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## Scholar Spotlight

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### Signature Contribution

“Examining and Expanding Latinx General Strain Theory.”  
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### Abstract

Since the initial articulation of general strain theory (GST), Agnew has suggested strains may function differently—in type, response, and impact—for different groups. We build upon Pérez and colleagues’ foundational arguments for a Latinx GST by investigating the role of the ethnically specific strains they propose in addition to other strains argued to disproportionately impact people of Color. Furthermore, we examine the protective role of positive ethnic identity against the negative effects of strainful experiences for Latinxs. Using a sample of Latinx youth from the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods, we highlight not only the unique strains faced by Latinxs in America, but how they distinctly experience and respond to criminogenic strains.

### Serita Whiting’s pages:

#### ResearchGate

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<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=RNH9EVQAAAAJ&hl=en>

Serita Whiting is a doctoral candidate at Prairie View A&M University. Her research interests include assessing criminological theories, mass incarceration, convict criminology, and juvenile delinquency. Her research has appeared in the *Journal of Race and Justice*, *Feminist Criminology*, and *Humanity & Society*.

Serita Whiting’s scholarly agenda: To bring forth a better understanding to issues that encompass the criminal/juvenile justice system and equip the minds of our future one student at a time.

The LC seeks to exchange, promote, and disseminate information that contribute to the criminological knowledge and understanding of the rapidly growing Latina/o/x population.

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Thesis: “Perceptions and Experiences of Criminal Justice Injustices of Minorities and Their Impact on Offending” (Committee Chair: Dr. Shannon Fowler; Committee Members: Drs. Cletus Stoll and Ashley Blackburn)

2010 B.A., Communications  
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Criminological Theory Race & Gender Mass Incarceration  
Juvenile Delinquency Convict Criminology Critical Perspectives

#### Publications

##### Referred Journal Articles

2020 Isom Scott, Deena A., Groscholz, J. M., Whiting, S., & Beck, T. A gendered look at Latinx general strain theory. *Feminist Criminology*. Sage Publications.

2020 Isom Scott, Deena A., Whiting, S., & Jessica M. Groscholz. Examining and expanding Latinx general strain theory. *Race and Justice*. Sage Publications. 1-25.

2019 Gibson, C., Davenport, S., Fowler, T., Harris, C. B., Prudhomme, M., Simmons-Horton, S. & Whiting, S. Understanding the “Me Too” Movement’s Timing. *Journal of Humanity and Society*. Sage Publications. (43)2, 217-224.

##### Book Chapters

2019 Kethinani, S., Whiting, S., Harris, C. B. Modernity, modernization, and globalization: