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### **Areas of Interest:**

Labor markets, rewards to crime, illicit drug markets, criminological theory

### **Employment:**

2021 – present                      Pennsylvania State University  
Associate Professor Department of Sociology and Criminology,  
and School of Public Policy

2015 – 2021                         Pennsylvania State University  
Assistant Professor Department of Sociology and Criminology,  
and School of Public Policy

### **Professional and Affiliated Positions:**

2025 – present                      Pennsylvania State University, The Criminal Justice Research Center  
(CJRC) – Associate Director

2023 – present                      Pennsylvania State University, The Prevention and  
Methodology Training Program (PAMT) - Affiliated Faculty

2022 – present                      Pennsylvania State University, Consortium on Substance Use and  
Addiction (CSUA) – Affiliated Faculty

2022 –2023                         Simon Fraser University – Visiting Scholar

2017 – 2021                         Pennsylvania State University, Undergraduate Director –  
Criminology Program

2015 – present                      Pennsylvania State University, The Criminal Justice Research Center  
(CJRC) – Affiliated Faculty

### **Education:**

2009 – 2015                         Ph.D.    University of Maryland - Criminology and Criminal Justice

2006 – 2009                         M.A.    Simon Fraser University - School of Criminology

2003 – 2006                         B.A.    (1<sup>st</sup> Hons) Simon Fraser University - School of Criminology

### **Awards/Distinctions:**

July 2024	Pennsylvania State University - College of the Liberal Arts Endowed Fellow
April 2020	American Society of Criminology Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar Award
Aug 2014	University of Maryland, Graduate School Graduate All-S.T.A.R. Fellowship
Aug 2009	University of Maryland, Criminology and Criminal Justice Edwin H. Sutherland Graduate Fellowship
December 2008	The International Society for the Study of Drug Policy and the Society for the Study of Addiction postgraduate student scholarship
September 2008	Simon Fraser University Graduate Fellowship

### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:**

\*Denotes graduate student at time of submission

**Nguyen, Holly**, Zachary Rowan and \*Anna Newell. Forthcoming "Incongruence between Stated and Revealed Preferences: The Role of Substance Use." *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*.

**Nguyen, Holly**, \*Brandy Parker, and Bill McCarthy. Forthcoming. "Illegal Earnings and the Timing of Life Transitions." *Crime and Delinquency*.

**Nguyen, Holly** and Lee Ann Slocum. 2024. "Gains-Loss Asymmetry of Jobs, Income and Risk-Taking Behaviors." *Criminology*, 64(4): 799-829.

**Nguyen, Holly**, \*Rachel McNealey and Kyle J. Thomas. 2024. "The Contextual Generality of Crime: Workplace and Street Crime." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 61(5) 639-668.

**Nguyen, Holly**, Kyle J. Thomas and \*Jennifer Tostlebe. 2023. "Revisiting the Relationship between Age, Employment and Recidivism." *Criminology*, 61(3): 449-481.

Thomas, Kyle J., **Holly Nguyen** and \*Erica P. Jackson. 2023. "Value Orientations, Life Transitions and Desistance: Assessing Competing Perspectives." *Criminology*, 61(1):103-131.

**Nguyen, Holly**, Thomas A. Loughran and Volkan Topalli. 2023. "Crime, Consumption and Choice: On the Interchangeability of Licit and Illicit Income." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 60(4) 416-454.

\*Nur, Alexandra and **Holly Nguyen**. 2023. "Prison Work and Vocational Programs: A Systematic Review and Analysis of Moderators of Program Success." *Justice Quarterly* 40(1): 129-158.

- \*Nur, Alexandra, and **Holly Nguyen**. 2022. "Getting By: Low Wages and Income Supplementation." *Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice*, 64(2): 35-58.
- Nguyen, Holly**, \*Brandy Parker and Sally Simpson. 2022. "Equal Pay for Equal Work? The Illegal Gender Pay Gap." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 38: 425-458.
- Nguyen, Holly**, Thomas A. Loughran, Carlo Morselli and Frederick Ouellet. 2022. "Offending, Frequency and Responses to Illegal Monetary Incentives." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 38: 239-265.
- Thomas, Kyle J., and **Holly Nguyen**. 2022. "Status Gains versus Status Losses: Loss Aversion and Deviance." *Justice Quarterly*, 39(4): 871-896.
- Nguyen, Holly**, \*Takuma Kamada and Anke Raamakers. 2022. "On the Margins: Considering the Relationship between Informal Work and Reoffending." *Justice Quarterly*, 39(2): 427-454.
- Nguyen, Holly**, Greg Midgette, Thomas Loughran, and \*Yiwen Zhang. 2021. "Random Drug Testing in Prisons: Does a Little Testing go a Long Way?" *Criminology & Public Policy*, 20: 329-349.
- Nguyen, Holly**. 2020. "On the Conceptualization of Criminal Capital." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 57: 182-216.
- Gallupe, Owen, \*Patrick C. LaLonde, **Holly Nguyen** and Jennifer L. Schulenberg. 2019. "Deviant Modeling, Peer Gender, and Theft: An Experimental Test." *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 15: 421-439.
- Nguyen, Holly** and \*Brandy Parker. 2018. "Assessing the Effectiveness of New York's 911 Good Samaritan Policy – A Natural Experiment." *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 58: 149-156.
- Nguyen, Holly** and Thomas A. Loughran. 2018. "On the Measurement and Identification of Turning Points in Criminology." *Annual Review of Criminology*, 1:335-358.
- \*Rowan, Zachary, Jean M. McGloin and **Holly Nguyen**. 2018. "Capitalizing on Criminal Accomplices: Considering the Relationship between Co-offending and Illegal Earnings." *Justice Quarterly*, 35(2): 280-308.
- Nguyen, Holly** and Thomas A. Loughran. 2017. "On the Reliability and Validity of Self-Reported Illegal Earnings: Implications for the Study of Criminal Achievement." *Criminology*, 55(3): 575–602.
- Loughran, Thomas A., Daniel Nagin and **Holly Nguyen**. 2017. "Crime and Legal Work: A Markovian Model of the Desistance Process." *Social Problems*, 64(1): 30-52. Authors listed alphabetically.
- Nguyen, Holly**, Thomas A. Loughran, Ray Paternoster, Jeffery Fagan, and Alex R. Piquero. 2017. "Institutional Placement and Illegal Earnings: Examining the Crime School Hypothesis." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 33(2): 207–235.
- Kreager, Derek, Daniel T. Ragan, **Holly Nguyen**, and Jeremy Staff. 2016. "When Onset Meets Desistance: Cognitive Transformation and Adolescent Marijuana Experimentation." *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*, 2(2): 135-161.

- Gallupe, Owen, **Holly Nguyen**, Martin Bouchard, Jennifer L. Schulenberg, \*Allison Chenier and \*Katie D. Cook. 2016. "An Experimental Test of Deviant Modeling." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 53(4): 482-505.
- Nguyen, Holly**, Aili Malm and Martin Bouchard. 2015. "Production, Perceptions, and Punishment: Restrictive Deterrence in the Context of Cannabis Cultivation." *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 26(3): 267-276.
- Barratt, Monica, Gary R Potter, Marije Wouters, Chris Wilkins, Bernd Wense, Jussi Perälä, Michael Mulbjerg Pedersen, **Holly Nguyen**, Aili Malm, Simon Lenton, Dirk Korf, Axel Klein, Julie Heyde, Pekka Hakkarainen, Vibeke Asmussen Frank, Tom Decorte, Martin Bouchard, Thomas Blok. 2015. "Lessons from Conducting Trans-National Internet-Mediated Participatory Research with Hidden Populations of Cannabis Cultivators." *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 26: 238-249.
- Loughran, Thomas A, **Holly Nguyen**, Alex R. Piquero and Jeffery Fagan. 2013. "The Returns to Criminal Capital." *American Sociological Review*, 78(6): 925-948.
- Nguyen, Holly** and Jean M. McGloin. 2013. "Does Economic Adversity Breed Criminal Co-operation? Considering the Motivation Behind Group Crime." *Criminology*, 51(4): 833-870.
- Nguyen, Holly** and Martin Bouchard. 2013. "Need, Connections or Competence? Criminal Achievement among Young Offenders." *Justice Quarterly*, 30(1): 44-83.
- Paternoster, Ray, Jean M. McGloin, **Holly Nguyen** and Kyle J. Thomas. 2013. "The Causal Impact of Exposure to Deviant Peers: An Experimental Investigation." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 50(4): 476-503.
- Nguyen, Holly** and Peter H. Reuter. 2012. "How Risky is Marijuana Possession? Considering the Role of Age, Race and Gender." *Crime and Delinquency*, 58(6): 879-910.
- McGloin, Jean M. and **Holly Nguyen**. 2012. "It was my Idea": Considering the Instigation of Co-offending." *Criminology*, 50(2): 463-494.
- Barratt, Monica, Martin Bouchard, Tom Decorte, Vibeke Asmussen Frank, Pekka Hakkarainen, Simon Lenton, Aili Malm, **Holly Nguyen**, Gary R Potter. 2012. "Understanding Global Patterns of Domestic Cannabis Cultivation." *Drugs and Alcohol Today*, 12(4): 213-221
- Alain, Marc, Martin Bouchard, **Holly Nguyen** and Karen Desbiens. 2011. "Les Impacts Sociaux de la Culture de Cannabis dans les Champs d'une Région Rurale du Québec: Entre la Canalisation du Phénomène et la Dégradation du Tissu Social." *Drogues, Sante et Société*, 1-41.
- Nguyen, Holly** and Martin Bouchard. 2010. "Patterns of Youth Participation in Cannabis Cultivation." *Journal of Drug Issues*, 2: 263-293.
- Bouchard, Martin and **Holly Nguyen**. 2010. "Is it Who You Know, or How Many that Counts? Criminal Networks and Cost Avoidance in a Sample of Young Offenders." *Justice Quarterly*, 27(1): 130-158.

Bouchard, Martin, Marc Alain and **Holly Nguyen**. 2009. "Convenient Labour: The Prevalence and Nature of Youth Involvement in the Marijuana Cultivation Industry." *International Journal of Drug Policy* 20(6): 467-474.

### **Book Chapters and Other Publications:**

McGloin, J.M. and **Holly Nguyen**. 2014. "The Importance of Studying Co-offending Networks for Criminological Theory and Policy." In *Crime and Networks*. Edited by Carlo Morselli. New York: Routledge.

**Nguyen, Holly** and Thomas A. Loughran. 2014. "Longitudinal Studies in Criminology: How They Have Advanced What We Know about Crime" In *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Edited by Gerben Bruinsma and David Weisburd. New York: Springer.

Bouchard, Martin and **Holly Nguyen**. 2011. "Professional or Amateurs? Revisiting the Notion of Professional Crime in the Context of Cannabis Cultivation." In *World Wide Weed: Global Trends in Cannabis Cultivation and its Control*. Edited by T. Decorte, G. Potter, and M. Bouchard. London: Ashgate.

Ward, Helen, Karen Bartlett, Susan Kennedy, Moria C. Yeung, Yat Chow, Safia. K., Kassam, Demchenko, O., **Holly Nguyen**, Anne DyBuncio, Barbra Karlen, Randy Urbanowski, Alex Factor and Do, R. (2004). *Report on the 2003-2004 Respiratory Health Study of Grain Elevator Workers in the Port of Vancouver*. Vancouver: University of British Columbia, Centre for Health and Environment Research.

### **Funded Research:**

2024-2026  
Co-Principal Investigator      Attributions in Racial/Ethnic Sentencing Disparities. Science and Humanities Research Council. Zachary Rowan Principal Investigator (Awarded \$72,308)

2023-2027  
Core Faculty      Collaborative Research: Developing Early Warning Systems for Emerging Epidemics of Illicit Substances: A Data-Driven Modeling Approach. National Science Foundation. Quishi Chen Principal Investigator (Awarded \$600,000)

2023 – 2026  
Co-Principal Investigator      Building Safer Communities in Burnaby: Addressing Gun and Gang Violence. The Civic Innovation Lab. Evan McCuish Principal Investigator (Awarded \$562,500)

2022 – 2023  
Principal Investigator      Probation Officers' Attributions of Clients and Racial and Gender Inequality the Justice System. The Criminal Justice Research Center – Pennsylvania State University, Enhanced Research Grant. (Awarded \$20,000)

2022-2023 Collaborator	A Qualitative Examination of Probation Officers' Attributions of Clients. Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Zach Rowan Principal Investigator (Awarded \$9,971)
2020 – 2021 Principal Investigator	Criminal Justice Contact, Labor Market Expectations, and Labor Market Participation: Insight from the Panel Study of Income Dynamics. National Institutes of Health: Panel Study of Income Dynamics Small Grant Award. (Awarded \$11,766)
2020-2024 Collaborator	The Linked Lives of Offenders: A Social Network Analysis Approach Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Evan McCuish Principal Investigator (Awarded \$165,861)
2020 – 2022 Collaborator	Crime sans Châtiment: Compétences et Réussite Criminelle. Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Fred Ouellet Principal Investigator (Awarded \$99,721)
2019 – 2020 Principal Investigator	"Testing Dirty": An Experimental Evaluation of Mandatory Drug Testing in Prisons. Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. (Awarded \$50,000)
2019 – 2020 Principal Investigator	The Life Course of a Prison Stay. The Criminal Justice Research Center Pennsylvania State University, Research Grant (Awarded \$7,500)
2015 – 2016 Co-Investigator	Peer Influence and Theft: An Experimental Test. Social Science and Humanities Research Council Insight Development Grant. Owen Gallupe, Principal Investigator (Awarded \$54,203)
2016 – 2017 Principal Investigator	Incentives and Money Generating Activities. The Criminal Justice Research Center – Pennsylvania State University, Research Grant (Awarded \$7,500)

### **Invited Presentations/Workshops:**

Nguyen, Holly and Zach Rowan. 2024. Illicit Drug Use and Perceptions of Opportunities. Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods, Lecce, Italy. June.

Nguyen, Holly. 2023. Criminology Roundtable Discussant. Duke University School of Law, North Carolina. October.

Nguyen, Holly, \*Brandy Parker, and Bill McCarthy. 2023. "The Returns to Criminal Capital and the Timing of Life Transitions." Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, Friberg, Germany. May.

Nguyen, Holly. 2023. "Incarcerated Females Returning Home: Labor Markets and Survival." Instituto de Sociologia, Pontificia Universidad Catholica de Chile. Santiago, Chile. April.

Nguyen, Holly and Lee Ann Slocum. 2023. "Gains-Loss Asymmetry of Jobs and Income." Simon Fraser University, BC. February.

Nguyen, Holly and Lee Ann Slocum. 2022. "Gains-Loss Asymmetry of Jobs and Income." University of Colorado – Boulder, CO. December.

Nguyen, Holly, \*Brandy Parker and Sally S. Simpson. 2022. "Equal Pay for Equal Work? The Illegal Gender Pay Gap." Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and Transcrime. Milan, Italy (virtual). May.

Nguyen, Holly. 2020. "Illegal Earnings, and Criminal Capital." The Criminology Academy Podcast.

Nguyen, Holly, \*Alexandra Nur, \*Brandy Parker and Thomas, A. Loughran. 2019. "Insecurity, Arrest, and Worker Discouragement." Brownbag Series. University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA, December.

Nguyen, Holly. 2015. "Institutional Placement and Illegal Earnings: Examining the Crime School Hypothesis." Criminology Forum Series, Pennsylvania State University, University Park.

Nguyen, Holly. 2009. "The Role of Theory in Criminological Research." Guest lecture Fraser International College, Simon Fraser University, July.

Nguyen, Holly and Martin Bouchard. 2008. "Is it Who You Know, or How Many that Counts? Criminal Networks and Cost Avoidance in a Sample of Young Offenders." Presented at the Brown Bag Series, Simon Fraser University, Canada, September.

### **Professional Conferences Presentations:**

2024 American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, November  
2023 American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA, November  
2023 Western Society of Criminology. Vancouver, BC, February  
2022 American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA, November  
2021 American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL, November  
2020 Association for Public Policy and Management. Virtual Conference, November  
2020 Western Society of Criminology, Phoenix, AZ, February  
2019 American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA, November  
2019 Association for Public Policy and Management. Denver, CO, November  
2019 Stockholm Symposium, Stockholm, SE, June  
2018 American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA, November  
2017 American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA, November  
2017 American Sociological Association Roundtable. Montreal, QC, August  
2017 Western Society of Criminology, Las Vegas, NV, February  
2016 Association for Public Policy and Management, Washington, DC, November  
2015 American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC, November  
2015 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, March  
2014 American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, November  
2013 American Society of Criminology, Chicago, November  
2012 Academy of Criminal Justice Science, New York, March  
2011 American Society of Criminology, Washington, November  
2010 American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, November  
2010 International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, Santa Monica, California, March  
2009 American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November  
2009 International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, Vienna, Austria, March  
2008 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri, November

## **Teaching Experience:**

Pennsylvania State University	Criminology Theory and Evidence (CRIM 249), Advanced Criminological Theory (CRIM 413), Intermediate Statistics (SOC 470), Crime and Illegal Markets (CRIM 597), Criminological Theories (CRIM 512)
University of Maryland	Contemporary Criminological Theory, Statistical Methods (TA), Undergraduate Honors Seminar (TA)
Simon Fraser University	Quantitative Research Methods (TA), Research Methods (TA), Introduction to Criminology (TA), Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (TA), Psychological Explanations of Crime (TA)

## **Student Advising:**

### **Ph.D Advisees:**

Newell, Anna (In progress – Chair)  
Anna Jo Herron (In progress – Committee Member)  
Emerson Waite (In progress – Committee Member)  
Yiwen Zhang (2024 – Chair)  
Brandy Parker (2024 – Chair)  
Rachel McNealy (2023 – Committee Member)  
Alexandra Russo (2022 – Chair)  
Takuma Kamada (2020 – Committee Member)  
Lindsey Fullmer (2018 – Committee Member)  
Brendan Lantz (2017 – Committee Member)  
Alyssa Howard-Tripp (2017 – Committee Member)

### **MA Advisees:**

Newell, Anna (2024 – Chair)  
Rachel McNealy (2021 – Chair)  
Kelsey Leibelsperger (2020 – Chair)  
Julian Puthenpurayil (2020 – Committee Member)  
Alexandra Russo (2019 – Chair)  
Brianna Jackson (2016 – Chair)  
Dan McCarthy (2016 – Committee Member)

### **Undergraduate Honors Advisees:**

Ainsley Spitz (In progress – Chair)  
Catherine Ackerman (2024 – Chair)  
Rachel Seiden (2024 – Chair)  
Sarah Runkle (2023 – Chair)  
Samantha Schmitt (2019 – Chair)



## **Professional Service:**

Disciplinary Service	ASC Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar Award Committee Chair (2024), ASC Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar Award Committee Member (2023), ASC Petersilia Outstanding Article Committee Chair (2021), ASC Program Committee (Rational Choice) (2021), ASC Petersilia Outstanding Article Committee Member (2020), ASC Teaching Committee Member (2017)
Editorial Boards	<i>Criminology</i> (2017-present), <i>Journal of Criminal Justice</i> (2024-present), <i>Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency</i> (2021-2023), <i>Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice</i> (2022-present), <i>American Journal of Criminal Justice</i> (2017-2021)
Manuscript Reviewer	<i>Addiction</i> , <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> , <i>American Sociological Review</i> , <i>Crime and Delinquency</i> , <i>Criminology</i> , <i>Demography</i> , <i>European Journal of Criminology</i> , <i>Journal of Experimental Criminology</i> , <i>Journal of Quantitative Criminology</i> , <i>Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency</i> , <i>Justice Quarterly</i> , <i>International Journal of Drug Policy</i> , <i>Sociological Forum</i> , <i>Social Forces</i> , <i>Social Networks</i> , <i>Social Problems</i> , <i>The Sociological Quarterly</i> , <i>Social Science Research</i>
Pennsylvania State University	Faculty Search Chair – Criminology (2024), Graduate Committee – Criminology (2022-2023), Affiliate Faculty Committee – SPP (2020-2022), Graduate Committee – Criminology (2021-2022), Undergraduate Director – Criminology Program (2017-2021), Faculty Search Committee – SPP (2018-2019), Faculty Search Committee – Criminology (2017-2018), Graduate Committee – Criminology (2016-2017), Colloquium Committee (2015-2016)
University of Maryland	Professional Development Co-chair (2014-2015), Peer Mentor (2011-2013)