

Robyn Lynn Diehl



Dr. Robyn Diehl is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice in the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs in Richmond, Virginia. She was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy in Developmental Psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, where her dissertation was on “Violence Exposure and Externalizing Symptoms in Inner-City Youth as Mediated by Fear of Crime and Perceived Risk of Victimization.” She earned a Master’s of Science in Criminal Justice from Virginia Commonwealth University, where her thesis was on “The Characteristics of Crowds at Homicide Scenes: An Examination of 36 Homicides in Richmond,

Virginia.” Her bachelor’s degree is in Psychology is from Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia.

Diehl teaches in the areas of criminal justice theory and violent crime scene investigation and conducts research in the area of violent crimes and evaluating their impact on low income community development, specifically pre-adolescents. She is widely published in her areas of research interests in a variety of journals.

From 2005 to 2008 she served as Director of the Virginia Commonwealth University Public Safety Institute (PSI). The PSI was an educational training program for mid- to upper-level public safety managers from around the Commonwealth and surrounding states. The program was dissolved in the fall of 2008 due to the significant economic down turn and budget cuts that directly impacted public safety agency training budgets.

Diehl has served as a Research Consultant to the Richmond Police Department on an executive leadership and training program and on a work load assessment.

Her honors and awards include being named to Who’s Who in Social Science Higher Education for the 2004-2005 academic year; the Outstanding Faculty Service Award presented by ACJA Lamda Chapter in 2005; Who’s Who Among College Professors for 2005-2006; and Who’s Who Among Professional Women from 2007 through 2009.

Her professional memberships over the years include Virginia Homicide Investigators Association, Psi Chi -Psychological Society, Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Society, Southern Criminal Justice Association, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Society for the Research on Adolescents, Society for Research on Child Development, Harvards Associates in Police Sciences (Vice President), and International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Her community service has included serving as chair of the Virginia State Police Association scholarship awards committee; working on a Christmas Committee for getting gifts for underprivileged children in the Richmond Metropolitan area since fall of 2004; working as volunteer coordinator of the Youth Curriculum Committee at Friends Association for Children; serving as a panel participant for a career fair for woman in public housing communities for Friends Association for Children; serving as president of the Henrico Police Athletic League Board, and chairing this athletic league’s fund raising committee.