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EDUCATION:

2023 **Ph.D.,** Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland – College Park

Dissertation: Women in Orange: How Women in Prison Adapt, Navigate Relationships, and Maintain Identity

Committee: Lauren C. Porter (co-chair), Rachel Ellis (co-chair), Sally Simpson, Robert Stewart, Dawn Dow

2018 **M.S.,** Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University

Thesis: Sending Students to Prison: Impact Evaluation of the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program

Committee: Kevin A. Wright (chair), Jacob T. N. Young, Cody W. Telep

2016 **B.A., Sociology,** University of Wisconsin – La Crosse

B.A., Psychology, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse

Minor: Criminal Justice

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2023-present University of Central Florida, Department of Sociology, Assistant Professor

2019-2021 University of Maryland – College Park, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Instructor

2018-2023 University of Maryland – College Park, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Graduate Research Assistant

Research & Professional Leadership

2025-present Florida Prison Education Program Research Associate

2025-present University of Central Florida Institutional Review Board guest member/subject matter expert; Prisoner Representative

HONORS AND AWARDS:

2026 Department of Sociology Excellence in Graduate Student Mentoring Award

2026 Department of Sociology Community Engagement Award

2025 2024 Article of the Year at *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* for “Learning with the Others: Perspective-Taking and the Future of Criminal Justice in the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program”

2024 **Quality Online Course Designation** for SYP3520 (Criminology), *valid Sept 2024-2029*.

2018-2022 **McNair Graduate Fellowship at University of Maryland recipient:** newly admitted doctoral students with exceptional qualifications and outstanding performance in graduate studies.

2016-2018 **Reach for the Stars Fellowship recipient:** newly admitted first-year master’s student demonstrating academic excellence and underrepresentation in their field of study

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Publications (note: first author had greatest contribution; * indicates student co-author)

Peer-reviewed journal articles

2026 *Karaaslan, Fadime. G., Jason Ford, & **Cassandra Philippon**. (2026). “An investigation of the relationship between hallucinogen use and criminal justice system involvement using NSDUH 2021-2023 data.” *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*.

2024 **Philippon, C.**, Wright, K. A., Telep, C. W., & Shaw, O. P. (2024). Learning with the others: Perspective-taking and the future of criminal justice in the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 35(1), 136-155.

2023 Porter, L. C., Testa, A., Kozerra, M., **Philippon, C.**, Remrey, L., Bijole, P., Kattakuzhy, S., Alexander, C. S., & Rosenthal, E. (2023). “I got so much on my plate”: Understanding care discontinuity for HIV and HCV among formerly incarcerated persons. *Health Services Research*, 58(4), 865-872.

Peer-reviewed journal articles under review

Non-refereed publications

- 2018** Wright, Kevin A., and **Cassandra Philippon**. "Prison Outreach/Exchange Programs." *Oxford Bibliographies in Criminology*. Oxford University Press.

Works in progress

Philippon, Cassandra. "The disjunction between expectations prior to arrival and reality of life in a women's prison: Results from qualitative interviews with women in prison. *To be submitted for review by August 2026*.

*Williamson, Abby & **Cassandra Philippon**. "The Tension Between Autonomy and Dependency in Foster Care." *To be submitted for review by Fall 2026*.

*Blauschild, Kelly & **Cassandra Philippon**. "Performing Femininity in Confinement: Gender Expression and Identity Maintenance in a Women's Prison." *To be submitted for review by Fall 2026*.

*Alexander Lewis & **Cassandra Philippon**. "Narratives of Redemption: Incarcerated Women's Paths Through Recovery and Rehabilitation Programs" *To be submitted for review by Fall 2026*.

Collaborative Research Development

- 2026** **Department of Sociology Crime & Deviance Research Working Group**. Ongoing collaboration with faculty colleagues to develop publishable research projects using National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) data, including project conceptualization, analytic strategy development, and manuscript planning, with the goal of peer-reviewed journal submission.

Refereed Presentations

Academic conference (* indicates student co-author)

- 2026** Jones, Thomas & **Cassandra Philippon**. "Behind Bars: How Gender Shapes the Availability of Prison Programs," poster presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, March 2026
- 2026** Williamson, Abby, **Cassandra Philippon** & Kim Anderson. "'I Just Want To Live My Life And Be A Teenager': The Tension Between Autonomy and Dependency in Foster Care," Society of Social Work and Research (SSWR), January 2026
- 2025** Jones, Thomas & **Cassandra Philippon**. "Behind Bars: How Gender Shapes the Availability of Prison Programs," poster presentation at the American Society of Criminology, November 2025
- 2025** **Philippon, Cassandra**, Alexander Lewis, & Kelly Blauschild. "Insights from the Women in Orange – Topics emerging from qualitative interviews with women in

prison”, roundtable panel at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2025

- 2024** **Philippon, Cassandra.** “Women in Orange: How Care Structures Adaptation Inside a Women’s Prison”, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, November 2024
- 2023** **Philippon, Cassandra.** “Women in Prison: Virtual Interviews Examining Adaptation, Relationships, and Identity Inside a Women’s Prison”, Academy of Criminal Justice Science Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 2023.
- 2020** **Philippon, Cassandra.** “Conviction or Incarceration?: What’s driving unemployment for ex-offenders?” Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona February 2020
- 2019** **Philippon, Cassandra.** “Conviction or Incarceration?: What’s driving unemployment for ex-offenders?” Poster session, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, November 2019
- 2018** **Philippon, Cassandra.** “Intersectionality in employment: Mixed-methods approach using an in-person audit of food-Service Sector jobs” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2017
- 2018** **Philippon, Cassandra.** “Impact Evaluation of Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program”, Academy of Criminal Justice Science Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2018.
- 2018** **Philippon, Cassandra & Wesley Smith.** “Extralegal Factor Disparities in Criminal History Score Categorization and Impacts on Sentencing Outcomes”, Western Society of Criminology Conference, Long Beach, California, February 2018.
- 2017** **Philippon, Cassandra.** “Inside-Out Program Evaluation: Preliminary Results”, poster presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2017.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Received

- 2023** Cosmos Scholars Dissertation Grant (\$2,225)
- 2022** Dean’s Fellowship (\$2,500)
- McNair Dissertation Fellowship (\$15,000)
- Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship at University of Maryland recipient (\$5,000)

2018-2022 McNair Graduate Fellowship at University of Maryland recipient

2016-2018 Reach for the Stars Fellowship recipient

Sought but not awarded

2025 Arnold Ventures Building Evidence: Support for Causal Studies to Evaluate Social Programs and Policies, PI: Cassandra Philippon, Co-PI: Jalonta Jackson-Glasco (Total: \$500,000; \$185,000 allocated to Philippon)

2025 Arnold Ventures Causal Research on Community Safety and the Criminal Justice System, PI: Cassandra Philippon, Co-PI: Jalonta Jackson-Glasco (Total: \$500,000; \$84,000 allocated to Philippon)

TEACHING ACTIVITIES:

Instructor

2026 **Data Analysis Capstone (SYA4450):** University of Central Florida

Theoretical Criminology (SYA6128): University of Central Florida

2025 **Research Methods (SYP4300C):** University of Central Florida

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Criminology (SYP3520W): University of Central Florida

2024 **Research Methods (SYP4300C):** University of Central Florida

Criminology (SYP3520W): University of Central Florida

2023 **Criminology (SYP3520):** University of Central Florida

2021 **Introduction to Criminology (CCJS 105):** University of Maryland – College Park

Introduction to Criminology (CCJS 105): University of Maryland – College Park

2020 **Introduction to Criminology (CCJS 105):** University of Maryland – College Park

Introduction to Criminology (CCJS 105): University of Maryland – College Park

2019 **Introduction to Criminology (CCJS 105):** University of Maryland – College Park

Guest lectures

2025	SYA 7625 Advanced Proseminar , Guest Lecture, University of Central Florida, Fall 2025
2025	SYA 5625 Proseminar , Guest Lecture, University of Central Florida, Fall 2025
2025	SYP 6917 Directed Readings , Guest Lecture, University of Central Florida, Spring 2025
2024	SYA 5625 Proseminar , Guest Lecture, University of Central Florida, Fall 2024
2023	SYA 5625 Proseminar , Guest Lecture, University of Central Florida, Fall 2023
2023	Qualitative Methods for Planners: Architecture, Planning, and Preservation Master's Program , Guest Lecture, University of Maryland – College Park, Spring 2023

Graduate Student Supervision & Mentorship

Doctoral Dissertation

2025-2026	Committee member , Alexander Lewis
2024-2026	Committee member , Christopher Walker
2023-2026	Committee member , Fadime Karaaslan

Master's Applied Research Product

2024-2026	Committee Chair , Thomas Jones, "The relationship between state correctional budget and state prison program availability"
2024-2026	Committee Chair , Abby Williamson, "Navigating Instability: Understanding the Challenges Behind Placement Disruption in the Department of Social Services Custody of Children," <i>defended Spring 2026</i>

Graduate Research Assistants

2025	Alexander Lewis, qualitative coding on Women in Orange dataset, Summer and Fall 2025
2025	Kelly Blauschild, qualitative coding on Women in Orange dataset, Summer and Fall 2025

Funding for Graduate Students

2025	Kelly Blauschild, Graduate Research Assistant, summer 2025, funded through Philippon Start-up funds
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Graduate Teaching Associate Teaching Mentor

2026	Kelly Blauschild, Summer term
2025	Alexander Lewis, Fall semester
2024-2025	Alexandria McClarty, Fall and Spring semesters
2024	Christopher Walker, Summer term

Graduate Teaching Assistants

2025-2026	Thomas Jones, SYA4300C (Research Methods) & SYA4450 (Data Analysis)
2025	Alexandra Milana, SYP3520W (Criminology)
2024-2025	Md Mahbub Alam, SYA4300C (Research Methods) & SYA4450 (Data Analysis)
2024	Sylvia Stewart, SYA3520W (Criminology)
2023	Lauren Labuhn, SYA3520 (Criminology)

Independent Studies

2025	Kelly Blauschild, Fall
2025	Abby Williamson, Summer
2025	Thomas Jones, Spring & Summer
2024	Christopher Walker, Summer
2024	Abby Williamson, Summer

Undergraduate Student Supervision & Mentorship

2024-2025	Research and Mentor Program Faculty Mentor , Mikayla Hunte, “Assessing the Restaurant Industries' Qualities That Act as an Incentive to Stay”
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Honors Undergraduate Theses

2025-2026	Honors Undergraduate Thesis chair , Emre Muessemeyer
2025-2026	Honors Undergraduate Thesis committee member , Tayler Franken.

Research Presentations

2026	Undergraduate Sociology Research Symposium , April 23, poster presentations
▪	Ken Pham (honorable mention award)
▪	Mary Macy
▪	Selena Slaughter

- Katelyn Martini
- Emily Edmead
- Christian Arencibia

2025 UCF Student Scholar Symposium, Mikayla Hunte, “Assessing the Restaurant Industries’ Quality That Act as an Incentive to Stay” *poster presentation*.

2025 Undergraduate Sociology Research Symposium, April 17, poster presentations

- Mikayla Hunte (honorable mention award winner)
- McKayla Greenier
- Marcus Polzer (third place award winner)
- Mateo Herrera
- Damon Robb
- Madline Kraemer (second place award winner)
- Paige Maynard (first place award winner)
- Luke Witzman

Undergraduate Research Showcase, April 17, virtual poster presentation

- Maria De Nobrega
- Yehuda Arazi
- Michelle Mederos
- Jazzlyn Nunez

SERVICE EXPERIENCE:

Department service

2024-2026 University of Central Florida Sociology Department Teaching Mentor

2025 University of Central Florida Sociology Department Interim Graduate Program Coordinator, summer 2025

Graduate Student Professional Development

2025 American Society of Criminology Practice Presentations, Graduate Student Professional Development, Nov 10, 2025, organizer and judge

2025 Generative AI: Friend, Faculty, or Foe?, Graduate Student Professional Development Workshop, Oct 21, 2025, organizer and speaker

Committees

2025-2026 University of Central Florida Sociology Department Graduate Committee Member

- 2026** University of Central Florida Sociology Department Crime and Deviance Section
Doctoral Student Qualifying Exam Grader, Spring
- 2025** University of Central Florida Sociology Department Methods Section Doctoral
Student Qualifying Exam Grader, Fall
- 2024-2025** University of Central Florida Sociology Department Graduate Committee Member

University of Central Florida Sociology Department Crime and Deviance Doctoral
Student Qualifying Exam Grader
- 2021-2022** University of Maryland Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate
Student Representative
- 2019-2020** University of Maryland Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Human
Relations Committee Graduate Student Representative

University of Maryland Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Social
Event Chair
- 2019-2021** University of Maryland Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate
Student Peer Mentor

Department event attendance

- 2026** Sociology Annual Department Awards Ceremony, Spring 2026
- 2025** Fall Graduate Student Registration Event, Fall 2025

Spring Graduate Student Registration Event, Spring 2025

Sociology Annual Department Awards Ceremony, Spring 2025

Sociology Graduate Student Research Summit, Spring 2025
- 2024-2025** Sociology New Faculty Orientation (monthly meetings)
- 2024** Fall Graduate Student Registration Event, Fall 2024

College & University service

- 2026** College of Science Awards and Recognition Committee
- 2026** Student Scholar Symposium Judge
- 2025-present** Florida Prison Education Program Research Associate
- 2025-present** University of Central Florida Institutional Review Board guest member/subject
matter expert; Prisoner Advocate

2025 Student Scholar Symposium Judge

College event attendance

2026 Spring College of Sciences Faculty Meeting, President and Provost meeting

2025 Fall College of Sciences Faculty Meeting

2024-2025 College of Sciences New Faculty Orientation (monthly meetings)

2024 Fall College of Sciences Commencement Ceremony

Professional service

2025-present Member of the Florida Coalition for Higher Education in Prison (FCHEP)

Professional organization membership

2025-present Alpha Kappa Delta chapter representative

2026-present Phi Gamma Mu chapter representative

2025-present Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences member

2023-present American Sociological Association member

2018-present American Society of Criminology member

Refereed journals

Incarceration

Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology

Women & Criminal Justice

Community Service

2026 **Volunteer Organizer & Instructor, Research Methods in the Park Workshop Series.** Organized and led a five-week workshop series for Central Florida youth, guiding participants ages 7–13 through four social science research data-collection methods. Supported students in developing research tools, conducting data collection, and presenting their findings at weekly sessions.

2025 **Volunteer, One Heart for Women and Children – Monthly Mobile Food Distribution.** Participate in monthly mobile food distribution events, supporting efforts to deliver essential supplies to underserved communities across Orlando and

assisting in providing accessible food and resources to individuals and families in need.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Workshops

2024 FCTL Fall Teaching and Learning Day

Courses

2025 Inside-Out Prison Exchange Instructor Training; Temple University, Summer

2025 UCF Summer Faculty Development Institute: Florida Prison Education Program, Summer

2024 Interactive Distributed Learning (IDL 6543) course completion, Summer

2024 Generative AI for Innovative Teaching and Learning course, Webcourse developed by Office of the Provost, Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, and the Center for Distributed Learning, Fall

2024 AI Fundamentals For Faculty Members, 6-week course, Fall