

CURRICULUM VITAE
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RESEARCH AREAS

Illegal online gambling, Cybercrime, Cybersecurity, Technology in Criminal Justice,
Quantitative analysis, Hate Crime,

EDUCATION

- 2022 **University of Nevada, Las Vegas**, Las Vegas, Nevada
 Ph.D. in Criminal Justice
 *Dissertation: An Examination of Interactions of U.S. Players with Offshore
Gambling Sites and Online Casino Reviews: Are They Offenders or Victims?*
- 2018 **Bridgewater State University**, Bridgewater, Massachusetts
 M.S. in Criminal Justice
 Thesis: Illegal Gambling and Its Operation via the Darknet and Bitcoin
- 2014 **Northern State University**, Aberdeen, South Dakota
 Study Abroad Program
- 2015 **Yonsei University**, Wonju, South Korea
 B.S. in Packaging

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

- **CEH** (Certified Ethical Hacker) by EC-Council, 2020 (ECC4835207691)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022-Present **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice,
Kennesaw State University (08/01/2022 – Current)
- 2018-2019 **Graduate Assistant**, Tourism Safety & Crowd Science Center,
University of Nevada, Las Vegas (08/15/2018 – 05/15/2022)
 • Mentored undergraduate students conducting tourism security research
- 2017-2018 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Criminal Justice Department,
Bridgewater State University (08/15/2017 – 05/15/2018)
 • Assisted multiple cybercrime research projects

COURSES TAUGHT

Kennesaw State University

CRJU 1101: Foundations of Criminal Justice – F2F

CRJU 3301: Research Methods in Criminal Justice – Hybrid & Online

CYBR 4305: Technology & Cyber Crime – Online

CRJU 7706: Advanced Research Methods – Online & Hybrid

CRJU 7712: Applied Statistics and Data Analysis in CJ – Online & Hybrid

CYBR 7000: Cyber Law, Policy, and Enforcement – Online

CYBR 7050: Cybercrime Detection, Analysis, and Forensics – Online

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

CRJ 488: Corporate Cybersecurity (SP22)

SCHOLARLY ARTICLES

Grants

- 2023 **Choi, S.,** Lee, G., & Sohn, J. Investigating Hate Crimes against Asians before and after the COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States, \$1000 awarded from Korean Society of Criminology in America.
- 2023 **Choi, S.,** & Thompson, L. Exploring Factors in the Privacy Paradox among U.S. Social Media Users: A Case Study of TikTok. \$10,100 awarded from Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kennesaw State University.
- 2025 **Choi, S.,** & Lee, G. Examining and Explaining Public Attitudes Toward Police Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI): A Comprehensive Model of Public Perception Formation. \$12,045 awarded from Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kennesaw State University.

Peer Reviewed

- 2026 **Choi, S.,** & Thompson, L. Exploring the Impact of Media Awareness on Privacy Concerns Among Social Media Users: A Case Study of TikTok. *Journal of Applied Security Research*, 1-26.
- 2026 Park, J., **Choi, S.,** Jung, B. R., & Park, S. M. (2026). Effects of a Virtual Reality Program on Youth Drug Prevention: A Quasi-Experimental Study. *Journal of Drug Issues*, 00220426261452629.
- 2026 Thompson Lee, L. M., & **Choi, S.** (2026). The role of online disinhibition on social media users' privacy concerns and behaviors. *Technology, Mind, and Behavior*, 7(1), 43.
- 2025 **Choi, S.,** Jung, B. R., & Park, S. M. (2025). Public Attitudes and Justifications on Illegal Streaming Sites in South Korea: A Context Analysis. *International Journal of Information Security and Cybercrime*, 14, 88-106
- 2025 Lee, G., & **Choi, S.** A Comparative Study on Cyberbullying Behaviors among Korean and American College Students: Insights from Social Learning Theory and General Strain Theory. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*
- 2025 Lee, G., **Choi, S.,** Sohn, J., & Park, I. Korean Americans' Perceptions of Police Legitimacy and Cooperation with Police: Normative and Instrumental Pathways. *International Journal of Criminal Justice*
- 2024 Park, J., & Choi, S. (2024). The effect of youth marijuana use on high-risk drug use: Examining gateway and substitution hypothesis. *Journal of Emerging Investigators*, 7(1), 1-7. Retrieved from <https://emerginginvestigators.org/articles/23-308/pdf>
- 2024 Sohn, J., Park, I., Lee, G., & **Choi, S.** (2024). Exploring police legitimacy and other factors in predicting cooperation with police in the Atlanta Korean American

- community. *Policing: An International Journal*, 47(2), 181-198. Retrieved from: <https://www.emerald.com/insight/content/doi/10.1108/PIJPSM-02-2023-0032/full/html>
- 2023 Park, J., Yoo, J. W., & **Choi, S.** (2023). Effect of marijuana legalization policies on youth marijuana use: A logistic model comparison analysis of demographic characteristics. *International Journal of Criminal Justice*, 5(2), 3-27. Retrieved from: <https://www.dbpia.co.kr/Journal/articleDetail?nodeId=NODE11766927>
- 2023 **Choi, S.** (2023). Examining the Use of Offshore Online Gambling Sites in the United States via Routine Activities Theory: A SEM Analysis. *Journal of Gambling Studies*, 40(1), 83-106. Retrieved from: <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10899-023-10212-3>
- 2023 **Choi, S.** (2023). Understanding Involuntary Illegal Online Gamblers in the US: Framing in Misleading Information by Online Casino Reviews. *UNLV Gaming Research & Review Journal*, 27(1), 2. Retrieved from: <https://digitalscholarship.unlv.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1474&context=grj>
- 2021 DeVore, D., **Choi, S.**, Li, Y., & Lu, H. (2021). Media Framing, Moral Panic and COVID-19; A Comparative Analysis of China, South Korea, and the U.S. *Asian Journal of Social Sciences & Humanities*. 10(1), 19-38.
- 2021 Petrosino, C., Choi, K. S., **Choi, S.**, Back, S., & Park, S. (2021). Empirical Assessment of Emotional Literacy Programs in Prison Systems: An Exploratory Meta-Analysis of Empathy, Mindfulness, and Self-Regulation. *The Prison Journal*. 101(3), 1-24.
- 2020 **Choi, S.**, Choi, K. S., Sungu-Erylimaz, Y., & Park, H. K. (2020) Illegal Gambling and Its Operation via the Darknet and Bitcoin. *International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence & Cybercrime*. 3(1), 3-23.
- 2019 Lee, S. S., Choi, K. S., **Choi, S.**, & Englander, E. (2019). A Test of Structural Model for Fear of Crime in Social Networking Sites. *International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence & Cybercrime*, 2(2), 5-22.
- 2019 Park, S., & **Choi, S.** (2019) Victimization risk and immunity of adolescents in South Korea: Stepwise non-zero- and zero-inflated analyses of the Korean Panel Survey. *International Journal of Criminal Justice*. 1, 20-40.

Editorial Review

- 2026 Parti, K., **Choi, S.**, & Dearden, T. Analyzing Modern Scam Typologies: From Pig-Butchering and Nigerian Advance-Fee Fraud to Crypto Airdrop Schemes. *International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence & Cybercrime*, 9(2), 1.
- 2025 Kayser, C. S., Dearden, T., Parti, K., & **Choi, S.** Navigating the Digital Frontier: New Perspectives on Cybercrime and Governance. *International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence & Cybercrime*, 8(2), 1.
- 2024 **Choi, S.**, Dearden, T., & Parti, K. (2024). Understanding the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Cybercrime. *International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence & Cybercrime*, 7(2), 1-3. Retrieved from: <https://vc.bridgew.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1185&context=ijcic>
- 2023 Parti, K., Dearden, T., & **Choi, S.** (2023). Understanding the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Cybercrime. *International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence &*

- Cybercrime, 6(2), 1-2. Retrieved from:
<https://vc.bridgew.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1170&context=ijcic>
- 2022 **Choi, S.** & Parti, K. (2022). Understanding the Challenges of Cryptography-Related Cybercrime and Its Investigation. *International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence and Cybercrime*, 5(2), 1-3. Retrieved from:
<https://vtechworks.lib.vt.edu/server/api/core/bitstreams/596343d5-5ba7-4f6c-a05c-8460a412dcc1/content>
- Book Chapter**
- 2026 **Choi, S.,** & Thompson, L. Ch. 4 Technology and Sex Offending. In Raufu, A., & Sohn, J., *Global Perspectives on Sex Offending*. Bloomsbury
- Project**
- 2025 “The 6th National Survey on Illegal Gambling in Korea” (Commissioned by The National Gambling Control Commission, conducted by the Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice, 2025).

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2026 **Choi, S.,** “Perceived Benefits vs. Trust in Police: Modeling the Distinct Drivers of Support for Police Use of AI and Demand for Oversight”, Southern Criminal Justice Association 2026 Conference, Fort Lauderdale FL, September 2026.
- 2026 **Choi, S.,** “Digital Organized Crime Groups: Online Gambling Ecosystems and their Linkages to Transnational Scam Crimes”, Cambodia ODA Program_Impact of Online Scams on Cambodian Society, Online, July 2026
- 2026 **Choi, S.,** “Understanding Public Attitudes and Justifications for Illegal Streaming Sites in South Korea” 2026 US-Korea Joint Conference Program about Strategies for Enhancing Public Safety in Response to Emerging Crimes and Technological and Environmental Change, Seoul, South Korea, June 2026
- 2025 Thompson, L & **Choi, S.,** “The Role of Online Disinhibition on Social Media Users’ Privacy Concerns” The American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington D.C., November 2025
- 2025 **Choi, S.,** Jung, B. R., & Park, S. “Public Attitudes and Justifications on Illegal Streaming Sites in South Korea: A Content Analysis” The American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington D.C., November 2025
- 2025 **Choi,** (Discussant) 2025 Korea-US Joint Criminology Research Conference: Exploring Emerging Crime Trends and Strategies for Drug and Novel Crimes. September 2025
- 2024 **Choi, S.,** Lee, G., & Sohn, J. “Investigating Hate Crime against Asians before and after the Outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic in the U.S.” The American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 2024
- 2024 **Choi, S.,** & Thompson, L. “Exploring Factors on Privacy Paradox among the U.S. Social Media Users: A Case Study of TikTok.” The American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 2024
- 2024 **Choi, S.** “Korean Americans’ Perceptions of Police Legitimacy and Cooperation with Police” The Summer Conference of the Korean Society of Criminology, Beverly, MA, July 2024
- 2023 **Choi, S.** “Understanding Involuntary Illegal Online Gamblers in the U.S.: Framing in Misleading Information by Online Casino Reviews” The American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2023
- 2023 Lee, G., & **Choi, S.** "The Willingness of Korean Americans to Report Hate Crime to the Police: Hate Crime Victimization Experience and Perceived Police Legitimacy"

- The American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2023
- 2023 **Choi, S.** "An Examination of Interactions of U.S. Players with Offshore Gambling Sites and Online Casino Reviews: Are They Offenders or Victims?" KSU Cybersecurity Showcase, Kennesaw, GA, March 2023
- 2023 **Choi, S.** "One Year after Atlanta Shooting: Perceived Police Legitimacy in the Korean American Community
 1) The Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, National Harbor, MD, March 2023
 2) The First Tuesday Luncheon Series, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, KSU, Kennesaw, GA, April 2023
 3) The Webinar "Empowering Communities to Prevent Hate Crimes Against Asians" hosted by the Korean Consulate General, Boston, MA, October 2023
 4) The 2023 Georgia Advocates for Crime Prevention Gala Event, Duluth, GA, December 2023
 5) Atlanta Radio Korea, Duluth, GA, December 2023
- 2022 **Choi, S.** "An Examination of Interactions of U.S. Players with Offshore Gambling Sites and Online Casino Reviews: Are They Offenders or Victims?" The American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 2022
- 2022 **Choi, S.** Critics to authors of the book titled "Digital Forensics & Cyber Investigation" The American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 2022
- 2021 **Choi, S.** "Illegal Online Gambling Sites in the United States: An Application of Routine Activities" The American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, November 2021
- 2021 **Choi, S.** "Applying Routine Activities Theory to illegal online activity: A theoretical study" The UNLV 23rd Annual Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum, Las Vegas, Nevada. April 2021
- 2021 DeVore, D., **Choi, S.**, Li, Y., & Lu, H. "Media Framing, Moral Panic and COVID-19; A Comparative Analysis of China, South Korea, and the U.S." The 1st ACCCJ Online Conference, January 2021
- 2020 **Choi, S.**, & Rorie, M. "Online sports betting in the United States: A multilevel analysis of factors predicting the decision to bet illegally or legally" The 1st KOSCA Virtual Conference 2020, COVID-19, Crime Trend, and Criminal Justice System. November 2020
- 2020 Petrosino, C., Choi, K. S., **Choi, S.**, Back, S., & Park, S. "Emotional Literacy Programs in Prison Systems: A Random Effects Meta-Analysis of Empathy, Mindfulness, and Self-Regulation", The UNLV 22nd Annual Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum, Las Vegas, Nevada, February 2020
- 2019 Lee, S. S., Choi, K. S., **Choi, S.**, & Englander, E. "A Test of Structural Model for Fear of Crime in Social Networking Sites", The American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference, San Francisco, California, November 2019
- 2019 Petrosino, C., Choi, K. S., **Choi, S.**, Back, S., & Park, S. "Emotional Literacy Programs in Prison Systems: A Random Effects Meta-Analysis of Empathy,

- Mindfulness, and Self-Regulation”, The Korean Criminological Association Annual Conference, Seoul, South Korea, June 2019
- 2019 **Choi, S.** “Illegal Gambling and Its Operation via the Darknet and Bitcoin: An Application of Routine Activity Theory”, The Korean Police Studies Association Annual Conference, Daejeon, South Korea, June 2019
- 2019 **Choi, S.** “Illegal Gambling and Its Operation via the Darknet and Bitcoin: An Application of Routine Activity Theory”, The 17th International Conference on Gambling & Risk Taking, Las Vegas, Nevada, May 2019
- 2019 **Choi, S.** “Illegal Gambling and Its Operation via the Darknet and Bitcoin: An Application of Routine Activity Theory”, The UNLV 21st Annual Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum, Las Vegas, Nevada, February 2019
- 2018 **Choi, S.** “Illegal Gambling and Its Operation via the Darknet and Bitcoin: An Application of Routine Activity Theory”, The American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2018
- 2018 **Choi, S.** “Illegal Gambling and Its Operation via the Darknet and Bitcoin: An Application of Routine Activity Theory”, Student Arts and Research Symposium, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, April 2018
- 2018 **Choi, S.** “Illegal Gambling and Its Operation via the Darknet and Bitcoin: An Application of Routine Activity Theory”, Criminal Justice Department Community Advisory Board, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, April 2018
- 2017 **Choi, S.** “Voiceless Victim: Victimization Surrounding Illegal Online Sports Betting in South Korea”, The American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2017

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2024 **Appreciation Award** in recognition of service, Georgia Advocates for Crime Prevention
- 2023 **White Hat Participation Award** in recognition of service, The Center for Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity
- 2019 **Distinguished Graduate Student Paper**, The Korean Police Studies Association, June 2019
- 2018 **Distinguished Graduate Thesis**, Bridgewater State University, May 2018
- 2018 **The Paul Wright Scholarship**, Bridgewater State University, April 2018
- 2018 **The Cullen Graduate Research Scholarship**, Bridgewater State University, April 2018
- 2014 **Merit-Based Scholarship**, Yonsei University, Jan 2014 & June 2014
- 2013 **Yonsei Vision Scholarship**, Yonsei University, December 2013
- 2013 **Career Development Scholarship**, Yonsei University, May 2013
- 2013 **Merit-Based Scholarship**, Yonsei University, Jan 2013 & June 2013
- 2013 **Tutoring Scholarship**, Yonsei University, April 2013

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

2026	Criminal Justice Assistant Professor Search Committee, Kennesaw State University, <i>Committee Member</i>
2026-Present	Master's Thesis Committee – Daney Serna, Kennesaw State University, <i>Committee Chair</i>
2025-Present	Department representative on the college-level student scholarship committee, Kennesaw State University, <i>Committee Member</i>
2025-2026	Criminal Justice MSCJ Director Search Committee, Kennesaw State University, <i>Committee Member</i>
2024	Criminal Justice Assistant Professor Search Committee, Kennesaw State University, <i>Committee Member</i>
2023-2024	Criminal Justice Lecturer Search Committee, Kennesaw State University, <i>Committee Member</i>
2022-Present	BS in cybersecurity, Kennesaw State University, <i>Curriculum Committee Member</i>
2019-2022	Layer Zero-UNLV Cybersecurity Club, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, <i>Student Officer</i>
2018-2022	Association Representing Koreans, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, <i>Student Member</i>
2017-2018	Korean Student Association, Bridgewater State University, <i>Student Member</i>
2013-2014	Korean Student Association, Northern State University, Aberdeen, <i>Student Treasurer</i>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

2025-Present	Division of Korean Community and Criminal Justice at Korean Society of Criminology in America, <i>Chair</i>
2024-2025	Korean Society of Criminology in America, <i>Web master</i>
2024-Present	Center for Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity, <i>Team member, Web master</i>
2023-Present	Division of Korean Community and Criminal Justice at Korean Society of Criminology in America, <i>Chair</i>
2024	Council of Youth Anti-Drug, <i>Education Committee Member</i>
2022-2025	Georgia Advocates for Crime Prevention, <i>Advisory Board Member</i>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

2026	Reviewer , The Seventh White Hat Conference, Mendoza, Argentina • Reviewed papers for the student paper competition
2025	Reviewer , The Sixth White Hat Conference, University of León, Spain • Reviewed papers for the student paper competition
2024	Moderator & Reviewer , The Fifth White Hat Conference, LH Pangyo 2nd Techno Valley, South Korea • Moderated the student paper competition session • Reviewed papers for the student paper competition

- 2023 **Reviewer**, The Fourth White Hat Conference,
Boston University
- Reviewed papers for the student paper competition
- 2022 **Moderator & Reviewer**, The Third White Hat Conference,
Boston University
- Moderated the student paper competition session
 - Reviewed papers for the student paper competition
- 2019-2022 **Teaching Assistant**, Criminal Justice Department,
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Assisted Web-based and online remote courses
 - Taught a Web-based course (Corporate Cybersecurity)
- 2018-2019 **Graduate Assistant**, Tourism Safety & Crowd Science Center,
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Mentored undergraduate students conducting tourism security research
- 2017-2018 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Criminal Justice Department,
Bridgewater State University
- Assisted multiple cybercrime research projects
- 2017-2018 **Tutor for Analyzing Criminal Justice Data**, Criminal Justice Department,
Bridgewater State University
- Tutored undergraduate students conducting statistical analysis
- 2017 **MARC Event Staffer**, School Resource Officer Workshop: Forensic Computer
Investigation Skills & Cyberbullying,
Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center,
- Assisted the event
- 2015-2016 **Automation Engineer**, Technical Department,
Kopak System, Seoul, South Korea
- 2013 **Research Assistant**, College of Science & Technology,
Yonsei University, Wonju, South Korea
- Assisted project of developing bio disposable plastics
- 2013 **Math Tutor for Introduction to Statistics**, College of Science & Technology,
Yonsei University, Wonju, South Korea
- Tutored undergraduate students with statistics
- 2009-2011 **Rifleman (sergeant)**, 26th Mechanized Infantry Division,
The Republic of Korea Army, South Korea
- Conducted military operations and drills.

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Editor

International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence & Cybercrime

Editorial Member

The Official Newsletter of the Korean Society of Criminology in America (2022-2024)

Ad Hoc Reviewer

International Journal of Cybersecurity Intelligence & Cybercrime

Victims & Offenders

Journal of Applied Security Research

Criminal Justice Study

AFFILIATIONS

2026-Present **Korean Society of Criminology**

2019-2025 **Division of Cybercrime under the American Society of Criminology**

2019-Present **Center for Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity**

2018-Present **American Society of Criminology**

2018-Present **Korean Society of Criminology in America**

REFERENCES

Available upon request