

# LORNA FERGUSON

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Founder, Missing Persons Research Hub  
Ph.D. Candidate and Instructor, University of Western Ontario

## EDUCATION

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### University of Western Ontario:

Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology (ABD)	Exp: 2024
<i>Dissertation:</i> Exploring Police Responses to 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

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Policing, missing persons, police search and rescue, evidence-based policy and practice, policy studies, criminology, sociology, qualitative methods, quantitative methods, mixed methods

## SCHOLARSHIP

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### Books:

Ferguson, L., & Huey, L. Forthcoming, 2023. *Police Search and Rescue Response to Lost and Missing Persons*. 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. (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 (SAR) 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*, <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 Entries:

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

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>.

### Works in Under Revision/Review:

Bennett, K., & Ferguson, L\*. R&R. [REDACTED]. *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*.

\*Shared first authorship.

Ferguson, L., Elliot, M., & Kim, S. R&R. [REDACTED]. For a special issue at *Crime and Delinquency*.

Ferguson, L. R&R. "[REDACTED]". *Canadian Journal of Crime and Criminal Justice*.

Huey, L., Ferguson, L., Ricciardelli, R., & Spencer, D. R&R. [REDACTED]. *Victims & Offenders*.

Ferguson, L. Under Review. [REDACTED]. In R. Ricciardelli & L. Huey (Ed.), *Operational and Organizational Stressors Among Public Safety Personnel*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Ferguson, L., & Huey, L. Under Review. [REDACTED]. In D Buil-Gil & L. Huey (Ed.), *The Crime Data Handbook*. Bristol, UK: Policy Press.

Ricciardelli, R., Ferguson, L., & Huey, L. Under Review. “[REDACTED]”. *Policing and Society*.

Huey, L., Ricciardelli, R., & Ferguson, L. Under Review. “[REDACTED]”. *Crime and Delinquency*.

Huey, L., Ferguson, L., & Ricciardelli, R. Under Review. “[REDACTED]”. *Journal of Criminal Justice*.

### Works in Progress:

Ferguson, L., & Bennett, K. [REDACTED]. For *International Criminology*.

Thomas, SDM., & Ferguson, L. [REDACTED]. For *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*.

Ricciardelli, R., Ferguson, L., & Myers, K. [REDACTED]. For a special issue at *Criminology and Public Policy*.

Ferguson, L., & Elliot, M. [REDACTED]. For *Victims & Offenders*.

Ferguson, L. “It’s Just So Case-by-Case”: The Police Investigation Process for Missing Persons Across Canada.

\*Dissertation chapter

Ferguson, L. Police Professional Skills and Competencies for Missing Persons Work.

\*Dissertation chapter

Ferguson, L., Valcour, L., & Newbold, G. [REDACTED]. For *Technology in Society: An International Journal*.

Ferguson, L. [REDACTED]

Ferguson, L. The Professional Socialization of Police for Missing Persons Work. For *Research in Organizational Behaviour*.

\*Dissertation chapter

Ferguson, L., & Kim, S. [REDACTED].

Ferguson, L. [REDACTED].

Ferguson, L. [REDACTED].

## **AWARDS**

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<b>Awarded:</b>	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) Department of Sociology University of Western Ontario 2019–20	\$12,684.00
Society of Graduate Students Travel Award University of Western Ontario 2019	\$500.00
Western Graduate Research Scholarship (WGRS) Department of Sociology University of Western Ontario 2018–19	\$6,382.00

### **Nominated:**

SSHRC Doctoral Research Award \$20,000/year, up to 3 years 2021	\$60,000.00
The Remarkable Students Competition Student Life Network and CIBC <a href="https://remarkablestudents.ca/">https://remarkablestudents.ca/</a> 2021	\$10,000.00

## **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE**

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Course Instructor, Department of Sociology University of Western Ontario, ON, Canada	2022–
Research Assistant PI(s): Dr. Laura Huey and Dr. Rosemary (Rose) Ricciardelli Project: #OccupyOttawa: An Oral History of the Policing of a Major Protest (Dr. Huey Awarded Agnes Cole Dark Research Grant)	2022–
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 (Dr. Andersen Awarded SSHRC)	2021–
Research Consultant Toronto Police Service, ON, Canada	2021–
Research Assistant Department of Sociology Memorial University of Newfoundland, NL, Canada	2021–
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 (Dr. Spencer Awarded SSHRC)	2021–
Graduate Fellowship Department of Sociology University of Western Ontario, ON, Canada	2021–
Founder Missing Persons Research Hub, Canada	2020–

Independent Research Consultant Canada	2020–
Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology University of Western Ontario, ON, Canada	2017–
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 (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. Project: The Human-Centric Cybersecurity Partnership (Dr. Dupont Awarded SSHRC Partnership Development)	2021
Book Review Editor Police Practice and Research: An International Journal	2021
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 (Dr. Huey Awarded Samuel Clark Fund)	2020
Western Summer Student Internship Faculty of Social Science University of Western Ontario	2020
Director of Operations	2019–20

## Canadian Society of Evidence-Based Policing

Research Assistant 2018–19  
 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)

Member 2019  
 Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee  
 Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP)

Graduate Student Assistant 2018, 19  
 Department of Sociology  
 University of Western Ontario

Research Assistant 2017–18  
 PI(s): Dr. Laura Huey, Dr. Craig Bennell, and Dr. Mary Ann Campbell  
 Project: LEADS Agencies Canada  
 (Dr. Huey Awarded SSHRC Partnership Development)

Research Assistant 2017–18  
 Saskatoon Police Service, SK, Canada  
 PI(s): Dr. Jennifer Schulenberg  
 Project: Operation Runaway with Saskatoon Police Service (SPS)

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  
 (Dr. Innes Awarded ESRC Impact Acceleration)

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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### **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.

Ferguson, L., & Huey, L. “What Do We Know About Senior Citizens as Cybervictims? A Rapid Evidence Synthesis.” The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Canadian Sociological Association: Igniting Change Through Sociology. Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences Congress. Virtual, May 16-20, 2022.

Ferguson, L., & Huey, L. “Another Digital Divide: Cybersecurity in Indigenous Communities.” The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Canadian Sociological Association: Igniting Change Through Sociology. Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences Congress. Virtual, May 16-20, 2022.

Bennett, K., & Ferguson, L. “Police Responses to Cold and Long-term Missing Person Cases: A Comparative Study.” 2<sup>nd</sup> 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’. 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." 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. "Lets 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**

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### **Policy Papers, Industry Articles, Creative Works, Op-Eds, and Other Reports:**

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. (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 (CACP), and the Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Justice Ministers Committee, Canada.

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>.

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>.

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>.

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 (FSES), 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=IwAR3QIffIUgshT2G9uVOKZpK02122nzPORtBD5BO1s\\_dftu9OaWz5KeA5yo](https://missingunexplainedpod.buzzsprout.com/1437091/8337265-interlude-an-interview-with-lorna-ferguson?fbclid=IwAR3QIffIUgshT2G9uVOKZpK02122nzPORtBD5BO1s_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=SPG17lFQdSc&feature=youtu.be>.

## SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

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### Professional Service:

Commentaries Editor 2021–  
*Police Practice and Research: An International Journal*

Manuscript Reviewer (Ad-Hoc): 2020–  
*Crime Science*  
*Criminology & Criminal Justice*  
*International Criminology*  
*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*

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

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## TEACHING AND COURSES

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### Course Taught:

#### *Undergraduate*

2022	Crime and Society (SOC 2266) Summer 2022, Online University of Western Ontario
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**Courses Assisted:**

2022	Sociology of Deviance (SOC 2259)
2021	Sociology of Deviance (SOC 2259)
2020	Sociology of Deviance (SOC 2259)
2019	Sociology of Deviance (SOC 2259)
2018	Sociology of Deviance (SOC 2259)
2018	Introduction to Sociology (SOC 1020)
2017	Introduction to Sociology of Law (SOC 3260)

**Graduate-Level Courses Completed:**

2021	Professions and Their Work (SOC 9154)
2020	Classical Social Theory (SOC 9002)
2020	Missing Persons in Canada (Directed Reading Course)
2020	Sociology of the Life Course (SOC 9258)
2019	Advanced Multivariate Statistical Analysis (SOC 9007)
2019	Social Context of Racial Inequality (SOC 9177)
2019	Introduction to Multivariate Statistics (SOC 9001)
2018	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)
2017	Quantitative Research Methodology (SOC 9003)
2017	Contemporary Social Theory (SOC 9005)

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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**Professional Development, Training, and Workshops:**

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,” Division of Policing, American Society of Criminology, Virtual Research Panel, April 8, 2022.

The University of Alberta Centre for Criminological Research, Second Annual Conference in Canadian Criminology, “Police and Policing,” Ontario, March 31-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.

Criminology Consortium Conference, “Innovations in Criminal Justice and Criminology: Moving Forward from a Pandemic”, October 18-22, 2021.

*Police Practice and Research*, “Publishing 101,” Webinar, October 1, 2021.

Search and Rescue Volunteer Association of Canada, SARscene 2021 Conference, September 25 to October 3, 2021.

The International Commission on Missing Persons and Harriman Institute Webinar on “Missing and Disappeared Persons: Why Has This Serious Human Rights Issue Been Sidelined?”, 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,” Western Research Knowledge Exchange School 2020, November 30, 2020.

International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA) 2020 Conference: Social Network Analysis “SNA” for Complete Beginners, October 1, 2020.

Status of Women Canada: Introduction to Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) Course, September 3, 2020.

Stata: How to Create Basic Stata Estimation Commands Webinar, August 11, 2020.

Stata: How to Create Basic Stata Commands Webinar, August 4, 2020.

Stata: Tips and Tricks Webinar, July 22, 2020.

Western Research Virtual Conference: Land Acknowledgement Workshop, August 16-20, 2020.

4th Annual American Society of Evidence-Based Policing Conference, June 1-2, 2020.

Spring Perspectives in Teaching: Active Learning Conference, May 15, 2019.

A Brief Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment Workshop, 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, 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