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## **EDUCATION**

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- 2011      **Ph.D.** Department of Sociology, The University of Akron, Akron, OH  
*Dissertation:* “Adolescent Substance Use and General Strain Theory: The Influence of Racial Strain and Protective Factors”  
*Concentration:* Criminology & Deviant Behavior
- 2007      **M.A.** Department of Sociology, Ohio University, Athens, OH  
*Thesis:* “Illicit Prescription Drug Use Among College Undergraduates: An Evaluation of Prevalence and an Application of Social Learning Theory”  
*Concentration:* Criminology
- 2005      **B.A. with Distinction** in Criminal Justice and Sociology, Ohio Northern University, Ada, OH

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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- 2019-      Associate Professor of Sociology & Criminal Justice (with tenure),  
Ohio University, Lancaster Campus.
- 2015 - 2019   Assistant Professor of Sociology & Criminal Justice  
Ohio University, Lancaster Campus.
- 2013 - 2014   Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and  
Anthropology, Ohio University.
- 2011 - 2013   Assistant Professor of Sociology, Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences,  
Walsh University.

## **PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

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- 2019      **Steele, Jennifer L.** An Active Learning approach to Teaching Undergraduates about  
Deviant/Criminal Groups. *American Sociological Association Teaching Resources and  
Innovations Library for Sociology* (TRAILS).
- 2017      **Steele, Jennifer L., & Peralta, Robert.** Are polydrug users more physically and  
verbally aggressive? An assessment of aggression among Mono vs. Polydrug

- users in an university sample. First release 2017. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 35 (20-21) 4444-4467. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260517715024>
- 2016 **Steele, Jennifer L.** Race and general strain theory: Examining the impact of racial discrimination and fear on adolescent marijuana and alcohol use. *Substance Use and Misuse*, 51 (12), 1637-1648.
- 2016 Peralta, Robert L., Steward, Breanna C., **Steele, Jennifer L.**, & Wagner, Fernando A. Non-medical use of prescription drugs in emerging adulthood: Differentiating sex from gender. *Addiction Research and Theory*, 24 (5), 389-397.
- 2011 **Steele, Jennifer L.**, Peralta, Robert L., & Cheryl Elman. The co-ingestion of nonmedical prescription drugs and alcohol: A partial test of social learning theory. *Journal of Drug Issues*, 41(4), 561-585.
- 2011 Peralta, Robert, Callanan, Valerie J., **Steele, Jennifer L.**, & Lia Chervenak. The effects of gender identity and heavy episodic drinking on alcohol-related violence. *Gender Issues*, 28(3), 111-133.
- 2010 Peralta, Robert L., **Steele, Jennifer L.**, Nofziger, Stacey, & Michael Rickles. The impact of gender on binge drinking behavior among U.S. college students attending a midwestern university: An analysis of two separate gender measures. *Feminist Criminology*, 4, 355-379.
- 2010 Peralta, Robert L., & **Jennifer L. Steele**. Non-medical prescription drug use among college students at a midwest university: A partial test of social learning theory. *Substance Use and Misuse*, 45 (6), 865-887.
- 2010 Peralta, Robert L, Lori Tuttle, & **Jennifer L. Steele**. At the intersection of masculinity, alcohol use and violent behavior: The experiences of heterosexual male perpetrators of intimate partner violence. *Violence Against Women*, 16:4, 387-409.
- 2009 Peralta, Robert L., & **Jennifer L. Steele**. On drinking styles and race: A Consideration of the socio-structural determinants of alcohol use behavior. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*, 8 (2),146-162.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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**Steele, Jennifer & Durkin, Keith.** The Contributory Role of General Strain and Substance Abuse in Bullying Perpetration among a Sample of Justice Involved Rural Adolescents. 2<sup>nd</sup> R&R at *Deviant Behavior*.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2022 **Steele, Jennifer** and Nicole Blau. An Analysis of Police Department Crisis Communication via Social Media. *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*, Las Vegas, NV. March 17-20.
- 2021 **Steele, Jennifer**. The Criminology Streaming Guide: Using Netflix to Teach Criminological Theory. American Sociology Association, Teaching Symposium, Virtual Meeting, August 5-7.
- 2020 **Steele, Jennifer & Durkin, Keith**. The Contributory Role of General Strain and Substance Abuse in Bullying Perpetration among a Sample of Justice Involved Rural Adolescents. American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C., November. (paper accepted; conference cancelled due to COVID-19 outbreak)
- 2019 **Steele, Jennifer**. Examining the Relationship between Polydrug Use and Dating Violence using the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MA. March
- 2019 **Steele, Jennifer**. Examining poly- vs mono-drug use and suicidal ideation in a national sample of adolescents. North Central Sociological Association, Cincinnati, OH. March
- 2018 **Steele, Jennifer**. Examining the Moderating Effect of Social Support and Religion on Adolescent Substance Use. North Central Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, PA. April
- 2016 **Steele, Jennifer**. The Classroom as a Gang: An Active Learning approach to Teaching Undergraduates about Deviant/Criminal Groups. American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 **Steele, Jennifer**, and Robert Peralta. Mono vs. Poly-Drug Users: An Assessment of Aggression in a University Sample. North Central Sociological Association/Midwestern Sociological Association Joint Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 Peralta, Robert L., Breanna C. Steward, and **Jennifer Steele**. Non-medical use of Prescription Drugs in Emerging Adulthood: Differentiating sex from Genders as a Risk Factor for NMUPD in a College Student Sample. National Hispanic Science Network 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference, Miami, FL.
- 2014 Peralta, Robert L., Jeannette Wade, Juan Xi, Peter Barr, and **Jennifer Steele**. Alcohol Abstinence: The Role of Socio-Structural Attitudes in Race-Based Alcohol Use Disparities among College Students. Poster presented at the National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse Meetings, El Paso, Tx.

- 2014 **Steele, Jennifer L.** Examining Racial Discrimination as Negative Stimuli: An Examination of Race and Substance Use among Adolescents. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2011 **Steele, Jennifer L.** and Robert Peralta. Hispanic Adolescents, Substance Use, and Social Strain: A Partial Test of General Strain Theory on an Under-Researched Population. National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse International Conference. Miami, Florida.
- 2010 **Steele, Jennifer L.**, Peralta, Robert, and Cheryl Elman. Simultaneous Polydrug Use: Differential Association Theory and the Co-ingestion of Alcohol and Nonmedical Prescription Drugs. American Sociological Association, Atlanta, G.A.
- 2010 Peralta, Robert, Callanan, Valerie J., **Steele, Jennifer L.**, and Lia Chervenak. The Moderating Effects of Gender Identity and Heavy Episodic Drinking on Alcohol-Related Violence. Research and Pictorial Showcase. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Diego, C.A.
- 2009 **Steele, Jennifer L.** An Exploratory Analysis of Tittle's Control Balance Theory in a National Random Sample of Adolescents. North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings. Dearborn, MI.
- 2008 Peralta, Robert L. and **Jennifer L. Steele.** Socio-Structural Determinants of Alcohol Use-Behavior by Race. National Hispanic Science Network on Drug Abuse International Conference. Bethesda, MD.
- 2008 **Steele, Jennifer L.** Non-medical Prescription Drug Use among College Students. North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings. Cincinnati, OH.
- 2008 Peralta, Robert L. and **Jennifer L. Steele.** College Alcohol Use: The Impact of Race on Drinking. North Central Sociological Association Annual Meetings. Cincinnati, OH.

## **GRANTS**

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- 2021 Regional Higher Education Faculty Development Grant 3,829.00**
- An Analysis of Police Department Crisis Communication via Social Media
- 2019 Regional Higher Education Research Grant 3,629.00**
- Research funds were granted for course release for Fall 2019 for my work with Dr. Keith Durkin, Ohio Northern University, on opioid usage among rural adolescents in the U.S.

**2018 Ohio University Regional Higher Education Summer Grant, \$400**

- A continuation of the examination of the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) national survey.

**2017 Ohio University Lancaster Research and Curriculum Development Grant, \$400**

- An examination of data in the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) national survey from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2015 - **Ohio University Lancaster** (4/4 load)  
*Assistant Professor/Associate Professor (2019)*  
Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems (face to face & online), Criminal Justice, Criminology, Deviant Behavior (OULN/blended), Introduction to Criminal Justice Studies (online)
- 2013-2014 **Ohio University (Athens)**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology (3/4 load)  
*Visiting Assistant Professor*  
Introduction to Sociology, Criminology, Research Methods, Gender & Justice
- 2011-2013 **Walsh University** (4/4 load)  
*Assistant Professor*  
Social Problems (including a service learning class), Criminology, Juvenile Crimes/Justice, Introduction to Sociology (including 1 business learning community, 1 distance learning network), Terrorism and Organized Crime, Deviant Behavior, Women in Prison (Gender & Justice)
- 2010-2011 **The University of Akron**  
*Instructor of record*  
Deviant Behavior (2 classes), Introduction to Sociology (2 classes)

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

- 2009 **The University of Akron-Department of Sociology**  
*Graduate Assistant for Dr. Xi, Advanced Data Analysis: Graduate Level Course*

**OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 2007 **Research Analyst-Healthy Advice Networks (Private Corporation)**  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Responsibilities included survey development, data collection using internet based surveys, data analysis, and presentation of results to company, clients, and research department.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2021	Nominated for Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Ken Peak Innovations in Teaching Award
2019	Finalist for Ohio University RHE Outstanding Professor Award
2019	Nominated for the North Central Sociological Association Best Article award for piece published in <i>Journal of Interpersonal Violence</i> in 2017
2019	Select as an Ohio Northern University “notable alumni” for my published research in the area of substance use
2019	Nominated for PTK OUL Professor of the Year award
2017	Nominated for the North Central Sociological Association Best Article award for piece published in <i>Substance Use and Misuse</i> fall 2016
2016	Nominated for Ohio University Presidential Teaching Award (unable to compete since this award is for tenured faculty only/untentured at nomination)
2011	Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year Award, The University of Akron Department of Sociology
2011	At the Intersection of Interpersonal Violence, Masculinity, and Alcohol Use: The Experiences of Heterosexual Male Perpetrators of Intimate Partner Violence Nominated by the VAW editorial board for the 2010 Best Article Award
2007-2011	The University of Akron Doctoral Graduate Assistantship, Sociology
2003-2011	Member, Alpha Kappa Delta
2009	Outstanding Woman Graduate Student Award from Women in Higher Education, From College of Arts and Sciences
2007	Phi Kappa Phi National All-Discipline Honor Society
2005-2006	Ohio University Graduate Assistantship, Sociology
2003-2005	Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honorary

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2022	2022 The Promise and Peril of Technology in the CJ Classroom Criminal Justice Teaching and Pedagogy/Advances in Pedagogy. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference.
2021	Ohio Search Committee Training: Candidate Evaluation and Selection
2021	North Central Sociological Association Teaching Workshops 1) Innovation in the Classroom 2) Teaching Challenges
2020	Ohio University Media Training Interview Practicum@Ohio University Communications and Marketing.
2020	OU Workshop OTI: Inserting Faculty Voice Within Online Offerings
2019	OU Workshops OTI: Panopto training and Qualtrics overview
2018	Ohio University Regional Campus Conference: Panel Presentations on Student Engagement & Student Review and Consultation Committee (SRCC) on regional campuses
2017	A&S Workshops: 1) Fine tuning your research statement 2) fine tuning your teaching statement
2016	Ohio University Regional Campus Conference: Panel Presentation on Faculty Learning Communities

- 2016 OUL Faculty Learning Community on Teaching: Presentation on Active Learning in the Classroom
- 2015 Diversity in the Classroom Certificate of Training, Mosaic Education Network
- 2011-2012 Faculty Learning Community on Cooperative Learning  
Interdisciplinary group where faculty members from different departments activity read, commented, discussed, and practiced cooperative learning techniques proposed in Barbara J. Millis's book *Cooperative Learning in Higher Education*.
- 2009 North Central Sociological Association 2009 Future Faculty Seminar/Certificate Learned about the motivating students and maintaining their enthusiasm, student centered teaching strategies, teaching ethics in the classroom, teaching controversial topics in sociology, and how to successfully teach research methods
- 2006 **Ohio University-Department of Sociology and Anthropology**, *Graduate Course*, Seminar in College Teaching of Sociology, Dr. Deborah Thorne. Focus placed on development of teaching philosophy, syllabi and test construction, classroom activities and discussion, rapport, and ethics.

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- 2021- North Central Sociological Association Scholarly Achievement Awards (best article) committee member
- 2020- Journal Editorial Board, *Criminal Justice Perspectives*, formerly Criminal Justice Praxis, associated with the Ohio Council of Criminal Justice Education
- 2020 Ad Hoc reviewer: *Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency*
- 2016-2020 Annual reviewer: *Journal of Drug Issues*
- 2018-2019 North Central Sociological Association Scholarly Achievement Awards Committee member
- 2018 Ad Hoc Reviewer: *Sociological Focus*
- 2018 Session Organizer: Religion and Community, at the North Central Sociological Association/Midwestern Sociological Association Joint Meeting, Chicago, IL. March
- 2016 Press Coverage in the Akron Beacon Journal of: Peralta, Robert L., Steward, Breanna C., **Steele, Jennifer L.**, and Wagner, Fernando A. 2016. "Non-Medical Use of Prescription Drugs in Emerging Adulthood: Differentiating Sex from Gender." *Addiction Research and Theory*.  
<http://www.ohio.com/news/local/masculine-men-women-might-be-more-likely-to-abuse-prescription-drugs-ua-study-finds-1.690411>
- 2016 Session Organizer: Drug War, Drug Use, and Violence at the North Central Sociological Association/Midwestern Sociological Association Joint Meeting, Chicago, IL. March
- 2015 Spring Press Coverage of: Robert L. Peralta, Valerie J. Callanan, Jennifer L. Steele, and Lia Chervenak Wiley. 2011. "The Effects of Gender Identity and Heavy Episodic Drinking on Alcohol-Related Violence." *Gender Issues* 28(3): 111-133 (Lead Article) (Funded by The University of Akron, FRG 1667) on DatingAdvice.com (DatingAdvice.com).
- 2014 Ad Hoc Reviewer: *Journal of Drug Issues*

- 2012-2013 American Society of Criminology, Faculty to Graduate Student Mentoring Program
- 2012 Ad Hoc Reviewer: *Teaching Sociology*. Special Issue on Writing in Sociology.
- 2010 Ad Hoc Reviewer: *Addiction Research & Theory*

#### **DEPARTMENT & REGIONAL CAMPUS SERVICE CURRENT**

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- 2020- Department Promotion & Tenure Committee, committee member
- 2020- Dept. of Sociology Budget & Merit Committee, committee member
- 2020- Dept. of Sociology Curriculum Committee, committee member
- 2020- Sociology-Criminology Major Committee, committee member
- 2020- Sociology Major Committee, committee member
- 2016- Advisor for Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice at OU Lancaster campus  
 i. Nominated for Ohio University Kennedy Leadership Award for Community Service (37<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Awards in 2020)
- 2015- Student Review and Consultation Committee (SRCC) Lancaster
- 2015- Bachelor of Criminal Justice & Sociology Advisor, approximately 40 students

#### **REGIONAL CAMPUS SERVICE PAST**

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- 2017-2021 Women in Technology and Science Committee, OU Lancaster
- 2019 Promotion and Tenure (P&T) committee member for Lisa Skeens, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Lancaster
- 2019 Promotion and Tenure (P&T) committee member for Pam Kaylor, Assistant Professor of Instruction for Communications, Lancaster
- 2019 Promotion and Tenure (P&T) committee member for Marguerite Hernandez, Assistant Professor of Instruction for Sociology, Chillicothe
- 2019-2020 Alternative faculty rep. for Group 1 Annual Evaluation Committee (AEC)
- 2019-2020 Group 1 faculty rep. for Group 2 AEC
- 2019-2020 Celebrate Women Steering Committee
- 2018 RHE Faculty Conference Steering Committee (member)
- 2017-2019 The Professor is In, JJClass, Lancaster Campus
- 2017-2018 Co-hosted BCJ/LET Reception for Students & Family- Pre-Convocation
- 2017-2018 Faculty volunteer for Kids & Cops Day at OUL
- 2017 Faculty volunteer for Women In Technology Day for middle school girls at OUL
- 2017-2019 Assisted Alpha Phi Sigma Students at OUL with “Arrest a Professor” fundraiser for Lighthouse Domestic Violence Shelter
- 2016 Attorney General’s Conference on Law Enforcement: OUL Bachelor of Criminal Justice Information Table, Oct 4-5
- 2016 OUL New Student Orientation Speaker
- 2015-2017 SPARKY (Space Utilization) Committee

#### **COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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- 2021- Faculty Senate, Lancaster Campus Elected Representative
- 2021- Faculty Senate, Promotion and Tenure Subcommittee
- 2021- Lancaster Dean’s Cabinet Representative
- 2021- Lancaster Faculty Council Representative

- 2017- Bachelors of Specialized Studies Application Review Committee (Athens based, University College)
- 2017- Bachelor of Criminal Justice Committee (University College)
- 2017- Bachelor of Criminal Justice Faculty Advisor Curriculum Committee (University College)
- 2015-2020 Bachelor of Criminal Justice OUL Program Coordinator (unpaid)
- 2018-2019 Faculty Senate Alternative, Lancaster Campus
- 2019 RHE Curriculum Committee (alternative, elected)
- 2018-2019 Regional Higher Education (RHE) Assessment Council, Appointed
- 2017-2018 Faculty Fellow for University College- BCJ & BSS programs (Athens based, University College)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (PAST AND PRESENT\*)**

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American Sociological Association

Section Memberships: Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco / Undergraduate teaching

American Society of Criminology \*

North Central Sociological Association (NCSA)\*

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences\*

Society for the Study of Social Problems, Drinking and Drugs