



## **Dr. Dawn W. Hendricks**

*Instructor, Criminal Justice — University of South Carolina*

**Dr. Dawn W. Hendricks** serves as an Instructor of Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina. She holds a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the University of Louisville and brings over professional experience in law enforcement and the private sector spanning across two decades to her scholarship and teaching. Her research examines officer safety and adolescent behavior, and she teaches broadly across the criminal justice curriculum in higher education.

### **SPECIALIZATIONS**

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Adolescent criminal and deviant behavior

Officer safety and wellness

Police victimization

Young adult drug use

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## EDUCATION

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**2026 Ph.D., Criminal Justice** — University of Louisville

*Dissertation: The Interplay of Officer's and Offender's Sex in Predicting Officer Injury in NIBRS*

Successfully defended March 18, 2026 · Graduated May 9, 2026 · Chair: Dr. Alex Widdowson

**2022 M.S., Criminal Justice** — Troy University

**2019 B.S., Criminal Justice** — University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**2026 Instructor** · University of Louisville — Introduction to Criminal Justice (Spring 2026)

**2025 Instructor** · University of Louisville — Introduction to Criminal Justice (Fall 2025); Law Enforcement in the U.S. (Spring 2025)

**2023 Instructor** · Calhoun Community College — Introduction to Law Enforcement (Spring 2023)

**2022 Instructor** · Calhoun Community College — Introduction to Criminal Justice (Fall 2022)

## RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

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Manuscript Under Review:

*Hendricks, D.W. The Interplay of Officer's and Offender's Sex in Predicting Officer Injury in NIBRS (condensed dissertation).*

Manuscripts in Progress:

- Hendricks, D.W. The Effects of Parental Homework Involvement on Marijuana Use Among 10th Grade Students. (Qualifying paper).
- Hendricks, D.W., & Andreescu, V. Amphetamine Misuse Among Young Adults in the United States. (Presented at ASC 2025).
- Hendricks, D.W., Higgins, G., Atwood, M., Goldstein, R., & Rahman, S. The Effects of Cyber and Parental Abuse on Adolescent Sexual Behavior.
- Atwood, M., Higgins, G., Hendricks, D.W., Goldstein, R., & Rahman, S. Effect of Electronic Bullying on Suicide Attempts in Juveniles: An Application of General Strain Theory.
- Goldstein, R., Higgins, G., Hendricks, D.W., Atwood, M., & Rahman, S. Adolescent Alcohol Use and Cyberbullying During COVID-19: A General Strain Theory Perspective.
- Rahman, S., Higgins, G., Hendricks, D.W., Atwood, M., & Goldstein, R. Parental Abuse, Cyberbullying, Emotional Distress and Adolescent Binge Drinking During COVID-19: A General Strain Theory Approach.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**2025 Hendricks, D.W., & Andreescu, V.** Amphetamine Misuse Among Young Adults in the United States. ASC Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

**2024 Hendricks, D.W., & Widdowson, A.O.** The Interplay of Officer and Offender's Sex in NIBRS. ASC Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Graduate Research Assistantships:

**2025–2026 Graduate Research Assistant** · Dr. Vivianna Andreescu, University of Louisville — micro-level assaults on police; professional development training

**2024 Graduate Teaching Assistant** · Dr. Laura Hayes, University of Louisville

**2023–2024 Graduate Teaching Assistant** · Dr. Edna Ross, University of Louisville — grading, exams, grade review sessions

Law Enforcement & Investigative Experience:

**2015–2023 Licensed Private Investigator** · State of Alabama — investigative and legal defense services in capital murder, child abuse, DUI, civil, and drug cases; featured in Netflix documentary *State of Alabama v. Brittany Smith*

**2010–2012 Deputy Sheriff & Field Training Officer** · Madison County Sheriff's Office, Huntsville, AL

**2004–2005 Uniformed Division & Liaison Officer** · United States Secret Service, Washington, D.C.

**1996–2004 Police Officer, Recruitment Coordinator & Training Advisor** · Huntsville Police Dept., Huntsville, AL

## AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

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LEOKA Certificate (2011) · Active Shooter Response Training (2010) · Doppler Radar Certification (2010) · Lateral Entry and Refresher Training (2010) · Presidential Inauguration Certificate (2005) · Information Security Awareness Certificate (2005) · Mixed Basic Police Training Certificate, FLETC (2004) · Distinguished Fitness Award, FLETC (2004) · USSS Class #163 Certificate (2004) · Excellence in Physical Conditioning Award (2004) · Lifesaving Award, DHS/USSS (2004) · Campaign 2004 Certificate of Appreciation (2004) · Lifesaving Medal, Huntsville PD (2003) · Outstanding Unit Citation Award (2002) · Recruiting Women in Law Enforcement Training (2001) · Advanced Monadnock Expandable Baton Instructor Certificate (1999) · APOSTC Certification (1996)

## STATISTICAL SKILLS & SOFTWARE

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Software: Stata, Atlas.Ti

Analytical Methods: Regression for categorical and limited dependent variables; regression applying survey weights; multi-level modeling; qualitative coding and thematic identification

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Stata: Managing Data (2026) · Stata: Tips and Tricks; Intro to Causal and Treatment Effects; Creating Graphs (2025) · CITI Program (2024) · Troy University Leadership 101 (2022)

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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Peer Reviewer: Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Society of Criminology · Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences · American Sociological Association · Troy University Alumni Association · International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) · Western Society of Criminology