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Education

- Ph.D. in Sociology** University of Central Florida
August 2010
Dissertation- “Evolution of the Folk Devil: A Social Network Perspective of the Hybrid Gang Label.”
- Certificate in Crime Mapping and Analysis** University of Central Florida
August 2008
- Master of Arts in Sociology** Minor in Anthropology, Texas State University-
San Marcos, December 2005.
Thesis- “Charismatic Role Theory: Towards a Theory of Gang
Dissipation.”
- Bachelor of Science in Applied Sociology** Minor in Communication, Southwest
Texas State University-San Marcos, August 2003, Magna Cum Laude.
- Associate of Arts in Sociology** Western Texas College, Colorado City, Texas,
July 2000

Professional Experience

- Associate Professor**, Criminology and Justice Department, Loyola University
New Orleans, August 2017-Present
-Robert Hunter Distinguished Professor, April 2021-Present
-Interim Department Chair, August 2019-July 2020
-Associate Director of University Honors, August 2016-July 2018
-Graduate Coordinator, August 2015-July 2018
- Assistant Professor**, Criminology and Justice Department, Loyola University-
New Orleans, August 2012-July 2017
- Assistant Professor**, Criminology Department, Indiana University of
Pennsylvania, August 2010-August 2012
- Graduate Teaching Associate**, Sociology Department, University of Central
Florida, August 2006-May 2010

Instructor, Social Sciences Department, Valencia Community College, January 2008-August 2010, full-time, temporary acting discipline head

Instructor, Social Sciences Department, Seminole State College of Florida, January 2008-August 2010

Research Assistant, University of Central Florida, Institute of Social and Behavioral Sciences, November 2006-February 2007

Lecturer, Sociology Department, Texas State University-San Marcos, August 2005-July 2006

Graduate Assistant, Sociology Department, Texas State University-San Marcos, August 2003-May 2005

Research Assistant, Social Work Department, Texas State University-San Marcos, April-August 2004

Publications

Book

- Bolden, Christian L. 2020. *Out of the Red: My Life of Gangs, Prison, and Redemption*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.
-Award: [2020 Frank Tannenbaum Outstanding Book Award](#)-
Division of Convict Criminology, American Society of
Criminology
-Reviewed by Greenberg, Kristi L. 2021. [Criminal Justice Review](#).

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Bolden, Christian L. 2014. "Friendly Foes: Hybrid Gangs or Social Networking." *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations*, 17 (6): 730-749.
DOI: 10.1177/1368430214548284.
- Bolden, Christian L. 2013. "Tales from the Hood: An Emic Perspective on Gang Joining and Gang Desistance." *Criminal Justice Review*, 38 (4): 473-490.
DOI: 10.1177/0734016813509267.
- Bolden, Christian L. 2012. "Liquid Soldiers: Fluidity and Gang Membership." *Deviant Behavior*, 33 (3): 207-222. DOI: 10.1080/01639625.2010.548655
- Bolden, Christian L. 2010. "Charismatic Role Theory: Towards a Theory of Gang Dissipation." *The Journal of Gang Research*, 17 (4): 39-70.

Peer Reviewed Encyclopedia Entries

Bolden, Christian L. and Anna Q. Iliff. Accepted. "Gang Desistance." In the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Ed. Henry Pontell. New York: Oxford University Press.

Bolden, Christian L. and René Lamphere. 2019. "Social Networks in Gangs." In the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Ed. Henry Pontell. New York: Oxford University Press.

Bolden, Christian L. 2018. "Gang Organization and Gang Types." In the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Ed. Henry Pontell. New York: Oxford University Press.
DOI:10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.430

Bolden, Christian L. 2014. "Maras: Central American Youth Gangs," in the *Encyclopedia of Theoretical Criminology*, edited by J. Mitch Miller. John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. DOI: 10.1002/9781118517390.wbetc078

Bolden, Christian L. 2014. "Gangs and Social Networks," in the *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*, edited by G. Bruinsma and D. Weisburd. Pp. 1857-1866. Springer: New York
DOI: 10.1007/978-1-4614-5690-2_122

Book Chapters

Bolden, Christian L. 2012. "Race and Ethnicity," in *Race, Gender, and Criminal Justice: Equality and Justice for All?* Edited by Danielle McDonald and Alexis Miller. San Diego, California: Cognella Academic Publishing.

Carter, Shannon K. and Christian L. Bolden. 2012. "Culture Work in the Research Interview," in the *Handbook of Interview Research: The Complexity of the Craft 2nd ed*, edited by Jaber F. Gubrium, James A. Holstein, Amir B. Marvasti, and Karyn D. McKinney. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage

Essays

Bolden, Christian L. Forthcoming. "Violent Institutions: The Hidden Brutality within American Prisons." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*.

Book Reviews

Bolden, Christian L. (Online first) April 1, 2019. "The Gang's All Queer: The Lives of Gay Gang Members." *Criminal Justice Review*,
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0734016819839116>

Bolden, Christian L. 2016. "Chicago Hustle and Flow: Gangs, Gangster Rap, and Social Class." *The Black Scholar*, 46 (2): 57-59.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00064246.2016.1148657>

Bolden, Christian L. 2016. "The History of Street Gangs in the United States: Their Origins and Transformations." *Criminal Justice Review*. Published Online First March, 16 2016. DOI: 10.1177/0734016816637643

Reports/White Papers

Clement, C. Lanier and Christian L. Bolden. September 2015. "NOLA Peace League Evaluation." Department of Criminology and Justice, Loyola University New Orleans.

Murphy, Laura T., Rae Taylor, and Christian L. Bolden. March 2015. "[Trafficking and Exploitative Labor Among Homeless Youth](#) in New Orleans." Modern Slavery Research Project, Loyola University New Orleans.

Dones, Darrell, Christian Bolden, and Michael Buerger. November 2013. "[Terrorism, Gangs, and Weapons of Mass Destruction](#): A Futures Assessment of a Potential Nexus." Futures Working Group.

Wright, James D., Delores Edelen, Amy M. Donley, Andrew Freeland, and Christian Bolden. April, 2007. "Living Rough: A Qualitative Study of Homeless People in Outdoor Camps in East Orange County, Florida-Final Report." Department of Sociology, University of Central Florida.

Grants/Fellowships

Ignation Mission Integration Grant- with Marcus Kondkar, 2021-2022. \$3,000 for events that disseminate information about mass incarceration injustices.

Ignatian Faculty Fellows Program- \$750 Stipend for education in the pedagogy of Ignatian spirituality. Spring 2016.

Marquette Fellowship- \$9,500 to study gangs in New Orleans and Jefferson Parish. 2015.

FBI Futurist in Residence- \$10,000 in research and travel funding for studying the impact of global criminal innovations in the U.S. 2012-2013.

University Senate Research Committee Award (IUP)- Received \$1,538 to present research in Stockholm, Sweden. 2011.

Eurogang Young Scholars Award- Received \$1000 in competitive funding for Eurogang Young Scholars towards dissertation research. 2009

Awards/Honors

- Loyola University College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Excellence in Research Award- 2021
- [Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award 2021](#) College of Liberal Arts- Texas State University- San Marcos
- **Loyola University Faculty Senate Award for Research 2020-2021**
- **Graduate Alumni Award**- 2019 Sociology- Texas State University-San Marcos

- **Love of Learning Award**- 2012 Phi Kappa Phi- \$500
- **Outstanding Researcher**- 2012 for the College of Health and Human Services, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- **Delores A. Auzenne Fellowship** - 2009-2010 academic year (Minority fellowship based on academic merit)- \$5,000
- **Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award** for the College of Sciences, University of Central Florida, February 2009 (Highest rated graduate teaching associate in the college)
- **Graduate Merit Fellowship** University of Central Florida, 2006-2007 (Fellowship based on academic merit and expected potential)
- **Clarence Shultz Scholarship** Texas State University-San Marcos, 2003 (For most promising Sociology student)- \$500

Media

Television

Murphy, Eric (Producer). April 3, 2018. Interview in *Harvey Hustlers*. Season 6, episode 2, *Gangsters: America's Most Evil*. Encino, CA: Reelz.

Radio

Larson, Susan- The Reading Life. October 2nd, 2020. Tom Cooper, Christian Bolden. <https://www.wwno.org/post/reading-life-tom-cooper-christian-bolden>

[bolden](#)

Tucker, Tommy- WWL First News. August 18, 2020. [Why Do Some Break Bad?](#) Interview with Dr. Christian Bolden.

Podcasts

Corprew, Charles. 2020. What's Your Revolution? With Dr. Christian Bolden- Out of the Red. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/whats-your-revolution-dr-christian-bolden-out-red/id1438461235?i=1000487474033>

Woodard, Jeff. 2017. [Episode 15 Interview with Christian Bolden](#) Ph.D.: Gangs, Male Role Models, and Safe Zones. The Street Report.

Online Article Interviews

September 17th, 2021. [Education Opens up Second Chances for Scholar](#) with Rough Upbringing. College of Sciences, University of Central Florida.

Rodriguez, Isidoro. November 4th, 2020. From Gang Member to Ph.D.: Defying the Odds. The Crime Report. <https://thecrimereport.org/2020/11/04/from-gang-member-to-phd-defying-the-odds/>

Kafka, Alex. Oct 26th, 2020. The Crisis Curriculum: How the Pandemic and Racial-Justice Movement are Transforming Academic Programs (interview on p. 13). The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Finney, Peter. August 25th, 2020. [Mr. Holland's Masterpiece: Resurrecting a Life](#). Clarion Herald.

Lane, Emily. October, 9th 2018. "For New Orleans gangs, it's Kill or be Killed, No Matter the Collateral Costs." Nola.com/Times Picayune
https://www.nola.com/news/crime_police/article_cf6649aa-9e0e-538a-9bd7-acb17d0d2419.html

DeBarry, Jarvis. October, 10th 2018. "New Orleans: Where the Gangs Don't Even Care About Shooting Straight." Nola.com/Times Picayune/The Advocate
https://www.nola.com/opinions/article_26e84666-0780-551a-b4de-7e7a5f55ce72.html

Bolden, Christian. December 26, 2013. "Everything you know About Gangs is Wrong." Talking Points Memo.
<http://talkingpointsmemo.com/cafe/everything-you-think-you-know-about-gangs-is-wrong>

Online Video Interviews

Weishar, Susan. June 15, 2021. [Take Five for Social Justice: Christian Bolden](#), PhD, on his book "Out of the Red." Jesuit Social Research Institute, Loyola University New Orleans.

Online Blogs

Bolden, Christian L. October 27, 2020. [The Page 99 Test](#): Christian L. Bolden's Out of the Red. Campaign for the American Reader.

Print Articles

Tate, Brandon. October 2, 2020. Loyola Professor Publishes Strong Story of Resilience. Loyola Maroon, page 3.

Invited Presentations for Out of the Red

- June 14, 2021. Virtual presentation for Dr. Jay Corzine's graduate seminar. University of Central Florida.
- April 19, 2021. Virtual presentation (x2) for Dr. EmmaLeigh Kirchner's Juvenile Delinquency Course. Mercyhurst University.
- April 6, 2021. Virtual presentation for the Tiger Prison Project, Louisiana State University.
- March 29, 2021. [Author meets Critics: Out of the Red](#). 2021 Peace Conference, Loyola University New Orleans. Passcode: Cga3E38a
Student Critics: Devin Ladner, Gabrielle Greene, Gabrielle Guidry, Joseph Poublanc, Marin Trepagnier, Dee Wesson, Alexandra Zengel.

March 2, 2021. [Virtual presentation for the Center of Editing and Publishing](#), Loyola University New Orleans. Passcode: FcSKh3k#

February 19, 2021. Virtual interview for Dr. Kristy Matsuda's Juvenile Delinquency and Gangs graduate course, University of California-Irvine.

February 15, 2021. Virtual presentation (x2) for Dr. Jennifer Robert's Contemporary Issues in Criminology- Gangs class, Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Repeat- September 20, 2021.

November 20, 2020. Virtual presentation for Dr. Dana Baxter's Introduction to Criminology course, Shenandoah University.

October 27, 2020. Virtual presentation for Dr. Brittne Aiello's Introduction to Criminology course, Merrimack College.

October 26, 2020. Virtual Book Launch, University Honors Program, Loyola University New Orleans.

October 12, 2020. Virtual presentation for Dr. Mary Livers' Juvenile Delinquency course, Louisiana State University.

July 15, 2020. Coffee with Provost virtual presentation, Loyola University New Orleans.

Invited Presentations

Bolden, Christian L. 2021. Gangs, Violence, and Trauma in New Orleans. Zoom panel presentation to New Orleans' District Attorney Jason Williams' transition team.

Bolden, Christian L. 2017. Author Meets Critics: The Gang's All Queer: The Lives of Gay Gang Members. American Society of Criminology 2017 Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Bolden, Christian L. 2014. Author Meets Critics: Real Gangstas: Legitimacy, Reputation, and Violence in the Intergang Environment. American Society of Criminology 2014 Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Bolden, Christian L. 2011. Overview of Gang Activities and Organization: Then and Now. Invited presentation. FBI Conference: The Future of Gangs, Terrorism and WMD. FBI Behavioral Science Unit, Quantico, VA.

Bolden, Christian L. 2011. Gang Research at 2025: What Does the Future Hold? Roundtable discussion at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual 2011 Conference in Toronto, Canada.

Conference Presentations

Bolden, Christian L., Kelly Frailing, and Rae Taylor. 2017. Diversity and Community Engagement: The Honors Social Justice Seminar Experience at Loyola University New Orleans. National Collegiate Honors Council 2017, Atlanta, GA.

- Bolden, Christian L. and Rae Taylor. 2014. The City that Care Forgot: Homicide in New Orleans. American Society of Criminology Annual 2014 Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Bolden, Christian L. 2012. Smokescreen: The Hidden Properties of Alliances and Memberships in Gang Networks. Eurogang XII/Stockholm Gang Intervention and Prevention Project, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Bolden, Christian L. 2011. Friendly Foes: Hybrid Gangs or Social Networking. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual 2011 Conference, Toronto, Canada.
- Bolden, Christian L. 2010. What Set you From? Navigating Affiliation, Association, and Alliance in the Gang Landscape. American Society of Criminology Annual 2010 conference in San Francisco, CA.
- Bolden, Christian L. Apr 2010. Tales from the Hood: Myth and Reality in Gang Rhetoric. Southwestern Social Science Association Conference, Houston, TX.
- Bolden, Christian L. 2009. Hybrid Gangs or Social Networks: A View from the Other Side. American Society of Criminology Annual 2009 Conference in Philadelphia, PA.
- Bolden, Christian L. 2009. Escape From New York: Gang Homicide as Impetus for Membership Attrition. Homicide Research Working Group Conference, Amherst, MA.
- Bolden, Christian L. 2007. Charismatic Role Theory. American Society of Criminology Annual 2007 Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Poster Presentations

- Bolden, Christian L. and Rae Taylor. 2014. Examining Gang-Involved Homicide in New Orleans. Homicide Research Working Group conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Bolden, Christian L. 2014. Easy Streets: Gang-Related Homicide in Jefferson Parish and New Orleans. Western Society of Criminology conference in Honolulu, HI.

Loyola Campus Presentations and Panels

- “Tattoos on the Heart.” First-year experience panel, September 20, 2018.
- “Human Trafficking Forum.” Feminist Festival, March 9, 2016.
- “The Whole Gritty City.” January 27, 2016.

“Homicide, Homelessness, and Human Trafficking.” President’s Open House, Fall 2014.

“Campus Sexual Assault and Hyper-masculinity Panel.” Spring 2014.

“Exploring Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice.” President’s Open House, April 6, 2013.

Courses Taught

Criminology and Justice (Loyola University New Orleans)

CRIM A110- Criminology Fundamentals

CRIM A250- Juvenile Delinquency

CRIM A275- Deviant Behavior

CRIM A294- Environmental Criminology/Crimes Against the Environment

CRIM A300- Research Methods

CRIM A375- Organized Crime

CRIM A380- Ethics and Politics of Criminal Justice

CRIM A394- Gangs and Criminal Networks

CRIM A700- Theories of Criminal Behavior

CRIM A710- Research and Statistical Methods in Criminology

CRIM A850- Seminar in Criminology

CRIM H396 (Honors)/CRIM T121- Mass Incarceration

Other

SCIE T129- Investigating Nature

SOCI X294- Incarceration Nation

Criminology (IUP)

Crim 101 Crime and Justice Systems

Crim 281/681 Special Topics- Gangs, Crime, and Society

Crim 374 Environmental Crime and Justice

Crim 400 Theoretical Criminology [Online and Face-to-Face]

Crim 401 Contemporary Issues in Criminology

Crim 403 Ethical Dilemmas in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Crim 410 Race, Ethnicity, Social Structure, and Crime

Crim 601 Proseminar [Online and Face-to-Face]

Sociology

SYG 1430 Marriage and Family (SSC)

SOCI/SYG 1310/2000 Intro to Sociology (TSU-SM; SSC; UCF; VCC) [Online and Face-to-Face]

SYG 2010 Contemporary Social Problems (UCF; VCC)

SYG 2941 Internship Exploration in Sociology (VCC)

SOCI 3325 Social Deviance (TSU-SM)

SOCI 3343 Criminology (TSU-SM)

SOCI 3347 Juvenile Delinquency (TSU-SM)

SYP 4536 Gangs and Society (UCF) [First to teach]

Independent Study Courses/Internships Supervised

Capstone/Thesis

The Mara Phenomenon: Power to the Powerless- Yolanda Andrade- Spring 2018

Graduate

Directed Study in Gang Research- Fall 2012-Spring 2013

Research on Youth Violence- Spring 2016

Undergraduate

Intensive Research in CJ- Fall 2013

Internships

Law Office Internship- Spring 2015

Veteran's Affairs in Southeast Louisiana- Fall 2013

U.S. Marshal's – Summer 2013

Jefferson Parish District Attorney's Office- Spring 2013

Professional Associations/Consulting

- Eurogang Network
- FBI Futures Working Group
- Homicide Research Working Group
 - HRWG Richard Block Award Committee 2015
- Scholars Strategy Network

Organizational Membership/Involvement

- American Society of Criminology
- Alpha Kappa Delta President, Texas State University-San Marcos, 2003-2005
- Phi Kappa Phi
- Western Society of Criminology

Manuscript Editor for

- Sage Open

Peer Manuscript Reviewer for

- Canadian Scholars Press
- Criminal Justice Policy Review
- Criminal Justice Review
- Criminology
- Feminist Criminology
- Homicide Studies
- Journal of Borderland Studies
- Journal of Criminological Research, Policy, and Practice
- Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency

- Justice Quarterly
- Oxford University Press
- SAGE
- Wiley-Blackwell

Selected Committees/Service Positions

Loyola University New Orleans

- CAS College Rank and Tenure Committee 2019-present
- Loyola Pre-Law Student Group Advisor- present
- Graduate Coordinator Master of Criminal Justice Fall 2015-Summer 2018
- Loyola Faculty Senate 2015-2018
 - University Board of Appeals 2015-2017
- Graduate Council Fall 2015-Spring 2018
- Students Against Sexual Assault Faculty Advisor 2014-2018
- African and African American Studies Committee 2014-2018
- Internship Coordinator for Criminal Justice 2013-2015
- Academic Advising Council 2014-2015
- Departmental Search Committee Chair 2014-2015
- Alpha Phi Sigma Interim Advisor- 2014
- College of Social Science Handbook Committee (Co-Chair) Spring 2013

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

- IUP Faculty Senate 2011-2012
- Alpha Phi Sigma Chapter Advisor 2011-2012
- Alternate Delegate to Legislative Assembly (APSCUF)- 2011
- IUP Boxing Club Advisor 2011-2012
- Search Committee 2010-2011
- Speaker Series Committee Chair 2011