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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Washington Tacoma, Fall 2017 - Present
Chair of Criminal Justice Division, University of Washington Tacoma, Fall 2017 - Spring 2018
Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Washington Tacoma, Fall 2012 - Summer 2017

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 and Special Issues

Madfis, E. (2020, Under contract). *How to stop school rampage killing: Empirical lessons from averted mass shootings and bombings of American public schools (2nd edition)*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

Lankford, A., & **Madfis, E.** (Editors). (2018). Special issue on "Media coverage of mass killers." *American Behavioral Scientist*, 62(2), 151-279.

Madfis, E. (2014). *The risk of school rampage: Assessing and preventing threats of school violence*. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

Journal Articles

Madfis, E., & Vysotsky, S. (2020, In press). Exploring subcultural trajectories: Racist skinhead disengagement, desistance, and countercultural value persistence. *Sociological Focus*.

Lankford, A., Adkins, K.G., & **Madfis, E.** (2019, In press). Are the deadliest mass shootings preventable? An assessment of leakage, information reported to law enforcement, and firearms acquisition prior to attacks in the United States. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*.

Arluke, A., Lankford, A., & **Madfis, E.** (2018). Harming animals and massacring humans: Characteristics of active and mass shooters who abused animals. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, 36(6), 739-751.

Madfis, E., & Cohen, J.W. (2018). Female involvement in school rampage plots. *Violence and Gender*, 5(2), 81-86.

Lankford, A., & **Madfis, E.** (2018). Media coverage of mass killers: Content, consequences, and solutions. *American Behavioral Scientist*, 62(2), 151-162.

Lankford, A., & Madfis, E. (2018). Don't name them, don't show them, but report everything else: A pragmatic proposal for denying mass killers the attention they seek and deterring future offenders. *American Behavioral Scientist*, 62(2), 260-279.

Madfis, E. (2017). In search of meaning: Are school rampage shootings random and senseless violence? *The Journal of Psychology: Interdisciplinary and Applied*, 151(1), 21-35.

Madfis, E., & Cohen, J.W. (2016). Critical criminologies of the present and future: Left realism, left idealism, and what's left in between. *Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict & World Order*, 43(4), 1-21.

Madfis, E. (2016). "It's better to overreact": School officials' fear and perceived risk of rampage attacks and the criminalization of American public schools. *Critical Criminology*, 24(1), 39-55.

Vysotsky, S., & Madfis, E. (2015). Uniting the right: Anti-immigration organizing and the legitimization of extreme racist organizations. *Journal of Hate Studies*, 12(1), 129-151.

Madfis, E. (2014). Averting school rampage: Student intervention amid a persistent code of silence. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 12(3), 229-249.

Madfis, E. (2014). Triple entitlement and homicidal anger: An exploration of the intersectional identities of American mass murderers. *Men and Masculinities*, 17(1), 67-86.

Arluke, A., & Madfis, E. (2014). Animal abuse as a warning sign of school massacres: A critique and refinement. *Homicide Studies*, 18(1), 7-22.

Madfis, E., & Arford, T. (2013). The dilemmas of embodied symbolic representation: Regret in contemporary American tattoo narratives. *The Social Science Journal*, 50(4), 547-556.

Madfis, E. (2012). Across crimes, criminals, and contexts: Traps along the troubled path towards a general theory of crime. *Critical Criminology*, 20(4), 429-445.

Levin, J., & Madfis, E. (2009). Mass murder at school and cumulative strain: A sequential model. *American Behavioral Scientist*, 52(9), 1227-1245.

Hartley, J., Madfis, E., Pell, E., & Potter, D. (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

Madfis, E. (2018). Insight from averted mass shootings. In J. Schildkraut (Ed.) *Mass shootings in America: Understanding the debates, causes, and responses* (pp. 79-84). Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger Books.

Levin, J., & Madfis, E. (2018). Rampage school shootings. In A.J. Treviño (Ed.) *The Cambridge handbook of social problems* (pp. 253-267). New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

Ackerman, A., Furman, R., Cohen, J., Madfis, E., & Sanchez, M. (2015). The use of masculinities in the understanding and treatment of male sexual offenders. In A. Ackerman & R. Furman (Eds.) *Sexual crimes: Transnational problems and global perspectives* (pp. 44-63). New York, NY: Columbia University Press.

Vysotsky, S., & Madfis, E. (2014). White supremacist stigma management and legitimation via anti-immigration activism: The case of the keystone state skinheads. In A. Ackerman & R. Furman (Eds.) *The criminalization of immigration: Contexts and consequences* (pp. 129-146). Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.

Muschert, G.W., & Madfis, E. (2013). Fear of school violence in the post-Columbine era. In G.W. Muschert, S. Henry, N. Bracy, & A. Peguero (Eds.). *Responding to school violence: Confronting the Columbine effect* (pp. 13-34). Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Madfis, E., & Levin, J. (2013). School rampage in international perspective: The salience of cumulative strain theory. In N. Böckler, W. Heitmeyer, P. Sitzler, & T. Seeger (Eds.). *School shootings: International research, case studies, and concepts for prevention* (pp. 79-104). New York, NY: Springer.

Levin, J., & Madfis, E. (2012). Cultivating bias in the media: Problematic presentations and future prospects. In D. Bissler & J. Connors (Eds.) *The harms of crime media: Essays on the perpetuation of racism, sexism and class stereotypes* (pp. 239-247). Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company Inc.

Levin, J., & Madfis, E. (2008). The changing qualities of violence in American popular culture. In D. Pardue (Ed.) *Ruminations on violence* (pp. 181-191). Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press.

Encyclopedia Entries and Book Reviews

Madfis, E. (2017). Book review of *Mass shootings: Media, myths, and realities* by Jaclyn Schildkraut and H. Jaymi Elsass. *Criminal Law & Criminal Justice Books*. Rutgers School of Law and School of Criminal Justice.

Madfis, E. (2014). Postmodern criminology. In J. M. Miller (Ed.) *The encyclopedia of theoretical criminology*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

Madfis, E. (2014). Mass murder. In J.S. Albanese (Ed.) *The encyclopedia of criminology & criminal justice*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

Madfis, E. (2008). Ritual killing. In A. Embar-Seddon & A. Pass (Eds.) *Forensic science*. Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, Inc.

Madfis, E. (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

Social Work and Criminal Justice Program at the University of Washington, Tacoma, WA: 2012-present
Courses Taught and/or Developed:

- Criminal Homicide (on campus)
- Criminological Theory (on campus and online)
- Diversity and Social Justice in Criminology (on campus and online)
- Media, Crime, and Justice (developed but not yet taught)
- Introduction to Sociology of Deviance and Social Control (on campus and online)
- Youth and Juvenile Justice Systems (on campus)

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

Courses Taught (all on campus):

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

Teaching Assistantships (all on campus):
Class, Crime, & the Legal System
Introduction to Sociology
Research Methods in Sociology
Sociology of Violence and Hate

Second Grade Special Education Teacher's Aide, Framingham Public Schools, Stapleton School, Framingham, MA: 2004

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict at Northeastern University, Boston, MA: 2007 - 2009

Research Assistant, Allyn & Bacon/Longman Publishers, Boston, MA: 2006

Research Assistant, Human Services Research Institute, Cambridge, MA: 2005

Survey Administrator/Data Processor, JSI Research & Training Inc., Boston, MA: 2002

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

"Evidence-Based Prevention of School Shootings," Invited Presentation to the House of Representatives Education Committee, Washington State Legislature, Olympia, WA, January 29, 2019

"'We Call BS': Facts and Fictions about Preventing School Shootings," Presentation of the 2018 Distinguished Research Award Recipient, University of Washington, Tacoma, WA, October 24, 2018

"A Scholarly Examination of the Causes and Effective Prevention of School Shootings," Invited Talk to the Washington Mass Shootings Work Group, Funded by the Washington State Legislature, Directed and Facilitated by the WA Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, Tacoma, WA, August 31, 2018

"Positive School Environments as Violence Prevention" and "Practicing Restorative Justice in Schools," Invited Talk and Workshop at the Building a Better Community Event, Inter-Faith Ministries and Wichita State University, Wichita, KS, October 11, 2017

"The Causes and Prevention of School Shootings," Invited Talk at the Deviance Seminar Series, Sociology Department, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, March 10, 2017

Symposium on Mass Shootings, Invited Speaker and Panelist at the August 2016 American Psychological Association (APA) Conference in Denver, CO, August 4, 2016

"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 *2015 United States Congressional Briefing on School Safety and Violence Prevention*, Cannon Caucus Room, Washington DC, February 10, 2015

"Understanding Mass Shootings," Invited Speaker and Panelist at UWT's Campus Event *Responses to Campus Shootings: Before & After*, University of Washington, Tacoma, WA, April 2, 2014

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

“The Post Columbine Era: Risk Perception, Criminalization, and Securitization in American Public Schools,” Invited Speaker at the *2012 Youth Violence Symposium* at Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, March 20, 2012

Conference Presentations

“Exploring Masculinities in Criminal Justice and Social Work Practice and Education” with Rich Furman at the February 2019 International Academic Multi-Disciplinary Conference in Manila, The Philippines

“Donald Trump as the Embodiment of Institutional Anomie” at the November 2017 Association for Humanist Sociology Conference in Havana, Cuba

“Towards an Anarcho-Punk Criminology” with Tammi Arford, Jeff Ferrell, Jerry Flores, and Stanislav Vysotsky at the November 2016 American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference in New Orleans, LA

“Theorizing the Criminalization of Schools in the United States: From the Sociologies of Risk and Fear to Neoliberal Penalty” 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

“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 21st Century” with Sarah Cope and Stanislav Vysotsky at the February 2006 Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Conference in Boston, MA

HONORS AND AWARDS

Distinguished Research Award, University of Washington Tacoma: 2018

Scholarship Development Funding, Visual Criminology in Cuba Project (Co-PI), UWT: 2013

Dissertation Award, Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict, Northeastern University: 2011

Research Grant, Explaining School Rampage (PI), Sociology Department, Northeastern University: 2010

Teaching Fellowship Award, Northeastern University: 2009-2010

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

Stipended Graduate Assistantship Award, Northeastern University: 2005-2007

Sears B. Condit Award, Northeastern University: 2004

National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Northeastern University Chapter: 2001-2004

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

Award from National Student Symposium Combating Prejudice and Hate: 2003

Town of Framingham Community Scholarship: 2000-2003

SERVICE

Service to the School of Social Work & Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Degree Committee: 2014-present
Promotion Committee for Criminal Justice Faculty Member: 2019-present
Criminal Justice Faculty Search Committee Member (Assistant Professor): 2018
Merit Review Committee for Social Work Faculty Member: 2018
School of Social Work & Criminal Justice Planning Committee: 2018
Co-Chair of Criminal Justice Faculty Search Committee (Lecturer): 2018
Collegial Review of Teaching for Criminal Justice Faculty Member: 2018
Chair of Criminal Justice Degree: 2017-2018
Co-Chair of Faculty Council: 2017-2018
Chair of Criminal Justice Faculty Search Committee (Associate Professor): 2017-2018
Inclusion and Equity Committee: 2016-2017
Criminal Justice Core Curriculum Subcommittee: 2016-2017
Faculty Council Member: 2015-2018
Collegial Review of Teaching for Criminal Justice Faculty Member: 2015
Faculty Mentor for Part-Time Lecturer: 2013-2014
Criminal Justice Faculty Search Committee Member (3 Assistant Professors and 1 Lecturer): 2013-2014
Curriculum Committee: 2012-2014

Service to the University of Washington and UW Tacoma

Research Advisory Committee, UWT: 2019-present
Faculty Advisory Board Member, Legal Pathways Initiative, UWT: 2018-present
Sociology Minor Steering Committee, UWT: 2015-present
Chair of Distinguished Research Award Committee, UWT: 2019
Campus Technology Committee, UWT: 2014-2017
Sociology Lecturer Interview Search Committee, School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, UWT: 2016
Writing Advisory Committee, UWT: 2014-2015
Consultation with Student Intervention Team regarding administration of Criminal Background Check policy at UWT: 2014
Distinguished Research Award Committee, UWT: 2012-2014
Team to Develop and Implement Best Practices in Faculty Searches, UWT Representative, University of Washington: 2013

Service to the Community

Advisory Council Member, Koshka Foundation for Safe Schools, Seattle, WA: 2013-present
Subject Matter Expert Analyst, School Shootings Database, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington DC: 2015-2016
Member of Property Crimes Task Force Blue Ribbon Panel, City of Tacoma, WA: 2015-2016
Pro Bono Consultant, Dramatic Television Series about a School Shooting, Writer/Producer Aaron Zelman, Los Angeles, CA: 2015-2016

Professional Service

Reviewer for the National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Routledge, Springer Press, *American Behavioral Scientist*, *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 Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research*, *Journal of Men's Studies*, *Men and Masculinities*, *Radical Criminology*, *The Social Science Journal*, *Sociological Focus*, *Violence and Victims*, and *Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice*

Advisory Board Member, "The Nature, Trends, Correlates, and Prevention of Mass Public Shootings in America, 1976-2018," National Institute of Justice Grant: 2019-2021
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

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Interviewed by and/or research featured on *ABC News (USA)*, *ABC Online (Australia)*, *Alabama News*, *Al Jazeera (Qatar)*, *Arab News (Saudi Arabia)*, *Atlanta Black Star*, *The Atlantic*, *Australian Broadcasting Corporation*, *The Ball State Daily News*, *British Broadcasting Corporation*, *Big Think*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Boston Herald*, *Busan BEFM Radio's Morning Wave (South Korea)*, *Buffalo News*, *Bustle*, *Calgary's CHQR Radio (Canada)*, *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation*, *Christian Post*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, *The Columbian*, *The Conversation*, *Cracked*, *The Corvallis Advocate*, *CNN*, *Daily Mail*, *The Daily Texan (University of Texas)*, *El Español (Spain)*, *Fortune*, *Gulf News (Dubai)*, *Hoy Los Angeles*, *Huffington Post*, *Jordan Times (Jordan)*, *Seattle's KIRO Radio*, *KUSA 9 News*, *Helsingin Sanomat (Finland)*, *Harvard University Kennedy School's Journalist's Resource*, *The Ledger (Tacoma)*, *The National Link Coalition's LINK Letter (of the National Resource Center on the Link between Animal Abuse and Human Violence)*, *Live Science*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *MediaFile*, *MedPage Today*, *The Mercury*, *Mesa Press*, *Money Magazine*, *MSNBC*, *National Catholic Reporter*, *National Post (Canada)*, *NBC News*, *Nettavisen (Norway)*, *New Scientist*, *New York Daily News*, *The New York Times*, *The News Minute*, *The News Tribune*, *Newsweek*, *Newswise*, *Nexo Jornal (Brazil)*, *Northeastern News*, *NPR's Here and Now*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Politico*, *PsychCentral*, *Psychology Today*, *Quill*, *Raw Story*, *Salon*, *San Francisco Bay Times*, *Seattle Times*, *Seeker*, *Slate*, *Southern Poverty Law Center*, *The Straits Times (Singapore)*, *Syracuse Post Standard*, *20 Minutes (France)*, *Taiwan Animal News (Taiwan)*, *TIME Magazine*, *Southern California's Take Two on KPCC Radio*, *Undark Magazine*, *Univision*, *Veja (Brazil)*, *Vice*, *The Washington Post*, *Wichita Eagle*, *Winnipeg Free Press (Canada)*, and *Washington DC's WTOP Radio*.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

School Violence, Mass and School Shootings, School Discipline and the School-to-Prison Pipeline, 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, Restorative Discipline/Justice, Hate Crime and Supremacist Groups, Crime and Popular Culture, Qualitative and Mixed Methods

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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