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**ACADEMIC PROFILE**

Over the last twenty years my research has focused on legal and extra-legal factors jurors consider during the sentencing phase of capital trials. Currently, my research team of undergraduate and graduate students and I are empirically examining how affect may help explain *how* jurors think about improper prosecutor argument. Applying a theoretical understanding within this framework has important implications within the context of the legal system. As an applied psychologist, I appreciate the importance of connecting theory to research and practice. In the classroom, I ask students to conceptualize real-world issues in terms of *why* rather than *what*. This is an especially challenging task as I have been primarily responsible for teaching research methods, statistics, and experimental psychology – courses that do not generally lend themselves well to this type of learning. It takes a great deal of practice to become skilled at how to form research questions based in theory. Once they have mastered how to connect theory with research and practice, they feel confident in their learning experience.

**EDUCATION**

Doctorate of Philosophy 1995  
Florida International University, Miami FL  
Applied Psychology: Area of Specialization – Legal Psychology, Minor – Social Psychology  
Dissertation title: *Prosecutorial Misconduct Promotes Wrongful Death Sentences (Chair, Dr. Gary P. Moran)*

Master of Science 1993  
Florida International University, Miami FL  
Master's Thesis title: *Social Facilitation as a Function of the Mere Presence of Others (Chair, Dr. Gary P. Moran)*

Bachelor of Arts 1986  
Marist College, Poughkeepsie NY  
Psychology – cum laude

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2014 – present	Professor of Psychology, Roger Williams University
2007 – 2013	Associate Professor of Psychology, Roger Williams University
2005 – 2007	Assistant Professor of Psychology, Roger Williams University
2002 – 2005	Assistant Professor of Psychology, St. Thomas University, Miami, FL
2001 – 2002	Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, Shippensburg University, PA
1995 – 1998	Assistant Professor of Psychology, Shippensburg University

**COURSES TAUGHT AT ROGER WILLIAMS**

*Undergraduate*  
Research Methods  
Quantitative Analysis  
Experimental Psychology and Lab

*Graduate*  
Research Design  
Quantitative Methods I and II  
Psychology and Law

**PUBLICATIONS** (*Italics indicates student*)

[https://docs.rwu.edu/do/search/?q=author\\_lname%3A%22Platania%22%20AND%20author\\_fname%3A%22Judith%22&start=0&context=136419&sort=date\\_desc&facet=](https://docs.rwu.edu/do/search/?q=author_lname%3A%22Platania%22%20AND%20author_fname%3A%22Judith%22&start=0&context=136419&sort=date_desc&facet=)

- Gamache, K., Zaitchik, M., Platania, J., & Rieger, D. (2019) Perceptions of *just desserts* in the context of type of offense. *Applied Psychology in Criminal Justice*, 15(2), 141-156.
- Platania, J. (2019, Spring). Reflecting on the context of a teaching philosophy. *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, 23(1).
- Comstock, C., & Platania, J. (2017). The role of secondary traumatic stress on perceptions of safety. *American International Journal of Social Science*, 6, 1-10.
- Gamache, K., Platania, J., & Zaitchik, M. (2015). An examination of the individual and contextual characteristics associated with active shooter events. *Open Access Journal of Forensic Psychology*, 7, 1-20.
- Platania, J. (2014). Prosecutorial misconduct. In B. A. Arrigo (Ed.) *The Encyclopedia of Criminal Justice Ethics*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Platania, J., & Konstantopoulou, F. (2014). Evaluating evidence of childhood abuse as a function of expert testimony, judge's instructions, and sentence recommendation. *Applied Psychology in Criminal Justice*, 10(1), 1-20.
- Romano, J., & Platania, J. (2014). Attitudes towards internationalism through the lens of cognitive effort, global mindset, and cultural intelligence. *The Journal of International Education and Leadership*, 4(1), 1-11.
- Gamache, K., Platania, J., & Zaitchik, M. (2013). Evaluating future dangerousness and need for treatment: The role of expert testimony, attributional complexity, and victim type. *Open Access Journal of Forensic Psychology*, 5, 53-80.
- Small, R., Platania, J., & Cutler, B. L. (2013). Assessing the readability of capital pattern jury instructions. *The Jury Expert*, 25(1), 18-22.
- Platania, J., & Cranford, J. (2012). Media exposure, juror decision-making, and the availability heuristic. *The Jury Expert*, 24(6), 53-57.
- Fusco, S., & Platania, J. (2011). Understanding perceptions of hypnotically recovered memories in a civil sexual abuse case. *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*, 11, 330-350.
- Paiva, M., Berman, G. L., Cutler, B. L., Platania, J., & Weipert, R. (2011). Influence of confidence inflation and explanation for changes in confidence on evaluations of eyewitness identification accuracy. *Legal and Criminological Psychology*, 16, 266-276.
- Platania, J., & Small, R. (2010). Instructions as a safeguard against prosecutorial misconduct. *Applied Psychology in Criminal Justice*, 6(2), 1-14.
- Andrade, G., & Platania, J. (2009). Grading changes after a writing faculty workshop. *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, 13(1), 170-174.
- McIntyre, K., & Platania, J. (2009). Giving in to group pressure: The impact of socialization and risk on perceived outcomes. *Current Research in Social Psychology*, 15(2), 15-32.
- Moffa, M., & Platania, J. (2009). The differential importance of the evidence and the expert on perceptions of confessions. *The Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*, 9, 280-298.
- Platania, J. (2009, May). Jurors as students: Assessing critical thinking skills as a key element of trial preparation. *Tip the Scales: A Litigation Newsletter*.
- Platania, J. (2008). Prosecutorial misconduct. In B. L. Cutler (Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Psychology and Law*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

- Moffa, M., & Platania, J. (2008). From obsession to confession: A false confession paradigm in the murder of Jon Benet Ramsey. *Applied Psychology in Criminal Justice*, 4(2), 228-242.
- Berman, G. L., & Platania, J. (2007, Fall). Deliberating the benefits of learning through focus groups. *American Psychology-Law News*.
- Moffa, M., & Platania, J. (2007). Effects of expert testimony and interrogation tactics on perceptions of confessions. *Psychological Reports*, 100, 563-570.
- Platania, J., & Turner, N. L. (2007). Research methods: Assessing summer vs. semester. *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, 11(3), 88-93.
- Zaitchik, M. C., Berman, G. B., Whitworth, D., & Platania, J. (2007). The time is now: The emerging need for master's-level training in forensic psychology. *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*, 7(2), 65-71.
- Platania, J., & Berman, G. L. (2006). The moderating effect of judge's instructions on victim impact testimony in capital cases. *Applied Psychology in Criminal Justice* 2(2), 84-101.
- Platania, J., & Moran, G. (2001). Social facilitation as a function of the mere presence of others. *Journal of Social Psychology*, 141, 190-197.
- Platania, J., & Moran, G. (1999). Due process and the death penalty: The role of prosecutorial misconduct in closing argument in capital trials. *Law and Human Behavior*, 23, 471-486.
- Platania, J., Moran, G., & Cutler, B. L. (1994, July). Prosecutorial misconduct during the penalty phase of capital trials: Harmless error? *The Champion*.
- Kravitz, D. A., & Platania, J. (1993). Attitudes and beliefs about affirmative action: Effects of target and respondent sex and ethnicity. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 78, 928-938.

#### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

- Flick, C. & Platania, J. (2020). Civil litigation decision-making as function of case complexity, pretrial publicity, and information processing. *Under review*.
- Gamache, K., Zaitchik, M., & Platania, J. (2020). Perceptions of criminal responsibility through the lens of race. *Under review*.
- McDowell, L., Platania, J., & Zaitchik, M. (2020). Public perceptions of violence risk as a function of mental illness. *Under review*.

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Cross, T., & Platania, J. (2020, March). Street credibility: A determination between fear and respect. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Flick, C. & Platania, J. (2020, March). *Information processing in civil litigation*: Information processing and jurors' reliance on heuristics. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- McDowell, L., Zaitchik, M., & Platania, J. (2020, March). *Effect of defendant appearance, behavior, and offense on perceptions of criminal responsibility*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Sutton, S., Trifari, S., McDowell, & Platania, J. (2020, March). Attitudinal predictors in the context of racial profiling. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

- Beinemann, C. J., Berman, G. L., & Platania, J. (2019, March). Perceptions of culpability as a function of pretrial publicity and random violence. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, New York, NY.
- Flick, C., Serafinski, R., & Platania, J. (2019, March). *Perceptions of race and etiology of brain injury through the lens of improper argument*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.
- Catania, A., Marble, E., Small, D., & Platania, J. (2019, March). *The moderating effect of execution attitudes*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, New York, NY.
- Todorovic, K., & Platania, J. (2019, April). *The role of expert testimony on perceptions of children's suggestibility*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Alton, E., Petracca, J., & Platania, J. (2018, March). *Perceptions of stereotype threat in the context of employment type and presentation*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Burnham, S., & Platania, J. (2018, June). *Stereotypes examined through the lens of intersectionality and integrated threat theory*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society of the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Donahue, M., & Platania, J. (2018, March). *Perceptions of procedural justice: The role of police officer rank and level of aggression*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, TN.
- Flick, C., Rieger, D., Zike, N. & Platania, J. (2018, June). *Juror perceptions of improper arguments*. Poster presented at the International Congress of Applied Psychology, Montreal, CA.
- Garcia, J., & Platania, J. (2018, March). *Perceptions of victim credibility: The role of victim age and disability type*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, TN.
- Gamache, K., Platania, J., & Zaitchik, M. (2018, March). *Mad v. bad: The influence of defendant and victim race on perceptions of dangerousness in the context of commitment*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, TN.
- Gamache, K., Slobogin, C., Riger, D., Zaitchik, M., & Platania, J. (2018, June). *Perceptions of dangerousness in the context of retribution*. Paper presented at the International Congress of Applied Psychology, Montreal, CA.
- Platania, J., Flick, C., Rieger, D., Beinemann, C., Serafinski, R., & Zike, N. (2018, March). *How jurors think about the death penalty: A cognitive and affective paradigm*. Invited symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Rice, J., Beeler, D., Gelvin, B., Todorovic, K., & Platania, J. (2017). *Implicit stereotypes: The role of empathy*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Aksterovicz, A., Beeler, D., Gelvin, B., Todorovic, K., & Platania, J. (2017). *Perceptions of hearsay evidence through the lens of reactance theory*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Platania, J., Rumschik, D., Gelvin, B., & Todorovic, K. (2017). *Counterargument and initial position in the context of positioning theory*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Psychological Science, Boston, MA.
- Fleishmann, M., Zaitchik, M., McKenna, R., Bennell, C., Platania, J., & Cottle, J. (2016). *An evaluation of a police crisis response model in Rhode Island for persons with mental illness*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American-Psychology Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
- Hilly, E. & Platania, J. (2016). *Moral decision-making and crime avoidance: An examination of consequentialist and deontological thinkers*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, New York City.

- Riddinger, K. & Platania, J. (2016). *Communicating uncertainty in the face of an epidemic: The effect of language on health risk perception*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, New York City.
- Russell, K., & Platania, J. (2016). *Attitudes towards rape in the context of schemas*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Social Science Association, Reno, NV.
- Willis, S., & Platania, J. (2016). *Juror positions on improper statements in closing arguments*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, New York City.
- DiIorio, A., & Platania, J. (2015, May). *The Facebook effect: Feature-specific perceptions of social capital*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Psychological Science, New York City, NY.
- Hefner, A., & Platania, J. (2015, May). *Perceptions of the value of art through the lens of stereotype formation*. . Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Psychological Science, New York City, NY.
- Russell, K., & Platania, J. (2015, March). *Activating schemas through cross-examination: Understanding attitudes towards rape*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Diego, CA.
- DeOliveira, R., & Platania, J. (2014, March). *Understanding death penalty attitudes through the lens of epistemological orientations*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Gamache, K, Platania, J., Zaitchik, M. Weipert, R., E., Fusco, S., & Dillon, K., M. (2014, March). *Active shooters: The predictive utility of critical factors on the magnitude of the event*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Salomone, G., Berman, G. L., & Platania, J. (2014, March). *Is seeing different than hearing? Mock-juror perceptions of video and audio recorded eyewitness identifications and double blind administration*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Alves, K., & Platania, J. (2013, May). *The efficacy of cross-examination as a legal safeguard to victim impact testimony*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Sciences, Washington, D.C.
- Bernstein, M., & Platania, J. (2013, August). *Police response to domestic violence: Are victims treated differently in same-sex v. opposite-sex couples?* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Hawaii.
- Heath, J., & Platania, J. (2013, May). *Messy or mentally ill: Perceptions of boarding as a function of gender, stress, and therapy*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Sciences, Washington, D.C.
- Platania, J., & Kelly, R. (2013, March). *Evaluating evidence of childhood abuse in the context of a capital trial*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, New York, NY.
- Purita, R., Witkower, Z. E., Turner, N., & Platania, J. (2013, May). *Perceptions of negligence as a function of type of testimony and priming*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Sciences, Washington, D.C.
- Roach, A., Berman, G. L., Platania, J., & Whitworth, D. (2013, March). *Dangerous criminals or misunderstood? Assessing police perceptions of the mentally ill*. Paper presented at the 2013 meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.
- Salomone, G., Berman, G. L., & Platania, J. (2013, March). *Perceptions of blind administration and video perspective on identification procedures*. Poster presented at the 2013 meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.
- Berman, G. L., Jones, E. E., Subramaniam, J., Roach, A., & Platania, J. (2012, March). *Effects of DNA and explanations of confidence inflation on mock-juror evaluations of eyewitness testimony*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Konstantopolou, F., & Platania, J. (2012, May). *Guiding jurors on the use of constitutionally relevant mitigation evidence*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL.

- Meyer, C. A., Berman, G. L., & Platania, J. (2012, March). *He was quiet and kept to himself! Laypersons' perceptions of psychopathy*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology Law Society, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Monck, A., Pammatt, E., & Platania, J. (2012, May). *Jurors' assessments of the co-morbid attributes of a gambling addiction*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL.
- Platania, J., Crawford, J., & Berman, G. L. (2012, March). *The effect of prior notification on award determinations*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Purita, R., Servinkas, J. J., Platania, J., & Tarner, N. L. (2012, May). *Understanding the role of specific personality traits in assessing death qualification*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL.
- Small, R., Serpa, A., & Platania, J. (2012, March). *The efficacy of legal safeguards to improper prosecutor argument*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Psychology Law Society, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Oglesby, S., Platania, J., & Small, R. (2011, March). *The influence of regret proneness, evidence strength and perceived responsibility on verdict preference*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Miami, FL.
- Platania, J., Tarner, N., Small, R., & Serpa, A. (2011, March). *Sentencing phase testimony, dissonance, and the death-qualified juror*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Miami, FL.
- Serpa, A., Small, R., & Platania, J. (2011, March). *Jurors' use of non-statutory aggravating and mitigating evidence in the context of improper prosecutor argument*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Miami, FL.
- Bellino, J., Platania, J., & Tarner, N. (2010, May). *The role of preliminary instructions on venirepersons ability to follow the law*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Psychological Science, Boston, MA.
- Cordio, R. S., & Platania, J. (2010, May). *Anxiety appraisals as a function of exposure to a traumatic media presentation*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Psychological Science, Boston, MA.
- Vadnais, N., & Platania, J. (2010, May). *Specific misinformation effects on eyewitness suggestibility*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Psychological Science, Boston, MA.
- Werth, P., & Platania, J. (2010, May). *Anchoring as a heuristic in the context of a civil trial*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Psychological Science, Boston, MA.
- Platania, J., Magnotti, A., Serpa, A., & Small, R. (2010, March). *Misusing mitigation: The role of comparative value arguments in the context of misconduct*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Vancouver, BC.
- Serpa, A., Small, R., & Platania, J. (2010, March). *Expert testimony, interrogation tactics, and vulnerable populations*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Vancouver, BC.
- Zaitchik, M., & Platania, J. (2010, March). *The complexity of NGRI: Judgments as a function of attribution and context*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Vancouver, BC.
- Fusco, S., & Platania, J. (2009, March). *Understanding perceptions of hypnotically refreshed memories in a sexual abuse case*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Antonio, TX.
- Gamache, K., Zaitchik, M. J., & Platania, J. (2009, August). *The effects of risk testimony on perceptions of dangerousness in a sexual predator case*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Ontario.
- Rovback, J., Small, R., & Platania, J. (2009, March). *The role of individual difference characteristics in the acceptability of prosecutorial misconduct*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Antonio, TX.

- Freeland, B., & Platania, J. (2008, May). *Compensatory damages as a function of malingering, pain and suffering, and personal responsibility*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Psychological Science, Chicago, IL.
- McIntyre, K., & Platania, J. (2008, May). *Expected norms and perceived group influence: The impact of socialization and risk*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL.
- Platania, J., Cutler, B. L., & McIntyre, K. (2008, March). *Comprehensibility of capital sentencing instructions: The need to improve guided discretion*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Jacksonville, FL.
- Platania, J., Small, R., Fusco, S., Miller, M., & Perrault, R. (2008, August). *Examining legal safeguards against prosecutorial misconduct in capital sentencing proceedings*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Rowback, J., & Platania, J. (2008, May). *The interacting effects of death-qualification and perceptions of confessions*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL.
- Moffa, M., & Platania, J. (2007, March). *From obsession to confession: A John Mark Karr paradigm*. Poster presented at the Munsterberg Conference at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- Moffa, M., & Platania, J. (2007, March). *Perceptions of confession evidence as a function of expert testimony and interrogation tactic*. Paper presented at the Munsterberg Conference at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- Platania, J., & Moffa, M. (2007, March). *Pinpointing defense theory: The role of alibis, corroborators, and judge's instructions*. Paper presented at the Munsterberg Conference at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- Platania, J., & Tarner, N. L. (2007, January). *Summer vs. semester: Need for cognition, instructional value, and performance assessments of two models of research methods*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the National Institute of the Teaching of Psychology.
- Provencher, K., & Platania, J. (2007, March). *Interrupting due process: The role of defense attorney objection to victim impact testimony in capital trials*. Poster presented at the Munsterberg Conference at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- Small, R., & Platania, J. (2007, October). *Attributive features of malpractice suits as a function of attitudes towards physicians*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the New England Psychological Association, CT.
- Vannoy, J., Magnotti, A., Chaput, R., Stravato, C., Platania, J., & Berman, G. L. (2007, May). *The role of timing of instructions in a capital sentencing proceeding*. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science annual meeting in Washington, DC.
- Moffa, M., & Platania, J. (2006, October). *Perceptions of confession evidence as a function of expert testimony and interrogation tactic*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the New England Psychological Association, in Manchester, NH.
- LaSalle, S., Offley, E., & Platania, J. (2006, May). *Issue salience, information processing, and juror judgments of negligence*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Psychological Science, New York.
- Platania, J., Baker, K. & Williams, A. (2006, May). *You've got mail! Using email to bully in the workplace*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Psychological Science, New York.
- Platania, J., & Berman, G. L. (2006, March). *Voices from beyond: Expanding the scope of victim impact testimony*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Platania, J. (2005, March). *Terrorism, due process and the death penalty: Attitudes toward justice and the authoritarian*. In J. Platania, (Chair), Terrorism, psychology and law. Symposium conducted at 2005 meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, La Jolla, CA.

- Platania, J. (2004, March). *Strategies and techniques in developing a collaborative voir dire project*. In J. Platania (Chair) Beyond Active Learning: Interdisciplinary and collaborative efforts in the teaching of psychology and law. Symposium presented at the biennial meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Scottsdale, AZ.
- Platania, J., & Marks, S. (2004, March). *Can't see the "ocean" through the trees: Change of venue in a mangrove destruction case*. Poster presented at the 2004 meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Scottsdale, AZ.
- Platania, J., Maynard, L., Eisen, S., Ficiak, S., & Harkins, J. (2004, March). *Getting there by accident: An examination of university liability in an alcohol-related incident*. Poster presented at the 2004 meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Berman, G. L., Platania, J., & Knight, K. H. (2003, March). *It's not evidence! The effects of emotional testimony and judicial admonition in a capital case*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Baltimore, MD.
- Platania, J., Berman, G. L., Dougherty, M., Smith, A., & Mehiel, R. (2003, March). *Terrorism and authoritarianism: Exploring the tenacity of this trait*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Baltimore, MD.
- Platania, J., Berman, G. L., & Loveland, J. (2002, March). *Terrorism and authoritarianism: A test of this trait*. In J. Platania (Chair), Threats, harassment, and terrorism. Symposium held at the biennial meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Austin, TX.
- Platania, J., Berman, G. L., Loveland, J., & Schoeneberger, J. (2001, April). *Shame on whom? An examination of plaintiff and defendant conduct in a product liability case*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Berman, G. L., Platania, J., Knight, K. H., Kazarosian, K., & Galarneau, T. (2000, March). *The effects of relevant and irrelevant information on mock-juror sentencing recommendations in capital cases*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Baltimore, MD.
- Platania, J. (2000, March). *Taking a bite out of community bias: An assessment of attitudes in the case of the Commonwealth of Virginia vs. Marvin Albert*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Platania, J. (2000, March). *Show me the money: The role of injury severity and information type on awards in a liability case*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Berman, G. L., Platania, J., Knight, K., Reina, J., & Kazarosian, K. (2000, March). *We second that emotion! Investigating the impact of victim statements on sentencing recommendations*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Platania, J., & Moran, G. (1998, August). *Pre-trial publicity prejudices presumed innocence*. In B. L. Cutler (Chair), Psychology, media, and the law. Symposium held at the 24th International Congress of Applied Psychology, San Francisco, CA.
- Platania, J., Hertkorn, C., & Kubn, T. (1998, March). *Where were you on the night of August 30th? An assessment of memory for sudden, unexpected events*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Berman, G. L., Platania, J., & Estler, J. (1998, March). *Does age make a difference? Effects of victim impact statements on mock-juror decision-making*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Redondo Beach, CA.
- Platania, J., Rotz, B., & Schoeneberger, J. (1998, March). *Not necessarily cruel and unusual: Attitudes toward the death penalty 25 years after Furman*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Redondo Beach, CA.

- Platania, J., Rotz, B., Schoeneberger, J., & Berman, G. L. (March, 1998). *How quick is a quick glimpse? The implications of allowing victim impact evidence during capital sentencing proceedings.* Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Redondo Beach, CA.
- Platania, J., & Berman, G. L. (1997, June). *The emergence of the legal psychologist.* Co-chairs of a symposium held at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association, Harrisburg, PA.
- Berman, G. L., Knight, K., Giangrande, S., Signore, S., & Platania, J. (1997, April). *The effects of police and victim race on mock-juror decision making in police brutality cases.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Platania, J., Berman, G. L., & Signore, S. (1997, April). *Due process and the death penalty: Unwarranted intrusions on defendants' rights.* In W. Heath (Chair), *Mock juror decision-making in criminal cases.* Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Platania, J., Mehiel, R., & Krantz, H. (1997, April). *The effect of victim impact evidence on mock juror decisions.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Platania, J., Anderson, K., Cresta, D., Rotz, B., Schoeneberger, J., & White, M. (1997, April). *An assessment of the cognitive and emotional correlates of support for the death penalty.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Berman, G. L., Platania, J., Neuschatz, J., & Hickey, T. J. (1996, June). *Public defenders' assessments of issues in eyewitness identification cases.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, San Francisco, CA.
- Platania, J., Schoeneberger, J., & Berman, G. L. (1996, March). *Exposure to the media and verdict preference in the O.J. Simpson trial.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Platania, J., & Moran, G. (1996, February). *Prosecutorial misconduct promotes wrongful death sentences.* Paper presented at the American Psychology-law Society meeting, Hilton Head, SC.
- Berman G. L., & Platania, J. (1995, August). *Adolescent perceptions of social problems facing today's urban youth.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Society, New York, NY.
- Platania, J., & Moran, G. (1994, February). *Social facilitation as a function of the mere presence of others.* Paper presented at the Psi Chi Psychology Conference, Boca Raton, FL.
- Kravitz, D. A., & Platania, J. (1993, May). *Attitudes and beliefs about affirmative action: Effects of target and of respondent sex and ethnicity.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, San Francisco, CA.
- Prager, I., Platania, J., Cutler, B. L., & Moran, G. (1992, August). *Predictors of juror decision-making in an eyewitness identification case.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Kravitz, D. A., & Platania, J. (1992, May). *Attitudes and beliefs about race-based affirmative action.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, Montreal, CA.
- Platania, J., Moran, G., & Cutler, B. L. (1992, March). *Prosecutorial misconduct during the penalty phase of capital trials: Harmless error?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Diego, CA.
- Cutler, B. L., Narby, D. L., & Platania, J. (1991, August). *Measurement of attitudes toward psychiatrists in insanity defense trials.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Platania, J. (2012, October 25). *Guiding jurors on the use of constitutionally relevant mitigation evidence during the sentencing phase of a capital trial*. Invited presentation as part of the Kenneth L. Smoke Colloquium Series at Gettysburg College.

Platania, J. (2010, March 8). *Conceptualizing the use and efficacy of legal safeguards against prosecutorial misconduct*. Invited presentation at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Brooklyn, NY.

Platania, J. (2008, October 9). *Limiting prosecutorial misconduct in capital trials: An experimental view*. Invited presentation at Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (EXTERNAL)**

Reviewer, Annual Meeting of Division 41 (2002-present)

Member, AP-LS Undergraduate Paper Award Committee (2011-2014)

Chair, Grants-In-Aid Committee of AP-LS<sup>1</sup> (2009-2010), Member (2005-2009)

Applied Program Committee Representative, Eastern Psychological Association (2012-2015)

Expert Panel Reviewer, AP-LS conference submissions in jury decision-making (2011, 2013-2016)

External Reviewer for Promotion and Tenure Application, University of Washington Tacoma (2015-2016)

Ad hoc Reviewer for the following peer-reviewed publications: *Criminal Justice Review*, *Justice Quarterly Review*, *Law and Human Behavior*, *Psychology, Crime and Law*, *Western Criminology Review*, *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*, *Legal and Criminological Psychology*, *Applied Psychology in Criminal Justice*, *Open Access Journal of Forensic Psychology*

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Community Connections (2007-2011)

Faculty Senator, at-large (2013-2015), Faculty Senator, FCAS Representative (2006-2008)

Member, FCAS Academic Standards Committee (2006-present)

Member, FCAS Curriculum Committee (2010-2013) (2013-2016), Member, SSNS Curriculum Committee (2017-2018)

Chair, FCAS Curriculum Committee (2012-2013) (2013-2014) (2014-2015)

Member, Institutional Research Director Search Committee (2013)

Chair, Faculty Senate Steering Committee (2013-2014) (2014-2015)

Faculty Director, Human Subjects Review Board (1/12/2017-8/23/2019), HSRB Member (2009-2017)

FCAS representative, School Faculty Review Committee (2013-2014) (2016-2017)

FCAS representative, Foundation for Scholarship and Teaching Committee (2007-2008)

External Evaluator – NSF S-STEM grant *NSF RISE Scholars: Cultivating success for underrepresented STEM students as they prepare to enter the community of Research and Industry in Science and Engineering* (2018)

**SERVICE TO PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT RWU**

Department Chair (7/1/2019-present)

Graduate Program Director (7/1/2016-6/30/2019)

Member of Department Search Committees (2007-2008) (2014-2015) (2015-2016)

Chair, Multicultural Psychology Faculty Search Committee (2008-2009)

*hire Associate Professor Kelly Brooks*

Chair, Health Psychology Faculty Search Committee (2013-2014)

*hire Assistant Professor Erin Tooley*

Co-chair, Counseling Psychology Faculty Search Committee (2016-2017)

*hire Assistant Professor Selby Conrad*

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Eastern Psychological Association

American Psychology-Law Society

Association for Psychological Science

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<sup>1</sup> American Psychology-Law Society (APLS) is Division 41 of the American Psychological Association.