

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position:

- **University of the Free State**
Department: Criminology
Position: Lecturer - Research Methodology for Criminology and Criminal Justice (CRIM3714)
Lecturer - Advanced Victimology (CRIM6834)
 - **University of the Free State**
Department: Criminology
Position: Supervisor - Honours (CRIM6800)
Supervisor - Masters (CRIM8900)
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Tertiary Education:

2018 Ph.D Criminology

University of Kwa-Zulu Natal

Specialisation: Criminology

Thesis: A Comparative Analysis of Recidivism with specific reference to Crimino-Victimogenic Variables, Offence Analysis and Programme Participation

Supervisor: Prof Robert Peacock

2012 MSs Criminology (Cum Laude)

University of Kwa-Zulu Natal

Specialisation: Criminology

Dissertation: A Multivariate Criminological Analysis of the Self-Esteem of Repeat Offenders

Supervisor: Prof Robert Peacock

2011 BA (Hons) Criminology (Cum Laude)

Monash University, South Africa

Specialisation: Criminology

Dissertation: An Exploration of the Denial of Responsibility and Manifestation of 'Victimhood' of Right-Wing Afrikaners in Post-Apartheid South Africa: A Criminological Analysis

Supervisor: Dr Robert Peacock

2010 Bachelor of Arts

Monash University, South Africa

Specialisation: Psychology and Criminology

Committees, Portfolios and Memberships:

- **University of the Free State Ethics Committee**
2019 Committee member, discussion and ethical approval recommendations of research projects in the Social Sciences
- **University of the Free State Scientific Review Committee**
2019 Committee member, scientific review of research projects in the Social Sciences
- **Criminological Society of Africa (CRIMSA)**
2019 Full membership
- **Monash South Africa Foundation Programme Social Sciences Stream**
2017 - 2018 Cluster manager, providing student and staff support in the Social Sciences stream as well as monitoring the implementation of universities strategic goals within the department
- **Monash South Africa Foundation Programme Health Sciences Stream**
2017 - 2018 Cluster manager, providing student and staff support in the Health Sciences stream as well as monitoring the implementation of universities strategic goals within the department
- **South African Higher Education Community Engagement Forum**
2018 Secondus member for Monash South Africa

- **Centre for Transformative Research**
2017 - 2018 Research project coordinator, identifying research opportunities that align with the universities strategic goals and facilitating research relationships with external partners
 - **Monash South Africa Ethics Committee**
2017 - 2018 Committee member, discussion and ethical approval of all research projects conducted at the university
 - **Experiential Learning Portfolio**
2016 - 2018 Head of portfolio, promotion and coordination all service learning and community engagement activities within the Monash South Africa Foundation Programme
 - **Staff Engagement Portfolio**
2016 - 2018 Head of portfolio, promotion of staff cohesion within the Monash South Africa Foundation Programme including facilitation and training on conflict resolution
 - **World Society of Victimology**
2010 - 2018 Started as student member and have progressed to full member
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Awards, Bursaries and Research Funding:

- **Monash South Africa Small Grant**
2017 Internal research grant received for Sustainable Rural Development project in Luphisi Village, Nelspruit with the Monash South Africa Centre for Transformative Research
 - **South African Humanities Dean's Association/National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences PhD Scholarship**
2014 Awarded for PhD studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal
 - **Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and World Society of Victimology Grant**
2012 Awarded to assist in the attendance of the 14th Symposium of the World Society of Victimology, World Forum in The Hague, Netherlands
 - **University of KwaZulu-Natal NRF Bursary**
2012 Awarded for Masters studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal
 - **Monash University Post Graduate Scholarship**
2011 Awarded for Post Graduate (Hons) study. Completed BA Criminology (Hons) Degree
 - **Monash University Scholarship**
2009 and 2010 Awarded for undergraduate study
 - **Monash University Certificate for Most Outstanding Student**
2008 (School of Arts), 2009 (Sociology), 2010 (Criminology), 2011 (Criminology Hons)
 - **Golden Key Honours Society**
2009 Invited as a member
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Conference and Workshop Presentations:

- Cronje, M. (2019). *A Qualitative Exploration of General Repeat Offending Behaviour in South Africa*. Paper accepted to be presented at the CRIMSA International Biennial Conference. Protea Hotel Ranch Resort, Polokwane: South Africa, 27-30 August.
- Cronje, M. (2018). *An Analysis of the Victimogenic Factors Associated with Recidivism*. Paper presented at 16th International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology. City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong: China, 10-14 June.
- Cronje, M. (2016). *An Initial Exploration of Factors Associated with the South African Recidivist*. Paper presented at National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences National Doctoral Conference. Birchwood Conference Centre, Johannesburg: South Africa, 2-3 November.
- Cronje, M. (2016). *uBuntu Philosophy in Action*. Paper presented at 4th African Post Graduate Course of Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice. University of the Free State, Free State: South Africa, 1-6 August.
- Cronje, M. (2016). *uBuntu Philosophy in Action: An African Perspective on Human Empowerment*. Paper presented at XXXIIth Anniversary of the Post Graduate Course of Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice. Inter University Centre, Dubrovnik: Croatia, 9-21 May.
- Cronje, M. (2015). *uBuntu Philosophy in Action: An African Perspective on Human Empowerment*. Paper presented at 15th International Symposium of the World Society of Victimology. Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Perth: Australia, 5-9 July.
- Cronje, M. (2014). *The Meaning of uBuntu Theology to Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power: The South African Experience*. Paper presented at XXXth Anniversary of the Post Graduate Course of Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice. Inter University Centre, Dubrovnik: Croatia, 12-24 May.
- Cronje, M. (2014). *Emphasising the Need for an Integrated Approach to Intervention Programmes Offered to People in Conflict with the Law*. Paper presented at ISS 5th International Conference: National and International Perspectives on Crime Reduction and Criminal Justice. Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel, Johannesburg: South Africa, 14-15 August.
- Cronje, M. (2012). *The Manifestation of Perceived Victimhood of Right-Wing Afrikaners in Post-Apartheid South Africa*. Paper presented at 14th Symposium of the World Society of Victimology. World Forum, The Hague: The Netherlands, 20-24 May.
- Cronje, M. (2011). *Right-Wing Movements in South Africa, with a Specific Focus on the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB)*. Paper presented at National Gang Crimes Research Centre 14th International Gang Specialist Training Programme. Chicago: USA, 8-10 August.
- Cronje, M. (2011). *A Victimological Exploration of the Denial of Responsibility and Guilt Neutralisation Techniques Employed by Right-Wing Afrikaners in Post-Apartheid South Africa*. Paper presented at World Society of Victimology 3rd African Postgraduate Course in Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice. Monash South Africa, Johannesburg: South Africa, 3-14 October.
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Commissioned Research:

- 2017** **Client:** South African Department of Social Development
- Project:** Development of the Minimum Norms and Standards for Adult Diversion in South Africa
- 2016** **Client:** South African Department of Social Development
- Project:** Assessing the Implementation of DSD Therapeutic Programmes for Children in Conflict with the Law
- 2016** **Client:** South African National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (SANCA)
- Project:** Development of a general impact assessment tool of SANCA programmes
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Previous Lecturing Experience:

- 2018** Lecturer University of the Free State (Criminology)
 August - November
 CRIM 2724: Victimology
- 2018** Lecturer Monash South Africa (Criminology and Criminal Justice)
 February - July
 AZA 3466: Women and Crime
 AZA 4743: Theoretical Perspectives of Conflict, Crime, Victimization
 and Criminal Justice
- 2018** Lecturer & Monash South Africa
 Unit Coordinator February - July
 ZHC 1027: Human Sciences
- 2017** Lecturer & Monash South Africa (Foundation Programme)
 Unit Coordinator December - February 2018
 ZHC 1027: Human Sciences (Summer Semester)
 ZHC 1030: Health and Social Development (Summer Semester)
- 2017** Lecturer & Monash South Africa (Foundation Programme)
 Unit Coordinator February - November
 ZHC 1027: Human Sciences
 ZHC 1030: Health and Social Development
- 2016** Lecturer & Monash South Africa (Foundation Programme)
 Unit Coordinator December - February 2017
 ZHC 1024: Introduction to Behavioural Studies (Summer Semester)
 ZHC 1030: Health and Social Development (Summer Semester)

2016	Lecturer & Unit Coordinator	Monash South Africa (Foundation Programme) February - November ZHC 1024: Introduction to Behavioural Studies ZHC 1030: Health and Social Development
2015	Sessional Lecturer	Monash South Africa (Foundation Programme) December - February 2016 ZHC 1024: Introduction to Behavioural Studies (Summer Semester)
2015	Sessional Lecturer	Monash South Africa (Foundation Programme) July - November ZHC 1024: Introduction to Behavioural Studies
2013	Sessional Lecturer	Monash South Africa (Criminology) April - November AZA2470: Victimology AZA3466: Women and Crime

Guest Lectures:

- Institution** San Francisco State University (San Francisco, USA)
Department Criminal Justice Studies
Date 30 April 2019
Topic Criminal Justice in South Africa: Legislation and Implementation (Online)
- Institution** Arcadia University (Philadelphia, USA)
Department Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice
Date 30 March - 3 April 2015
Topic uBuntu: An African Perspective of Social Justice
- Institution** Arcadia University (Philadelphia, USA)
Department Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice
Date 30 March - 3 April 2015
Topic Shared Legacies: The Treatment of Black People in South Africa and the U.S
- Institution** Monash South Africa
Department Criminology and Criminal Justice
Date October 2015
Topic Victim Impact Statements (Forensic Criminology)
- Institution** Monash South Africa
Department Criminology and Criminal Justice
Date October 2015
Topic Ethics (Forensic Criminology)
- Institution** Illinois State University (Normal, USA)
Department Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies
Date June 2014
Topic The Meaning of uBuntu Theology to Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power: The South African Experience (Online)

- **Institution** University of KwaZulu-Natal
Department Criminology and Forensic Studies
Date April 2012
Topic Right Wing Movements in South Africa: From Apartheid to Democracy

 - **Institution** Monash South Africa
Department Psychology
Date May 2012
Topic Research Design and Analysis

 - **Institution** Monash South Africa
Department Criminology and Criminal Justice
Date October 2011
Topic Offender Recidivism

 - **Institution** Monash South Africa
Department Criminology and Criminal Justice
Date October 2011
Topic Community Corrections
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Publications:

- James, C. & Cronje, M. (2019). *Evaluating Victim Impact Statements: Application and Challenges*. In R. Peacock (Ed.), *Victimology in Africa* (Chapter 7). Pretoria: Van Schaik.
- Cronje, M. & Peacock, R. (2017). An Assessment of the Self-Esteem of a group of Recidivists with Specific Reference to the Correctional Environment. *Acta Criminologica, Special Edition, 30(4)*: 109-123.
- Cronje, M. & Peacock, R. (2015). Exploring the Nature of the Relationship Between Self-Esteem and Offence Type of a Group of Recidivists. *Acta Criminologica, Special Edition, 2*: 79-93.
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Postgraduate Research Supervision and External Examinations:

- Barnard, L. (2018). *A Critical Appraisal of Correctional Supervision and Parole as a Measure to Reintegrate Offenders back into Society*. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree Honours in Criminology, University of the Free State (Completed).
- Komen, B. (2018). *A Secondary Analysis on the Relationship the Educational Level of Recidivists has on Aggression and Decision-making*. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree Honours in Psychology, Monash South Africa (Completed).
- Panopoulos, M. (2018). *Personality Traits as Predictors of Religiosity and Spirituality among a group of Millennials*. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree Honours in Psychology, Monash South Africa (Completed).

Pillay, K. (2018). *A Critical Exploration of the Phenomenon of Recidivism in South Africa*. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree Honours in Criminology, University of the Free State (Completed).

Ranjit, J. (2018). *Assessing Gender, Trait Anxiety and Intentionality*. Submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree Honours in Psychology, Monash South Africa (Completed).

Matjila, M. (2019). *An Emancipatory African Victimological Assessment with specific reference to the Ovahimba tribe in Namibia*. To be submitted in complete fulfilment of the requirements for the degree Magister Artum in Criminology, University of the Free State (In Progress).

External Examinations:

Research Design and Quantitative Methods (AZA3018). Department of Psychology, Monash South Africa (2019).

Fernan, T. (2019). *Imagining "Possible Selves" as an Intervention Strategy for Incarcerated Youths*. Unpublished MA Dissertation, University of Cape Town.

References:

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