

## David C. Pyrooz

### Education

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- 2012 Ph.D. Arizona State University, Criminology and Criminal Justice
- 2007 M.S. California State University, Fresno, Criminology
- 2005 B.S. California State University, Fresno, Criminology

### Professional Appointments

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- 2015–Present Assistant Professor  
Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2012–2015 Assistant Professor  
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University
- 2008–2012 Instructor and Research Assistant  
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University
- 2007–2008 Instructor  
Department of Criminology, California State University, Fresno

### Professional Affiliations

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- 2015–Present Faculty Associate  
Problem Behavior and Positive Youth Development Program, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2015–Present Research Affiliate  
Correctional Management Institute of Texas, George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center, Sam Houston State University
- 2015–Present Faculty Fellow  
Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado Boulder

### Honors and Awards

- 2018 Provost's Faculty Achievement Award (recognition of research contributions to an academic field), Academic Affairs, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2016 Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar Award, American Society of Criminology  
Tory J. Caeti Memorial Award, Juvenile Justice Section, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- 2015 Early Career Award, Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology, American Society of Criminology  
Academy New Scholar Award, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- 2011 Western Society of Criminology's Miki Vohryzek-Bolden student paper competition, First Place  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Michael C. Braswell/Anderson Publishing Outstanding Student Paper Award (with Scott Wolfe), First Place
- 2010 Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) student paper competition, First Place
- 2007 Outstanding Thesis, College of Social Sciences, California State University, Fresno  
Dean's Medalist, Outstanding Graduate, College of Social Sciences, California State University Fresno

## Funded Research

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### In Progress

- 2019-2021 *Leaving gangs and desisting from crime using a multidisciplinary team approach: A randomized control trial evaluation of the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver*  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Funded by the National Institute of Justice, Research on Gangs and Gang Violence (2018-75-CX-0028). \$600,797
- 2017-2019 *Understanding the use and effects of restrictive housing in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in the post-Ashker v. Governor of California era*  
Role: Principal Investigator (Bert Useem and Ryan Labrecque, Co-Principal Investigators)  
Funding: Charles Koch Foundation. \$110,000.
- 2017-2018 *Continuity and change in protective and risk factors among participants in the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver: A pilot project*  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Funding: City of Denver (\$20,000)
- 2017-2018 *Mortality risk among gang members*  
Role: Principal Investigator (Ryan Masters and Rick Rogers, Co-Principal Investigators)  
Funding (internal): Institute of Behavioral Science (\$15,000), the Center to Advance Research in the Social Sciences (\$4,500), and Department of Sociology (\$600)
- 2015-2018 *Gangs on the street, gangs in prison: Their nature, interrelationship, control, and re-entry*  
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Scott Decker, Principal Investigator)  
Funding: National Institute of Justice (2014-MU-CX-0111). \$840,807
- 2015-2018 *A comparative study of violence extremism and gangs*  
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Gary LaFree, Principal Investigator)  
Funding: National Institute of Justice (2014-ZA-BX-0002). \$639,736

### Completed

- 2012-2014 *Gang intervention treatment: Reentry development for youth*  
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Vince Webb, Principal Investigator)  
Funding: Texas Juvenile Justice Department (years 2 and 3 evaluations). \$75,000
- 2013 *Understanding the long-term consequences of gang membership: Desistance, amplification, and impacts on post-adolescent outcomes*  
Role: Co-Investigator (with Scott Decker, Principal Investigator)  
Funding: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP-2011-2964). \$124,606
- 2012 *The long-term consequences of gang membership*  
Role: Principal Investigator (Scott Decker, Faculty Supervisor)  
Funding: National Institute of Justice, PhD GRF 2011 (2011-JP-FX-0101). \$25,000
- 2011 *Understanding the role of the internet in joining, sustaining, and leaving gangs*  
Role: Co-Investigator (with Scott Decker, Principal Investigator)  
Funded by Google Ideas (Google Corporation). \$25,000
- 2010, 2015 *Absconding after release from secure care among Arizona juvenile parolees*  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Funding: Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC). \$16,300

## Books

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- Under Contract     Pyrooz, David C., and Scott H. Decker. *Competing for Control: Gangs and the Social Order of Prisons*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2015     Decker, Scott H., and **David C. Pyrooz** (Editors)  
*The handbook of gangs*.  
Chichester, West Sussex: Wiley-Blackwell. [[book link](#)]
- 2014     Curry, G. David, Scott H. Decker, and **David C. Pyrooz**  
*Confronting gangs: Crime and community (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition)*.  
New York: Oxford University Press. [[book link](#)]

## Refereed articles (last 5 years) \*student collaborator

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- 2018     Decker, Scott H., and **David C. Pyrooz**  
“Activism and radicalization in prison: Measurement and correlates in a large sample of inmates in Texas:”  
*Justice Quarterly* [[article link](#)]
- Mitchell, Meghan M.\*, Kallee McCullough\*, Jun Wu\*, **David C. Pyrooz**, and Scott H. Decker  
“Survey research with gang and non-gang members in prison: Operational lessons from the LoneStar Project”  
*Trends in Organized Crime* [[article link](#)]
- Densley, James A., and **David C. Pyrooz**  
“A signaling perspective on disengagement from gangs”  
*Justice Quarterly* [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**, and James A. Densley  
“On public protest, violence, and street gangs”  
*SOCIETY*
- Pyrooz, David C.**, Gary LaFree, Scott H. Decker, and Patrick James.  
“Cut from the same cloth? A comparative study of domestic extremists and gang members in the United States”  
*Justice Quarterly* 35(1) 1-32. [[article link](#)]
- Collins, Angela\*, Scott Menard, and **David C. Pyrooz**  
“Collective behavior and the generality of integrated theory: A national study of gang fighting”  
*Deviant Behavior* 39(8): 992-1005[[article link](#)]
- 2017     **Pyrooz, David C.**, Jean Marie McGloin, and Scott H. Decker  
“Parenthood as a turning point in the life course for male and female gang members: A study of within-individual changes in gang membership and criminal behavior”  
*Criminology* 55(4) 869-899. [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**, Nancy Gartner\*, and Mary Smith\*  
“Consequences of incarceration for gang membership: A longitudinal study of serious offenders in Philadelphia and Phoenix”  
*Criminology* 55(2) 273-306. [[article link](#)]
- Spooner, Kallee\*, **David C. Pyrooz**, Vincent J. Webb, and Kate Fox  
“Recidivism among juveniles in a multi-component gang reentry program: Findings from a program evaluation in Harris County, Texas”  
*Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 13(2): 275-285. [[article link](#)]

Shjarback, John A., **David C. Pyrooz**, Scott E. Wolfe, and Scott H. Decker  
“De-policing and crime in the wake of Ferguson: Racialized changes in the quantity and quality of policing among Missouri police departments”  
*Journal of Criminal Justice* 50: 42-52. [[article link](#)]

Roman, Caterina G., Scott H. Decker, and **David C. Pyrooz**  
“Leveraging the pushes and pulls of gang disengagement to improve gang intervention: Findings from three multi-site studies and a review of relevant gang programs”  
*Journal of Crime and Justice*, 40(3): 316-336. [[article link](#)]

Moule, Richard K. Jr., Scott H. Decker, and **David C. Pyrooz**  
“Technology and conflict: Group processes and collective violence in the Internet era”  
*Crime, Law, and Social Change* 68(1-2) 47-73. [[article link](#)]

Mitchell, Meghan M.\*, Chantal Fahmy\*, **David C. Pyrooz**, and Scott H. Decker  
“Criminal crews, codes, and contexts: Differences and similarities across the code of the street, convict code, street gangs, and prison gangs”  
*Deviant Behavior* 38(10) 1197-1222. [[article link](#)]

2016

**Pyrooz, David C.**  
“Gang affiliation and restrictive housing in U.S. prisons”  
In *Restrictive housing in the U.S.: Issues, challenges, and future directions*. Washington D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice [[article link](#)]

**Pyrooz, David C.**, Scott H. Decker, Scott E. Wolfe, and John A. Shjarback\*  
“Was there a Ferguson Effect on crime rates in large U.S. cities?”  
*Journal of Criminal Justice*, 46(1): 1-8 [[article link](#)]

Wu, Jun\*, and **David C. Pyrooz**  
“Uncovering the pathways between gang membership and victimization.”  
*Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 32(4): 531-559. [[article link](#)]

**Pyrooz, David C.**, and James A. Densley  
“Selection into street gangs: Signaling theory, gang membership, and criminal offending.”  
*Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 53(4): 447-481. [[article link](#)]

**Pyrooz, David C.**, Jillian J. Turanovic\*, Scott H. Decker, and Jun Wu\*  
“Taking stock of the relationship between gang membership and offending: A meta-analysis.”  
*Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 43(3): 365-397. [[article link](#)]

O’Neal, Eryn Nicole\*, Scott H. Decker, Richard K. Moule, Jr.\*, and **David C. Pyrooz**  
“Girls, gangs, and getting out: Gender differences and similarities in leaving the gang.”  
*Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 14(1): 43-60. [[article link](#)]

Huebner, Beth M., Kimberly Martin, Richard K. Moule, Jr.\*, **David C. Pyrooz**, and Scott H. Decker  
“Dangerous places: Gang members and neighborhood levels of gun assault.”  
*Justice Quarterly*, 33(5): 836-862. [[article link](#)]

2015

**Pyrooz, David C.**, and Gary Sweeten  
“Gang membership between ages 5 and 17 years in the United States.”  
*Journal of Adolescent Health*, 56(4): 414-419. [[article link](#)]

**Pyrooz, David C.**, Scott H. Decker, and Richard K. Moule, Jr.\*  
“Criminal and routine activities in online settings: Gangs, offenders, and the Internet.”  
*Justice Quarterly*, 32(3): 471-499. [[article link](#)]

Decker, Scott H., and **David C. Pyrooz**  
“‘I’m down for a Jihad’: How 100 years of gang research can inform the study of terrorism, radicalization and extremism.”  
*Perspectives on Terrorism*, 9(1): 104-112. [[article link](#)]

- 2014 Decker, Scott H., **David C. Pyrooz**, Gary Sweeten, and Richard K. Moule, Jr.\*  
 “Validating self-nomination in gang research: Differences in gang embeddedness across non-, current, and former gang members.”  
*Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 30(4):577-598. [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**  
 “‘From your first cigarette to your last dyin’ day’: The patterning of gang membership in the life-course.”  
*Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 30(2):349-372. [[article link](#)]
- Moule, Jr., Richard K.\*, **David C. Pyrooz**, and Scott H. Decker  
 “Internet adoption and online behavior among American street gangs: Integrating gangs and organizational theory.”  
*British Journal of Criminology*, 54(6):1186-1206. [[article link](#)]
- Decker, Scott H., **David C. Pyrooz**, and Richard K. Moule, Jr.\*  
 “Disengagement from gangs as role transitions.”  
*Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 24(2):268-283. [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**, Richard K. Moule, Jr.\*, and Scott H. Decker  
 “The contribution of gang membership to the victim-offender overlap.”  
*Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 51(3):315-348. [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**  
 “From colors and guns to caps and gowns? The effects of gang membership on educational attainment.”  
*Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 51(1):56-87. [[article link](#)]
- Wolfe, Scott E., and **David C. Pyrooz**  
 “Rolling back prices and raising crime rates? The Walmart effect on crime in the United States.”  
*British Journal of Criminology*, 54(2):199-221. [[article link](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C.**, Scott H. Decker, and Vincent J. Webb  
 “The ties that bind: Desistance from gangs.”  
*Crime and Delinquency*, 60(4):491-516. [[article link](#)]

### News Media Contributions

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- Pyrooz, David** & James Densley. [Is gang activity on the rise? A movement to abolish gang databases makes it hard to tell](#)” *The Conversation*
- Pyrooz, David C.** “[Using restrictive housing to manage gangs in U.S. prisons](#)” *Corrections Today* (July/August): 10-13.
- Decker, Scott H., Caterina G. Roman, & **David C. Pyrooz**. [Disengaging from gang life: What works?](#) *The Crime Report*
- Shjarback, John, Scott Decker, Scott Wolfe, & **David Pyrooz**. [Did the Ferguson shooting make police less proactive?](#) *Washington Post*
- Pyrooz, David** & James Densley. [To deal with antifa, designate it a street gang](#). *Wall Street Journal*
- Decker, Scott H., **David C. Pyrooz**, and Richard K. Moule Jr. [When gang violence goes viral](#). *The Conversation* [[article link](#)]

### Editorial Board

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*Criminology* (2015-2017, 2018-present)  
*Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* (2017-present)  
*Journal of School Violence* (2015-present)  
*Journal of Criminal Justice* (2013-present)  
*Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* (2013-present)

### Grant Reviewer

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Centers for Disease Control, National Institute of Justice, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada