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Education

Ph.D. in Criminal Justice

JOHN JAY COLLEGE/CUNY GRADUATE CENTER

New York, NY

2016

MPhil. in Criminal Justice

CUNY GRADUATE CENTER

New York, NY

2015

M.A. in the Social Sciences

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Chicago, IL

2009

B.A. in Political Science

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

Buffalo, NY

2007

Awards

Outstanding Paper Award

JOURNAL OF CRIME AND JUSTICE

2021

Wall of fame for Excellence in Teaching

ROWAN UNIVERSITY

2019

Pre-tenure Research Excellence Award

ROWAN UNIVERSITY

2018

Niederhoffer Award

JOHN JAY COLLEGE

2015

Terrorism Research Award

START INSTITUTE

2013

Dean K. Harrison Award

CUNY GRADUATE CENTER

2013

Outstanding Student in Political Science

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

2007

SUNY Chancellor's Award

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY)

2007

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor

ROWAN UNIVERSITY, LAW & JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Glassboro, NJ

2016 - Present

Visiting Professor

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY, SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Paterson, NJ

2015 - 2016

Adjunct Instructor

JOHN JAY COLLEGE, MATH DEPARTMENT

New York, NY

2012 - 2015

Adjunct Instructor

BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE, POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Bronx, NY

2012 - 2014

Teacher Assistant

JOHN JAY COLLEGE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

New York, NJ

2011 - 2013

Research Assistant

JOHN JAY COLLEGE, ECDB PROJECT

New York, NY

2010 - 2014

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. Paez, G. R., Capellan, J. A., & Johnson, M. G. (2021). Contextualising mass school shootings in the United States. *Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jip.1577>
2. Capellan, J., Kim, C., Porter, J., & Sung, H.-E. (2021). Can information about “safe places” reduce female victimisation in Honduras? A quasi-experimental evaluation of the safeWalking app. *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01924036.2021.1930564>
3. Kim, C., Capellan, J. A., Sung, H.-E., & Orellana, E. R. (2021). Combating IPV With Community Leaders in Honduras: An Evaluation of an IPV Training Program Among Teachers and Health Professionals. *Violence Against Women*, 107780122110089. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10778012211008995>
4. Kim, C., Capellan, J. A., & Adler, A. (2021). Exploring the empirical literature on mass shooting: A mixed-method systematic review of peer-reviewed journal articles. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 58, 101584. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.avb.2021.101584>
5. Silva, J. R., Capellan, J. A., Schmuhl, M. A., & Mills, C. E. (2021). Gender-Based Mass Shootings: An Examination of Attacks Motivated by Grievances Against Women. *Violence Against Women*, 107780122098115. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801220981154>
6. Capellan, J. A., Lautenschlager, R., & Silva, J. R. (2020). Deconstructing the Ferguson effect: A multilevel mediation analysis of public scrutiny, de-policing, and crime. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 43(2), 125–144. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0735648X.2019.1652921>
7. Capellan, J. A., Koppel, S., & Sung, H.-E. (2020). The effects of cognitive behavioral therapy on recidivism among parolees in Central America: Evidence from a Honduran experiment. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11292-020-09443-w>
8. Mills, C. E., Schmuhl, M., & Capellan, J. A. (2020). Far-right violence as backlash against gender equality: A county-level analysis of structural and ideological gender inequality and homicides committed by far-right extremists. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 43(5), 568–584. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0735648X.2020.1738261>
9. Schmuhl, M., & Capellan, J. A. (2020). Gendered Massacres: Examining the Effects of Cultural and Structural Gender Inequality on the Incidence of Mass Public Shootings. *Violence and Victims*, 35(6), 885–905. <https://doi.org/10.1891/VV-D-18-00184>
10. Capellan, J. A., & Silva, J. R. (2021). An Investigation of Mass Public Shooting Attacks Against Government Targets in the United States. *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 44(5), 387–409. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2018.1551294>
11. Silva, J. R., & Capellan, J. A. (2019). A Comparative Analysis of Media Coverage of Mass Public Shootings: Examining Rampage, Disgruntled Employee, School, and Lone-Wolf Terrorist Shootings in the United States. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 30(9), 1312–1341. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0887403418786556>
12. Capellan, J., & Koppel, S. (2019). Los efectos de la terapia cognitivo-conductual en la reincidencia entre personas en libertad condicional en Centroamérica: Evidencia preliminar de un experimento hondureño. *Revista de Administración Pública*, 2(1), 256–281.
13. Capellan, J. A., Johnson, J., Porter, J. R., & Martin, C. (2019). Disaggregating Mass Public Shootings: A Comparative Analysis of Disgruntled Employee, School, Ideologically motivated, and Rampage Shooters. *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 64(3), 814–823. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1556-4029.13985>
14. Capellan, J. A., & Lewandowski, C. (2019). Can threat assessment help police prevent mass public shootings? Testing an intelligence-led policing tool. *Policing: An International Journal*, 42(1), 16–30. <https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-07-2018-0089>
15. Capellan, J. A., & Anisin, A. (2018). A Distinction Without a Difference? Examining the Causal Pathways Behind Ideologically Motivated Mass Public Shootings. *Homicide Studies*, 22(3), 235–255. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1088767918770704>
16. Silva, J. R., & Capellan, J. A. (2019). The media’s coverage of mass public shootings in America: Fifty years of newsworthiness. *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, 43(1), 77–97. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01924036.2018.1437458>

17. Capellan, J. A., & Gomez, S. (2018). Change and stability in offender, behaviours, and incident-level characteristics of mass public shootings in the United States, 1984-2015. *Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling*, 15(1), 51–72. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jip.1491>
18. Porter, J., Capellan, J., & Howell, F. (2017). Re-Operationalizing ‘Open-Country’: Introducing a Place-Level Geography for the Study of Rural Crime. *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research*, 8(2), 20–32. <https://doi.org/10.4018/IJAGR.2017040102>
19. Osborne, J. R., & Capellan, J. A. (2017). Examining active shooter events through the rational choice perspective and crime script analysis. *Security Journal*, 30(3), 880–902. <https://doi.org/10.1057/sj.2015.12>
20. Capellan, J. A. (2015). Lone Wolf Terrorist or Deranged Shooter? A Study of Ideological Active Shooter Events in the United States, 1970–2014. *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 38(6), 395–413. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2015.1008341>
21. Porter, J. R., & Capellan, J. (2014). The ties that bind: Linking religious organizational segregation to the individual level closure of close friendship network’s. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, 41, 32–44. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijintrel.2014.06.003>
22. Capellan, J. A., & Porter, J. R. (2014). Spaces of Terror: Modeling Spatial Non-Stationarity in State-Level Repression. *Applied Spatial Analysis and Policy*, 7(3), 245–258. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12061-014-9106-2>
23. Capellán, J. A., & Gomez, S. (2007). Foreign Aid and Human Rights: The Latin American Experience. *Revista de Ciencia Política (Santiago)*, 27(1). <https://doi.org/10.4067/S0718-090X2007000200004>
24. Chintakrindi, S., Capellan, J., Porter, J. R., Wilson, M. B., & Gupta, S. (2021). Examining the effects of psychiatric symptoms, brain injury symptoms, and low self-control on the placement of inmates in administrative segregation and their risk for suicidal ideation. *Kriminologija & Socijalna Integracija*, 29(1), 3–23. <https://doi.org/10.31299/ksi.29.1.1>

POLICY BRIEFS

1. Joel A Capellan, & Jiao, A. (2019). *Disaggregating mass public shootings: Exploring opportunities for intervention.* <https://rockinst.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/10-24-19-Deconstructing-Mass-Shootings-Brief-1.pdf>

CHAPTERS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

1. Capellan, J. A. (n.d.). Looking upstream: A sociological investigation of mass public shootings. In *Assessing and Averting the Prevalence of Mass Violence* (pp. 99–129). IGI Global.
2. Capellan, J. A. (2018). Killing alone: Can the work-performance literature help us solve the enigma of lone wolf terrorism? In *Terrorism in America* (pp. 175–213). Routledge.
3. Capellan, J. A., & Porter, J. R. (2020). Mass murder in the United States. In *Criminal Justice Encyclopedia*. Springer.
4. Capellan, J. A. (2016). “Spatiality: History, Theory, and Methods.” In *Encyclopedia of Sociology*. Wiley.
5. Porter, J. R., Capellan, J. A., & Chintakrindi, S. (2016). Social Disorganization Theory. In *The Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment*. Wiley.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

1. Capellan, J. A. (2020). *Evaluation of U.S.-Mexico Police Professionalization Exchange Program.* [Technical {Report}]. Global Ties U.S.
2. Capellan, J. A. (2020). *Formando Líderes para Combatir Violencia Domestica (VD) Contra las Mujeres.* US Agency for International Development.
3. Capellan, J. A. (2020). *Evaluación de SafeWalking App.* US Agency for International Development.
4. Capellan, J. A. (2020). *Evaluación del Modelo de Gestión Judicial por Audiencias.* US Agency for International Development.
5. Capellan, J. A. (2020). *Evaluación del Modelo de Gestión Judicial por Audiencias.* US Agency for International Development.
6. Capellan, J. A. (2019). *Previniendo el Riesgo de la Reincidencia Delictiva a Través de la Terapia.* US Agency for International Development.

Grant Support

Koetzle, D., Mellow, J., Capellan, J. (2020). *Inmate survey for the Central American Regional Security Initiatives*. **Role:** Co-Principal Investigator. **Funding Source:** Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, US Department of State. **Amount:** \$1,684,194. **Duration:** 2021 - 2022.

Michel, V., Capellan, J.A. *Accusatorial Transition Report: Western Hemisphere Rule of Law Index and Analysis*. **Role:** Co-Principal Investigator. **Funding Source:** Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, United States Department of State. **Amount:** \$840,224. **Duration:** 2021-2022.

Capellan, J.A., & Sorg, E. (2019). *Does the Detention and Deportation of Illegal Immigrants Reduce Crime? A Nationwide Examination of the Impact of 287(g) agreements on Violent and Property Crime*. **Role:** Lead Principal Investigator. **Funding Source:** National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice (DOJ). **Amount:** \$250,000. **Duration:** 2019-2021.

Sorg, E., Capellan, J.A. (2019). *_A Meta-Analysis of the Effects of Immigration Enforcement on Crime._* **Role:** Principal Investigator. **Funding Source:** Rowan University. **Amount:** \$7,055. **Duration:** 2019-2020.

Sung, H.E., & Capellan, J.A. (2018). *Regional Training/Academy Program: Promoting Quantitative Analysis Capabilities and Applied Research on Citizen Security in Central America*. **Role:** Co-Principal Investigator. **Funding Source:** US Agency for International Development (USAID). **Amount:** \$3,029,003. **Duration:** 2018-2020.

International Technical Support

Consultant for Global Ties U.S.

PROJECT: SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Mexico

2020 - present

Instructor for John Jay College

PROJECT: INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Online

2020 - 2021

Instructor for the Academy for Security Analysis

PROJECT: REGIONAL TRAINING ACADEMY

El Salvador

2018 - 2020

Consultant for Mancomunidad Municipal Government, Honduras

PROJECT: FORMANDO LIDERES PARA COMBATIR VIOLENCIA DOMESTICA

Honduras

2019 - 2020

Consultant for Honduras National Police,

PROJECT: SAFEWALKING PHONE APP

Honduras

2019 - 2020

Consultant for Supreme Court of Honduras

PROJECT: IMPLEMENTACI?N DEL MODELO DE GESTI?N JUDICIAL POR AUDIENCIAS

Honduras

2019 - 2020

Consultant for Jovenes Contra la Violencia (JCV)

PROJECT: ESTRATEGIAS SOCIOEDUCATIVAS PARA TRATAR COMPORTAMIENTOS VIOLENTOS EN ESTUDIANTES

Honduras

2019 - 2020

Consultant for Supreme Court of Honduras

PROJECT: PREVINIENDO EL RIESGO DE LA REINCIDENCIA DELICTIVA A TRAV?S DE LA TERAPIA COGNITIVA-CONDUCTUAL

Honduras

2018 - 2019

Consultant for Ministry of of Education of Honduras

PROJECT: CONVIVIENDO EN PAZ EN LOS CENTROS EDUCATIVOS DE HONDURAS (CONPACEH)

Honduras

2018 - 2019

Presentations

INVITED TALKS

Deconstructing mass public shootings: Exploring opportunities for intervention. (2019). Rutgers Center on Gun Violence Research, Newark, NJ.

Deconstructing mass public shootings: Exploring opportunities for intervention. (2020). The U.S. Terrorism Liaison Officer's Committee, Chicago, IL.

El uso de análisis geoespacial para controlar y prevenir el delito. (2020). Direccion General Del Sistema Penitenciario, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

El uso de la evidencia geoespacial en el control del delito. (2018). La Universidad Centroamericana Jose Simeon Cañas, San Salvador, El Salvador.

El uso de la evidencia geoespacial en el control del delito. (2019). Academia para el Analisis de Seguridad, San Salvador, El Salvador.

Experiencias exitosas en la evaluación de los resultados de programas de prevención de la violencia. (2018). Simposio de Estrategias en Seguridad de la Violencia, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Mass public shootings: Making sense of the senseless. (2018). SUNY Cortland's Brook's Museum, Cortland, NY.

People don't kill people, guns do? Examining the role firearms play in the lethality of mass shootings. (2019). John Jay College, New York, NY.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Do Immigration Enforcement Agreements Reduce Crime: Evidence from a Nationwide Evaluation of Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952. (2021). Faculty Research Day; Online.

A Systematic Review of Mass Shootings in the USA. (2019). American Society of Criminology (ASC); San Francisco, CA.

Death Sentences as an Outcome of Gender Inequality in U.S. Counties. (2019). American Society of Criminology (ASC); San Francisco, CA.

Deconstructing the Ferguson effect: A multilevel mediation analysis of public scrutiny, de-policing, and crime. (2018). American Society of Criminology (ASC); Atlanta, GA.

People don't kill people, guns do? Examining the role firearms play in the lethality of mass shootings. (2018). American Society of Criminology (ASC); New Orleans, LA.

The Boy who Cried Wolf: Can Threat Assessment Help us Foil Mass Shootings? (2017). American Society of Criminology (ASC); Philadelphia, PA.

Students characteristics, Pre-College, College, and Neighborhood Factors as predictors of Majoring in Criminal Justice and traditional social sciences majors. (2017). American Society of Criminology (ASC); Philadelphia, PA.

The Only Way to Stop a Bad Guy with a Gun is a Good Guy with a Gun? Testing the 'Good Guy with a Gun' Hypothesis in the Context of Mass Shootings. (2018). American Society of Criminology (ASC); Atlanta, GA.

The impact of cognitive behavioral therapy on recidivism among parolees in Central America: Evidence from a Honduran experiment. (2019). American Society of Criminology (ASC); San Francisco, CA.

The Media's Coverage of Mass Shootings: Fifty Years of Newsworthiness. (2017). American Society of Criminology (ASC); Philadelphia, PA.

The More Things Change, the More they Stay the Same? Estimating the Effect of the Floyd et al. V. NYC on Stop-and-Frisk Patterns. (2016). American Society of Criminology (ASC); Washington DC.

Looking Upstream: A Sociological Examination of Mass Public Shootings. (2016). American Society of Criminology (ASC); New Orleans, LA.

Mass Public Shootings: An Overview of the Emerging Literature. (2015). American Society of Criminology (ASC); San Francisco, CA.

Putting Race in Place: Examining the Neighborhood Effects of Minority-specific Stop-and-Frisks. (2015). American Society of Criminology (ASC); San Francisco, CA.

Lone Wolf Terrorist or Deranged Shooter? An Examination of Ideological Active Shooter Events in the US, 1970-2014. (2014). START Terrorism Conference; Bethesda, MD.

Spaces of Hate: A Spatiotemporal Analysis of Far-Right Extremist Perpetrated (FREP) Homicides in the United States, 1990-2010. (2013). American Society of Criminology (ASC); Atlanta, GA.

The Smoking Gun: An Exploratory Analysis of Ideological Active Shooters. (2012). American Society of Criminology (ASC); Chicago, IL.

Canada's Approach to Foreign Aid: A Global Perspective. (2007). UPRH-McNair Research Symposium; Puerto Rico.

Development Assistance and Human Rights in Latin America. (2006). New York Political Science Association; New York, NY.

Human Rights and Foreign Aid: The Latin American Experience. (2006a). Annual McNair Research Symposium; Buffalo, NY.

Human Rights and Foreign Aid: The Latin American Experience. (2006b). Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) Conference; Boston, MA.

Service to the Profession

Member of the Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium

Member of the New Jersey Gun Violence Research Consortium

Criminal Justice Consultant to the M.A. Program in Urban Education, Rowan University

Ad Hoc Referee

- Sociology of Religion
- Criminal Justice Policy Review
- Homicide Studies
- International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice
- Policing: An International Journal
- Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling
- Spatial Demography
- Population Research and Policy Review
- Psychology of Violence
- European Journal of Criminology
- Terrorism and Political Violence
- Justice Quarterly

Skills

Proficient in Stata, Mplus, R, markdown, CSS, R Markdown, ArcGIS, QGIS, GeoDa, GWR4, and SatScan.

Languages

Native proficiency in **Spanish** and proficient in **English**.

Course Taught

UNDERGRADUATE

- Mass Murder
- Survey Criminal Justice
- Research Methods
- Senior Seminar

GRADUATE

- Statistics
- Research Methods
- Public Health GIS
- Spatial Analysis of Crime