

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2024 Ph.D Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of South Carolina
Dissertation: “Unpacking the Relationship between Legitimacy, Procedural Justice, Identity, and Desistance”
Chair: Dr. Christi Metcalfe

2016 LL.M Law
University of Houston Law Center
Major field: Law - Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources

2011 LL.B Law
University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Attitudes about crime and the criminal justice system; penology; criminal courts; desistance from crime

EMPLOYMENT

2024-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, Auburn University at Montgomery

2021-2024 Instructor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of South Carolina

2021 Graduate Mentor, Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU), Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of South Carolina

2019-2021 Graduate Assistant, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of South Carolina

2017-2019	Legal Associate, Saka Isau (SAN) & Co, Ilorin, Commissioners Lodge Way G.R.A, Ilorin, Nigeria.
2016-2017	Research Affiliate, Rule of Law Collaborative (ROLC), University of South Carolina
2013-2015	Legal Associate, Saka Isau (SAN) & Co, Ilorin, Commissioners Lodge Way G.R.A, Ilorin, Nigeria.
2012-2013	Legal Associate, Rotimi Jacobs (SAN) & Co, 3 rd Floor Trinity House Mabushi, Abuja, Nigeria.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Metcalfe, C., & **Bolaji, Q.** (2024). Increasing police presence: Examining race, ethnicity, and perceived neighborhood disadvantage as correlates of support. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 49(6), 867-887.

Bolaji, Q., & Metcalfe, C. (2024). Exploring the Association between Levels of Police Presence, Contact, and Perceptions of Police Legitimacy. *Crime & Delinquency*, 00111287231226188.

Smith, H. P., Ferdik, F., Dunton, C., & **Bolaji, Q.** (2023). An Assessment of the Knowledge, Support, and Behavior Surrounding the Implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 00938548231164966.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Bolaji, Q. 2023. “Exploring the Link between Relational Identification with the Law and Compliance” American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA

Metcalfe, C., & **Bolaji, Q.** 2022. “Increasing Police Presence in Neighborhoods: An Examination of Factors that Influence Support for Greater Presence”. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA

Bolaji, Q., & Metcalfe, C. 2021. “The Effect of Perceived Levels of Police Presence and Contact on Perceptions of Police Legitimacy”. American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Research Methods (Undergraduate, Graduate, Online)

Ethics in Criminal Justice (Undergraduate, Online)

Environmental Law

Criminal Justice Policy

Criminal Law

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2021-Present American Society of Criminology (ASC)

2021- Present Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

2012-Present Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Journal Reviewer

Journals: Journal of Criminal Justice, Policing, Violence Against Women,

CERTIFICATIONS

Fostering Proactive Learning Environments (FPLE)

Integrative and Experiential Learning (IEL)

Social and Behavioral Researchers CITI program (2020)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduate Student Assistantship, University of South Carolina, 2019 – 2024

The Lex Award for Scholastic Excellence in Introduction to American Law, University of Houston Law Center, 2015