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## EDUCATION

- Louisiana State University 2017 - 2022  
**Ph.D., Sociology** Co-Chairs: Michael Barton and Matthew Valasik  
Committee: Ed Shihadeh, Rick Weil, Paul Mooney
- Louisiana State University 2014 - 2016  
**M.A., Sociology** “*Religious Ecology, Floaters and Violence:  
The Links between Social Capital, Institutionally Disengaged Youth and Homicide*”  
Committee: Edward S. Shihadeh, Michael S. Barton, Samuel S. Stroope
- University of Montana 2009 - 2013  
**B.A., Sociology**, Concentration in Criminology  
**Psychology**, Experimental Research

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Merrimack College** August 2020 - Present  
Lecturer, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections** April 2019 - August 2020  
Evaluation of Day Reporting Center and Regional Reentry Center in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana
- Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections** September 2018 - August 2020  
Maintain and re-estimate risk algorithms, expand focus of Needs Assessments and Treatment Pathways for additional populations
- Justice Reinvestment Initiative** January 2015 - August 2018  
Construct a Risk-Needs-Responsivity tool for the Louisiana Department of Corrections
- U.S. Probation Office – Eastern District of Louisiana** May 2016 - April 2017  
Evaluation of the Rise and Recover Reentry Court

## PUBLICATIONS

- Stroope, Samuel, Rachel Bacon, Michael S. Barton, **Elizabeth E. Brault**, Rhiannon A. Kroger, and Joseph O. Baker. 2022. “Institutional Anomie, Religious Ecologies, and Violence in American Communities.” *Under Review at American Sociological Review*.
- Barton, Michael S., Matthew Valasik, and **Elizabeth E. Brault**. 2021. “Disorder or Disadvantage: Investigating the tension between neighborhood social structure and the physical environment on local violence.” *Criminal Justice Review* 46(2):134-155. [doi:10.1177/0734016821996798](https://doi.org/10.1177/0734016821996798).

Gibbons, Joseph, Tse-Chuan Yang, **Elizabeth Brault** and Michael Barton. 2020. "Evaluating Residential Segregation's Relation to the Clustering of Poor Health across American Cities." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 17(11):3910. [doi:10.3390/ijerph17113910](https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph17113910).

Valasik, Matthew, **Elizabeth E. Brault**, and Stephen Martinez. 2019. "Forecasting Homicide in the Red Stick: Risk Terrain Modeling and the Spatial Influence of Urban Blight on Lethal Violence in Baton Rouge, Louisiana." *Social Science Research* 80:186-201. [doi:10.1016/j.ssresearch.2018.12.023](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2018.12.023).

\*Highlighted in:

["Researchers: Battling Blight in Baton Rouge Can Play a Key Role in Fighting Crime."](#) *The Advocate*. Feb. 24, 2019.

["LSU Study Shows Link between Blighted Property and Homicide in Baton Rouge."](#) *WAFB*. Feb. 19, 2019.

["Latest LSU Study Ties Blight to Homicides."](#) *The Louisiana Weekly*. Feb. 18, 2019.

["LSU Study on Blight & Crime."](#) *Of Interest to You Baton Rouge*. Feb. 15, 2019.

["Baton Rouge 'Ahead of The Curve' in Use of Software to Predict Where Crimes Most Likely to Occur."](#) *The Advocate*. May 25, 2019.

Barton, Michael S., Matthew A. Valasik, **Elizabeth Brault**, and George Tita. 2019. "'Gentefication' in the Barrio: Examining the Relationship between Gentrification and Homicide in East Los Angeles." *Crime and Delinquency* 66(13/14):1888-1913. [doi:10.1177/0011128719860835](https://doi.org/10.1177/0011128719860835).

**Brault, Elizabeth E.** and Edward S. Shihadeh. 2018. "Religious Ecology, Floaters and Crime: The Links Between Social Capital, Institutional Disengagement and Homicide." *Deviant Behavior* 40(5):574-584. [doi:10.1080/01639625.2018.1431180](https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2018.1431180).

Gibbons, Joseph, Michael S. Barton, and **Elizabeth E. Brault**. 2018. "Evaluating Gentrification's Relation to Neighborhood and City Health." *PLOS One* 13(11):e0207432. [doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0207432](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0207432).

\*Highlighted in ["Gentrification Might Improve Health Neighborhoods but Not for Cities."](#) *HuffPost*. November 21, 2018

**Brault, Elizabeth E.** 2017. "European Population Decline and Refugee Policies: An Analysis of Resettlement by Nation." *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology* 16:69-84. [doi:10.1163/15691497-12341421](https://doi.org/10.1163/15691497-12341421).

## PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

**Brault, Elizabeth E.** and Maretta McDonald. "United to Hate: The Implications of Bridging and Bonding Capital for Racially-Motivated Hate Crimes in America."

**Brault, Elizabeth E.** "Montgomery v. Louisiana: Considerations for Mid-Twentieth Century Juvenile Offenders Re-Entering in a Digital Age."

**Brault, Elizabeth E.**, J. Carlee Purdum, and Keith B. Nordyke. “Parole Decisions and Victims’ Race: Revisiting Baldus.”

**Brault, Elizabeth E.** and Timothy T. Reling “Development and Validation of the TIGER Criminogenic Needs Assessment.”

Reling, Timothy T., and **Elizabeth E. Brault**. Development and Validation of the Gender-Specific TIGER Institutional Risk Assessment.

Reling, Timothy T., and **Elizabeth E. Brault**. “Treatment within a Risk-Needs-Responsivity Framework: A Structural Modeling Approach.”

## TECHNICAL REPORTS

**Brault, Elizabeth E.** 2020. “Evaluation of St. Tammany Parish Regional Reentry Centers and Day Reporting Centers.” Louisiana Department of Public Safety *and* Corrections.

Shihadeh, Edward S., **Elizabeth E. Brault**, Timothy Reling, Keith Nordyke, and Robert Vehock. 2018. “Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Risk, Needs, *and* Responsivity.” Federal Grant Documentation.

Shihadeh, Edward S., **Elizabeth E. Brault**, and Timothy Reling. 2017. “Evaluation of U.S. Probation Office, Eastern District of Louisiana.” Eastern District of Louisiana Revised Re-Entry Court Program Review.

## PRESENTATIONS

**Brault, Elizabeth E.** 2019. “Punishing Juvenile Offenders: Legal History, Current Status, and Future Directions.” *Invited Teaching Demonstration at Keene State College*. Keene, NH, December 5-6.

**Brault, Elizabeth E.** 2019. “Long-Serving Parolees’ Social Support Systems and Reentry Success in East Baton Rouge Parish.” *Undergraduate Micro-Conference at Louisiana State University*. Baton Rouge, LA, November 26.

**Brault, Elizabeth E.** 2019. “Is Home Base a Safe Place? An analysis of reentry success and neighborhood social resources” in conjunction with a thematic panel organized by the Division on Communities and Place. *The American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, November 12-17.

Valasik, Matthew, Michael S. Barton, and **Elizabeth E. Brault**. 2019. “Disadvantage or Disorder: Investigating the tension between the physical landscape and neighborhood social structure on lethal violence” in conjunction with a thematic panel on Risk Terrain Modeling. *The American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, November 12-17.

**Brault, Elizabeth E.** and Maretta McDonald. 2019. “United to Hate: The Implications of Bridging and Bonding Social Capital for Racially-Motivated Hate Crimes in America.” *Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Oakland, CA, March 28-31.

- Brault, Elizabeth E.**, Keith B. Nordyke, Timothy Reling, Edward S. Shihadeh, and Robert Vehock. 2019. "Louisiana's TIGER: an RNR Tool for the Bayou State." *The American Correctional Association Conference*, New Orleans, LA, January 11-15.
- Brault, Elizabeth E.** 2018. "Bridging the Gap: Social Capital and Reentry Success in U.S. Counties." *The American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA, November 13-17.
- Barton, Michael S., Matthew Valasik, and **Elizabeth E. Brault**. 2018. "Communities and Place: How Race and Class Shape Crime Across Communities." *The American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA, November 13-17.
- Brault, Elizabeth E.** and Keith Nordyke. 2018. "Louisiana Parole Board: Implementation of TIGER RNR Tool in Parole Hearings." Baton Rouge, LA, May 14-15.
- Brault, Elizabeth E.**, Michael S. Barton, and Matthew Valasik. 2017. "Gentrification or 'Gentefication': Exploring the Relationship of Gang Homicide with Gentrification in East Los Angeles, 1990 to 2010." *The Southern Sociological Society's Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, April 4-7.
- Brault, Elizabeth.** 2017. "Louisiana's Justice Reinvestment Initiative: The Process of Creating an RNR Tool to Decarcerate the Bayou State." *The American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, November 14-17.
- Shihadeh, Edward S. and **Elizabeth E. Brault**. 2017. "Floaters: Do Institutional Links Matter?" *The Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences and Education Conference*, Honolulu, HA, January 3-6.
- Brault, Elizabeth E.** 2017. "Good Guy with a Gun? Fear of Crime in the Wake of Active Shooter Incidents." *The American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, November 15-19.
- Brault, Elizabeth E.** 2016. "How Are Different Religious Outreach Styles Linked to Homicide?" *Missoula Interfaith Collaborative*, Missoula, MT, December 19.
- Brault, Elizabeth E.** 2016. "European Population Decline and Refugee Policies: An Analysis of Resettlement by Nation" in conjunction with a panel on current population crises at the *Global Studies Association of North America Conference* in Austin, TX, June 9-11
- Brault, Elizabeth** and Edward S. Shihadeh. 2015. "Religious Ecology, Floaters, and Homicide" In conjunction with the panel "What's New in the field of Macro-Criminology?" at the *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, November 18-21.

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS AND FUNDING

<b>LSU Alumni Association Teaching Award</b>	\$ 1,000	Nominee, 2019
<b>American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship</b>	\$ 20,000 ( <i>Declined</i> )	2019
<b>LSU Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship</b>	\$ 44,000 ( <i>Accepted</i> )	2019
<b>Roland J. Pellegrin Outstanding Graduate Student Award</b>	\$ 1,000	Recipient, 2019 Nominee, 2016, 2017, 2018

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- The Criminal Justice System** F2022  
Merrimack College
- Advanced Research Methods & Program Evaluation in Criminology (Graduate)** F2020, F2022  
Merrimack College
- Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice** F2020, F2021, SP2021, SP2022  
Merrimack College
- Methods of Sociological Research** SP2019  
Instructor of Record, 55 students
- Introductory Sociology** F2018  
Instructor of Record, 170 students
- The Importance and Implementation of Treatment Pathways** August 2018  
Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, a three-day seminar training judges, wardens, probation and parole, and mental health professionals
- Transition Specialist Training** Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov. 2017  
Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Training Prison-to-Community Transition Specialists to Administer Needs Assessments

## PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Admitted Student Day**, Faculty Representative, Merrimack College Spring  
2021
- Nominations and Awards Committee**, ASC Division for Corrections and Sentencing 2021 - Present
- Directed Study**, Supervising Faculty, Merrimack College Spring  
2021
- Academic Preview Day**, Merrimack College Fall 2020
- Graduate Instructor Delegate**, Graduate Student Teaching Committee 2019 - Present
- Professional Development Panelist**: Publishing in Peer Reviewed Journals in Graduate School 2020
- Undergraduate Micro-conference**, Presenter Fall 2019
- Humanities and Social Sciences Residential College Researcher Panel** Spring 2019, Fall 2019
- LSU Welcome Week**, Volunteer 2018 - 2019
- Graduate Student Panels** 2018 - 2020
- Peer Mentoring Program**, LSU Department of Sociology 2015 - Present

**Ad Hoc Reviewer**

*City and Community*  
*Social Problems*

*Deviant Behavior*  
*Criminal Justice and Behavior*

**SOFTWARE EXPERTISE**

**Stata, SPSS, ArcGIS, GeoDa, CrimeStat, MPlus**

**MEMBERSHIPS**

**American Society of Criminology (ASC)**

ASC Division of Communities and Place

ASC Division of Corrections and Sentencing

**Pacific Sociological Association**

**Southern Sociological Society**

**American Sociological Association (ASA)**

ASA Community and Urban Sociology

ASA Crime, Law, and Deviance

ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility

**LSU Sociology Peer Mentoring Program**

**LSU Graduate Student Teaching Committee**