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Education

- PhD. Northeastern University, Boston, MA
Expected Spring of 2023, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Dissertation: *An Exploration of Victimization and Offending in Unique Contexts: Russia, Ukraine, and War*
Chair: Ekaterina Botchkovar, PhD
Committee: Gregory Zimmerman, PhD; Olena Antonaccio, PhD
- M.S. Northeastern University, Boston, MA
May 2018, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
- B.A. West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
Criminology with minor in Political Science, Dec. 2015

Research Interests

Victimization; Human Trafficking; Criminological Theory; International and Comparative Research

Scholarship/Research

Peer-Reviewed Publications (* Indicates current or former mentored student co-authors)

Kafafian, M., Botchkovar, E., Antonaccio, O., & Hughes, L. (Forthcoming). “*My Neighborhood is Watching Me*”: *The Role of Neighborhood Processes in the Offending and Self-Control-Crime Nexus. Criminal Justice and Behavior.*

Kafafian, M., de Vries, I., Farrell, A., Goldfarb, S., & Bouchard, E. (2021). *Understanding factors associated with re-referral of youth for commercial sexual exploitation. Child Abuse & Neglect, 117*, 105092.

Kafafian, M., Botchkovar, E. V., & Marshall, I. H. (2021). *Moral Rules, Self-Control, and School Context: Additional Evidence on Situational Action Theory from 28 Countries. Journal of Quantitative Criminology, 1-29.*

de Vries, I., **Kafafian, M.**, Goggin, K., Bouchard, E., Goldfarb, S., & Farrell, A. (2020). *Enhancing the identification of commercial sexual exploitation among a population of high-risk youths using predictive regularization models. Child maltreatment*, 1077559519889178.

Farrell, A., Dank, M., de Vries, I., **Kafafian, M.**, Hughes, A., & Lockwood, S. (2019). *Failing victims? Challenges of the police response to human trafficking. Criminology & Public Policy*, 18(3), 649-673.

Other Publications/Technical Reports

Farrell, A., Dank, M., **Kafafian, M.**, Lockwood, S., Pfeffer, R., Hughes, A., & Vincent, K. (2019). Capturing human trafficking victimization through crime reporting. *Washington, DC: US Department of Justice.*

Manuscripts In Preparation/Submitted

Kafafian, M., Botchkovar, E., Antonaccio, O., & Hughes, L. *War Exposure, Individual Decision-Making, and Offending: The Case of Ukraine.* Invited for Submission to Special Issue at *Justice Quarterly* (Will be Ready for Submission Fall 2022).

Kafafian, M., de Vries, I., *Asiedu, C., Farrell, A. *Exploring Referrals and Risk Profiles for the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Minors Before and During the Covid-19 Pandemic.* In preparation for *Criminology & Public Policy* (Will be Ready for Submission Fall 2022).

Martin, L., Mathias, C., Abeyta, S., **Kafafian, M.**, Barrick, K., Farrell, A. *Mechanisms of Recruitment into Sex Trafficking Operations: A Systematic Review to Support Prevention.* In Preparation for the *American Journal of Public Health* (Will be Ready for Submission Fall 2022).

Teaching

<i>University</i>	<i>Course Name</i>	<i>Semester</i>	<i>Role</i>
Northeastern	Criminology	Fall 2022	Instructor
Northeastern	Global Criminology	Fall 2021	Teaching Assistant
Northeastern	Analyzing Crime & Justice Data	Spring 2021	Teaching Assistant
Northeastern	Gender and Crime	Fall 2020	Teaching Assistant

Ability to Teach: Intro to Criminology (Undergraduate or Graduate Levels); Criminological Theory (Undergraduate or Graduate Levels); Research Methods (Undergraduate or Graduate Levels); Statistics (Undergraduate or Graduate Levels); Human Trafficking (Undergraduate or Graduate Levels); Global Criminology (Undergraduate or Graduate Levels)

Research Experience

Violence Justice Research Lab at Northeastern, Fall 2016 to Current

MPTC Human Trafficking Training Study (Spring 2022 – Fall 2022), Working with the Massachusetts Police Training Commission (MPTC), the goal of this project is to gauge change in knowledge related to human trafficking for all police in the state of Massachusetts before and after a statewide training on human trafficking. My role has involved the development and implementation of a survey instrument to measure change in knowledge of law enforcement agents. Moreover, my role has also included the cleaning and management of the survey data.

Child Trafficking Community Risk Project (Spring 2022 – Fall 2022), The goal of the project is to develop a tool that measures risk and vulnerability for commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) at the community level. My role on the project includes developing empirically derived measures to gauge risk at the community level. In doing so, the study draws upon a wide array of data sources that will be used to create a measure of risk and vulnerability to CSEC at the community level in the state of Massachusetts.

Child Trafficking Database (Fall 2018 - Present), Previously Funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the project is concerned with the development and implementation of statewide database for sexually exploited children in cooperation with the Suffolk County Child Advocacy Center (CAC). Roles have included training of case coordinators on the use of the database across Massachusetts. Furthermore, using data from the database, I have carried out computational and statistical analyses to better understand risk factors for high-risk youth. Within this role I have developed proficient skills in the programming language R to wrangle, clean, and analyze complex data. Moreover, I have developed technical skills to oversee, provide technical support, and export complex web-based SQL databases.

UCR Evaluation: Capturing Human Trafficking Victimization through Crime Reporting (Spring 2017- Fall 2018), Funded by the National Institute of Justice, the study sought to better understand the accuracy of official statistics of human trafficking with the goal of a prevalence estimate of human trafficking in the United States. Roles on the project included qualitative interviews, qualitative analysis, quantitative data collection, quantitative analysis for technical reports and publications, and archiving of quantitative data for ICPSR.

Child Welfare Trafficking Grant (Fall 2018 - Spring 2019), Analysis of Multidisciplinary teams for human trafficking in the state of Massachusetts. Roles have

included developing of qualitative coding structure and qualitative analysis. In addition to quantitative analysis of survey data.

Policy Landscape of Massachusetts Human Trafficking Policy (2016 - 2017), *Analysis of legislation around sex trafficking within Massachusetts to have a better understanding of how Massachusetts trafficking policy came to be and understanding landscape for future legislation. Roles included qualitative interviews.*

Human Trafficking Toolkit for the State of Massachusetts (2016 to 2017), *Compilation of literature regarding best practices for agencies and institutions to accurately identify, address, and serve human trafficking victims for the state of Massachusetts.*

Invited Presentation and Workshops

Kafafian, Matthew and Amy Farrell. 2022, May. *Risk to CSEC: What we learned from the child trafficking database in Massachusetts.* Massachusetts Children's Alliance 12th Annual Statewide Conference.

Kafafian, Matthew. 2022, January. *What we learned about Risk and Vulnerability to CSEC from Suffolk County, MA.* Statewide Massachusetts CSEC Coordinator Leadership Meeting.

Conference Presentations

De Vries, I., **Kafafian, M.**, & Farrell, A. (2019). Enhancing the identification of commercial sexual exploitation among a population of high-risk youths using predictive regularization models. *American Society of Criminology*

Kafafian, M. (2018). *Techniques of Neutralization and Racism.* *American Society of Criminology.*

Wills, C., De Vries, I., **Kafafian, M.**, Farrell, A. (2018). *Multidisciplinary Responses to Child Trafficking.* *American Society of Criminology.*

Farrell, A., Dank, M., Lockwood, S., **Kafafian, M.**, McDevitt, J. (2018). *Tracking Human Trafficking Through Crime Reporting.* *American Society of criminology.*

Kafafian, M. (2017). *Is a True Global Diffusion of a Human Rights Standard Possible? An Analysis of State Party Reports through The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.* *American Society of Criminology.* *American Society of Criminology.*