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EDUCATION:

- In progress** **Doctorate of Philosophy in Sociology.** University of Georgia; Athens, GA.
- 2021** **Master's Degree in Applied Sociology.** University of Central Florida; Orlando, FL.
Thesis: *Victim Blame of Missing People Based on Race and Media Framing*
Committee: Dr. Jacqueline Woerner (Chair), Dr. Amy Reckdenwald, and Dr. Bhoomi Thakore
- 2019** **Bachelor's Degree of Science in Psychology** with Honors.
Minor in Statistics.
Certificates in Behavioral Forensics and Victim Advocacy. University of Central Florida; Orlando, FL.
Honors Undergraduate Thesis: *Naughty or Nice: An Exploration of Human Sexuality and its Associations to Online Dating Behavior and the "Hook-up" Culture.*
Committee: Dr. Grace White (Chair) and Dr. Jennifer Parham

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

- 2024 to present** *Instructor of Record*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2022-2024** *Graduate Research Assistant*, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia
- 2021-2022** *Graduate Teaching Assistant*, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2020-2022** *Online Tutor*, tutor.com, The Princeton Review
- 2020- 2021** *Graduate Research Assistant*, STRIVE Lab at University of Central Florida

- Principal Investigator: Jacqueline Woerner
- 2019-2021** *Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Central Florida*
- 2017-2019** *Undergraduate Research Assistant, Personality and Relationship Development/Dynamics Research Lab at University of Central Florida*
Principal Investigator: Grace White
- 2017** *Summer Term Intern, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Tampa, FL*

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- 2023** Black and Missing Audiochuck Scholarship- University of Georgia, Athens
- 2022-2023** Alfred E. Brown Scholarship- University of Georgia, Athens
- 2021-2022** Osborne Graduate Fellowship- University of Georgia, Athens
- 2021** Amplify Knight Voices and Broaden Community Connection Grant- University of Central Florida
- 2020-2021** Delores A. Auzenne Fellowship- University of Central Florida
- 2020** Alpha Kappa Delta- University of Central Florida
- 2019** Summer Mentorship Fellow- University of Central Florida
- 2015-2019** Pegasus Silver Scholarship- University of Central Florida
- 2016** Psi-Chi, International Honor Society of Psychology- University of Central Florida

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Criminology, Race/Ethnicity and Gender Inequalities, Social Psychology, Quantitative Methods

RESEARCH:

Published Manuscripts

Reckdenwald, A., Szalewski, A., Mandes, C. L., & **Peebles, C.** (2024). Factors Associated With Legal Decisions of Nonfatal Strangulation Cases With Forensic Evidence. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 35(5-6), 273-294.

Toohy, K., Reckdenwald, A., **Peebles, C.**, & Ford, J. (2023). The association between resources, accessibility, and female victim intimate partner homicide at the county-level in Florida. *Violence against women*, 29(11), 2147-2169.

Grace White, **Ciara Peebles**, (2024). "Unmasking the Nexus between Maladaptive Alcohol use and Dark Triad Personality Traits." *J Clinical Research and Reports*, 15(2); DOI:10.31579/2690-1919/358

Manuscripts in Progress

Ciara Peebles and Jody Clay-Warner. “Indigenous Women's Intersectional Invisibility and its impact on Misclassification of Indigenous persons”

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

“Beyond the Headlines: Examining the Aftermath of Carlee Russell's Fake Disappearance (with guest Josh Mankiewicz)”. Crime Con, September 2023.

“Lesbian Visibility Week Panelist: Advocating for Safe Spaces and Community Empowerment.” Cox Enterprise Lesbian Visibility Week Event, April 2024.

“CJ@DSC Speaker Series: Differential Media Coverage of Missing Persons of Color.” Dalton State College, January 2025.

PRESENTATIONS:

Ciara Peebles and Jacqueline Woerner. “Victim Blame of Missing People Based on Race and Media Framing.” (2022). Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference.

Kayla Toohy, Amy Reckdenwald, and **Ciara Peebles**. “Intimate Partner Homicide and Services: Does Access Impact Perpetration?” (2020). CrimCon Conference.

Ciara Peebles and Lin Huff-Corzine. “Prevalent Pandemic Pains: The Phenomenon of Anomie and Suicidal Ideation Amongst High School and College Graduates amidst the Coronavirus Outbreak” (2020). Mid- South Sociological Association Meeting.

Ciara Peebles and Bhoomi Thakore. ““But were they asking for it?”: An analysis of the public’s empathy and perception towards differentiating levels of victimization” (2020). Graduate Research Forum at University of Central Florida. *cancelled due to covid-19 pandemic

Ciara Peebles and Amy Donley. “Transgressions on Twitter: Measuring Social Media Influence on Crime Cases.” (2019). Mentoring Fellowship Forum at University of Central Florida.

Ciara Peebles and Grace White. “Blame it On the Alcohol” (2019). Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence at the University of Central Florida.

Ciara Peebles and Grace White. “Relationship Status, It’s Complicated: The effects of Facebook Use and Personality on Relationship Satisfaction among Dating Individual”

(2017). Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence at the University of Central Florida.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructed the Following Courses:

- 2025** SOCI3810: Criminology
2024 SOCI3150: Punishment & Society

Assisted with Following Courses:

- 2022** SOCI3810: Criminology (Undergraduate)
Instructor of Record: Dr. Tom McNulty
- 2022** Media and Criminal Justice (Undergraduate)
Instructor of Record: Dr. Anna Rogers
- 2021** SOCI1101E: Introductory Sociology (Undergraduate)
Instructor of Record: Dr. Anna Rogers
- 2021** SYP3510: Sociology of Deviant Behavior (Undergraduate)
Instructor of Record: Dr. Amy Reckdenwald
- 2020-2021** SYP3520: Criminology (Undergraduate)
Instructor of Record: Dr. Amy Reckdenwald
- 2020** SYP3530: Juvenile Delinquency (Undergraduate)
Instructor of Record: Dr. Jason Ford
- 2020** SYD4020: Birth, Death, Population Trend (Undergraduate)
Instructor of Record: Dr. Melanie Hinojosa
- 2020** SYO4323: Community & Diversity (Undergraduate)
Instructor of Record: Dr. Bhoomi Thakore
- 2019-2020** SYG2000: Intro to Sociology (Undergraduate)
Instructors of Record: Dr. Bhoomi Thakore, Dr. Elizabeth Grauerholz
- 2019-2020** SYO3530: Social Power & Inequality (Undergraduate)
Instructor of Record: Dr. Bhoomi Thakore

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Awards Committee Member, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia, January 2022-2024

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Criminology
Southern Sociological Society

References Available Upon Request

