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EDUCATION

- Exp. 2026 Doctor of Philosophy, Criminology and Criminal Justice, ABD.
 Arizona State University
 Dissertation Title: “Drink Water and Walk the Track”: The Intersection of Women’s Health, Carceral Control, and Punishment
 Committee: Dr. Beth Huebner (Chair), Dr. Adam Fine, Dr. Gary Sweeten, Dr. Abigail Henson
- 2014 Master of Science, Criminal Justice
 Georgia College & State University
- 2012 Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice
 Georgia College & State University

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Wallace, D., **Tapp, K.**, Parry, M., Castillo, I., Parent and caregivers’ perspectives on what the police should and shouldn’t do during Interactions with Autistic Individuals. *In Press at Police Research and Practice: An International Journal*.
- Tapp, K.** & Henson, A. (2024). “For men, by men”: Menstrual victimization and the weaponization of period products in carceral Settings. *Women’s Health*. DOI:[10.1177/17455057241240931](https://doi.org/10.1177/17455057241240931)
- Guiffre, A., **Tapp, K.**, Huebner, B., Kras, K. Slocum, L. (2024). Cyclical pathways to probation violations: Housing, financial capabilities, and COVID-19. *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*. DOI: [10.1080/23774657.2024.2320413](https://doi.org/10.1080/23774657.2024.2320413)

Technical Reports

- Huebner, B., Telep, C., Sandvik, J., Griffen, C.L., An, S., Schafer, J., Portillo, S., **Tapp, K.**, Fairbanks, C., Bertucci, A., Corwin, S., & Forrai, K. (2025). Recruitment and retention of Arizona’s detention officers, Arizona State University. *Report for the Arizona Board of Regents and the Community Supervisors Association*.
- Tapp, K.** (2025). Making good on "Good Time": A landscape analysis of earned credit release laws & implementation. *Report for Unlocked Labs, funded by Arnold Ventures*.
- Tapp, K.** (2024). Youth menstrual health in detention. *Report for Arizona Detention Leadership*.

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Portillo, S., Badger, S., Bertucci, A., Huebner, B., Jensen, U., Jones, T., Schafer, J., Swindell, D., & **Tapp, K.** (2023). Public service leader interviews and policy review for retention and recruitment of public safety personnel: Report in series: Recruitment and retention of Arizona's law enforcement and fire service personnel. *Report for the Arizona Board of Regents and the Community Supervisors Association.*

Jiang, S. Felson, M., Scott, M., & **Tapp, K.** (2023). Carjacking. Problem-Oriented Guides for Police Problem-Specific Guides Series No. 75. <https://popcenter.asu.edu/content/carjacking>

Encyclopedia Entries

Tapp, K. Menstruation in Prison. *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Menstruation and Society. In press.*

Tapp, K. (2020). Judicial Scrutiny. Criminal Justice in America: *The Encyclopedia of Crime, Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections.* <http://publisher.abc-clio.com/9781440862632>

Doude, S. & **Tapp, K.** (2014). Radical Feminism. *The Encyclopedia of Theoretical Criminology.* <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118517390.wbetc090>

Public Scholarship

Tapp, K. (2025, August 6). Detained and in the dark: Youth in detention need menstrual health education now. *Youth Today.* [Link](#)

Griffin, M., Samuelson Bannow, B., **Tapp, K.**, & Darivemula, S. (2024, June 21). Improving menstrual health throughout the reproductive life course. *Cassyni Research Seminar.* <https://doi.org/10.52843/cassyni.dzz95v>

Tapp, K. (2022). Do new laws on ‘revenge porn’ serve the needs of all victims?. *Crime and Justice News*, National Criminal Justice Association. <https://www.ncja.org/crimeandjusticenews/do-new-laws-on-revenge-porn-serve-the-needs-of-all-victims>

Under Review/ In Preparation

Tapp, K., Moreira De Andrade, T., & Blount-Hill, K. Help wanted: Procedural justice and perceived ability to ask carceral staff for help. *Under Review at Criminal Justice and Behavior.*

Tapp, K., Jones, T., Wood, M., Huebner, B., Schafer, J., & Portillo, S. “Rebuilding the Ranks”: Law enforcement’s search for a sustainable workforce. *Under Review at Police Chief Magazine.*

Jones, T., **Tapp, K.**, Schafer, J., Huebner, B. It is more than the money: Public safety responses to recruitment and retention barriers. *Under Review at Policing: An International Journal.*

Huebner, B. & **Tapp, K.** Perpetual probation: Understanding the role of prosecutors in the probation sentencing and violations processes. *In preparation.*

Tapp, K. & Fine, A. “Who do I ask?”: Youth menstrual health in detention. *In Preparation.*

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Tapp, K. & Fine, A. “What Do I Say?”: Understanding juvenile detention staff’s roles and experiences during interactions with detained youth about menstruation and menstrual health. *In Preparation*.

Tapp, K. Are pads and tampons stuck in the “Hands-Off era”: Period product deprivation in carceral spaces. *In preparation*.

GRANTS AWARDED

External Awards

- 2025 Graduate Student Research Scholarship; ADPCCJ. (\$800) Role: PI
- 2025 Making Good on “Good Time:” A Landscape Analysis of Earned Credit Release Laws & Implementation, Arnold Ventures (\$25,000) Role: PI
- 2024 “Drink Water and Walk the Track:” The Intersection of Reproductive Health and Carcerality Interpreted Through a Radical Feminist Lens; American Society of Criminology, Division of Feminist Criminology, Feminist Criminology Student Research Scholarship (\$5,000) Role: PI

Internal Awards

- 2025 School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Dissertation Funding, Arizona State University. (\$2,000). Role: PI
- 2023 “What Do I Say?”: Understanding Juvenile Detention Staff’s Roles and Experiences During Interactions with Detained Youth About Menstruation and Menstrual Health; Youth Justice Lab Student Grant, Arizona State University. (\$1,698) Role: PI

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 Graduate College Travel Award, Arizona State University (\$300)
- 2024 ASU Student Travel Award (\$500)
- 2023 American Society of Criminology: Division of Feminist Criminology Graduate Student Paper Award (\$500)
- 2021 Outstanding Part-Time Teacher Nominee, Georgia Gwinnett College
- 2014 Terry Wells Award, Georgia College & State University

SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2025 Selected Participant, Arnold Ventures PhD Research Workshop, Houston, TX (\$2,000)
- 2025 Invited Participant, Establishing a Western Collaborative for Public Safety, Arnold Ventures Innovation Day, Arizona State University California Center, Los Angeles
- 2024 Invited Participant, Fostering Public Safety Workshop - Arnold Ventures Innovation Day, hosted by Colorado State University
- 2024 American Criminal Justice Health Conference Scholarship (\$850)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2025 Landscape Analysis of Earned Time Credit Policy and Practice for *Unlocked Labs*, funded by Arnold Ventures

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PI: Kathryn Tapp

- Led all stages of qualitative research for the multi-state project, including interview design, data collection, coding, thematic analysis, and authorship of the final report to inform policy recommendations.

2024-2025 Recruitment and Retention of Detention Officers in Arizona, *funded by the Arizona Board of Regents and County Supervisors Association*

PIs: Dr. Beth Huebner, Dr. Joe Schafer, Dr. Cody Telep, Dr. Shannon Portillo

- Contributed to a statewide study on staffing challenges in detention facilities. Coordinated and conducted interviews, managed scheduling, coded qualitative data, wrote analytical memos, and co-drafted findings for the final report.

2023- An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Menstrual Health within the Carceral System (Dissertation)

PI: Kathryn Tapp

Chair: Beth Huebner

- Designed and led all phases of the project, including IRB approval, securing funding, developing interview protocols, participant recruitment, data collection, and qualitative analysis.

2023- The Experiences of Female Youth with Menstruation in Detention

PI: Kathryn Tapp

Co-Is: Sophia Maturano, Adam Fine

- Initially supervised as an undergraduate honors thesis, later transitioning into my own research project. Contributed to interview guide development, oversaw IRB process, and led data collection and qualitative analysis.

2023- “What Do I Say?”: Understanding Juvenile Detention Staff’s Roles and Experiences During Interactions with Detained Youth About Menstruation and Menstrual Health

PI: Kathryn Tapp

Co-Is: Dr. Adam Fine

- Led all phases of the project, including idea development, IRB approval, participant recruitment, data collection, and analysis, to examine staff perspectives and practices surrounding menstrual health education in juvenile detention.

2023-2024 Recruitment and Retention of Public Safety in Arizona, *funded by the Arizona Board of Regents and County Supervisors Association*

PIs: Dr. Beth Huebner, Dr. Shannon Portillo, Dr. Ulrich Jensen

- Conducted in-depth interviews, coded qualitative data, drafted analytical memos, and contributed to the development of findings for the final report, focusing on workforce challenges and retention strategies in public safety.

2023-2024 Designing for Justice Convenings (Phoenix, AZ; Washington D.C., Los Angeles, CA)

PI: Dr. Beth Huebner

- Collaborated on a research team conducting ethnographic observation and notetaking during convenings, synthesized findings, and co-authored an executive report for the President of Arizona State University.

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- 2023 “For Men, By Men”: Menstrual Victimization and the Weaponization of Period Products in Carceral Settings.
PI: Kathryn Tapp
Co-I: Abbie Henson
- Collected and coded all data, conducted analysis, wrote findings, and co-authored the manuscript examining menstrual product weaponization and victimization in carceral settings.
- 2023 Barriers to success on probation
PI: Dr. Beth Huebner
- Coded qualitative data, drafted findings, and co-authored the manuscript examining challenges to probation compliance and successful completion.
- 2022-2023 Interactions of people with Autism and the police
PI: Dr. Danielle Wallace
- Collected survey data in the field, developed thematic insights from initial bi-term modeling results, and contributed to drafting findings for the final manuscript.
- 2022 “What about the L?”: PRISMA scoping review of journal articles on lesbian police officers
PI: Dr. Kwan Lamar Blount-Hill
- Coded articles for interrater reliability, and contributed to writing and structuring the literature review for the manuscript.
- 2022 Evaluation of problem-oriented policing interventions in Phoenix
PI: Michael Scott, J.D.
- Participated in precinct meetings with law enforcement to assess interventions and identify needs, and transcribed detailed meeting notes to support project documentation and analysis.
- 2013 Perceived threat of victimization on college campuses
PI: Dr. Carrie Cook
- Conducted literature review, assisted in developing the research instrument, and collected primary survey data from the Georgia College student body.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2022- Doctoral Research Assistant and Instructor
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Arizona State University
- 2022 Temporary Lecturer [Full Time]
Department of Government & Sociology
Georgia College & State University
- 2019-2021 Adjunct Professor
Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice, and International Studies
Georgia Gwinnett College
- 2014 Adjunct Professor

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Department of Government & Sociology
Georgia College & State University

2013-2014 Graduate Assistant
Department of Government and Sociology
Georgia College & State University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Tapp, K.** (2025). Are pads and tampons stuck in the “Hands Off” era? Period product deprivation in carceral spaces. Western Society of Criminology, Seattle, WA.
- Tapp, K. & Huebner, B.** (2025). “Go to Prison, Leave with a Hysterectomy”: Medical Paternalism in the Carceral Spaces. Western Society of Criminology, Seattle, WA.
- Tapp, K. & Fine, A.** (2024). What do I say?: Menstrual health conversations in juvenile detention. American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Guiffre, A., **Tapp, K.**, Huebner, B. Kras, K., & Slocum, L. (2024). Cyclical pathways to probation violations: Housing, financial capabilities, and COVID-19. Western Society of Criminology Conference, Long Beach, CA.
- Jones, T., **Tapp, K.**, & Huebner, B. (2024). Public safety responses to recruitment and retention barriers. Western Society of Criminology Conference, Long Beach, CA.
- Tapp, K. & Henson, A.** (2023). ‘For men, by men’: Exploring the relationship between period poverty and menstrual victimization in the carceral setting using a radical feminist lens. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Wallace, D., **Tapp, K.**, & Parry, M. (2023). Parent and Caregivers’ Perspectives on What the Police Should and Shouldn’t Do during Interactions with Autistic Individuals. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Doude, S. & **Tapp, K.** (2023). Substance-abuse Recovery Narratives. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Tapp, K.**, Doude, S., Hayes, B., Rousseau, D. (2022). Boundaries: How to care for yourself and your students using a trauma-informed pedagogy. Roundtable Presentation at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Doude, S. & **Tapp, K.** (2021). Alt-recovery theory through the COVID pandemic. Presentation at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference, Daytona, FL.
- Tapp, K. & Doude, S.** (2013). The transgendered population’s experience in prison. Presentation at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference, Virginia Beach, VA.

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Tapp, K. & McDowell, L. (2012). The creation of crime profiles to analyze the depiction of crime in the mass media. Presentation at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference, Jacksonville, FL.

Doude, S. & **Tapp, K. (2011).** Varying policies on the rights of victims of sexual violence in the University System of Georgia. Presentation at Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference, Nashville, TN.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Arizona State University

- CRJ 305 Gender, Crime, and Criminal Justice
- CRJ 309 Criminology
- Barrett Summer Scholars Program
 - Introduction to Criminal Justice and Criminology
 - 10th Grade

Lecturer

Georgia College & State University

- CRJU 1100 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CRJU 2350 Introduction to Law
- CRJU 4101 Police Systems and Practices
- CRJU 4005 Statistical Analysis for Criminal Justice

Adjunct Professor

Georgia Gwinnett College

- CJCR 1100 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CJCR 2000 Administration of Justice
- CJCR 3500 U.S. Corrections Systems
- CJCR 3810 Juvenile Justice
- CJCR 4000 Special Topics: The Death Penalty
 - Created, developed, and instructed.

Adjunct Professor

Georgia College & State University

- CRJU 4101 Police Systems and Practices

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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| 2024 | Guest Speaker Students Against Incarceration: Black Period Project
<i>DePaul University</i> |
| 2024 | Guest Lecture: Punishment in the Age of Mass Incarceration Undergraduate Course
<i>Northeastern University</i> |
| 2024 | Dr. Carolyn Sufrin's Reproductive Health Work Group
<i>Johns Hopkins University</i> |

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2022 Take Back the Night
Georgia College & State University Women's Center

2022 Period Product Packing Party
Georgia College & State University Women's Center

MEDIA

The Globe (2021, November 12, Interviewed for Comment). GGC Holds Clothesline Project for Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence. [Link](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Webinars, Trainings, and Workshops

2025 Grounded Theory with Dr. Amber Wutich, Institute of Social Science Research, Arizona State University

2024 Survey Creation with Dr. Susan Weller, Institute of Social Science Research, Arizona State University

2024 “Running the Gauntlet”: Succeeding as a Qualitative Scholar in a Field Built Upon Quantitative Standard with Dr. Jamie Fader and Dr. Danielle Rudes, The American Society of Criminology

2024 Semi-Structured Interviews with Dr. Gery Ryan, Institute of Social Science Research, Arizona State University

2023 Trauma-Informed Practices in Higher Education, Arizona State University

2021 Facilitating Difficult Conversations with Dr. Stephanie McClure, Georgia College State University, Center for Teaching and Learning.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer

Women's Reproductive Health

International Journal of Prison Health

International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology

Women's Health

Journal of Contemporary Criminology

*Journal of Qualitative Criminology*¹

Departmental and University Service

¹ Co-reviewed with Dr. Kwan Lamar Blount-Hill and Thais Moreira De Andrade with permission from the Editor.

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- 2025 Organized the Distinguished Scholar Visit, Dr. Carolyn Sufrin, M.D., PhD., The Johns Hopkins University
- 2024-2026 Student Representative, Watts College Dean's Doctoral Student Committee, Arizona State University (one of two elected student representatives for the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice)
- 2024- Graduate Student Committee Student Mentorship Program; Mentor
 - Peer-led mentorship program for masters and doctoral students.
- 2023-2024 Co-Chair with Dr. Adam Fine of Sophia Marturano's Honors Thesis
- 2023- Member of the ASU Youth Justice Lab, directed by Dr. Adam Fine
- 2022- Graduate Student Committee
Arizona State University
 - Member (2022-Current); Co-Chair (2023-2025)
- 2021 The Period Project
Georgia Gwinnett College
 - Worked with campus groups to provide free period products on campus.
- 2021 The Clothesline Project
Georgia Gwinnett College
 - Programmed the 4-day event, bringing the Clothesline Project to GGC for the first time
- 2021 Dialogue on Law Enforcement and University Students Rights Panel
Georgia Gwinnett College
 - Developed and moderated the event for GGC's Constitution Day.
- 2012-2013 Peer Diversity Educators
Georgia College & State University
- 2008 Delta Zeta Sorority
Georgia College & State University

Discipline Service

- 2025 Journey.do Menstrual Health Module for Youth in Detention
 - Journey.do is an interactive platform for youth in detention to learn and tell their stories
 - Developed three learning modules and writing prompt on menstrual health to be a section in the Pursuing Health and Wellness Certificate youth can earn
- 2025 Participated in the Perryville State Prison Health Fair on the Santa Cruz unit
 - Provided menstrual health and hygiene information to over 600 incarcerated women

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- 2025 Panel Chair
- “Panel 38: Legal Issues in Criminal Justice”. Western Society of Criminology Conference, Seattle, WA.
- 2023 Panel Chair
- “Health Criminology Panel 6: Policing and Autism Spectrum Disorder.” American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 Menstrual Health Fact Sheet
- Met with county detention managers in Arizona and integrated a period fact sheet into their programming
 - Supplied to their detained youth to encourage health education among detained adolescent menstruators
- 2022 Roundtable Chair
- “Boundaries: How to care for yourself and your students using a trauma-informed pedagogy.” American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Community Service

- 2024 - Arouet Volunteer - a community based nonprofit organization run primarily by system-impacted women helping women reentering after incarceration
- Spring 2025 – Organized two health-based workshops (women’s reproductive health; yoga) for previously incarcerated women in collaboration with local medical students
 - Spring 2025 - Tabled at the Perryville Women’s Prison first health fair to bring menstrual health and hygiene information to over 600 women
- 2021-2025 Annual Bleed with Dignity Period Product Drive (Hosted and organized)
- 2025: Collected approximately 16,655 period products for system-impacted women in Arizona
 - 2024: Collected approximately 24,000 period products for system-impacted women in Arizona; Recipients include Arouet, Peer Solutions, Perryville Women’s Prison; Organized a period packing party in which 12 faculty and students joined to pack period products for the community
 - 2023: Collected approximately 27,000 period products for victim services organizations across the state of Arizona; Collaborated with Dr. Period Hackers health advocacy group to supply a period fact sheet to go in each period pack; Brought the drive to Arizona State University; Organized a period packing party in which 14 faculty and students joined to pack period products for the community; Recipients include Sojourner Center, Chrysalis, Peer Solutions; Durango Detention Center Hope Closet; Turn a New Leaf; Eve’s Place; New Life Center; Crime Victim’s Rights; ARCH
 - 2022: Collected approximately 25,000 menstruation products for various nonprofits in the Greater Atlanta area.

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- 2021: Collected approximately 30,555 menstruation products; Made 1,455 period packs for the Homeless Period Project of Atlanta to provide free period product access to those in need.
- 2022 Toy Drive for the Bright House
 - Hosted, organized, and collected stuffed animals and coloring supplies for The Bright House, a child advocacy center in Milledgeville, Georgia
- 2018 Silent Auction for Wounded Warrior Project
 - Hosted, organized, and raised approximately \$6,500 dollars to donate to the Wounded Warrior Project.
- 2017 Silent Auction for Gateway Domestic Violence Shelter
 - Hosted, organized, and raised approximately 6,000 dollars to donate to Gateway Domestic Violence Shelter for Women in Gainesville, GA.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Feminist Criminology
Health Criminology

Life Course and
Developmental Criminology
Mixed Methods

Program Development and
Evaluation

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

ASU Youth Justice Lab

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

- Division of Feminist Criminology
- Division on Corrections and Sentencing
- Division of Developmental/Life Course Criminology
- Division of Health and Disability Criminology

Western Society of Criminology (WSC)

Academic Consortium on Criminal Justice Health (ACCJH)

Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA)