

**CURRICULUM VITAE - SEPTEMBER 2015**  
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**CURRENT POSITION**

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Washington, Tacoma, Fall 2012 - present

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Sociology, Northeastern University, 2012

- Dissertation: "Averting the Unlikely: Fearing, Assessing, and Preventing Threats of Rampage Violence in American Public Schools"

M.A. in Sociology, Northeastern University, 2007

B.A. Summa cum Laude in Sociology, Violence & Conflict Studies Minor, Northeastern University, 2004

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

**Madfis, Eric.** 2014. *The Risk of School Rampage: Assessing and Preventing Threats of School Violence*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

**Journal Articles**

**Madfis, Eric.** 2015 (in press). "'It's Better to Overreact': School Officials' Fear and Perceived Risk of Rampage Attacks and the Criminalization of American Public Schools." *Critical Criminology*.

Vysotsky, Stanislav, and **Eric Madfis.** 2015. "Anti-Immigration Organizing and the Legitimation of Extreme Racist Organizations." *Journal of Hate Studies* 12(1): 129-151.

**Madfis, Eric.** July 2014. "Averting School Rampage: Student Intervention amid a Persistent Code of Silence." *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 12(3): 229-249.

**Madfis, Eric.** April 2014. "Triple Entitlement and Homicidal Anger: An Exploration of the Intersectional Identities of American Mass Murderers." *Men and Masculinities* 17(1): 67-86.

Arluke, Arnold, and **Eric Madfis.** February 2014. "Animal Abuse as a Warning Sign of School Massacres: A Critique and Refinement." *Homicide Studies* 18(1): 7-22.

**Madfis, Eric,** and Tammi Arford. December 2013. "The Dilemmas of Embodied Symbolic Representation: Regret in Contemporary American Tattoo Narratives." *The Social Science Journal* 50(4): 547-556.

**Madfis, Eric.** November 2012. "Across Crimes, Criminals, and Contexts: Traps along the Troubled Path towards a General Theory of Crime." *Critical Criminology* 20(4): 429-445.

Levin, Jack and **Eric Madfis.** May 2009. "Mass Murder at School and Cumulative Strain: A Sequential Model." *American Behavioral Scientist* 52(9): 1227-1245.

Hartley, Jessica, **Eric Madfis**, Elizabeth Pell and Deborah Potter. August 2006. "States' Initiatives to Address the Needs of Persons Dually Diagnosed with Psychiatric and Developmental Disabilities." *Community Living Briefs* 4(2): 1-12.

### Book Chapters

Levin, Jack and **Eric Madfis**. 2015 (in press). "Rampage School Shootings." In *The Cambridge Handbook of Social Problems*, edited by A. Javier Treviño. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

Ackerman, Alissa, Rich Furman, Jeff Cohen, **Eric Madfis**, and Michelle Sanchez. 2015. "The Use of Masculinities in the Understanding and Treatment of Male Sexual Offenders." In *Sexual Crimes: Transnational Problems and Global Perspectives*, edited by Alissa Ackerman and Rich Furman. New York, NY: Columbia University Press.

Vysotsky, Stanislav and **Eric Madfis**. 2014. "White Supremacist Stigma Management and Legitimation via Anti-Immigration Activism: The Case of the Keystone State Skinheads." Pp. 129-146 in *The Criminalization of Immigration: Contexts and Consequences*, edited by Alissa Ackerman and Rich Furman. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.

Muschert, Glenn W. and **Eric Madfis**. 2013. "Fear of School Violence in the Post-Columbine Era." Pp. 13-34 in *Responding to School Violence: Confronting the Columbine Effect*, edited by Glenn W. Muschert, Stuart Henry, Nicole L. Bracy, and Anthony A. Peguero. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

**Madfis, Eric** and Jack Levin. 2013. "School Rampage in International Perspective: The Salience of Cumulative Strain Theory." Pp. 79-104 in *School Shootings: International Research, Case Studies, and Concepts for Prevention*, edited by Nils Böckler, Wilhelm Heitmeyer, Peter Sitzer, and Thorsten Seeger. New York, NY: Springer.

Levin, Jack and **Eric Madfis**. 2012. "Cultivating Bias in the Media: Problematic Presentations and Future Prospects." Pp. 239-247 in *The Harms of Crime Media: Essays on the Perpetuation of Racism, Sexism and Class Stereotypes*, edited by Denise L. Bissler and Joan L. Connors. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company Inc.

Levin, Jack and **Eric Madfis**. 2008. "The Changing Qualities of Violence in American Popular Culture." Pp. 181-91 in *Ruminations on Violence*, edited by Derek Pardue. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press.

### Encyclopedia Entries and Book Reviews

**Madfis, Eric**. 2014. "Postmodern Criminology." Entry in *The Encyclopedia of Theoretical Criminology*, edited by J. Mitchell Miller. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

**Madfis, Eric**. 2014. "Mass Murder." Entry in *The Encyclopedia of Criminology & Criminal Justice*, edited by Jay S. Albanese. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

**Madfis, Eric**. 2008. "Ritual Killing." Entry in *Forensic Science*, edited by Ayn Embar-Seddon and Allan D. Pass. Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, Inc.

**Madfis, Eric**. September/October 2006. Book Review of Federal Narcotic Laws and the War on Drugs: Money Down a Rat Hole by Thomas C. Rowe. *BiMonthly Review of Law Books* 17 (5): 15-16.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Criminal Justice, Social Work Program at the University of Washington, Tacoma, WA, 2012 - present

Courses Taught and/or Developed:

Criminal Homicide; Criminological Theory (online and in person); Diversity and Social Justice in Criminology (online); Media, Crime, and Justice; Sociology of Deviance and Social Control (online and in person); Youth and Juvenile Justice Systems

Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Northeastern University, Boston, MA, 2007 - 2011

Courses Taught:

Juvenile Delinquency; Introduction to Sociology; Social Problems; Sociology of Violence

Teaching Assistantships:

Class, Crime, & the Legal System; Introduction to Sociology; Research Methods in Sociology; Sociology of Violence and Hate

Framingham Public Schools, Stapleton School, Framingham, MA, 2004

Second Grade Special Education Teacher's Aide

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Research Associate, 2007 - 2009

The Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict at Northeastern University, Boston, MA

Research Assistant, 2006

Allyn & Bacon/Longman Publishers, Boston, MA

Research Assistant, 2005

Human Services Research Institute, Cambridge, MA

Survey Administrator/Data Processor, 2002

JSI Research & Training Inc., Boston, MA

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Talks**

"The Risk of School Rampage: Assessing and Preventing Threats of School Violence," Invited Talk at the Centre for Criminology, Sociology Department, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China, April 30, 2015

"Preventing School Violence: Evidence from Averted Rampage Attacks," Invited Speaker at the February 10, 2015 United States Congressional Briefing on School Safety and Violence Prevention, Cannon Caucus Room, Washington DC

"The Post Columbine Era: Risk Perception, Criminalization, and Securitization in American Public Schools," Invited Speaker at the March 2012 Youth Violence Symposium at Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia

"School Rampage in International Perspective: The Salience of Cumulative Strain Theory," Invited Talk at Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, March 23, 2012

### **Conference Presentations**

"Theorizing the Criminalization of Schools in the United States: From the Sociologies of Risk and Fear to Neoliberal Penalty" to be presented at the November 2015 American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference in Washington DC

"A Cultural Criminological Analysis of Public Art in Cuba and the U.S." at the November 2014 American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference in San Francisco, CA

“Assessing School Rampage Threats: Exploring Violence Risk Assessment by School and Police Officials” at the November 2014 American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference in San Francisco, CA

“The Dilemmas of Embodied Symbolic Representation: Regret in Contemporary American Tattoo Narratives” with Tammi Arford at the February 2014 Western Society of Criminology (WSC) Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii

“Hang Up Your Boots: Racist Skinhead Desistance and Subcultural Ambiguity” with Stanislav Vysotsky at the November 2013 American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference in Atlanta, GA

“Averting School Rampage: Student Intervention amid a Persistent Code of Silence” at the August 2013 Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Conference in New York, NY

“White Supremacist Stigma Management and Legitimation via Anti-Immigration Activism: The Case of the Keystone State Skinheads” with Stanislav Vysotsky at the April 2013 Pursuit of Justice: Understanding Hate, Confronting Intolerance, Eliminating Inequality Conference in Spokane, WA

“School Rampage Prevention: Evidence-Based Practices” at the March 2013 Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Conference in Boston, MA

“Fear of School Violence and the Dominance of Risk Control in the Post-Columbine Era” with Glenn W. Muschert at the November 2012 American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference in Chicago, IL

“Averting the Unlikely: Preventing Threats of Rampage Violence in American Public Schools” at the November 2011 American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference in Washington D.C.

“Role Conflict in the Enforcement and Prosecution of Anti-Cruelty Statutes” with Arnold Arluke at the August 2011 American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference in Las Vegas, NV

“Representation and Regret: American Tattoo Narratives after the ‘Renaissance’” with Tammi Arford at the August 2011 American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference in Las Vegas, NV

“The Columbine Effect: Risk Tolerance and Security in Schools” with Glenn W. Muschert at the August 2011 Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Conference in Las Vegas, NV

“Presenting School Rampage Violence: Portrayals of Extreme Delinquency in the Press” with Herberto Da Silva at the February 2011 Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Conference in Philadelphia, PA

“Bystander Violence on Campus: How Gender, Anonymity, and Social Norms affect Willingness to Intervene” with Sarah Cope and Jack Levin at the August 2010 American Sociological Association (ASA) Conference in Atlanta, GA

“General Theories of Crime: The Criminological Holy Grail or a Wicked Preoccupation?” at the March 2010 Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Conference in Boston, MA

“Triple Entitlement and Homicidal Anger: An Exploration of the Intersectional Identities of American Mass Murderers” at the March 2009 Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Conference in Baltimore, MD

“Mass Murder at School and Cumulative Strain: A Sequential Model” with Jack Levin at the March 2009 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Conference in Boston, MA

“Angry Heterosexual Middle Class White Men: An Exploration of the Intersectional Identities of American Mass Murderers” at the February 2009 Boston Area Sociology Graduate Student Conference held at Northeastern University in Boston, MA

“Teaching Sociology” session led at the February 2009 Boston Area Sociology Graduate Student Conference held at Northeastern University in Boston, MA

“Investigating Precipitating Factors in Mass Murder: Do ‘Last Straws’ Get to the Bottom of Rampage Killing or Merely Scratch the Surface?” with Tammi Arford at the February 2008 Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Conference in New York, NY

“The Prison and the Press: How the U.S. Mass Media Constructs Narratives of Prisons and Prisoners” with Tammi Arford at the February 2008 Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Conference in New York, NY

“Avenging Injuries of Class on Strangers: A Theoretical Look at Multiple Murderers” with Silvia Dominguez at the August 2006 Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Conference in Montreal, Quebec

“Rioting is a Riot: The Rise of Expressive Riots at the Turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” with Sarah Cope and Stanislav Vysotsky at the February 2006 Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Conference in Boston, MA

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Scholarship Development Funding, Visual Criminology in Cuba Project, UWT: 2013 (\$9100)

Dissertation Award, Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict, Northeastern University: 2011 (\$1750)

Research Grant, Northeastern University’s Department of Sociology & Anthropology: 2010 (\$2000)

Northeastern University Teaching Fellowship Award: 2009-2010

Research Assistantship at the Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict: 2007-2009

Northeastern University Stipended Graduate Assistantship (SGA) Award: 2005-2007

Northeastern University Sears B. Condit Award: 2004

National Society of Collegiate Scholars, NU Chapter: 2001-2004

Northeastern University College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s List: 2000-2004

Award from National Student Symposium Combating Prejudice and Hate: 2003

Town of Framingham Community Scholarship: 2000-2003

Second Degree Black Belt, Shaolin Kempo Karate: 1998

## **PROFESSIONAL, UNIVERSITY, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Reviewer for the National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Springer Press, *American Sociological Review*, *Criminology*, *Criminal Justice*, *Law & Society*, *Critical Criminology*, *Education Research International*, *Homicide Studies*, *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, *Journal of Men’s Studies*, *Radical Criminology*, *Violence and Victims*, and *Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice*

Faculty Council Member, Social Work Program, UWT: 2015-present

Subject Matter Expert Analyst, School Shootings Database, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington DC: 2015-present

Consultant, Dramatic Television Series about School Shooting Threats, Los Angeles, CA: 2015-present

Consultant, Documentary Film about School Shooting Threats, Snagfilms, Los Angeles, CA: 2014-present

Campus Technology Committee, UWT: 2014-present

Advisory Council Member, Koshka Foundation for Safe Schools, Seattle, WA: 2013-present

Criminal Justice Program Development, Social Work Program, UWT: 2012-present

Writing Advisory Committee, UWT: 2014-2015

Faculty Mentor for Part-Time Lecturer, Social Work Program, UWT: 2013-2014

Criminal Justice Faculty Search Committee, Social Work Program, UWT: 2013-2014

Social Work and Criminal Justice Curriculum Committee, Social Work Program, UWT: 2012-2014

Distinguished Research Award Committee, UWT: 2012-2014

Team to Develop and Implement Best Practices in Faculty Searches, UWT Representative, University of Washington: 2013

iTech Fellowship to Design Online Criminological Theory Course, UWT: Summer 2013

Session Organizer for the Society for the Study of Social Problems Crime & Juvenile Delinquency Division's Lifetime Achievement Award: 2013

Interdisciplinary Research Working Group on Homicide, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Northeastern University: 2011-2012

Conference Planning Committee Member, Boston Area Sociology Graduate Student Conference at Northeastern University: 2007-2009

Vice President and Speakers Chair, Graduate Sociological Society of Northeastern University: 2007-2008

Teaching Circle Fellow, Dean's Office, College of Arts and Sciences, Northeastern University: 2007

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

Interviewed by and/or research featured on MSNBC, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, *Los Angeles Times*, *TIME Magazine*, *The Huffington Post*, *The Ledger* (Tacoma), *Northeastern News*, *PsychCentral*, *Veja*, and The National Link Coalition's *LINK Letter* (of the National Resource Center on the Link between Animal Abuse and Human Violence)

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

School Violence, School Discipline and Security, Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice, Deviance and Social Control, Theoretical Criminology, Inequality and Social Justice, Critical Criminology, Homicide and Interpersonal Violence, Youth Subculture and Counterculture, Gender and Violence, Violence Risk Assessment, Hate Crime and Supremacist Groups, Crime and Popular Culture, Qualitative and Mixed Methods

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Society of Criminology, American Sociological Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Western Society of Criminology

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request