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EDUCATION

University of Nebraska at Omaha, Department of Criminal Justice.
Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, 2002-2006.

Institute of Forensic Science & Chinese People's Public Security University, Beijing, P.R.China.
M. S. in Criminalistics, 1997-2000

Chinese People's Public Security University, Beijing, P.R.China.
B. A. in Police Administration, 1993-1997

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor: College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University (SHSU),
2008-current.

Assistant Professor: Department of Criminal Justice Sciences, Illinois State University,
2006-2008.

Lecturer: Department of Criminal Investigation, Chinese People's Public Security University,
Beijing, P.R.China, 2000-2002.

CONTRACTS, HONORS & AWARDS

Project Consultant / Site Coordinator: "*A Multi-city Assessment of Juvenile Delinquency in the U.S.: A Continuation and Expansion of the International Self-report Delinquency Study (ISRDS)*", funded by the National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice, Principal Investigator Ni He & Co-Principal Investigator Ineke Haen Marshall, 2007.

University Research Grant awarded by the College of Applied Science & Technology, Illinois State University, 2007.

Research Award of Publications Incentive Program from the College of Applied Science & Technology, Illinois State University, 2006.

Research Award from the University Committee on Research, University of Nebraska-Omaha, 2006.

Rhoden Presidential Graduate Fellowship, University of Nebraska, 2004-2005 academic year.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2008 – current, **Research Associate**, “*Texas Major City Police Research Initiative*”, funded by the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT) & College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, Project Director Larry Hoover.

2009 – 2010, **Research Associate**, “*A Pilot Study of Juvenile Delinquency and Gang Involvement in Hang Zhou, China*”, a joint project with the Zhejiang Provincial Juvenile Delinquency Institute & Zhejiang Police College, China.

2009 – 2010, **Research Associate**, “*2010 Houston Police Department Community Survey*”, Principle Investigator Dennis Longmire & Co-Principle Investigator Jihong Solomon Zhao.

2004 – 2005, **Research Assistant**, “*Developing A Strategic Planning Handbook for Police Agencies in An Era of Community-Oriented Policing*”, funded by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice, Principle Investigator Jihong Solomon Zhao & Co-Principle Investigator Samuel Walker.

2003, **Research Assistant**, “*Evaluation on the Impact of Federal Grants on Police Productivity and Crime Reduction: 1994 to 2000*”, funded by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice, Principle Investigator Jihong Solomon Zhao & Co-Principle Investigator Quint Thurman.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

2011, **Research Associate**, *Innovation in Crime Reduction in Stressed Apartment Complexes: A Problem-Oriented Approach*. Bureau of Justice Assistance (\$500,000), the Smart Policing Innovation Solicitation. The lead applicant is the Houston Police Department (HPD) and the collaborating organization is the Sam Houston State University (SHSU); the other two Research Associates include Jihong Solomon Zhao & Larry Hoover; pending.

2010, **Co-Principal Investigator**, *Guidebook for Developing and Managing Effective Police Community Stations*. Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (\$320,000), with Jihong Solomon Zhao (Principal Investigator) and Larry Hoover (Project Director); not funded.

2009, **Principal Investigator**, *Junior Faculty Grant Program to Promote Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships: Evaluation of Dallas' Divisional Hot Spots Intervention Models*. National Institute of Justice (\$150,000), with Jihong Solomon Zhao (Co-Principal Investigator) and Larry Hoover (Project Director); not funded.

PUBLICATIONS

I. REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Ren, Ling, Yan Zhang, & Jihong Solomon Zhao. (forthcoming). The deterrent effect of the castle doctrine law on burglary in Texas: A tale of outcomes in Houston and Dallas. *Crime & Delinquency*.

Webb, J. Vincent, **Ling Ren**, Jihong Solomon Zhao, Ni He, & Ineke Haen Marshall. (forthcoming). A comparative study of youth gangs in China and the United States: Definition, offending and victimization. *International Criminal Justice Review*.

Zhao, Jihong Solomon, Yung-lien Lai, **Ling Ren**, & Brian Lawton. (forthcoming). The impact of race/ethnicity and quality-of-life policing on public attitudes toward racially biased policing and traffic stops. *Crime & Delinquency*.

Ren, Ling, Jihong Solomon Zhao, & Nicholas Lovrich. (forthcoming). Local political structures & violent crime in U.S. cities: Patterns of association in a longitudinal panel study. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*.

McCarty, William, **Ling Ren**, & Jihong Solomon Zhao. (forthcoming). Panel analysis of the determinants of police strength during the 1990s. *Crime & Delinquency*.

Zhao, Jihong Solomon, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. (forthcoming). Political culture vs. socioeconomic approaches to predicting police strength in U.S. police agencies: Results of a longitudinal study, 1993-2003. *Crime & Delinquency*.

Cao, Liqun, Ruohui Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Jihong Solomon Zhao. (2010). Social support & anomie: A multilevel analysis of anomie in Europe and America. *International Journal of Offender Therapy & Comparative Criminology*, 54, 625-639.

Wells, William, **Ling Ren**, & William DeLeon-Granados. (2010). Reducing intimate partner homicide: The effects of federally-funded shelter availability in California. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 38, 512-519.

Zhao, Jihong Solomon, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. (2010). Wilson's theory of local political culture revisited in today's police organizations: A longitudinal study. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*, 33, 287-304.

Zhao, Jihong Solomon, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. (2010). Police organizational structures during the 1990s: An application of contingency theory. *Police Quarterly*, 13, 209-232.

Zhao, Jihong Solomon, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. (2010). Budgetary support for police services in US municipalities: Comparing political culture, socio-economic characteristics & incrementalism as rival explanations for budget share allocations to police. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 38, 266-275.

Marshall, Ineke Haen, Chris E. Marshall, & **Ling Ren**. (2009). Mixed method measurement of homicide events in comparative research: An illustration of the potential of qualitative comparative analysis. *International Journal of Comparative & Applied Criminal Justice*, 33, 273-307.

Ren, Ling, Jihong Solomon Zhao, & Nicholas Lovrich. (2008). Liberal vs. conservative policies on crime: What is the comparative track record during the 1990s? *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 36, 316-325.

Briggs, Steven, Jihong Solomon Zhao, Steve Wilson, & **Ling Ren**. (2008). The effect of collective bargaining on large police agency supplemental compensation policies: 1990-2000. *Police Practice & Research: An International Journal*, 9, 227-238.

Zhao, Jihong Solomon, Quint Thurman, & **Ling Ren**. (2008). An examination of strategic planning in American law enforcement agencies: A national study. *Police Quarterly*, 11, 3-26.

Ren, Ling, Jihong Solomon Zhao, Nicholas Lovrich, & Michael Gaffney. (2006). Participation in community crime prevention: Who volunteers for police work? *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*, 29, 464-481.

Wilson, Steve, Jihong Solomon Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Steven Briggs. (2006). The influence of collective bargaining on large police agency salaries: 1990-2000. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 31, 19-34.

Ren, Ling, Liqun Cao, Nicholas Lovrich, & Michael Gaffney. (2005). Linking confidence in the police with the performance of the police: Community policing can make a difference. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 33, 55-66.

He, Ni, Jihong Solomon Zhao, & **Ling Ren**. (2005). Do race and gender matter in police stress: A preliminary assessment of the interactive effects. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 33, 535-547.

Wang, Conghui, **Ling Ren**, & Jiajun Fang. (2000). Using isotope ratio mass spectrometry (IRMS) to determine the source of trinitrotoluene (TNT). *Journal of Chinese Mass Spectrometry Society*, 21, 35-39. (in Chinese)

Ren, Ling. (1999). Using thin layer chromatography (TLC) to identify black ball-pen ink. *Journal of Chinese People's Public Security University*, 15, 21-25. (in Chinese)

Ren, Ling. (1999). Examination of the counterfeit banknotes. *Journal of Shanghai Forensic Science Institute*, 18, 1-11. (in Chinese)

Ren, Ling. (1999). Comparing the definitions of crime in criminology & criminal law. *Journal of Liaoning Police Academy*, 4, 23-24. (in Chinese)

IV. BOOK CHAPTERS

Zhao, Jihong Solomon, & **Ling Ren.** (2008). American police organizational change in the 20th century. In Liquan Cao & Xin Ren (Eds.), *American Criminology at the Beginning of the New Century*. Beijing, China: People's University Press. (In Chinese)

Ren, Ling, & Ruohui Zhao. (2005). Law enforcement in Qatar. In Larry Sullivan & Maki Haberfeld (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Law Enforcement*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

V. BOOK REVIEW

Ren, Ling. 2004. Book Review on *Major Criminological Theories: Concepts and Measurement*, by Liquan Cao. Wadsworth/Thomson Learning, Belmont, CA. 2004. *Criminal Justice Review*, 29, 413-414.

VI. MONOGRAPHS & RESEARCH REPORTS

2011 Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Houston Police Department "Houston Enhanced Action Patrol" Hot Spot Deployment in Reducing Suppressible Street Crime. Submitted to the Houston Police Department (with Larry Hoover, Jihong Zhao, Yan Zhang, & Bill Wells).

2010 Houston Police Department – Citizen Contact/Impression Survey. Final Report submitted to the Houston Police Department (with Dennis Longmire & Jihong Zhao).

2010 Houston Enhanced Action Patrol (HEAP) Experiment. Phase 1 Report submitted to the Houston Police Department (with Larry Hoover, Jihong Zhao, Yan Zhang, & Bill Wells).

2010 A Pilot Study of Self-Report Juvenile Delinquency in Hangzhou, China. Preliminary Report submitted to the College of Criminal Justice, SHSU & Zhejiang Police College (with Jihong Zhao & Vincent Webb).

2009 Preliminary Evaluation of the Effectiveness of HPD Crime Reduction Unit in Reducing Violent and Property Crimes. Submitted to the Houston Police Department (with Larry Hoover, Jihong Zhao, Yan Zhang, & Bill Wells).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Ren, Ling, Vincent J. Webb, Jihong Solomon Zhao, Cheng Jin, Ni He, & Ineke Haen Marshall. Self-reported delinquency, victimization and gang involvement in school-based samples: A China and U.S. comparison. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in San Francisco, November 2010.

Ren, Ling, Jihong Solomon Zhao, Larry Hoover, & Yan Zhang. An evaluation of police storefronts in Houston. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in San Francisco, November 2010.

Ren, Ling, Vincent J. Webb, & Jihong Solomon Zhao. A preliminary effort to test the feasibility of using self-report methodology to assess juvenile delinquency & misbehavior in Chinese school-based sample using ISRD instrumentation. Presented at the European Society of Criminology annual meeting in Liège, Belgium, September, 2010.

Ren, Ling, Jihong Solomon Zhao, Larry Hoover. The impact of Houston Crime Reduction Unit on violent and property crimes in four patrol districts. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Philadelphia, November 2009.

Yan Zhang, Jihong Solomon Zhao, **Ren, Ling**, Larry Hoover. Spatio-temporal Interaction of Urban Crime in Houston Southwest. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Philadelphia, November 2009.

Ren, Ling, Yan Zhang, & Jihong Solomon Zhao. A catalyst for change? The impact of Katrina evacuees upon crime patterns in Houston. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Philadelphia, November 2009.

Ni He, Ineke Marshall, & **Ling Ren**. School crime victimization, delinquency and immigrant youth: An analysis of US ISRD-2 data. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Philadelphia, November 2009.

Ren, Ling, Jihong Solomon Zhao, & Nicholas Lovrich. Political culture vs. socioeconomic approaches to explaining the variation in violent crime rates in U.S. cities. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in St. Louis, November 2008.

Ren, Ling, & Jihong Solomon Zhao. Race, ethnicity, & the risk of homicide victimization: A multilevel model comparison of three time periods in Chicago. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting in Cincinnati, March 2008.

Ren, Ling, & Jihong Solomon Zhao. The impact of neighborhood transition on homicide rates in Chicago: A longitudinal study from 1965-1995. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Atlanta, November 2007.

Zhao, Jihong Solomon, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. The allocation of law enforcement

budget in American municipalities: A longitudinal study. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Atlanta, November 2007.

Zhao, Jihong Solomon, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. Static vs. dynamic approaches to predicting police strength in U.S. police agencies: Results of a longitudinal study, 1993-2003. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting in Seattle, March 2007.

Ren, Ling, & Jihong Solomon Zhao. Drugs and crime drop in America during the 1990s. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Los Angeles, November 2006.

Zhao, Jihong Solomon, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. Change in police organizational structures during the 1990s: An application of Contingency Theory. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Los Angeles, November 2006.

McCarty, William, Jihong Solomon Zhao, & **Ling Ren**. Panel analysis of the determinants of police strength during the 1990s. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Los Angeles, November 2006.

Zhao, Jihong Solomon, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. Wilson's theory of local political culture revisited in today's police organizations: A longitudinal study. Presented at the Midwest Criminal Justice Association annual meeting in Chicago, September 2006.

Ren, Ling, Jihong Solomon Zhao, & Nicholas Lovrich. Liberal vs. conservative policies on crime: What is the comparative track record during the 1990s. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting in Baltimore, March 2006.

Ren, Ling & Jihong Solomon Zhao. Police strength, social disorganization, & the crime drop in the United States during the 1990s. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting in Baltimore, March 2006.

Ren, Ling, Jihong Solomon Zhao, Nicholas Lovrich, & Michael Gaffney. Participation in community crime prevention: Who volunteers for police work? Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting in Chicago, March 2005.

Walker, Samuel & **Ling Ren**. Citizen complaints as a performance measure for the police: Data problems and policy implications. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Nashville, November 2004.

He, Ni, Jihong Solomon Zhao, & **Ling Ren**. Token status and police stress: An empirical assessment of the interactive effects of race and gender. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Nashville, November 2004.

Marshall, Ineke Haen & **Ling Ren**. Homicide events in a global perspective: Using world cultural domains as a theoretical and practical grouping device. Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Nashville, November 2004.

Ren, Ling, Liqun Cao, Nicholas Lovrich, & Michael Gaffney. Linking confidence in the police with the performance of the police: Community policing can make a difference.” Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting in Las Vegas, March 2004.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Level

Research Methods

Undergraduate Level

Research Methods

Police & Society

Applied Statistics & Data Processing

Contemporary Corrections

Crime Trends & Social Changes in Contemporary American Society

Special Topics in Criminal Justice

Questioned Document Examination

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

I. University, College, & Departmental Services

Graduate Standards & Admissions Committee, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, 2011-2012.

Faculty Senate Committee, Sam Houston State University, 2009-2012.

Parking Appeals Committee, Sam Houston State University, 2009-2011.

Faculty Search Committee, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, 2009-2010.

Student Development Committee, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, 2008-2009 & 2010-2011.

Faculty representative on the Criminal Justice Sciences Advisory Board, Department of Criminal Justice Sciences, Illinois State University, 2007-2008.

II. Graduate Students Advised at SHSU

Doctoral Students

Dissertation Committee Member: Yung-Lien Lai, May 2011.

Doctorate Portfolio Committee Member: Yung-Lien Lai, August 2010.

Masters Students

Thesis Committee Chair: Zayra Hernandez, expected December 2011.

Thesis Committee Member: Leah A. McCoy, June 2011
Jiangli Meng, May 2011
Yi-Fen Lu, August 2010
Yi-Chun Yu, August 2010
Aaron Dobbins, expected December 2011
Esther Boyd, expected May 2012

III. Services to Community

Houston Police Department Headquarter (October 18, 2010). Presentation “*Houston Police Department—Citizen contact/impression survey 2010*”, with Dennis R. Longmire & Jihong Solomon Zhao. Attendees included the Houston Police Department Command Staff.

Houston City Council Chamber (October 25, 2010). Presentation “*Houston Police Department—Citizen contact/impression survey 2010*” (short version), with Dennis R. Longmire & Jihong Solomon Zhao. Attendees included the Houston City Council members. The meeting was open to the public.

Houston City Council Chamber (November 8, 2010). Presentation “*Houston Police Department—Citizen contact/impression survey 2010*” (full version), with Dennis R. Longmire & Jihong Solomon Zhao. Attendees included the Houston City Council members. The meeting was open to the public.

IV. Manuscript Reviewer

Justice Quarterly
Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency
Journal of Criminal Justice
Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management
Police Quarterly
International Journal of Criminal Justice.
International Criminal Justice Review
Asian Journal of Criminology
Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice

V. Professional Affiliations

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
American Society of Criminology