

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

- Ph.D. May 2012, The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas,
Criminology
Dissertation Title: "The Impact of Neighborhood-level Collective Efficacy
on Household Violent Crime Victimization: Evidence From Two Southern
Cities"
Committee: Tomislav Kovandzic (Chair), Denise Paquette Boots, Timothy
Bray, Robert Morris, John Worrall
- M.P.A. December 2005, The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas,
Public Affairs
- B.S. May 1987, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana, Criminology
(Magna Cum Laude)

Experience

- 2013-Present Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas
- 1987-2013 Richardson Police Department, Richardson, Texas

Positions Held During Tenure at the Richardson Police Department

- 2009-2013 Police Captain. Oversaw and Commanded the Communications,
Investigative Operations, Patrol Operations and the Special Operations
Divisions. The Special Operations Division encompasses responsibilities
for community outreach programs, jail operations, records management,
school resource program, and special event coordinator.
- 2003-2008 Police Lieutenant. Served in the capacity of a Commander on a patrol
shift, investigative section, and the services section.
- 1995-2003 Police Sergeant. Served as a first line supervisor in the following
assignments: patrol, youth crimes section, and drugs and narcotics unit.
Also, assigned as the Team Leader for the Crisis Negotiations Team.

1987-1995 Police Officer. Served as a patrol officer and a detective in the burglary and crimes against persons units.

Specialized Assignments:

Certified Police Instructor, Field Training Program Coordinator, Special Accident Investigator, and Team Leader for the Crisis Negotiations Team

Executive Committee Member and User Group Member during the implementation of the Dallas County, Texas Juvenile Information System

Specialized Training:

- 2010 Federal Emergency Management Agency, Incident Command Training, Richardson, Texas
- 2009 Senior Management Institute for Police Number 43, Police Executive Research Forum, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2006 Law Enforcement Institute of Texas Number 53, Leadership Command College, Huntsville, Texas
- 2005 United States Drug Enforcement Drug Commander Academy Number 52, Quantico, Virginia
- 2001 Juvenile Procedures and Law, Institute for Criminal Justice Studies, San Marcos, Texas
- 1998 Texas Peace Officer Instructor Certification, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education, McKinney, Texas
- 1997 School of Police Supervision Number 64, Southwest Law Enforcement Institute, Richardson, Texas
- 1997 Ethics in Law Enforcement, Southwest Law Enforcement Institute, Richardson, Texas
- 1997 Texas Breath Alcohol Testing Program, Intoxilyzer Operator Certification, Texas Department of Public Safety, Fort Worth, Texas
- 1994 Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogating, Basic and Advanced Courses, Houston, Texas
- 1994 National Death Investigation Conference, Dallas, Texas
- 1990 Advanced Accident Investigation and Collision Reconstruction, Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas

Teaching Experience

- 2010-2013 Adjunct Instructor, School of Learning Enrichment and Academic Development, Government Department, Dallas County Community College District, Richland College, Dallas, Texas
- 2013-Present Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice Program
The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas

Awards

- 2016 The University of Texas at Tyler, Robert R. Muntz Library Certificate of Achievement for "Faculty and Staff Publications and Presentations Reception"
- 2016 Center for Teaching Excellence and Innovation, Level I Certificate
- 2015 The University of Texas at Tyler, Robert R. Muntz Library Certificate of Achievement for "Faculty and Staff Publications and Presentations Reception"
- 2014 ACJS SAGE Junior Faculty Professional Development Award

Courses Instructed

- Administration of Criminal Justice Agencies CRIJ 3311
Community Policing CRIJ 4333
Criminal Investigation CRIJ 4332
Criminal Justice Internship CRIJ 4370
Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice CRIJ 3310
Juvenile Justice System CRIJ 4307
Senior Seminar CRIJ 4355
Writing Improvement Strategies for Criminal Justice Students CRIJ 4360
Administrative Ethics CRIJ 5336
Law Enforcement: Environment and Practice CRIJ 5332
Seminar in Criminal Justice Administration CRIJ 5309

Professional Memberships

- 2014-Present Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice
2013-Present Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
2009-Present American Society of Criminology
2009-2013 Police Executive Research Forum
2006-2013 The International Association of Chiefs of Police

Research Interests

- Criminal Justice Education
Organizational justice
Police decision making

Conference Presentations

- 2016 **Helfers, R. C.**, & Reynolds, P. D. “Exploring the reasons police officers issue traffic citations: A focal concerns approach.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.
- 2016 Reynolds, P. D., & **Helfers, R. C.** “The impact of tenure, rank, and duty assignment on perceptions of overall organizational fairness among police officers.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.
- 2015 Helfers, R.C. “A strategy for improving the writing competency among criminal justice students.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice. South Padre Island, TX
- 2015 Chair for the Panel “Criminal Justice Education” at the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, South Padre Island, TX.
- 2015 Helfers, R.C. “Multiple traffic citations: Examining the race/ethnicity relationship between officer and motorist.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.
- 2014 Helfers, R.C. “Testing Black’s theory of law on the issuance of speeding citations compared to other moving violations in a southern suburban community in the United States.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, South Padre Island, TX.
- 2014 Chair for the Panel “Policing: Officer’s Perceptions” at the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, South Padre Island, TX.
- 2014 Helfers, R.C. “An examination of collective efficacy on household violent crime victimization.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2014 Chair for the Panel “Communities and Violent Crime” at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2010 Helfers, R.C. “Improving procedures to minimize false identification with six-person police photographic line-Ups.” Presented at the Texas District and County Attorney’s Association Conference, Odessa, TX.

Conference Roundtable

- 2015 Participant in the Roundtable discussion titled: “How membership in the new ACJS section on teaching, learning, and scholarship (TLS) can advance my academic career. Annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Helfers, R. C. (2016). Testing Black's theory of law on speeding violation citations in a southern suburban community. *The Criminal Law Bulletin*, 52(1), 3-24.

Odom, S., & **Helfers, R. C.** (2016). Improving student writing outcomes through systematic writing instruction. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*. doi: 10.1080/101511253.2016.1148749

Helfers, R. C. (2016). Ethnic disparities in the issuance of multiple traffic citations to motorists in a southern suburban police agency. *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*, 14(3), 213-229. doi: 10.1080/15377938.2016.1187235

Helfers, R. C., & Clark, J. W. III. (in press). Collective efficacy and household violent crime victimization. *Contemporary Law & Justice Journal*.

Rogers, R., Henry, S. A., **Helfers, R. C.**, Williams, M. M., Drogin, E. Y., & Clark, J. W., III. (2016). Law enforcement and the rights of the accused: Are the police getting a bad rap? *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*. doi: 10.1007/s11896-015-9183-4

Reynolds, P. D., & **Helfers, R. C.** (revise & resubmit). The impact of tenure, rank, and duty assignment on perceptions of overall organizational fairness among police officers. Submitted to *Police Practice and Research: An International Journal*.

Helfers, R. C., & Reynolds, P. D. (submitted). Examining the reasons police officers issue traffic citations: A focal concern theory perspective. Submitted to *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society*.

Reynolds, P.D., & **Helfers, R. C.** (submitted). Exploring police retaliatory work behaviors. Submitted to *Crime Justice Policy Review*.

Book Chapters

Helfers, R. C. (in press). The police and the law. In K.N. Bowen & J. Spraitz (Eds.), *Contemporary criminal justice: An examination of the system, its challenges, and its future*. San Diego, CA: Cognella.

Helfers, R. C. (in press). *Contemporary issues in policing*. In K.N. Bowen & J. Spraitz (Eds.), *Contemporary criminal justice: An examination of the system, its challenges, and its future*. San Diego, CA: Cognella.

Book Review

Helfers, R. C. (2015). Police leaders in the new community problem-solving era [Review of the book *Police leaders in the new community problem-solving era*] by M.J. Jenkins & J. DeCarlo. *Criminal Justice Review*, 40(4), 524-525. doi: 10.1177/0734016815581879

Manuscripts in Progress

“An analysis of a juvenile first offender program” To be submitted to *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice: An Interdisciplinary Journal*.

“Hybrid vs. traditional lecture format instruction: Evaluating criminal justice student outcomes” To be submitted to the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*. This is a collaborative project with **Helfers, R. C.** & Hart, B. A.

“Managerial factors that impact officer decisions to issue traffic citations” To be submitted to *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. This is a collaborative project with **Helfers, R. C.** & Reynolds, P. D.

“The relationship between academic performance in a rural police academy and police employment sustainability among rural police agencies” To be submitted to *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society*. This is a collaborative project with **Helfers, R. C.** & Scott, D.

Thesis Committees

2016 Dehart, A. “Chicago homicides completed with a firearm from 1971 to 1993: A lens of social disorganization theory and firearm legislation.” The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas. (Committee member)

2015 Lewis, D. L. Jr. “The new Jim Crow laws: War on drugs in Oklahoma.” Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. (Committee member)

Service to the Discipline

2015-Present Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (Secretary)

2015-Present Undergraduate and Graduate paper competition evaluator at the annual conference for the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

Service to the University

2015-Present Institution Review Board (member)

2015-Present Intercollegiate Athletic Committee (member)

Service to the Department

2015-Present Criminal Justice undergraduate program coordinator

2015-Present Center for Social Science Research (member)

2013-Present Faculty advisor for the Criminal Justice Student Association

Community Citizenship

2011-2014 City of Rowlett Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Member, Rowlett, Texas

- 2010-2013 Richardson East Rotary Club, Richardson, Texas. Secretary (2012-2013), Fundraising Chair (2010-2011)
- 2010-2013 Dallas County Community College District, Richland College Digital Forensic Advisory Committee Member, Dallas, Texas
- 2008-2013 Neighborhood Youth and Family Counseling of Richardson/The Counseling Place. President (2011), Vice President (2010), Golf Committee Fundraising Chair (2010)
- 2008-2011 Richardson Chamber of Commerce/Leadership Richardson Curriculum Advisory Board Member, Richardson, Texas