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PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Interests include juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice issues, offending over the life course, racial/ethnic differences in crime, violent victimization, psychosocial risk factors associated with delinquent youth, research methods, and quantitative analyses.

EDUCATION

- 2018 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
- 2009 M.A. Criminology, University of South Florida
Thesis: *Rape Attitudes and Beliefs: A Replication Study*
- 1998 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

*Denotes online courses

**Denotes graduate-level courses

Introduction to Criminal Justice (2 sections)
Criminological Theory (3 sections)
***Quantitative Analysis I* (1 section)
Survey of Criminal Justice Systems (1 section)
**Domestic Violence* (3 sections)
**Research Methods in Criminal Justice I* (7 sections)
Juvenile Justice, Senior Seminar (1 section)
Juvenile Delinquency (2 section)
Crime Stats (1 section)
Social Science Statistics (1 section)

COURSES ASSISTED

Survey of Criminal Justice, Mr. Tony Rivera
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**Survey of Criminal Justice*, Dr. LeGrande Gardner
***Quantitative Analysis II* (Regression), Dr. Richard Dembo
***Quantitative Analysis II* (SEM/Path Analysis), Dr. Richard Dembo

- Assisted with grading assignments
- Assisted with course design
- Taught classes related to juvenile delinquency, juvenile justice
- Assisted with student mentorship

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 Intra-racial, Inter-racial, 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

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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., Gullede, 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., & Gullledge, 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.**, Gullledge, 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., Gullledge, 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., Gullledge, 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., Gullege, 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 IN DEVELOPMENT

The impact of religiosity/spirituality on desistance from antisocial conduct: An evaluation of the generality of Sampson and Laub's age-graded theory of informal social control.

The impact of religiosity/spirituality on various forms of anti-ascetic deviance: A life course assessment of racial and ethnic differences.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Briones-Robinson, R. (November, 2018). *The Impact of a Religious/Spiritual Turning Point on Desistance: A Lifecourse Assessment of Racial and Ethnic Differences*. Paper to be 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

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, 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.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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| 2018 | Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence, <i>Preparing for College Teaching</i> Summer Course |
| 2018 | Innovative Education, <i>Online Instructor Certification</i> Summer Course |

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

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| 2020 to present | <i>Advisor</i> , Criminology Club |
| 2017 to 2018 | <i>Student Representative</i> , Faculty Search Committee |

AWARDS

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

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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