

†Courses taught at the graduate level

- * Introduction to Criminal Justice
- *† Criminological Theory
- * Research Methods
- * Juvenile Delinquency
- *^ Victimology
- *^† Justice, Law, and Public Policy
- Domestic Violence
- Juvenile Justice, Senior Seminar
- Crime Stats
- Social Science Statistics
- † Quantitative Analysis I

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Mandatori, F., Paez, G. R., **Briones Robinson, R.**, & Severson, R. (2023). Comparing the effects of victimization, school connectedness, and social support on heterosexual and sexual minority suicidality in the United States: A partial test of minority stress theory. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Published online before print. DOI: 0.1177/08862605231168822

Paez, G. R., & **Briones Robinson, R.** (2023). Applying GST to understand and contextualize bullying: A conjunctive analysis of case configurations. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Published online before print. DOI: 0.1177/08862605231171415

Briones-Robinson, R., Powers, R. A., & Socia, K. M. (2016). Sexual orientation bias crimes: Examination of victim reporting, perceptions of police bias, and differential police response. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*. Published online before print. DOI: 10.1177/0093854816660583.

Dembo, R., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, Schmeidler, J., Wareham, J. Ungaro, R., Winters, K. C., Karas, L. M., Wothke, W. & Belenko, S. (2016). Brief intervention impact on truant youths' marijuana use: 18-month follow-up. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 25(1), 18-32. DOI: 10.1080/1067828X.2013.872068.

Dembo, R., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, Wareham, J., Winters, K. C., Ungaro, R., & Karas, L. M. (2016). A longitudinal study of truant youths' involvement in sexual risk behavior. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 25(2), 89-104. DOI: 10.1080/1067828X.2013.872069.

Dembo, R., Schmeidler, J., Wareham, J., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, Winters, K. C., & Ungaro, R. (2016). Impact of Brief Intervention services on drug-using truant youths' self-reported delinquency and arrest charges: A longitudinal study. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 25(5), 458-479. DOI: 10.1080/1067828X.2015.1103344

Dembo, R., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, Barrett, K. L., Winters, K. C., Ungaro, R., Karas, L. M., & Belenko, S. (2015). Parenting practices among biological mothers of drug involved truant youth: A latent profile analysis. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*. Published online before print. DOI: 10.1080/1067828X.2013.829011

Dembo, R., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, Barrett, K., Winters, K. C., Ungaro, R., Karas, L. M., Belenko, S., & Wareham, J. (2015). The validity of truant youths' marijuana use and its impact on alcohol use and sexual risk taking. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*. Published online before print. DOI: 10.1080/1067828X.2013.844089

Dembo, R., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, Wareham, J., Winters, K. C., Ungaro, R., & Schmeidler, J. (2014). Brief intervention impact on truant youth attitudes to school and school behavior problems: A longitudinal study. *Journal of Educational and Developmental Psychology*, 4(1), 163-193. DOI: 10.5539/jedp.v4n1p163

Dembo, R., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, Wareham, J., Schmeidler, J., Winters, K. C., Barrett, K. L., Ungaro, R., Karas, L. M., & Belenko, S. (2014). Impact of brief intervention services on drug-using, truant youth arrest charges over time. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 23(6), 375-388. DOI: 10.1080/1067828X.2012.741560

Dembo, R., Wareham, J., Schmeidler, J., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, & Winters, K. C. (2014). Differential effects of mental health problems among truant youth. *The Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research*. Published online before print. DOI:10.1007/s11414-014-9435-6

Dembo, R., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, Barrett, K. L., Ungaro, R., Winters, K. C., Belenko, S., Karas, L. M., Gullledge, L. M., & Wareham, J. (2014). Brief intervention for truant youth sexual risk behavior and marijuana use. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 23(5), 318-333. DOI: 10.1080/1067828X.2013.869141

Dembo, R., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, Ungaro, R., Barrett, K. L., Gullledge, L. M., Winters, K. C., Belenko, S., Karas, L. M., & Wareham, J. (2014). Brief intervention for truant youth sexual risk behavior and alcohol use: A parallel process growth model analysis. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 23(3), 155-168. DOI: 10.1080/1067828X.2013.786643

Dembo, R., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, Barrett, K. L., Winters, K. C., Schmeidler, J., Ungaro, R., Karas, L. M., Belenko, S., & Gullede, L. M. (2013). Mental health, substance use, and delinquency among truant youths in a brief intervention project: A longitudinal study. *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders, 21*(3), 176-192. DOI: 10.1177/1063426611421006

Dembo, R., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, Gullede, L. M., Karas, L. M., Winters, K. C., Belenko, S., & Greenbaum, P. E. (2012). Stress, mental health and substance abuse problems in a sample of diversion program youth: An exploratory latent class analysis. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse, 21*(2), 130-155. DOI: 10.1080/1067828X.2012.662115

Dembo, R., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, Ungaro, R., Gullede, L. M., Karas, L. M., Winters, K. C., Belenko, S., & Greenbaum, P. E. (2012). Emotional/psychological and related problems among truant youths: An exploratory latent class analysis. *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders, 20*(3), 157-168. DOI: 10.1177/1063426610396221

Dembo, R., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, Barrett, K. L., Winters, K. C., Ungaro, R., Karas, L. M., Wareham, J., & Belenko, S. (2012). Psychosocial problems among truant youth: A multi-group, exploratory structural equation modeling analysis. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse, 21*(5), 440-465. DOI: 10.1080/1067828X.2012.724290

Dembo, R., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, Ungaro, R., Karas, L. M., Gullede, L. M., Greenbaum, P. E., Schmeidler, J., Winters, K. C., & Belenko, S. (2011). Problem profiles of at-risk youth in two service programs: A multi-group, exploratory latent class analysis. *Criminal Justice and Behavior, 38*(10), 988-1008. DOI: 10.1177/0093854811416057

Dembo, R., Gullede, L. M., **Briones-Robinson, R.**, & Winters, K. C. (2011). Enrolling and engaging high-risk youth and their families in community-based, brief intervention services. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse, 20*(4), 330-350. DOI: 10.1080/1067828X.2011.598837

BOOK CHAPTERS

Briones-Robinson, R. (2017). Juvenile Assessment Centers. In C. J. Schreck (Ed.) *The Encyclopedia of Juvenile Delinquency and Justice*. Wiley-Blackwell.

Briones-Robinson, R. (2015). Validity and Reliability. In W. G. Jennings (Ed.) *The Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment*. (pp. 1-3). Wiley-Blackwell. DOI:10.1002/9781118519639.wbecpx040

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Briones-Robinson, R., Mandatori, F., & Paez, G. (under review, January 4, 2023). Impact of multiple minority statuses: An examination of violent victimization, police reporting, and perceptions of police bias. *Violence and Victims*.

Briones-Robinson, R. & Paez, G. (under review, June 30, 2023) Contextualizing hate crime victimization: A conjunctive analysis of case configurations. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Mandatori, F., Paez, G. R., **Briones Robinson, R.**, & Severson, R. Exploring the situational contexts of heterosexual and sexual minority adolescent suicidality: A partial test of minority stress theory. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Briones-Robinson, R. & Paez, G. (November, 2022). *Contextualizing Hate Crime Victimization*. Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Atlanta, GA.

Briones-Robinson, R. (November, 2018). *The Impact of a Religious/Spiritual Turning Point on Desistance: A Lifecourse Assessment of Racial and Ethnic Differences*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Atlanta, GA.

Briones-Robinson, R., Powers, R. A., & Socia, K. M. (November, 2015). *Sexual Orientation Bias Crimes: Examination of Reporting, Perception of Police Bias, and Police Response*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Washington, D.C.

Dembo, R., Briones-Robinson, R., Barrett, K. L., Winters, K. C., Ungaro, R., Karas, L. M., Belenko, S., & Wareham, J. (November, 2013). *The Validity of Truant Youths' Marijuana Use and its Impact on Alcohol Use and Sexual Risk Taking*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Atlanta, GA.

Belenko, S., Dembo, R., Weiland, D., Salvatore, C., Childs, K., & Briones-Robinson, R. (July, 2013). *Detecting and Treating Sexually Transmitted Diseases Among Arrested Juveniles: Lessons from a Multi-Agency Research Collaboration*. Paper presented at the 33rd International Congress on Law and Mental Health (IALMH), Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Dembo, R., Briones-Robinson, R., Wareham, J., Schmeidler, J., Winters, K. C., Barrett, K. L., Ungaro, R., Karas, L. M., Belenko, S., & Gullledge, L. M. (November, 2012). *The Impact of Brief Intervention on Drug Using Truant Youth Arrests Over Time*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Chicago, IL.

Dembo, R., Briones-Robinson, R., Ungaro, R., Winters, K. C., Barrett, K. L., Belenko, S., Karas, L. M., & Gullledge, L. M. (May, 2012). *NIDA Brief Intervention for Truant Youth Project*. Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research (SPR), Washington, D.C.

Briones-Robinson, R., Dembo, R., Barrett, K. L., Winters, K. C., Schmeidler, J., Ungaro, R., Karas, L. M., Belenko, S., & Gullledge, L. M. (November, 2011). *A Prospective, Intervention Study of Truant Youth, Mental Health, Substance Use, and Delinquency*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Washington, D.C.

Dembo, R., Briones-Robinson, R., Barrett, K. L., Ungaro, R., Winters, K. C., Belenko, S., Karas, L. M., & Gullledge, L. M. (November, 2011). *Brief Intervention for Truant Youth: Impact on Sexual Risk Behavior and Marijuana Use*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Washington, D.C.

Dembo, R., Briones-Robinson, R., Ungaro, R., Gullledge, L. M., Barrett, K. L., Winters, K. C., Belenko, S., & Karas, L. (December, 2010). *A Longitudinal Analysis of Risky Sexual Behavior and Alcohol Use Among Truant Youths in a Brief Intervention Study: Preliminary Interim Report*. Paper presented at the annual Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (JMATE), Baltimore, MD.

Dembo, R., Briones-Robinson, R., Ungaro, R., Karas, L., Gullledge, L. M., Greenbaum, P. E., Schmeidler, J., Winters, K. C., & Belenko, S. (November, 2010). *Problem Profiles of At-Risk Youth in Two Service Programs: A Multigroup Exploratory Latent Class Analysis*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), San Francisco, CA.

Dembo, R., Ungaro, R., Briones-Robinson, R., Gullledge, L. M., Karas, L., Winters, K. C., Belenko, S., & Greenbaum, P. E. (March, 2010). *A Longitudinal Analysis of Risky Sexual Behavior Among Truant Youth*. Paper presented for the Society for the Research on Adolescence (SRA), Philadelphia, PA.

Briones-Robinson, R. & Heide, K. (February, 2010). *Rape Attitudes and Beliefs: A Replication Study*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), San Diego, CA.

Dembo, R., Briones-Robinson, R., Gullledge, L., Karas, L., Winters, K. C., Belenko, S., & Greenbaum, P. E. (November, 2009). *Stress, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Problems in a Sample of Diversion Program Youth*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Philadelphia, PA.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Briones Robinson, R., & Paez, G. R. (November, 2022). *Contextualizing hate crime victimizations: A conjunctive analysis of case configurations*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Atlanta, GA.

Briones Robinson, R. (November, 2021). *Examination of Turning Point Effects from Criminal Desistance: The Role of Marriage and Religion at the Intersections of Race and*

Gender. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Chicago, IL.

Dembo, R., Briones-Robinson, R., Barrett, K. L., Winters, K. C., Ungaro, R., Karas, L. M., Gullledge, L. M., & Belenko, S. (June, 2012). *Psychosocial Problems Among Truant Youth: A Multi-Group, Exploratory Structural Equation Modeling Analysis*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD), Palm Springs, CA.

Dembo, R., Briones-Robinson, R., Winters, K. C., Ungaro, R., Karas, L. M., Belenko, S., & Gullledge, L. M. (April, 2012). *Parenting Practices Among Biological Mothers of Drug Involved Truancy: A Latent Profile Analysis*. Poster presented at the Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effective (JMATE), Washington, D.C.

Dembo, R., Briones-Robinson, R., Ungaro, R., Barrett, K. L., Gullledge, L. M., Winters, K. C., Belenko, S., & Karas, L. M. (August, 2011). *Brief Intervention for Truant Youth Sexual Risk Behavior and Alcohol Use: A Parallel Process Growth Model Analysis*. Poster presented at the 2011 Annual Conference of the American Psychological Association (APA), Early Career Investigators Poster Session, Washington, D.C.

Dembo, R., Barrett, K., Briones-Robinson, R., Winters, K. C., Belenko, S., Greenbaum, P. E., & Gullledge, L. M. (November, 2010). *Confirmatory Factor Analysis of High Risk Youth Psychosocial Problems Across Two Service Programs*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), San Francisco, CA.

Dembo R., Briones-Robinson, R., Ungaro, R., Gullledge, L. M., Karas, L. M., Winters, K. C., Belenko, S., & Greenbaum, P. E. (October, 2010). *Emotional/Psychological and Related Problems Among Truant Youth: An Exploratory Latent Class Analysis*. Poster presented at the University of South Florida's Annual Graduate Student Symposium, Tampa, FL.

Dembo, R., Belenko, S., & Briones-Robinson, R. (July, 2010). *Innovative Approach to Addressing Juvenile Offender STI Issues*. Poster presented at the International AIDS Conference, Vienna, Austria.

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

2014 *Graduate Research Assistant/Data Manager*
National Institute of Justice Data Resources Program 2013: Funding of Existing Data:
The Context of Injury, Reporting Decisions, and Clearance Rates: A Comparison of Intraracial, Interracial, and Bias-Motivated Assaults
Drs. Ráchael Powers & Kelly Socia, Co-Principal Investigators

- Provided assistance with data coding and statistical analyses

- Promoted dissemination of study findings for publication and presentation at national conferences

2008 to 2013

Research Support Specialist/Interventionist

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Grant:

Brief Intervention for Drug Use and HIV/STD Risk Prevention Among Truants; Brief Counseling for Truant Youth and their Parents

Dr. Richard Dembo, Co-Principal Investigator

- Managed research staff
- Maintained study data files
- Conducted statistical analyses
- Recruited and enrolled families into the project
- Conducted field interviews (baseline and follow up interviews)
- Assisted with grant report writing
- Promoted dissemination of study findings for publication and presentation at national/international conferences

2007 to 2009

Research Support Specialist

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Grant:

Brief Intervention for Drug-Abusing Juvenile Offenders and their Parents in the Community

Dr. Richard Dembo, Co-Principal Investigator

- Maintained and constructed data files
- Conducted statistical analyses
- Recruited and enrolled families into the project
- Conducted field interviews (baseline and follow up interviews)
- Assisted with grant report writing

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2011

Process evaluation of the *Juvenile Civil Citation Program*

13th Judicial Circuit, Hillsborough County, Florida

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2023

UT Online Course Development, Spring Course

2022

Juvenile Justice Citizens' Academy-Pinellas County, Spring Course

2020

New Teaching Institute (NTI), Online Teaching Certification

2020

Sustained Dialogue Institute, Summer Course

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

- 2022 *Thesis Committee Member, Flavia Mandatori, Successfully defended November 7, 2022*
- 2020 to present *Faculty Lead, Working Group to Address Systemic Racism*
- 2020 to 2022 *Advisor, Criminology Club*

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- 2021 to present Member, *Civic Engagement and Responsible Citizenship Committee*
- 2021 to 2022 Faculty Mentor, *Crescent Scholars* and *Success Scholars* Program

AWARDS

- 2021 *Unsung Hero* Award, Office of Student Leadership and Engagement
- 2018 Nominated by the University of South, Department of Criminology for Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation (OTD) Award
- 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD), *Primm-Singleton Pre-Doctoral Travel Award*
- 2011 American Psychological Association (APA) Annual Meeting, *Early Career Investigators Travel Award*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Society of Criminology
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Society for Research on Adolescence

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

- American Journal of Criminal Justice*
Journal of Crime and Justice
Journal of Interpersonal Violence
International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology
Journal of Drug Issues
Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Services
Victims and Offenders

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2006 to 2007 *Sexual Assault Program Assistant, Peace River Center/Rape Recovery and Resource Center, Lakeland, FL*
- 2001 to 2005 *Shelter Children's Program Coordinator, Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley, Inc., Radford, VA*
- 2000 to 2001 *Victim/Witness Advocate, Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley, Inc., Radford, VA*