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Education

Arizona State University

PhD, Criminology and Criminal Justice 2024

MS, Criminology and Criminal Justice 2021

Bowling Green State University

BA, Psychology 2019

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor | Texas State University 2025-

Academic Affiliations

Research Affiliate, Texas Crime and Justice Center (TCJC) | Texas State University 2025-

Previous Positions

Postdoctoral Researcher | Arizona State University 2024-2025

Graduate Research Assistant | Arizona State University 2020-2024

Work in Progress

Tanksley, P., Martaindale, M. H., Watts, S., Padilla, K., Violanti, M. J., Barnes, JC, Moffit, E. T., & Caspi, A. Deaths of Despair among Protective Service Occupations in the United States: Evidence from a nation-wide study.

Watts, S., White, D, M., & Malm, A. Officer Perceptions of AI-Based Performance Evaluation: A Latent Class Analysis of Attitudinal Profiles Before and After Deployment. (Pre-print)

Watts, S. When and Where do Police Administer Naloxone First at an Opioid Overdose? Evidence from Tempe, Arizona.

Publications

Google Scholar Profile: total citations = 232, h-index = 7, i10-index = 7

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. White, M. D., **Watts, S**., & Malm, A. (*forthcoming*). Does AI Generate a Civilizing or De-Policing Effect? Testing the Impact of AI-Based Body Worn Camera Analytics in a Large State Police Agency. *Crime Science*.
2. White, M. D., **Watts, S**., & Malm, A. (2026). AI, Body-Worn Cameras, and a Potential Civilizing Effect for Officers: Evidence from the Arizona Truleo Study. *Criminology and Public Policy*. (DOI)
3. **Watts, S.**, del Pozo, B., White, M. D., & Malm, A. (2025) Implementation Science Natural Experiment: Does Automated Feedback Impact Officers' Perceptions? *Journal of Experimental Criminology*. (DOI)
4. White, M. D., **Watts, S.**, Malm, A., & Navarrete, G. B. (2025). Officer Acceptance and Use of AI-Driven Body-Worn Camera Footage Review. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. (Pre-print) (DOI)
5. White, M. D., Orosco, C., & **Watts, S**. (2025) Beyond Force and Injuries: Examining Alternative (and Important) Outcomes for Police De-escalation Training. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 89, 102129. (DOI)
6. Brown, K., **Watts, S**., Turner, P., & Wallace, D. (2025). How Does Proximity to Service Providers Impact Punitivity in Stop Outcomes for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness? *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 1-19. (DOI)
7. **Watts, S**., White, M. D., Malm, A., & Perrone, D. (2024). Who is Fatigued? Examining Officer Attitudes Towards People Who Use Opioids, Naloxone, and Their Role in Responding to Opioid Overdoses. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 95, 102308. (DOI)
8. **Watts, S**., White, M. D., & Malm, A. (2024). Automating Body-Worn Camera Footage Review through AI: Preliminary Findings from a Multi-Site Randomized Control Trial. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, 18, paae107. (Pre-print) (DOI)
9. White, M. D., Monk, K., & **Watts, S**. (2023). A Half-Century Investigation of Police Officer Line-of-Duty Deaths: Putting Recent Trends in Long-Term Context. *Police Practice and Research*, 1-18. (DOI)
10. White, M. D., Orosco, C., & **Watts, S**. (2023). Can De-escalation Training Reduce Use of Force and Citizen Injury Without Compromising Officer Safety? *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 1-26. (DOI)
11. White, M. D., **Watts, S**., Orosco, C., Malm, A., & Perrone, D. (2022). Leveraging Body-Worn Camera Footage to Better Understand Opioid Overdoses and the Impact of Police-Led Naloxone Programs. *American Journal of Public Health*, *112*(9), 1326-1332. (DOI)
12. Gaub, J., White, M. D., Malm, A., **Watts, S**., & Brown, K. (2022). Investigation the Role and Utility of Body-Worn Cameras at the "George Floyd" Protests. *Policing: An International Journal*, *45*(4), 633-647. (DOI)
13. White, M. D., Perrone, D., & **Watts, S**., & Malm, A. (2021). Moving Beyond Narcan: A Police, Social Service, and Researcher Collaborative Response to the Opioid Crisis. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, *46*(4), 626-643. (DOI)

14. White, M. D., Malm, A., Perrone, D., & **Watts, S**. (2021). Narcan Cops: Officer Perceptions of Opioid Use and Willingness to Carry Naloxone. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 72, 101778. (DOI)

Book Chapters

1. Watts, S., Orosco, C., & White, M. D. (*Forthcoming 2026*). De-escalation Training: A Comparative Review of Tempe, ICAT, T3, and BSI. In Alpert, G., Adams, I. T., and Mclean, D. K. (Eds.), *Critical Issues in Policing*. (Pre-print)
2. Watts, S., White, M. D., & Malm, A. (*Forthcoming 2026*). AI in Policing: Capturing Police Performance (Good and Bad) in Routine, Rare, and Novel Events. In Huey, L., Ferguson, L. and Adams, I.T. (Eds.), *Future Policing: Technology and Transformation*. Taylor & Francis/Routledge. (Pre-print)

Research Briefs & Technical Reports

1. Orosco, C., White, M. D., & **Watts, S**. Can de-escalation training reduce use of force and injuries to citizens without risking officer safety? *Applied Police Briefings*. (PDF)
2. **Watts, S**., White, M. D., Malm, A., Orosco, C., & Perrone, D. Understanding Police Involvement at Opioid Overdose Incidents Through Body-Worn Camera Footage. *Applied Police Briefings*. (PDF)
3. White, M. D., Orosco, C., & **Watts, S**. More than Use of Force: Examining Alternative Outcomes for Police De-escalation. *Applied Police Briefings*. (PDF)
4. White, M. D., **Watts, S**., Malm, A. A Process and Outcome Evaluation of Automated Body-Worn Camera Review Technology in 3 Arizona Police Departments, 6-month interim report. *Arnold Ventures*.
5. **Watts, S**., White, M. D., Malm, A., Perrone, D. (2023) The Tempe First-Responder Opioid Recovery Project, Year 4 Interim Evaluation Report. *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*.
6. **Watts, S**., White, M. D., Malm, A., Perrone, D. (2022) The Tempe First-Responder Opioid Recovery Project, Year 3 Interim Evaluation Report. *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*.
7. White, M. D., **Watts, S**., Malm, A., Perrone, D. (2021) The Tempe First-Responder Opioid Recovery Project, Year 2 Interim Evaluation Report. *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*.
8. White, M. D., **Watts, S**., Malm, A., Perrone, D. (2020) The Tempe First-Responder Opioid Recovery Project, Year 1 Interim Evaluation Report. *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*.

Grant Activity

Peter Tanksley (PI), Seth Watts (PI), Hunter Martaindale (Co-I). (*Under Review*). "Substance use involvement in law enforcement officer mortality: an investigation of national death certificate data." National Institute on Drug Abuse. $544,096

Media

Salsgiver, J. (January 20, 2026) SMPD trains eligible officers in mental health. *University Star*. (Link)

Salsgiver, J. (January 9, 2026). San Marcos sees decline in fentanyl overdoses. *University Star*. (Link)

Goacher, D. (February 8, 2024). Tempe City Council Funds Project Addressing Opioid Overdose Response, Counseling. *Arizona State Press*. (Link)

Watts, S. (September 16, 2022). Research Backs Police Response To Drug Overdoses. *Crime and Justice News*. (Link)

White D. M., Perrone, D., Malm, A., & Watts, S. (September 16, 2021). The Tempe First-Responder Opioid Recovery Project. *Public Health Post*. (Link)

Conference Presentations[1]

Watts, S., White, M. D., & Malm, A. (November, 2025). Can AI-Driven Body-Worn Camera Review Improve Police Officer Professionalism? Findings from Three Randomized Control Trials in Arizona. *American Society of Criminology*. *Sponsored by the Division of Experimental Criminology*.

Watts, S., White, M. D., & Malm, A. (April, 2025). Perceptions, Use, and Impact of Truleo in Three Arizona Law Enforcement Agencies. *American Society of Evidence-Based Policing*.

Abrica, C., White, M. D., Malm, A., & Watts, S. (February, 2025). A process evaluation of AI-driven body-worn camera review: Assessing officer perceptions pre and post. *Western Society of Criminology conference*.[P]

Watts, S., White, M. D., & Malm, A. (November, 2024). How do Officers Perceive AI-based BWC Review Technology? Evidence from 6 Months of Survey Data. *American Society of Criminology*. *Sponsored by the division of Policing*.

White, M. D., Malm, A., & Watts, S. (November, 2024). Automating Body-Worn Camera Footage Review Through AI: Preliminary Findings from a Multi-Site Randomized Control Trial. American Society of Criminology. *Sponsored by the division of Experimental Criminology*.[P]

Watts, S. & White, M. D. (November, 2024). Collaborative Post-Overdose Outreach Efforts to Engage Homeless Individuals. *American Society of Criminology*.

White, M. D. & Watts, S. (June, 2024). Exploring the Drivers of Resistance to Police-Led Naloxone Programs. *American Society of Evidence-Based Policing*.

Gutierrez, S., Mathis, S., Sanuth, A., Watts, S., & Wallace, D. (February, 2024). Is Law-Violating Driving Behavior Race Specific? Mapping Rates of At-Fault Traffic Accidents by Race. *Western Society of Criminology*.[P]

Watts, S., White, M. D., Malm, A., & Perrone, D. (November, 2023). The Durability of Police Officers' Attitudes about Naloxone and Opioid Overdose Response: 'Narcan Cops' Revisited. *American Society of Criminology*.

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Watts, S., White, M. D., Malm, A., & Perrone, D. (November, 2022). The Tempe First Responder Opioid Recovery Project. *American Society of Criminology*.

White, M. D., Watts, S., Orosco, C., Malm, A., & Perrone, D (March, 2022). Myth busting Police-Led Naloxone Programs with Body-Worn Camera Footage. *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*.

White, M. D., Orosco, C. A., Watts, S., Malm, A., & Perrone, D (2020). The Tempe First Responder Opioid Recovery Project. *Southern Criminal Justice Association*.[P]

Other Presentations

Watts, S. Investigating the Intersection of Policing, Opioids, and Place. (February, 2026). *Interdisciplinary Policing Research Workshop*

Watts, S. Repeatability, Reproducibility, and Replicability: Developing Transparent and Efficient Workflows. (November, 2025). *Texas State University CJ "brown bag" series*.

White, M. D., Watts, S., & Malm, A. (March, 2025). Perceptions, use, and impact of Truleo in three Arizona law enforcement agencies. *Truleo's AI Innovation Day*.[P]

White, M. D. & Watts, S. (January, 2024). Making the Invisible Visible: Body-Worn Cameras as a Tool for Uncovering Bad (and Good) Policing. *ASU CCJ Colloquium Series*.

Teaching Experience

Texas State University

In-person

CJ: 2310 Police Systems and Practices	Fall '26
CJ: 4310 Special Problems in the Criminal Justice System	Fall '26, Spring '26

Online

CJ: 4310 Special Problems in the Criminal Justice System	Summer '26, Fall '25

Awards

American Society of Criminology, Division of Policing Outstanding Dissertation Award	2025
American Society of Criminology, Division of Policing Travel Award	2024

Activities and Service

Guest Lectures and Workshops

"Graphics in Stata," workshop at Arizona State University. September 20, 2024.

"Table-making in Stata," workshop at Arizona State University. April 12, 2024.

Manuscript Reviews

Criminal Justice & Behavior, *Criminology & Public Policy*, *Evidence Base*, *Health and Justice*, *Journal of Drug Issues*, *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, *Journal of Harm Reduction*, *Police Practice & Research: An International Journal*, *Policing: A Journal of Policy & Practice*, *Policing: An International Journal*, *Public Management Review*

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Evidence-Based Policing

American Society of Criminology

References

Available upon request.