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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Toronto, Geography (2013)
M.S., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Urban and Regional Planning (2009)
B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Political Science (2005)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Alabama, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Associate Professor AY 2018 – present
Associate Chair AY 2022 – present

Florida International University, Department of Criminal Justice Miami, Florida
Assistant Professor AY 2014 – 2018

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Dewey, S., **Vandenberg, B.** & Webb, H. (In Press) *Gun Present: Inside a Southern District Attorney's Battle Against Gun Violence*. University of California Press.

Vandenberg, B. (2023) *Women of Piracy*. Routledge.

Gilmer, B. (2014) *Political Geographies of Piracy: Constructing Threats and Containing Bodies in Somalia*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

Margulies, J. D., Masse, F., **Vandenberg, B. L.** (2022 online first). Illicit geographies and contested environments: An introduction. *Political Geography*.

Gilmer, B., & Dewey, S. (2022 online first). Dying to survive: Ransom piracy and ontologies of death in Coastal Somalia. *International Review of Victimology*.

Dewey, S., **Gilmer, B.**, Prohaska, A., and Yearout, L. (forthcoming) Women incarcerated in rural Southern prisons: A review of existing multidisciplinary literature and suggestions for future directions. *International Journal of Rural Criminology*.

Gilmer, B. and Dewey, S. (2022) Captive calculations and benevolent abandonment: Ransom piracy and the carceral occupation of hostage ships off the coast of Somalia. *Political Geography*. 95: 1-9.

Gilmer, B. and Wakeham, J. (2021). Between Ransom and Release: Exploring Caringscapes of Somali Piracy Hostage Incidents. *Journal of the Middle East and Africa*. 12(3): 301-319.

Dewey, S., Gonzales, C., Anasti, T., Lockwood-Roberts, S., Codallos, K., Dolliver, M., **Gilmer, B.** (2021). Good Neighbors or Good Prisoners? Non-Uniformed Staff Beliefs About Incarcerated People Influence Prison Social Climate. *Criminology & Criminal Justice*. 1-18.

Dewey, S., Barry, R., Hankel, J., Anasti, T., Lockwood-Roberts, S., **Gilmer, B.**, & Dolliver, M. (2021). "The Problem's Too Big for Us": The Promises and Perils of Community-Corrections Partnerships. *Corrections*, 1-19.

Wakeham, J., and **Gilmer, B.** (2020) Care in Uncaring Places: Exploring Somali Piracy Hostage Incidents. *British Journal of Criminology*. 60(5): 1242-1259.
Impact factor: 2.881 JCR

Gilmer, B. (2019) Invisible Pirates: Women and the Gendered Roles of Somali Piracy. *Feminist Criminology*. 14(3): 371-388.
Impact factor: 1.750 JCR

Rhea, H., **Gilmer, B.**, Meldrum, R. C., Comerford, C. (2019) U.S. Public Support for the International Criminal Court: Do Constitutional Considerations Matter? *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*. 43(4): 357-370.
The official journal of the American Society of Criminology's Division of International Criminology

Gilmer, B. and B. Kane. (2019) Counter Piracy Programming and Potential Barriers to Reintegrating Somali Pirates: An African Restorative Justice Critique. *International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice*. 58: 12-21.
Impact factor: 0.846

Gilmer, B. and C. Comerford. (2019) Promoting pirate prisons: exploring the intersections of narratives, media, and criminal justice reform in East Africa. *Crime, Law and Social Change*. 71(4): 403-421.
Impact factor: 0.952 JCR

Gilmer, B. (2017) Somali Piracy Prisoners and Biopolitical Penal Aid in East Africa. *Punishment & Society*. 19(1): 115-131.
Impact factor: 2.156 JCR

Gilmer, B. (2017) Hedonists and Husbands: Piracy Narratives, Gender Demands, and Local Political Economic Realities in Somalia. *Third World Quarterly*. 38(6): 1366-1380.
Impact factor: 2.156 JCR

Gilmer, B. (2016) Fishermen, Pirates, and the Politics of Aid: An Analysis of the Somali Fishermen Registration Programme. *Geoforum*. 77: 106-113.
Impact factor: 2.926 JCR

Gilmer, B. (2016) Awareness Campaigns as a Response to Piracy off the Coast of Somalia. *Journal of Development Studies*. 52(6): 765-779.

Impact factor: 2.043 JCR

Special Issues:

Margulies, J. D., Masse, F., Gilmer, B. V. (Eds.) (2022) Special Issue: Illicit geographies and contested environments. *Political Geography*.

Book Chapters:

Gilmer, B. (2017) Compensation in the Absence of Punishment: Rethinking Somali Piracy as a Form of Maritime *Xeer*. In Martin Fredriksson and James Arvanitakis (eds.), *Property, Place and Piracy*. Routledge. 93-105.

Other Publications:

Dewey, S. C., **VandeBerg, B. L.**, Daquin, J., Desmarais, J., Piscopink, K., *Crowe, A., Selby, C., *Oroz, R., *Stahl, K., *Wilhelm, R., *Drennan, S. (2022). *WOW: Women's Words/Women's Worlds: A Peer Mentor Manual for Women in Prison*. South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Dewey, S. C., **VandeBerg, B. L.**, Daquin, J. C., Cox, J. L. M., *Crowe, A., Selby, C., *Stahl, K., *Oroz, R., *Wilhelm, R., *Erickson, H., Tennant-Caine, J., Piscopink, K. (2022). *Mentee Workbook: Women's Words/Women's Worlds*. South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Gilmer, B., J. Torrins and J. Lee-Silcox. (2016) *Analysis of the Fisherfolk Registration Data in Somalia*. Technical report for Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Nairobi, Kenya: UNON.

Gilmer, B. (2016) Review of Burrill, Emily, *States of Marriage: Gender, Justice, and Rights in Colonial Mali*. H-Citizenship, H-Net Reviews.

(Gilmer) VandeBerg, B. (2012) *The Impact of Maritime Piracy on Somaliland*. Technical report for United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Counter Piracy Programme (UNODC CPP). Nairobi, Kenya: UNON.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Gilmer, B. V. (Co-Presenter), Jacobsen, K. L. (Co-Presenter), Gender, War, and Security Conference, "Gender in Maritime Piracy: Comparing Somalia and the Gulf of Guinea," United Nations Development Programme Nordic Office & Center for War Studies at the University of Southern Denmark, Center for War Studies, University of Southern Denmark (Virtual), Odense, Denmark. (December 1, 2022).

Dewey, S. (Solo Presenter), VandeBerg, B. L. (Non-Presenting-Co-Author), Webb, H. (Non-Presenting-Co-Author), American Society of Criminology, "Roundtable: The Justice Assemblage-A New Way of Conceptualizing Challenges Facing Prosecutors," Atlanta Marriot Marquis, Atlanta, GA, United States. (November 19, 2022).

Dewey, S. (Solo Presenter), VandeBerg, B. L. (Non-Presenting-Co-Author), Tennant-Caine, J. (Non-Presenting-Co-Author), American Society of Criminology, "Women's Words/Women's Worlds: A New Peer Mentoring Program for Women in Prison," Atlanta Marriot Marquis, Atlanta, GA, United States. (November 17, 2022).

Gilmer, B. V. (Moderator), 24-hour Conference on Global Organized Crime, "Organized Crime in Africa," online. (October 14, 2022).

Gilmer, B. V. (Solo Author), Royal Geographic Society Annual Meeting, "UNCLOS Unchained: Prosecuting Somali Pirates in the Seychelles," New Castle University/Remote, United Kingdom. (September 1, 2022).

Gilmer, B. V. (Solo Presenter), ECPR 4th General Conference on Organised Crime, "Rogue Breasts, Dangerous Thighs, and Buibuis," European Consortium for Political Research, Pisa, Italy and Online. (July 6, 2022).

Gilmer, B. V. (Solo Presenter with Co-Authors), Wakeham, J. C. (Non-Presenting-Co-Author), Somalia: Exploring Insurgency, Governance and Development, "Between Ransom and Release," Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, online. (May 9, 2022).

Demographic, Temporal, Relational, and Environmental Dynamics in Murder Cases: How and Why Context Matters. Southern Sociological Society. Birmingham, AL. Susan Dewey, Brittany Gilmer, William Savastini. 8 April 2022.

Dewey, S. C. (Solo Presenter), VandeBerg, B. L. (Non-Presenting-Co-Author), Prohaska, A. (Non-Presenting-Co-Author), Yearout, L. M. S. (Non-Presenting-Co-Author), Southern Rural Sociological Association, "Women incarcerated in rural Southern prisons: A review of existing multidisciplinary literature and suggestions for future directions," Southern Rural Sociological Association, New Orleans Sheraton, New Orleans, LA. (February 14, 2022).

Graphic narratives of organised crime, gender, and power in Europe. 24-hour Conference on Global Organized Crime. Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime. <https://oc24.heysummit.com>. Panelist with Dr. Felia Alum, Dr. Frederik Byrn Kohlert, Dr. Kate Thomas. 1 December 2021.

Surviving Pirates: A Narrative Victimology Analysis of Piracy Hostage Testimonials. American Society of Criminologists Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, 18 November 2021.

Southern Gentlemen? Masculinities and Sex Trafficking Jobs in the Deep South. Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting. Daytona Beach, FL. 8 September 2021.

Surviving Pirates: A Narrative Victimology Analysis of Piracy Hostage Testimonials. American Society of Criminologists Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., 19 – 21 November 2020. Conference cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Care(ful) Pirates?: Exploring the Caringscapes of Somali Piracy Hostage Incidents. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., 3 April – 7 April 2019.

Secure, Idyllic, and Unsustainable: Exploring the Narratives of East Africa's Pirate Prisons. American Society of Criminologists Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 14 November – 17 November 2018.

We Don't Want Them: Exploring the Crime-Punishment Divide of Bringing Somali Pirates to Justice. American Society of Criminologists Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 14 November –17 November 2018.

Invisible Pirates: Women and the Gendered Roles of Somali Piracy. American Society of Criminologists Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. 14 November – 17 November 2017.

The Fishermen's Fight: Somali Piracy and the Dynamics of Identities, Mobilities and Territorialities off the Coast of Somalia. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. 29 March – 2 April 2016.

Securing Somalia: Political Geographies of Piracy. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting—J. Warren Nystrom Award Session II. Tampa, Florida. 7-12 April 2014.

Maritime Piracy and Labor Insecurities. Migration and Security Conference: Gendered Dimensions in Asian Cities. Toronto, Canada. 31 March – 1 April 2014.

INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

Gilmer, B. V. (Discussant), The Current and Future Work of the International Law Commission, "The ILC and Prevention and Suppression of Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea," Center for International Law and Policy in Africa & Florida International University, FIU College of Law, Miami, FL. (November 5, 2022).

Dewey, S. (Co-Presenter), VandeBerg, B. L. (Co-Presenter), Yearout, L. (Co-Presenter), Invited Lecture at Western Kentucky University, "Women Incarcerated in Rural Southern Prisons: A Review of Existing Multidisciplinary Literature Suggestions for Future Directions," Western Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University. (October 2,2022).

Gilmer, B. V. (Solo Presenter), FIU PhD Program in International Crime and Justice, "Piracy in Somalia: Violence, Territory, and Power Structures," Florida International University, virtual. (May 20, 2022).

Human Trafficking in the Tuscaloosa Area. University of Alabama Panhellenic Association. 19 October 2020. Zoom.

Sex Trafficking in Tuscaloosa. Delta, Delta, Delta Sorority Chapter, University of Alabama. 7 October 2020. Zoom.

Piracy and the Maritime Security Landscape. Global Security and Public Policy Executive Program. Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy at Florida International University. Miami, Florida. 5 March 2018.

Maritime Security. US Army War College International Fellows Program. Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy at Florida International University. Miami, Florida. 22 February 2018.

Analysis of the Somalia Fisherfolk Registration Data. Stakeholder Workshop. United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, Somalia Fisheries Sector. Bosaso, Somalia. 14-16 March 2016.

Border Security and Somali Piracy. Colloquium on Border Security. Hosted by Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship Studies. Florida International University. Miami, Florida. 17 April 2015.

International Criminal Law Expert Conference: The Potential Impact and Limits of the Criminal Jurisdiction of the African Court of Justice and Human and Peoples Rights. African Court Research Initiative. FIU College of Law. Miami, Florida. 20-21 March 2015. (Expert Participant)

Combating Somali Piracy. Professional MA in Global Governance (MAGG) Program. Florida International University. Miami, Florida. 14 February 2015.

Geographies of Indonesia. Leader Development and Education for Sustained Peace Program (LDESP): Senior Leader Seminar on Indonesia, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. 8-9 May 2013.

The Impacts of Piracy on Somaliland. Joint Partnership for Raising Awareness and Combating Piracy Workshop. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Hargeisa, Somalia. 15-19 July 2012.

UN-HABITAT Expert Working Group on Girls' Safety in Cities. United Nations Compound, Nairobi, Kenya. 6-8 April, 2011. (Expert Participant)

GRANT ACTIVITY

Funded

Dewey, S. (Principal, 50%), VandeBerg, B. (Principal, 50%), "Demographic, Temporal, Relational, and Environmental Dynamics Surrounding Gun Violence: The View from a Southern District Attorney's Office," College Academy for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (CARSCA), College Total Amount: \$5766. Dates Funded: June 30, 2022 – May 1, 2023

Dewey, S. (Principal, 50%), Gilmer, B. (Co-Principal, 50%), "Demographic, Temporal, Relational, and Environmental Dynamics Surrounding Gun Violence: The View from a Southern District Attorney's Office," National Center for Gun Violence Research - NCGVR, Foundation/Nonprofit, \$50,000.00. Date Submitted: March 30, 2022 Dates Funded: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Muibu, D. (Principal, 50%), Gilmer, B. (Co-Principal, 50%), "OREDSGP2021AreaB: Gender and Private Security: Exploring the Experiences and Perceptions of Women in Kenya's Private Security Sector," ORED Internal Funding, The University of Alabama, \$12,000.00. Date Submitted: October 1, 2020 Dates Funded: January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2022

Not Funded

Gilmer, B. (Principal, 60%), Dewey, S. (Co-Principal, 40%), "Examining the Demographic, Temporal, Relational, and Environmental Assemblage of Firearm Violence: The View from a Southern State Prosecutor's Office," National Institute of Justice - NIJ, Federal, \$988,664.00. Date Submitted: May 27, 2022

Dewey, S. (Principal, 50%), Gilmer, B. (Co-Principal, 50%), "Understanding the Cultural Meanings of Gun Violence: The View from a Southern U.S. Prosecutor's Office," Wenner-Gren Foundation-WGF, Foundation/Nonprofit, \$20,000.00. Date Submitted: April 19, 2022

Dewey, S. (Principal, 50%), Gilmer, B. (Co-Principal, 50%), "Demographic, Temporal, Relational, and Environmental Dynamics Surrounding Gun Violence: The View from a Southern State Prosecutor's Office," Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - CDC, Federal, \$988,663.00. Date Submitted: January 28, 2022

SERVICE

University Service

Member, University Capstone Courses Subcommittee (January 2023 - Present).

Member, Campus Culture Task Force - Faculty Senate Sub-committee (May 2021 - Present).

Member, Faculty Senate (May 2021 - Present).

Faculty Senate Representative, Campus Safety & Security (May 2021 - 2022).

Undergraduate Council (August 2019 - May 2020).

Undergraduate Council Curriculum Sub-Committee (August 2019 - May 2020).

Alternate member, Research Action Committee (January 2019 - May 2019).
Served as an alternate in place of Dr. Adam Lankford

College Service

Fellow, Public Engagement Learning Community (August 2022 – Present).

Departmental Service

Associate Department Chair (August 2022 - Present).

Outreach/Colloquium/Library & Technology (August 2022 - Present).

Executive Committee (August 2019 - Present).

Co-Chair, Faculty Search Committee (August 2021 - 2022).

Director of Undergraduate Studies (May 2019 - 2022).

Graduate Committee (August 2021 - May 2022).

Committee Member, Ethics Committee (August 2020 - August 2021).

Colloquium Committee (August 2018 - August 2020).

Faculty Search Committee (August 2019 - May 2020).

Undergraduate Committee (August 2018 - August 2019).

Department of Geography Faculty Search Committee (January 2019 - February 2019).

Professional

Reviewer/Referee, *Geographical Journal*. (August 25, 2022).

Reviewer/Referee, *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*. (September 2021 - October 2021).

Reviewer/Referee, *Sage Open*. (January 26, 2021 - February 4, 2021).

Reviewer/Referee, *Crime, Law & Social Change*. (January 2019 - May 2020).

Reviewer/Referee, *Political Geography*. (January 13, 2020 - February 13, 2020).

Reviewer/Referee, *International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice*. (2018).

Reviewer/Referee, *Crime, Law & Social Change*. (March 2018 - April 2018).

Public Service

Guest Speaker, UA Panhellenic Association, Tuscaloosa, AL. (October 19, 2020).
Raise awareness about human trafficking in the Tuscaloosa area.

Guest Speaker, Delta Delta Delta, Tuscaloosa, AL. (October 7, 2020).
Raise awareness about human trafficking in the Tuscaloosa area.

Interviewee, Centre for Trust, Peace, and Social Relations at Coventry University, UK. (May 2019 - August 2019).

Interviewed by a PhD researcher in the field of maritime security at the Centre for Trust, Peace, and Social Relations at Coventry University, UK. The focus of the research is on children and youth involved in maritime piracy networks in Somalia.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Somalia Fisheries Sector, Transnational Crime Expert

Somalia/Nairobi, Kenya
November 2015 – May 2016

- Served as a Transnational Crime Expert Consultant for FAO Somalia Fisheries Sector's Counter Piracy Trust Fund projects;

- Conducted a research validation workshop in Bosaso, Somalia, with the participation of donors, fishing cooperatives, FAO Somalia Fisheries Field Officers and Ministry staff from Somaliland, the Federal Government of Somalia, Puntland, and Galmudug;
- Analyzed Somalia fishermen and fleet registration data for age trends, fisheries activities, and economics and gender analysis at the regional and community levels—linking potential trends to perceived levels of piracy-related activity in the region;
- Provided guidance on proposals for future counter-piracy interventions in and outside of the Somalia fisheries sector;
- Drafted a Final Report of Somali fishermen, fleet registration, and piracy data analysis findings for publication by FAO.

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Counter Piracy Programme, Consultant

Nairobi, Kenya

January 2012 – October 2012

- Served as a consultant in UNODC's high profile regional office dedicated to enhancing rule of law and combating maritime piracy, terrorism, human trafficking, drug trafficking, and corruption in the East African region;
- Traveled frequently to Somalia and served as principal UNODC contact for the Counter-Piracy Coordination Offices in Somaliland and Puntland;
- Oversaw the successful repatriation of two Somali preteen piracy suspects to Garowe, Somalia;
- Designed and managed the Somaliland Counter-Piracy Awareness Campaign and the Puntland Counter-Piracy Advocacy Campaign, including public polling and other evaluative measures;
- Created and managed the UNODC piracy prisoner database system in coordination with Somali officials, as both a capacity building and counter-piracy measure;
- Worked to promote and incorporate the international Piracy Prisoner Transfer Programme, building regional cohesion and cooperation;
- Represented UNODC in intergovernmental and inter-agency meetings, donor briefings, and consultations with Member States, including background papers, presentations, analyses, fortnightly progress reports, etc., while also serving as the media contact for all UNODC CPP activities.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Online Media Interviews:

2022's Most Sinful States in America. 22 February 2022. *WalletHub*.

https://wallethub.com/edu/most-sinful-states/46852#expert=Brittany_Gilmer

Criminal Justice Professor Raising Awareness about Human Trafficking. A&S Desktop News, University of Alabama. 25 January 2021. <https://as.ua.edu/2021/01/25/criminal-justice-professor-raising-awareness-of-human-trafficking/>

The Somali Women Keeping Piracy Afloat. (2018) *Medium*. 5 December 2018.

<https://medium.com/@jkoons/womenkeepingsomalipiracyafloat-1165b548a276>

The Return of the Pirates (Die ruckkehr der piraten). (2017) *The Swiss Daily (Neue Zurcher Zeitung)*. (2017) 15 April 2017. <https://www.nzz.ch/international/somalias-seeraeuber-die-rueckkehr-der-piraten-ld.1287104>.

IHS Maritime 360. (2015) Piracy analysis: EU Somali coastguard initiative delivers. 27 July 2015. www.ihsmaritime360.com.

IHS Maritime 360. (2015) EMEA maritime attacks down but Bangladesh crime rises. 24 July 2015. www.ihsmaritime360.com.