## **USF** Department of Criminology

## **Department Faculty Credentialing Statement**

Criminology is defined as the interdisciplinary scientific study of crime, criminal behavior, and the institutional responses thereto. The Department of Criminology provides a scientific, philosophical, and humanistic approach to the understanding of these subjects in contemporary society. The Department is committed to a liberal arts education, believing that this pedagogy best prepares students for whatever choices they might make upon graduation. Accordingly, faculty members are drawn from a number of social science and human service fields, including, but not limited to, Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Public Administration, Law, and Social Work. The faculty is dedicated to ensuring that the perspectives of the academic criminologist, the criminal justice professional, the offender, the victim, and society are each critically examined within an academic/scholarly framework.

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