**VITAE CURRICULUM**

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**EDUCATION**

2015-present: Ph.D. student in Criminal Justice and Criminology, Washington State University

2012-2014: M.A. in Forensic Psychology, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

 - Applied Research Project Title: Developing a treatment for inhibited RAD in

male adolescent group homes

2009-2012: B.S. in Psychology (Certificate in Criminal Justice), University of Wisconsin-

Madison, Wisconsin

**EMPLOYMENT**

2016-present: Research Assistant, Oregon Youth Authority, Salem, Oregon

2015-2016:Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology,

Washington State University, Pullman, WA

2014-2015: Transitional Living Placement Case Manager for male adults, ATTIC

 Correctional Services, Inc. Dane County, Wisconsin

2013-2015: Supported Living Specialist/Home Coordinator, A Helping Heart, Inc.

 Middleton, Wisconsin

2012-2014: Resident Counselor/School Liaison-Community Outreach Coordinator, Orion Family Services Group Homes, Madison, Wisconsin

**PUBLICATIONS**

Kowalski, M. A., Mei, X., Turner, J. R., Stohr, M. K., & Hemmens, C., “An Analysis of Statutes Criminalizing Correctional Officer Sexual Misconduct with Inmates.” Forthcoming, *The Prison Journal* (2019).

**UNDER REVIEW**

Campagna, M., Kowalski, M. A., Drapela, L. A., Stohr, M. K., Thompson Tollefsbol, E., Woo, Y., Mei, X., & Hamilton, Z. July, 2017. Understanding offender needs over forms of isolation using a repeated measures design. Submitted to *The Prison Journal.*

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

Hamilton, Z., Kigerl, A., Routh, D., Mei, X., Kowalski, M. A., & Choi, E. Multistate validation of the Positive Achievement of Change Tool (PACT).

Hamilton, Z., Kigerl, A., Routh, D., Mei, X., Kowalski, M. A., & Choi, E. Development of a dynamic needs and responsivity assessment.

Schaefer, R., Kowalski, M. A., Hamilton, Z., & Kigerl, A. The strong Iowa: The case for a new generation of juvenile risk assessments.

Kowalski, M. A. Hiring and training requirements for correctional officers: A statutory analysis.

Kowalski, M. A. Mental health recovery: A need for peer services.

Kowalski, M. A. Evaluation of the OYA Tier 1 Predicted Success Rates analytic tool.

Kowalski, M. A. Gendered Stereotypes: Victimization of female correctional officers.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**T.A.,** Criminal Justice Program, Washington State University

Dates: August 2015 to June 2016

Courses: *Introduction to the Administration of Criminal Justice*. Topics included a survey of the field, including: Police, courts, corrections, theory, juvenile justice, law and victimization, among other topics.

 *Violence toward Women*. Topics included an overview of violence toward and against women; analysis of crimes such as battering, rape, sexual harassment, and stalking in a theoretical and social context; the impact of these crimes on women; and how multiple systems may address the needs of victims and offenders.

**RELEVANT COURSEWORK**

2018: Structural Equation Modeling

2017: Qualitative Methods

 Advanced Quantitative Methods

2016: Psychometrics

Intermediate Quantitative Methods

2015: Criminal Justice Research Methods

 Foundations of Quantitative Methods

2012-2014: Evaluation and Treatment of the Juvenile Offender

 Evaluation and Treatment of the Adult Offender

 Forensic Psychology in Correctional Settings

 Trauma and Crisis Intervention

 Social Psychology and Cultural Aspects of Aggression

 Diversity in Forensic Psychology

 Substance Abuse Evaluation and Treatment

2009-2012: Abnormal Psychology

 Experimental Psychology

 Psychology of Juvenile Delinquency

 Psychopathy and Syndromes of Disinhibition

**TRAINING**

2018: Cultural competency

2018: Mental health first aid

**COMMITTEES**

2016-2018: Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association: At-Large Representative

Workshop Committee

**EDUCATIONAL HONORS**

University of Wisconsin-Madison

-Dean's List: Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2012

-Candidate for Distinctive Scholastic Achievement

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2012: Dance/Movement Therapy Aide, Hancock Center for Dance/Movement Therapy

 Madison, Wisconsin

**REFERENCES**

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