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### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2018-Present Dean, University College, Division of Academic Affairs, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi; reporting to the Provost.

Direct Reports (10) including: Associate Dean, Director of the Honors Program, Business Manager, Program Coordinator, Orientation Coordinator, Senior Academic Advisors (5).

Oversight of: Department of Undergraduate Studies; First-Year Learning Communities Program and First-Year Seminar; Honors Program; Bachelor of Applied Science Program; University Studies Program; Academic Advising; Program for System Admission Advising; University Preparatory High School Program, Islander Academy Dual Credit Program; Islander Launch New Student Orientation; Convocation; Viking-Islander Program; Assessment of Core Curriculum; Transfer Advising; Island Harbor Foster Care Supervised Independent Living Program; Student Success Council (Retention Task Force); Undergraduate Council; Faculty Core Curriculum Committee.

2016-2018 Chair, Department of Undergraduate Studies, Division of Academic Affairs, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Direct Reports (7) include: Director of Honors program, Program Coordinators (2), Orientation Coordinators (2), Executive Director of Academic Advising, Director of Transfer Services.

2013-2016 Graduate Program Coordinator, Masters in Public Administration, Department of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

2009-2016 Applied Experience/Internship Coordinator, Criminal Justice, Department of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

2009-2012 Social Sciences Undergraduate Coordinator, Department of Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2016- Professor of Criminal Justice, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

2010-2015 Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

2005-2010 Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

## **EDUCATION**

2005 Ph.D., Criminology, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

2000 M.A., Criminology, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

1998 B.A., Anthropology, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2017 Praxis Award, American Society of Criminology, Division on Critical Criminology and Social Justice for Activism and Community Engagement in Environmental Justice

2017 Distinguished Alumni Award, University of South Florida, Department of Criminology

2015 Excellence in Service, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi

2012 Texas A&M University System Teaching Excellence Award

2011 Texas A&M University System Teaching Excellence Award

2011 Excellence in Scholarly and Creative Activity, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Books*

- 2015-present Co-editor of Palgrave Macmillan's *Palgrave Studies in Green Criminology* book series (with Rob White from the University of Tasmania and Angus Nurse from Middlesex University UK).
- 2007 Jarrell, Melissa L. *Environmental Crime and the Media: News Coverage of Petroleum Refining Industry Violations*. New York, New York: LFB Scholarly Publishing LLC.

#### *Peer-Reviewed Publications*

- 2019 Ozymy, Joshua and Melissa Jarrell. "Righting and "Writing" Wrongs: A Postmortem on a Decade of Environmental Justice Activism in Corpus Christi, Texas." *Environmental Justice* 11: 23-31.
- 2019 Ozymy, Joshua and Melissa Jarrell. "The Challenges of Academics Engaging in Environmental Justice Activism." Forthcoming in *Routledge Handbook on Public Criminologies*. Eds. Kathryn Henne and Rita Shah. Routledge, London: U.K.
- 2019 Ozymy, Joshua and Melissa Jarrell. "No Longer Victorian Children: Understanding Green Victimization through an Analysis of Victim Impact Statements." Forthcoming in *Empirical Studies in Green and Conservation Criminology*. Eds. Mike Lynch and Stephen Pires. Palgrave, London: UK.
- 2019 Lynch, Mike, Joshua Ozymy, and Melissa Jarrell. "Executive Actors and Environmental Enforcement: Examining the "Rick Scott Effect" in the U.S. State of Florida." *Review of Policy Research* 3: 395-413.
- 2019 Ozymy, Joshua, Melissa L. Jarrell and Elizabeth Bradshaw. "How Green Criminologists can Help State-Corporate Environmental Crime Victims through Scholarship and Activism." Forthcoming in *Routledge International Handbook of Green Criminology* Eds. Avi Brisman and Nigel South. Routledge, London: UK.
- 2017 Ozymy, Joshua and Melissa Jarrell. "Administrative Persistence in the Face of a Hostile Regime: How the EPA Can Survive the Trump Administration." *Environmental Justice* 11: 1-8.
- 2017 Jarrell, Melissa L., Joshua Ozymy, and William Sandel. "Where the Wild Things Are: Animal Victimization at the Intersection of Wildlife Law and Environmental Law." *Contemporary Justice Review* 3: 319-335.
- 2017 Ozymy, Joshua and Melissa Jarrell. "Red State, Blue State, Green State: Analyzing the Geography of Federal Environmental Crime Prosecutions within and across the U.S. States." *Palgrave Communications* 3: 1-11.
- 2017 Ozymy, Joshua and Melissa L. Jarrell. "Implementing a Partial Buyout of an Environmental Justice Community." *Environmental Justice* 10: 43-50.

- 2016 Ozymy, J. and Melissa L. Jarrell. "Why do Regulatory Agencies Punish? The Impact of Political Principals, Agency Culture, and Transaction Costs in Predicting Environmental Criminal Prosecution Outcomes in the United States." *Review of Policy Research* 33: 71-89.
- 2015 Ozymy, J. and Jarrell, Melissa L. "Wielding the Green Stick under Different Presidential Regimes: An Analysis of EPA Criminal Enforcement Prosecutions, 2001-11". *Environmental Politics* 24(1): 38-56.
- 2015 Ozymy, J. and Melissa L. Jarrell. "Corporate Environmental Crime and Environmental Victimization: Exploring New Legal Precedents for Securing Recognition and Restitution for Environmental Justice Communities". *Environmental Justice* 8: 47-50.
- 2015 Lynch, M., Barrett, K., Stretesky, P., Long, M., Jarrell, M.L., Ozymy, J. "Crime as Pollution? Theoretical, Definitional and Policy Concerns with Conceptualizing Crime as Pollution". *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 40: 843-860.
- 2015 Jarrell, Melissa L. Exxon Valdez. In Chermak, S.M. and Bailey, F. (Eds.). *Crimes of the Centuries: An Encyclopedia of Notorious Crimes, Criminals and Criminal Trials in American History*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- 2015 Jarrell, Melissa L. Jim Bakker. In Chermak, S.M. and Bailey, F. (Eds.). *Crimes of the Centuries: An Encyclopedia of Notorious Crimes, Criminals and Criminal Trials in American History*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- 2015 Jarrell, Melissa L. Martha Stewart. In Chermak, S.M. and Bailey, F. (Eds.). *Crimes of the Centuries: An Encyclopedia of Notorious Crimes, Criminals and Criminal Trials in American History*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- 2014 Jarrell, Melissa L. and Ozymy, Joshua. "Few and Far Between: Understanding the Role of the Victim in Federal Environmental Crime Cases". *Crime, Law, and Social Change* 61: 563-584.
- 2014 Jarrell, Melissa L. and Ozymy, Joshua. "Communities as Victims of Environmental Crime: Lessons from the Field". In Toine Spapens, Rob White, Marieke Kluin (Ed.), *Environmental Crime and its Victims: Perspectives within Green Criminology*, Ashgate.
- 2013 Jarrell, Melissa L. "Book review: Nigel South and Avi Brisman (eds), *Routledge International Handbook of Green Criminology*". *Theoretical Criminology* 17(4): 585-588.

- 2013 Jarrell, Melissa L., Lynch, Michael J., and Stretesky, Paul B. "Green Criminology and Green Victimization". In Arrigo, Bruce and Bersot, Heather (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of International Crime and Justice Studies*.
- 2013 Jarrell, Melissa L., Ozymy, Joshua, and McGurrin, Danielle. "How to Encourage Conflict in the Environmental Decision-Making Process: Imparting Lessons from Civic Environmentalism to Local Policymakers". *Local Environment*, published first online, DOI:10.1080/13549839.2012.729567.
- 2013 McGurrin, Danielle, Jarrell, Melissa, Jahn, Amber, and Cochrane, Brandy. "White Collar Crime Representation in the Criminological Literature Revisited, 2001-2010". *Western Criminology Review* 14(2): 3-19.
- 2013 Jarrell, Melissa L. and Lynch, Michael J. "Green and Environmental Criminology, Pollution and Toxins in Urban Environments". In Ross, Jeffrey (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Street Crime in America*, SAGE.
- 2012 Jarrell, Melissa L. and Ozymy, Joshua. "Real Crime, Real Victims: Environmental Crime Victims and the Crime Victims' Rights Act (CVRA)". *Crime, Law, and Social Change* 58(4): 373-389.
- 2012 Ozymy, Joshua and Melissa L. Jarrell. "The Underreported Story of the Year: Upset Events, Regulatory Drift, and the Regulation of Air Emissions at Industrial Facilities in the United States". *Environmental Politics* 21(3): 451-466.
- 2012 Canales, Suzie, Ozymy, Joshua, and Jarrell, Melissa L. "Risk Assessment or Risk Acceptance: An activist's perspective on why the EPA's attempts to achieve environmental justice have failed and what they can do about it". *Environmental Justice* 5(1): 59-62.
- 2011 Ozymy, Joshua and Jarrell, Melissa L. "Upset Over Air Pollution: Analyzing Upset Event Emissions at Petroleum Refineries". *Review of Policy Research* 28(4): 365-381.
- 2010 Jarrell, Melissa L. and Ozymy, Joshua. "Excessive Air Pollution and the Oil Industry: Fighting for Our Right to Breathe Clean Air". *Environmental Justice* 3(3): 111-116.
- 2009 Jarrell, Melissa L. "Environmental Crime and Injustice: Media Coverage of a Landmark Environmental Crime Case". *Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice*, 6(1): 25-44.
- 2007 Jarrell, Melissa L. and Araiza, Isabel. "Martha Stewart: Just Desserts or Just a Victim?" In Chermak, Steven M. and Frankie Bailey, eds., *Crimes and Trials of the Century (Volume II)*. New York: Greenwood Publishing.

## GRANT FUNDING AND DEVELOPMENT

- 2015 Faculty Teaching and Scholarly/Creative Activities Research Enhancement Grant: *Analyzing Environmental Criminal Prosecution Outcomes*, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Funded, \$1,000.
- 2012 Faculty Teaching and Scholarly/Creative Activities Research Enhancement Grant: *An Analysis of Federal Environmental Crime Prosecutions, 2001-11*, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Funded, \$1,000.
- 2011 Faculty Teaching and Scholarly/Creative Activities Research Enhancement Grant, *Teacher and Staff Public Health Study*, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Funded, \$1,000.
- 2009 Texas Research Development Fund Proposal: *Public Health and Environmental Exposure in Nueces County*, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi. Unfunded.
- 2007 National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). Nueces County Family Health Study. Juan Castro, T.J. McDonald, K.C. Donnelly and Melissa Jarrell. Texas A&M University Center for Environmental & Rural Health, Coastal Bend Health Education Center and Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, \$25,000.

## SUPERVISED RESEARCH

### Dissertation Committee Member

Lorena Rosenbaum (Counselor Education), College of Education, Graduate Faculty Representative (2014-2015)

### Master's Thesis Committee Member

William Sandel (Criminal Justice), served as a committee member on his thesis, Texas State University-San Marcos (2013-2014)

### McNair Mentor

Keisha-Marie Aldridge (Psychology) "Love it or Change it: Dyadic Locus of Control as Predictor of Self Esteem, Happiness, and Relationship Satisfaction", research mentor (2012-2013)

### Undergraduate Honors Thesis

Sarah Sanchez (Criminal Justice), chair/mentor (2011-2012)

Alix Colemere (Criminal Justice) "Environmental Justice in Corpus Christi: The Ballard Pits.", chair/mentor (2009)

Arna Sylvester (Criminal Justice) "Gender, Violent Crime, and Texas News Media Coverage.", chair/mentor (2009)

## **PRESENTATIONS, Keynote Speaker Presentations and Invited Talks**

- 2013 Jarrell, Melissa L. "*Toxic Crimes and Environmental Injustice: Research in the Sacrifice Zones*". Invited talk sponsored by Colorado State University, Department of Sociology, as part of the Sociology in Progress Lecture Series.
- 2012 Jarrell, Melissa L. "*Communities as Victims of Environmental Crime*". Keynote Speaker, presented at Environmental Crime and its Victims, Delft, Netherlands, September 14 and 15.
- 2009 Jarrell, Melissa L. and Joshua Ozymy. "*Environmental Justice in Corpus Christi*." Presented at the request of the United Steelworkers for the inaugural conference of their nationwide campaign to ban Hydrogen Fluoride (HF) in U.S. refineries, Corpus Christi, TX, November 11.
- 2007 Jarrell, Melissa L. "*Community Partnerships with Government and Universities*". Presented at the 2007 Annual Meetings of the National Bucket Brigade, Global Community Monitoring, Atlanta, GA.
- 2007 Jarrell, Melissa L. "*Environmental Crime and the Media: An Overview and Lessons from the Field*". Presented to the Philosophy Society of Corpus Christi.
- 2007 Jarrell, Melissa L. "*Understanding White Collar Crime*". Presented to the Corpus Christi Police Department Police Academy.

## **PRESENTATIONS, Conferences**

- 2019 McGurrin, Danielle, KJ Kresin, Melissa Jarrell, and Joshua Ozymy. *The Globalization of White Collar Crime Scholarship: A Meta-Analysis of the Literature, 2011-2018*. Prepared for the annual meeting of the European Society of Criminology, Ghent, Belgium: September 18-21.
- 2017 McGurrin, Danielle, KJ Kresin, Melissa Jarrell, and Joshua Ozymy. "*The Globalization of White Collar Crime Scholarship: A Meta-Analysis of the Literature, 2011-2015*." Prepared for the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA: November 14-18.

- 2016 Jarrell, Melissa and Joshua Ozymy. *“The Forgotten: An Analysis of Victim Testimony in a Federal Environmental Crime Case.”* Prepared for the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA: November 16-19.
- 2016 Rey, Denis, Joshua Ozymy, and Melissa L. Jarrell. *“Ecosystem Vitality and Environmental Health in Latin America: A Political Institutional Explanation of Performance.”* Prepared for the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico: January 7-9.
- 2015 Jarrell, M. L., Ozymy, J., *“Environmental Justice and the Non-Profit Sector,”* American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, ASC, Washington D.C.
- 2014 Jarrell, M. L., Ozymy, J., *“Green Criminology in Action: Research and Community Engagement,”* American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, ASC, San Francisco.
- 2014 McGurrin, D., Jarrell, M. L., *“The Globalization of White Collar Crime Scholarship: A Meta-Analysis of the Literature, 2001-2010,”* American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, ASC, San Francisco.
- 2014 Rey, Denis, Joshua Ozymy, and Melissa L. Jarrell. *“Institutional Variation and Public Policy Outcomes in Latin America: How Electoral Rules Impact the Protection of Human Rights.”* Prepared for the annual meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, St. Augustine, FL: March 8.
- 2014 Rey, Denis, Joshua Ozymy, and Melissa L. Jarrell. *“Institutionalism and the Protection of Human Rights: An Analysis of 20 Latin American Democracies.”* Prepared for the annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 17-19.
- 2014 Rey, Denis, Joshua Ozymy, and Melissa L. Jarrell. *“An Institutional Examination of Human Rights: Why Electoral Rules Matter.”* Prepared for the annual meeting of the World International Studies Conference, Frankfurt, Germany, August 6-9.
- 2013 Jarrell, Melissa L., Joshua Ozymy, and William Sandel. *“Analyzing the Role of Animal Victimization in Environmental Crime Prosecutions, 2001-11.”* Presented at the 2013 Annual Meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Dallas, TX.
- 2012 Jarrell, Melissa L. and Joshua Ozymy. *“Environmental Crime Victimization in the United States: Exploring Federal Criminal Prosecutions, 2001-11”.* Presented at the 2012 Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.



- 2012 Ozymy, Joshua, Denis Rey, and Melissa L. Jarrell. “*Explaining Environmental Performance in Advanced Industrialized Democracies: What Role for Electoral Institutions?*” Presented at the 2012 annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, San Diego, CA.
- 2011 McGurrin, Danielle, Melissa L. Jarrell, Amber Jahn, and Brandy Cochrane “*White-Collar and Corporate Crime Representation in the Criminological Literature Revisited*” Presented at the 2011 Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C.
- 2010 Ozymy, Joshua and Melissa L. Jarrell “*BP: British Petroleum or Barely Punished? Why the Debate Over Solutions to Climate Change Must First Focus on Enforcement of Existing Environmental Regulations*” Presented at the 2010 Annual Meetings of the International Studies Association South, St. Petersburg, FL.
- 2009 Jarrell, Melissa L. and Joshua Ozymy. “*Excessive Air Pollution and the Oil Industry: Fighting for Our Right to Breathe Clean Air*”. Presented at the 2009 Annual Meetings of the Southwest Criminal Justice Association, Laredo, TX.
- 2007 Jarrell, Melissa L. “*Environmental Crime and Injustice: Media Coverage of a Landmark Environmental Case*” Presented at the 2007 Annual Meetings of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, Corpus Christi, TX.
- 2006 Jarrell, Melissa L. “*The Media and Environmental Crime: Examining News Coverage of Federal Petroleum Refining Industry Violations*” Presented at the 2006 Annual Meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2003 McGurrin, D. and Melissa L. Jarrell. “*Understanding the Gendered Occupational Risks of Women Garment Workers in the United States*” Presented at the 2003 Fifth Annual International Women’s Conference: Women in the Twenty-first Century, Havana, Cuba.
- 2001 Jarrell, Melissa L. “*Taking Time Off for Misbehavior: Truancy as Self-regulation*”. Presented at the 2001 Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2000 Jarrell, Melissa L. “*NCAA Infractions and Penalties: Does Justice Prevail*”. Presented at the 2000 Annual Meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Washington, D.C.

## **TEACHING**

### *Undergraduate*

Introduction to Criminal Justice

White Collar Crime

Criminology  
Research Methods  
Sports and Crime

Women and Criminal Justice  
Issues in Corrections  
Community-based Corrections

*Graduate*

Environmental Crime, Justice, and Policy  
Correctional Theory and Policy  
Seminar in Criminal Justice  
Policy-making and Public Administration

**SELECT SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENT**

*University*

TAMU-System EmpowerU Core Metrics 5<sup>th</sup> Year Review Task Force  
TAMU-System Advising Committee  
Student Success Council, Chair  
Retention Task Force, Chair  
Digital Badging Committee  
Financial Literacy Committee  
University Core Curriculum Resource Group  
Honors Council, ex-officio  
Core Curriculum Committee, ex-officio  
Undergraduate Council, ex-officio  
DUGS Promotion Working Group  
Deregistration Task Force  
Deans' Council  
Department Chairs Council  
University Preparatory High School Resource Group  
Graduate Council, Chair Rules and Procedures Committee  
Faculty Grievance Committee  
Faculty Research and Grants Committee  
Environmental Health and Safety Committee

*College of Liberal Arts*

Faculty Promotion and Tenure Committee  
Faculty Teaching, Scholarship and Creative Activity Committee, chair  
Writing Intensive HIPS Committee  
Distance Education Committee  
CASE Committee  
Islander Days recruitment events

*Department of Social Sciences*

Criminal Justice Internship Program  
Social Sciences Coordinator  
MPA Graduate Program Coordinator

Faculty adviser: Alpha Phi Sigma

Faculty adviser: Criminal Justice Association

Search committees: Criminal Justice, Sociology, Political Science, Public Administration

Criminal Justice and MPA Program Reviews

## **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

2005-2014 Research and Policy Consultant, Citizens for Environmental Justice (CFEJ); research and service to address issues pertaining to environmental Justice, pollution, and poverty in Corpus Christi.

2014-present Environmental Justice Housing Fund (EJHF): board member

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS**

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

International Green Criminology Working Group (IGCWG)

Environmental Justice Housing Fund (EJHF)

September 6, 2019

Dr. Townend,

My name is Melissa Jarrell. I am currently Dean of University College and Professor of Criminal Justice at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Please let me express my sincere interest in the open position of Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Director of University College at The University of North Carolina Wilmington. I would like to demonstrate my fitness for your position by discussing my experiences in academic administration as well as my teaching and research interests.

### Leadership and Administration

The thread that runs through my administrative career has been the ability to build successful academic programs by fostering strong internal coordination, working across units in the university, and engaging the greater community. From 2005-12, I managed a successful Criminal Justice internship program by developing long-standing relationships with city, state, and federal agencies, placing over 400 students within a variety of agencies. From 2013-16, I directed the Masters in Public Administration (MPA) Program, which involved recruitment, admissions, budgeting, scheduling, internship coordination, and all facets of program management. I doubled enrollment in two years and left the Program with the highest enrollment in its history.

For over three years, first as Chair of the Department of Undergraduate Studies and now as Dean of University College, I have been afforded a wonderful opportunity to take a leadership role that involves strengthening the quality of undergraduate education at my university. My primary administrative charge in this regard has been to improve the First Year Experience, with a particular eye towards organizing the following units to improve retention and persistence: university orientation, convocation, academic advising, First Year Seminar, Learning Communities, Honors Program, transfer and special programs, dual credit, and partnership/pathways programs with other universities. Annually, these programs serve over 4,000 students, award numerous applied science degrees to transfer students, help high school students earn college credit, recruit high-ability students, and provide numerous enrollment pipelines to the university. As an administrator, I have 10 direct reports, and oversee more than 60 faculty and staff, including 14 full-time faculty and 30 academic advisors.

I developed University College as part of the university-wide strategic planning efforts, which also include serving as Chair of the President's Retention Task Force and now as Co-Chair of the Provost's Student Success Council. I work across the university on initiatives related to academic advising, undergraduate education, and persistence/retention, and I am the university's representative for the TAMU-System Stopout Initiative with ReUp Education, as well at the university representative for related System and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board initiatives. University College also maintains responsibility for core curriculum and advising assessment. We utilize the latter to improve practices as part of the committees I am chairing for our reaffirmation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). I am also part of a task force to enhance the use of Starfish, Degree Works and other programs that support student success.

### Teaching and Research

I have developed and taught a wide range of criminal justice/criminology courses at the undergraduate and graduate level (face-to-face, hybrid, and online), including courses in Research Methods, Criminology/Theory, and Victimology/Green Criminology (drawing from my field work with environmental justice communities). I have also taught in the Learning Communities and First-year Seminar. Students generally appreciate that I am down-to-earth, honest, and motivating. I respect students and their life experiences. I always tell my students that the combination of practical, applied experience and academic, empirical knowledge is a powerful force that will enable students to really make a difference in the world. Thus, I make a sincere and concerted effort to relate course topics and assignments to the “real world” and foster a social justice, problem-solving mentality. My enthusiasm for bringing this material to the classroom has garnered two university-level teaching awards.

My research has received international recognition in the area of victimology. My work focuses on how corporations victimize environmental justice communities, the health consequences of that victimization, and how those crimes are portrayed in the media. This research is represented in over thirty peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters, my book *Environmental Crime in the Media: News Coverage of Petroleum Industry Violations*, as well as a variety of print and online media and documentaries. As a series editor for the Green Criminology series through Palgrave MacMillan and in my own work, I have worked diligently to build up and integrate the sub-field of Green Criminology into the broader field of Criminology. My community engagement has led to two-groundbreaking achievements-the first U.S. federal court case to grant victim status to fence-line communities under the U.S. Clean Air Act (*U.S. v. CITGO*) and my role in founding the Environmental Justice Housing Fund (EJHF), which developed a path-breaking funding model for non-profit organizations and orchestrated one of the few multi-million dollar buyouts of an Environmental Justice Community in the United States. Collectively, these efforts have resulted in over \$3,000,000 raised for buyouts. For this work, I have been honored with the Praxis Award from the American Society of Criminology’s Division of Critical Criminology and Social Justice.

In closing, I am very excited about the possibility of taking on the challenge of the Assistant Dean/Director position and working with you to support your goals for Undergraduate Studies and University College. My experiences building and managing University College would allow me to easily transition into this new role, as would the similarities between my current university and UNC Wilmington: southern, coastal, R2, mid-sized, public university that is part of a larger university system. Yet coming to a larger university would offer many unique challenges and opportunities to learn. Being able to transition to a familiar, yet challenging academic environment close to where I grew up in Charlotte, represents a wonderful opportunity. I would be excited to speak with you further regarding how I would fit with your leadership team and faculty.

Sincerely,

*Melissa L. Jarrell*

