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Curriculum Vitae

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Degrees Awarded:

2007 Ph.D. Criminology and Criminal Justice- University of Missouri-St. Louis. Dissertation: "Peer-Group Composition and the Perceived Risk of Victimization: Modeling Fear of Crime in a School-Based Sample"

2004 M.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice-University of Missouri- St. Louis

2001 B.A. Criminal Justice- Loras College, Dubuque, IA.

Areas of Interest:

Youth Violence
Street Gangs
Life Course Criminology
Communities and Crime
Evaluation Research
Experimental Criminology

Academic Positions:

2025-Present Faculty Athletics Representative, Office of the President, Michigan State University

2022-2025 Director, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2019-Present Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2019-Present Affiliated Faculty, Youth Equity Project, College of Social Science, Michigan State University
https://socialscience.msu.edu/research/thematic/yep/index.html

2019-Present Co-Investigator, Topic Expert, National Center for School Safety, School of Public Health, University of Michigan https://www.nc2s.org/about-us/directory/

2015-2022 Associate Director, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2015-2022 Director of Graduate Studies, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2016-2022 Affiliated Faculty, Global Urban Studies Program, Michigan State University.

2016-Present Affiliated Faculty, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Michigan State University.

2014-Present Research Associate, Michigan Justice Statistics Center, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2014 Acting Director, Center for Integrative Studies, College of Social Science, Michigan State University

2013-2019 Associate Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University. *Courses Taught: Youth Gangs (in-person and online); Methods of Criminal Justice Research (in-person and online); People and Environment: Youth Violence; People and Environment: Youth Gangs (in-person and online); Tier II Writing: Special Topics (online)*

2010-2015 Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2007-2013 Assistant Professor: School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2005-2006 Instructor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri- St. Louis, St. Louis, MO. *Course Taught: Corrections*

2002-2004 Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, MO. Under the Direction of Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen. *Course Taught: Research Methods*

Publications:

(* = student author)

Papers in Refereed Journals:

Li, Carrie K.W. and **Chris Melde**. (*in press*). "Doing Gender" and Gender Socialization in Crime Prevention and Risk Management: A Randomized Controlled Trial on Social Desirability Bias. *Journal of Crime and Justice*. http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/0735648X.2026.2656759

Yuan, Wilson, Xin Jiang, Susan McNeeley, and **Chris Melde**. (*in press*). Marginalization and Risk: Exploring the Relationships Between Immigrant Status and Generation and Crime Victimization. *Violence and Victims*.

Rogers, Ethan, **Chris Melde**, Jalena Williams*, and Justin Heinze. 2026. Early Adolescent Attitudes Toward the Police Post-Floyd. *Journal of Crime and Justice* 49(1) 17-27.

Carter, Travis* and **Chris Melde**. 2025. Fear, Risk, and Local Control: Testing the

Generality of Ferraro's Risk Interpretation Framework. *Crime & Delinquency*, *71*(8), 2790-2819.

Melde, Chris, Giovanni Circo, April Zeoli, Scott Wolfe, Richard C. Sadler, Stephen Oliphant, Matthew Almanza*, Mallory O'Brien. (2025). Drunk and dangerous? Exploring the tenuous links among drunk driving, alcohol arrests, and firearm violence in an urban context. *Journal of Criminal Justice, 98*, 102406. doi:https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2025.102406

Rogers, Ethan, **Chris Melde**, Jalena Williams*, Justin Heinze, and Edmund McGarrell. 2024. Adolescent Mental Health and Resilience Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Journal of Adolescent Health* 75(1) 43-50.

Nam, Yongjae* and **Chris Melde**. 2024. Does procedural justice moderate the effect of collective efficacy on police legitimacy? *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 49: 590-613.

Yuan, Yue, Susan McNeeley, and **Chris Melde.** 2024. Understanding the Fear of Crime and Perceived Risk Across Immigrant Generations: Does the Quality of Social Ties Matter? *Crime and Delinquency* 70(3) 812-843.

Burden, Makayla*, **Chris Melde**, Edmund F. McGarrell, Justin E. Heinze, Susan Franzen, and Kevin Michaels. 2023. Adolescent attitudes toward the police and crime reporting intentions. *Journal of Crime and Justice* 46:5, 593-606

Almanza, Matthew G.*, Makayla Mason*, and **Chris Melde**. 2023. Perceptions of School Resource Officers: Protectors or Prosecutors? *Criminal Justice Review* 48(3) 318-338

Yuan, Yue, **Chris Melde**, Ni Zhang & Pranuthi Pagidipati. 2023. Race, ethnicity, psychological factors, and COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Psychology, Health & Medicine* 28(2) 427-438.

Yuan, Yue, Wu Yuning, and **Chris Melde**. 2022. Does Racial Discrimination Matter: Explaining Perceived Police Bias Across Four Racial/Ethnic Groups. *Policing: An International Journal*. 45(6) 989-1007.

Cunningham, Mary C.*, Jennifer E. Cobbina, **Chris Melde**, Daniel Abad*, Matthew Almanza*, Jason E. Goldstick, Marc A. Zimmerman, Justin Heinze. 2022. Attitudes Towards Police and Weapon Carriage Among Adolescents. *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 47:246-265.

Sadler, Richard Casey, **Chris Melde**, April Zeoli, Scott Wolfe, Mallory O'Brien. 2022. Characterizing Spatio-Temporal Trends and Differences in Homicides and Non-Fatal Shootings in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 2006-2015. *Applied Spatial Analysis and Policy* 15: 117-142.

Brantingham, P. J., Jeremy Carter, John, MacDonald, **Chris Melde,** & George Mohler 2021. Is the recent surge in violence in American cities due to contagion?. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, *76*, 101848.

Pyrooz, David, **Chris Melde**, Donna Coffman, and Ryan Meldrum. 2021. Selection, Stability, and Spuriousness: Testing Gottfredson and Hirschi's Propositions to Reinterpret Street Gangs in Self-Control Perspective. *Criminology* 59 (2): 224-253.

Li, Carrie K.W.*, Matthew Almanza*, Daniel Abad* & **Chris Melde**. 2021. Do Different Factors Explain Low- versus High-Rate Adolescent Weapon Carrying? *Victims & Offenders*, 16: 203-222.

Abad*, Daniel, Matthew Almanza*, **Chris Melde**, Justin Heinze, and Jennifer Cobbina. 2021. A Modified Approach to In-School Victimization, Authoritative School Climate, and Student Feelings of Safety. *Journal of Crime and Justice,* 44 (4): 497-513.

Melde, Chris, Mark Berg, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2020. "Nerve" and Violent Encounters: An Assessment of Fearlessness in the Face of Danger. *Criminology* 58(2): 226-254.

Eisman, Andria B., Justin Heinze, Amy M Kilbourne, Susan Franzen, **Chris Melde**, and Edmund McGarrell. 2020. Comprehensive Approaches to Addressing Mental Health Needs and Enhancing School Security: A Hybrid Type II Cluster Randomized Trial. *Health and Justice*. 8(2): 1-16

Cobbina, Jennifer, Matthew Galasso*, Mary Cunningham*, **Chris Melde**, Justin Heinze. 2020. A Qualitative Study of Perceptions of School Safety among Youth in a High Crime City. *Journal of School Violence* 19(3): 277-291.

Circo, Giovanni*, **Chris Melde**, Edmund F. McGarrell. 2018. Fear, victimization, and community characteristics on citizen satisfaction with the police. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management*. 42: 179-194.

Watkins, Adam and **Chris Melde**. 2018. Gangs, Gender, and Involvement in Crime, Victimization, and Exposure to Violence. *Journal of Criminal Justice.* 57(C): 11-25.

Carson, Dena C., **Chris Melde**, Stephanie A. Wiley, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2017. School transitions as a turning point for gang membership. *Journal of Crime and Justice*. 40: 396-416.

Yuan, Yue*, Beidi Dong, and **Chris Melde**. 2017. Neighborhood context, street efficacy, and fear of violent victimization. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 15:119-137.

Watkins, Adam M. and **Chris Melde**. 2016. Bad medicine: The relationship between gang membership, depression, self-esteem, and suicidal behavior. *Criminal Justice and Behavior* 43: 1107-1126

Melde, Chris, Mark Berg, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2016. Fear, Social Interactions, and Violence Mitigation. *Justice Quarterly* 33: 481-509.

*Featured on Michigan Radio's Stateside program (8/19/2014)
http://michiganradio.org/programs/stateside-cynthia-canty

Zeoli, April M., Sue C. Grady, Jesenia M. Pizarro, and **Chris Melde**. 2015. Modeling the movement of homicide by type to inform public health prevention efforts. *American Journal of Public Health* 105: 2035-2041.

Rostami, Amir*, **Chris Melde**, and Stefan Holgersson. 2015. The Myth of Success: The Emergence and Maintenance of a Specialized Gang Unit in Stockholm, Sweden. *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice* 39: 199-217.

Coffman, Donna, **Chris Melde**, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2015. Gang membership and substance use: Guilt as a gendered causal pathway. *Journal of Experimental Criminology* 11: 71-95.

Rennison, Callie M., and **Chris Melde**. 2014. Gender and Robbery: A National Test. *Deviant Behavior* 35: 275-296

Zeoli, April M., Jesenia M. Pizarro, Sue C. Grady, & **Chris Melde**. 2014. Homicide as infectious disease: Using public health methods to investigate the diffusion of homicide. *Justice Quarterly,* 31: 609-632.

*Featured on National Public Radio's Morning Edition program (12/6/2012)
http://www.npr.org/2012/12/06/166600403/can-murder-be-tracked-like-an-infectious-disease

*Featured on CBS News Radio's World News Roundup (12/28/2012)
http://audio.cbsradionewsfeed.com/2012/12/28/08/28WNR_1801_2324520.mp3

Melde, Chris and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2014. The Relative Impact of Gang Status Transitions: Identifying the Mechanisms of Change in Delinquency. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 51: 349-376.

Drake, Gregory* and **Chris Melde**. 2014. The Problem of Prediction: The Efficacy of Multiple Marginality in Cross-Sectional Versus Prospective Models. *Journal of Crime and Justice* 37: 61-78.

Melde, Chris. 2013. The Practicalities of Targeted Gang Interventions. *Criminology and Public Policy* 12: 43-48.

Decker, Scott H., **Chris Melde**, and David Pyrooz. 2013. What do we know about gangs and gang members and where do we go from here? *Justice Quarterly* 30: 369-402.

Matsuda, Kristy, **Chris Melde**, Terrance J. Taylor, Adrienne Freng, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2013. Gang Membership and Adherence to the "Code of the Streets." *Justice Quarterly* 30: 440-468.

Melde, Chris and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2013. Gangs and Violence: Disentangling the Impact of Gang Membership on the Level and Nature of Offending. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 29: 143-166.

McGarrell, Edmund F., Nicholas Corsaro, **Chris Melde**, Timothy Bynum, Natalie Hipple, and Jennifer Cobbina. 2013. Attempting to Reduce Violent Crime Through a Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative. *Journal of Criminal Justice* 41: 33-43.

Melde, Chris, Chelsea Diem*, and Gregory Drake*. 2012 Identifying Correlates of Stable Gang Membership. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice.* 28: 479-495.

Melde, Chris, Stephen M. Gavazzi, Edmund F. McGarrell, and Timothy Bynum. 2011. On the Efficacy of Targeted Gang Interventions: Can We Identify Those Most At Risk? *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 9: 279-294.

Melde, Chris and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2011. Gang Membership as a Turning Point in the Life Course. *Criminology* 49: 513-552

Watkins, Adam and **Chris Melde**. 2010. Latino and Asian Students' Perceptions of the Quality of Their Educators: The Role of Generational Status and Language Proficiency. *Youth and Society* 42: 3-32.

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Watkins, Adam M. and **Chris Melde**. 2009. Immigrants, Assimilation, and Perceived School Disorder: An Examination of the "Other" Ethnicities. *Journal of Criminal Justice* 37: 627-635.

Rennison, Callie M. and **Chris Melde**. 2009. Exploring the Use of Victim Surveys to Study Gang Crime: Prospects and Possibilities. *Criminal Justice Review* 34: 489-515.

Melde, Chris and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2009. The Victim-Offender Overlap and Fear of In-School Victimization: A Longitudinal Examination of Risk Assessment Models. *Crime and Delinquency* 55: 499-525.

Melde, Chris. 2009. Lifestyle, Rational Choice, and Adolescent Fear: A Test of a Risk Assessment Framework. *Criminology* 47: 781-812.

Melde, Chris, Finn-Aage Esbensen, and Terrance J. Taylor. 2009. 'May Piece Be With You': A Typological Examination of the Fear and Victimization Hypothesis of Adolescent Weapon Carrying. *Justice Quarterly* 26: 348-376

Melde, Chris, Terrance J. Taylor, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2009. 'I Got Your Back': Examining the Protective Function of Gang Membership in Adolescence. *Criminology* 47: 565-594.

*2010 The William L. Simon/Anderson Publishing Outstanding Paper Award: Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Melde, Chris and Callie M. Rennison. 2008. The Effect of Gang Perpetrated Crime on the Likelihood of Victim Injury. *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 33: 234-251.

Esbensen, Finn-Aage, **Chris Melde**, Terrance J. Taylor, and Dana Peterson. 2008. Active Parental Consent in School-Based Research: How Much is Enough and How Do We Get It? *Evaluation Review* 32: 335-362.

Melde, Chris. 2008. Penal Reform and the Stability of Prison Adaptive Modes. *Journal of Crime and Justice* 31: 59-80.

Watkins, Adam M. and **Chris Melde**. 2007. The Effect of Self-Control on Unit and Item Nonresponse in an Adolescent Sample. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 44: 267-294.

Melde, Chris. 2006. Social Disorganization and Violent Crime in Rural Appalachia *Journal of Crime and Justice* 29: 117-140.

Melde, Chris, Finn-Aage Esbensen, and Karin Tusinski. 2006. Addressing Program Fidelity Using Onsite Observations and Program Provider Descriptions of Program Delivery. *Evaluation Review* 30: 714-740

Edited Books:

Melde, Chris, & Weerman, Frank M. (Eds.). (2020). *Gangs in the Era of Internet and Social Media*. New York: Springer.

Book Chapters: ***(* = student author)***

Rivera, Rosa*., Kait Campbell*, Carson, D. C., **Melde, C**., & Chermak, S. (2027). Integrating Open-Source Data in Criminological Research: Applications, Innovations, and Lessons from the G.R.E.A.T. Study. In J. Freilich, E. Greene-Colozzi, & S. Chermak (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on Open-Source Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Carson, Dena, Adrienne Freng, **Chris Melde**, Dana Peterson. (2024). The Legacy of Finn Esbensen. In D.C. Pyrooz, J. Densley, and J. Leverso (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Gangs and Society* (pp. 698-716): Oxford University Press.

Melde, Chris, & Berg, Mark. (2020). Status Management and Situational Inducements to Violence. In L. A. Hughes & L. Broidy (Eds.), *Social Bridges and Contexts in Criminology and Sociology: Reflections on the Intellectual Legacy of James F. Short, Jr.* (pp. 133-150): Taylor and Francis.

Galasso, Matthew*, Abad, Daniel*, Almanza, Matthew*, **Melde, Chris**, Cobbina, Jennifer, & Heinze, Justin (2020). Youth Perspectives on Gangs, Violence, and Social Media in a High Crime City. In C. Melde & F. M. Weerman (Eds.), *Gangs in the Era of Internet and Social Media*. New York: Springer.

Magee, Lauren*, **Melde, Chris**. 2018. "The Extent and Nature of Gang Crime." In Henry Pontell (Ed.) *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Melde, Chris and Ka Wai Li*. 2018. Fear of Crime. In Roger J. R. Levesque (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Adolescence*. New York: Springer.

Melde, Chris, Finn-Aage Esbensen, and Dena Carson. 2016. Gang Membership and Involvement in Violence among U.S. Adolescents: A Test of Construct Validity. In C.L. Maxson and Finn-Aage Esbensen (Eds.), *Gang Transitions and Transformations in an International Context*. (pp. 33-50) New York: Springer.

Melde, Chris. 2016. Gangs and Gang Crime. In T. Bynum & B. M. Huebner (Eds.), *The Handbook of Measurement Issues in Criminology and Criminal Justice* (pp. 159-180) Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.

Melde, Chris. 2015. Gang membership in developmental perspective. In L. Kazemian & J. Morizot (Eds.), *The Development of Criminal and Antisocial Behavior: Theoretical Foundations and Practical Applications* (pp. 349-363) New York, NY: Springer.

Melde, Chris and Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2012. The Onset of (Euro)Gang Membership as a Turning Point in the Life Course. In F.-A. Esbensen & C. L. Maxson (Eds.), *Youth Gangs in International Perspective* (pp. 169-187). New York: Springer.

Melde, Chris. 2012. Fear of Crime. In Roger J. R. Levesque (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Adolescence* (pp. 1007-1015). New York: Springer.

Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Bradley Brick, **Chris Melde**, Karin Tusinski, and Terrance J. Taylor. 2008. "The role of race and ethnicity in gang membership." In Frank van Gemert, Dana Peterson, and Inger-Lise Lien (eds.) *Youth Gangs, Migration, and Ethnicity* (pp. 117-139). Uffculme, Devon, UK: Willan Publishing Company.

Book Reviews:

Melde, Chris. 2007. Book Review: From Lynch Mobs to the Killing State: Race and the Death Penalty in America, edited by Charles J. Ogletree Jr. and Austin Sarat. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 30(1): 144-148

Melde, Chris. 2006. Book Review: Heinous Crime: Cases, Causes, and Consequences. By Frederic G. Reamer. *Homicide Studies* 10(3): 220-221

Government Reports and Other Writings: ***(* = student author)***

Melde, Chris, Olivia Newland, Edmund F. McGarrell, Justin Heinze, Susan Franzen, Kevin Michaels, Mike Rexin, James Yake, Christine Koffkey. 2023. Comprehensive School Safety Initiative Genesee County, Michigan. Individual School Report: Student Perceptions and Behaviors 2018-2021. Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice (20 Individual School Reports Generated).

Melde, Chris, Olivia Newland, Edmund F. McGarrell, Justin Heinze, Susan Franzen, Kevin Michaels, Mike Rexin, James Yake, Christine Koffkey. 2023. Comprehensive School Safety Initiative Genesee County, Michigan. Individual School Report: Teacher and Staff Attitudes and Perceptions 2018-2021. Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice (20 Individual School Reports Generated).

Yuan, Yue, Edward Cohen, **Chris Melde**. 2023. Neighborhood Crime Survey: An Examination of the Relationship between Immigration and Victimization. Final Project Report. Submitted to the National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice. Washington, DC.

Melde, Chris, Justin Heinze, Jennifer Cobbina, Mary Cunningham, Daniel Abad,* and Matthew Almanza*. 2017. "Safe School Transitions Project: Fall 2017 Report to Schools. Perceptions and Attitudes about School, Crime, and Violence among 5th through 7th Grade students in the Flint Community School District." Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice.

Finn-Aage Esbensen, **Chris Melde**, and Lee Ann Slocum. 2017. White Paper on School Safety: Lessons from Basic Research. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice.

McGarrell, Edmund F., and **Chris Melde**. 2016. Saginaw Community Survey: Patterns of Victimization and Methodological Experiment: Technical Report. Michigan Justice Statistics Center: School of Criminal Justice: Michigan State University. Submitted to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice.

McGarrell, Edmund F., Nicholas Corsaro, **Chris Melde**, Natalie Hipple, Jennifer Cobbina, Timothy Bynum, Heather Perez. 2013. An Assessment of the Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative: Final Project Report. Submitted to the National Institute of Justice, Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice. Available: https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/240757.pdf

McGarrell, Edmund F., **Chris Melde**, Jesenia Pizarro, Louie Rivers. 2012. Lansing Neighborhood Stabilization and Youth Violence Initiative: Smart Policing Initiative Final Report. Submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice.

Melde, Chris. 2009. "Chapter 4: Community Works Implementation: Classroom Observations." In Finn-Aage Esbensen (PI) Final Report: Evaluation of the Teens, Crime, and the Community and Community Works Program. Submitted to the National Institute of Justice, Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice.

Taylor, Terrance J., Finn-Aage Esbensen, **Chris Melde**, Karin E. Tusinski, and Bradley T. Brick. August 2006. "National Evaluation of the Teens, Crime, and the Community and Community Works (TCC/CW) Program: 2006 Report to Schools and Communities." University of Missouri-St. Louis, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Rodney K. Brunson, Kelli Burmeister, Karin Tusinski, and **Chris Melde**. August 2005. "Report to Schools Participating in the National Evaluation of the Teens, Crime and the Community and Community Works Program." University of Missouri-St. Louis: Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Allison Worthy, **Chris Melde**, and Kelli Dyer. 2004. "An Evaluation of the Books and Badges Reading Literacy Program: Final Report." University of Missouri-St. Louis: Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Works in Progress: ***(* = student author)***

Melde, Chris, Steven Wu-Chaves, Edmund F. McGarrell, Justin E. Heinze. Findings from a Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial of a Comprehensive School Safety Initiative Integrating Restorative Practices, Mental Health First Aid, and Environmental Design Strategies. (under review)

Rivera, Rosa and Chris Melde. Does Adolescent Belief in the Street Code Mediate the Association Between Parental Support for Violence and Juvenile Delinquency. (under review)

Circo, Giovanni M., **Chris Melde**, and Edmund McGarrell. Estimating Attitudes Toward the Police: A Small-Area Approach using Multilevel Regression with Post Stratification (MRP).

Funded Research:

Grants Awarded:

2026-2027 Principal Investigator. "Understanding the Life Course Outcomes Associated with the G.R.E.A.T. Program." Funded by Arnold Ventures. $299,889.

2025-2027 Principal Investigator. "Project Safe Neighborhoods: Western District of Michigan. Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. $35,840.

2024-2027 Principal Investigator. "Project Safe Neighborhoods: Jackson, MI." Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. $65,077.

2024 Principal Investigator. "Project Safe Neighborhoods: Western District of Michigan. Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. $16,191.50.

2023-2025 Principal Investigator. "Project Safe Neighborhoods: Detroit, MI." Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. $72,164.

2022-2024 Principal Investigator. "Long-Term Follow-Up of the National Evaluation of Gang Resistance Education and Training Project." Funded by the National Institute of Justice. $1,055,202.

2022-2024 Principal Investigator (assumed from Dr. Juli Liebler). “Project Safe Neighborhoods: Detroit, MI.” Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. $69,697.16

2022-2024 Principal Investigator (assumed from Dr. Juli Liebler). “Project Safe Neighborhoods: Jackson, MI.” Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. $70,186.19.

2020-2022 Co-Principal Investigator. “Neighborhood Crime Survey: An Examination of the Relationship Between Immigration and Victimization.” Principal Investigator: Wilson Yuan. Funded by the National Institute of Justice. ($1,020,679). Subcontract to Michigan State University: $136,166.

2019-2022 Subcontract Principal Investigator. “National STOP School Violence Training and Technical Assistance Center” Principal Investigators: Marc Zimmerman and Justin Heinze, University of Michigan. Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance ($5,999,289). Subcontract to Michigan State University: $374,583.

2016-2021 Co-Principal Investigator (with Drs. Edmund McGarrell [PI], Justin Heinze, and Lisa Buckley). "Comprehensive Approaches to Addressing Mental Health Needs and Enhancing School Security: A Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial." Funded by the National Institute of Justice. $4,430,775.

2018 Principal Investigator. “Case-Control Study: How Do Victims and Suspects of Firearm Violence Compare to Control?” Principal Investigator: Mallory O’Brien. Funded by The Joyce Foundation ($178,563). Subcontract to Michigan State University: $49,000.

2016-2019 Principal Investigator. "Understanding the Impact of School Safety on the High School Transition Experience: From Etiology to Prevention." Funded by the National Institute of Justice. $851,014.

2016-2017 Co-Principal Investigator (with Drs. Edmund McGarrell and April Zeoli). "Criminal Victimization in Michigan's Secure Cities." Funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics. $209,966.

2015-2016 Co-Principal Investigator (with Dr. Edmund McGarrell). "Criminal Victimization in Michigan's Secure Cities." Funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics. $209,549.

2014-2015 Co-Principal Investigator (with Dr. Edmund McGarrell). "Criminal Victimization in Michigan's Secure Cities." Funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics. $209,457.

2009-2012 Co-Principal Investigator (with Drs. Edmund McGarrell, Louie Rivers, and Jesenia Pizarro): “Lansing Neighborhood Stabilization and Youth

Violence Initiative." Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. $206,722.

Funded Research and Grant Experience:

2010-2014 Co-Investigator: "PSN Anti-Gang Training and Technical Assistance Program." Funded by the National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Assistance. Principal Investigators: Dr. Edmund McGarrell and Dr. Timothy Bynum $750,000.

2010-2014 Co-Investigator: "Drug Market Intervention Training Initiative." Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Principal Investigator: Dr. Edmund McGarrell $1,000,000.

2008-2012 Co-Investigator: "Evaluating the Impact of the PSN Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative (CAGI)." Funded by the National Institute of Justice. Principal Investigators: Dr. Edmund McGarrell and Dr. Timothy Bynum. $327,152.

2006-2007 Research Assistant: "Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program (G.R.E.A.T.)." Funded by the National Institute of Justice. Principle Investigator: Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen. $2,497,585.

2003-2007 Research Assistant: "National Evaluation of the Teens, Crime and the Community and Community Works Program." Funded by the National Institute of Justice. Principal Investigator: Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen. $1,625,274.

2002-2004 Research Assistant: "Evaluation of Books and Badges- Operation Kid Read." Funded by the E. Desmond Lee Collaborative Vision. Principal Investigator: Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen. $50,000.

2002-2003 Research Assistant: "Evaluation of the Diversity Awareness Project." Funded by the E. Desmond Lee Collaborative Vision. Principal Investigator: Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen. $15,000

Other Research and Grant Experience:

2011-2015 Consultant: "A Multi-method, Multi-site Study of Gang Desistance." Funded by the National Institute of Justice. Principal Investigator: Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen.

2007- 2008 Curriculum Review Committee Member. National Crime Prevention Council: "Teens, Crime, and the Community and Community Works Program." Funded by the National Institute of Justice.

2007- 2008 Consultant: "Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program (G.R.E.A.T.)." Funded by the National Institute of Justice. Principal Investigator: Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen.

2005-2006 Interviewer: "Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN): Eastern District of Missouri and Southern District of Illinois." Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Principal Investigator: Dr. Scott H. Decker.

2003-2004 Principal Investigator: Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri- St. Louis, St. Louis, MO. *Prisoner Support Networks: Making it to the Other Side*. A qualitative project that examined how inmates lived their lives behind bars, with an emphasis on how they were preparing to leave prison, through the use of semi-structured face-to-face interviews with men incarcerated in a Missouri Department of Corrections maximum security facility. (Unfunded Research Project)

Awards:

2024 Fellow, American Society of Criminology, Division of Experimental Criminology, and the Academy of Experimental Criminology.

2015 Tory J. Caeti Young Scholar Award, Juvenile Justice Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.
Award given in recognition of an emerging scholar in the field of juvenile justice and delinquency.

2010 The William L. Simon/Anderson Publishing Outstanding Paper Award: Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Paper Title: "'I Got Your Back': Examining the Protective Function of Gang Membership in Adolescence" (with Terrance J. Taylor, and Finn-Aage Esbensen)

2006 Winning Submission- Student Paper Competition: Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
Paper Title: "Penal Reform and the Stability of Prison Adaptive Modes"

2006 E. Desmond Lee Collaborative Vision Student Scholarship Award (Fall Semester)

2006 E. Desmond Lee Collaborative Vision Student Scholarship Award (Winter Semester)

2005 Winning Submission- Student Paper Competition: Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
Paper Title: "Social Disorganization and Violent Crime in Rural Appalachia"

2004 E. Desmond Lee Collaborative Vision Student Scholarship Award

(Winter Semester)

Professional Service:

2026-2031	Member, Big Ten Compliance and Reinstatement Committee, Big Ten Athletic Conference.
2026	Screening Committee, Vice President and Director of Athletics, Michigan State University.
2025-present	Executive Counselor, American Society of Criminology.
2025-2030	Member, Big Ten Legislative Review Committee. Big Ten Athletic Conference.
2025-present	Member, DI Men's Ice Hockey Oversight Committee. Faculty Athletics Representatives Association. National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA).
2025	Panel Chair, "Novel and Evolving Approaches in Criminal Justice and Criminology Research Design and Analysis." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
2025-present	Steering Committee. Trauma Recovery Center. Henry Ford Health Center. Detroit, MI.
2023-present	Statewide Advisory Board. Community Violence Intervention. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.
2023-present	Board of Directors. Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Automobile Theft Prevention Authority.
2023-2025	Executive Board. One Detroit. U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Michigan.
2022-2023	Dean's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Stakeholder Group. College of Social Science, Michigan State University
2023	Youth Equity Project Seed Grant Review Committee, College of Social Science, Michigan State University
2018-2022	Faculty Advisory Committee, College of Social Science, Michigan State University
2019-2022	Subject Matter Expert: Research-Based Practice Guide to Prevent and Address Youth Gun and Gang Violence. The Urban Institute: Washington, DC.

2020	Program Committee, Methodology Area Chair, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Washington, DC
2019-20	Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ) Student Awards Committee Member
2019-Present	Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Crime and Justice*
2019	Herbert Bloch Award Committee Member. American Society of Criminology
2019	Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Section, Tory J. Caeti Young Scholar Award Selection Committee.
2018-19	Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ) Student Awards Committee Member
2018	Herbert Bloch Award Committee Member. American Society of Criminology
2018	Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Section, Tory J. Caeti Young Scholar Award Selection Committee.
2017-18	Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ) Student Awards Committee Member
2017	Conference Organizer. The Eurogang Project Workshop. Kellogg Center, East Lansing, MI.
2017	Conference Organizer. Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice Summit. Kellogg Center, East Lansing, MI
2016-2017	Program Committee, Sub-Area Chair, "Gangs, Peers and Co-Offending" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.
2016	Scientific Advisor, Fifth National Summit on Preventing Youth Violence. Presented by the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention and the My Brother's Keeper Initiative, June 27–28, Baltimore, Md.
2016	Invited Discussant, "Global Perspectives on Gangs, Violence and Desistance" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
2016	Session Chair, "Causes of Violence." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.
2016	Session Chair, "Studying Victimization Patterns with Local Level Victimization Surveys." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

2015-2016 Student Affairs Committee, American Society of Criminology

2015-present Steering Committee Member, The Eurogang Project: A working group of the European Society of Criminology.

2014-2015 Faculty Advisory Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2014 Search Committee Chair, Academic Advisor Position, Center for Integrative Studies, College of Social Science, Michigan State University

2013-2014 College of Social Science Representative, University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE), Michigan State University

2013-2014 Faculty Advisory Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2012 Search Committee Chair, Academic Advisor Position, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2012 Session Chair, "Mechanisms Underlying Violence and Victimization," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL

2011-2012 Faculty Advisory Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2011-Present Editorial Board Member, *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*

2011 Invited Participant for the National Institute of Justice's Gang Research Topical Working Group. February 22-23 in Bethesda, MD.

2010-2011 Faculty Advisory Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2010-Present Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Criminal Justice*

Ad-hoc Reviewer: *American Journal of Criminal Justice, Crime and Delinquency*, *Criminal Justice and Behavior, Criminology, Criminology and Public Policy, Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice, Journal of Crime and Justice, Journal of Criminal Justice, Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Justice Quarterly, Men and Masculinities, National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, The Sociological Quarterly, Victims and Offenders, Youth and Society, Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice, International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology, Preventive Medicine*

2009-2010 Faculty Advisory Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2008-2009 Self-Study Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University: in preparation for external review.

2008-2009 Faculty Advisory Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2008-2013 Representative to the Honors College: The Honors College and the School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2008 Session Organizer and Chair, "The Transition from Graduate Student to Faculty Member." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, OH.

2007 Screening Committee for University Award Nominations, College of Social Science Representative. Michigan State University.

2005 Session Chair, "Victimization and Schools" panel. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Toronto, Canada. November 2005

2003-2005 Student Government Association Representative. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association, University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

Presentations: (* = student author; ** invited presentation)

2026 **Melde, Chris**, Steven Chermak, Steven Wu-Chaves, Dena Carson. Financial Uncertainty in Young Adulthood as a Consequence of Involvement in a Eurogang-defined Group. Eurogang Program of Research Meeting, hosted by Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

2025 Witwer, Amanda*, **Chris Melde**, Dena Carson, Steven Chermak, Grace Henry, and Steven Wu-Chaves. G.R.E.A.T. Methodology and Longitudinal Extension. Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, DC.

2025 **Melde, Chris**, Dena Carson, Steven Chermak, and Steven Wu-Chaves. Financial Instability in Young Adulthood as a Consequence of Youth Gang Membership. Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, DC.

2025 Carson, Dena, **Chris Melde**, Steven Chermak, and Steven Wu-Chaves. Unintended Positive Impacts of the G.R.E.A.T. Program: How does the Treatment Group Fare Financially? Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, DC.

2025 Wojciechowski, Thomas, **Chris Melde**, Steven Chermak, Dena Carson. Self-control and Financial Well-Being: Exploring the Long-Term Impact. Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, DC.

2025 Rivera, Rosa Isabel* and **Chris Melde**. Understanding Parental Influence on Juvenile Code of the Street Attitudes and Delinquency. Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, DC.

2025 Campbell, Kait* and **Chris Melde**. Exposure to School Resource Officers and School Staff Attitudes about Police in Schools. Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, DC.

2025 Carson, Dena, **Chris Melde**, Steven Chermak, Steven Wu-Chaves. Adolescent Risk Factors and Later Justice System Contact among Eurogang-Defined Youth: Results from a U.S. Sample. Annual Meetings of the European Society of Criminology. Athens, Greece.

2025 **Melde, Chris**, Dena Carson, Steven Chermak, and Steven Wu-Chaves. Using Open-Source Criminal History Data for Long-Term Evaluation Studies. Academy of Criminal Justice Science Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.

2025 Chermak, Steven, Julie Krupa, **Chris Melde**, Scott Wolfe. Action-Research and Community Engagement (Doctoral Summit). Academy of Criminal Justice Science Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.

2024 ****Melde, Chris**. Asking Better Questions: New Research on Policing in Schools. International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference. Boston, MA.

2024 *Williams, Jalena, Ethan Rogers, **Chris Melde**, Justin Heinze. Parental Endorsement of the Street Code and Child Polyvictimization. Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

2024 ****Melde, Chris**. Policing in Schools: Implications from Research Evidence and Next Steps. National Institute of Justice Research Conference. Pittsburgh, PA.

2024 Carson, Dena C., Amanda R. Witwer*, **Chris Melde**. Using Open-Source Data Collection to Locate Eurogang-Identified Youth. Eurogang Program of Research Workshop, hosted by the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

2023 Yue "Wilson" Yuan, **Chris Melde**, and Xin Jiang. Immigrant Status, Race/Ethnicity, Violent Victimization, and Crime Reporting. Mixed Methods Findings from San Jose, CA.. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

2023 **Melde, Chris**, April M. Zeoli, Stephen Oliphant, Giovanni Circo, Mallory O'Brien, Arrest for domestic violence and the likelihood of future involvement in firearm violence in an urban context: A linked administrative data approach. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

2023 **Melde, Chris**. What do we know about policing in schools? International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference. San Diego, CA.

2023 **Melde, Chris**. Perceptions and Roles: Considerations for Collaborating with Schools. International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference. San Diego, CA.

2023 **Melde, Chris**. Integrating School Resource Officers into School Safety Planning. STOP School Violence National Conference. Richmond, VA.
** an invited presentation

2023 **Melde, Chris**, Dena Carson, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. Gender and Gangs in Adolescent Development. Transgang Conference. Barcelona, Spain.

2023 **Melde, Chris**. The Roles and Importance of Research Partners and Evaluation. Center for Policing Equity and the Council of State Governments Data Collaborative. Session 5. May 10, 2023.

2023 **Melde, Chris** and Justin Heinze. Best Practices and Pathways Forward for the Prevention of School Violence in the State of Michigan. Wolverine Caucus. 3/1/2023 Christman Building, Lansing, MI.
** an invited presentation

2022 **Melde, Chris**. Discussant for NIJ-Day: School Safety Research and Evaluation: What Have We Learned? What Questions Remain? American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

2022 Perez, Heather, Jessica Huff, **Chris Melde**, Jeff Rojek, and Ryan Spohn. Roundtable: Research in Action: Bureau of Justice Assistance Smart Suite Programs and TTA That Supports Them. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

2022 **Melde, Chris**, Edmund F. McGarrell, Justin Heinze, Susan Franzen, Derrick Franke, Andria B. Eisman, Michael Rexin, James Yake. Understanding the Impact of a Comprehensive School Safety Initiative on Student and Teacher Perceptions. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

2022 Nam, Yongjae* and **Chris Melde**. Does Procedural Justice Moderate the Effect of Collective Efficacy on Police Legitimacy? American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

2022 Yuan, Wilson, **Chris Melde**, Xin Jiang, Immigrant Status and Victimization: Associations across Race/ethnicity and Neighborhood Contexts. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

2022 **Melde, Chris**. Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Keynote Address. Targeted Violence Prevention: Prospects and Problems. Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2022 **Melde, Chris**, Edmund F. McGarrell, Justin Heinze, Susan Franzen, Derrick Franke, Andria Eisman, Mike Rexin, and James Yake. Outcome Evaluation Results of a Comprehensive School Safety Initiative: A Cluster Randomized Trial. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

2022 Myers, David, Jodi Lane, Deborah Koetzle, **Chris Melde**, and Natalie Kroovand Hipple. Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ) Funding Opportunities. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

2022 Perez, Heather, **Chris Melde**, Ryan Spohn, Justin Nix. Putting Research in Action: Opportunities and Training and Technical Assistance Examples. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

2022 Yuan,Yue, Susan McNeeley, and **Chris Melde**. Understanding the Threat of Victimization Across Immigrant Generations: Does the quality of social ties matter? Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

2021 Sadler, Richard, **Chris Melde**, Mallory O'Brien. Comparing the spatio-temporal trends in homicide and non-fatal shootings across two crime spikes. Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

2021 Scott, Briana A.*, Justin Heinze, Marc Zimmerman, **Chris Melde**, Edmund McGarrell. School Victimization and Commitment: Why Extracurriculars Matter. ResilienceCon online Virtual Conference.

2020 Almanza, Matthew, Carrie Li, **Chris Melde**, and Daniel Abad. Delinquency, Protection, or Both: Do Predictors of Weapon Carrying Vary Across Low and High Rate Offenders? Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX. (cancelled due to COVID-19)

2020 Heinze, Justin, Andria B. Eisman, Susan Franzen, Pete Hutchison, **Chris Melde**, Edmund McGarrell, Michael Rexin, and James Yake. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Assessments to Promote School Safety: Challenges and Opportunities. Society for Prevention Research. Virtual due to COVID-19.

2019 Abad, Daniel*, **Chris Melde**, Matthew Almanza*, Matthew Galasso*, Jennifer Cobbina, and Justin Heinze. The Role of Friends on Feelings of Safety and Victimization during School Transitions. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

2019 Galasso, Matthew*, Daniel Abad*, Matthew Almanza*, Justin Heinze, **Chris Melde**, and Jennifer Cobbina. Youth Use of Social Media for Gang Activity and Issues of School Safety. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

2019 Almanza, Matthew*, Jennifer Cobbina, **Chris Melde**, Daniel Abad*, and Justin Heinze. School and Street Efficacy: Understanding the Ecology of Victimization Across Neighborhood and School Contexts. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

2019 Cunningham, Mary*, Justin Heinze, Jennifer Cobbina, **Chris Melde**. The Roles of Attitudes Towards the Police and Race in Predicting Weapon Carriage Among

Flint Youth. Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, OH.

2019 Cunningham, Mary*, Justin Heinze, Jennifer Cobbina, **Chris Melde**. The Roles of Attitudes Towards the Police and Race in Predicting Weapon Carriage Among Flint Youth. Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center Research Symposium, Flint, MI.

2018 Almanza, Matthew, Daniel Abad, **Chris Melde**, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. Gang Membership and Victimization Risk: Understanding the Cognitive, Emotional, and Physical Consequences of Gangs in the Life Course. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. November 2018

2018 Abad, Daniel*, Matthew Galasso*, Matthew Almanza*, Jennifer Cobbina, Justin Heinze, **Chris Melde**. Students' Perception of School Safety and the Transition to High School. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

2018 **Melde, Chris**, Finn-Aage Esbensen, Mark Berg. "Nerve" and the Victim-Offender Overlap: An Assessment of the Protective Function of Fearlessness in the Face of Danger. European Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

2018 Cunningham, M.C., French, C., Cobbina, J., **Melde, C**. & Heinze, J.E. (July). Roles of Exposure to Violence and Protective Factors in Predicting Violent Behavior among Flint Youth. Poster presented at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference, Portsmouth, NH.

2018 Cunningham, M.C., French, C., Cobbina, J., **Melde, C.** & Heinze, J.E. (March). The Roles of Exposure to Violence and Protective Factors in Predicting Aggressive Behavior among Flint Youth. Poster presented at the Healthy Flint Research Coordinating Center Research Symposium, Flint, MI.

2018 **Melde, Chris**, Daniel Abad, Matthew Almanza. On the (ir)rational choice to join a gang: Lessons from decision sciences. Eurogang Program of Research Meeting, hosted by Erasmus University, Almen, The Netherlands.

2018 **Melde, Chris**. "Challenges Associated with Implementing School-Wide Interventions" Youth Violence Prevention Conference. St. Louis, MO
***An invited presentation*

2018 Franke, Derrick, Edmund McGarrell, and **Chris Melde**. "Restorative Practices in Flint, Michigan Elementary Schools: A Randomized Controlled Trial." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

2017 Li, Carrie*, and **Chris Melde**. "Comparing Public Perceptions of Crime and Victimization Risk Across Two High Crime Michigan Cities." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA

2017 **Melde, Chris**, Dena Carson, Stephanie Wiley, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "School Transitions as a Turning Point for Gang Status." European Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Cardiff, UK. September 2017.

2017 **Melde, Chris**. Gangs, Mental Health, and Adolescent Development. Florida Gang Investigators Prevention and Intervention Summit in Daytona Beach, FL
***An invited presentation*

2017 **Melde, Chris**. Targeted Gang Prevention. Florida Gang Investigators Prevention and Intervention Summit in Daytona Beach, FL
***An invited presentation*

2017 **Melde, Chris**. Targeted Gang Prevention. Michigan Juvenile Justice Association Semi-Annual Meeting in Lansing, MI.
***An invited presentation*

2017 Watkins, Adam and **Chris Melde**. "The Effect of Gang Membership on Criminal, Victimization, and Sexual Activity among Male and Female Youth." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO.

2016 Esbensen, Finn-Aage, **Chris Melde**, Lee Slocum. "School-based Violence Prevention Programs." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

2016 Taylor, Terrance J., **Chris Melde**, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "An Assessment of Alternative Explanations of Adolescent Weapon Carrying." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

2016 **Chris Melde** and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Is the Street Code Protective? A Gendered Assessment of "Nerve" and the Victim-Offender Overlap." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

2016 Li, Carrie* and **Chris Melde**. Fear of Crime and Victimization." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

2016 **Melde, Chris**, Edmund F. McGarrell. "Testing Methods for Improving Response Rates in Local Level Victimization Surveys." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

2016 **Melde, Chris**. "Project Safe Neighborhoods Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative." Eurogang Program of Research Meeting, hosted by the University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden.

2016 **Melde, Chris**, Dena C. Carson, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Gender, Emotions, and Peer Influence: An Examination of the Consequences of Gang Membership." Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Vancouver, BC.

2015 Carson, Dena C., **Chris Melde**, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "They Aren't Always Who We Thought They Were: Retrospective Reinterpretation of Gang Status." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

2015 Decker, Scott H., **Chris Melde**, and David C. Pyrooz, "What do we know about gangs and gang members and where do we go from here?" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL.

*** A Justice Quarterly Editor's Showcase Invited Presentation: New Directions in Research on Gangs and Gang Members.*

2015 Matsuda, Kristy N., **Chris Melde**, Terrance J. Taylor, Adrienne Freng, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Gang membership and adherence to the "Code of the Street." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL."

*** A Justice Quarterly Editor's Showcase Invited Presentation: New Directions in Research on Gangs and Gang Members.*

2014 Pizarro, Jesenia, Sue Grady, **Chris Melde**, and April M. Zeoli. "An examination of the impact of street code inspired homicide on the spatial and temporal diffusion of murder in inner city communities." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

2014 **Melde, Chris**. "Twenty Years of Evaluating the G.R.E.A.T. Program: A retrospective assessment of two prospective studies: Impact on public policy and contributions to the literature." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

2014 **Melde, Chris**, Dena Carson, Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Gender and Peer Influence: A Multi-method Examination of the Influence of Gender on the Consequences of Gang and Delinquent Peer Group Membership." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

2014 Li, Carrie* and **Chris Melde**. "An Experimental Study of the Influence of Impression Management on Self-reported Precautionary Behaviors between Genders." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

2014 **Melde, Chris**, Dena Carson, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Gender and Peer Influence: An Examination of the Influence of Gender by Gang Type." Eurogang Program of Research Meeting, The Norwegian Police University College, Stavern, Norway.

2014 **Melde, Chris** "Gangs and Adolescent Development." Youth Violence Prevention Conference. St. Louis, MO

***An invited presentation*

2014 **Melde, Chris** and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "The Interaction of Cognitive and Emotional Reactions to Victimization and Involvement in Violence" Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Honolulu, HI

2013 Zeoli, April M., Jesenia Pizarro, **Chris Melde**, and Sue Grady. "Modeling the diffusion of homicide by type through a mid-sized American city to inform public health prevention efforts." Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA) in Boston, MA.

One of 12 presentations from the conference to be highlighted in "The Nation's Health," the official newspaper of APHA (January 2014)

2013 **Melde, Chris**, Finn-Aage Esbensen, and Dena Carson. "Getting Back to (non)Normal." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA

2013 **Melde, Chris**, Jesenia Pizarro, April Zeoli, and Sue Grady. "Homicide as Infectious Disease: Are all Homicides Susceptible? International Association of Crime Analysts Annual Meeting in Fort Lauderdale, FL.
***A National Institute of Justice (NIJ) sponsored presentation*.

2013 **Melde, Chris**, Finn-Aage Esbensen, and Dena Carson. "Gang Membership and Involvement in Violence among U.S. Adolescents: A Test of Construct Validity." Eurogang Program of Research Meeting, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK.

2013 **Melde, Chris**. "Targeted Gang Interventions: Prospects and Problems." Youth Violence Prevention Conference. St. Louis, MO
***An invited presentation*

2012 Drake, Gregory* and **Chris Melde**. "Multiple Marginality and Gang Membership: A Prospective Assessment." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL

2012 Pizarro, Jesenia, April M. Zeoli, **Chris Melde**, and Sue Grady. "Homicide as Infectious Disease: Using Public Health Methods" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL

2012 **Melde, Chris**, Mark Berg, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Striking a balance: A prospective examination of the cognitive-emotional elements of violence reduction." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL

2012 **Melde, Chris**. "Strategies for Crime Control." Police Executive Leadership Workshop: *An Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Workshop for Illinois Law Enforcement Executives of Cities with +25K Populations.* September 16th thru 20th 2012. Springfield, Illinois.
***An invited presentation*

2012 **Melde, Chris**. "Comprehensive Models of Gang Intervention, Problems and Prospects Associated with Targeted Approaches to Violence Prevention." Stockholm Gang Intervention and Prevention Project Conference and 12th Eurogang Program of Research Meeting Workshop, Stockholm, Sweden.
***An invited presentation*

2012 **Melde, Chris** and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Gangs and Violence: Disentangling the Impact of Gang Membership on the Level and Nature of Offending." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in New York, NY.

2011 **Melde, Chris** and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "The Proximate Impact of Gang Desistance: A Turning Point Framework." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

2011 Coffman, Donna L., **Chris Melde**, Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Assessing the Mediating Role of Anticipated Guilt on the Relationship between Gang Membership and Substance Use in the Presence of Confounding." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

2011 Freng, Adrienne, **Chris Melde**, Kristy N. Matsuda, Terrance J. Taylor. "Gang Membership and Adherence to the Code of the Streets." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

2010 **Melde, Chris** and Adam M. Watkins. "The Victim-Offender Overlap and Adolescent Crime Reporting." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

2010 Rennison, Callie M. and **Chris Melde**. "Gender and Robbery: Using the NCVS to Study Offending Patterns." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA.

2010 **Melde, Chris**, Stephen M. Gavazzi, Edmund McGarrell, and Timothy Bynum. On the Efficacy of Targeted Gang Interventions: Can We Identify Those Most At-Risk? Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL

2010 **Melde, Chris**, Timothy Bynum, Edmund McGarrell, and Stephen M. Gavazzi. "Who is Targeted for Targeted Interventions?" Project Safe Neighborhoods National Conference, New Orleans, LA.

2010 **Melde, Chris** and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Onset of (Euro)gang membership as a turning point in the life course." Eurogang Program of Research Meeting, Neustadt, Germany.

2010 Bynum, Timothy, Edmund McGarrell, **Chris Melde**, and Stephen M. Gavazzi. "Overview of the Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative." National Institute of Justice Research and Evaluation Conference, Arlington, VA.

2010 **Melde, Chris** and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "The Influence of Gang Membership on Antisocial Attitudes, Emotions, and Behavior: A Prospective Study." Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Honolulu, HI.

2009 Rennison, Callie M., and **Chris Melde. "**Mullerian Mimicry and Street Gangs: Understanding the Response of Victims and Bystanders to Gang Violence." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

2009 Welker, Holly A.*, **Chris Melde**, Steven Chermak. "Deterrence, Treatment, and Compliance: Strategies for Reducing Recidivism." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

2009 Welker, Holly A.*, Chelsea Diem*, and **Chris Melde**. "Factors Associated With Continued Involvement in Youth Gangs." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

2009 **Melde, Chris**, Finn-Aage Esbensen, and Terrance J. Taylor. "'I Got Your Back': Examining the Protective Function of Gang Membership in Adolescence." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

2008 **Melde, Chris**, Finn-Aage Esbensen, Terrance J. Taylor, and Dana Peterson. "Reducing Initial Loss Rates Associated with Active Parental Consent." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO.

2008 Welker, Holly A.*, **Chris Melde**, Steven Chermak. "The Influence of Neighborhood Disadvantage on the Likelihood of Rearrest: Comparing Probation and Parole Outcomes." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO.

2008 Rennison, Callie M., and **Chris Melde**. "The Effect of Gang Perpetrated Crime on the Likelihood of Victim Injury." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO.

2008 Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Terrance J. Taylor, Dana Peterson, **Chris Melde**, Bradley T. Brick, Dena C. Carson. "Dueling Banjos: Does Gang Member Definition Matter?" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO.

2008 Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Bradley T. Brick, and **Chris Melde**. "An Empirical Assessment of the Eurogang Funneling Approach to Establish Gang Membership." European Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.

2008 **Melde, Chris**. "Strategies for Enhancing Program Implementation with Fidelity" National Institute of Justice Research and Evaluation Conference, Arlington, VA

2008 **Melde, Chris**. "The Transition From Graduate Student to Faculty Member" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Cincinnati, OH.
***An invited presentation*

2007 Taylor, Terrance J., Nick Miofsky, and **Chris Melde**. "(Foreign) Born in the USA: Immigration, Youth Victimization, and Awareness of Victim Assistance Services" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

2007 **Melde, Chris**, Terrance J. Taylor, and Benjamin Voss. "Fear, the Perceived Risk of Victimization, and Target Hardening Practices Among Adolescents" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA.

2007 **Melde, Chris**. "Adolescent Fear of School Victimization" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA.

2007 **Melde, Chris**, Finn-Aage Esbensen, Dana Peterson, and Terrance J. Taylor. "Obtaining Active Parental Consent in a School-Based Sample" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA.

2006 **Melde, Chris**. "Adolescent Fear of Crime: A Test of a Risk Assessment Model of Fear" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA

2006 Tusinski, Karin E., **Chris Melde**, and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "The Impact of Bullying: Does the Definition of Bullying Shape the Effect?" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA

2006 **Melde, Chris**. "Penal Reform and the Stability of Prison Adaptive Modes." Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL

2006 **Melde, Chris**, Finn-Aage Esbensen, and Karin Tusinski. "Addressing Program Fidelity Using Onsite Observations and Program Provider Descriptions of Program Delivery." Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL

2006 Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Bradley T. Brick, **Chris Melde**, Karin Tusinski, and Terrance J. Taylor. "The Role of Race and Ethnicity in Gang Membership." European Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Tübingen, Germany

2006 Esbensen, Finn-Aage, Karin Tusinski, **Chris Melde**, and Brad Brick. "Measuring Gang Membership." Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA

2005 **Melde, Chris** and Finn-Aage Esbensen. "Fear of Crime: The Mediating Effects of Perceived Risk on Disorder and Fear." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada

2005 **Melde, Chris**. "Social Disorganization and Violent Crime in Rural Appalachia." Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL

2005 **Melde, Chris**. "Assimilation and Perceived Danger at School: An examination of Immigrant Youth." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL

2003 **Melde, Chris**. "Books and Badges: A Preliminary Report Focusing on Police/Recruit Personnel." Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL

Membership in Professional Associations:

American Society of Criminology
- *Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology
- *Division of Experimental Criminology

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- *Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Section

Midwestern Criminal Justice Association

European Society of Criminology

The Eurogang Project Working Group
- *An official working group of the European Society of Criminology