

# **Steve Chermak**

**Professor of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University**

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## **Biography**

Steven M. Chermak is a professor in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. Dr. Chermak is also a lead investigator affiliated with The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terror (START). Dr. Chermak's terrorism research has focused on four general areas. First, he studies the criminal and terrorist activities of domestic terrorists. Projects include understanding patterns of violence of far right, far left, and al-Qaeda inspired extremists, documenting how lone wolf attacks are different than group-inspired terrorist attacks, and examining the characteristics of foiled terrorist plots. Second, he studies the intelligence practices of State, Local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies. Third, he is studying the sources of funding used by terrorist organizations, with a particular emphasis on examining their use of counterfeited products. This research looks at what crimes terrorist organizations commit to fund their activities, how they are networked to other organizations or individuals to commit such acts, and assesses the impacts of these crimes. Finally, he has studied the media's role in relation to crime and terrorism issues. Dr. Chermak's research has been funded by the Department of Homeland Security, National Institute of Justice, and the Michigan State Police. He has published two books, seven books and numerous research reports. His research has appeared in a number of journals including Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Criminology and Public Policy, Justice Quarterly, Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management, Journal of Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice Policy Review, and the Journal of Crime, Conflict, and the Media. Before joining the faculty at Michigan State University in 2005, Dr. Chermak was faculty member at Indiana University in Bloomington from 1992-2005.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Research, Education/Learning

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## **Areas of Expertise**

School Violence, White Supremacists, Crime, Media Coverage, Domestic Terrorism

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## **Affiliations**

National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START)

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## **Education**

**State University of New York at Albany**  
Ph.D. Criminal Justice

**State University of New York at Albany**  
M.A. Criminal Justice

**Bowling Green State University**  
B.A. Criminal Justice

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