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EDUCATION

August, 2014 **Ph.D.**, Criminology and Criminal Justice,
School of Criminal Justice, **University at Albany SUNY**

May, 2010 **M.A.**, Criminology and Criminal Justice
School of Criminal Justice, **University at Albany SUNY**

June, 2008 **B.S.**, Psychology, Department of Psychology, **Peking University**, Beijing, China
B.A., Biomedical English, Department of Applied English, **Peking University Health
Science Center**, Beijing, China

EMPLOYMENT

07/2023-present Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, School of Public Affairs, Penn State Harrisburg

07/2016- 06/2023 Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, School of Public Affairs, Penn State Harrisburg

09/2014~06/2016 Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Department of Criminal Justice, College of
Professional Studies, New Jersey City University

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Nir, E., & **Liu, S.** (2023). The influence of prior legal background on judicial sentencing considerations. *International Journal on Responsibility*, 6(1), 42-68.

Xiong, M., **Liu, S.**, Liang, B. (2022). Death sentence review by the Supreme People's Court in China: Decision patterns and variations. *The China Review*, 22(3), 137-166.

Nir, E., & **Liu, S.** (2022). Operating outside the spirit of the law: How police employ “legal” standards to justify questionable searches and seizures. *International Journal of Police Science and Management*, 24(3), 298-312.

Liu, S. & Nir, E. (2021). Mission impossible? Challenging police credibility in suppression motions. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 33(6), 584-607.

Nir, E., & **Liu, S.** (2021). The challenge of imposing just sentences under mandatory minimum statutes: A qualitative study of judicial perceptions. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 33(2), 177-205.

- Li, F., Sun, I., Wu, Y., & **Liu, S.** (2021). The mediating roles of law legitimacy and police legitimacy in predicting cooperation with police in authoritarian China. *Journal of Criminology* (formerly as *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology*), 54(2), 201-219.
- Nir, E., & **Liu, S.** (2021). Defending the Fourth Amendment rights in an imbalanced courtroom. *The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, 111(2), 501-529.
- Nir, E., & **Liu, S.** (2021). What do the gatekeepers see? Perceptions and evaluations of scientific evidence among state court judges. *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law and Society*, 22(1), 20-35.
- Liu, S.**, & Nir, E. (2021). Do the means matter: Defense attorneys' perceptions of procedural transgressions by police and their implication on police legitimacy. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 32(3), 245-267.
- Li, F., Sun, I., Wu, Y., & **Liu, S.** (2021). The mediating roles of law legitimacy and police legitimacy in predicting cooperation with police in authoritarian China. *The Journal of Criminology* (formerly *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology*), 54(2), 201-219.
- Liu, S.**, Wu, Y., Sun, I., & Li, F. (2020). Neighborhood context, police legitimacy, and willingness to help the police in urban China. *Policing: An International Journal*, 43(6), 947-962.
- Wu, Y., Sun, I., Li, F., & **Liu, S.** (2019). Group position, consciousness, and perception of police fairness among urban residents in China. *Policing: An International Journal*, 42(4), 640-653.
- Liu, S.**, Xiong, M., & Liang, B. (2019). The death penalty for foreign drug offenders in China: Legal protection and equal treatment. *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research*, 25, 427-448.
- Xiong, M., **Liu, S.**, & Liang, B. (2018). Criminal defense and judicial sentencing in China's death penalty cases. *Psychology, Crime & Law*, 24(4), 414-432.
- Liu, S.** & Liu, J. (2018). Police legitimacy and compliance with the law among Chinese youth. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 62(11), 3536-3561.
- Liu, J., & **Liu, S.** (2016). Are children of rural migrants more delinquent than their peers? A comparative analysis of delinquent behaviors in the City of Guangzhou, China. *Crime, Law and Social Change*. 66(5), 465-489.
- Liu, S.**, Pickett, J., & Baker, T. (2016). Inside the black box: Prison visitation, the costs of offending, and inmate social capital, social ties and prisoner reentry. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 27(8), 766-790.
- Liu, S.** (2015). Is the shape of the age-crime curve invariant by sex? Evidence from a national sample with flexible non-parametric modeling. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 31(1), 93-123.
- Liu, S.** (2013). Capital punishment with a two-year suspension: China's gateway to fewer executions. *Crime and Criminal Justice International*, 30(1), 1-38.
- Lu, H., Liang, B., & **Liu, S.** (2013). Serious violent offenses and sentencing decisions in China—Are there any gender disparities? *Asian Journal of Criminology*, 8(3), 159-177.

Redlich, A., **Liu, S.**, Steadman, H., Callahan, L., & Robbins, P. C. (2012). Is diversion swift? Comparing mental health court and traditional criminal justice processing. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 39(4), 420-433.

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Liu, S.** (2023). [Book Review for *Chinese Netizens' Opinions on Death Sentences: An Empirical examination*, by Liang, B. & Liu, J.]. *Asian Journal of Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11417-023-09398-7>
- Liu, S.** (2019). Female desistance from offending. In Bernat, F. & Frailing, K. (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- Liu, S.** (2019). Female offenders on death row. In Bernat, F. & Frailing, K. (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- Liu, S.** & Bushway, B. (2018). Persistence and Desistance. In Piquero, A., Kazemian, L., & Farrington, D. (Eds.). *The Oxford Handbook on Developmental and Life-Course Criminology (Chapter 6)*. Oxford University Press.
- Liu, S.** (2016). [Book Review for *You're Dead —So What? Media, Police, and the Invisibility of Black Women as Victims of Homicide*, by Neely, C.]. *Contemporary Sociology*, 45(6).
- Liu, S.** (2016). The blessing of secrecy: Current quandaries of lethal injection in the United States (保密之福: 当前美国注射死刑的困惑). *Guang Hua Law Review (《光华法学》)*, 10, 42-54.
- Liu, S.** (2015). [Book Review for *The Politics of Law and Stability in China*, by Trevaskes, S., Nesossi, E., Sapio, F., & Biddulph, S.]. *Criminal Justice Bulletin*, 51(2), 483-486.
- Liu, S.**, & Redlich, A. (2015). Chapter 5 Jails and Courts: Intercept 3. In Griffin, P., Heilbrun, K., Mulvey, E., DeMatteo, D., & Schubert, C. (Eds). *Criminal Justice and Mental Illness: Promoting Community Alternatives Using the Sequential Intercept Model*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780199826759.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Research and Evaluation on Desistance from Crime Grant 2022 (\$136,636) – *no award this year*

- Project: The Impact of Drug Treatment in Prison on Desistance in PA, RAND Corporation

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant 2019-2021 (\$346,749) – *funded*

- Project: RiseUptown: A School/Community Inclusive Approach, **Co-investigator**

Penn State Harrisburg Research Council Grants 2017-2018 (\$7,500) – *not funded*

- Project: Perceptions of Police Legitimacy Among Defense Attorneys, **Principal investigator**

National Institute of Justice Graduate Research Fellowship 2013 (\$32,000) – *not funded*

- Project: Sex Difference of Crime in the Life Course and the Role of Childbirth in Desistance Process, **Principal investigator** (Faculty supervisor: Dr. Shawn Bushway)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS

Nir, E., & **Liu, S.** (2023). Operating outside the spirit of the law: How police employ “legal” standards to justify questionable searches and seizures. Annual Conference, American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Liu, S., Nir, E. (2022). Mission impossible: Challenging police credibility in suppression motions. Annual Conference, American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Liu, S., Nir, E. (2022). The challenge of imposing just sentences under mandatory minimum statutes: A qualitative study of judicial perceptions. Annual Conference, American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Chien, C., Ang, I., **Liu, S.** (2021). Asian Americans in the Criminal Justice System. Inaugural Workshop for Asian American Women in the Legal Academies, Penn State Law and Western New England University School of Law, Zoom.

Liu, S. & Nir, E. (2020). Defense Attorneys’ Perceptions of Procedural Transgressions by Police and their Implication on Police Legitimacy. Annual conference, American Society of Criminology, cancelled due to COVID-19.

Lee, J. & **Liu, S.** (2020). Data-driven Approach in Pre-trial Risk Assessment. Annual conference, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, cancelled due to COVID-19.

Nir, E. & **Liu, S.** (2019). Protecting Fourth Amendment Rights in an Imbalanced Courtroom: Reflections from Defense Attorneys. Annual conference, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Liu, S., Wu, Y., Sun, I., & Li, F. (2019). Collective Efficacy and Willingness to Help the Police in Urban China: A Multilevel Study. Annual conference, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco. International.

Liu, S., Xiong, M., & Liang, B. (2019). Death Penalty Review in China. 2nd Annual Conference on the Chinese Death Penalty, Yunnan University.

Liu, S., & Lee, J. (2019). Weapon Carrying on School Grounds in the State of Pennsylvania. Outreach & Community Enhancement Fund (OCEF) Luncheon, Penn State Justice and Safety Institute, State College, PA.

Liu, S., & Lee, J. (2019). Weapon Carrying on School Grounds in the State of Pennsylvania. Annual Conference, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD.

Nir, E. & **Liu, S.** (2018). Perceptions of Police Conduct Regarding Constitutional Issues Amongst the Defense Bar. Annual Conference, American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Xiong, M., **Liu, S.**, & Liang, B. (2018). Death reviews by Supreme People's Court in China. Annual Conference, Asian Criminological Society, Penang, Malaysia.

- Liu, S.** & Lee, J. (2018). Interpersonal Safety Net? The Role of Youth's Interpersonal Relationships in School Violence. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2018 Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- Bin, L., **Liu, S.** & Xiong, M. (2017). *The Death Penalty for Alien Drug Offenders in China: Legal Protections and Equal Treatment*. Research Presentation. American Society of Criminology 2017 Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- Liu, S.** (2017). *Empirical Research on Capital Punishment in China: Challenges and Opportunities*. Roundtable Session. American Society of Criminology 2017 Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- Liu, S.** (2017). *Police Legitimacy and Compliance with the Law among Chinese Youth*. Research Presentation. American Society of Criminology 2017 Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. (Also presented with invitation at People's Public Security University of China [Beijing, China], Central China Normal University [Wuhan, China], Zhejiang Police College [Hangzhou, China], Huaqiao University [Quanzhou, China], Southwest University of Finance and Economic [Chengdu, China])
- Liu, S.,** & Liu, J. (2016). *Are Children of Rural Migrants More Delinquent than Their Peers? A Comparative Analysis of Delinquent Behaviors in the City of Guangzhou, China*. Research Presentation. American Society of Criminology 2016 Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- Liu, S.,** Xiong, M., & Liang, B. (2015). *Immediate Execution or Two-year Reprieve: The Sentencing Decisions among Capital Cases of Shanghai and Guangzhou from 2008 to 2011*. Research Presentation. American Society of Criminology 2015 Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- Liu, S.** (2015). *The Death Penalty in China: Policy, Practice, and Reform (by Hong Lu and Bin Liang)*. Author Meets Critics. American Society of Criminology 2015 Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- Liu, S.** (2015). *The Sex-Based Effect of Sexual Behavior and Childbirth – Lessons on Criminal Involvement in the Transition into Adulthood*. Criminology and its Internationalization in China Forum. Southwest University of Finance and Economic, Chengdu, China.
- Liu, S.,** & Kim, J. (2014). *An Individual-Level Study on the Role of Welfare Participation in the Relationship between Motherhood and Desistance*. American Society of Criminology 2014 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Liu, S.,** Pickett, J. & Baker, T. (2014). *Inside the Black Box: Prison Visitation, the Costs of Offending, and Inmate Social Capital*. American Society of Criminology 2014 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Liu, S.** (2013). *The Sex-Based Effect of Sexual Behavior and Childbirth – Lessons on Criminal Involvement in the Transition into Adulthood*. American Society of Criminology 2013 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Apel, R., Bushway, S., Hair, E., & **Liu, S.** (2013). *A Monthly Panel Analysis of the Impact of Employment on Arrest*. American Society of Criminology 2013 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Liu, S.** (2012). *Gender in Average Life-Course Process: Nonparametric Analysis with Splines of the Age-Crime Curve*. American Society of Criminology 2012 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Liu, S.** & Redlich, A. (2011). *Is Diversion Swift? Examining the Efficiency of Mental Health Court Process*. American Society of Criminology 2011 Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Liu, S. (2010). *Dropout-Delinquency Link Revisited*. American Society of Criminology 2010 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Liu, S. (2010). *Death Penalty with a Two-year Suspension: China's Gateway to Fewer Executions?* Urban China Research Conference (UCRC) 2010, Department of Sociology, University at Albany, Albany, NY.

Liu, S. (2009). *Suspended Death: The Sentencing of 117 Capital Cases in China*. American Society of Criminology 2009 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

PEER-REVIEWER EXPERIENCE

For Books (Chapters)

Liang, B., & Lu, H. (Eds.). (2016). *China's Death Penalty in Transition: Policy, Practice, Challenge, and Reform*. Columbia University Press. (Double-blind peer review for Chapter 8 *Death Penalty after the Restoration of Centralized Review: An Empirical Study on Capital Sentencing*)

Lu, H., & Liang, B. (Eds.). (2012). *Jurisprudence*. Book Series on Frontiers of Western Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Beijing: Renmin University Press.

For Journals

Albany Law Review

Asian Journal of Criminology

China Review

Crime, Law, and Social Change

Criminal Justice Policy Review

Criminal Justice Studies

European Journal of Criminology

International Criminal Justice Review

International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology

Journal of Crime and Justice

Journal of Criminal Justice Education

Journal of Developmental and Life-course Criminology

Journal of Quantitative Criminology

Sociology of Education

Victims & Offenders

Youth and Society

HONORS AND AWARDS

2021-2022 **Criminal Justice Administrative Records System Fellowship Award**

2018-2019 Academic Year **The Most Supportive Faculty/Staff Award**

Penn State Harrisburg

2013~2014 Academic Year **Graduate Student Organization Travel Award (Fall)**

University at Albany SUNY

2010~2011 Academic Year **Graduate Student Organization Travel Award (Fall)**

University at Albany SUNY

2009~2010 Academic Years **Graduate Student Teaching Assistantship**

University at Albany SUNY

2008~2009 Academic Year **Graduate Student Fellowship**

University at Albany SUNY
2006~2007 Academic Year **Excellent Student Scholarship**
Peking University Health Science Center
2004~2005 Academic Year **Excellent Academic Performance Award**
Peking University Health Science Center

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology (ASC)
Chinese American Professors and Professionals of Pennsylvania (CAP)
The Association of Chinese Criminology and Criminal Justice in the United States (ACCCJ)

QUANTITATIVE SKILLS

Fixed Effect and Random Effect Modeling
Group-based Trajectory Modeling
Nonparametric Spline Regression
Propensity Score Matching
Panel Modeling with Longitudinal Dataset
Structural Equation Modeling

COURSES TAUGHT

Penn State Harrisburg:

CRIMJ100 Introduction to Criminal Justice (residential)
CRIMJ210 Policing in America (online and residential)
CRIMJ408 Police Administration (online)
CRIMJ416 The Death Penalty (residential)
CRIMJ462 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (residential)
CRIMJ465 Ethics in Criminal Justice (online and residential)
CRIMJ497 Special Topics—Death Penalty (residential)
CRIMJ567 Juvenile Justice (graduate-level, residential)
CJPA820 Criminal Procedure (graduate-level, online)

New Jersey City University:

CJ115 Juvenile Justice
CJ205 Community Corrections
CJ308 Multicultural Law Enforcement
CJ310 Hate Crimes
CJ315 Seminar in Criminal Justice Problems
CJ602 Crime in the Global Context (graduate level)
CJ615 Theory and Practice in Police Administration (Graduate Level)