

Catherine (Katie) Kaukinen

Catherine (Katie) Kaukinen, Ph.D., is a Professor and Chair in the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Florida. Dr. Catherine Kaukinen is a Sociologist who takes a cross-national and comparative perspective to examine broad interests related to Violence Against Women (VAW). Her research interests include intimate partner violence, risk and protective factors for violent victimization, the history of Title IX and Federal initiatives to address violence against college women, and the evaluation of campus-based violence against women prevention and intervention programs. She has received over \$2.2 million in grants and contracts, with the majority of these sponsored programs as a principal investigator to support her work addressing VAW. Kaukinen has been funded by the National Institute of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, Canadian Embassy, Colorado Department of Corrections (CDOC), and the CDOC Division of Adult Parole. Kaukinen's funding from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) was used to develop and coordinate campus services and programs to reduce violence against women (VAW). These grants supported violence prevention, outreach, and awareness on five college campuses impacting over 35,000 students and have included the training of practitioners to address VAW, and the evaluation of campus-wide bystander education using an experimental design based on three data collections. She served as an expert witness for the Attorney General of Canada providing an affidavit and testimony on the 2012 passing of Bill C-19, which repealed the firearms registry for non-restricted firearms.

As Chair of a large department she has the primary responsibility for faculty and staff recruitment, development, and review, budgetary oversight and strategic planning, and academic and curricular issues. She has led a number of initiatives to establish and implement new academic programs focused on high impact practices and experiential learning to meet the needs of diverse student populations and to comply with accreditation standards. She has also developed faculty mentorship programs and provides peer evaluation of teaching. She has provided leadership in teaching and learning, including a faculty development program that engages faculty, strengthens pedagogy, and provides opportunities for faculty to stay connected to their chosen academic disciplines. Kaukinen collaborates with college and university colleagues to be nimble and responsive to the creation of innovative academic programs that provide outreach to students who might otherwise not be able to participate in programming, including students from traditionally underrepresented race and ethnic groups, first-generation, military affiliated, full-and part-time working, and other non-traditional student groups. This includes the creation of opportunities for students to engage in meaningful relationships across differences with other students, faculty, and staff.

Diversity, inclusion, equity, and globalization are central to Dr. Kaukinen's scholarship, teaching, service, and community engagement. Her approach to higher education leadership, along with her role as a teaching faculty member and researcher is to recognize, value, and celebrate the unique perspectives and experiences of faculty, staff, and students across race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, and veteran status. Dr. Kaukinen is committed to promoting and sustaining an environment that supports and encourages academic excellence and innovative scholarship and partnerships that help to support faculty and transform student learning experiences.