

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

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EDUCATION

- 2007 Ph.D. Criminal Justice
University at Albany, State University of New York
- Dissertation Title: "*Social Ecology and the Vigor of Police Response: An Empirical Study of Contexts, Work Norms and Patrol Officer Behavior*"
- 1995 M.S. Criminal Justice
SUNY Buffalo State
- 1993 B.A. Sociology/Anthropology with a Criminal Justice Certificate
Canisius College

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2015-present **Chair and Associate Professor**, Criminal Justice Department
SUNY Buffalo State
- 2012-2015 **Associate Professor**, Criminal Justice Department
SUNY Buffalo State
- 2008-2012 **Assistant Professor**, Criminal Justice Department
SUNY Buffalo State
- 2011 **Summer Department Chair**, Criminal Justice Department
SUNY Buffalo State
- 2007-2008 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Social Work and
Criminal Justice
State University of New York at Fredonia

- 2007 **Associate Professor**, Department of Criminal Justice
Hilbert College
- 1999-2007 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Criminal Justice
Hilbert College
- 1998-1999 **Adjunct Professor**, Department of Criminal Justice
Hilbert College
- 1998-2003 **Assistant Professor**, Part-Time, Driving Programs Department.
Erie Community College. State University of New York
- 1998 **Instructor**, School of Criminal Justice
University at Albany, State University of New York
Course: CJ 400: (Drugs, Crime and Criminal Justice).
- 1997 **Teaching Assistant**, School of Criminal Justice
University at Albany, State University of New York
Course: CJ 101 (Introduction to the Administration of Criminal Justice)
- 1996-1997 **Research Assistant**, Hindelang Research Center.
University at Albany, State University of New York
"Problem-Oriented Policing in a State Police Agency"
Funded by the National Institute of Justice
Principal Investigators: Hans Toch & Robert E. Worden, University at Albany
- 1996 **Research Assistant**, Hindelang Research Center
University at Albany, State University of New York
"Project on Policing Neighborhoods"
Funded by the National Institute of Justice
Principal Investigators: Stephen D. Mastrofski, Michigan State University;
Roger B. Parks, Indiana University; Albert J. Reiss Jr., Yale University; Robert
E. Worden, University at Albany
- 1996 **Research Assistant**, Hindelang Research Center
University at Albany, State University of New York
"Problem-Oriented Policing in a State Police Agency"
Funded by the National Institute of Justice
Principal Investigators: Hans Toch & Robert E. Worden, University at Albany
- 1995 **Senior Research Aide**, The Research Foundation
State University College at Buffalo
"Adapting GIS Software to Alcohol and Crime Research: A Pilot Study"
Funded by the Research Foundation
Principal Investigator: James G. Fox, State University College at Buffalo
- 1994-1995 **Research Assistant**, The Research Foundation
State University College at Buffalo
"Adapting GIS Software to Alcohol and Crime Research: A Pilot Study"
Funded by the Research Foundation
Principal Investigator: James G. Fox, State University College at Buffalo

SCHOLARSHIP

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:

1. Phillips, Scott W., Kim, Dae-Young & **Sobol, James J.** 2013. An Evaluation of a Multiyear Gun Buy-Back Program: Re-examining the impact on violent crimes. *International Journal of Police Science & Management*: Vol. 15, No. 3, pp. 246-261.
2. **Sobol, James J.**, Wu, Yuning, & Sun, Ivan Y. (2013). Neighborhood Context and Police Vigor: A Multi-level Analysis. *Crime and Delinquency*, 59, 344-368.
3. Phillips, Scott W., & **Sobol, James J.** (2012). Police Decision-Making: An Examination of Conflicting Theories. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management*, 35, 551-565.
4. Phillips, Scott, W., & **Sobol, James J.** (2011). Police Attitudes About the Use of Unnecessary Force: An Ecological Examination. *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*, 26, 47-57.
5. **Sobol, James J.** (2010). Social Ecology and Police Discretion: The Influence of District Crime, Cynicism and Workload on the Vigor of Police Response. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 38, 481-488.
6. **Sobol, James J.** (2010). The Social Ecology of Police Attitudes. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*, 33, 253-269.
7. Phillips, Scott W. & **Sobol, James J.** (2010). Twenty Years of Mandatory Arrest: Police Decision Making in the Face of Legal Requirements. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 21, 98-118.
8. Sun, Ivan, **Sobol, James J.**, Cretacci, Michael A., & Phillips, Scott W. (2010). A comparison of Chinese and the U.S. police cadets' occupational attitudes. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 38, 640-647.
9. Phillips, Scott, W., **Sobol, James J.** & Varano, Sean P. (2010). Work Attitudes of Police Recruits: Is There a Family Connection? *Policing: An International Journal of Police Science and Management*, 12, 460-479.
10. Engel, Robin L., **Sobol, James J.**, & Worden, Robert E. (2000). Further Exploration of the Demeanor Hypothesis: The Interaction Effects of Suspects' Characteristics and Demeanor on Police Behavior. *Justice Quarterly*, 2:235-258.
11. Fox, James G., & **Sobol, James J.** (2000). Drinking Patterns, Social Interaction, and Barroom Behavior: A Routine Activities Approach. *Deviant Behavior*, 21, 429-450.
12. **Sobol, James J.** (1997). Behavioral Characteristics and Level of Involvement for Victims of Homicide. *Homicide Studies*, 1, 359-376.

13. **Sobol, James J.** (1996). The Shawshank Redemption: A Review. *Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture*, 1, 15-17. Available online:
<http://www.albany.edu/scj/jcipc/vol4is1/sobol.html>

Monograph:

Sobol, James J. (2008). *Social Ecology and The Vigor Of Police Response - An Empirical Study of Work Norms, Context, And Patrol Officer Behavior*. Saarrucken, Germany: VDM Verlag Dr. Muller

Book Chapters:

Sobol, James J., & Phillips, Scott W. (2012). "Traffic Suspects Encountered by the Police: A Social Ecological Analysis." In Carolyn D'Argenio, Jeffrey Chin & David Owens (Eds.), *Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice: A Research-Based Introduction* (pgs. 95-110). New York, New York, Looseleaf Law Publications, Inc.

Sobol, James J. (2000). "Behavioral Characteristics and Level of Involvement for Victims of Homicide." In, Jerome McKean and Bryan Byers, *Data Analysis for Criminal Justice and Criminology: Practice and Applications*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

Peer-Reviewed Encyclopedia

Sobol, James J. (2013). Cross-Sectional Research Design. *The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*, Wiley Blackwell.

Professional Presentations:

Sobol, James J. (2013). Reducing Gun Violence: The Rhetoric and Reality of a Gun Buyback Program. Invited Presentation. SUNY Buffalo State Emerging Scholar Speaker Series, April 12, 2013.

Sobol, James J. (2011). "A Career Stage Examination of Police Officers." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Criminal Justice Educators Association of New York State. Lake Placid, NY October 19-21.

Phillips, Scott W. & **Sobol, James J.** (2011). "A Study of Police Socialization." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. March 1-5.

Phillips, Scott W., **Sobol, James J.** & Conrad, Michaela. (2011). "What To Do When You Violate Regression Assumptions: A Study of Nonindependent Observations Using Two Techniques." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. March 1-5.

Sobol, James J., & Phillips, Scott W. (2010). "Police Vigor and Traffic Stops." Poster Presented at the Annual Meetings for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Diego, CA. February 23-27.

Sobol, James J. & Phillips, Scott.W. (2009). "Examining Police Attitudes about the Use of Unnecessary Force: The Influence of Race and Gender." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, November 4-7.

Phillips, Scott W. & **Sobol, James J.** (2009). "Police Attitudes about the Use of Unnecessary Force: An Ecological Examination." Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Boston, MA, March 10-14.

Phillips, Scott W., Varano, Sean P. & **Sobol, James J.** (2008). "Police Recruit Attitudes: Is There a Family Connection?" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO, November 11-15.

Sobol, James J. (2008). "Current Issues in Criminal Justice." Panel Chair and Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, OH, March 11-15.

Sobol, James J. (2008). "Attitudes and Beliefs of Police Recruits: Data at the Pre-Entry Stage." Moderator, Roundtable Discussant with Scott W. Phillips & Sean Varano, Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, OH, March 11-15.

Sobol, James J. (2007). "The Effects of Neighborhood Context on Police Attitudes." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. November 14-17.

Floss, Martin S., **Sobol, James J.**, & Bernstein, Linda. (2007). "Lessons from Drug Courts: The Lockport, NY and Utica, NY Experiences." Paper presented at the Criminal Justice Educators Association of New York State (CJEANYS), Geneva, NY, October 24-26.

Sobol, James J. (1999). "Social and Organizational Contexts of Policing." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. November 17-20.

Sobol, James J. (1999). "Crime, Deviance and Police Behavior: Conceptual and Methodological Directions for a Contextually Based Theory." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL, March 10-13.

Sobol, James J. (1998). "Searches by Police: Law and Action." Panel Chair and Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C. November 11-14.

Sobol, James J. (1997). "Macro-Level Determinants and Urban Structure: An Analysis of Violence Against the Police." Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Diego, CA, November 19-22.

Shepard, Robin L., **Sobol, James J.**, & Worden, Robert E. (1997). "Further Exploration of the Demeanor Hypothesis: The Interaction Effects of Suspects' Characteristics and Demeanor on Police Behavior." Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Louisville, KY, March 12-15.

Sobol, James J. (1995). "Victim Characteristics and Behavioral Attributes in Criminal Homicide: A Case Study in Buffalo, New York, 1992-1993." Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Boston, MA, November 15-18.

Fox, James G., **Sobol, James J.**, & Mancini, Lisa. (1995). "Adapting Geographic Information System Software to the Study of Bars and Crime." Paper Presented at the Buffalo State College Scholarship Symposium, Buffalo, NY, April 20, 1995.

Technical and Evaluation Reports:

Floss, Martin, Bernstein, Linda & **Sobol, James J.** (2009). Final Evaluation Report. Erie County Juvenile Treatment Court. Submitted to the Honorable Paul Buchanan, June 2009.

Floss, Martin, Bernstein, Linda & **Sobol, James J.** (2007). Final Report Submitted to Utica Drug Treatment Court, September 2007.

Floss, Martin, **Sobol, James J.**, & Bernstein, Linda. (2006). Final Report Submitted to Lockport Drug Court, August, 2006.

Floss, Martin, **Sobol, James J.**, & Bernstein, Linda. (2005). First Report Submitted to Lockport Drug Court, August, 2005.

Floss, Martin, **Sobol, James J.**, & Bernstein, Linda. (2004). Preliminary Report Submitted to Lockport Drug Court, December, 2004.

Sobol, James J. (1994). Criminal Homicides: City of Buffalo, 1992-1994. Report Submitted to the Buffalo Police Department.

AWARDS & HONORS

2013	Recipient , SUNY Buffalo State, School of the Professions Emerging Scholar Award
2009	Recipient , UUP Bargaining Unit. Individual Development Award (\$800.00)
2006	Recipient , Faculty Development Committee, Hilbert College “Social Ecology and the Vigor of Police Response: A test using Robust Standard Errors” (\$500.00).
2004	Recipient , Faculty Development Committee, Hilbert College “Exploring the Social Ecology of Police Behavior” (\$500.00)
2002	Recipient , Hilbert College. Excellence in Scholarship Award
1997 & 1998	Recipient , SUNY-Albany, School of Criminal Justice Teaching Assistantship

SERVICE

At SUNY Buffalo State:

Departmental Committees

Student Awards Committee.	2008-2009, 2009-2011 (Chair)
Graduate Program Committee	2010-2011, 2011-2013 (Chair)
SOP Dean Search Committee	2011-2012
Student Employment Workshops	2010-2013 (Chair)
Ad-Hoc Committee Criminal Justice Department Advisory Board	2010-2012

Personnel Committee	2010-2011, 2012-2013
Assessment Committee	2008-2009
Ad hoc Committee Graduate Comprehensive Exam Plagiarism Policy	2009 (Chair)
Search Committee for Assistant/Associate Professor	2008-2013

College and University Committees

Community Policing Advisory Committee	2015-present (Chair)
SUNY Faculty Diversity Program Review Committee	2015-present
Commencement Committee.	2009-2011, 2011-2012 (Vice-Chair), 2012 (Chair), 2012-2015
School of Professions Curriculum Committee	2011-2013
College Senate, SOP Representative	2010-2015
School of Professions Bylaws Committee	2010-2011
President's Award for Excellence in Academic Advisement & Research	2013
President's Award for Excellence in Equity and Campus Diversity Review Committee.	2009
Intellectual Foundations Social Sciences Oversight Committee	2010-2012

Other Service

Criminal Justice Educators' Association of New York State	2011-2015 (Vice-President)
McNair Scholars Program Mentor, Melissa Noel and Dean Vassor	2009 & 2012-2013, 2015-2016
Jeremiah Perez-Torres	

At SUNY-Fredonia:

Search Committee for Assistant Professor	2007
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At Hilbert College:

Academic Standards Committee	2005 - 2007 (Chair)
Human Subjects Review Committee	2005 - 2007
Web content provider, Department of Criminal Justice	2001 - 2007
Ad hoc Committee on Student Writing	2004 - 2007
Search Committee for Director of Admissions	2006
Middle States Steering Committee	2004 - 2006 (Co-Chair)
Employment Workshop in Criminal Justice	2004, 2006 (Chair)
Research Committee	2003 - 2005
Criminal Justice Student Association	2003 - 2005 (Advisor)
Search Committee for Admissions Director	2005
Search Committee for Academic Dean	2002

At the University at Albany, School of Criminal Justice:

Graduate Student Association	1996-1997
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Service to the Community & Profession (External):

Executive Board: <i>Criminal Justice Educators of New York State</i>	2010-2015
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, <i>Student Affairs Committee</i>	2011-2013
Manuscript Reviewer, <i>Justice Quarterly</i> , <i>Journal of Criminal Justice</i> , <i>Journal of Criminal Justice Research</i> , <i>Policing:</i> <i>An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management</i> <i>and Homicide Studies</i>	2008-present

Grant Reviewer, <i>Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)</i> , <i>U.S. Department of Justice</i>	2009-2013
Book Manuscript Reviewer, <i>Sage Publications, Anderson Publishing</i> <i>Journal of Criminal Justice Research</i>	2011-2014
Police Reorganization Commission. City of Buffalo	2010-2011(Vice-Chair)
Editorial, "More goes into illegal conduct than bad choices" Buffalo News	October 2010
Manuscript Reviewer, <i>Criminology, Criminology & Public Policy</i> , <i>Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency</i>	2002 -2007
Television & radio interviews, Buffalo, NY	1999 - present
Printed media interviews, Buffalo News	1999 - present
Program Committee, CJENYNS	2003
Panel chair and discussant at the ACJS annual meetings	1997, 1999, 2008
Panel chair and discussant at the ASC annual meetings	1995-1997, 1999 & 2007

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- The Correctional Process
- The Police Process
- Criminal Justice Theory and Ideology
- Research Methods in Criminal Justice
- The Juvenile Justice System
- Probation & Parole: Community-Based Corrections
- Advanced Administration in Criminal Justice
- Internship

Graduate

- History of Criminal Justice
- Law Enforcement Issues

Independent Studies

- Student Attitudes towards University Police
- Police and Guns

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
- American Society of Criminology (ASC)
- Criminal Justice Educators of New York State (CJENYNS)
- Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)