



American Society of Criminology

2025 ELECTION FOR 2026-2027 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT ELECT

ROD K. BRUNSON



BIO: Rod K. Brunson is department chair and professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland. He is an ASC Fellow and a member of the Division on People of Color and Crime and the Division of Qualitative Research. Brunson has served as an ASC Executive Counselor (2021-2024). He has chaired (Ruth Peterson Award Committee 2017; Methods Workshop Committee 2016; Minority Affairs Committee 2013-2014) or served on several important ASC committees (Fellow Award Committee 2024-2025; Advisory Board Committee on Climate 2020-2021; Sutherland Award Committee 2019-2020; Minority Affairs Committee (2004-2006, 2008-2009, 2012-2013)). He has also served on the editorial boards of two ASC sponsored journals (*Criminology & Public Policy*; *Race and Justice*). Since 2015, Brunson has co-directed the Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network (RDCJN) and was an inaugural fellow of the 2006 cohort.

Brunson has also held key leadership positions at multiple universities. His administrative experience positions him to propel ASC to new heights, while simultaneously building on its solid foundation as a premier professional organization. Brunson's career has exposed him to multiple types of departments, including both highly ranked doctoral granting programs and units in less research-intensive institutions. Through this exposure, he has developed a broad view of academia and an expansive network of current and former colleagues (and life-long friends) who represent the many domains of the discipline.

Professor Brunson's research expertise centers on police-community relations, gun violence, and evidence-based criminal justice policy. He has consistently called for effective crime reduction strategies that do not inadvertently worsen legal cynicism. Dr. Brunson's scholarship appears in the *Annual Review of Criminology*, *Annual Review of Sociology*, *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, *British Journal of Criminology*, *City & Community*, *Criminology*, *Criminology & Public Policy*, *Evaluation Review*, *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Preventive Medicine*, *Race and Justice*, *Urban Affairs Review*, and the *Journal of Urban Health*.

STATEMENT: I am honored to be considered as a candidate for the position of 2027 ASC President. Since attending my first annual meeting as a graduate student in 1997, the ASC has consistently encouraged and refined my broad intellectual curiosities. The ASC is a leading organization for criminology/criminal justice scholars dedicated to informing the world on effective crime prevention strategies and improved public safety. For over two decades, I have committed myself to encouraging the widespread and timely dissemination of knowledge to different stakeholders, thereby helping to shape both public safety and social justice policy.

Across my academic and administrative work, I steadfastly encourage the pursuit of excellence. To that end, if I am elected President, I will promote (and model) a climate that values diplomacy, innovative thinking, constructive criticism, transparency, and mutual respect. I will insist that we tirelessly invest in, and live ASC's core values, strengthening the organization's relevance within policy- and community-focused circles. A hallmark of my career has been valuing all voices, a practice that I will continue as President.

In closing, I respectfully ask for your vote as ASC President. If elected, I will continue championing the causes of early career scholars, developing purposive mentoring initiatives, and advocating for ASC to expand its role in providing desperately needed research support (on important public safety matters), critical funding that may become increasingly difficult to obtain from other sources. Having very recently served on the Executive Board, I understand that the organization easily has the financial means to temporarily support a small-scale and potentially career-changing opportunity for up-and-coming scholars. My vision is that the ASC grant portfolio would be competitively awarded and focused on supporting projects that are, evidence-based, methodologically rigorous, and policy relevant. Furthermore, I pledge to be attentive to all members' concerns, building upon the fundamental work of valued past presidents. And of course, I will continue to host legendary parties!

CHRIS UGGEN



BIO: Christopher (Chris) Uggen is Regents and Distinguished McKnight Professor in Sociology, Law, and Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. He has served as ASC Executive Secretary (2003-2009) and on committees for the Cavan Award (2002-2003; 2022-2023; 2023-2024), the Sutherland Award (2021-2022), the Fellows Committee (2016-2017), and the National Policy Committee (1998-1999). He has also served as American Sociological Association Vice President (2017-2018) and Crime, Law, and Deviance chair (2013-2014), and on the boards of the National Academies Committee on Law and Justice (2024-2028) and the NORC General Social Survey (2016-2020). He has edited *Contexts* (2007-2011) and *The Society Pages* (2010-present), a social science site with over 40 million visitors, and served

American Sociological Review, *Law & Society Review*, and *Justice Quarterly* as associate editor. He is an ASC Fellow (since 2013) and recipient of the Gene Carte Paper (1991) and Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar (2000) awards, and the ASA's Public Understanding of Sociology Award (2023), Peterson-Krivo mentoring award (2014), and James F. Short article award (2018).

As a criminologist in the Sutherland tradition, Uggen studies lawmaking, lawbreaking, and the societal reaction to lawbreaking. He advocates for public and policy criminology, firm in the belief that sound research can help build a more just and peaceful world. His research has had its greatest impact on law and policy concerning voting rights restoration, collateral sanctions, and sexual harassment. As editor and publisher, he enjoys geeking out over others' research and helping translate and share it with broader

audiences. His books include *Prisons and Health in the Age of Mass Incarceration* (2022, Oxford) and *Locked Out: Felon Disenfranchisement and American Democracy* (2006, Oxford). Current projects examine voting rights for people with records, reentry, fairness in sentencing, monetary sanctions, Scandinavian justice, and gun crime. His research appears in *Criminology*, *Criminology & Public Policy*, *Feminist Criminology*, *Gender & Society*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Law & Society Review*, *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Journal of Epidemiology*, and *Demography*.

STATEMENT: I will never forget my first ASC meeting as a new graduate student: I lost my luggage but found my professional and intellectual home. Today I thank you for considering me as President. As a “big tent” criminologist with strong policy interests, I value the richness, range, and diversity of our work and the science, instruction, and advocacy it inspires. These are challenging times for many of our members, especially for students and junior scholars. As President, my immediate agenda will be to engage more members inside and outside the academy, to expand our reach and impact, and to strengthen the infrastructure that supports our research, teaching, and learning. And, since this no longer goes without saying, I will state it plainly: I will be a vigorous advocate for criminological research, data integrity, and academic freedom.

I believe the future of ASC depends on (1) bringing new voices to the table, including those with firsthand experience living or working in the system; (2) adapting our strategies and processes to big disruptive changes affecting criminological research, teaching, and learning; (3) squarely confronting injustice within and outside our field; (4) protecting the ASC’s integrity and financial viability; and, relatedly, (5) ensuring that the next generation of members is well-supported with material and intellectual resources. None of this can be done in a year, of course, but in previous work as ASA Vice President, I helped develop a Travel Fund to offset costs for disadvantaged members, a productive working group to address harassment, and a non-partisan Sociologists Action Network to connect members to organizations seeking their expertise.

Thanks again for your consideration. Win or lose, I look forward to connecting with you in November.

VICE-PRESIDENT ELECT

BOB APEL



BIO: Robert Apel is Professor of Criminology at Rutgers University-Newark. His research lies at the intersection of the labor market, the life course, and crime policy. His recent and in-progress research explores the impact of a criminal record on employment and wages, the impact of social safety net expansion on crime, the impact of community sanctions versus incarceration on reintegration, the impact of early prison release on recidivism, and the cross-national association of police contact experiences with general wellbeing. His teaching focuses on quantitative methods, criminological theory, and crime policy. His past service to ASC includes membership on many awards and nominations committees, along with a term as Program Co-Chair. He has served or currently serves on the editorial boards of *Criminology*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, and *Criminology and Public Policy*. He is also a former Associate Editor of *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.

STATEMENT: It is a great privilege to be considered for Vice President of the American Society of Criminology. As an ASC member since my very first semester as a graduate student in 1998, the organization has meant a great deal to me both professionally and personally. For me, the “gales of November” have never been in reference to the Edmund Fitzgerald, but rather to the laughter that flows from reuniting with old friends at the ASC annual meeting. As Vice President, my duties would include oversight of the publishing operations of the organization, chiefly as chair of the publications committee and editor of *The Criminologist*. Because *The Criminologist* is the chief form of communication for our organization, the editor has a unique opportunity to elevate topics of interest in our roles as scholars and educators. This is a position I hope to use to nurture more expansive and inclusive organization reach.

JEAN MCGLOIN



It is a privilege to run for Vice President of the American Society of Criminology. As an introduction, I received my Ph.D. from the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers-Newark and am a Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland. I am also an ASC Fellow and was the first female Editor of the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency (JRCD)*. I served as an Associate Editor or Editorial Board member of *Criminology*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Criminology and Public Policy*, *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *Journal of Criminal Justice Education and Criminal Justice Policy Review*. In recent years, much of my research has focused on groups and crime, including peer influence, co-offending and street gangs. In this work, I've had the pleasure of collaborating with numerous colleagues, including wonderfully talented graduate students. My research has appeared in journals such as *Criminology*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, and *British Journal of Criminology*.

I became an ASC member while in graduate school and have attended every conference since the 2000 meeting in San Francisco, where I had everyone's favorite timeslot: 8am on Saturday. I am currently a

member of the Scientific Integrity Committee, as well as the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. In prior years, I was an elected Executive Counselor of the ASC Board, Co-Chair of the Program Committee, a member of the Publications Committee and the Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar Award Committee, and a member of the Program Committee multiple times. I have undoubtedly benefitted from this engagement in ASC. In my Board and committee work, I learned from remarkable colleagues who brought different, critical perspectives to conversations. The annual meetings provided important opportunities for professional development, networking, and learning about emerging work. I am grateful for these experiences and am invested in ensuring that our younger ASC members have the same opportunities.

Over the years, I have come to believe that the society could be strengthened further. ASC represents a wide cross-section of individuals with different professional backgrounds, approaches to research, disciplinary training, philosophical perspectives and institutional financial support. I believe that ASC should be intentional about embracing this heterogeneity and make sure it is reflected in our leadership, policies, publications and annual meetings. People should feel seen and heard, and the meetings should be accessible to and reflective of the diversity of our membership. In short, ASC can be mindful of its inclusivity and work earnestly towards demonstrating that in tangible ways.

If elected as Vice President, I will not see the title as an honorific but instead as a call to service. My deep and broad editorial experience makes me uniquely well-suited to the particular duties of Vice President, which include planning lead articles in the *Criminologist* and serving as Chair of the Publications Committee. I will take these responsibilities seriously and my decisions on these fronts will be principled and transparent. Both in these publishing duties and in the broader role of ASC leadership, my primary goal will be to represent the interests of the broad membership. In our current climate, I am also especially committed to advocating for our members and championing the importance of science, education, funding and evidence-based policy.

I am ready to lead through service and humbly ask for your vote.

EXECUTIVE COUNSELORS

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PERSONAL STATEMENT: I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Executive Board of the American Society of Criminology (ASC). Over the course of my career, I have experienced ASC as a space of opportunity for fostering connection, developing a professional identity, and reinvigorating intellectual curiosities. Contemporary times pose great challenges for our research, professional identities, sense of community, and outreach. If elected to serve, I will do what I can to contribute to the preservation and growth of this space as one that fosters a community of belonging, opportunity, intellectual invigoration, and outreach.

PROFESSIONAL POSITION: Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University. **EDUCATION:** PhD and MA, Sociology, University of Iowa. **SELECT ASSOCIATION POSITIONS HELD:** ASC Petersilia Outstanding Article Award Committee (2025), ASA Chair-Elect, Chair, and Past Chair of Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance (2021-2023), ASA Ida B. Wells-Barnett Distinguished Book Award Committee (2023), ASC Division of Feminist Criminology Graduate Student Paper Award (2021), ASC Ad Hoc Committee on Meeting Quality (2019), ASA Secretary/Treasurer of Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance (2017-2019), ASC Program Co-Chair (2018), ASC Edwin H. Sutherland Award Committee (2018), ASC Program Committee (2013, 2007), ASC Albert Reiss Book Award Committee (2009). **EDITORIAL BOARDS:** *Criminology* (2017-Present), *Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency* (2023-Present, 2006-2012), *Society & Mental Health* (2021-Present), *Social Currents* (2019-2023).

CHRIS MELDE



PERSONAL STATEMENT: It is an honor to be nominated to serve on the Executive Board of the American Society of Criminology (ASC). I recall my first ASC meeting in Chicago, IL roughly 22 years ago like it was yesterday. While much has changed since that time, what remains is the excitement our annual meeting engenders as scholars present their research and old and new friends meet to discuss the challenges posed by crime and society's response to criminal behavior. The ASC is my intellectual home, and I owe much to the friendships I've made through its activities. I would welcome the opportunity to give back to an association that has provided so much to me and many others. Through my myriad experiences across research, administration, teaching, and outreach, I believe I would bring a reasoned and well-rounded perspective to the challenges and opportunities that the ASC will face in the coming years. In particular, my focus would be on how the ASC can respond to

calls for open and translational science. I have been fortunate to serve communities in Michigan and across the United States through advisory boards, outreach, and training and technical assistance, and thus firmly believe in the value our society's basic and applied sciences can offer communities around the globe, both large and small. That can only occur, however, if we remain true to the principles of social science and offer communities reasoned and transparent advice on the merits and implications of our research. As the ASC has grown larger over the last two decades, we have the opportunity to influence society's understanding of the causes and consequences of crime and criminal justice intervention, and I would welcome the opportunity to advance our reach and credibility through a position on the Executive Board.

PRESENT PROFESSIONAL POSITION: Director, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University (2022-Present), Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University (2019-Present) **FORMER POSITIONS HELD:** Associate Director, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University (2015-2022); Director of Graduate Studies, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University (2015-2022); Acting Director, Center for Integrative Studies, College of Social Science, Michigan State University (20114); Associate Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University (2013-2019); Director of Undergraduate Studies, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University (2010-2015); Assistant Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University (2007-2013). **EDUCATION:** PhD, Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri-St. Louis (2007); MA, Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri-St. Louis (2004); BA, Criminal Justice, Loras College (2001). **RELEVANT ACADEMIC SERVICE AND HONORS:** Fellow (2024) American Society of Criminology, Division of Experimental Criminology, and the Academy of Experimental Criminology. 2020 Program Committee, Methodology Area Chair, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Washington, DC; Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ) Student Awards Committee Member (2017-2018; 2018-2019; 2019-2020); Herbert Bloch Award Committee Member. American Society of Criminology (2018 & 2019); 2017 Program Committee, Sub-Area Chair, “Gangs, Peers and Co-Offending” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA. Student Affairs Committee, American Society of Criminology (2015-2016). **EDITORIAL BOARDS:** *Journal of Crime and Justice* (2019-Present), *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* (2011-Present); *Journal of Criminal Justice* (2010-Present)

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I am pleased to be running for Executive Counselor of ASC. The election slate is very impressive and I am honored to be among those nominated. Currently, I am an associate professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Old Dominion University, where I also serve as the director of the doctoral program in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Prior to ODU, I held a post-doc at Rutgers University-Newark in the School of Criminal Justice, and earned my PhD in Criminal Justice from the University at Albany. Regarding my scholarly identity, I am a criminologist, sociologist, ethnographer, and advocate. Most of my research focuses on the intersections of gender and sexuality and their impacts on crime, victimization, and legal system involvement, especially as it relates to the experiences of LGBTQ+ people. My research is also expanding into the arenas of disability and accessibility.

I first attended the ASC conference in 2008 and have been heavily involved in service to the ASC for the past 10 years. My roles over time have included chairing standing committees, such as the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion and the Gene Carte Student Paper Award Committee, and serving on the ASC Program Committee seven times. The accomplishments I am most proud of originated from my work co-chairing the ad hoc Committee on the Climate at ASC Meetings and Sponsored Events, where our committee engaged in an extensive, multi-method fact-finding process to understand existing barriers to inclusivity by gathering insights from ASC attendees—especially those from underrepresented groups—on their experiences at ASC meetings and sponsored events. Our committee made detailed, thorough recommendations intended to enhance inclusivity, respect, and civility at future meetings and events; the ongoing implementation of these recommendations continues to improve our collective experience at the annual meetings and within the ASC. In addition to serving the ASC at large, I am active within several Divisions and currently serve as an elected Executive Counselor for the ASC Division on Queer Criminology.

My service to the ASC has been a combination of building scholarly community, celebrating our members' accomplishments, and challenging the boundaries and oversights of our field (and our professional organization) in order to create a more inclusive and vibrant space for us to share our research, network, learn from each other, and effect positive change. It is my hope that I will be elected as an Executive Counselor to the ASC so that I may continue serving in these ways.

JENNIFER PECK

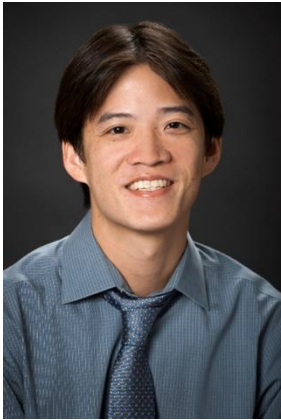


BIO: Jennifer (Jen) Peck is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Florida. She earned her PhD in Criminology from the University of South Florida, and is the Editor-in-Chief for the *Journal of Crime and Justice*. Jen's primary research interest focuses on racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system. This empirical and theoretical work examines the complexities of justice decision-making and the direct, indirect, and interactive effect of race/ethnicity on the processing of youth in juvenile court. Her secondary research interest focuses on the treatment of under-resourced and marginalized groups in various justice settings (e.g., courts, prisons, community corrections). Jen's research has appeared in various criminology-related journals, including *Crime & Delinquency*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *Victims & Offenders*, *Race and Justice: An International Journal*, and *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*.

Jen has been a dedicated member of ASC for the last fifteen years. She has contributed to the Society in numerous ways, including serving as a member of the Dr. Kimchi Memorial Graduate Travel Award Committee (Division on Corrections and Sentencing (DCS), 2024-Present), Division on Corrections and Sentencing Executive Board (Secretary/Treasurer, 2020-2022), Program Committee (Sub-Area Chair: Juvenile Justice System, 2022-2023, 2018-2019), Mentorship Committee (DCS, 2020-2021), Student Affairs and Ben Steiner Excellence in Corrections Student Paper Award Committee (DCS, 2020-2021), and Nominations Committee (DCS, Chair from 2021-2022, member from 2018-2020).

PERSONAL STATEMENT: I am honored to be nominated for the Executive Counselor position and deeply grateful for the confidence and support of my colleagues. This opportunity to contribute to ASC in this leadership capacity is both meaningful and rewarding. As Executive Counselor, I would bring a collaborative spirit and strong commitment to advancing ASC's mission by supporting initiatives that enhance research accessibility and engagement across diverse academic and applied settings. Upholding ASC's core values of ethical conduct, diversity, and inclusivity is a priority, and I will actively promote efforts to ensure ASC remains a welcoming and equitable space for all members. I believe strengthening ASC's engagement with policymakers and practitioners is also essential. By advocating for meaningful exchanges between scholars and decision-makers, I hope to support efforts that bridge research and practice, ensuring that criminological insights contribute to informed policy and effective implementation. As ASC continues to shape the field of criminology, I look forward to contributing to its efforts in promoting rigorous research, informed policy development, and ethical scholarship. I am enthusiastic about the possibility of serving ASC in this important capacity and contributing to our shared goals.

JAMES C. WO



I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Executive Board of the American Society of Criminology (ASC). My journey in criminology began with my Ph.D. in Criminology, Law and Society from the University of California, Irvine. Currently, I am an Associate Professor of Sociology and Criminology at the University of Iowa, where I also hold a courtesy appointment in the School of Planning and Public Affairs. Over the years, my professional experiences have deepened my commitment to fostering a more inclusive and collaborative academic community. If elected, I hope to work on initiatives that promote the inclusion of individuals from diverse backgrounds, facilitate interdisciplinary connections between academic fields, and strengthen relationships between academia and the private sector. Additionally, I am committed to engaging with legislative and policy discussions that challenge scholarship, ensuring that our discipline remains both rigorous and impactful.

My service to the field includes editorial board roles at *Criminology* (since 2024) and *PLOS ONE* (since 2022). I have also contributed to the ASC as Chair of the Gene Carte Student Paper Competition (2019) and as a committee member in 2018. I am a member of the ASC Division of Communities and Place, reflecting my investment in research and initiatives that address spatial and social dimensions of crime and justice. Within my institution, I serve on my department's executive committee and have been an active member of faculty assembly. These leadership and service experiences have shaped my perspective on governance, advocacy, and the importance of fostering a scholarly community that is both engaged and forward-thinking.

It would be a privilege to contribute to the ASC in this capacity, and I welcome the opportunity to support its mission and members in meaningful ways.