

# University of Central Florida

## Department of Criminal Justice

The University of Central Florida (UCF) has established several interdisciplinary clusters to strengthen its academic offerings and research mission. In support of this effort, we are recruiting faculty in the broad area of *Violence Against Women* and with a focus on public health to complement our social science strengths in this area. In doing so, we will continue to expand our transdisciplinary expertise and scientific discovery regarding VAW to enhance best practices, outcomes, and policies to improve the lives of victims.

These are interdisciplinary positions that will be expected to strengthen both the cluster and a chosen tenure home department and may include a combination of joint appointments across departments and colleges (i.e., College of Nursing, Department of Population Health Sciences in the College of Medicine, College of Health Professions and Sciences, College of Sciences, College of Community Innovation and Education, Nicholson School of Communication and Media, etc.).

Our most recent VAW Cluster hiring includes three assistant professors who started in Fall 2019 - Dr. Bethany Backes (Criminal Justice - Social Work), Dr. Julia O'Connor (Social Work), and Dr. Jacqueline Woerner (Sociology).

In particular, we are looking to hire three additional faculty members who will work at the intersection of several areas such as epidemiology of violence (sexual, physical, emotional, and financial); social determinants of violence and its health consequences; health disparities and violence against women; physical and mental health correlates, and consequences; social welfare, advocacy, and victim services; healthcare and healthcare systems' response to violence and victims; community-based interventions and primary prevention; intentional injury; human rights; and/or public safety and criminal justice systems. These additional positions have a start date of Fall 2020.

In addition to our most recent hires, the UCF VAW cluster includes Co-Leads Dr. Jana Jasinski (Sociology) and Dr. Catherine (Katie) Kaukinen (Criminal Justice), Dr. Kim Anderson (Social Work), and Dr. Libby Mustaine (Sociology).

### **The UCF Violence Against Women Research Cluster Objectives:**

Enhance the research capacity of our current VAW scholars.

Build a research infrastructure that expands Federal research funding opportunities for VAW research and evaluation.

Increase visibility and community awareness of research through knowledge translation, publication, and dissemination.

Strengthen local, regional, national, and global collaborative networks to address VAW women both in the United States and across the world.

Strengthen the reputation of UCF VAW research by creating a research center.

The long-term objectives of the UCF VAW Research Cluster will provide efficient and wide-impact dissemination of research to: 1) advance our understanding of the factors associated with the extent, nature, dynamics, and trends in violence against women, 2) identify the types of VAW interventions that most effectively reduce the experience and impact of violence, increase awareness, and change attitudes, 3) contribute to the methodological literature regarding data and measurement on VAW, 4) encourage institutions and jurisdictions to implement evidence-based policies that can decrease the incidence of VAW, and 5) encourage policies that increase help-seeking and reporting of VAW to ensure victim recovery, while also evaluating criminal justice interventions that hold perpetrators accountable.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the positions are filled.

Questions regarding this search can be directed to the search committee chairs, Dr. Catherine Kaukinen ([Catherine.Kaukinen@ucf.edu](mailto:Catherine.Kaukinen@ucf.edu)) or Dr. Jana Jasinski ([Jana.Jasinski@ucf.edu](mailto:Jana.Jasinski@ucf.edu)).

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