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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice (May 2015)

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

The Graduate Center, CUNY

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New York, NY

Dissertation Title: Negotiating Limits: Boundary Management in the Bondage/Discipline/Sadomasochism (BDSM) Community

Advisor: Jock Young, Ph.D.

Master of Philosophy in Criminal Justice (September 2012)

The Graduate Center, CUNY

365 Fifth Avenue

New York, New York

Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology (May 2009)

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

899 Tenth Avenue

New York, NY

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Forensics track, Summa cum laude (January 2007)

DeSales University

2755 Station Avenue

Center Valley, PA

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice (2016- present)

Instructor of Criminal Justice (2013-2016)

Michigan State University

426 Auditorium Road

East Lansing, Michigan 48824

Visiting Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology (2012-2014)

Georgia Southern University

1332 Southern Drive

Statesboro, Georgia 30460

Teaching and Research Fellow (2009-2014)

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

899 Tenth Avenue

New York, New York 10019

DISTINCTIONS

Bucks County Community College President's Distinguished Alumni Award (2021)

Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation for Outstanding Contributions to Forensic Psychology (U.S.

Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation Behavioral Science Unit, 2008)

SCHOLARSHIP

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Holt, K., Kissinger, J., Spickler, C., & Roush, V. (forthcoming). The Role of Pornography in Sexual Offending: An Examination of Risks and Perceptions. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.
- Holt, K., Holt, T., Cale, J., Brewer, R. & Goldsmith, A. (forthcoming). Assessing the Role of Self-Control and Technology Access on Adolescent Sexting and Sext Dissemination. *Computers in Human Behavior*.
- DeJong, C., Holt, K., Helms, B., * & Morgan, S. * (2021). The Framing of Transgender Homicide in the United States. *Critical Criminology*, 29(1).
- Liggett-O'Malley, R.*, Holt, K. & Holt, T. (2020). An Examination of the Involuntary Celibate (Incel) Subculture Online. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, p. 1-26.
- Liggett, R.* and Holt, K. (2020). Cyber Sextortion: An Exploratory Analysis of Different Perpetrators Engaging in A Similar Crime. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
- Holt, K. and French, G.* (2019). Exploring the Motherhood Experiences of Active Methamphetamine Users. *Crime, Law, and Social Change*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10611-019-09862-5>.
- Holt, K., Liggett, R.*, Lee, J.R., * and Holt, T. (2019). Examining Self-Reported Physical Contact with Minors Among Pedophile Support Forum Users. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 64(4), 299-314. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0306624X19873084>.
- Pizzaro, J.M, Holt, K. and Pelletier, K.* (2019). An Examination of the Situated Transactions of Firearm Homicides. *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 42, 613-625.
- Holt, T., Lee, J.R*., Liggett, R.*, Holt, K., and Bossler, A. (2019). Examining Perceptions of Online Harassment among Constables in England and Wales. *International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence & Cybercrime*, 2(1), 24-39.
- Steinmetz, K., Holt, T., and Holt, K. (2019). Decoding the Binary: Reconsidering the Hacker Subculture Through a Gendered Lens. *Deviant Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2019.1596460>.
- Holt, K. (2018). Seductive Events: A Critical Examination of Youth Sexting. *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*, 6(2), 229-246.
- Holt, K. (2018). An Examination of Harm in the BDSM Community. *Violence and Victims*, 33(4).
- Holt, K. (2016). Blacklisted: Boundaries, Violations, and Retaliatory Behavior in the BDSM Community. *Deviant Behavior*, 37(8), p. 917-930.
- Holt, K. & Massey, C. (2013). Sexual Preference or Opportunity: An Examination of Situational Factors by Gender of Victims of Clergy Abuse. *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, 25(6), 606-621.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Rimer, J. & Holt, K. (2020). "It Was in Control of Me:" Notions of Addiction Among Child Sexual Exploitation Offenders.

Mitchell, K. M., Ratan, R., Maas, M. K., Holt, K., Slaker, J. S., & Gambino, A. (2020). Virtual Reality vs. Flatscreen Pornography: Correlations and Effects on Relationship Satisfaction, Rape Myth Acceptance, and Problematic Use.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

Maas, M.K., Cary, K.M., Liggett-O'Malley, R., Holt, K., & Ratan, R. (2021). Sexual Experiences and Attitudes Vary by Patterns of Pornography Genre Preference Among Women.

Holt, K. & Osuna, A. Sexual Scripting Among Men Who Have Committed Sexual Offenses.

BOOKS

Holt, K. & Clevenger, S. (2021). *Understanding Sex Offenses*. Cognella, Inc.

Clevenger, S. & Holt, K. (Forthcoming). *Criminology Explains: Sexual Offending*. University of California Press.

Holt, K. (Expected 2022). *Crime and the Media*. Oxford University Press.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED BOOKS

Holt, K. (Forthcoming). "Sexual Assault Survivors and the Negotiation of Safe BDSM Play." In B. Simula & R. Bauer's (eds). *Pleasure, Power, and Pain: Understanding BDSM Practices, Identities, & Communities*. Oxford University Press.

Holt, K. and Liggett, R.* (2020). "Revenge pornography." In T. Holt and A. Bossler (eds). *The Palgrave Handbook of International Cybercrime and Cyberdeviance*. Palgrave.

Holt, K (2020). "Rape." In Bumgarner, J. and Lewandowski, C. (eds). *Criminal Justice in America: The Encyclopedia of Crime, Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections*. ABC-CLIO.

Holt, K. (2020). "Sexual Assault." In Bumgarner, J. and Lewandowski, C. (eds). *Criminal Justice in America: The Encyclopedia of Crime, Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections*. ABC-CLIO.

Holt, K. (2014). "Sadism and masochism." In Copes, H. & Forsyth, C. (eds). *The Encyclopedia of Social Deviance*. Sage Publications.

Holt, K. (2014). "Fetishes." In Copes, H. & Forsyth, C. (eds). *The Encyclopedia of Social Deviance*. Sage Publications.

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Salman, S. & Holt, K. (2014). In Memorium: Jock Young. *The Critical Criminologist*, 22(2), 7.

Cubelis, M. & Pepper, K. (2011). Routine activities and sexual offending. *Sex Offender Law Report*, 12(2), 1.

Holt, T.J. & Pepper, K. (2011). Web resources used by individuals aroused by children. *Sex Offender Law Report*, 12(1), 1.

Pepper, K. (2010). Synthesizing the literature: Juvenile sex offenders. *Sex Offender Law Report*.

Pepper, K. (2009). Sex offender variations in criminal offending challenge strict classifications as generalists or specialists. *Sex Offender Law Report*, 10(6), 85.

PUBLICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/NEWSLETTERS

Holt, K., Kissinger, J., Spickler, C., & Roush, V. (2020). The role of pornography in sexual offending: An examination of risks and perceptions. Michigan Chapter for the Association of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. <https://miatsa.org/2020/02/29/the-role-of-pornography-in-sexual-offending-an-examination-of-risk-and-perceptions/>

Holt, K. & Liggett-O-Malley, R. (2020). Researching sexual violence: Explorations online. Michigan Chapter for the Association of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. <https://miatsa.org/2020/10/12/researching-sexual-violence-explorations-online/>

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FUNDING/AWARDS

Internal Funding from the School of Criminal Justice \$25,000 (Awarded June 2018)

Internal Funding from the School of Criminal Justice \$5,000 (Awarded May 2017)

Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowship (John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY, (2009 – 2014)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Cross, C. & Holt, K. (2021). Exploring sextortion in the context of romance fraud. Paper to be presented at the The Annual Human Factor in Cybercrime Conference. Montreal, Quebec.

Rimer, J. & Holt, K. (November 2021). Users of online child sexual exploitation material and notions of "addiction." Paper to be presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.

Holt, K. & Holt, T. (September 2021). Assessing the intersection of self-control, opportunity, and sexting behaviors among Australian youth. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the European Society of Criminology. Online conference.

Liggett, R., Holt, K., & Holt, T. (November 2020). An Examination of the Involuntary Celibate (Incel) Subculture Online. Paper to be presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, DC. **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID.**

Holt, K., Kissinger, J., Spickler, C., & Roush, V. (September 2020). The Role of Pornography in Sexual Offending: Risk and Perceptions. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. **ONLINE DUE TO COVID.**

Mitchell, K. M., Ratan, R., Maas, M. K., Holt, K., Slaker, J. S., & Gambino, A. (May 2020). People Report Lower Relationship Satisfaction After Watching Virtual Reality Pornography than Flat Screen Pornography. International Communication Association 70th Annual Conference, Gold Coast, Australia. **ONLINE DUE TO COVID.**

Maas, M., Cary, K.M., Liggett, R., Holt, K., Schneider, J., Ratan, R., and Mitchell, K.M. (November 2019). Popular Porn Genres Among Women: A Heterogeneous Approach to Examining Correlates of Pornography Use. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. Denver, Co.

Mitchell, K.M., Ratan, R., Maas, M., Holt, K., Slaker, J.S., and Gambino, A. (November 2019). Virtual Reality Pornography is Associated with Greater Rape Myth Acceptance, Relationship Dissatisfaction, and

Self-reported Addiction. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. Denver, Co.

Holt, K. (November 2019). The Role of Pornography in Sexual Offending: Past Use and Perceived Future Risks. Paper presented at Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Liggett, R. and Holt, K. (November 2019). Cyber Sextortion: An Exploratory Analysis of Different Perpetrators Engaging in A Similar Crime. Paper presented at Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Pizzaro, J., Holt, K., Pelletier, K., and Zeoli, A. (May 2019). An Examination of the Situational Dynamics of Multicide Events. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Homicide Research Working Group. Clearwater, Florida.

DeJong, C., Holt, K., and LaSala, M. (April 2019). The Framing of Transgender Homicide in the United States. Paper presented at the Critical Criminology Conference. Ypsilanti, MI.

Holt, K., Liggett, R., Lee, J. and Holt, T. (February 2019). A Qualitative Analysis of Those Who Disclose Contact Among Online Pedophile Forums. Paper presented at the Western Society of Criminology. Honolulu, HI.

Holt, K., Liggett, R., Lee, J. and Holt, T. (November 2018). Examining the Pedophile Subculture Online. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

Holt, K. (November 2018). Stories and Counterstories: Narratives of Resistance among Mothers Who Use Meth. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

Holt, K. (November 2017). Exploring the Experience of Motherhood among Active Methamphetamine Users. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Holt, K. (November 2015). Slipping Behind the Id: Barriers to Consent in BDSM. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C.

Holt, K. (November 2014). Examining Predation and Protection from Victimization in a BDSM Subculture. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Holt, K. (April 2013). Constructing Consent. Paper presented at the University of Kent, Common Study Programme in Critical Criminology. London, England.

Holt, K. (November 2012). Examining Coercion and Harm in a BDSM Subculture. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.

Holt, K. & Holt, T. (March 2012). From Cyberspace to Subspace: A Qualitative Analysis of Dominatrix Advertisements Online. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Criminal Justice Sciences. New York, NY.

Pepper, K. & Holt, T. (November 2011). Exploring the Argot of Pedophiles Online. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C.

Pepper, K. & Massey, C. (November 2010). Sexual Preference or Opportunity: An Examination of Situational Factors by Gender of the Victim. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

West, V., Gentry, K., Hiropolous, A. & Pepper, K. (November 2010). The Spatial Concentration and Dependence of Capital Sentencing. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Pepper, K. (February 2010). Patterns of Sexual Offending in the Catholic Church. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Criminal Justice Sciences. San Diego, CA.

Pepper, K. and Terry, K. (November 2009). Serial Rapists: Specialized Sexual Offenders or Versatile Criminals? Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Pepper, K. (May 2009). Serial Rapists: Specialized Sexual Offenders or Versatile Criminals? Paper presented at John Jay's Celebrating Student Research Event, New York, NY.

Neimeyer, E., Pepper, K., and Salfati, C.G. (November 2008). Avoiding Detection: An Examination of Adaptive and Maladaptive Behaviors in Serial Homicide. Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO.

Miller, J., Pepper, K., Lee, D., and Jubilan, B. (March 2007). Effects of Aggression in Urinary Dopamine Levels in Male Mice. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Pepper, K. and McGrain, P. (November 2006). The Role of Deviant Fantasy in Sexual Offending. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

Pepper, K. and Van Horn, C. (April 2005). Looking into the Abyss: Attributions of Evil. Paper presented at the Lehigh Valley Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA.

INVITED TALKS

Holt, K. (2021). Empowering Women and Girls through Creating an Inclusive Cyberspace. UN's Commission on the Status of Women. Online.

Holt, K. (2019). The Experience of Harm Among BDSM Participants: Implications for Title IX. Paper to be presented at Title IX Professionals Conference, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI.

Ratan, R., Holt, K. and Maas, M. (2018). Time of Crisis in the Changing World of Social Media. Michigan State University Police Executive Development Series.

Holt, K. (2018). Sex offender rehabilitation and treatment: Implications for Sex Trafficking. Michigan State University Visiting International Professional Program, East Lansing, MI.

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

Bess, E., Crocilla, T., & Holt, K. (September 2021). The Role of Pornography in Sex Offender Supervision. Training delivered to the Michigan Chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

TEACHING

SOC203 Introduction to Criminological Theory (Undergraduate level course)

CJ304 01 Introductions to Corrections (Undergraduate level course)
CRJU 2131 Justice and Ethics (Undergraduate level course)
CRJU 3631 Criminal Justice Policy (Undergraduate level course)
CRJU 4231 Research Methods (Undergraduate level course)
CRJU 2131 Theories of Justice (Undergraduate level course)
CJ110 Introduction to Criminal Justice (Undergraduate level course)
CRJU 3533 Vulnerable Populations (Undergraduate level course)
CJ491 Sexual Offending (Undergraduate level course)
CSJU 202 Introduction to Cybercrime (Undergraduate level course)
CJ491 Violence and Victims (Undergraduate level course)
CJ427 Criminology and Public Policy (Undergraduate course)
CJ220 Criminology (Undergraduate level course)
CJ424 Crime, Mass Media, and Society (Undergraduate level course)

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTOR (URAF)

Gabrielle French (Faculty Mentor) Summer 2017 Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative Award
Gabrielle French (Faculty Mentor) Fall 2017 Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative Award
Mya Trevino (Faculty Mentor) Summer 2020 Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative Award
Mya Trevino (Faculty Mentor) Fall 2020 Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative Award

MASTERS THESIS COMMITTEES

Kayla Hoskins, Michigan State University (Committee member). Women Offenders' Response to Victimization and Trauma and its relationship with Satisfaction with Life, Mental Illness, and Substance Abuse. Proposal defended 1/27/2017. Thesis defended 8/3/2017.

Sklyer Morgan, Michigan State University (Committee member). The Media's Representation of Gender and Terrorism. Proposal defended 10/27/18. Thesis defended 4/24/2019.

Francesca Fanucchi, San Jose State University (Committee member). The Promotion of Extremist Ideologies Within Online Incel Communities. Proposal defended 11/17/2020.

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Roberta Liggett-O'Malley, Michigan State University. (Committee member). Proposal defended 10/29/2020. Dissertation defended 8/2/2021.

Kayla Hoskins. Michigan State University. (Committee member.)

Meagan Abel. Michigan State University, (Committee member).

Amanda Osuna, Michigan State University. (Dissertation chair.)

GRADUATE ADVISING COMMITTEES

Amanda Osuna, Michigan State University. (Chair).

Vince Liu, Michigan State University. (Chair).

Makayla Mason, Michigan State University (Chair).

ADVISING

Faculty advisor for MSU Student Cold Case Unit (2018-present)

Faculty director for Strengthening Teen Relationships and Inspiring Valuable Experiences (STRIVE) program (2015-2019)

Student Event: An Invitation to Murder: The Vidocq Society (Fall 2017)

SERVICE

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

School of Criminal Justice Equity, Inclusivity and Justice Committee (co-chair, 2020-present)
Undergraduate Committee, Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice (2020-present)
Tier II Writing Initiative Committee, Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice (2017-present)
Diversity and Inclusivity Committee, Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice (2017-2018)
STRIVE Program, Faculty Supervisor, Michigan State University (2015- 2018)
John Jay College of Criminal Justice Doctoral Program Admissions Committee (Fall 2011)
Common Studies Programme (Fall 2011)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Peer reviewer for the following scholarly journals:

Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology
Journal of Criminal Justice
New Media and Society
Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment
Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology
Sexualities
Policing: An International Journal
Criminal Justice and Behavior
Archives of Sexual Behavior
Journal of Sex Research
Homicide Studies
American Journal of Orthopsychiatry
Deviant Behavior

Peer reviewer for the following book presses:

Oxford University Press
Routledge
Rutgers University Press
Rowan and Littlefield

Reviewer for the following foundations:

National Science Foundation
Fulbright Commission

American Society of Criminology - Teaching and Pedagogy Committee (2019)

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Michigan State Police Cold Case Review Team (2020 – present)
Grant reviewer for Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Victims of Crime Assistance:
Sexual Assault Victim Services (2019)
Board of Directors, Small Talk, Children's Advocacy Center (2018- present)
Board of Directors, Michigan Chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (2020-present)

OUTREACH

STRIVE faculty member, Michigan State University & Ingham County Court (2015-2019)
ANCHOR program team member, Ingham County Family Court Division (2019-2020)
Presenter at Grand Valley State University Title IX Professionals Conference (May 2019)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Society of Criminology

Division of Cybercrime

Division of Women and Crime

Latina Researchers Network

Michigan State Women of Color Community

Chicano/Latino Association at Michigan State University

Core Faculty Member of Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) - Michigan State University

Research Consortium for Gender Based Violence – Michigan State University

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)

Michigan Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MI-ATSA)

MEDIA

Futurity:

<https://www.futurity.org/sextortion-email-scam-2344122/>

The Independent:

<https://m.theindependentbd.com/home/printnews/255367>

Bright Surf Science News:

<https://www.brightsurf.com/news/article/042120507964/protecting-yourself-from-the-latest-internet-sex-crime.html>