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Jennifer E. Cobbina is an Associate Professor in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. Her primary research focuses on the issue of corrections, prisoner reentry and the understanding of recidivism and desistance among recently released female offenders. Her second primary research area is centered on examining how race, gender, and neighborhood context impact victimization risks among minority youth.

She is currently a co-principal investigator on a team of researchers that was awarded research grants from the National Science Foundation and the Michigan State University Foundation to examine how probation and parole officer interaction with female drug offenders affects recidivism, rule violations, and changes in crime-related needs. She is also the co-principal investigator that was

awarded a research grant from the National Institute of Justice that focuses on the role of school safety in the successful transition to high school in Flint, MI and best practices for developing a positive and safe school climate.

Dr. Cobbina's work appears in a number of top criminology journals, such as *Criminology*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Crime and Delinquency*, *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, *British Journal of Criminology*, and *Journal of Drug Issues*.

She currently serves as the co-chair for the ASC Division on People of Color and Crime. She is on the editorial board of the scholarly journals *Justice Quarterly*, *Journal of Crime & Justice*, and *Sociology Compass: Crime and Deviance Section*.

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He received his Ph.D. in criminology and criminal justice from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

His research focuses on policing and anti-counterfeiting. He has received more than \$3 million in research funding from federal (National Institute of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health), state and local agencies as a principal and co-principal investigator to examine topics that include police practitioner-researcher partnerships, intelligence led-policing, violent crime, law enforcement response to disasters, officer decision-making, officer safety and police training.

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Currently, he is principal investigator on a Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Project Safe Neighborhoods grant. This project will involve a partnership with the Saginaw (MI) Police Department, other local and federal law enforcement agencies, and community service providers to develop focused deterrence strategies to combat gang-related and other violent crimes in Saginaw.

He recently completed a National Institute of Justice grant evaluating a police officer social interaction and de-escalation training program. Scott's other recent work has examined issues such as the predictors of police officer seatbelt use, police managers' support for organizational justice, officers' experience with negative publicity and the Ferguson Effect, officers' willingness to use procedural justice, and the legal socialization process.

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