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Degrees Earned

Ph.D., Criminal Justice, Temple University, 2013
M.A., Forensic Psychology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 2006
B.S., Psychology, University of Pittsburgh, 2004
B.A., Administration of Justice, University of Pittsburgh, 2004

Professional Licensure and Certifications

Teaching in Higher Education Certificate, Temple University, 2011

Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions

Articles

Blasko, B. L., Souza, K., Via⁽⁺⁾, B., DelPrincipe⁽⁺⁾, S., & Taxman, F. S. (in press). Performance measures in community corrections: Measuring effective supervision practices with existing agency data. *Federal Probation*.

Folk, J., Stuewig, J., **Blasko, B. L.**, Caudy, M., Tangney, J. P., & Taxman, F. S. (in press). Do demographic factors moderate how well criminal thinking predicts recidivism? *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.

Viglione, J., **Blasko, B. L.**, & Taxman, F. S. (in press). Organizational factors and probation officer use of evidence-based practices: A multi-level examination. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.

Taylor, L., Caudy, M., **Blasko, B. L.**, & Taxman, F. S. (2016). Differences by gender in predictors of motivation among substance abuse treatment participants. *Substance Use and Misuse*. Advance online publication. doi:10.1080/10826084.2016.1245332

Kras, K. R., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2016). Pathways to desistance among men convicted of sexual offenses: Linking post-hoc accounts of offending behavior and outcomes. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, [Special Issue on Sexual Offender Desistance.] doi:10.1177/ 0306624X16668178

Blasko, B. L., & Jeglic, E. L. (2016). Sexual offenders' perceptions of the client-therapist relationship: The role of risk. *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, 28, 271-291. doi: 0.1177/ 1079063214529802

Walton, A.⁽⁺⁾, Jeglic, E. L., **Blasko, B. L.** (2016). The role of the therapeutic alliance for sexual offenders with psychopathy. *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1177/ 1079063216637859

Tangney, J. P., Folk, J. B., Graham, D. M., Stuewig, J. B., Blalock, D. V., Salatino, A., **Blasko, B. L.**, & Moore, K. E. (2016). Changes in inmates' substance use and dependence from pre-incarceration to one year post-release. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 46, 228-238. doi:10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2016.05.002

Folk, J. B., **Blasko, B. L.**, Warden, R., Schaefer, K., Ferssizidis, P., Stuewig, J., & Tangney, J. P. (2016). Feasibility and acceptability of an impact of crime group intervention with jail inmates. *Victims and Offenders*, 11, 436-454. doi:10.1080/15564886.2014.982777

Blasko, B. L., Taxman, F. S., Rhodes, A., & Friedmann, P. (2015). Success among parolees: The parole officer-client relationship as a mediator of criminal justice outcomes. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 42, 722-740. doi:10.1177/0093854814562642

Blasko, B. L., Roman, C. R., & Taylor, R. B. (2015). Local gangs and residents' perceptions of unsupervised teen groups: Implications for the incivilities thesis and neighborhood effects. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 43, 20-28. doi:10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2014.11.002.

Blasko, B. L., & Hiller, M. (2014). Clinician ratings of client progress in a therapeutic community treatment setting: Do ratings predict outcomes? *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 53, 253-272. doi:10.1080/10509674.2014.902007

Houser, K., **Blasko, B. L.**, & Belenko, S. (2014). Treatment exposure and prison misconduct: An examination of the effects of treatment exposure on female prisoners with substance use, mental health, and co-occurring disorders. *Criminal Justice Studies*, 27, 43-72. [Criminal Justice and Public Health Special Issue.] doi:10.1080/1478601X.2013.873204

Blasko, B. L., Jeglic, E. L., & Mercado, C. C. (2011). Are actuarial risk data used to make determinations of sex offender risk classification?: An examination of sex offenders selected for enhanced registration and notification. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 5, 676-692. doi:10.1177/0306624X10372784

Blasko, B. L., Jeglic, E. L., & Malkin, S. (2008). Suicide risk assessment in jails. *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*, 8, 1-11.

Books

N/A

Chapters

Blasko, B. L. (2016). Overview of sex offender typologies, recidivism, and treatment. In C. Calkins & E. L. Jeglic (Eds.), *Sexual Violence: Evidence Based Policy and Prevention*. New York: Springer.

Taxman, F. S., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2016). Rehabilitation and treatment programming. In T. S. Bynum & B. M. Huebner (Eds.), *Handbook of Measurement Issues in Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Blackwell.

Taxman F. S., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2016). Policy and program innovations in prisons. In J. Wooldredge & P. Smith (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook on Prisons and Imprisonment*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Blasko, B. L., & Jeglic, E.L. (2013). Conducting treatment in the prison system: Rehabilitation research. In J. Fuhrmann & S. Baier (Eds.), *Prison and Prison Systems: Practices, Types, and Challenges*. New York: Nova Science Publishers.

Proceedings

N/A

Artistic Performances

N/A

Artistic Exhibitions

N/A

Research Monographs and Technical Reports

N/A

Funded External Grants

Blasko, B. L. (Principal Investigator, Agency contract). "A Process Evaluation of Montgomery County Department of Community Supervision and Corrections' Sexual Offender Supervision Unit." Contract to Sam Houston State University, \$10,047. 2017.

Blasko, B. L. and Jill Viglione (Co-Principal Investigators, Subcontract). "Program Evaluation Plan: Institute for Coordinated Community Response." Genesis Women's Shelter & Support, Principal Investigator. W.W. Caruth, Jr. Foundation, Primary Funder. Institute for Coordinated Community Response Planning Grant, \$500,000. Subcontract to Sam Houston State University, \$35,000. 2016.

Peer-Review Presentations/Posters

2017 Griffin⁽⁺⁾, A., **Blasko, B. L.**, Jeglic, E. L., Calkins, C., & Taxman, F. S. (2017, March). *Substance use patterns among individuals who commit sexual offenses: Different pathways to crime and implications for treatment*. Paper accepted for presentation at the meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO.

Kane⁽⁺⁾, B. A., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2017, March). *Prisoner suicide: Prevalence and perceptions in the era of mass incarceration*. Paper accepted for presentation at the meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO.

- 2016 Kane⁽⁺⁾, B. A., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2016, November). Demographic predictors of individual change in the working alliance over the course of prison-based sexual offender treatment. In **B. L. Blasko** (Chair), *Relationships matter: Legitimacy, procedural justice, and the working alliance in prisons and jails*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.
- Dittman⁽⁺⁾, W. L., **Blasko, B. L.**, Rudes, D. R., & *Magnuson, S. (2016, November). Measuring neutrality in custodial decisionmaking: Prisoner perceptions of one procedural justice element. In **B. L. Blasko** (Chair), *Relationships matter: Legitimacy, procedural justice, and the working alliance in prisons and jails*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.
- Carpenter^(*), C., Hernandez^(*), C., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2016, November). *Prison as a turning point in the era of mass incarceration*. Poster session presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.
- Rudes, D. R., Magnuson, S., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2016, November). Code grey: How prison leaders frame, navigate, and enforce rules/policy within six U.S. prisons. In H. Schoenfeld (Chair), *Corrections administration and penal change*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.
- Kane⁽⁺⁾, B. A., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2016, October). *Normative changes in the working alliance over the course of prison-based sexual offender treatment*. Poster session presented at the meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Orlando, FL.
- Blasko, B. L.**, Rudes, D. S., & Bucklen, B. (2016, March). *From the neighborhood block to the prison block: Relying on key neighborhood measures to understand conditions of confinement*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.
- Magnuson⁽⁺⁾, S., Rudes, D. S., **Blasko, B. L.**, Mercante^(*), J., & Kanewske⁽⁺⁾, L. C. (2016, August). *Doing time with the crew: Interactional respect between prison labor staff and working inmates*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 **Blasko, B. L.**, Rudes, D. S., Magnuson⁽⁺⁾, S., Mercante^(*), J., & Kanewske⁽⁺⁾, L. C. (2015, November). Staff decisionmaking and procedural justice in prisons: A mixed-method examination of solitary confinement placement. In D. S. Rudes (Chair), *Procedural justice in prison and parole*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.
- Bell, N., Bucklen, B., Nakamura, K., Vilcica, E. R., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2015, November). The 2008 Pennsylvania Parole Moratorium as a case study in procedural justice. In D. S. Rudes (Chair), *Procedural justice in prison and parole*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.
- Kanewske⁽⁺⁾, L. C., Rudes, D. S., **Blasko, B. L.**, Magnuson⁽⁺⁾, S., & Mercante^(*), J. (2015, November). Confined living: Relational justice and legitimacy in prison. In D. S. Rudes (Chair), *Procedural justice in prison and parole*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.

Mercante^(*), J., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2015, November, 2015). Prison suicide rates in an era of mass incarceration. In **B. L. Blasko** (Chair), *Suicide among incarcerated individuals: Rates, risk factors and adjustment upon release*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.

Debus-Sherill⁽⁺⁾, S. & **Blasko, B. L.** (2015, November). Factors associated with prisoner suicide: Using random forest techniques to understand suicide completion in prisons. In **B. L. Blasko** (Chair), *Suicide among incarcerated individuals: Rates, risk factors and adjustment upon release*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.

Duhaime, L., Toronjo, H., **Blasko, B. L.**, & Taxman, F. S. (2015, November). Performance measures in community corrections: Measuring effective supervision practices with existing agency data. In **B. L. Blasko** (Chair), *Staff practices in community supervision: Performance indicators, officer perceptions, and staff coaching*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.

Toronjo, H., **Blasko, B. L.**, & Taxman, F. S. (2015, November). Officer practices and perceptions explain variation in probationer supervision outcomes: A multi-level examination of practices across five agencies. In **B. L. Blasko** (Chair), *Staff practices in community supervision: Performance indicators, officer perceptions, and staff coaching*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.

Faustino, L., Maas, S., **Blasko, B. L.**, & Taxman, F. S. (2015, November). A case study in Skills for Offender Assessment and Responsibility (SOARING2). In **B. L. Blasko** (Chair), *Staff practices in community supervision: Performance indicators, officer perceptions, and staff coaching*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.

Blasko, B. L. (2015, October). The role of the working alliance in sexual offenders' pathways to desistance. In E. L. Jeglic (Chair), *The role of the working alliance in sexual offender treatment*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Montreal, Quebec.

Rudes, D. S., **Blasko, B. L.**, Kanewske⁽⁺⁾, L. C., Magnuson⁽⁺⁾, S., & Mercante^(*), J. (2015, May). *Working culture, serving time: Institutional logics and relational justice in prison*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Law & Society Association, Seattle, WA.

2014 **Blasko, B. L.** (2014, October). *Between prison warden disparities in decisionmaking*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Debus-Sherill⁽⁺⁾, S., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2014, October). Predicting suicide completion among male prisoners using propensity score matching. In **B. L. Blasko** (Chair), *Suicide among incarcerated individuals: Rates, risk factors, and coping*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Mercante^(*), J., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2014, October). Prison and community suicide rates in an era of mass incarceration. In **B. L. Blasko** (Chair), *Suicide among incarcerated individuals: Rates, risk factors, and coping*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

- Blasko, B. L.** (2014, October). The prison experience as a turning point in sexual offenders' pathways to desistance. In P. Lussier (Chair), *The prison experience, community re-entry and desistance from crime*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, San Diego, CA.
- 2013 **Blasko, B. L.** (2013, November). *Prison decisionmaking: The process by which prison staff formulate recommendations for release*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Mercante^(*), J., **Blasko, B. L.**, & Ostrow, S. (2013, December). *Seasonal influences of prison suicides in a state prison system*. Paper presented at the annual Forensic Rights and Treatment Conference, Harrisburg, PA.
- Mauriello, M., **Blasko, B. L.**, & Birmingham, J. (2013, December). *Community treatment manuals adapted for use in a prison setting: A one-year follow-up of self-reported mental health symptoms post-treatment*. Paper presented at the annual Forensic Rights and Treatment Conference, Harrisburg, PA.
- 2012 **Blasko, B. L.** (2012, November). *Prison staff recommendations for parole release*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.
- Jeglic, E. L., Brannen, A., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2012, November). Evaluating the therapeutic alliance in sex offender treatment. In E. L. Jeglic (Chair), *Sex offender treatment: Effectiveness, mechanisms, and policy implications*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapists, National Harbor, MD.
- 2011 **Blasko, B. L.**, Roman, C. G., & Taylor, R. B. (2011, November). *The influence of proximity to gangs on resident perceptions and behavior*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.
- Blasko, B. L.**, Rothermel, C. R., Jeglic, E. L., & Brannen, A. (2011, November). Sexual offenders' perceptions of the therapeutic alliance: Considering the impact of risk. In **B. L. Blasko**, (Chair), *The role of the therapeutic alliance in prison-based sexual offender treatment*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Ontario, Canada.
- Brannen, A. Jeglic, E. L., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2011, November). The influence of sexual offender demographics, intelligence scores, and education on the therapeutic alliance. In **B. L. Blasko** (Chair), *The role of the therapeutic alliance in prison-based sex offender treatment*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Ontario, Canada.
- Jeglic, E. L., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2011, November). Therapist characteristics and the working alliance in sex offender treatment: What do we know? In **B. L. Blasko** (Chair), *The role of the therapeutic alliance in prison-based sex offender treatment*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Ontario, Canada.
- Rothermel, C. R., **Blasko, B. L.**, & Jeglic, E. L. (2011, November). The impact of the therapeutic alliance on offense supportive beliefs in sex offender treatment. In **B. L. Blasko** (Chair), *The role of the therapeutic alliance in prison-based sex offender treatment*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Ontario, Canada.

- Roman, C. G., & **Blasko, B. L.** (2011, April). *The influence of proximity to gangs on resident perceptions and behavior*. Paper presented at the Crime Mapping Research Conference, Miami, FL.
- 2010 **Blasko, B. L.**, & Hiller, M. (2010, November). *Clinician ratings of offender progress in substance abuse treatment: Are offenders with psychopathic traits perceived as more successful?* Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Blasko, B. L.**, Jeglic, E. L., Rothermel, C. R., & Brannen, A. (2010, October). *The role of the therapeutic alliance in corrections-based sex offender treatment*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Phoenix, AZ.
- 2009 **Blasko, B. L.**, & Hiller, M. (2009, October). *Structured clinical ratings of offender progress in substance abuse treatment*. Poster session presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2008 **Blasko, B. L.** (2008, October). *Deaf client, hearing therapist: Research on the practical challenges associated with treating Deaf sexual offenders*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Atlanta, GA.
- 2007 **Blasko, B. L.** & Rothermel, C. R. (2007, November). *The working alliance matters in sexual offender treatment: Applying an empirically supported clinical practice in forensic settings*. Sexual offender populations and the working alliance. Paper presented at the annual Forensic Rights and Treatment Conference, Harrisburg, PA.
- 2006 **Blasko, B. L.** (2006, May). *Findings from a study of Pennsylvania's designated "Sexually Violent Predator" population*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Probation and Parole Association, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Blasko, B. L.**, & Jeglic, E. L. (2006, March). *Disparities in decisionmaking: A comparison of sexually violent predators and sex offenders not meeting sexually violent predator status*. Poster session presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society of the American Psychological Association, St. Petersburg, FL.

Work or Professional Experiences

- 2015- Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University
- 2013-2015 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, George Mason University
- 2006-2013 Psychological Services Specialist, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections

Honors and Awards

- Faculty Mentor Award, Undergraduate Research Scholars Program, George Mason University, 2014
- National Addition & HIV Data Archive Program (NAHDAP) Scholarship, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods and Social Research, Ann Harbor, 2014.

Other Competencies

N/A