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EDUCATION

University of Western Ontario:

Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology (ABD)	Exp: 2024
<i>Dissertation:</i> Police Search and Rescue Response to Lost and Missing Persons in Canada	
<i>Area Examinations:</i> Qualitative Methods (with Distinction); Work, Occupations, and Professions	
Master of Arts, Sociology	2019
Bachelor of Arts (Honours Specialization), Criminology	2017

AREAS OF INTEREST

policing; missing persons; police search and rescue; sociology of work, occupations, and professions; criminology; evidence-based policy and practice; policy studies; program evaluation; qualitative methods; quantitative methods; mixed methods

SCHOLARSHIP

Books:

Ricciardelli, R., Dermid, J., & Ferguson, L. (Ed.). (2024). *Occupational Stress Injuries: Operational and Organizational Stressors Among Public Safety Personnel*. In preparation for Routledge.

Ferguson, L., & Huey, L. (2023). *Police Search and Rescue Response to Lost and Missing Persons in Canada*. Under contract at Springer Nature.

Huey, L., Ferguson, L., & Schulenberg, J. (2022). *The Wicked Problems of Police Reform in Canada*. New York, NY: Routledge. <https://www.routledge.com/The-Wicked-Problems-of-Police-Reform-in-Canada/Huey-Ferguson-Schulenberg/p/book/9781032281858#>.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

Ferguson, L., & Eliasson, M. In Press. "We Support Harm Reduction": Frame Analysis of Canadian News Media Coverage of the Opioid Crisis. *Canadian Journal of Media Studies*.

Ferguson, L., Elliott, M., & Kim, S. (2022). Examining the Connection Between Victimization and Missing Persons: An Application of Lifestyle Exposure Theory. *Crime and Delinquency*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287221109768>.

Open-access postprint: <https://doi.org/10.21428/cb6ab371.93b743b0>.

Bennett, K., & Ferguson, L*. (2022). Police Responses to Cold and Long-Term Missing Person Cases: A Comparative Study. *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/01924036.2022.2094433>.

*Shared first authorship.

Open-access postprint: <https://www.crimrxiv.com/pub/m8f36r2c>.

Ferguson, L. (2022). Risk Factors and Missing Persons: Advancing an Understanding of 'Risk.' *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, 9(1), 101. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41599-022-01113-8>.

Koziarski, J., Ferguson, L., & Huey, L. (2022). Shedding Light on the Dark Figure of Mental Health Calls for Police Service. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/police/paac006>.

Open-access postprint: <https://doi.org/10.21428/cb6ab371.cb8507ac>.

Huey, L., & Ferguson, L. (2022). 'Going Missing' as a Maladaptive Coping Behavior for Adults Experiencing Strain. *Deviant Behavior*, 43(1), 17-29. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2020.1773175>.

Ferguson, L., & Koziarski, J. (2022). How Far Do They Go?: A Spatial Examination of Missing Persons from Hospitals. *Policing: An International Journal*, 45(2), 235-251. <https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-08-2021-0121>.

Open-access postprint: <https://doi.org/10.21428/cb6ab371.b010d2c5>.

Ferguson, L., & Gaub, J. E. (2021). Training Police Search and Rescue Teams: Implications for Police Missing Persons Work. *Criminology & Criminal Justice*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/17488958211057380>.

Open-access postprint: <https://www.crimrxiv.com/pub/o08kw981>.

Huey, L., Ferguson, L., & Koziarski, J. (2021). The Irrationalities of Rationality in Police Data Processes. *Policing and Society*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/10439463.2021.2007245>.

Open-access postprint: <https://www.crimrxiv.com/pub/8nvomqju>.

Ferguson, L., & Picknell, W. (2021). Repeat or Chronic?: Examining Police Data Accuracy Across the 'History' Classifications of Missing Persons Cases. *Policing and Society*, 32(5), 680-694. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10439463.2021.1981899>.

Ferguson, L. (2021). Profiling Persons Reported Missing from Hospitals versus Mental Health Facilities. *International Journal of Police Science and Management*, 23(4), 372-384. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/14613557211021868>.

Open-access postprint: <https://www.crimrxiv.com/pub/hve2zti8>.

Ferguson, L., Gaub, J., & Huey, L. (2021). Exploring the Roles and Function of Police Search and Rescue (SAR) Teams in Canadian Agencies. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, 15(3), 1701-1713. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/police/paab030>.

Open-access postprint: <https://doi.org/10.21428/cb6ab371.33399969>.

Huey, L., Ferguson, L., & Vaughn, A. (2021). The Limits of Our Knowledge: Tracking the Size and Scope of Police Involvement with Persons with Mental Illness. *FACETS*, 6(1), 424-448. <https://doi.org/10.1139/facets-2021-0005>.

Ferguson, L., & Soave, V. (2021). #Missing to #Found: Exploring Police Twitter Use for Missing Persons Investigations. *Police Practice and Research: An International Journal*, 22(1), 869-885. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15614263.2020.1753516>.

Huey, L., & Ferguson, L. (2020). “Did Not Return in Time for Curfew”: A Descriptive Analysis of Homeless Missing Persons Cases. *International Criminal Justice Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1057567720918640>.

Open-access postprint: <https://www.crimrxiv.com/pub/4inevsna>.

Ferguson, L., & Huey, L. (2020). Who Goes Missing from Canadian Hospitals and Mental Health Units? *Policing: An International Journal*, 43(3), 525-540. <https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-12-2019-0191>.

Huey, L., Ferguson, L., & Kowalski, L. (2020). The ‘Power Few’ of Missing Persons Cases. *Policing: An International Journal*, 43(2), 360-374. <https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-06-2019-0095>.

Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Articles:

Ferguson, L., & Sidebottom, A. In Press. Policing and Missing Persons. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*.

https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.ORE_CRI-00725.

Huey, L., & Ferguson, L. In Press. Offloading, Upstreaming, Defunding & Costing: Re-thinking Calls to Police for Absconding Social Work and Mental Health Clients. In T. Murray & E. Kirley (Ed.), *Big Policing and Big Crime: Is It All About the Money?* Toronto, ON: University of Toronto Press.

Huey, L., & Ferguson, L. (2021). Building Empowerment: The Canadian Approach to Evidence-Based Policing. In E. Piza & B. Welsh (Ed.), *The Globalization of Evidence-Based Policing: Innovations in Bridging the Research-Practice Divide*. New York, NY: Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003027508>.

Invited Publications, Policy Papers, and Op-Eds:

Huey, L., & Ferguson, L. (2022). Another Digital Divide: Cybersecurity in Indigenous Communities. *Sociology Publications*. Available at <https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/sociologypub/55/> and <https://doi.org/10.21428/cb6ab371.bbf05cbc>.

Huey, L., & Ferguson, L. (2022). Cyberpolicing in Canada: A Scoping Review. *Sociology Publications*. Available at <https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/sociologypub/54/> and <https://doi.org/10.21428/cb6ab371.566eed0a>.

Huey, L., & Ferguson, L. (2021). What Do We Know About Senior Citizens as Cybervictims? A Rapid Evidence Synthesis. *Sociology Publications*. Available at <https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/sociologypub/53> and <https://doi.org/10.21428/cb6ab371.e6b80803>.

Huey, L., Ferguson, L., & Vaughan, A.D. (2021). The Limits of Our Knowledge: Tracking the Size and Scope of Police Involvement with Persons with Mental Illness, An RSC [Royal Society of Canada] Policy Briefing. Available at <https://rsc-src.ca/en/covid-19-recent/limits-our-knowledge-tracking-size-and-scope-police-involvement-with-persons-with>.

Thompson, S.K., Ismail, F., with Murray, M., & Ferguson, L. (2021). An Examination of Competencies for and the Evaluation of CVE in Policing. Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security, and Society (TSAS). Available at <https://www.tsas.ca/publications/an-examination-of-competencies-for-and-the-evaluation-of-cve-in-policing/>.

Ferguson, L., & Huey, L. (2020). What defunding the police could mean for missing persons. *The Conversation*. Available at <https://theconversation.com/what-defunding-the-police-could-mean-for-missing-persons-144412>.

Wayland, S., & Ferguson, L. (2020). ‘No one is truly there to help’: Why so little is known about the reasons people go missing. *The Conversation*. Available at <https://theconversation.com/no-one-is-truly-there-to-help-why-so-little-is-known-about-the-reasons-people-go-missing-143615v>.

Works in Revision/Review:

Ferguson, L. R&R. “Giving the Highest Chance of a Good Outcome”: Exploring the *Missing Persons Act* in British Columbia and Ontario from the Policing Perspective. *Canadian Journal of Crime and Criminal Justice*.

Huey, L., Ferguson, L., Ricciardelli, R., & Spencer, D. R&R. “We’re Not in Mayberry Anymore”: Sexual Victimization of Minors in Rural and Remote Communities. *Victims & Offenders*.

Huey, L., Ricciardelli, R., & Ferguson, L. Under Review. “You Don’t Need 55 Forms That Say the Same Thing”: The Burden on Police to Produce Extra-Institutional Knowledge. *Crime and Delinquency*.

Huey, L., Ferguson, L., & Ricciardelli, R. Under Review. “It’s All About Covering Your...”: The Unintended Consequences of Police Accountability Measures. *Criminology & Criminal Justice*.

Thomas, SDM., & Ferguson, L. Under Review. The power few missing persons: A ten-year follow-up study of over 2000 youth missing persons. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*.

Ricciardelli, R., Ferguson, L., & Huey, L. Under Review. “It’s Frustrating ... I Didn’t Join to Sit Behind a Desk”: Police Paperwork as a Source of Occupational Stress. *International Journal of Police Science and Management*.

Selected Works in Progress:

Ferguson, L., & Huey, L. Assessing the Accuracy and Validity of Missing Persons Police Data: A Mixed-Methods Analysis. In D Buil-Gil & L. Huey (Ed.), *The Crime Data Handbook*. Bristol, UK: Policy Press.

Ferguson, L. Gender, Age, and Victimization Risk Among Missing Persons. For *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.

Ferguson, L. Occupational Stress in Police Administrative and Operational Support Staff for Missing Person Reports. In R. Ricciardelli & L. Huey (Ed.), *Operational and Organizational Stressors Among Public Safety Personnel*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Ferguson, L., Valcour, L., & Newbold, G. Digital Mapping in Police Search and Rescue: A Case Study of QuoVadis 7. For *Technology in Society: An International Journal*.

AWARDS

Awarded:	Total Awarded: \$207,582.00
Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship (VCGS) Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council 2021–24	\$150,000.00
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) Department of Sociology University of Western Ontario 2021–22	\$15,000.00 <i>Declined</i>
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) Department of Sociology University of Western Ontario 2021–22	\$15,000.00
Western Graduate Research Scholarship (WGRS) Department of Sociology University of Western Ontario 2020–21	\$8,016.00

Western Graduate Research Scholarship (WGRS) \$12,684.00
 Department of Sociology
 University of Western Ontario
 2019–20

Society of Graduate Students Travel Award \$500.00
 University of Western Ontario
 2019

Western Graduate Research Scholarship (WGRS) \$6,382.00
 Department of Sociology
 University of Western Ontario
 2018–19

Nominated:

SSHRC Doctoral Research Award \$60,000.00
 \$20,000/year, up to 3 years
 2021

The Remarkable Students Competition \$10,000.00
 Student Life Network and CIBC
<https://remarkablestudents.ca/>
 2021

Outstanding Student Paper Award
 Division of Policing, American Society of Criminology
 Paper: “Repeat or Chronic?: Examining Police Data Accuracy Across the ‘History’
 Classifications of Missing Persons Cases”
 2022

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant 2022–
 PI(s): Dr. Laura Huey and Dr. Rosemary (Rose) Ricciardelli
 Project: #OccupyOttawa: An Oral History of the Policing of a Major Protest
 Funding: Agnes Cole Dark Research Grant

Graduate Fellowship 2021–
 Department of Sociology
 University of Western Ontario, ON, Canada

Research Consultant 2021–
 Toronto Police Service, ON, Canada

Founder Missing Persons Research Hub, Canada	2020–
Independent Research Consultant Canada	2020–
Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology University of Western Ontario, ON, Canada	2017–
Course Instructor, Department of Sociology University of Western Ontario, ON, Canada	2022
Research Assistant PI(s): Dr. Dale Spencer and Dr. Rosemary (Rose) Ricciardelli Project: Probing the Registry: Police management and monitoring of the National Sex Offender Registry Funding: SSHRC Insight Development Grant	2021–22
Research Assistant Department of Sociology Memorial University of Newfoundland, NL, Canada	2021–22
Research Assistant PI(s): Dr. Judith Andersen, Dr. Greg Anderson, Dr. Carolyn McGregor, and Dr. Rosemary (Rose) Ricciardelli Project: Autonomic Modulation Training: A Biological Approach to Building Resilience and Wellness Capacity Among Police Exposed to Post-Traumatic Stress Injuries Funding: Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Team Grant: Mental Wellness in Public Safety Team Grants	2021–22
Research Consultant Department of Physiology and Pharmacology University of Western Ontario, ON, Canada PI(s): Dr. Nicole Campbell Project: Uncovering the hidden curriculum: Creating a suite of skills-based resources to support learners and promote equitable education Funding: eCampus Ontario Virtual Learning Strategy Project	2022
Research Assistant Centre international de criminologie comparée (CICC) Université de Montréal, QC, Canada PI(s): Dr. Benoit Dupont et al. under Dr. Laura Huey Project: The Human-Centric Cybersecurity Partnership	2021
Book Review Editor	2021

Police Practice and Research: An International Journal

Independent Contractor Pearson Canada	2021
COVID-19 Task Force Member Royal Society of Canada	2021
Research Associate Canadian Society of Evidence-Based Policing	2017–21
Graduate Fellowship PI(s): Dr. Laura Huey Project: A Multi-Framework Approach to Generating Critical Knowledge on Missing Persons in Canada Funding: Samuel Clark Research Fund	2020
Western Summer Student Internship Faculty of Social Science University of Western Ontario	2020
Director of Operations Canadian Society of Evidence-Based Policing	2019–20
Research Assistant PI(s): Dr. Benoit Dupont, Dr. Karim Benyehklef, Dr. Martin Bouchard, Dr. Sonia Chiasson, Dr. Ron Deibert, Dr. Khalil El-Khatib, et al. Project: SERENE-RISC (Government of Canada's Networks of Centres of Excellence Knowledge Mobilization) Funding: SSHRC Partnership Development Grant	2018–19
Member Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP)	2019
Graduate Student Assistant Department of Sociology University of Western Ontario	2018, 19
Research Assistant PI(s): Dr. Laura Huey, Dr. Craig Bennell, and Dr. Mary Ann Campbell Project: LEADS Agencies Canada Funding: SSHRC Partnership Development Grant	2017–18
Research Assistant Saskatoon Police Service, SK, Canada	2017–18

PI(s): Dr. Jennifer Schulenberg
 Project: Operation Runaway with Saskatoon Police Service (SPS)
 Funding: SSHRC Partnership Development Grant

Research Assistant 2017–18
 PI(s): Dr. Martin Innes, Dr. Kate Daunt, and Dr. Helen Innes
 Project: Influencing road safety behaviour among the Indigenous Squamish Nation of British Columbia, Canada using Behavioural Crime Prevention Communications
 Funding: ESRC Impact Acceleration Account

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations:

Elliott, M., Ferguson, L., Kim, S., & Murray, A. “Developing an Evidence-Informed Police Response Tool for Missing Person Reports Linked to Human Trafficking.” International Human Trafficking & Social Justice Conference. Virtual, September 21-23, 2022.

Huey, L., & Ferguson, L. “What Do We Know About Senior Citizens as Cybervictims? A Rapid Evidence Synthesis.” European Society of Criminology Conference, Malaga, Spain, September 19-23, 2022.

Kim, S., & Ferguson, L. “Constructing a Systems Model of Police Response to Missing Persons.” The Sixth Annual Conference of The American Society of Evidence-Based Policing. School of Public Affairs at American University, Washington, D.C., May 23-24, 2022.

Bennett, K., & Ferguson, L. “Police Responses to Cold and Long-term Missing Person Cases: A Comparative Study.” 2nd Annual Canadian Forensic Psychology Virtual Conference. Saint Mary’s University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, February 4, 2022.

Ferguson, L. “Training Police Search and Rescue Teams: Implications for Missing Persons Work.” Annual Meetings of the Criminology Consortium (CrimCon). Virtual, October 18-22, 2021.

Ferguson, L., & Ng, J. “Barriers to Crime Analysis in Missing Persons Work.” The Fifth Annual American Society of Evidence-Based Policing Conference. The University of South Carolina. South Carolina, United States, August 28-29, 2021.

Ferguson, L. “Examining the Connection Between Missing Persons and Victimization: An Application of Lifestyle Exposure Theory.” 5th International Conference of Missing Children and Adults: ‘A Call for Action.’ The University of Portsmouth. Portsmouth, United Kingdom, July 5-7, 2021.

Ferguson, L. ““Giving the Highest Chance of a Good Outcome”: Examining the Impact of the *Missing Persons Act* in British Columbia and Ontario on Police Missing Persons Work.”

The Sociology Graduate Student Conference. Western University, March 12, 2021.

Kim, S., & Ferguson, L. “Typologies of Missing Persons: Developing a Situational Typology Based on Risk.” Annual Meetings of the Criminology Consortium (CrimCon). Virtual, November 18-20, 2020. Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9207abYdRYw>.

Ferguson, L., & Picknell, W. “Repeat or Chronic? Examining the Accuracy of the Classification Types of Missing Person Cases.” Annual Meetings of the Criminology Consortium (CrimCon). Virtual, November 18-20, 2020. Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9207abYdRYw>.

Ferguson, L. “The ‘Power Few’ of Missing Persons Cases.” Policing and Society Conference. University of Akureyri, Akureyri, Iceland, February 20, 2020.

Ferguson, L., Koziarski, J., & Huey, L. “Policing the Risk Society: The Neglected Knowledge Worker.” The American Society of Criminology Conference. San Francisco, California, United States, November 13-16, 2019.

Hummel, J., Ferguson, L., & Koziarski, J. “What Do We Know About Firearms in Canada? A Scoping Review of the Literature.” The American Society of Criminology Conference. San Francisco, California, United States, November 13-16, 2019.

Soave, V., & Ferguson, L. “A Lifeline When Someone Disappears: Police Social Media Use for Missing Persons Investigations.” The American Society of Criminology Conference. San Francisco, California, United States, November 13-16, 2019.

Ferguson, L., Wojciechowski, C., & Kalyal, H. “A systematic literature review on police officer misuse of force: Outlining current empirical evidence and future research directions.” 3rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Evidence-Based Policing Conference. Cincinnati, Ohio, United States, May 20-21, 2019.

Ferguson, L. “Framing the Opioid Crisis: A content analysis of online Canadian news articles.” The Sociology Graduate Annual Conference. Western University, London, Ontario, Canada, March 1, 2019.

Invited Presentations:

Kim, S., Dunkley, J., MacLennan, A., Konopka, M., Hewko, T., Ethier, I., Ferguson, L., Sitt, N., & Ryan, D.P. “Missing and Missed - The Report of the Independent Civilian Review into Missing Person Investigations: Implementation Update.” Invited Talk, Toronto Police Services Board, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, May 2, 2022. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCVKZAthY3s>.

Ferguson, L. “Missing Persons, MMIWG, and Missing White Woman Syndrome.” Guest Lecturer, SOC 4458: Media and Gender, Western University, March 9, 2022.

Ferguson, L. “Let’s Talk About Missing Persons in Canada.” Guest Lecturer, SOC 2259: Sociology of Deviance, Western University, London, Ontario, February 17, 2022.

Ferguson, L. “Missing Persons Research and Policing.” Invited Talk, Edmonton Police Service, Alberta, Canada, February 7, 2022.

Ferguson, L. “Response Assessment for Missing Persons.” Invited Talk, Missing and Missed Implementation Team (MMIT), Toronto Police Service, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, January 13, 2022.

Ferguson, L., & Elliott, M. “Risk Assessment for Missing Persons.” Invited Talk, Missing and Missed Implementation Team (MMIT), Toronto Police Service, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 10, 2021.

Ferguson, L., & Elliott, M. “Missing Persons Police Investigations in Canada.” Invited Talk, Missing and Missed Implementation Team (MMIT), Toronto Police Service, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 3, 2021.

Ferguson, L. “Missing Persons in Canada and Evidence-Based Policing.” Invited Talk, Missing and Missed Implementation Team (MMIT), Toronto Police Service, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, August 19, 2021.

Ferguson, L. “Missing Persons Research in Canada.” Invited Talk, Public Order Unit (POU) Search and Rescue (SAR) Training London Police Service, Fanshawe Conservation Area, London, Ontario, Canada, October 19-22, 2020.

Barr, L., Ferguson, L., & Hendsbee, L. “Using Active Learning Exercises to Create Engaged, Critical Communities of Learning.” Guest Lecturer, Spring Perspectives on Teaching: Active Learning Conference. Western University, London, Ontario, Canada, May 15, 2019.

Ferguson, L., & Koziarski. “CAN-SEBP Evidence-Based Policing Community Engagement.” Invited Talk, London Police Service, London, Ontario, Canada, August 20, 2019.

OTHER RESEARCH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Industry Articles, Creative Works, and Other Research-Related Activities:

Ferguson, L. (2020). Creating a Usable National Database on Missing Persons. Report prepared for Deputy Chief Stuart Betts, Police Information and Statistics Committee (POLIS) of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP), and the Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Justice Ministers Committee, Canada.

Ferguson, L., & Huey, L. (2020). Defunding the police could leave missing persons missing. *Winnipeg Free Press*. Available at <https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/opinion/analysis/defunding-police-could-leave-missing-persons-missing-572281222.html>.

Ferguson, L. (2020). Square 1: Project Lifesaver. *Canadian Society of Evidence-Based Policing* Program Assessment. Available at <https://www.can-sebp.net/project-lifesaver>.

Ferguson, L. (2019). Square 1: Gun Buyback Programs. *Canadian Society of Evidence-Based Policing* Program Assessment. Available at <https://www.can-sebp.net/gun-buyback-programs>.

Ferguson, L., & Koziarski, J. (2019). What Do We Know About Firearms in Canada? A Systematic Scoping Review of the Literature. *Sociology Publications*. Available at <https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1053&context=sociologypub>.

Ferguson, L. (2019). "A Deadly Game of Russian Roulette": Exploring the Framing of The Opioid Crisis in Canadian News Media. Available at <https://ir.lib.uwo.ca/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=8680&context=etd>.

Ferguson, L., & Koziarski, K. (2018). What Do We Know About Firearms in Canada? A Scoping Review of the Literature. Report prepared for Don Bell, Chief Executive Officer of the Firearms Safety Education Service of Ontario (FSESO), Orillia, Ontario, Canada.

Ferguson, L. (2018). Phase One Situational Assessment: Influencing Road Safety Behaviour Among the Indigenous Squamish Nation of British Columbia, Canada. Report prepared for the Crime and Security Research Institute, Cardiff Business School, Cardiff University, United Kingdom.

Research Blogs:

Ferguson, L. (2022). Quashing Some Myths About Missing Persons. *Missing Persons Research Hub*. Available at <https://www.missingpersonsresearchhub.com/post/quashing-some-myths-about-missing-persons>.

Ferguson, L. (2021). Current State of the Literature on Risk Factors for ‘Going Missing.’ *Missing Persons Research Hub*. Available at <https://www.missingpersonsresearchhub.com/post/current-state-of-the-literature-on-risk-factors-for-going-missing>.

Ferguson, L. (2021). Untapped Potential: Can TikTok be Used For Locating Missing Persons? *Missing Persons Research Hub* Available at <https://www.missingpersonsresearchhub.com/post/untapped-potential-can-tiktok-be-used-for-locating-missing-people>.

Ferguson, L. (2020). Why every academic should write for The Conversation. #CrimComm. Available at <https://www.crimcomm.net/post/why-every-academic-should-write-for-the-conversation>.

Ferguson, L. (2020). We Need Usable National Data on Missing Persons, Now. *Missing*

Persons Research Hub. Available at <https://www.missingpersonsresearchhub.com/post/we-need-usable-national-data-on-missing-persons-now>.

Podcasts:

Ferguson, L. Host. Missing Persons Research Hub Podcast. Available at <https://anchor.fm/mprhcanada>. Episodes:

1. with Corporal Jennifer Sparkes: [*Filling the Gaps: A Regional Model for Police Missing Person Oversight*](#).
2. with Dr. Laura Huey: [*Reflections on The Independent Civilian Review into Missing Person Investigations*](#).
3. with Tyler Hooper: [*Missing Persons and True Crime Podcasts: Harmful or Helpful?*](#)
4. with Justine Collin-Santerre: [*Spaciality, Solvability, and Criminality Factors in Missing Persons Cases*](#).
5. with Larissa Kowalski: [*Establishing a Basis of Understanding of Elderly Missing Persons*](#).
6. with Detective Sergeant Sin Kim: [*Typologies of Missing Persons*](#).

Ferguson, L. (2021). An Interview with Lorna Ferguson. *The Missing and Unexplained Podcast*. Available at https://missingunexplainedpod.buzzsprout.com/1437091/8337265-interlude-an-interview-with-lorna-ferguson?fbclid=IwAR3QIffIUgshT2G9uVOKZpK02122nzPORtBD5BO11s_dftu9OaWz5KeA5yo.

Ferguson, L., & Ng, J. (2021). The Role and Use of Analysts in Police Missing Persons Work. *NIRO Knowledge: The NIRO Crime Analysis*. Available at <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1224434/7283113>.

Ferguson, L. (2020). The “Power Few” of Missing Persons’ Cases. *NIRO Knowledge: The NIRO Crime Analysis*. Available at <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1224434/4608734-episode-8-lorna-ferguson>.

Ferguson, L. (2020). Missing Persons. *Untenured Tracks*. Available at <https://untenuredtracks.podbean.com/e/e25-missing-persons-w-lorna-ferguson/>.

Course Materials Developed (Online Open-Access):

Ferguson, L. (2019). Methods Series Videos: Randomized Control Trials. Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOFGwIHuLhs&feature=youtu.be>.

Ferguson, L. (2019). Methods Series Videos: Scoping Review. Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HzlHJwezBkQ&feature=youtu.be>.

Ferguson, L. (2019). ‘Hands-on, How-to’ Research Tutorials: Zotero. Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPG171FQdSc&feature=youtu.be>.

SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

Professional Service:

Manuscript Reviewer (Ad-Hoc):

Crime Science

Criminology & Criminal Justice

International Criminology

International Journal of Missing Persons

International Journal of Police Science and Management

Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling

Police Practice and Research: An International Journal

Police Quarterly

Policing & Society

Policing: An International Journal

Commentaries Editor

2021–22

Police Practice and Research: An International Journal

Book Review Editor

2020

Police Practice and Research: An International Journal

Other Professional Service:

Canadian Missing Persons Research Database

2021–

Missing Persons Research Hub

Available at <https://www.missingpersonsresearchhub.com/research-database>

Chair and Session Organizer (with Justine Collin-Santerre)

2021

“Missing Persons: Patterns, Predictions, and Preventions”

The American Society of Criminology Conference

Chicago, IL, November 17-20, 2021

*Withdrawn due to COVID-19

Session Organizer (with Justine Collin-Santerre)

2021

“Policing and Missing Persons,” sponsored by the Division of Policing

The American Society of Criminology Conference

Chicago, IL, November 17-20, 2021

*Withdrawn due to COVID-19

Student Mentor

2020

Virtual Scholars in Residence Program

Canadian Society of Evidence-Based Policing

Available at <https://www.can-sebp.net/copy-of-virtual-scholars>

Session Organizer (with Jacek Koziarski)

2020

“Canadian Evidence-Based Policing Practitioners”

Annual Meetings of the Criminology Consortium (CrimCon)

November 18-20, 2020

Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6KYxzaTlm4&feature=youtu.be>

Session Organizer (with Nadine Deslauriers-Varin & Laura Huey)

2020

“Global Developments in Missing Persons Research”

The American Society of Criminology Conference

Washington, D.C., November 18-21, 2020

*Cancelled due to COVID-19

Community Service:

Member

2022–

Missing and Missed Implementation Working Group

Toronto Police Service (TPS), Ontario

Founder

2021–

Missing Persons Research Hub

Chair

2018–19

Community Engagement Team

Canadian Society of Evidence-Based Policing (Can-SEBP)

Communications and Outreach

2019

Sociology Graduate Mental Health Committee (SGMHC)

Department of Sociology, University of Western Ontario

SELECTED MEDIA AND OTHER PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS OF WORK

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Feature of Let's Talk, London with Jess Brady. (2021). Western PhD student aims to make missing persons research more accessible by launching national research hub. *AM 980*. Available at <https://omny.fm/shows/let-s-talk-london/western-phd-student-aims-to-make-missing-persons-r>.

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Western News. Available at <https://news.westernu.ca/2021/03/student-launches-missing-persons-hub/>.

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TEACHING AND COURSES

Teaching Experience:

Course Instructor

Crime and Society (SOC 2266) Summer Term, Undergraduate [Online] University of Western Ontario	2022
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Teaching Assistant

Sociology of Deviance (SOC 2259) [Blended]	2022
Sociology of Deviance (SOC 2259) [Online]	2021
Sociology of Deviance (SOC 2259) [Online]	2020
Sociology of Deviance (SOC 2259) [Blended]	2019
Sociology of Deviance (SOC 2259) [Blended]	2018
Introduction to Sociology (SOC 1020) [In-Person]	2018
Introduction to Sociology of Law (SOC 3260) [In-Person]	2017

Graduate-Level Courses Completed:

Professions and Their Work (SOC 9154)	2021
Classical Social Theory (SOC 9002)	2020
Missing Persons in Canada (Directed Reading Course)	2020
Sociology of the Life Course (SOC 9258)	2020
Advanced Multivariate Statistical Analysis (SOC 9007)	2019

Social Context of Racial Inequality (SOC 9177)	2019
Introduction to Multivariate Statistics (SOC 9001)	2019
Evidence-Based Policy Making (SOC 9009)	2018
Qualitative Research Methods (SOC 9021)	2018
Selected Topics in Health (SOC 9263)	2018
Nudge Theory and Anti-Drug Messaging (Directed Reading Course)	2018
Quantitative Research Methodology (SOC 9003)	2017
Contemporary Social Theory (SOC 9005)	2017

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Development, Training, and Workshops:

- “Multi-Agency Interoperability and Mass Casualty Events” Webinar by Blue Magazine and Axon Canada, September 22, 2022.
- “Common challenges in Thematic Analysis and how to avoid them” by Dr. Virginia Braun and Dr. Victoria Clarke, Sage Publishing Webinar, August 11, 2022.
- “Bodies in Water” Evidence & Investigation Network Online Seminar by The Scottish Institute for Policing Research (SIPR), June 29, 2022.
- “Geospatial Analysis: An Introduction for Business Analytics in R” by Matt Dancho, Learning Labs by Business Science, June 22, 2022.
- “How to Use Multiple Actuarial Instruments in Risk Assessment” by Dr. Maaïke Helmus and Dr. David Thornton, The Society for the Advancement of Actuarial Risk/Need Assessment (SAARNA), June 14, 2022.
- “Decolonising Criminology: Why is it important to understand about coloniality?” by Dr. Eleni Dimou, Cambridge Decolonising Criminology Network, University of Cambridge Institute of Criminology, May 27, 2022.
- “Decolonizing Criminology Courses: Reflections on Student & Instructor Learning in Decision-Making in Criminal Justice” by Dr. Danielle Murdoch and Michaela McGuire, Simon Fraser University Faculty Seminar Series, May 25, 2022.
- Congress 2022 of the Humanities and Social Sciences Conference, The Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, May 12-20, 2022.
- “Race, Gender, and Studying the Police” by the Division of Policing, American Society of Criminology, Virtual Research Panel, April 8, 2022.
- “Police and Policing,” The University of Alberta Centre for Criminological Research, Second Annual Conference in Canadian Criminology, Ontario, March 31 to April 1, 2022.
- “Toward More Productive Policy-Oriented Research” by Dr. Daniel Hiebert, NEST Centre for Research on Social Inequality Seminar Series, January 21, 2022.
- “Innovations in Criminal Justice and Criminology: Moving Forward from a Pandemic,” Criminology Consortium Conference, October 18-22, 2021.
- “Publishing 101” Online Webinar by *Police Practice and Research*, October 1, 2021.
- Search and Rescue Volunteer Association of Canada, SARscene 2021 Conference, September 25 to October 3, 2021.
- “Missing and Disappeared Persons: Why Has This Serious Human Rights Issue Been

Sidelined?”, The International Commission on Missing Persons and Harriman Institute Webinar, March 24, 2021.

- Response to At-Risk Missing and High-Risk Endangered Missing Children, National Criminal Justice Training Center at Fox Valley Technical College, February 21, 2021.
- “Engaging Policy Makers in Your Research” by the Western Research Knowledge Exchange School, November 30, 2020.
- “Social Network Analysis “SNA” for Complete Beginners,” International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA) 2020 Conference, October 1, 2020.
- “Status of Women Canada: Introduction to Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+)” Course by the Government of Canada, September 3, 2020.
- “How to Create Basic Stata Estimation Commands” Webinar by Stata, August 11, 2020.
- “How to Create Basic Stata Commands” Webinar by Stata, August 4, 2020.
- “Stata Tips and Tricks” Webinar by Stata, July 22, 2020.
- Western Research Virtual Conference: Land Acknowledgement Workshop by the University of Western Ontario, August 16-20, 2020.
- 4th Annual American Society of Evidence-Based Policing Conference, June 1-2, 2020.
- Spring Perspectives in Teaching: Active Learning Conference by the University of Western Ontario, May 15, 2019.
- A Brief Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment Workshop, Western University Webinar, April 19, 2019.
- How To (Partially) Automate Literature Reviews for Knowledge Discovery and Synthesis (Training Course on Anaconda Distribution Python/R Package), University of Waterloo, Ontario, April 8, 2019.
- Evidence-Based Policing Master Class, London Police Service, Ontario, March 12, 2019.
- “Using NVivo as a Research Tool Virtual” Workshop by NVivo, February 20, 2019.
- Serving with Pride Conference, Toronto, Ontario, October 13, 2018.
- Ontario Chiefs of Police Crime Prevention and Committee Conference, Orillia, Ontario, September 11, 2018.
- Evidence-Based Policing Master Class, London Police Service, Ontario, September 3, 2018.
- Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans Course on Research Ethics (TCPS 2: CORE), June 24, 2018.
- Evidence-Based Policing Workshop, Windsor Police Service, Ontario, February 12, 2017.

Professional Affiliations/Associations:

Member, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences	2022–
Member, Canadian Public Policy	2021–
Member, Western Society of Criminology	2020–
Member, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences	2020–
Member, Canadian Sociological Association (CSA-SCS)	2019–
Member, American Society of Criminology	2018–
→ <i>Divisions: Women and Crime (2021), Policing (Present)</i>	
Member, Canadian Society of Evidence-Based Policing	2017–

Member, American Society of Evidence-Based Policing

2019–20