

Faculty Research Profile

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Title of your research project.

Social stressors, personality and coping behaviors associated with male inmate violence

Description of research. Please provide a few sentences that explain the question and the methods employed in this research project.

The purpose of this study was to expand available knowledge on predictors of male inmate violence by examining a large set of variables offered by the importation, deprivation and threat appraisal and coping theories.

Did this project include Penn State students as researchers? Yes

If yes to the above question, please state where it was published.

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What problem do you address with your research?

Inmates reported more violence with the "imported" characteristics of younger age, less incarceration, no college experience and personality patterns of impulsiveness, hostility and internal locus of control. More violence was reported by inmates with social stressors experienced from family and correctional staff. Additionally, less violence was reported by inmates with more healthy coping behaviors of exercise and social support, especially from family and other inmates.