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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Dec. 1990 PhD in Sociology. University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH. Dissertation, "Homicide in Black Families: A Quantitative Analysis of Trends and Patterns in the United States."

August 1984 MA in Sociology. Memphis State University Memphis, TN

May 1982 BA in Sociology and English, Loyola University, New Orleans, LA. Graduated summa cum laude.

Areas of Specialization

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| Crime and Deviance | Quantitative Methodologies |
| Family Violence | Victimology |
| Childhood Victimizations | |

Publications and Presentations

Plass, Peggy S. 2020: Female Victims of Police Justifiable Homicide, *Women & Criminal Justice*, DOI: 10.1080/08974454.2020.1741488

Plass, Peggy S. and Daisy Breneman. 2020. *Challenging Disciplinary Hierarchy Through Inter/Transdisciplinary Teaching*. Presentation at the Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy. Blacksburg, VA Feb. 7, 2020.

Plass, Peggy S. and Laurie Kutchins. 2019. "Poets and Mobsters: Designing a Cross-Disciplinary Study Abroad Program in Southern Italy." Virginia Humanities Conference, March, Richmond, VA.

Breneman, D.L., Peggy S. Plass, Jo Benjamin, Paige Camlin, and Lauren Dameron. 2018. "Animals and Justice." Presentation at The Virginia Humanities Conference, March, Roanoke, VA.

Bachman, Ronet, Russel Schutte and Peggy S. Plass. 2016. Fundamentals of Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice, with Selected Readings. Sage Publications.

Plass, P.S. and Joann Brewster. 2016. "Female Victims of Police Justifiable Homicide." Presentation at the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology, September, Atlanta, GA.

Plass, Peggy S. 2016. "Secondary Victimization in Missing Child Events". In Morewitz, S. and C. Sturdy-Colls. Handbook of Missing Persons: An Interdisciplinary Study of Missing Persons. Springer Publishing.

Beitzel, T., D. Breneman, and P. S. Plass. 2015. "Telling Stories, Doing Justice." Presentation at The Virginia Humanities Conference, April, Marymount University, Arlington, VA.

Plass, Peggy S. 2014. "Property Crime Victimization in Childhood: A Retrospective Study." *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment* 24(4): 448-461.

Plass, Peggy S. 2009. "Childhood Property Victimization: Unique Features of a Ubiquitous Experience." Paper presented at the meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Plass, Peggy S. 2007. "Secondary Victimization in Missing Child Events." *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 32(1/2): 30-44.

Plass, Peggy S. and Dianne Cyr Carmody. 2005. "Routine Activities of Delinquent and Non-Delinquent Victims of Violent Crime." *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 29:2: 235-245.

Plass, Peggy S. and Timothy Carter. 2004. *Gemeinschaft Home Pilot Program Evaluation, 200-2004*. Report prepared for Gemeinschaft Home, Harrisonburg, VA

Plass, Peggy S. and Dianne Cyr Carmody. 2001. "Gender Differences in Delinquent and Non-Delinquent Adolescent Crime Victims". Paper presented at the meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA Nov 2001.

Carmody, Dianne Cyr and Peggy S. Plass. 2000. "Family Abductions: An Examination of the Role of Offender Gender." Gender Issues 18(2): 58-73.

Plass, Peggy S. and Dianne Cyr Carmody. 1999. "A comparison of characteristics and Activities of delinquent and non-delinquent adolescent victims of crime." Paper presented at the meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Canada, November 1999.

Plass, Peggy S. 1998. "Social Bond Theory as a Predictor of Adolescent Victimization." Paper presented at the meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C., November 1998.

Plass, Peggy S. 1998 "A Typology of Family Abductions". *Child Maltreatment*. 3 (3): 244-250.

Plass, Peggy S., David Finkelhor, and Gerald T. Hotaling. 1997. "Risk Factors for Family Abduction: Demographic and Family Interaction Characteristics." *Journal of Family Violence* 12 (3): 333-348.

Plass, Peggy S., David Finkelhor, and Gerald T. Hotaling. 1996. "Family Abduction Outcomes: Factors Associated with Duration and Emotional Trauma to Children." *Youth and Society* 28 (1): 109-130.

Sacco, Vincent and Leslie Kennedy. 1996. The Criminal Event. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.
Peggy S. Plass, Contributing Editor.

Plass, Peggy S. 1995. "A Typology of Family Abduction Episodes". Paper presented at the meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Boston, MA, November 1995.

Plass, Peggy S., David Finkelhor, and Gerald T. Hotaling. 1995. "Police Response to Family Abduction Episodes." *Crime and Delinquency* 41 (2): 205-218.

Plass, Peggy S. and Gerald T. Hotaling. 1995. "The Inter-Generational Transmission of Running Away." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* 24 (3): 335-348.

Plass, Peggy S. And Rory K. Carpenter. 1994. Barriers to the Receipt of Community Based Services Among At-Risk Youth in the State of Virginia. Washington County Office on Youth, Abingdon, VA.

Plass, Peggy S. 1994. "Risk of Violent Victimization and Injury for Adolescent Females: Where, When, and by Whom?" Paper presented at the meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Miami, FL, November 1994.

Plass, Peggy S. and Dianne Cyr Carmody. 1994. "Characteristics of Female Perpetrated Family Abductions: An Examination of Data from National Incidence Studies and Media Accounts." Paper presented at the meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Miami, FL, November 1994.

Plass, Peggy S. 1993. "African American Family Homicide: Patterns of Partner, Parent, and Child Victimization, 1985-1987." *Journal of Black Studies*, 23 (4), 515-538.

Plass, Peggy S., David Finkelhor, and Gerald T. Hotaling. 1993. "Police Involvement in Family Abductions". Paper presented at the Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Phoenix, AZ.

Plass, Peggy S. and Gerald T. Hotaling. 1992. "The Inter-generational Transmission of Running Away." Paper presented at the Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

Plass, Peggy S. 1991. "Social and Legislative Predictors of Child Homicide: A State Level Analysis." Paper presented at the National Conference of Family Researchers, Denver, Colorado.

Bachman-Prehn, Ronet, and Peggy S. Plass. 1990. "Homicide Victimization Among the Elderly." Presented at the Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Baltimore, Maryland.

Williams, Kirk and Peggy S. Plass. 1988 "The Structural and Cultural Sources of Family Homicide." Presented at the Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, Illinois.

Plass, Peggy S. and Murray A. Straus. 1987. "Intra-Family Homicide in the United States: Incidence, Trends, and Differences by Region, Race and Gender." Paper presented at the Third Nation Family Violence Research Conference, University of New Hampshire, Durham NH.

Plass, Peggy S. and Stella A. Warren. 1985 "Effects of Foreign Aid and Multi-National Corporation Penetration on Coups d'etat." Presented at the meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Washington, D.C.

Plass, Margaret and John Gessner. 1983. "Violence in Courtship Relations: A Southern Sample." *Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology*, 11: 198-202.

Plass, Margaret and John Gessner. 1982. "Violence in Courtship Relationships." Paper presented at the Meetings of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Jackson, MS.

Research Grants and Consulting

2000-2004 Evaluation of offender rehabilitation pilot project at Gemeinschaft Home (Harrisonburg, VA). Contract will be with Department of Corrections through Gemeinschaft Home. Co-PI with Timothy Carter.

- 1993-1994 Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services "Barriers to the Receipt of Community Based Services by At-Risk Youth in the State of Virginia". Co-PI, working in tandem with the Virginia Delinquency Prevention and Youth Development Association.
- 1992-1993 Research Scientist. Additional Analysis of Data from the National Incidence Study of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrownaway Children (AAD-NISMART) project. Gerald T. Hotaling, Principle Investigator. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant Contract # 92-MC-CX-0017.
- 1990-1991 Research Scientist, working as a data analyst on a project dealing with the NISMART project. Gerald T. Hotaling and David Finkelhor, Principle Investigators.

Teaching

Courses Taught

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| Criminology | Social Problems |
| Juvenile Delinquency | Advanced Criminology Seminar |
| Research Methods | Corrections |
| Seminar in Family Violence | Intro to Sociology |
| Social Statistics | Women, Crime, and Criminal Justice |
| Criminal Victimization of Children | Victimology |
| Senior Seminar in Justice Studies | Organized Crime |
| Introduction to Crime and Criminal Justice | |

Special Teaching Experiences

Nelson Institute Seminar—This upper level course in the Justice Studies major is available only to advanced students. It involves partnering with local agencies to assist them in a research project which would be of use to the agency. Students work with the agency staff to identify appropriate (and useful) questions and to carry out the research.

Study Abroad Programs/Courses

2010, Spring semester

FMIR in the Florence Program at JMU

2013 Summer session

Organized Crime and the Anti-Mafia Movements in Southern Italy (short term study abroad course)

2014 Summer Session

Organized Crime and the Anti-Mafia Movements in Southern Italy (short term study abroad course)

2017 Summer session

Criminals and Saints (cross-disciplinary short term study abroad course, offered with Laurie Kutchins from the English Department. Southern Italy)

2018 Summer Session

Criminals and Saints (cross-disciplinary short term study abroad course, offered with Laurie Kutchins from the English Department. Southern Italy).

Teaching Positions

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| Fall 2008 to present | Professor, Department of Justice Studies, James Madison University. |
| 2000-2008 | Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Department of Justice Studies, James Madison University |
| 1995-2000 | Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, James Madison University. |
| Fall 1991 to Summer 1995 | Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. |
| Spring 1991 | Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME. |
| Fall 1989- Spring 1990 | Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH. |
| 1985-1986 | Instructor, Department of Sociology, Memphis State University, Memphis, TN. |

Administrative Work

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| 2021-present | Academic Unit Head, Justice Studies Department |
| 2001-2021 | Coordinated Criminal Justice minor at James Madison University |
| 2005-2021 | Served on College C&I Committee at James Madison University |

Community Service

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| 2017-Present | Member of the Board of Directors for Strength in Peers, Harrisonburg, VA |
| 2016-Present | Member of the Board of Directors for Headwaters Chapter, Virginia Master Naturalists |
| 2006-2007 | Member of the Board of Directors for Gemeinschaft Home, Harrisonburg, VA |
| 1988-1991 | Member of the Board of Directors of A Safe Place, shelter for battered women (member of New Hampshire Task Force Against Domestic Violence) Portsmouth, NH |

References

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