# Curriculum Vitae

# Gilbert F. O'Brien Jr.

## Contact Information

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## Education

**Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice** **Anticipated May 2026**
*Texas State University*, San Marcos, Texas

**Master of Science in Criminal Justice** **January 2023**
*Iona University*, New Rochelle, New York

**Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice**
*Iona University*, New Rochelle, New York **January 2022**

## Research Interests

Police training, decision-making, culture, response to active shooters, and procedural justice.

## Research Experience

**Research Assistant** **Fall 2023- Present**
**Social Equity Research and Policy Lab (SERP)**
Current Projects: Assessing gang stakeholders' willingness to cooperate with law enforcement
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Lidia E. Nuno

Duties include assisting with participant recruitment, primary data collection, data entry and management, and transcribing qualitative interviews.

**Research Assistant** **Summer 2024- Summer 2025**
**Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (A.L.E.R.R.T.)**
Current Projects: Assessing the public's view of the use of force

Faculty supervisor: Dr. M. Hunter Martaindale

Duties include assisting with participant recruitment, primary data collection, data entry and management, and transcribing qualitative interviews.

## Publications

Kovalesky, G**., O'Brien, G.F.,** & Nuno, L.E. (n.d.). Beyond altruistic motivations: The impact of individual characteristics, perceptions of the police, and political ideology on interest in becoming a police officer. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*

## Manuscripts In Progress

**O'Brien, G.F.** How Does the Severity of a Crime Influence the Public's Perception of Police Legitimacy, Regarding the Use of Force? (In Progress)

## Teaching Experience

**Texas State University,** School of Criminal Justice & Criminology. **Fall 2025**
San Marcos, Texas

**Lead Instructor**

**CJ 2310** – Police Systems & Practices
Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas
School of Criminal Justice & Criminology

**Texas State University,** School of Criminal Justice & Criminology. **Spring 2024**
San Marcos, Texas

**Lead Instructor**

**CJ 2310** – Police Systems & Practices
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**Assistant Instructor** **Fall 2023**

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## Academic Conference Presentations

**O'Brien, G.F.,** Kovalesky, G., & Nuno L.E. Perceptions of procedural justice as a contributing factor for interest in becoming a police officer. Presented at the 2024 Annual American Society of Criminology Meeting, San Fransisco, CA.

## Professional Experience

**2015 – 2017** **Criminal Investigator**

Bexar County District Attorney's Office, San Antonio, Texas

Served as a Criminal Investigator specializing in family violence and child sexual abuse cases and led efforts to piece together cases for prosecution. Leveraged expertise and attention to detail to review paperwork and aid prosecutors in determining the efficacy of pressing charges. Drove collaborative efforts with prosecutors, judges, victims, and defenders to achieve favorable outcomes. Provided security for witnesses when appropriate.

**1994 – 2014** **Connecticut State Trooper**

Meritorious Service Medal, numerous unit citations, and Officer of the Year Award 2004.

Duties included investigating a wide range of crimes and disputes, apprehending suspects, analyzing records, conducting undercover operations, interviewing witnesses, and reviewing forensic evidence to identify potential perpetrators. Drove collaborative efforts at crime scenes, executed continuous surveillance, issued warrants, and testified in court. Demonstrable success is evidenced through issuing numerous citations, clearing a wide range of cases, and collaborating cross-functionally to drive positive outcomes. Served as State Patrol Trooper for Connecticut State Police with jurisdiction accountability covering fifty-five percent of statewide police services; covered jurisdictions that Sheriff's departments in other states would have otherwise covered.

**1991 – 1994** **Police Officer (Part-Time)**

Town of Deerfield, Massachusetts

Duties included working as a patrol officer in uniform and handling calls for service. The schedule was twice a week in the rural police department for three years, gaining experience so that I could move forward with my career as a state trooper.

**1990- 1994** **University of Massachusetts Police Officer (Full Time)**

1994 – Life Saving Award

Duties included patrolling in uniform as a state-certified police officer in a marked cruiser and handling calls for service in a unique environment.

**1989 – 1990** **Police Officer**

Town of Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts

Duties included working in uniform as a summer special officer, in which we supplemented the full-time ranks in a summer community. I was asked to stay after the summer season because one of the full-time officers was out on extended leave.

## Certifications & Licenses

**License** **Texas Commission on Law Enforcement**
Peace Officer License #437684

## Awards & Honors

**2023 –** **Teaching Fellowship**, Texas State University

**May 2023** **Departmental Award for Criminal Justice**, Iona University

**Fall 2022** **Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Society**, Iona University

**Spring 2022** **Edmund Rice Scholarship**, Iona University

**Fall 2021** **Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society,** Iona University

**Fall 2019** **Iona Celtic Scholarship,** Iona University

## Invited presentations

**O'Brien, G.F.** (2024, January 25). *Wrongful Convictions*. [Class Discussion Panel] Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas

## Professional Memberships

**2023 – Present** **American Society of Criminology (ASC)**

**2021 – Present** **American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)**

## Professional References

Dr. Lidia Nuño - lidia.nuno@txstate.edu (512) 245-8978, Texas State University.

Dr. Jeffrey Bumgarner – jbbumgarner@txstate.edu (512) 245-8978 Texas State University.

Dr. Marcus Aldredge – Maldredge@iona.edu (281) 788-2312 Iona University.