

Belén V. Lowrey
Curriculum Vitae

Contact Information

American University
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Education

American University, Washington, D.C.
Criminal Justice
Public Policy

Ph.D., Expected Spring 2017

Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY
Forensic Linguistics

M.A., 2013

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
Linguistics
Certificate: English as a Second Language Studies
Summa cum laude

B.A., 2012

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
Spanish
Summa cum laude

B.A., 2012

Additional Training

American University Online Faculty Certification Program, January 2015, Washington, D.C.

Greenberg PhD Seminars for Effective Teaching, August 2013-present, Washington, D.C.

Brooklyn Law School Authorship Attribution Workshop, October 2012, Brooklyn, NY

Summer School in Forensic Linguistic Analysis, July 2011, Birmingham, England

Research Interests

Forensic linguistics
Procedural justice
Wrongful convictions
False confessions

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Lowrey, B.V. & Ray, S. (2015) Mitigating murder: The construction of blame in true and false confessions. *Discourse Studies* 17(3) 282-298.

Manuscripts in Progress

1. "Testing the Effects of Procedural Justice and Overaccommodation in Traffic Stops: A Randomized Trial" (with Edward R. Maguire and Richard R. Bennett)
2. "'How About Big Sister Syndrome?': Coercion, Ideology, and a False Confession"
3. "Sexual Assault and the Innocent Man" (with Katie Hail-Jares)
4. "Speaking at the End: A Comparison of Last Words and Suicide Notes" (with Robert Johnson)

Research Experience

American University

Research Assistant

Advisor: Edward R. Maguire, Ph.D.

August 2015-Present

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing

Research Assistant

Supervisor: Deborah Spence

January 2015-March 2015

U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Law Enforcement Review Project

Research Assistant

Supervisor: Jessica Mansourian

September 2014-January 2015

American University

Research Assistant

Advisor: Robert Johnson, Ph.D.

August 2014-May 2015

National Science Foundation

Strengthening Sociolegal Research Workshop

Research Assistant

Supervisor: Jon B. Gould, Ph.D.

May 2014-July 2014

American University

Research Assistant

Advisors: Brian Forst, Ph.D. and Tricia Bacon, Ph.D.

August 2014-May 2014

Institute for Forensic Linguistics, Threat Assessment, and Strategic Analysis at Hofstra University Supervisor: Robert A. Leonard, Ph.D.
August 2012-January 2013

Intern

Florida Atlantic University

Research Assistant

Supervisor: Justin P. White, Ph.D.

February 2011-March 2011

Research Grants

Graduate Assistantship-full funding, American University, 2013
Undergraduate Research Grant- \$600, Florida Atlantic University, 2011

Teaching Experience

Graduate Courses

-*The Language of Crime*, American University, Summer 2015
Online course that I developed

Undergraduate Courses

-*The Language of Crime*, American University, Summer 2015
Online course that I developed

Teaching Assistant

-*Death Penalty*, American University, Fall 2014

Teaching Grants

Open Educational Resources Grant- \$1,000, American University, 2015
Online Course Development Grant- \$3,000, American University, 2014

Invited Talks

Testing the Effects of Procedural Justice and Overaccommodation in Traffic Stops: A Randomized Trial, presented for an undergraduate Research Methods class at American University, April, 2015.

Wrongful Convictions and the Lives of the Exonerated, presented for an undergraduate honors Deprivation of Liberty class at American University, November 2014.

Wrongful Convictions and the Lives of the Exonerated, presented for a graduate Death Penalty class at American University, November 2014.

Narrative and Lexical Patterns in False Confessions, presented for a graduate Forensic Linguistics class at Georgetown University, April 2014

Terrorism in Latin America: The FARC, presented for an undergraduate Terrorism and Counterterrorism class at American University, February 2014

Negotiating with the Servant of the Lord: The Interrogation of Brian David Mitchell, presented for an undergraduate Forensic Linguistics class at Florida Atlantic University, April 2013

Conference Presentations

“Testing the Effects of Procedural Justice and Overaccommodation in Traffic Stops: A Randomized Trial” *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference*, Orlando, FL, March 2015 (With Dr. Edward R. Maguire and Dr. Richard R. Bennett).

“Language Style Matching in Police Interrogations” *American Society of Criminology Conference*, San Francisco, CA, November 2014 (With Dr. Brian Forst).

“Effect of Officer Race on Citizen Perceptions of Respect and Legitimacy of Traffic Stops ” *American University School of Public Affairs PhD Student Research Conference*, Washington, D.C., May 2014.

“Age Variation in Spanish Internet Communication” *Florida Atlantic University Undergraduate Research Symposium*, Boca Raton FL, April 2011.

“The Hero as a Reflection of Culture” *Florida Collegiate Honors Council Conference*, Lake Mary FL, February 2009.

Professional Service

Miscarriages of Justice Panels at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Co-organizer (with Robert Norris and Catherine Bonaventure), 2014-2015

Justice, Law and Criminology Department Chair Search Committee, Student Representative, American University, Fall 2014

School of Public Affairs Undergraduate Research Symposium, Judge, American University, Spring 2014, Spring 2015

Awards and Honors

McKnight Doctoral Fellowship, awarded but declined, 2013

Daughters of Penelope Dorothy Lilian Quincey Graduate Memorial Scholarship, 2012

Daughters of Penelope Leda #59 Scholarship, 2012

AHEPA Chapter #18 Scholarship, 2012

President’s list, Florida Atlantic University, 2009-2011

Florida Atlantic University Phi Theta Kappa/Honors Transfer Scholarship, 2009

Award for Academic Excellence in Honors, Palm Beach State College, 2009

Palm Beach State College Honors Scholarship, 2009

Paideia Study Abroad Scholarship, 2008

Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholar Award, 2007-2011

Society Memberships

American Society of Criminology

Honors Society of Phi Kappa Phi

International Association of Forensic Linguistics

Sigma Delta Pi Nation Collegiate Hispanic Honors Society