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## Employment

2024 – Present            Assistant Professor of Psychology  
School of Interdisciplinary Forensics  
Arizona State University

2023 – 2024            Postdoctoral Scholar  
Department of Psychological Science  
University of California, Irvine

2020 – 2023            Adjunct Lecturer  
Department of Psychology  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

## Education

2023            Ph.D.            Psychology  
Graduate Center, City University of New York  
- Specialization in Psychology and Law  
- Specialization in Basic and Applied Social Psychology  
- Concentration in Quantitative Methods

2021            M.A.            Psychology  
Graduate Center, City University of New York

2018            M.L.S.            Legal Studies  
University of Nebraska – Lincoln

2015            B.A.            Psychology  
California State University, Northridge

## Research Interests

Legal Decision Making, Social Psychology and Law, Constitutional Waivers (e.g., Guilty Pleas, *Miranda* Waivers), Metascience

## Research Summary

External Grant Funding	\$147,000
Internal Grant Funding	\$17,068
Peer-Reviewed Publications	16
Other Publications	13
Conference Presentations	43

## **Research Funding**


### ***External Funding***

2023	Voluntary Guilty Pleas from an Observer Perspective (\$2,000) American Psychology-Law Society (APA Division 41)
2022	Plea Offer Size, Frame, and Type on Defendants' Perceptions (\$2,000) American Psychology-Law Society (APA Division 41)
2021	Recanted and Inconsistent Informant Testimony on Juror Decisions (\$2,000) With Gabriela Rico (Co-PI) American Psychology-Law Society (APA Division 41)
2021	Understanding the Elusive Construct of "Voluntary" Plea Decisions (\$1,000) American Psychology-Law Society (APA Division 41)
2020	Video-Recorded Eyewitness Identification Evidence on Legal Decisions (\$1,000) American Psychology-Law Society (APA Division 41)
2019	Voluntariness of Plea Decisions and Actor-Observer Effects (\$1,000) American Psychology-Law Society (APA Division 41)
2017 – 2022	Graduate Research Fellowship (\$138,000) National Science Foundation


### ***Internal Funding***

2022	Videorecorded Eyewitness Identification Evidence on Legal Decisions (\$5,000) With Margaret Bull Kovera (PI) John Jay Forensic Psychology Research Institute
2022	Understanding the Elusive Construct of "Voluntary" Plea Decisions (\$854) John Jay Forensic Psychology Research Institute
2021	Jurors' Perceptions of Recanted and Inconsistent Informant Testimony (\$2,272) With Gabriela Rico (Co-PI) and Saul Kassin (Faculty Advisor) John Jay Forensic Psychology Research Institute
2020	Voluntariness of Plea Decisions and Actor-Observer Effects (\$1,500) Graduate Center, City University of New York
2020	Voluntariness of Plea Decisions and Actor-Observer Effects (\$645) John Jay Forensic Psychology Research Institute
2018	Attorneys' Plea Recommendations in Child Abuse Cases (\$5,967) With Kelly McWilliams (PI) Professional Staff Congress, City University of New York
2017	Jurors' Perceptions of Police Interrogations (\$500) University of Nebraska—Lincoln
2017	Public Perceptions of Justice Policies (\$330)

## Publications


















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Preregistration


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Open Materials

 = Link to  
Open Data

### **Peer-Reviewed Publications**


















(\*Mentored Student)

1. Gillespie, M.L., Fessinger, M.B., Beardslee, J., Randolph, I., Smith, C., IV, Cauffman, E. (accepted). Differences in detection: Offending and descriptive profiles of boys with juvenile justice system and dual child welfare system contact. *Journal of Criminology*.
2. Fessinger, M.B., McAuliff, B.D., & Perillo, A.D. (in press). The state of open science in the field of psychology and law. *Law and Human Behavior*.   
3. Fessinger, M.B., Randolph, I., Frick, P., Steinberg, L., & Cauffman, E. (2024). Tell the truth? Identifying common sources and types of advice juvenile defendants receive when pleading guilty to their first offense. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, 30(4), 421–431.  
<https://doi.org/10.1037/law0000439>
4. Fessinger, M.B., McAuliff, B.D., Aronson, E.,\* & McWilliams, K. (2024). Attorneys' experiences, perceptions, and plea recommendations in child sexual abuse cases. *Law and Human Behavior*, 48(1), 13–32. <https://doi.org/10.1037/lhb0000551>   
5. Fessinger, M.B. & Kovera, M. B. (2023). An offer you cannot refuse: Plea offer size affects innocent but not guilty defendants' perceptions of voluntariness. *Law and Human Behavior*, 47(6), 619–633.  
<https://doi.org/10.1037/lhb0000548>   
6. Merriwether, E. P., Fessinger, M. B., Stolzenberg, S., Evans, A., & McWilliams, K. (2023). A preference for the proximate occurrence: Adults' relative temporal judgments and interpretations of children's judgments. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, 29(2), 224–238.  
<https://doi.org/10.1037/law0000367> 
7. Fessinger, M. B., & Kovera, M. B. (2022). From whose perspective? Differences between actors and observers in determining the voluntariness of guilty pleas. *Law and Human Behavior*, 46(5), 353–371.  
<https://doi.org/10.1037/lhb0000501>   
8. Katzman, J. A., Fessinger, M.B., Bornstein, B. H., & McWilliams, K. (2022). Waiving goodbye to youth: Jurors perceive transferred juveniles differently from adults but render similar verdicts. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, 40(6), 835–858. <https://doi.org/10.1002/bsl.2601>   
9. Baker, M., Fessinger, M. B., McWilliams, K., & Williams, S. (2021). The use of note-taking during forensic interviews: Perceptions and practical recommendations for interviewers. *Developmental Child Welfare*, 3(1), 20–35. <https://doi.org/10.1177/25161032211002187>
10. Neuschatz, J. S., DeLoach, D., Hillgartner, M. A., Fessinger, M. B., Wetmore, S. A., Bradfield Douglass, A. B., Bornstein, B. H., & LeGrand, A. (2021). The truth about snitches: An archival analysis of informant testimony. *Psychiatry, Psychology, and Law*, 28(4), 503–530.  
<https://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13218719.2020.1805810> 

11. Hodges, H. J., Fessinger, M. B., Bornstein, B. H., Low, E. C., Viñas-Racionero, R., & Scalora, M. J. (2021). A loaded subject: Comparison of experiences, knowledge, and attitudes about firearms between a diverse male forensic psychiatric sample and a male community sample. *Psychology of Violence, 11*(4), 385–394. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1037/vio0000347>
12. Fessinger, M. B., McWilliams, K., Bakth, F.,\* & Lyon, T. D. (2021). Setting the ground rules: Use and practice of recommended ground rules in child forensic interviews. *Child Maltreatment, 26*(1), 126–132. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077559520910783>
13. Fessinger, M. B. & McAuliff, B. D. (2020). A national survey of child forensic interviewers: Implications for research, practice, and law. *Law and Human Behavior, 44*(2), 113–127. <https://doi.org/10.1037/lhb0000368> 
14. Wetmore, S. A., Neuschatz, J. S., Fessinger, M. B., Bornstein, B. H., & Golding, J. M. (2020). Do judicial instructions aid in distinguishing between reliable and unreliable jailhouse informants? *Criminal Justice and Behavior, 47*(5), 582–600. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0093854820908628>
15. Hazen, K. P., Carlson, M. W., Hatton-Bower, H., Fessinger, M. B., Cole-Mossman, J., Bahm, J., Hauptman, K., Brank, E. M., & Gilkerson, L. (2020). Evaluating the Facilitated Attuned Interactions (FAN) approach: Vicarious trauma, professional burnout, and reflective practice. *Child and Youth Services Review, 112*, 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.104925>
16. Fessinger, M. B., Hazen, K. P., Bahm, J., Cole-Mossman, J., Heideman, R. J., & Brank, E. M. (2020). Mandatory, fast, and fair: Case outcomes and procedural justice in a family drug court. *Journal of Experimental Criminology, 16*, 49–77. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s11292-019-09361-6>

### **Publications In Progress (Drafts Available)**

(\*Mentored Student)

1. Fessinger, M.B., Katzman, J., Close, M., & Kovera, M.B. (revision under review). Interrogation tactics have downstream consequences on innocent and guilty defendants' plea decisions. *Law and Human Behavior.*   
2. Rico, G. & Fessinger, M.B. (under review). When the snitch flips: Mock jurors' perceptions of recanted and inconsistent informant testimony. *Psychology, Crime, and Law.*   
3. Reed, K., Hanzelin, G., Gonzales, R. M., & Fessinger, M. B. (in preparation). What's in a name? The role of sympathy in support for eponymous legislation. 
4. Katzman, J., Fessinger, M.B., Close, M., & Kovera, M.B. (in preparation). Suspect bias but not phenotypic bias puts Black suspects at risk of misidentification.   
5. Fessinger, M.B., Jones, J., Stepinski, L.,\* & Kovera, M.B. (in preparation). Moving identifications from in camera to on camera: Video-recorded identification procedures influence jurors' perceptions of eyewitness credibility.   
6. Fessinger, M.B., Lieber, M., & Kovera, M.B. (in preparation). Protection or pretense? The diffusion of responsibility on grand juries.   
7. Fessinger, M.B. & McAuliff, B.D. (in preparation). Expect the unexpected: The mediating role of expectations in jurors' perceptions of emotional children. 

## **Chapters, Law Reviews, and Other Publications**



























1. McAuliff, B. D., Fessinger, M. B., Perillo, A. D., & Perillo, J. T. (2023). Psychology and law, meet open science. In D. DeMatteo & K. C. Scherr (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Psychology and Law*. Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780197649138.013.5>
2. Kovera, M. B., Fessinger, M. B. (2023). Prosecutorial misconduct. In D. DeMatteo & K. C. Scherr (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Psychology and Law*. Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780197649138.013.40>
3. Fessinger, M. B. & Bornstein, B. H. (2022). Emotional eyewitnesses and forensic questioning. In G. L. Schiewer, J. Altarriba, & B. C. Ng (Eds.), *Language and Emotion: An International Handbook*. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9783110795486-029>
4. Kovera, M. B., Katzman, J., Jones, J. M., & Fessinger, M. B. (2022). Science-based recommendations for the collection of eyewitness identification evidence. *Court Review*, 58, 130–140.
5. Fessinger, M. B. (2020). *The movement toward open science*. American Psychology-Law Society Student Committee. Available from <https://www.apls-students.org/the-intersection-a-blog/the-movement-toward-open-science>.
6. Fessinger, M. B., Bornstein, B. H., Neuschatz, J. S., DeLoach, D., Hillgartner, M. A., Wetmore, S. A., & Douglass, A. B. (2020). Informants v. Innocents: Informant testimony and its contribution to wrongful convictions. *Capital University Law Review*, 48(2), 149–188.
7. Henderson, A.B., Cole-Mossman, J., Hazen, K.P., & Fessinger, M.B. (2017). Lawyering from the inside out. *The Nebraska Lawyer*, 20(6), 29–32.

## **Presentations**






### **Conference Symposia, Talks, and Posters**

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1. Fessinger, M. B., Randolph, I., & Cauffman, E. (2025). Racial differences in perceptions of court legitimacy influence legal decisions. Poster presented at the 2025 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Denver, Colorado.
2. Katzman, J., Fessinger, M. B., Close, M., & Kovera, M. B. (2025). Suspect bias but not phenotypic violence puts Black suspects at risk of misidentification. Poster presented at the 2025 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Denver, Colorado.
3. Healey, L., Fessinger, M. B., Gillespie, M., Beardslee, K. Schiffman, J., & Cauffman, E. (2024). Attenuated psychosis in incarcerated young men: Presentation, prevalence and implications for the mental health and justice systems. Paper presented at the 2024 International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Conference, San Francisco, California.
4. Fessinger, M. B., Randolph, I., & Cauffman, E. (2024). Pleas help: Who is giving advice and what advice are they giving when juveniles plead to their first offense? Paper presented at the 2024 Society for Research on Adolescence Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
5. Elhaj, D.,\* Hernandez, E.,\* Fessinger, M. B., Beardslee, J., & Cauffman, E. (2024). The moderating effect of psychopathic traits on the relationship between exposure to violence and aggressive offending. Poster presented at the 2024 Society for Research on Adolescence Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

6. Fessinger, M. B. & Kovera, M. B. (2024). Coercive plea discounts? Variations in sentence reduction differentially affect innocent and guilty defendants' plea decisions. Paper presented at the 2024 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Los Angeles, California.   
7. Fessinger, M. B., Katzman, J. A., Close, M., & Kovera, M. B. (2024). Deceptive interrogation tactics have downstream consequences on innocent and guilty defendants' plea decisions. Paper presented at the 2024 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Los Angeles, California.   
8. Jones, J., Fessinger, M. B., Kovera, M. B. (2024). A peek behind the curtain: Viewing video-recorded identification procedures affects jurors' perceptions of eyewitness credibility. Paper presented at 2024 the American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Los Angeles, California.   
9. Briones, A.,\*, Beardslee, J., Fessinger, M. B., & Cauffman, E. (2024). The association between exposure to violence and substance use: The mediating role of depression. Poster presented at the 2024 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Los Angeles, California.
10. Elhaj, D.,\* Hernandez, E.,\*, Fessinger, M. B., Beardslee, J., & Cauffman, E. (2024). The moderating effect of psychopathic traits on the relationship between exposure to violence and aggressive offending. Poster presented at the 2024 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Los Angeles, California.
11. Fessinger, M. B. & Kovera, M. B. (2023). Understanding the elusive construct of 'voluntary' plea decisions. In P. Ferraria (Chair), *Constitutional Rights across the Legal System: Discrepancies between Court Assumptions and Psychological Processes*. Symposium presented at the 2023 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.   
12. Fessinger, M. B., McAuliff, B. D., Aronson, E., & McWilliams, K. (2023). Attorneys' plea recommendations in child sexual abuse cases. Paper presented at the 2023 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.   
13. Rico, G. & Fessinger, M. B. (2023). When the snitch flips: Mock jurors' perceptions of recanted and inconsistent informant testimony. Paper presented at the 2023 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.   
14. Katzman, J., Fessinger, M., Close, M., & Kovera, M.B. (2023). Phenotypic mismatch in lineup composition puts Black suspects at risk of misidentification. In J. Hunt & J. Salerno (Chairs), *Innovations in Detecting Racial Bias in Experimental and Real-World Data from Legal Contexts*. Symposium presented at the American Psychology and Law Society Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.   
15. Jones, J., Fessinger, M. B., & Kovera, M. B. (2023). Camera perspective bias in videorecorded identification procedures. Paper presented at the 2023 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.  
16. Hanzelin, G., Reed, K., Gonzales, R. M., & Fessinger, M. B. (2023). The role of using a victim's name and story on bill support: Results from open-ended response analysis. Paper presented at the 2023 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 
17. Fessinger, M.B., McAuliff, B.D., & Perillo, A.D. (2022). *The state of open science in psychology and law*. Paper presented at the 2022 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Denver, Colorado.  

18. Fessinger, M.B. & Kovera, M.B. (2022). *From whose perspective? Differences between actors and observers in determining the voluntariness of guilty pleas*. Paper presented at the 2022 American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado. ✓ 🗳️ 📄
19. Lieber, M.,\* Fessinger, M.B., & Kovera, M.B. (2022). *Responsibility, obedience, and the grand jury: Psychological mechanisms underpinning indictments*. Paper presented at the 2022 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Denver, Colorado. ✓
20. Saravia, D., Gonzalez, S., Mateko, N., & Fessinger, M. B., & McAuliff, B. D. (2022). *Perceptions of suspect pretext calls in child sexual abuse cases*. Paper presented at the 2022 American Psychology-Law Society, Denver, Colorado. ✓
21. Fessinger, M.B. & Kovera, M.B. (2022). *The actor-observer bias in perceptions of guilty pleas*. Poster presented at the 2022 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Francisco, California. ✓ 🗳️ 📄
22. Baker, M., Williams, S., McWilliams, K., & Fessinger, M.B. (2021). *The use of notes during forensic interviews: A clinician's perspective*. Paper presented at the 2021 Symposium on Child and Youth Trauma, Montréal, QC, Canada.
23. Fessinger, M.B. & McAuliff, B.D. (2021). *Expect the unexpected: The mediating role of expectations in jurors' perceptions of emotional children*. Poster presented at the 2021 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Virtual Annual Convention. ✓
24. Katzman, J.A., Fessinger, M.B, Merriwether, E.M., Bornstein, B.H., & McWilliams, K. (2021). *Juvenile justice or jury? Investigating the effects of defendant age, interrogative pressure, and confession on jurors' perceptions of transferred juveniles*. Poster presented at the 2021 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Virtual Annual Convention. ✓ 🗳️ 📄
25. Aronson, E.,\* Fessinger, M.B., Merriwether, E., McAuliff, B.D., & McWilliams, K. (2021). *How do jurors react when child witnesses say "I Don't Know"? The broader effects of the don't know instruction*. Poster presented at the 2021 American Psychology-Law Society Virtual Annual Conference.
26. Williams, S., McWilliams, K., Baker, M, & Fessinger, M. B. (2021). *The use of notes during forensic interviews: A review of the current literature and goals for future directions*. Paper presented at the Virtual Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment.
27. Dellapaolera, K., Gervais, S., Fessinger, M.B., Bornstein, B.H., & Neal, T. M. S. (2020). *The effects of gist information and scientific quality on damages in a civil trial*. Paper presented at the 2020 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana. ✓
28. Katzman, J.A., Fessinger, M.B., Bornstein, B.H., & McWilliams, K. (2020). *Are juvenile and adult interrogations viewed equally? Jurors' perceptions of juveniles transferred to adult courts*. Paper presented at the 2020 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana. ✓ 🗳️ 📄
29. Merriwether, E., Fessinger, M.B., Evans, A., McWilliams, K. (2020). *Adults' temporal judgments and interpretations of children's temporal judgements*. Paper presented at the 2020 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana. 🗳️

30. Bakth, F.,\* Fessinger, M.B., Lyon, T.D., & McWilliams, K. (2020). *Setting the ground rules: Use and practice of ground rules in child forensic interviews*. Poster presented at the 2020 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.
31. Fessinger, M.B., Stepinski, L.\* & Kovera, M.B. (2020). *Moving identifications from in camera to on camera: Video-recorded identifications influence jurors' perceptions of eyewitnesses and administrators*. Poster presented at the 2020 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.   
32. Fessinger, M.B., McWilliams, K., Williams, S., Merriwether, E., & Lyon, T.D. (2019). *Maltreated children's biases when making relative temporal judgments*. Paper presented at the 2019 Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition Conference, Cape Cod, Massachusetts.
33. Fessinger, M.B., DeLoach, D., Hillgartner, M.A., Neuschatz, J.S., Wetmore, S.A., Bradfield Douglass, A., & Bornstein, B.H. (2019). *The truth about snitches: A content analysis of informant testimony in the Innocence Record*. Paper presented at the 2019 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Portland, Oregon.
34. Wetmore, S.A., Peterson, M., Fessinger, M.B., Neuschatz, J.S., Bornstein, B.H., & Golding, J.M. (2019). *Jailhouse informant jury instructions: Are they effective?* Poster presented at the 2019 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Portland, Oregon.
35. Hazen, K.P, Fessinger, M.B., Johnson, L., & Crnkovich, E., (2018). *Therapeutic approaches to juvenile court*. Session presented at the 2018 Nebraska Young Child Institute, Kearney, Nebraska.
36. Feldman, N., Saravia, D., Fessinger, M.B., & McAuliff, B.D. (2018). *Child forensic interviewing: A national perspective*. Poster presented at the 18th Annual Dr. Hershel Swinger Memorial Partnership Conference, Los Angeles, California. 
37. Fessinger, M.B. & McAuliff, B.D. (2018). *Current practices in child forensic interviewing: A national survey*. Continuing education workshop presented at the 34th International Symposium on Child Abuse, Huntsville, Alabama. 
38. Fessinger, M.B., Reed, K., & Bornstein, B.H. (2018). *What's in a name? Eponymous bills and public support*. Data blitz presented at the 2018 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Memphis, Tennessee.
39. Fessinger, M.B., Hazen, K.P., & Brank, E.M. (2018). *Stress in the system: Introducing reflective practice to child welfare professionals*. Paper presented at the 2018 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Memphis, Tennessee.
40. Wetmore, S.A., Fessinger, M.B., Neuschatz, J.S., Bornstein, B.H., & Golding, J.M. (2018). *Effectiveness of jury instructions in combating jailhouse informant testimony*. Paper presented at the 2018 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Memphis, Tennessee.
41. Human, R.,\* Fessinger, M.B., Hazen, K.P., & Brank, E.M., (2018). *Family Involved Rehabilitation and Services Track (FIRST) Court: A program evaluation*. Poster presented at the 2018 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Memphis, Tennessee.
42. Fessinger, M.B., Lapin, J., Michel, S., & McAuliff, B.D. (2017). *Support person use and perceptions of child witnesses*. In S. Stolzenberg (Chair), *Contextual and Personal Factors Associated with the Veracity of Children's Reports of Wrongdoing*. Symposium presented at the 2017 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Seattle, Washington.



43. Fessinger, M.B. & McAuliff, B.D. (2017). *National survey of forensic interviewers*. Paper presented at the 2017 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Seattle, Washington. 🗨️
44. Gonzalez, S., Michel, S., Pasion-Perez, B.A., Fessinger, M.B., McAuliff, B.D., (2016). *Fact or fiction: Adults' ability to judge children's memory reports about secrets*. Paper presented at the 2016 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
45. Fessinger, M.B., Damavandi, E., Chavez, J., Flores, R., McAuliff, B.D., (2015). *Evaluating the accuracy of children's answers to ground rules questions*. Poster presented at the 17th Annual Dr. Hershel Swinger Memorial Partnership Conference, Los Angeles, California.

### **Invited Talks and Lectures**

1. Fessinger, M.B. (2024). *Applying psychological science to juvenile justice*. Guest lecture presented for psychology, public policy, and law course at Marymount University, Arlington, Virginia.
2. Fessinger, M.B. (2024). *Negotiated justice: An introduction to the system of pleas*. Guest lecture presented for undergraduate criminal minds course at Arizona State University, Glendale, Arizona.
3. Fessinger, M.B. (2023). *An offer you cannot refuse: Understanding the elusive construct of "voluntary" plea decisions*. Presentation for the public at the Graduate Center, CUNY of New York 2023 Dissertation Showcase, New York, New York.
4. Fessinger, M.B. (2022). *Plea decision making*. Guest lecture presented for graduate psychology and law course at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, New York.
5. McAuliff, B.D., Fessinger, M.B., Perillo, J.T., & Perillo, A.D. (2021). *The past, present, and future of open science in psychology and law*. Webinar presented for the American Psychology-Law Society Student Committee. Session available from <https://youtu.be/Hnk-7j5qbxw>
6. Fessinger, M.B. (2020). *Introduction to online data collection tools*. Guest lecture presented for graduate advanced research methods course at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, New York.
7. Fessinger, M.B. (2018). *The psychology of child witnesses*. Guest lecture presented for introductory psychology and law course at University of Nebraska—Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska.
8. Fessinger, M.B. & Petty, T. (2017). *Wrongful convictions: Reasons, research, and reforms*. Guest lecture presented for criminal justice class at Lincoln Northeast High School, Lincoln, Nebraska.

### **Teaching Experience**

PSY 368: Forensic Psychology  
Arizona State University

- Fall 2024 (Online)
- Spring 2025 (In Person)

PSY 101: Introductory Psychology  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

- Fall 2021 (In Person)

- Fall 2022 (In Person)
- Spring 2023 (In Person)
- Summer 2023 (Online)

PSY 321: Research Methods in Psychology  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

- Summer 2020 (Online, Co-Instructor)
- Spring 2022 (In Person)
- Summer 2022 (Hybrid, Co-Instructor)

PSY 221: Social Psychology  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

- Summer 2021 (Online, Co-Instructor)

### **Service Experience**

2024	Career-Track Faculty Search Committee School of Interdisciplinary Forensics Arizona State University
2024	Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship Search Committee School of Interdisciplinary Forensics Arizona State University
2022 – 2023	Mentoring Fellow Psychology Department John Jay College of Criminal Justice
2021 – 2022	Teaching Assistant Psychology Department John Jay College of Criminal Justice
2020 – 2021	Mentoring Chair Psychology Doctoral Student Council John Jay College of Criminal Justice
2019 – 2020	Campus Representative Coordinator American Psychology-Law Society (APA Division 41)
2017 – 2018	Program Representative Psychology Graduate Student Association University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2016 – 2018	Graduate Research Assistant Nebraska Resource Project for Vulnerable Young Children Center on Children, Families, and the Law University of Nebraska-Lincoln

2014 – 2016    Research Assistant  
Social Psychology and Law Laboratory  
California State University, Northridge

2015            Instructional Student Assistant  
Department of Political Science  
California State University, Northridge

2014            Courtroom Advocacy Program Intern  
D.C. Survivors and Advocates for Empowerment

## **Reviewer Experience**

### ***Editorial Board Member***

*Law and Human Behavior*  
*Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*

### ***Ad-Hoc Reviewer***

*Child Abuse and Neglect*  
*Child Protection and Practice*  
*Criminal Justice and Behavior*  
*Journal of Law and Empirical Analysis*  
National Science Foundation

## **Awards and Honors**

Audience Choice Award, Graduate Center, CUNY Dissertation Showcase (2023)  
Outstanding Research Award, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (2023)  
Student Productivity Travel Award, John Jay Department of Psychology (2020)  
Student Productivity Travel Award, John Jay Department of Psychology (2019)  
CALI Excellence Award: Achievement in Juvenile Law, UNL College of Law (2018)  
Student Travel Award, American Psychology-Law Society (2018)  
Warden Travel Fellowship, UNL Department of Psychology (2018)  
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Delmar Nicks Award, CSUN Department of Psychology (2016)  
Summa Cum Laude, CSUN (2016)  
Juvenile Court Judges Award, Dr. Hershel Swinger Memorial Partnership Conference (2015)  
Second Place in Undergraduate Posters, CSUN Research & Creative Works Symposium (2015)  
Second Place in Advanced Division, CSUN Psi Chi Research Competition (2015)

## **Professional Trainings**

Scale Development and Construction (2024)  
Statistical Horizons

Volunteer Jail Clearance Training  
Orange County Sheriff's Department (2023)

Power Analysis and Sample Size Planning (2020)  
Statistical Horizons

Captivate with Stellar Slides (2020)  
Creative Research Communications

Common Rule 45 CFR 46 Compliance Training (2017)  
UNL Research Compliance Services

Introduction to Modern Mediation Analysis (2016)  
Nebraska Methodology, Analytics, & Psychometrics Workshop

Domestic Violence Core Competency Training (2014)  
D.C. Survivors and Advocates for Empowerment

### **Membership in Professional Organizations**

American Psychological Association  
American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS, APA Division 41)  
Association for Psychological Science (APS)  
Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science (SIPS)  
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