

Guyu Sun

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EDUCATION

- Present Ph.D. Candidate in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park (*Expected May 2028*)
- 2025 M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park
Thesis: Contextualizing Stigma: The Impact of School Cultural and Structural Contexts on Interpersonal Exclusion Following Criminal Justice Contact
Committee: Dr. Wade C. Jacobsen (Chair), Dr. Jean M. McGloin, Dr. Bianca E. Bersani, Dr. Cassie McMillan (Northeastern University)
- Winner: 2025 Gene Carte Student Paper Award, Third Place, American Society of Criminology
- 2022 Bachelor of Social Sciences (*Honors*) in Sociology, University of Macau

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Inequalities in punishment and their collateral consequences; delinquency and justice-involved youth; stigma and labeling theory; and the roles of peers, parents, teachers, and school contexts in shaping criminogenic and justice-related outcomes.

PUBLICATIONS

- Sun, Guyu & Tony Huiquan Zhang. (2025). Peer influence on youth delinquency: How does school-level teacher quality matter? *Crime & Delinquency*, 71(10), 3391–3416. (online October 2023)
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287231207385>
- Xu, Jianhua, Xinyue Wang, & Guyu Sun. (2024). Sacrifice spirit and police work-family conflict among rank-and-file officers in China. *Policing and Society*, 34(3) 183–199. (online July 2023)
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10439463.2023.2241967>
- Xu, Jianhua, Guyu Sun, Sinan Wu, Shangyi Zhu, & You Zhou. (2024). Understanding health fraud offenders in China: An emotional labour perspective. *Asian Journal of Law and Society*, 11(1), 54–69. (online July 2023) <https://doi.org/10.1017/als.2023.14>
- Xu, Jianhua, Guyu Sun, Wei Cao, Wenyuan Fan., Zhihao Pan, Zhaoyu Yao, & Han Li. (2021). Stigma, discrimination, and hate crimes in Chinese-speaking world amid Covid-19 pandemic. *Asian Journal of Criminology*, 16(1), 51–74. (online January 2021) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11417-020-09339-8>
- 2021 Best Paper Award, Asian Criminological Society
- Xu, Jianhua, Tang In Lao, Guyu Sun, & Zhaoyu Yao. (2021). The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on crimes in Macao: A routine activity approach. *Journal of Macau Studies*, 100, 17–34. (in Chinese)
<https://www.macaudata.mo/papers/detail?bno=p000042>

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Sun, Guyu. Shielded from Sanctions: How Parents and Peers Shape Punishment Avoidance in School Discipline.

Sun, Guyu. Contextualizing Stigma: How School Cultural and Structural Contexts Impact Interpersonal Exclusion Following Criminal Justice Contact.

Jacobsen, Wade C., & **Guyu Sun.** Labeling Theory: New Life and a Path Forward.

Li, Dixin, & **Guyu Sun.** Controlled (In)visibility: State Narratives of People with Criminal Records in China, 1978–2024.

Jacobsen, Wade C., **Guyu Sun**, Cassie McMillan, & Nayan G. Ramirez. Stuck in the Same Old Crowd? Juvenile Arrest, Friendship Stability, and the Persistence of Legal System Involvement after High School.

Bersani, Bianca E., **Guyu Sun**, & Lauren C. Porter. Police Contact Early in the Life Course is a Health Risk.

Jacobsen, Wade C., Michaela Soyer, & **Guyu Sun.** The Role of Nonparental Adults among Youth at Risk of Delinquency.

Jacobsen, Wade C., **Guyu Sun**, Anna Tovchigrechko, & Rachel Ellis. Intergenerational Patterns of Institutional Engagement: Parental Incarceration, Gendered Educational Involvement, and Young Adult College Participation.

Jacobsen, Wade C., **Guyu Sun**, Yikang Zhang, & Jean-Louis van Gelder. Putting the Situation in Context: Variation in Situational Peer Influence by the Behavioral Composition of the Friendship Dyad.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

2024–2025 Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park.
Supervisor: Dr. Wade C. Jacobsen
Responsibilities: Assisted in multiple research projects, conducting data collection, cleaning, and analysis, and contributing to grant writing and manuscript preparation.

2023–2024 Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park.
Supervisor: Dr. Sarah Tahamont
Responsibilities: Assisted in research projects such as the *Second Chance Pell Program (Experimental Evaluation of Higher Education in Prison)*, performing data cleaning and data analysis.

2021–2022 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of Psychology, University of Macau
Supervisor: Dr. Peilian Chi, Relationships and Health Lab
Responsibilities: Assisted in the project *Promoting Resilience by Growth Mindset Intervention among Youths with Socioeconomic Adversity*, writing project reports for middle schools; contributed to the grant application for the project *Parenting Stress and Mental Health in Parents of Children with ASD in Macau*, helping with literature review and research design; conducted independent research on *Depression in Women and Men:*

Do Gender Inequality and Perceived Gender Discrimination Matter?, performing data cleaning and analysis.

2018–2021 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Macau
Supervisors: Dr. Jianhong Liu and Dr. Shan Cui
Responsibilities: Assisted in the project *Exploring an Asian Paradigm Theory of Criminal Law and Justice*, collecting and coding Chinese judicial documents on corruption, bribery, and embezzlement; assisted in the project *Deviant Behavior of Primary School Students in Zhuhai*, helping with codebook construction, data input, data cleaning, and literature review.

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2025 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Criminal Justice (CCJS100)
Supervisor: Dr. Justine Madoo
Responsibilities: Led weekly discussion sections with undergraduate students, prepared quizzes and discussion activities, and held office hours.

Spring 2025 Mentor, Independent Study in Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJS399)
Supervisor: Dr. Wade C. Jacobsen
Responsibilities: Mentored undergraduate students (Anna Tovchigrechko, Edith Corey, and Charlotte Juengel), meeting with them weekly to discuss project progress and help with their Stata coding or experiment implementation.

2024–2025 Teaching Assistant, Honors Thesis Research (CCJS489H)
Supervisor: Dr. Wade C. Jacobsen
Responsibilities: Assisted 12 undergraduate honors students with their honors theses, providing guidance on research design, data analysis, and academic writing.

Fall 2023 Grader, Fundamentals of Criminological Research (CCJS620)
Supervisor: Dr. Sarah Tahamont
Responsibilities: Prepared and graded problem sets and exams and held office hours.

2022–2023 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Criminal Justice (CCJS100)
Supervisor: Dr. Justine Madoo
Responsibilities: Led weekly discussion sections with undergraduate students (four sections per semester, each section with 30 students), created discussion activities, held office hours, and graded short essays.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025 “Punishment Avoidance in the Making: The Role of Parental Involvement in School Discipline,” presented at:

- The 80th American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (Thematic Panel)
- Accepted to present at the 63rd Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 2026 (Paper Panel)

2025 “Controlled (In)visibility: State Narratives of People with Criminal Records in China, 1978–2024,” presented at:

- The 80th American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (Paper Panel)
 - The 120th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (Regular Session)
 - Accepted to present at the 63rd Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 2026 (Paper Panel)
- 2025 “Is Police Contact Early in the Life Course a Health Risk?” presented at the 25th Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Athens, Greece (Paper Session)
- 2023–2025 “Contextualizing Stigma: The Impact of School Cultural and Structural Contexts on Interpersonal Exclusion Following Criminal Justice Contact,” presented at:
- The 25th Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Athens, Greece (Pre-arranged Panel), September 2025
 - The 79th American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (Thematic Panel)
 - The 78th American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (Poster Session)
- 2022–2023 “Peer Influence on Youth Delinquency: How Does School-Level Teacher Quality Matter?” presented at:
- The 60th Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, National Harbor, MD (Paper Panel)
 - The 5th International Chinese Sociological Association Annual Conference, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), Online (Paper Panel)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2026 ACJS Doctoral Summit Scholarship, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- 2025 ACCCJ Student Travel Award, Association of Chinese Criminology and Criminal Justice in the United States (\$300)
- 2025 ASC Gene Carte Student Paper Award, Third Place, American Society of Criminology (\$400)
- 2025 International Conference Student Support Award, Graduate School, University of Maryland
- 2025 Dr. Anat Kimchi Memorial Graduate Travel Award, University of Maryland (\$500)
- 2022–2025 Dean’s Fellowship, University of Maryland (\$2,500 per year)
- 2024 Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant, Graduate School, University of Maryland (\$800)
- 2022 2021 Best Paper Award, Asian Criminological Society
- 2022 Macau Foundation Academic Prize, University of Macau (MOP \$10,000)
- 2021 Outgoing Exchange Scholarship, University of Macau (MOP \$10,000)
- 2021 Study Abroad Grant, Honors College, University of Macau (MOP \$5,000)

- 2019 Summer Program Sponsorship, Stanley Ho East Asia College, University of Macau (MOP \$2,050)
- 2019 Wynn Macau Whole Person Development Scholarship (MOP \$5,000)
- 2018–2022 Dean’s Honor List, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Macau
- 2018–2022 Full Scholarship for Undergraduate Students, University of Macau

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- 2025– Student Office Manager, Association of Chinese Criminology and Criminal Justice in the United States (ACCCJ). Assist the Board of Directors and other ad hoc committees with tasks such as managing conference programs and organizing and submitting ASC panels.
- 2024– Manuscript Reviewer, *Asian Journal of Criminology*
- 2024– Journal Club Co-Lead, Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland, College Park. Coordinate two faculty-led discussions per semester to keep graduate students current on demographic research, facilitate connections with senior scholars, and demystify the publication process.
- 2024–2025 Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park. Served as a peer resource and support for mentees to navigate the graduate program.
- 2023–2024 Smackdown Coordinator, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park. Organized student-run research presentations and roundtables on a roughly monthly basis, and organized ASC practice sessions.
- 2023–2024 Graduate Student Ambassador, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, College Park. Reached out to admitted students and served as a point of contact for whatever questions they might have.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020–2021 Child Adoption Action Group, Good Shepherd Macau, Macau
Research Intern. Composed the technical report on foster care services in Macau.
- 2020 China Education Panel Survey, National Survey Research Center at Renmin University of China, Beijing
Survey Research Intern. Telephone interview and data management.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2024 Columbia Population Research Center. Future of Families Summer Data Workshop.
- 2023 ICPSR Summer Program. Network Analysis: Statistical Approaches.

- 2021 Shanghai University & New York University Shanghai. The 10th Training Workshop on Applied Social Science Research Methods.
- 2021 Nanjing University. Student Exchange Program for the Fall Semester.
- 2020 Peking University. Social Science Methods and Research Training.
- 2019 Hanyang University. International Summer School.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2024– Graduate Student Research Affiliate, Maryland Population Research Center
- Member American Society of Criminology
 American Sociological Association
- *Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance*
 - *Section on Children and Youth*
 - *Section on Sociology of Education*
- Association of Chinese Criminology and Criminal Justice in the United States