

# Laura E. Litvinoff, MS

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

**The Graduate Center, (CUNY), John Jay College of Criminal Justice** 2008- Present  
899 Tenth Avenue, Room 636T, New York, NY 10019; Doctoral Program in Criminal Justice  
Phone: (212) 237-8443

Pursuing Degree: PhD, Criminal Justice  
Specialization: Forensic Psychology

**San Diego State University** 2006- 2008  
5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182; School of Public Affairs  
Phone: (619) 594-6224

Degree: MS, Criminal Justice and Criminology  
Thesis: *Exploring the Link between Street Gangs and Youth Prostitution in San Diego*  
Advisor: Dr. Dana Nurge

**University of California, Riverside** 2002-2006  
Riverside, CA 92521; College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences  
Phone: (951) 827-1012

Degree: BA, Psychology/ Law and Society  
Minor: Spanish Linguistics

### Research Interests

- Street gangs
- Youth prostitution
- Juvenile delinquency
- Sexual crimes and offenders (e.g. in the Catholic Church)

### Professional Presentations

**Litvinoff, L.E.** (February 2008). Western Society of Criminology Annual Conference; *Exploring the Links between Street Gangs and Youth Prostitution in San Diego* (Panel presentation).

**Litvinoff, L.E., & Perillo, A., Mercado, C.** (October 2009). Association for Treatment of Sexual Abusers Annual Conference; *Cross-Group Comparisons: Sexual Abuse, Professional Misconduct and Boundary Violations in the Church* (Poster presentation pending).

**Litvinoff, L.E.** (November 2009). American Society of Criminology Annual Conference; *Priest Abusers and Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment* (Panel presentation pending).

**Litvinoff, L.E., & Perillo, A.** (November 2009). American Society of Criminology Annual Conference; *Cross-Group Comparisons: Sexual Abuse, Professional Misconduct and Boundary Violations in the Church* (Poster presentation pending).

## Other Presentations

Litvinoff, L.E. (April 2008); Guest Speaker at San Diego State University: *Exploring the Links between Street Gangs and Youth Prostitution in San Diego*.

## Teaching

- **Fall 2009:** Statistics 250: Principals and Methods of Statistics, John Jay College (Teaching Assistant)

## Research Experience

**Graduate Research Assistant, John Jay College, of Criminal Justice, CUNY** Part-time 2008- Present  
Supervisor: Cynthia Mercado, PhD, Department of Psychology, (212) 484-1111, [cmercado@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:cmercado@jjay.cuny.edu);  
<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/psychology/facultyprofile/cmercado.asp>

- **Study focus:** Sexual abuse, boundary violations, and deviance within the Catholic Church.

**Criminal Justice Research Assistant, San Diego Association of Governments** Part-time 2006-2008  
Supervisor: Cindy Burke, PhD, Criminal Justice Research Division, (619) 699-1910, [www.sandag.org/cj](http://www.sandag.org/cj)

- **Study foci:** SAM/Y (Substance Abuse Monitoring Adult/Youth); Drug Court/Peer Mentoring Substance Abuse (Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Agency), Title V (Evaluation of the Multi-Systemic Therapy Program for at risk juveniles), Prostitution Evaluation (ACTION Network), PEACE (Probation Evaluation, Assessment and Cost Efficiency), San Diego County Crime Trends, and Hepatitis and HIV Health Promotion Evaluations; data collection, data entry, data file creation, and survey development.

**Graduate/Teaching Assistant, San Diego State University** Part-time 2007-2008  
Supervisor: Dana Nurge, PhD, School of Public Affairs; Program Advisor; [dananurge2002@yahoo.com](mailto:dananurge2002@yahoo.com)

- **Duties:** Assisted in undergraduate class by attending lectures, showing films, proctoring exams, and grading exams/assignments as needed

**Graduate Assistant, San Diego State University** Part-time 2006  
Supervisor: Jeffrey McIlwain, PhD, Department of Homeland Security, (619) 594-3876, [mcillwai@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:mcillwai@mail.sdsu.edu)

- **Duties:** Completed a historical literature search regarding various types of organized crimes including prostitution, usury, banditry, drugs, piracy, and gambling. Also, documented several references that could be used in a literature review for his study on organized crime

**Research Assistant, University of California, Riverside "Eyewitness Identification"** Part-time 2006  
Supervisor: Steven Clark, PhD, Social and Cognitive Processing, (951) 827-5541, [steven.clark@ucr.edu](mailto:steven.clark@ucr.edu)

- **Study focus:** Analyzed the facial similarity in target present line-ups and evaluating the decision processes of facial and lexical memory in identical contexts in regards to identification and recall.

## Awards and Scholarships

- 2008: Five –year Graduate Assistant B Fellowship (\$14,000 and tuition paid); The Graduate Center, CUNY; John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- 2007 – 2008: Most Outstanding Graduate Student, San Diego State University
- 2007 – 2008: John Fowler Award Scholarship; San Diego State University
- 2003, 2005, 2006: University Dean's List; University of California, Riverside.

## Professional Memberships

- American Society of Criminology (ASC)
- Western Society of Criminology (WSC)
- American Criminal Justice Society (ACJS)
- Alpha Phi Sigma, National Criminal Justice Honor Society
- Omicron Delta Kappa, National Leadership Honor Society
- Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology

