

FLORIDA SURVEY RESEARCH CENTER PROFILE

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Dr. Johns has published, in journals such as *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* and *Security Journal*, and presented papers on a variety of topics, including: crime and deviance on college campuses, disaggregated homicide results, racism in America, and survey methodology. Dr. Johns' research focuses on issues related to alcohol use and abuse, date rape, and white collar crime. She has initiated and overseen several large-scale studies on alcohol and drug use and she is currently studying shoplifting behaviors. Dr. Johns teaches courses in deviant behavior and general sociology at the University of Florida.