

## Leanne Confer Curriculum Vitae

### ***Title & Current Address:***

Doctoral Candidate  
Bowling Green State University  
Department of Sociology  
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### **Education**

- 2024 (Expected) **Bowling Green State University**, Bowling Green, Ohio  
Ph.D. in Sociology  
Concentrations: Criminology, Social Psychology, & Quantitative Methods
- 2021 **Bowling Green State University**, Bowling Green, Ohio  
Master of Arts in Sociology  
Concentrations: Criminology & Social Psychology
- Thesis: “The Multidimensional Roles of Peers on Reoffending”  
Committee: Thomas J. Mowen [chair], John H. Boman, and Danielle Kuhl
- 2019 **Pennsylvania State University**, Erie, Pennsylvania  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology  
Minor in Sociology

### **Areas of Research Interest**

Substance Use and Misuse  
Drug Reform  
Public Policy  
Life-Course Criminology  
Social Relationships  
Research Methodology

### **Areas of Teaching Interest**

Criminological Theory  
Corrections/Criminal Justice System  
Substance Use and Abuse  
Developmental/Life-Course  
Research and Statistical Methods  
Deviance

### **Research**

#### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

Nomaguchi, Kei, Amira Allen, Lindsey L. Aldrich, & **Leanne Confer**. (2021). Parental race/ethnicity and children’s summer activities: A critical race approach. *Journal of Family Issues*, Online. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X211044483>

**Confer, Leanne M.**, John H. Boman, IV., Cori Pryor, Thomas J. Mowen, & Paul Hemez. (2021). Theft, opioid pills, unemployment, and insurance: A longitudinal analysis of American counties in the wake of the opioids crisis. *Journal of Drug Issues*, 51(3), 504-517. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022042621998690>

**Manuscripts Under Review**

**Confer, Leanne M.,** Thomas J. Mowen, & John H. Boman, IV. (2022). Do peers protect people or put them at risk? Friendship quality and peer crime among justice-involved youth. *Crime & Delinquency*. [revise & resubmit in progress]

**Manuscripts in Preparation\***

\*Titles subject to change

Boman, IV, John H., & **Leanne M. Confer**. (TBD). To weed or not to weed: Exploring the impact of medical marijuana legislation on opioid related deaths in the United States.

**Confer, Leanne M.,** Danielle Kuhl, & John H. Boman, IV. (TBD). Contextualizing the opioid crisis: Applying social disorganization theory to American counties 2006-2012.

**Confer, Leanne M.,** & John H. Boman, IV. (TBD). Is it marijuana reform or the ‘pot rush?’: Exploring the role of population shifts and marijuana reform on county-level theft.

Sevareid, Eric E., **Leanne M. Confer**, Monica A. Longmore, Peggy C. Giordano, & Wendy D. Manning. (TBD). Efficaciously impulsive: The interrelated impact of efficacy and impulsivity on intimate partner violence.

**Presentations**

**Confer, Leanne M.,** Danielle Kuhl, & John H. Boman, IV. (2022). Contextualizing the opioid crisis: Applying social disorganization theory to American counties 2006-2012. *American Society of Criminology*: Atlanta, Georgia. [Accepted]

**Confer, Leanne M.,** & John H. Boman, IV. (2022). The impact of medical marijuana legislation and pill prescriptions on opioid overdose deaths. *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*: Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Confer, Leanne,** Marna Owens, & Samantha Conway. (2019). The effects of victimization and social media use. *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Gender Conference*: Pennsylvania State University, Erie, PA.

**Confer, Leanne,** Marna Owens, & Samantha Conway. (2019). Examination of the relationship between victimization and emotional dysfunction among middle school students. *Sigma Xi Research and Creative Accomplishment Conference*: Pennsylvania State University, Erie, PA. (**First Place Oral Presentation**)

Owens, Marna, Cheyenne Davis, & **Leanne Confer**. (2019). Assessing the impact of protective factors on positive youth development. *Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Psychology Conference*: Chatham University, Pittsburgh, PA.

Wilson, Carol L., **Leanne Confer**, Emma Walton, Skyler Ferringer, & Julia Gabrys. (2018). Reactance and decision making during couples’ money discussions. *The Society for Personality and Social Psychology*: Atlanta, GA.

Gabrys, Julia, **Leanne Confer**, Tara Seigworth, & Cassidy Delaney. The effects of growth mindset on anxiety. *Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Psychology Conference: Pennsylvania State University, Erie, PA.*

**Confer**, Leanne, Emma Walton, Skyler Ferringer, & Leslie Hasty. (2017). Money conflicts between romantic partners. *Sigma Xi Research and Creative Accomplishment Conference: Pennsylvania State University, Erie, PA. (First Place Poster)*

Stoker, Jessica., Jason Schultz, **Leanne Confer**, Leslie Hasty, & Emma Walton. (2016). The influence of money on romantic couple conflicts. *Sigma Xi Research and Creative Accomplishment Conference: Pennsylvania State University, Erie, PA.*

### **Current Grant-Based Research Activity**

Kopf, Samantha. [Co-PI], **Leanne Confer** [Co-PI], & Thomas J. Mowen [Faculty Advisor]. Awarded in 2022. *Reentry and Employment in Ohio.* Center for Justice Research, Ohio Attorney General, Bowling Green State University. Budget: \$25,000. Status: Funded through 2023.

### **Prior Grant-Based Research Activity and Funding**

**Confer, Leanne**, Heather Fortsch, Kailey Lewis, & Carol Wilson. (2018). Analyzing linguistic patterns among romantic couples. *Undergraduate Research Grant, Penn State Behrend.* \$2285. Funded.

Delaney, Cassidy, Tara Seigworth, Julia Gabrys, **Leanne Confer**, Ashley Masters, & Charisse Nixon. (2017). The effects of growth mindset on depression and anxiety scores. *Undergraduate Research Grant, Penn State Behrend.* \$80. Funded.

Walton, Emma, **Leanne Confer**, Skyler Ferringer, Julia Gabrys, & Carol L. Wilson. (2017). Money conflicts between romantic partners. *Undergraduate Research Grant, Penn State Behrend.* \$1995. Funded.

Hasty, Leslie, Emma Walton, **Leanne Confer**, & Carol L. Wilson. (2016). Money conflicts between romantic partners. *Undergraduate Research Grant, Penn State Behrend.* \$1290. Funded.

Stoker, Jessica, Jason Schultz, **Leanne Confer**, Leslie Hasty, Emma Walton, & Carol L. Wilson, (2016). The influence of money on romantic couple conflicts. *Undergraduate Research Grant, Penn State Behrend.* \$790. Funded.

### **Teaching Experience**

*An \* denotes hybrid and/or online delivery*

#### **Instructor on Record**

*Introduction to Sociology (Soc 1010)*

Bowling Green State University, Department of Sociology (81 students)  
Spring 2022

**Invited Lectures & Presentations**

*“Gender Diversity, Identity, and Social Constructions of Deviance”*

Bowling Green State University; Soc 3400: Deviance and Social Control  
Fall 2022

*“The Opioid Crisis, Medical Marijuana, & Drug Criminalization”*

Bowling Green State University; Soc 3190: Alcohol, Drugs, and Society  
Spring 2022

**Teaching Assistant**

a = Margaret Weinberger; b = Danielle Kuhl; c = Kei Nomaguchi; d = Carol Wilson

*Race, Ethnicity, & Equality* (Soc 2160)

Bowling Green State University, Department of Sociology  
Fall 2021<sup>a</sup>

*Introduction to Sociology* (Soc 1010)

Bowling Green State University, Department of Sociology  
Fall 2021<sup>a</sup>, Spring 2021<sup>\*b</sup>, Fall 2020<sup>\*b</sup>

*Sociology Capstone* (Soc 4800)

Bowling Green State University, Department of Sociology  
Spring 2020<sup>\*c</sup>

*Sociology of the Family* (Soc 3610)

Bowling Green State University, Department of Sociology  
Fall 2019<sup>c</sup>

*Elementary Statistics in Psychology* (Psych 200)

Pennsylvania State University, Erie, Department of Psychology  
Fall 2017<sup>d</sup>

**Professional Experience**

2022-Present      The Center for Justice Research: Doctoral Assistant  
Office of the Ohio Attorney General; Dave Yost  
Bowling Green State University

2020-Present      Graduate Research Assistant, Sociology  
Bowling Green State University

2019                Program Coordinator: College for Kids  
Pennsylvania State University, Erie

2018                Peer Mentor and Program Facilitator  
Pathway to Success: Summer Start (PaSSS) Program  
Pennsylvania State University, Erie

- 2018-2019            Data Entry & Analysis Internship  
Susan Hirt Hagen Center for Community Outreach, Research, and Eval.  
Pennsylvania State University, Erie
- 2017 - 2019            Peer-Tutor  
Writing/ESL; German language; Social Science  
Pennsylvania State University, Erie, Learning Resource Center
- 2016-2019            Undergraduate Research Assistant, Psychology  
Pennsylvania State University, Erie

## **Professional Service**

### **Manuscript Peer-Reviews**

**2022**

*Journal of Forensic Psychology Research and Practice*

**2021**

*International Journal of Law, Crime, and Justice*

### **Book Reviews**

**2022**

*International and Comparative Drug Policy: Exploring the Control of Psychoactive Substances Around the World.* Steven Hayle. Palgrave Macmillan.

### **University Service**

- 2022-Present            Undergraduate Student Mentoring Committee  
Bowling Green State University, Department of Sociology
- 2022-Present            “Brown Bag” Graduate Student Research Chair  
Bowling Green State University, Department of Sociology
- 2022-Present            Professional Development Committee  
Bowling Green State University, Department of Sociology
- 2022-Present            Graduate Student Statistics “Help Desk”  
Bowling Green State University, Department of Sociology
- 2022-Present            Graduate Student Secretary  
Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA)  
Bowling Green State University, Department of Sociology
- 2020-2021            Faculty Representative  
Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA)  
Bowling Green State University, Department of Sociology

2019-Present            Sociological Graduate Student Association (SGSA) Member  
Bowling Green State University

**Service to the Community**

2021-Present            Black Rights, Activism, Visibility, and Equity (BRAVE)  
Volunteer  
Bowling Green, Ohio

2018                      Youth Mentor & Volunteer  
Erie City Mission, Erie, Pennsylvania

**Honors and Awards**

**2019**

Outstanding Scholarly Achievement in Psychology  
Award at Pennsylvania State University, Erie.  
Winner. Faculty-nominated.

**2019**

Best Oral Presentation; Psychology  
Award at Sigma Xi Research and Creative Accomplishment Conference  
Pennsylvania State University, Erie

**2017**

Best Poster Presentation; Psychology  
Award at Sigma Xi Research and Creative Accomplishment Conference  
Pennsylvania State University, Erie

**Statistical Literacy & Data Familiarity**

Data software includes:

- STATA
- SPSS
- Stat-Transfer
- SAS (Basic)
- Excel (Basic)

Quantitative techniques include:

- Data Entry & Cleaning
- Regression; Multiple Regression
- Fixed/Random Effects
- Growth-Curve Models
- Multi-level Models
- Structural Equation Modeling (SEM)
- Latent Variables

Datasets used include:

- Pathways to Desistence (Pathways)
- Toledo Adolescence Relationships Study (TARS)
- American Community Survey (ACS)
- United States Census
- National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)
- Pill Prescription Data (DEA)
- General Social Survey (GSS)

Methods-Based Graduate Coursework:

Statistical Packages  
Statistical Techniques and Applications in Sociology  
Intermediate Methodology  
Intermediate Statistics  
Research Design  
Structural Equation Modeling (Advanced Statistics)  
Techniques of Demographic Analysis I

Center for Family and Demographic Research— Workshops Attended:

Key Stata Commands for Constructing Variables  
Making Graphs Using Stata  
How to Model Moderating and Mediating Effects  
Introduction to the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)  
The Analysis, Interpretation, and Presentation of Interaction Effects  
Introduction to the American Community Survey (ACS)  
Advanced STATA Coding  
Categorical Analysis using STATA  
Introduction to the National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG)  
Introduction to Path Analysis

**Professional Memberships**

2022-Current	American Criminology Society
2022-Current	Alpha Kappa Delta, Honors Society in Sociology
2022-Current	Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
2020-Current	American Sociological Association
2017-Current	Psi Chi, Honors Society in Psychology