

Jennifer Yang, PhD | Curriculum Vitae

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Quantitative researcher specializing in network psychometrics, causal inference, and large-scale administrative data evaluation across juvenile justice, reentry, fair chance housing, and prison education.

Education

Ph.D. — John Jay College of Criminal Justice, The Graduate Center, CUNY 2019 - 2025

Dissertation: *Beyond the sum: A network analysis of adverse childhood experiences and behavioral outcomes in justice-involved youth*

Committee: Dr. Kevin Wolff, Dr. Deborah Koetzle, Dr. Karen Terry, Dr. Adam Fine (ext)

M.A. — Simon Fraser University 2017 - 2019

Major: Criminology (CGPA 4.33/4.33)

Supervisors: Dr. Evan McCuish and Dr. Martin Bouchard

Thesis: *Unraveling the foster care effect: An examination of criminal outcomes*

B.A. (1st Hons with distinction) — Simon Fraser University 2012 - 2017

Major: Criminology (CGPA 4.01/4.33; Upper Division GPA 4.16/4.33)

Extended Minor: Psychology

Supervisor: Dr. Evan McCuish

Honors thesis: *Foster care beyond placement: Offending outcomes in emerging adulthood*

Publications

Clear, T. R., Lageson, S., & **Yang, J.** (2022). Incarceration, violence, and voice: Introduction to special issue. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 38(2), 157–159.

Yang, J., McCuish, E. C., & Corrado, R.R. (2020). Is the foster care-crime relationship a consequence of exposure? Examining potential moderating factors. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 19(1), 94-112.

Narvey, C., **Yang, J.**, Wolff, K. T., Baglivio, M., & Piquero, A. P. (2020). The interrelationship between empathy and adverse childhood experiences and their impact on juvenile recidivism. *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 19(1), 45-67.

Corrado, R.R., McCuish, E.C., **Yang, J.** (2018). Narrowing the scope of psychopathy in explanations of offending: Towards an understanding of persistent violence. In J. L. Ireland, P. Birch & C.A. Ireland (Eds.), *The Routledge international handbook of human aggression: Current issues and perspectives* (pp.342-352). New York, NY: Routledge

Yang, J., McCuish, E. C., & Corrado, R. R. (2017). Foster care beyond placement: Offending outcomes in emerging adulthood. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 53, 46-54.

Technical Reports & Policy Briefs

Taber, N., Nowak, A., Smith, M., **Yang, J.**, & Strumph, C. (2024). The first year of Pell restoration: A snapshot of quality, equity, and scale in prison education programs. *Vera Institute of Justice*.

Yang, J., & Taber, N. (2023). Fact sheet: The impacts of college education in prison: An analysis of the College-in-Prison Reentry Initiative. Prepared for the *Institute for State & Local Governance (CUNY)*.

Fanarraga, I., **Yang, J.**, Koetzle, D. (2022) Intimate partner violence and risk assessment: A systematic review. Submitted to Arnold Ventures and the Center for Court Innovation.

Presentations

Yang, J., Koetzle, D., & Mellow, J. (Nov 2025). *Effectiveness of New Jersey's Residential Community Release Programs in reducing recidivism: A propensity score matched analysis*. American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

Yang, J., Wolff, K., & Baglivio, M. (Nov 2023). *Revisiting the relationship between ACEs and juvenile recidivism: An item response approach*. American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Fanarraga, I., **Yang, J.**, & Koetzle, D. (Nov 2023). *Effectiveness of IPV risk assessment instruments at the pretrial stage: A meta-analysis*. American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Yang, J. & Wolff, K. (November, 2021). *Adverse childhood experiences and the mediating role of school exclusion in juvenile recidivism*. Paper presented in thematic panel at the 2021 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Fanarraga, I., **Yang, J.**, & Koetzle, D. (November, 2021) *Predictive validity of IPV Assessment Instruments: A systematic review and meta-analysis*. Paper presented in thematic panel at the 2021 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Yang, J. (July, 2021). *Second Chance Pell Race, Equity, and Inclusion Project: What we know*. Prepared for and presented at the Vera Institute of Justice for Education Strategy Group and HCM Strategists.

Koetzle, D., Fanarraga, I., & **Yang, J.** (June, 2021) *A meta-analysis of risk assessments and IPV: Preliminary results*. Presented to the Center for Court Innovation, New York, NY.

Yang, J. & Wolff, K. (November, 2020). *Adverse childhood experiences and the mediating role of academic performance and deviant peers in juvenile offending*. Paper accepted for presentation in thematic panel at the 2020 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

Narvey, C., **Yang, J.**, Wolff, K. T., Baglivio, M., & Piquero, A. P. (November, 2020). *The interrelationship between empathy and adverse childhood experiences and their impact on juvenile recidivism*. Paper accepted for presentation at the 2020 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

Yang, J., McCuish, E. C., & Corrado, R. R. (November, 2019). *Foster care placement and the victim-offender overlap*. Paper presented in thematic panel at the 2019 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Yang, J., McCuish, E.C., & Bouchard, M. (November, 2018). *Disentangling the victim-offender overlap: Exploring conflict outcomes of gang-involved youth in care*. Paper presented in thematic panel at the 2018 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Gushue, K., **Yang, J.**, & McCuish, E.C. (October 2018). *Exploring the relationship between early antisocial behavioral patterns and modus operandi of juvenile sexual offenders*. Poster presented at the 37th Annual Research and Treatment Conference sponsored by the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Vancouver, BC.

Yang, J., McCuish, E.C., & Corrado, R. R. (November 2017). *Foster care beyond placement: Offending outcomes in emerging adulthood*. Paper presented in thematic panel at the 2017 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Yang, J., McCuish, E.C., & Corrado, R. R. (November 2016). *Foster care placement and adult offending outcomes*. Poster presented at the 2016 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Awards & Fellowships

Vera Institute Summer Fellowship , Vera Institute of Justice (\$4000)	2021
Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral , The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (\$105,000)	2019 - 2021
Travel & Minor Research Award , Simon Fraser University (\$466)	2018
Graduate Fellowship , Simon Fraser University (\$6,500)	2018
Travel & Minor Research Award , Simon Fraser University (\$1,429)	2018
Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship - Masters , The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (\$17,500)	2017
SFU Alumni Scholarship , Simon Fraser University (\$500)	2016
Undergraduate Open Scholarship , Simon Fraser University (\$8,226)	2014 - 2016
President's and Dean's Honour Rolls , Simon Fraser University	2013 - 2016
The Summit Entrance Scholarship , Simon Fraser University (\$3,500)	2012 - 2013

Works Under Review and in Progress

Yang, J. & Wolff, K. Adverse childhood experiences and the mediating role of school exclusion in juvenile recidivism. *Working Paper (Draft Available)*

Yang, J., McCuish, E. C., & Corrado, R. R. The revolving door of youth justice: Exploring the role of familial trauma among chronic offenders. *Working Paper (Draft Available)*

Yang, J., McCuish, E. C., Bouchard, M., & Corrado, R. R. Family matters: The interaction between foster care and gang involvement. *Working Paper (Draft Available)*

Research & Professional Appointments

Applied Statistician – DLR Group 09/2025 - Present

Duties: *Develop long range population projections and capacity models to inform facility planning across sectors (K-12, healthcare, justice & civic). Build scalable pipelines to wrangle multi-year administrative datasets into scenario tools for specialized housing and behavioral health needs. Synthesize market and population trends into actionable strategic intelligence to guide firm growth.*

Senior Research Assistant – Vera Institute of Justice 03/2022 – 09/2025

Opening Doors to Public Housing: Expanding Access for People with Conviction Histories

Duties: *Built end-to-end data infrastructure for multi-state policy evaluation; automated cleaning pipelines; established data-sharing partnerships (including HUD); developed geospatial dashboard on public housing access and outcomes.*

Unlocking Potential: Expanding High-Quality Postsecondary Education in Prison
Duties: *Managed national prison-education evaluation data; built ETL pipelines and visualization tools; supported technical assistance; co-authored report on first-year outcomes of Pell Grant restoration.*

12/2021 – present

Research Assistant – Reentry Coalition of New Jersey

Principal Investigators: Dr. Jeff Mellow & Dr. Deborah Koetzle

Evaluation Study of New Jersey’s Residential Community Release Programs

Duties: *Designed quasi-experimental evaluation of Residential Community Release Programs using propensity score matching. Analyzed recidivism outcomes and authored technical report with policy recommendations.*

Research Intern – Vera Institute of Justice

Advancing Transgender Justice: Illuminating Trans Lives Behind and Beyond Bars

Duties: *Compiled information on external research procedures by state Departments of Corrections, survey data entry, data preparation for analyses, preliminary quantitative and qualitative data analysis.*

09/2021 – 03/2022

Research Analyst – Research Foundation of the City University of New York

Principal Investigator: Dr. Deborah Koetzle

Duties: *Data preparation, conducted three-level meta-analyses to examine the effectiveness of risk assessment tools used to assess perpetrators of intimate partner violence, prepared and organized results into a technical report and presented data findings at an international conference.*

05/2021 – 06/2022

Applied Justice Research Fellow - Vera Institute of Justice

Unlocking Potential: Pathways from Prison to Postsecondary Education

Duties: *Data preparation and analyses – examined disparities in race, equity, and inclusion outcomes in all college-in-prison programs across the US (Second Chance Pell sites) before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, data visualization and presentation.*

05/2021 – 08/2021

Research Assistant – Risk and Protective Trajectories, Community Context, and Juvenile Recidivism. *National Institute of Justice* (\$116,447)

Principal Investigator: Dr. Kevin Wolff

Duties: *Literature search & review, data preparation for group-based trajectory modeling, and analyses.*

03/2021 – 08/2021

Research Assistant & Collaborator — Incarcerated Serious and Violent Young Offenders Study

Principal Investigator: Dr. Raymond Corrado

Project Manager: Dr. Evan McCuish

Duties: *Data collection, coding case management files of young offenders on the BC Corrections Network database (CORNET), data preparation for statistical analyses, application of advanced statistical analyses for publication and presentation at international conferences.*

09/2017 – 08/2019

<p>Research Assistant — Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services Sexual Homicide Study, Dr. James Hemphill Duties: <i>Reviewing forensic psychiatric files related to sexual homicide, homicide, violent and sexual offending, using risk assessment instruments such as the Juvenile Sexual Offender Assessment Protocol-II (J-SOAP-II) and the Estimate of Risk of Adolescent Sexual Offense Recidivism (ERASOR) to assess adolescent offenders' future risk of reoffending.</i></p>	08/2015 - 01/2017
<p>Research Coordinator — SFU Department of Psychology Intergroup Relations and Social Justice Lab, Dr. Stephen Wright Duties: <i>Conducting literature reviews, organizing lab materials, creating datasets on SPSS, creating coding books with guidelines and protocols for data entry, scheduling meetings and shifts of research assistants, training and overseeing research assistants in the use of SPSS.</i></p>	07/2015 - 07/2016
<p>Research Assistant — SFU Department of Psychology Adolescent Risk and Resilience Lab, Dr. Jodi Viljoen Duties: <i>Coding files of young offenders on the BC Corrections database (CORNET) using the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY), SPSS data entry, online survey construction using LimeSurvey for a graduate research project</i></p>	05/2015 - 05/2016

Academic Appointments & Teaching

<p>Doctoral Statistics Mentor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice Led statistics seminars for MA/MS students, providing individualized mentorship for theses and capstones. <u>Graduate Level Courses (MA/MS)</u></p>	Fall 2023 Spring 2024
<p>Adjunct Lecturer, John Jay College of Criminal Justice Course: CRJ 716 – Statistical Software in Criminal Justice</p>	Fall 2022 Spring 2023
<p>Adjunct Lecturer, John Jay College of Criminal Justice Course: CRJ 715 – Research Design and Methods</p>	Fall 2021 Spring 2022
<u>Undergraduate Level Courses</u>	
<p>Teaching Assistant, John Jay College of Criminal Justice Course: CJBS 250 – Research Methods and Statistics for Criminal Justice Professor: Dr. Heath Grant</p>	Fall 2020 Spring 2021
<p>Teaching Assistant, School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University Course: CRIM 103 – Psychological Explanations of Criminal Behavior Professor: Dr. Jennifer Wong</p>	Spring 2019
<p>Teaching Assistant, School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University Course: CRIM 103 – Psychological Explanations of Criminal Behavior Professor: Dr. Evan McCuish</p>	Fall 2018
<p>Tutor/Marker, School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University</p>	Spring 2018

Course: CRIM 310 - Young Offenders and Criminal Justice: Advanced Topics
Professor: Dr. Raymond Corrado

Service to Professional Organizations

Webinar panelist A Fair Chance at Housing: Policies in Practice Vera Institute of Justice	2025
Webinar moderator Advancing Transgender Justice: Illuminating Trans Lives Behind and Beyond Bars Vera Institute of Justice	2023
Conference Volunteer Equity, Quality, and Scale: Preparing for Pell Reinstatement The Fifth Annual Convening of the Second Chance Pell Sites and Partners Washington, DC	2022
Guest co-editor , Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice Special issue: <i>Violence, Voice, and Incarceration</i> Co-editors: Dr. Todd Clear, Dr. Sarah Lageson	2022
Criminology Graduate Programs Committee (elected MA representative) Simon Fraser University	2018 – 2019
Conference volunteer 12 th Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy	2018
Ad hoc reviewer , Journal of Forensic Psychology Research and Practice Number of works reviewed: 1	2020
Ad hoc reviewer , Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice Number of works reviewed: 1	2020
Ad hoc reviewer , Journal of Criminal Justice Number of works reviewed: 2	2017 - 2020