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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Juvenile Justice • Youth Violence • Gender & Crime • Gangs
- Technology-Facilitated Harm

EDUCATION

2021	Doctor of Philosophy – Childhood Studies Rutgers University-Camden, NJ
2016	Master of Science – Children, Youth and International Development Birkbeck University of London, UK
2012	Bachelor of Arts – Sociology University of Birmingham, UK

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2021 – Present	Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Criminal Justice Department Widener University
2016 - 2021	Graduate Research / Teaching Assistant Department of Childhood Studies Rutgers University-Camden
2018 - 2021	Project Assistant Researcher The Senator Walter Rand Institute of Public Affairs at Rutgers University-Camden

RESEARCH & FUNDING

2023- Present **The Role of Women in Community Violence Intervention**
Criminal Justice Department, Widener University

Working in partnership with community violence intervention programs in Camden, NJ, Chester and Philadelphia PA. This qualitative research investigates the role of women within community violence intervention.

Funding: Rutgers Gun Violence Research Center, \$54,325

Role: Principal Investigator

2023-2025 **Ecological Mediators and Moderators in Norm-Change Models of Violence Prevention**

Criminal Justice Department Widener University & Department of Criminal Justice ASU

This mixed-method research looks at the ecological factors impacting the creation and sustainability of violence prevention models in two locations Chester and Philadelphia PA.

Funding: Rutgers Gun Violence Research Center \$59,000

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

2019–21 **Digital Justice – Girls, Phones and Juvenile Justice**

Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University–Camden

Conducted for PhD dissertation digital justice investigates the qualitative role phones and social media played in the criminalization and victimization of girls involved in the criminal legal system.

Funding: David K Sengstack Fellowship, Marsh Gillette Fellowship, \$5000

Role: Principal Investigator

2018–19 **Pathways to College Project**

Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice, Rutgers University–Camden

Analysis of pathways to college for youth living in areas of high crime and poverty.

Role: Research Assistant

2018 **Project Assistant Researcher**

Senator Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs at Rutgers University–Camden

Mixed method research into the outcomes of Inspira health needs assessment in South Jersey with a focus on community violence. Program evaluation of Steered Straight, a school-based drug and violence prevention program.

Role: Research Assistant

2015 **Digital Artifact Vs Digital Fingerprint, Gangs and Social Media**

Birkbeck University of London

Conducted for Master's thesis, this qualitative study was the first study of gangs and social media in the UK and remains the largest. Results from this study were used in

the Serious Youth Violence Strategy by the UK Home Office, 2018. Results shared as training for practitioners and policy makers at House of Lords and at conferences and through publications.

Role: Principal Investigator

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

Van Damme, E., & **Lyttle Storrod, M.** (2026) From “iron fists” to digital traps: How contemporary legal policies bypass international gender standards, *Current Sociology*, Monograph: Feminist Approaches to Justice at Beijing +30, <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00113921261453561>

Lyttle Storrod, M., & Van Damme, E. (2025) Mothers & Gang Intervention; A Cross National Account, *International Criminology* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43576-025-00176-2>

Lyttle Storrod, M. (2024). “It Started With a Nude”: Gangs & Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence. *International Criminal Justice Review*, 34(3), 245-261. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10575677241230475>

Lyttle Storrod, M. (2022) Ecological ruptures & Strain: girls, juvenile justice and phone removal. *International Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy* <https://doi.org/10.5204/ijcjsd.2188>

Gordon, F., Klose, H., & **Storrod, M.L.** (2021) Youth (in)justice and the COVID-19 pandemic: rethinking detention internationally through a public health lens. *Current Issues in Criminal Justice* [Special Edition — Covid-19, Criminal Justice And Carceralism: Critical Reflections And Change] <https://doi.org/10.1080/10345329.2020.1859966>

Tucker, S., Meloy, M., **Storrod, M. L.**, Curtis, K. & Napolitano., L. (2019). Mentoring vulnerable youth in one of America’s most dangerous cities: from tough homes and violent streets to college classrooms, *Youth Justice* 19(3), 262-277. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1473225419886931>

Meloy, M., Curtis, K., Tucker, S., Previ, B., **Storrod, M. L.**, Gordon, G., & Delacruz, M. (2018). Surviving all the way to college: pathways out of one of America’s most crime ridden cities. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1473225419886931>

Storrod, M. L. & Densley, J. A. (2017). ‘Going viral’ and ‘going country’: the expressive and instrumental activities of street gangs on social media. *Journal of Youth Studies*, 20(6), 677-696. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13676261.2016.1260694>

Book Chapters

Lyttle Storrod, M. (forthcoming) Gangs & Gender. In Stamatel, J.P. (Ed) *The Sage Encyclopedia of Crime and Gender, First Edition*

Lyttle Storrod, M.L (2023) ‘Do no Online Harm’: Balancing Safeguards to researchers and participants. In Ed. S. Coombs, and S. Richards (eds) *Critical Perspectives on Research with Children Reflexivity, Voice, Interdependence, Agency and Ethics*, Bristol University Press
<https://doi.org/10.51952/9781529216806.ch001>

Mitsdarffer, M.L., Alang, S., & **Lyttle Storrod, M.** (2023). Minoritization, Mental Health, and Law Enforcement. In Friedman, H., Lu, W. & Markey, C. (Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Mental Health, 3rd Edition*.

Urbanik, M-M., Roks, R., **Storrod, M. L.** & Densley, J. (2020). Ethical and methodological issues in gang ethnography in the digital age: lessons from four studies in an emerging field. In F. Weerman and C. Melde (Eds.), *Gangs in the era of internet and social media*. Springer.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-47214-6_2

Storrod, M. L. (2020). Trauma informed care. In D. T. Cook (ed.), *The SAGE encyclopedia of children and childhood studies*. Sage.

Storrod, M. L. (2020). Youth gangs. In D. T. Cook (ed.), *The SAGE encyclopedia of children and childhood studies*. Sage.

Under Review

Lyttle Storrod, M. Girl’s Digital Pathways to the Criminal Legal System

O’Leary, J. & **Lyttle Storrod, M.** Making Waves: How Widener University Built a Campus-Wide Sexual Violence Prevention Movement, *Sexual Abuse Journal*, Special Issue What Works in the Prevention of Sexual Abuse?

Op-Eds/Blogs

Densely, J. & **Storrod., M. L** (2018). Youth violence: rise could be linked to British people’s growing distrust of authority. *The Conversation*, November 29.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

NIH Request for Information (RFI): Future Directions in Violence Against Women & Girls Research (2023)

House of Parliament Evidence Review - Girls, Gangs & Social Media (2019)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Lyttle Storrod. M.** (2026) Women's Perspectives on Gun Access, Gang Dynamics, and Contested CVI Definitions, Eurogang 23rd Workshop, Simon Fraser University, Canada
- Lyttle Storrod. M.** (2026) Managing Vicarious Trauma for Student Researchers involved in Sexual Violence research,
- Lyttle Storrod. M. & Van Damme, E.** (2025) *Girls Impacted By The System: New challenges, Old Attitudes, Hopeful Futures*, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington DC
- Lyttle Storrod. M. & Van Damme, E.** (2025) *Future directions & praxis of researchers: mental health in the field* (Part A & Part B) American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington DC (Roundtable Chair)
- Lyttle Storrod. M. & Van Damme, E.** (2025) *Why do we need a fieldwork buddy network?* Researching Sensitive Topics' Colloquium, Open University, UK
- Lyttle Storrod. M. & Van Damme, E.** (2025) Mothers & Gang Intervention: A Cross National Account, European Society of Criminology, Athens
- Lyttle Storrod. M. & Van Damme, E.** (2025) *Girls Impacted By The System: New challenges, Old Attitudes, Hopeful Futures - A Review of the Beijing Rules+30*, NGO CSW 69, United Nations Headquarters, New York
- Lyttle Storrod. M.** (2024) "Violence Intervention Programs Are Not For Girls", American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- Lyttle Storrod. M. & Van Damme, E.** (2024). Future directions & Praxis: vicarious traumatization within research, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco (Roundtable Chair)
- Lyttle Storrod. M. & Van Damme, E.** (2024) When Credibility Rhymes with Masculinity: Mothers as Credible Messengers in the Prevention and Desistance of Gang Involvement, Eurogang, Colorado, US
- Lyttle Storrod. M.** (2023) *Girls Digital Pathways to the Juvenile Justice System*, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
- Lyttle Storrod. M.** (2023) *Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence in a Gang Context*, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia

- Lyttle Storrod, M. & Van Damme, E. (2023).** Researchers' mental health in the field: how to deal with vicarious traumatization and burn-out (Part A & Part B). American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (Roundtable Chair)
- Lyttle Storrod, M. (2023)** *Digital Lockdown: Girls Juvenile Justice and Phone Removal*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, National Harbor, MD
- Lyttle Storrod, M. (2022)** *Digital Justice: Digital Methods with Girls in the Juvenile Justice System*, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta
- Lyttle Storrod, M. & Van Damme, E. (2022).** Vicarious Trauma and Violence research: Resources and strategies to support emerging and established scholars. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta (Roundtable Chair)
- Lyttle Storrod, M. (2021)** *Ecological Ruptures, Girls, Juvenile Justice & Phone Removal*, CrimCon
- Lyttle Storrod, M. (2021)** *Ecological Ruptures, Girls, Juvenile Justice & Phone Removal*, Online Harms Conference, University of Surrey
- Lyttle Storrod, M. (2020).** *Girls, gangs & phones*. European Society of Criminology, Virtual Conference.
- Lyttle Storrod, M. (2020).** *Girls, gangs & phones*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. (Accepted: Cancelled due to COVID 19).
- Lyttle Storrod, M. (2020).** *Girls, gangs, phones and the juvenile justice system*. Eurogang XX, Neustadt, Germany. (Accepted: Cancelled due to COVID 19).
- Lyttle Storrod, M. (2020).** *Digital research justice*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX. (Accepted: Cancelled due to COVID 19)
- Lyttle Storrod, M. (2020).** *Digital research justice*. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- Lyttle Storrod, M. (2019).** *Digital justice: participatory methods with girls resisting criminalization & victimization*. Rethinking child and youth marginalities: movements, narratives, and exchanges, Anthropology of Childhood and Youth Interest Group (ACYIG) Biennial Conference, Rutgers University-Camden, NJ.
- Lyttle Storrod, M. & Van Damme, E. (2019).** *Girls and gangs: What has changed in the past two decades of gang research?* American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Meloy, M, Tucker, S., Curtis, K., Gordon., G, **Storrod, M. L.** (2019). *The relationship between crime, gangs, and vacant buildings/public housing, geospatial analysis and perceptions of residents in one of America's most dangerous cities*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

- Storrod, M. L.** (2018). *The most dangerous places online: gangs and social media, US:UK comparison*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Meloy, M, Tucker, S., Curtis, K., Gordon., G, Larson, M., **Storrod, M. L.** (2018). *The relationship between race, ethnicity and crime in one of America's most dangerous cities*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Storrod, M. L.** (2018). *The most dangerous places online: gangs and social media, US:UK comparison*. Eurogang XVIII, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
- Storrod, M. L. & Densley, J. A.** (2018) '*Going viral*' and '*Going country*': *the expressive and instrumental activities of street gangs on social media*. Eurogang XVIII, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
- Storrod, M. L.** (2017). *Do no online harm: balancing safeguards to researchers and participants* Children and Childhoods Conference, University of Suffolk, UK.
- Storrod, M. L.** (2017). *A comparative tale of 'childhood' policies, access, and gang members: US & UK*. Eurogang XVII, East Lansing, MI.
- Storrod, M. L.** (2017). *Do no harm: offline or online, gangs, social media and a researcher*. Social Inequalities: Methodological Implications, University of Delaware, DE.
- Storrod, M. L.** (2016). *In plain site: child sexual exploitation, social media and gangs*. Eurogang XVI, Gothenburg, Sweden.
- Storrod, M. L.** (2014). *Girls, gangs and child sexual exploitation*. A new direction on the question of London street gangs? Middlesex University, London, UK.
- Storrod, M. L.** (2013). *Safeguarding and gangs*. Ending Gang and Youth Violence National Conference, London, UK.

INVITED TALKS

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| 2025 | Community Violence and Social Media, Center for the Study and Practice of Violence Reduction, Research Symposium |
| 2025 | Gender, Gangs & Social Media, Project Insight & Astute, London Metropolitan Police, Expert Witness Training |
| 2024 | Gangs. Smart Phones. Victimization. TEDX Widener University |
| 2024 | Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence & Gangs – Lambeth Community Safety Brixton, Borough of Lambeth, London |

2022	Girls, Phones & Juvenile Justice, Phi Kappa Phi Widener University
2022	Gangs, Social Media & Policy, Policy Exchange, Think Tank
2021	Gangs & Serious Youth Violence in the UK, Violent Crime, Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice, Rutgers University–Camden
2021	Girls & Juvenile Justice, Girlhood Studies, Department of Childhood Studies
2021	Careers in Childhood Studies, Child Students Event, Truman State University
2020	Girls, Phones & Juvenile Justice, Camden County Youth Services Commission
2020	Digital Ethnography, Interpretive Methods, MS Public Affairs & Community Development, Department of Public Policy & Administration, Rutgers University-Camden
2019	Gangs Social Media & Social Movements, Department of Communication and Social Influence, Klein College of Media and Communications, Temple University
2019	Gangs and Social Media, Cyber Criminology, Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice, Rutgers University–Camden
2019	Gangs and Social Media, Cyber Crime Conversations, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Old Dominion University
2018	Gangs, Social Media and Mental Health, National Conference of Psychiatry
2018	Gangs, Social Media and Schools, National Conference of School Nurses
2017	Digital Artefact V's Digital Fingerprint: An Ethnography of Gangs and Social Media, The House of Lords
2016	Digital Artefact V's Digital Fingerprint: An Ethnography of Gangs and Social Media, Department of Criminology, Middlesex University
2016	Girls, Gangs & Sexual Exploitation, Department of Nursing, Kings College, London
2015	Digital Artefact V's Digital Fingerprint: An Ethnography of Gangs and Social Media, Senior Police Office Conference on Child Sexual Exploitation, New Scotland Yard

SELECTED MEDIA

Students who saw killing at Harrisburg bus stop need mental health support, experts say, *PENNLIVE*, June 2026

EP123: Gangs in the Digital Age, *The Criminology Academy*, July 2025

E44: Juvenile Delinquency and Phones, *Untenured Tracks Podcast*, Jun. 27, 2020.

Knife crime: causes and solutions – editors’ guide to what our academic experts say, *The Conversation*, Mar. 11, 2019.

What is ‘remote mothering’ and how are apps being used to control child drug runners? *ITV News*, Sept. 21, 2018

Serious Violence Strategy: experts advocate earlier interventions, *Children and Young People Now*, 2018.

Interviewed for documentaries for the BBC (2017), Sky News (2017), BBC Radio Five Live (2015), BBC Radio One (2013) about girls, gangs and exploitation.

Interviewed for *Can You See It* (2015) and *Can You Stop It* (2015) national training videos for professionals on victims and perpetrators of peer on peer child sexual exploitation, Inajar films.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Widener University – Criminal Justice Department

2021-Present

- Comparative Criminology (Undergraduate)
- Community-Based Corrections (Undergraduate & Masters)
- Crime & Media (Undergraduate)
- Criminology (Undergraduate)
- Cyber Crime (Undergraduate)
- Research Methods & Analysis in Criminal Justice (Undergraduate)
- Gangs In America (Masters, Undergraduate & Honors Program)
- Ethics in Criminal Justice (Undergraduate, Writing Enriched)
- The Juvenile Justice System (Undergraduate)
- Victimology (Masters, Undergraduate & Honors Program)
- Capstone Supervisor (Masters)
- Internships Supervisor (Undergraduate)
- PysD Committee Member

Rutgers University – Camden - Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice, Rutgers University

2019/2020 Gender, Advocacy & Juvenile Justice (Undergraduate/Graduate)

2019 & 2020 Gangs: An International Perspective (Online, Undergraduate)

2018 & 2020 Youth Identities & Urban Ecologies (Undergraduate)

Co-Taught

2018/2019 Gender, Advocacy & Juvenile Justice (Undergraduate/Graduate)

Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice, Rutgers University

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2015 - Present **Serious Youth Violence and Criminal Exploitation Consultant/Trainer**
UK Ministry of Justice, Metropolitan Police, and National Health Service

2015 - Present **Violence Prevention School Curriculum Co-Author**
Growing Against Violence Charity, UK

2016–17 **Child Sexual Exploitation, Missing and Trafficked Caseworker & Professionals Trainer**
Barnardo's Children's Charity, UK

2011–15 **Operations and Safeguarding Manager**
Growing Against Gangs and Violence Charity, UK

Non-Profit Boards

2018–2022 Camden Center for Youth Development, Camden, NJ

2016– Present Growing Against Violence, London, UK

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

2023 – Present Rockefeller Institute of Government, Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium

2020 – 2022 UK Children's Commissioner working group Gangs & COVID 19

2019 – Present Academy Of Criminal Justice Sciences
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Section

2018 – Present SAFE Lab, Department of Social Work, University of Pennsylvania (Affiliate)

2017 – Present American Society of Criminology
Division of Women and Crime

2016 – Present Division of Victimology
Teaching & Learning Committee
Division of Cybercrime
Eurogang Network

ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP

Widener University

Office on Violence Against Women - Coordinated Community Response Taskforce – Co-creator
IRB Managing Reviewer
Arts & Science Gender Studies Committee
Arts & Sciences Technology & Instructional Resources Committee – Chair
Social Science Secretary
Social Science Retention & Recruitment Committee
Social Science Library Committee
Social Science Curriculum & Planning
Social Science Social Committee – Co-Chair
Criminal Justice Social Media Committee – Chair
Criminal Justice Faculty Hiring Committee

Rutgers University – Camden

Rutgers Graduate Student Representative Title IX policy development
Rutgers International Student Representative – Graduate Student Organization
Rutgers Future Leaders Program – Team Leader

Journal Peer Reviewer

Biomedical Informatics Insights
Crime and Delinquency
European Journal of Criminology
International Criminal Justice Review
International Criminology
Journal of Youth Studies
Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research
Media & Communication
New Media and Society
Oñati Socio-Legal Series
The Journal of Children's Services
The Sociological Forum
Youth Justice

Text Book Reviewer

Child Abuse, Child Exploitation, and Criminal Justice Responses Rowman & Littlefield Publishers

SELECTED AWARDS

2025/2026 Widener Social Science Excellence in Research Award
2024 Rutgers Distinguished Graduate Award
2023/2024 Widener University Provost Grant
2023/2024 Widener University Professional Development Grant
2020 David K Sengstack Fellowship
2020 Rutgers Graduate Student Paper Award
2020 Rutgers Camden Remarkable 31 Award Gender Equality
2019 Marsh Gillette Fellowship
2019 Rutgers Camden Chancellor's Awards for Civic Engagement
2019 Rutgers Camden Civic Engagement Faculty Fellow
2017, 2018 Rutgers Graduate School Summer Research Award