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Biography

Dr. Thrush received her BA in Foreign Languages at Purdue University while working fulltime as a research associate for the Biology Department. She received her MSW in Clinical Social Work from the University of Oklahoma and PhD in Criminal Justice and Criminology from the University of Florida. While these are diverse fields of study, they have all been useful in her criminal justice/criminology interests. The research at Purdue provided a foundation for BioSocial Criminology studies, (a current advancement in theoretical research into the reasons people commit crime). Scholars are finding that there are genes that code for behavior shaped by different types of environment. Dr. Thrush's second interest while studying for her PhD was BioSocial Criminology. As a clinical social worker in private practice, she was well prepared to work in the California prison system. She supervised social workers who went into the state prisons in order to interview mentally ill inmates. This very successful program served as a bridge between prison and parole. Dr. Thrush has two sons, one who lives on a boat near Key West Florida and the other lives in Cincinnati, Ohio with his wife and two daughters. Currently, Dr. Thrush lives with her two dogs, Joey (a hairless Chinese Crested) and Mimi (a powderpuff Chinese Crested).

Teaching and Research Interests

Dr. Thrush's research interests include Restorative Justice and the role of emotions in Criminal Justice and Criminology.

Publications and Presentations (last five years)

Publications

Thrush, M. (2020). *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*: Zaleski, K., Enrile, A., Weiss, E.L., Wang, X. (Eds.). (2020). *Women's Journey to Empowerment in the 21st Century: A Transnational Feminist Analysis of Women's Lives in Modern Times*. New York City, NY: Oxford University Press.

Thrush, M. (2019). *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*: Ukockis, Gail, (2019). *Misogyny: The New Activism*. New York City, NY: Oxford University Press.

Thrush, M. (2018). *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*: Church II, W.T. & Springer, D.W. (Eds.) (2018). *Serving the stigmatized: Working within incarcerated environment*. New York City, NY: Oxford University Press.

Thrush, M (2018). *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*: Fong, R., Lubben, J.E., Barth, R.P. (Eds.) (2018). *Grand challenges for social work and society*. New York City, NY: Oxford University Press.

Thrush, M. (2016). *Contemporary Rural Social Work, Vol 8(2)*. *Review of Rural Crime and Community Safety*, Ceccato, V. Routledge.

Presentations

Thrush, M. (March 2022) *Criminal Justice Teaching and Pedagogy/Assessment and Program Development* (Panel Presenter), Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Thrush, M. (March 2022) *Restorative Justice Research and Publication: Exploring New Outlets for Restorative Justice Research and Publication* (Panel Presenter), Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Thrush, M. (November 2017) *Interrogations and Confessions* (Panel Discussant) American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania November 2017.

Thrush, M. (November 2017) *The Criminal Justice Interview* (Panel Discussant) American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.