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CURRICULUM VITAE

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-present **Associate Professor**, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
University of Maryland, College Park
Director, Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center (MCRIC; 2021-present)
Director, Honors Program, Criminology & Criminal Justice (2019-2024)
- 2016-2019 **Associate Professor**, Department of Sociology
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Director, Undergraduate Studies (2016-2019)
- 2010-2016 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Director, Criminology & Criminal Justice Program (2014-2016)

EDUCATION

- 2010 **Ph.D.** Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2004 **M.A.** Sociology, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
- 2002 **B.A.** with distinction, Sociology and Psychology, University of Nebraska – Lincoln

AFFILIATIONS

- 2024-present **PROGRESS Scholar**, Prevent Gun Violence: Research, Empowerment, Strategies & Solutions
- 2021-present **Faculty Associate**, Maryland Population Research Center

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Life Course Criminology; Emerging Adulthood; Desistance and Persistence; Family and Marriage; Immigration and Crime; Intergenerational Disparities in Immigrant Offending

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, HONORS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025- *Data Integration and Coordination Workgroup: Member*, Statewide Steering Committee on Behavioral Health and the Justice System. Maryland Judiciary.
- 2025 *Keynote Speaker: Profile, Pathways, and Possibility: Life Course Insights into Emerging Adult Justice*. Emerging Adult Convening. Omaha, Nebraska. Supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

- 2024- *Chair*, Division of Developmental and Life Course Criminology, American Society of Criminology.
- 2024 *Keynote Speaker: The Only Constant in Life is Change: Contributions of the Life Course Perspective to the Study of Criminal Offending*. Crime in Latin America, International Conference. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 2024- *Re-entry Advisory Board: Member*, Congressman Glenn Ivey, Maryland's Fourth District.
- 2023-2024 *Research Impact Fellow*, University of Maryland.
- 2023 *Winston Family Honors Faculty Award* for outstanding faculty advising, mentorship, and supervision of Honors students at the University of Maryland.
- 2017-2020 Emerging Adult Justice Learning Community: *Research Affiliate*
Justice Lab, Columbia University, funded by the William T. Grant Foundation
- 2016-2019 Fugitive Analytics Consortium: *Research Affiliate*
Investigative Operations Division, U.S. Marshals Service
- 2016-2018 Boston Procedural Justice Initiative: *Research Affiliate*
Performance Management Group, Community Resources for Justice
- 2012 *W.E.B. Du Bois Fellow*, National Institute of Justice
- 2011 *Distinguished Dissertation Award* for the Social Sciences, University of Maryland
- 2010-2014 Terrorism and Extremist Violence in the United States (TEVUS): *Research Affiliate*.
National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START). A Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence led by the University of Maryland.
- 2005-2007 *Sutherland Fellow*, University of Maryland

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS (*DENOTES STUDENT COAUTHOR)

Bersani, Bianca E. and Gabrielle Wy*. "Assimilating into Crime? Explaining the Generational Disparity in Immigrant Offending." *Justice Quarterly*, forthcoming.

Bersani, Bianca E., Pilar Larroulet, Xuanying Chen and Elaine Doherty. Moving Beyond Recidivism: Re-defining Success after Prison through Multiple Indicators of Reintegration. *Journal of Developmental and Life Course Criminology*, 11:260-293.

Loeffler, Charles and **Bianca E. Bersani**. "Estimating the Effect of Developmentally Informed Justice on the Probability and Length of Custodial Experience." *Justice Quarterly*, forthcoming.

- 2025 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Elaine Eggleston Doherty. "Contextualizing lives and historical time: Examining changes in the transition to adulthood and age-arrest trajectories from the 1960s-2019." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 62: 285-332.

- 2025 **Bersani, Bianca E.** “The Politics of Crime, Punishment and Justice: Exploring the Lived Reality and Enduring Legacies of the 1980s Radical Right” By Stephen Farrall and Emily Gray. Routledge. Review Symposium. *British Journal of Criminology*, 65: 691-708.
- 2024 Han, Sungil, Alex Piquero, and **Bianca E. Bersani**. “Does Rational Choice Help to Explain Offending Differences across Immigrant Generations? Focusing on Serious Adolescent Offenders.” *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 61:815-859.
- 2022 **Bersani, Bianca E.**, Wade C. Jacobsen, and Elaine Eggleston Doherty. “Does Early Adolescent Arrest Alter the Developmental Course of Offending into Young Adulthood?” *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 51:724-745.
- 2021 **Bersani, Bianca E.** “Criminology and Public Policy: Putting Theory to Work (2nd edition).” Book Review. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 32: 150-152.
- 2020 Doherty, Elaine Eggleston and **Bianca E. Bersani**. What Protects High Risk Men from Criminal Justice Contact, Despite the Odds? A Negative Case Analysis. *British Journal of Criminology*, 60(6): 1627-1647.
- 2020 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Melissa S. Morabito. “Immigrant Disparities in Suicide Ideation: Variation across Age of Migration, Gender, and Nativity.” *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* 22:881-887.
- 2019 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Adam Pittman.* “Re-assessing the Generational Disparity in Immigrant Offending: A Within-Family Comparison of Involvement in Crime.” *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 56: 851-887.
- 2018 Doherty, Elaine Eggleston and **Bianca E. Bersani**. “Mapping Criminal Justice Careers: Implications for Desistance Research and Policy.” *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*, Special Issue: Desistance, 4: 516-551.
- 2018 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Elaine Eggleston Doherty. “Desistance from Offending in the 21st Century.” *Annual Review of Criminology* 1: 311-334.
- 2018 DiPietro, Stephanie, Elaine Eggleston Doherty and **Bianca E Bersani**. “Understanding the Role of Marriage in Black Women’s Offending over the Life Course” *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology* 4(2): 162-187.
- 2018 **Bersani, Bianca E.**, Adam D. Fine,* Alex R. Piquero, Laurence Steinberg, Paul J. Frick, and Elizabeth Cauffman. “Investigating the Offending Histories of Undocumented Immigrants.” *Migration Letters*, Special Issue 15(2): 147-166.
- 2017 **Bersani, Bianca E.**, and Alex Piquero. “Examining Systematic Crime Reporting Bias across Three Immigrant Generations: Prevalence, Trends, and Divergence in Self-Reported and Official Reported Arrests.” *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 33(4): 835-857.
- 2016 Doherty, Elaine Eggleston and **Bianca E. Bersani**. “Understanding the Mechanisms of Desistance at the Intersection of Race, Gender, and Neighborhood Context.” *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 53(5): 681-710.

- 2016 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Stephanie M. DiPietro. "Marriage and Offending: Examining the Significance of Marriage among the Children of Immigrants?" *The Sociological Quarterly*, 57 (2): 304-332.
- 2016 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Stephanie M. DiPietro. "Examining the Salience of Marriage on Offending for Black and Hispanic Men." *Justice Quarterly*, 33 (3): 510-537.
- 2016 Alex R Piquero, **Bersani, Bianca E.**, Thomas A. Loughran, and Jeffrey Fagan. "Longitudinal Patterns of Legal Socialization in First Generation Immigrants, Second Generation Immigrants, and Native Born Serious Youthful Offenders." *Crime & Delinquency*, 62 (11): 1403-1425.
- 2016 **Bersani, Bianca E.** "The Oxford Handbook of Criminological Theory." Book Review. *Contemporary Sociology*, 45(4): 425-426.
- 2015 Bosick, Stacey, **Bianca E. Bersani** and David Farrington. "Relating Clusters of Adolescent Problems to Adult Criminal Trajectories: A Person-Centered, Prospective Approach." *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*, 1:169-188.
- 2014 Gary LaFree and **Bianca E. Bersani**. "County-Level Correlates of Terrorist Attacks in the United States." *Criminology and Public Policy*, 13: 455-481.
- 2014 **Bersani, Bianca E.** "A Game of Catch-up? The Offending Experience of Second Generation Immigrants" *Crime and Delinquency* 60: 60-84.
- 2014 **Bersani, Bianca E.** "An Examination of First and Second Generation Immigrant Offending Trajectories." *Justice Quarterly* 31:315-343.
- 2014 **Bersani, Bianca E.**, Thomas A. Loughran, and Alex R Piquero. "Comparing Patterns and Predictors of Immigrant Offending among a sample of Adjudicated Youth." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 43(11): 1914-1933.
- 2013 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Elaine Eggleston Doherty. "When the Ties that Bind Unwind: Examining the Enduring and Situational Processes of Change behind the Marriage Effect" *Criminology* 51: 399-433.
- 2009 **Bersani, Bianca E.**, Paul Nieuwbeerta, and John H. Laub. "Predicting Trajectories of Offending over the Life Course: Findings from a Dutch Conviction Cohort." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 46: 468-494.
- 2008 **Bersani, Bianca E.**, John H. Laub, and Paul Nieuwbeerta. "Marriage and Desistance From Crime in the Netherlands: Do Gender and Socio-Historical Context Matter?" *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 25: 3-24.
- *Reprinted in *Developmental and Life-course Criminological Theories*, Tara Rene McGee and Paul Mazerolle, eds. 2015. Ashgate Publishing.
- 2008 Tyler, Kimberly A. and **Bianca E. Bersani**. "A Longitudinal Study of Early Adolescent Precursors to Running Away." *Journal of Early Adolescence*, 28: 230-251.
- 2007 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Constance L. Chapple. "School Failure as an Adolescent Turning Point." *Sociological Focus*, 40: 370-391.

- 2006 Tyler, Kimberly A., Rosalie Torres Stone, and **Bianca E. Bersani**. “Examining the Changing Predictors of Adolescent Alcohol Misuse.” *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 16: 95-114.
- 2004 Chapple, Constance L., Kimberly A. Tyler, and **Bianca E. Bersani**. “Childhood Neglect and Adolescent Violence: Examining Individual and Peer Effects.” *Violence and Victims*, 20: 39-53.

UNDER REVIEW & IN PROGRESS (*STUDENT COAUTHOR)

Sperry, Torri, Erika Feeney*, and **Bianca Bersani**. After the Breaking Point: Police Perspectives on Workforce, Community Engagement, and Legitimacy in the Wake of 2020. (*under review*)

Pierce, Jordan * and **Bianca E. Bersani**. Socio-Historical Changes in Educational Attainment and Age-arrest Trajectories from the 1960s to 2018. (*under review*)

Bersani, Bianca E., Guyu Sun*, and Lauren Porter. Is Police Contact Early in the Life Course a Health Risk?

Bersani, Bianca E., Casey Kindall*, and Kyle Thomas. Moving to (Perceived) Opportunity: How Residential Change Shapes Desistance from Crime.

Bersani, Bianca E. and Charles Loeffler. “Does Developmentally-informed Justice Improve Educational Attainment.”

FUNDED PROJECTS, GRANTS AND RESEARCH CONSULTANT WORK

- 2025-2026 Policing the Line: Challenges and Opportunities at the PG-DC Border. Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. (\$99,773) Co-Principal Investigator with Torri Sperry.
- 2025-2026 Implementation and Evaluation of Jacob’s Ladder Monitoring Program (JLPM). Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. Co-PI with Torri Sperry. (*under review*)
- 2024-2025 Assessing the Impact of Local COAP Programs on Illicit Substance Use and Misuse: Maryland COAP Multi-Site Evaluation. Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. (\$399,981). Co-PI with Erin Artigiani, The Center for Substance Use, Addiction, & Health Research (CESAR).
- 2024-2027 Connect and Protect: Evaluation of CIT’s in Montgomery County. Bureau of Justice Assistance. (\$197,689; *not funded*). Principal Investigator.
- 2024-2026 Development of Quantifiable Safety Indicators Scorecard (HB1018) and Landscape Analysis of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Framework in Maryland. Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. (\$778,509). Principal Investigator.
- 2024-2025 Baybrook Violence Reduction Initiative: Evaluating the Chosen Leaders Intensive Life Coaching Approach for Youth. Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. (\$54,137). Principal Investigator.
- 2023-2024 Annapolis Police Department Workload Study: Determining Optimal Officer Staffing, Deployment, Response Times, and Effectiveness under Budget Constraints. (\$81,939). Principal Investigator.
- 2023-2025 Student Embedded Analyst Program with the Baltimore Police Department. (\$variable). Principal Investigator.

- 2023-2025 Student Embedded Analyst Program with the Prince George’s Police Department. (\$variable). Principal Investigator.
- 2023-2026 “Baybrook Violence Reduction Plan (BVRP) Implementation and Expansion.” With Lauren Porter (PI). Bureau of Justice Assistance (\$454,378; *terminated 4/22/2025*).
- 2023-2026 “Violence Intervention Program Assessment.” With Elaine Eggleston Doherty (PI). Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (\$360,000; *not funded*).
- 2023-2024 “Improving Park Safety and Building Healthier Communities: An In-depth Comparison of Crime-Hot and Crime-Cold Parks in Urban Baltimore.” With Lauren Porter (PI), Chester Harvey, and Elaine Eggleston Doherty. University of Maryland, Healthy Places Seed Grant Program. Investigator.
- 2023-2024 “Body Worn Camera Analytics for Community and Officer Safety.” With Kiminori Nakamura (PI), Shuvra Bhattacharyya, Benjamin Riggins. Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (\$329,077). Investigator.
- 2023 “Data Analytics from Body Worn Cameras to Improve De-escalation Skills for Well-being and Safety for All.” with Kiminori Nakamura (PI), Shuvra Bhattacharyya, Benjamin Riggins. Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (\$74,394). Investigator.
- 2022-2023 “An Assessment of Pretrial Risk across Maryland Jurisdictions using Client Legal Utility Engine (CLUE) Data” with Zubin Jelveh (PI), Emily Glazener. Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (\$313,105). Investigator.
- 2022-2023 “Behavioral Health and Public Safety Center of Excellence, Strategic Plan” with Lauren Porter, Meghan Kozerra, Erin Artigiani. Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention. (\$216,500). Principal Investigator.
- 2022-2023 “Emerging Adult Justice Intervention: A Pilot Study of Raise the Age.” with Wade Jacobsen. BSOS Dean’s Research Initiative (\$14,913). Principal Investigator.
- 2022 “Taking back the Parks: Evaluation of a Community-Researcher Designed Multi-Level Strategy to Reduce Harm and Increase Prosocial Activity in South Baltimore.” with Lauren Porter and Elaine Eggleston Doherty. National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institute of Health. Principal Investigator. (*not funded*)
- 2022 “Assessment of Pretrial Outcomes across Maryland using CLUE Data” with Zubin Jelveh, Brian Johnson, Shuvra Bhattacharyya, Kiminori Nakamura. Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (\$269,396). Principal Investigator.
- 2020-2023 “Evaluation of the Baybrook Community-Based Group Violence Intervention (CGVI) Program.” with Greg Midgette, and Gary LaFree. Bureau of Justice Assistance (\$199,444). Principal Investigator.
- 2018 “Juvenile Diversion and Restorative Justice” evaluation of the Juvenile Alternative Resolution Program, Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office. (\$10,000) Andrea Leverentz, Principal Investigator; Bianca E. Bersani, Investigator.

- 2015 “Ethnic Identity and Self-Esteem as a Mechanisms for the Intergenerational Disparity in Offending across Immigrant Generations.” Joseph P. Healey Research Grant Program, University of Massachusetts, Boston (\$6,942). Principal Investigator.
- 2013 “Narrating the Life Course: Understanding the Mechanisms Underpinning Desistance from Crime.” with Elaine Eggleston Doherty. Research Development Fund, University of Massachusetts, Boston (\$12,000). Principal Investigator.
- 2013 “Assessing the Intergenerational Transmission of Crime across Immigrant Generations.” College of Liberal Arts, Dean’s Research Fund. Principal Investigator.
- 2012 Research Consultant National Center for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism. “Empirical Assessment of Domestic Radicalization (EADR)” National Institute of Justice (\$754,620). Consultant.
- 2011 “An Examination of the “Marriage Effect” on Desistance from Crime among U.S. Immigrants.” with Stephanie DiPietro. 2011-2012. National Institute of Justice (\$99,149). Co-Principal Investigator.
- 2011 “The Impact of Immigration on Extremist Crime and Terrorism.” with Gary LaFree. 2011-2012. US Department of Homeland Security (\$21,571). Co-Principal Investigator.
- 2010 Research Consultant National Center for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism. “Geographic Concentrations of Violent Extremism and Terrorism in the United States.” US Department of Homeland Security. Consultant.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2020 Budd, Kristen M. and **Bianca E. Bersani**. The Incarceration State in the Age of COVID-19. SSSP Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions 2020, Muschert, Christian, Lane and Smith (eds). Bristol University Press, University of Bristol.
- 2020 Budd, Kristen M. and **Bianca E. Bersani**. Crimmigration: The Presumption of Illegality and the Criminalization of Immigrants. Social Problems in the Age of COVID-19, Muschert, Budd, Christian, and Perrucci (eds). Bristol University Press, University of Bristol.
- 2014 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Marieke van Schellen. “The Effectiveness of Marriage as an Intervention in the Netherlands.” In *Effective Interventions in the Lives of Criminal Careers*, Humphrey and Cordella (eds.). Springer.

TECHNICAL REPORTS, TRANSLATIONAL PUBLICATIONS, & OTHER WORKS (*STUDENT COAUTHOR)

- 2025 XXXXXX. Assessing the Impact of Local COAP Programs on Illicit Substance Use and Misuse: Maryland COAP Multi-Site Evaluation. Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center.
- 2024 Bersani, Bianca, Greg Midgette, Veyli Ortiz, Abbey Potter, Erin Tinney, Codey Carr, Jae Eun Lee, Casey Kindall, Camila Soler. ***Baybrook Violence Reduction Strategy: Evaluation Report***. Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center.

- 2024 Bersani, Bianca, Emily Glazner, Torri Sperry, Frank Donohue, and Erika Feeney. *Annapolis Police Department: Comprehensive Workload Analysis 2022-2023*. Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center.
- 2023 Bersani, Bianca, Meghan Kozerra,* Lauren Porter, and Erin Artigiani. *Maryland's Behavioral Health and Public Safety Center of Excellence, Strategic Plan*. Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center.
- 2023 Jelveh, Zubin, Emily Glazener, and **Bianca E. Bersani**. *An Assessment of Pretrial Risk across Maryland Jurisdictions using Client Legal Utility Engine (CLUE) Data*. Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center.
- 2023 Nakamura, Kiminori, Shuvra Bhattacharyya, Benjamin Riggan, and **Bianca E. Bersani**. *Data Analytics from Body Worn Cameras to Improve De-escalation Skills for Well-being and Safety for All*. Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center.
- 2022 Glazener, Emily, Zubin Jelveh, Brian Johnson, Shuvra Bhattacharyya, Kiminori Nakamura, and **Bianca E. Bersani**. *An Assessment of Pretrial Outcomes and Data Capacity, CLUE*. Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center.
- 2021 **Bersani, Bianca E.** Book Review: Home Free: Prisoner Reentry and Residential Change after Hurricane Katrina. By David S. Kirk. Oxford University Press. In Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books, Rutgers University Press.
- 2019 **Bersani, Bianca E.**, John H. Laub, and Bruce P. Western. Thinking about Emerging Adults and Violent Crime. Justice Lab, Columbia University: Academic Commons.
- 2016 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Alex Piquero. OP-ED *Immigrants don't commit more crimes. Why does the myth persist?* LA Times (September 6, 2016).
- 2014 Bosick, Stacey J. and **Bianca E. Bersani**. "Maturation to Adulthood and Crime." In *The Encyclopedia of Theoretical Criminology*. J. Mitchell Miller (Ed.). Wiley-Blackwell: New Jersey.
- 2013 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Stephanie DiPietro. "An Examination of the 'Marriage Effect' on Desistance from Crime among U.S. Immigrants." Washington, DC: National Institute of Justice.
- 2013 LaFree, Gary and **Bianca Bersani**. "County-level Correlates of Terrorism in the United States, 1990 to 2010," Final Report to the Resilient Systems Division, Science and Technology Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. College Park, MD: START, 2013.
- 2013 Sohoni, Tracy, Charis Kubrin, and **Bianca Bersani**. How Parenthood made us Better Academics. *The Criminologist*, 39: 38-39.
- 2012 Sohoni, Tracy, Stacey Bosick, and **Bianca Bersani**. Parenthood and the PhD. *The Criminologist*, 37: 28-29.
- 2012 LaFree, Gary and **Bianca E Bersani**. *Hot Spots of Terrorism and other Crimes in the United States*. Final Report to Human Factors/Behavioral Sciences Division, Science and

Technology Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security. College Park MD: START, January 2012.

- 2004 Kimberly A. Tyler, Katherine A. Johnson, Lisa A. Gripenstroh, and **Bianca E. Bersani**. *Neglect & Abuse Histories among Homeless Young Adults: Summary Report to Cedars, Iowa Homeless Youth Shelter, and Youth Emergency Services in Omaha, NE*. University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Department of Sociology.

PROFESSIONAL MEETING PRESENTATIONS (*DENOTES STUDENT COAUTHOR)

- 2025 **Bersani, Bianca E.** “Is Police Contact Early in the Life Course a Health Risk?” Maryland Population Research Center. With Guyu Sun (presenter) and Lauren Porter.
- 2025 Sperry, Torri, * **Bianca E. Bersani (chair)**, and Emily LaCroix. “Measuring Police Workload in a Mid-Sized Jurisdiction: Lessons Learned and Opportunities for Enhancing Data-Driven Strategies.” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Denver, CO.
- 2025 Evens, Jocelyn, **Bianca E. Bersani**. “Deflecting and Diverting Individuals with Substance Misuse: Understanding Maryland's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Programs.” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Denver, CO.
- 2024 **Bersani, Bianca E. (chair)** “How Context Matters in the Life Course: Racial Composition, Collective Efficacy, and Life Transitions.” Thematic Panel. *American Society of Criminology*. San Francisco, CA.
- 2024 **Bersani, Bianca E.**, Casey Kindall,* and Kyle Thomas. “Moving to (Perceived) Opportunity: How Residential Change Shapes Desistance from Crime.” Thematic Panel. *American Society of Criminology*. San Francisco, CA.
- 2024 **Bersani, Bianca E.** “The Politics of Crime, Punishment and Justice.” Author meets Critics panelist. *American Society of Criminology*. San Francisco, CA.
- 2024 Casey Kindall,* Lauren Porter, Chester Harvey, **Bianca E. Bersani**, and Elaine Doherty. “Parks and Crime: A Mixed-methods Study of Neighborhood Park Features in Baltimore.” *American Society of Criminology*. San Francisco, CA.
- 2024 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Charles Loeffler. “Does Developmentally Informed Justice for Older Adolescents Improve Educational Attainment? Evidence from Raise the Age in Massachusetts.” *American Educational Research Association*. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 **Bersani, Bianca E. (chair)** “Evaluating Developmentally Informed Approaches to Justice for Young Adults” Thematic Panel. *American Society of Criminology*. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 Loeffler, Charles and **Bersani, Bianca E.** “Estimating the Effect of Developmentally Informed Justice on the Probability and Length of Custodial Experience: Evidence from Raise the Age in Massachusetts” *American Society of Criminology*. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Michael Lebron “Contextual Effects on Desistance from Crime” *American Society of Criminology*. Philadelphia, PA.

- 2023 **Bersani, Bianca E.**, Wade Jacobsen and Elaine Eggleston Doherty “Examining the Relationship between an Early Onset of Arrest and Health Outcomes: Does an Early Onset of Arrest increase Early Mortality Risk?” *American Society of Criminology*. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Jean McGloin. “Revisiting the Relationship Between Romantic Partnerships and Companions in Crime.” European Society of Criminology. Florence, IT.
- 2023 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Elaine Eggleston Doherty. “The Road to Resilience: What Protects High Risk Men from Criminal Legal System Involvement” BSOS Research Showcase. University of Maryland.
- 2022 **Bersani, Bianca E.** “Violence over the Life Course” Thematic Panels – The Development of Violence Careers (Part) and Exposure to Violence (Part 2). *American Society of Criminology*. Chicago, IL.
- 2021 **Bersani, Bianca E. (chair)** “Violence over the Life Course” Thematic Panels – The Development of Violence Careers (Part) and Exposure to Violence (Part 2). *American Society of Criminology*. Chicago, IL.
- 2019 Doherty, Elaine Eggleston and **Bersani, Bianca E. (chair)** “Against all Odds: Exploring how Individuals Overcome Childhood Structural Risks for Offending.” Thematic Panel: Revisiting Elder’s Life Course Paradigm to Inform Understanding of Pathways In, Around, and Through Offending. *American Society of Criminology*. San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 **Bersani, Bianca E.** “The Decline in Juvenile Delinquency and Implications for the Age-Crime Curve.” Roundtable participant. *American Society of Criminology*. San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 **Bersani, Bianca E.** “Fostering a Family Friendly Environment in your Department.” Roundtable participant. *American Society of Criminology*. San Francisco, CA.
- 2018 **Bersani, Bianca E.** “Times...Are they a Changin’? Examining Changes in the Transition to Adulthood and Age-Crime Curves: 1930s-Today.” *American Sociology Association*. New York, NY.
- 2018 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Elaine Eggleston Doherty. “Does Arrested Development Impact the Development of Arrest? The Impact of Cohort Differences on Aggregate Age-Crime Curve.” *American Society of Criminology*. Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 **Bersani, Bianca E.** “Immigrant Generational Disparities in Suicide Ideation.” *American Sociology Association*. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Elaine Eggleston Doherty. “Disrupting Desistance: Minor Criminal Justice Contact and the Age Crime Curve.” *American Society of Criminology*. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 **Bianca E. Bersani.** Chair: “Narrating the Life Course and the Process of Desistance.” *American Society of Criminology*, New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 **Bianca E. Bersani.** Chair: Division of Developmental and Life Course Criminology Highlighted Session “Mapping the “Life Course” of Developmental and Life Course

- Theory: A Discussion-Based Session Reflecting on the Past and Charting Pathways for the Future.” *American Society of Criminology*, New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 Doherty, Elaine Eggleston and **Bersani, Bianca E.** “Investigating Negative Cases to Enhance Life Course Theories.” *American Society of Criminology*, New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 **Bianca E. Bersani.** Critic: “Peer Pressure, Peer Prevention: The Role of Friends in Crime and Conformity.” *American Society of Criminology*, New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Melissa Morabito. “Cultural Awareness inside the Classroom.” *Massachusetts Association of Criminal Justice Education*. Nichols College, MA
- 2016 **Bersani, Bianca** and Adam Pittman. “Second Generation Immigrants or First Generation Americans? Examining Divergence and Convergence in Offending Patterns across Immigrant Generations.” *Eastern Sociological Society*. Boston, MA.
- 2015 DiPietro, Stephanie, Elaine Eggleston Doherty and **Bianca E. Bersani.** “Investigating the Marriage-Desistance Relationship among Black Women.” Division of Developmental and Life Course Criminology Highlighted Session: Bringing Diversity to the Forefront of Desistance Research. *American Society of Criminology*. Washington DC.
- 2015 DiPietro, Stephanie, Elaine Eggleston Doherty and **Bianca E. Bersani.** “Does One Size Fit All? Contingencies in the Marriage-Desistance Link among Black Women.” *American Sociological Association*. Chicago, IL.
- 2014 Doherty, Elaine Eggleston and **Bianca E. Bersani.** “Cultivating a Symbiotic Relationship between Desistance Theory and Prisoner Re-Entry Policy.” *American Society of Criminology*. San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 Doherty, Elaine Eggleston and **Bianca E. Bersani.** “Are the Mechanisms of Desistance Color-Blind? Examining How Marriage Matters among Urban African Americans.” *American Society of Criminology*. Atlanta, GA.
- 2013 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Stephanie DiPietro. “Divergence in the “Good Marriage Effect”: Findings and Processes of an NIJ W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship.” Thematic Panel “Research on Race, Ethnicity, Drugs and Marriage: NIJ’s W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program.” *American Society of Criminology*. Atlanta, GA.
- 2013 Schroeder, Ryan D., **Bianca E. Bersani**, and Thomas James Mowen. “The Marriage Effect Revisited: Desistance from Crime or Desistance from Arrest?” *American Society of Criminology*. Atlanta, GA.
- 2012 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Stephanie DiPietro. “Immigrant Assimilation and Desistance from Crime: Examining the Effect of Marriage on Offending among U.S. Immigrants.” *American Society of Criminology*. Chicago, IL.
- 2012 Hardy, Margaret Pendzich, and **Bianca E Bersani.** “Measuring Immigration Effects and Ethnic Enclaves.” *American Society of Criminology*. Chicago, IL.
- 2012 LaFree, Gary, and **Bianca E. Bersani.** “Testing a Social Disorganization Model of Terrorism and Crimes in the United States.” *American Society of Criminology*. Chicago, IL.

- 2012 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Elaine Eggleston Doherty. “When the Ties that Bind Unwind: Examining the Mechanism behind the Marriage Effect.” *American Sociological Association*. Denver, CO.
- 2012 **Bersani, Bianca E.** and Stephanie DiPietro. “Differential Pathways to Desistance? Examining the Marriage Effect across Immigrant and non-Immigrant Groups.” *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*. New York City, NY.
- 2011 Bosick, Stacey, and **Bianca E. Bersani**. “Distinguishing Life-Course Persistent Offenders in Early Adulthood.” *American Society of Criminology*. Washington DC.
- 2010 **Bersani, Bianca E.** “Are Immigrants Crime Prone? An Examination of Immigrant Crime Patterns in Two Eras.” *American Society of Criminology*. San Francisco, CA.
- 2010 **Bersani, Bianca E.** “An Examination of the “Marriage Effect” among Immigrants.” *American Society of Criminology*, Thematic Session: Relationships and Offending. San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 **Bersani, Bianca E.** “Examining Immigration and Crime over the Life Course.” *American Society of Criminology*. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2008 **Bersani, Bianca E.** “Immigration and Crime: An Examination of Offending Trajectories in a General Sample.” *American Society of Criminology*, Poster Session. St. Louis, MO.
- 2008 Hope, Trina, Constance L. Chapple, **Bianca E. Bersani**. “Gender, Self-Control, and Delinquency: A Comparison of Hispanics and Non-Hispanic Whites.” *American Society of Criminology*. St. Louis, MO.
- 2006 Chapple, Constance L. and **Bianca E. Bersani**. “Group Differences in Life Course Transitions and Desistance.” *American Society of Criminology*, Poster Session. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2005 Chapple, Constance L. and **Bianca E. Bersani**. “Propensity, Events, and Adult Turning Points.” *American Society of Criminology*, Poster Session. Toronto.
- 2004 **Bersani, Bianca E.** “Self-Control and School Failure: Examining Individual Effects on Academic Achievement.” *American Society of Criminology*. Nashville, TN.

INVITED TALKS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 2025 *Profile, Pathways, and Possibility: Life Course Insights into Emerging Adult Justice*. Keynote. Emerging Adult Convening. Omaha, Nebraska. Supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.
- 2024 *The Only Constant in Life Is Change: Contributions of the Life Course Perspective to the Study of Criminal Offending and Desistance from Crime*. Keynote. Crime in Latin America. Rio de Janeiro State University, Brazil.
- 2024 *Changes in Society, Welfare, Penalty, Law, and Justice: Implications for the Future of Criminological and Socio-legal Theorising*. Invited Panelist. Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, Gipuzkoa, Spain.

- 2024 *Criminal Justice Settings, Crime, and Reintegration: New Directions for Research*. Invited panelist. Lorentz Center, Leiden University, The Netherlands.
- 2024 *Gun Violence Action Summit*, Invited Panelist. Congressman Ivey, Prince George's County. January 26, 2024, Washington, DC.
- 2023 *Life Course Criminology, Early Adolescent Arrest on the Developmental Course of Offending into Young Adulthood*. Maryland Population Research Center, Journal Club.
- 2022 *Is it Just Teen Spirit? The Impact of Arrest in Early Adolescence*. The Criminology Academy podcast with Jose Sanchez and Jenn Tostlebe
- 2021 *MCRIC Overview, Project Highlights, and Embedded Crime Data Analyst*. Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN), Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services.
- 2019 *Reimagining the Justice System's Approach to Violent Crime*. Invited Panelist. Columbia Justice Lab and Square One Projects, New York, NY.
- 2018 *Emerging Adulthood: Developmentally Appropriate Advocacy*. Committee for Public Counsel Services, Worcester, MA.
- 2017 *Safer Communities? The Role of Fairness, Dignity, and Transparency*. Community Resources for Justice, Boston, MA.
- 2016 *Election 2016: Putting the Candidate's Immigration Policies in Context*. University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA.
- 2013 *Leveraging New Features of Bb Learn for Innovative Teaching*. Center for Innovative Teaching, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA.
- 2013 *When the Ties that Bind Unwind: Examining the Mechanism behind the Marriage Effect*. School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Northeastern University, Boston, MA.
- 2011 *Hot Spots of Terrorism and Crime in the United States, 1970-2008*. With Gary LaFree. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Human Factors County-Level Indicators Meeting, Washington, DC.

DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE (BOLD = LEADERSHIP ROLE)

Service: University of Maryland

Department **Director**, Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center (2021-present)
 Methods Advisory Committee, **Chair** (2024-present)
 Graduate Affairs / Awards Committee, Member (2024-present)
 Emeritus Review Committee, Member (2025)
Director, CCJS Honors Program (2019-2024)
 Third-year Review, Member (2023-2024, 2022-2023, 2020-2021)
 Paternoster/Kimchi Award Committee, Member (2023-2024)
 Qualifying Exam Committee, Member (2019-2024)
 Department Chair Search Committee, Member (2023)
 Graduate Affairs, **Chair** (2021-2022); Member (2022-2023)
 Human Relations Committee, Member (2022-2023)

Faculty Search Committee, Member (2019 5 positions, 2022, 2023, 2024)
 Tenure and Promotion Review Committee, Member (2021-2022, 2019-2020)
 Social Media Committee, Member (2021-2022)
 PTK Promotion Committee, **Chair** (2021); Member (2023)
 Theory Comprehensive Committee, Member (Spring 2021, 2020)
 Teaching/Undergraduate Committee, Member (2019-2020)

College / University UMD Research Council (2024-2026)
 Faculty-Student Research Awards Committee (2025)
 UMD New Directions Fund, Reviewer (2023)
 Wylie and Lee Thornton Dissertation Fellowship Awards Committee (2023)
 Maryland Day (2021-2023)
 UMD BSOS Buddies Program (2020-2022)
Advisor, Maryland Summer Scholars
 Kara Groisser (2023-2024)
 Francis Ricciardone (2022-2023)
 Anna Newell (2021-2022)

Service: University of Massachusetts, Boston

Department **Director**, Undergraduate Studies; 2016-2019
 NSF Faculty Workload and Rewards Committee; 2016-2019
 Executive Committee; 2016-2019
 Criminal Justice Committee 2010-2013; **Chair/Program Director** 2014-2016
 Criminal Justice Search Committee 2011-2012; 2012; 2013; 2015-2016; **Chair**
 Criminal Justice Honors Society **Faculty Liaison** 2011-2013
 Department Personnel Committee 2012-2013
 Colloquium Committee 2012-2013
 Graduate Committee 2011-2012
 Curriculum Committee 2010-2011

University Talent Hub Guided Pathways in Liberal Arts: **UMB Representative** 2017-2019
 Emergency Preparedness and Risk Advisory Committee 2016-2018
 Honors College Department Review Committee 2016-2018
 CLA Undergraduate Research Committee 2015-2018
 Department of Higher Education Transfer Review Committee 2015-2018
 Faculty Council Academic Affairs Committee 2012-2018
 Junior Faculty Writing Group **Co-Organizer** 2013-2016
 University Advisory Committee on Academic Computing 2011-2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (BOLD = LEADERSHIP ROLE)

Disciplinary Service American Society of Criminology
 Division of Developmental and Life Course Criminology, **Chair** 2024-present
 Mentoring Committee, 2024-2025; **Chair** 2025-2026
 August Vollmer Awards Committee, 2022-2023; **Chair** 2023-2024
 Ad Hoc Committee – Renaming of the Vollmer Award 2024
 Conference Program Committee, **Co-Chair** 2021-2022
 Membership Committee, 2017-2018; **Chair** 2018-2021
 Long Range Planning Committee, 2013-2017
 Program Committee, Division of Developmental and Life Course Criminology,
 2015-2016

Session Chair, Division of Developmental and Life Course Criminology Highlighted
 Session: Bringing Diversity to the Forefront of Desistance Research, 2015
 Program Committee, Area Chair: Professional Development and
 Students-Meet-Scholars sessions, 2013-2014
 Student Affairs Committee member, 2013-2014; **Chair** 2011-2013
 Program Committee member, 2011-2013

American Sociological Association
 Crime, Law & Deviance, Council, 2018-2020
 Crime, Law & Deviance, Nominations Committee, 2015

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
 Session Chair: Immigration, Crime and Justice 2012

Editorial Board *Journal of Developmental and Life Course Criminology* 2022-present
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency 2017-present
Journal of Quantitative Criminology 2012-2013

Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer *American Sociological Review, Criminology, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Justice Quarterly, Crime & Delinquency, European Journal of Criminology, Criminal Justice Review, Sociological Forum, Social Science Research, Journal of Early Adolescence, Journal of Crime and Justice, European Journal of Criminal Policy, Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Sociological Perspectives, Race and Justice, Advances in Life Course Research*

Ad Hoc Other Reviewer Activities Manuscript Reviews (Oxford University Press; Routledge Publishers)
 Federal Grant Reviews (National Science Foundation; National Institute of Justice)
 Foundation Funding Reviews (WT Grant Foundation, The Leverhulme Trust)

Professional Associations American Society of Criminology
 Division of Developmental and Life Course Criminology
 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
 American Sociological Association
 Crime, Law, and Deviance section
 Aging and the Life Course section

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate The Nature of Offending over the Life Course
 CCJS Honors Program: 3 course sequence
 Criminology
 Criminological Statistics and Data Analysis
 Life Course and Crime
 Contemporary Criminological Theory
 Introduction to Research Methods II – Statistics

Graduate Crime over the Life Course; Life Course Paradigm
 Nature of Crime
 Foundations of Applied Sociology

STUDENTS ADVISED (*chair)

PhD Dissertation

University of Maryland College Park
Erika Feeney* (2026-)
Dixin Li (2024-)
Gabrielle Wy (2022-2025)
Sydney Jaw* (2021-2025)
Erin Tinney (2022-2024)
Carol Xuanying Chen (2022-2024)
Sean Houlihan (2022-2024)
Shradha Sahani (2021-2023)
Lizabeth Remrey (2020-2024)
Cristina Layana (2019-2022)
Jessica Rae Deitzer (2019-2020)

Outside Institution Committee Member

David Abeling-Judge (Northeastern University 2013-2016)

Masters Thesis

University of Maryland College Park
Erika Feeney* (2024-2025)
Jordan Pierce* (2023-2024)
Jae Eun (Jane) Lee* (2023-2025)
Lydia Becker (2023-2024)
Guyu (Sylvia) Sun (2023-2024)
Abbey Potter (2023-2024)
Michael Lebron (2022-2024)
Taryn Curie (2022-2023)
Lauren Barnovsky (2022-)
Alyse Sherrick* (2021-2023)
Tianying Cai (2020-2021)
Sydney Jaw (2020-2021)
Erin Tinney (2019-2020)
Carol Xuanying Chen (2019-2020)

University of Massachusetts Boston

Amanda Aykanian (2012-2013)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis

University of Maryland 2022-2024 Honors Cohort

Sophia Amoroso*
Serena Bujtor*
Jenna Ferrick*
Kara Groisser*
Elliott Idol*
Natalie Jillson*
Rhiannon Little*
Darcy Luntz*
Dylan Sarubin*
Leslie Sena*
Camila Soler*

Jillian Tryon*
Joanna Wahmhoff*
University of Maryland 2021-2023 Honors Cohort
Dominique Austin*
Rebecca Benezra*
Nessia Ferneau*
Arianna Mondelli*
Alexa Naskiewicz*
Francis Ricciardone*
Hannah Schaadt*
Luke Senftle*
Talia Shemony*
Caroline Stroh*

University of Maryland 2020-2021 Honors Cohort
Emilia Curzake*
Sofia Del Signore*
Logan Distasio*
Talia Frank*
Lauren Maldonado*
Shannon McGuire*
Anna Newell*
Madison Orloff*
Jordan Pierce*
Tatiana Reyes*
Lois Richman*
Jordan Roberts*
Morgan Sirota*

University of Maryland 2019-2021 Honors Cohort
Shuran Chen*
Skylar Johnson*
Jordan Karpoff*
Kate Medwar-Venderlinden*
Bryan Midlam*
Elizabeth Pokress*
Rebecca Shankman*
Zoe Tesser*

University of Massachusetts Boston
Christine Furnari* (2012-2013)

Undergraduate Independent Research

Rhiannon Little (2024-2025)
Camila Soler (2023-2024)
Serena Bujtor (2023)
Jordan Pierce (2022)
Emily Blume (2021)
Angela Philippides (2021)
Daniel Trovato (2021)
Rebecca Shankman (2021)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

- 2023-2024 *Research Impact Fellows Program* (inaugural cohort), Behavioral and Social Sciences representative. University of Maryland. Facilitated by Sara Gavin, Katie Lawson, and Rebecca Ann Aloisi. Supported by Dr. Gregory Ball, Vice President of Research, UMD.
- 2021-2022 *ADVANCE: Advancing Together*. University of Maryland. Facilitated by Dr. Brooke Liu and Dr. Dawn Culpepper.
- 2013 *Faculty Grant Writing Workshop; University of Massachusetts-Boston*
Facilitated by Dr. Laura Hayman.
- 2012 *University Research Seminar; Seminar for Untenured Faculty*.
A semester long workshop intended to foster productive research and scholarship, develop a meaningful research agenda, nurture networking opportunities, and enhance research collaborations.
- 2012 *Hierarchical Linear Models for Longitudinal Data*
A three-day workshop sponsored by the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research aimed at providing a conceptual framework and flexible set of analytic tools to study developmental processes using Hierarchical Linear Models.
- 2012 *Center for Innovative Teaching; Faculty Seminar for Untenured Faculty*.
A semester long workshop aimed at exploring pedagogical perspectives, challenges and aspirations; address teaching and learning concerns; expand the teaching toolkit to foster student engagement and learning.
- 2011 *Writing Successful Career Development Proposals: Tips and Strategies* workshop
David C. Morrison and Stephen W. Russell Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops, LLC series.
- 2008 *Analyzing Developmental Trajectories*
Conducted by Daniel S. Nagin of Carnegie Melon University
- 2005 *National Longitudinal Survey Workshop*
Intensive workshop focused on the effective utilization the complex survey design of the National Longitudinal Surveys.
- 2004 *Getting Started as a Successful Grant Writer and Academician* seminar
David C. Morrison and Stephen W. Russell Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops, LLC series.