



**PUBLICATIONS** (Bold indicates student author)

- Ruva, C.L. (2024). Pre-trial publicity's effects on jurors' and judges' decisions. In M. K. Miller, L. A. Yelderman, J. A. Cantone, & M. Huss (Eds.), *Cambridge handbook of the psychology of legal decision-making*. (pp. 103-116). Cambridge University Press.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/9781009119375>
- Ruva, C. L., **Smith, K. D., & Sykes, E. C.** (2023). Gender, generations, and guilt: Defendant gender and age affect jurors' decisions and perceptions in an intimate partner homicide trial. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 38 (23-24), 1289-1212. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605231191227>
- Jones, A. M. & Ruva, C. L. (2023). Implicit and ingrained: Reducing unconscious bias among jurors. In E. Verona & B. Fox (Eds.), *Routledge handbook of evidence-based criminal justice practices*. Routledge. <https://orcid.org/0000-0001-8911-786X>
- Ruva, C. L. & **Sykes, E. C.** (2023). With theater, you have to be ready for anything: University response, expert testimony, and sample influence jurors' decisions and counterfactual endorsement in a crime control theater case. *Psychology, Crime & Law*, .



**PUBLICATIONS** (Continued; **Bold** indicates student author)

Ruva, C. L., McEvoy, C., & Bryant, J. B. (2007). Effects of pretrial publicity and collaboration on juror bias and source monitoring errors. *Applied Cognitive Psychology, 21*, 45-67.

**PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES**

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Ruva, C.L., **Sykes, E.C., & Smith, K.D.** Pretrial Publicity is Persuasive: Effects of Victim Race, Juror Race, and Pretrial Publicity on Mock-Jurors' Decision, Evidence Interpretation, and Emotions. Paper presented at the *American Psychology-Law Conference* (APA Div. 41), LA, CA (March 2024).

**Sykes, E.C., Underwood, K. & Ruva, C.L.** Beyond the Defendant: Victim and Juror Race Affect Verdicts and Reported Anger. Paper submitted to be presented at the American Psychology-Law Conference (APA Div. 41), LA, CA (March 2024).

**Smith, K.D., Masiero de Barros, B., & Ruva, C.L.** Examining Vicarious Trauma in Mock-Jurors: Media Exposure Predict Emotionality and Guilt Ratings. Poster presented at the *American Psychology-Law Conference* (APA Div. 41), LA, CA

**Sykes, E.C., & Ruva, C.L.** (August 2023). The age of guilt: The effects of defendant age, victim age and stereotype on juror decisions. Poster presented at the *American Psychological Association Conference* (APA), Washington, DC. (**Refereed**).

Ruva, C.L., **Sykes, E.C., & Smith, K.D.** (March 2023). Victim race and victim-juror race congruence affect jurors' decisions and perceptions. Poster to be presented at the *International Conference for Psychological Science* (APS), Brussels, Belgium. (**Refereed**)

**Smith, K.D., Aguilera Paez, M., Sykes, E., Ruva, C. L.** (March 2023). Vicarious violence: Effects of media exposure to violence against people of color on emotionality. Data Blitz to be presented at the *American Psychology-Law Conference* (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA. (**Refereed**)

**Sykes, E., Smith, K.D., Ruva, C. L.** (March 2023). Is congruence key? The effects of victim race and victim-juror race congruence in a spousal murder trial. Paper presented at the *American Psychology-Law Conference* (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA. (**Refereed**)

Ruva, C.L., **Sykes, E.C., & Smith, K.D.** (March 2022). Gender, generations, and guilt: Defendant age & gender affect juror verdicts, impressions, and emotion. Poster presented at the *American Psychology-Law Conference* (APA Div. 41), Denver, Co. (**Refereed**)

Ruva, C. L., **Diaz Ortega, S. E., & O'Grady, K. A.** (March 2020). The Influence of Pretrial Publicity and Jury Composition on the Slant and Content of Deliberations. Paper presented at the *American Psychology-Law Conference* (APA Div. 41), New Orleans, LA. (**Refereed**)

**O'Grady, K. A., Ruva, C. L., & Diaz Ortega, S. E.** (March 2020). Are









## **PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (Continued)**

Ruva, C. L. (2003, May). Does exposure to pretrial publicity affect juror's memory for trial facts? Paper presented at the *American Psychological Society Annual Convention*, Atlanta, GA. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C. L., McEvoy, C. & Bryant, J. B. (2002, June). Effects of collaboration and pretrial publicity on juror bias and source monitoring errors. Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Society*, New Orleans, Louisiana. **(Refereed)**

**Gonzalez, L. P.**, Bryant, J. B. & Ruva, C. L. (1999, April). Perceptions of witness credibility as a function of witness age and language translation. Paper presented at the *Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development*, Albuquerque, NM. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C., & Bryant, J. B. (1998, July). Perceptions of witness credibility as a function of witness age, speech style, and question form. Paper presented at the XV<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the *International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development*, Bern, Switzerland. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C., & Bryant, J. B. (1998, March). The impact of age, speech style, and question form on perceptions of witness credibility and trial outcome. Paper presented at the *American Psychology-Law Society Biennial Conference*, Redondo Beach, CA. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C., Bryant, J. B. & Brannick, M. (1996, March). Development of the Adults' General Beliefs about Children Scale for research on witness credibility. Paper presented at the *Conference on Human Development*, Birmingham, AL. **(Refereed)**

Ruva, C. (1995, December). How does attorney questioning techniques and witness speech affect both perceived credibility of child witnesses and trial outcomes? Poster presented at the *National Science Foundation Conference (Women and Science)*, Washington, DC. **(Refereed)**

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AT BAR/LEGAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Wild West Bench and Bar-B-Que Panel Presentation (November 17, 2023). Presentation entitled "In the Court of Public Opinion: Pretrial Publicity and Juror Bias". Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport Florida.

Pinellas County Trial Lawyers Association/Pinellas Bar Association Presentation (October 25, 2023). Presentation entitled "Trial by Tabloid: Media's Impact on a Defendant's Right to a Fair Trial".

Clearwater Bar Association Civil/Trial Section Presentation (April 25, 2023) for CLE credits: Presentation entitled "Jury Psychology and Techniques for Voir Dire"

## **SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

### **Conference & Symposium Reviewer**

1. Reviewer for AP-LS conference submissions
2. Reviewer for APA conference for Div. 41 conference submissions



## **RESEARCH SUPERVISION**

### **Thesis and Dissertation Committees**

1. Elizabeth Sykes: Psychology Master's Thesis (Chair), University of South Florida
  - Dates of Service: May 2023 to present.
  - Title: "The Impact of Age on Mock-Jurors' Verdicts and Ratings in Cases Involving Black, Male Defendants and Victims"
2. Bailey Hall: Clinical Psychology Dissertation, University of South Florida
  - Dates of Service: January 2024 to present.
  - Edelyn Verona is the Chair of thesis committee.
  - Title: "Psychopathy, Emotion, and Mock Juror Decision-Making"
3. Bailey Hall: Clinical Psychology Master's Thesis, University of South Florida
  - Dates of Service: February 2022 to November 2023.
  - Edelyn Verona is the Chair of thesis committee.
  - Title: "The Effects of Psychopathy Trait Descriptions on Mock Juror Decision Making"
4. Natalie Gordon: Psychology Ph.D. candidate Psychology and Law at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
  - Date of Service: April 2019 – May 2021
  - Margaret Kovera is Chair of this doctoral committee.
  - Title: "Increasing the Accuracy of Jurors' Self Reports of PTP Bias During *Voir Dire*"
5. Andrea Ranieri: Psychology (Cognitive, Neuro, & Social area) USF Tampa
  - Date of Service: April 2016 – May 2019 (successfully defended)
  - Sandy Schneider Chaired this doctoral committee
  - Dissertation Title: "Can too much (descriptive) information be a bad thing? The effects of a priori outcome information on choice preference"
6. Lindsey Rhead: Psychology and Law Experimental Track Doctoral Student at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY)
  - Date of Service: November 2012 to July 2015
  - Margaret Kovera Chaired this doctoral committee
  - Dissertation Title: Juror Target Monitoring Errors in Multiple Defendant Trials
7. Stephanie Smith: Clinical Forensic Psychology, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
  - Date of Service: May 2010 to June 2014 (successfully defended)
  - Jim Iaccino Chaired this doctoral committee
  - Dissertation Title: Moral Disengagement and Jury Decision Making
8. Elizabeth Gagnon: Aging Studies, University of South Florida Tampa
  - Date of Service: September 2010 to July 2012 (successfully defended)
  - Jerri Edwards Chaired doctoral committee
  - Dissertation Title: The Effects of Cognitive Stimulation and Computerized Memory Training among Older Adults



**COURSES TAUGHT**

1. Applied Cognitive Psychology
2. Cognitive Psychology
3. Child Psychology
4. Developmental Psychology
5. Directed Study/Research (Undergraduate & Graduate)
6. Learning
7. Psychology Honors & Thesis Supervision
8. Psychology Applied to Law

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