Jennifer J. Tostlebe

Curriculum Vitae

Contact Information

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Education

2023 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder

Dissertation: The intersection of social states and individual characteristics: A longitudinal examination of the gang membership-psychopathic tendencies link

and its association with offending [link]

2017 M.S. Sociology, Iowa State University

2012 B.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice, Iowa State University

Academic Positions & Professional Appointments

2023-Present Assistant Professor

School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha

2025–Present Co-Director

Advancing Research in Corrections (ARC) Lab, School of Criminology and

Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha

2017–2023 Instructor and Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant, University of

Colorado Boulder

2015-2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Iowa State University

Professional Affiliations

2023–Present Faculty Fellow

Nebraska Center for Justice Research, University of Nebraska Omaha

Research Interests

Incarceration & restrictive housing Prison misconduct

Criminological theory Mental & physical health Gangs & criminal networks Reentry & recidivism Novisky, Meghan A., **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, David C. Pyrooz, and Jose Antonio Sanchez.* "The COVID-19 pandemic and operational challenges, impacts, and lessons learned: A multi-methods study of U.S. prison systems." *Health & Justice*. [article link]

Nguyen, Holly, Kyle J. Thomas, and **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**. "Revisiting the relationship between age, employment, and recidivism." *Criminology* 61(3): 449-481. [article link]

- Tostlebe, Jennifer J., and David C. Pyrooz. "Procedural justice, legal orientations, and gang membership: Testing an alternative explanation to understand the gang-misconduct link." *Criminology* 60(4): 700-739. [article link]
- Tostlebe, Jennifer J., David C. Pyrooz, Richard G. Rogers, and Ryan K. Masters. "The National Death Index as a source of homicide data: A methodological exposition of promises and pitfalls for criminologists." *Homicide Studies* 25(1): 5-36. [article link]

Labrecque, Ryan M., **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Bert Useem, and David C. Pyrooz. "Reforming solitary confinement: The development, implementation, and processes of a restrictive housing step down reentry program in Oregon." *Health & Justice*. Online First: 8/26/2021. [article link]

Pyrooz, David C., Kendra J. Clark, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Scott H. Decker, and Erin Orrick. "Gang affiliation and prisoner reentry: Discrete-time variation in recidivism by current, former, and non-gang status." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 58(2): 192-234. [article link]

2020 Pyrooz, David C., Ryan M. Labrecque, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, and Bert Useem. "Views on COVID-19 from inside prison: Perspectives of high-security prisoners." *Justice Evaluation Journal* 3(2): 294-306. [article link]

Pyrooz, David C., Ryan K. Masters, Jennifer J. Tostlebe, and Richard G. Rogers. "Exceptional mortality risk among police-identified young black male gang members." *Preventive Medicine*. Online First: 10/3/2020 [article link]

DeLisi, Matt, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Kyle A. Burgason, Mark H. Heirigs, and Michael G. Vaughn. "Self-control vs. psychopathy: A head-to-head test of general theories of antisociality." *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 16(1): 53-76. [article link]

DeLisi, Matt, Dennis E. Reidy, Mark H. Heirigs, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, and Michael G. Vaughn. "Psychopathic costs: A monetization study of the fiscal toll of psychopathy features among institutionalized delinquents." *Journal of Criminal Psychology* 8(2): 112-124. [article link]

Book Chapters, Book Reviews, Newsletters, & Encyclopedia Entries

- Tostlebe, Jennifer J., and Selena Munoz-Jones.* "Public accessibility of healthcare information in prison: A review of U.S. state Department of Corrections websites." Proposal submitted to Contemporary Issues in Health and Punishment. DCS Handbook on Corrections and Sentencing, Volume 9. Editors Nathan Link, Meghan Novisky, and Chantal Fahmy. [in press; preprint link]
- Tostlebe, Jennifer J., and Jose Antonio Sanchez.* "Birds of a feather? Individual differences and gang membership." In David C. Pyrooz, James Densley, and John Leverso (Eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Gangs and Society*. Oxford University Press. [chapter link]
- Tostlebe, Jennifer J., and David C. Pyrooz. "Are gang members psychopaths?"

 In Mauro Paulino, Paulo Marques, and Laura Alho's (Eds.) *Psychopathy and Criminal Behavior: Current Trends and Challenges*. Elsevier Academic Press. [chapter link]
- Tostlebe, Jennifer J., and Jose Antonio Sanchez. "The Criminology Academy: Two doctoral students' foray into the world of podcasting." The Criminologist 46(4): 18-22. [article link]

Tostlebe, Jennifer J. Book review. Benjamin Steiner and John Wooldredge's *Understanding and reducing prison violence: An integrated social control-opportunity perspective. Rutgers' Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Book Reviews.* [review link]

Tostlebe, Jennifer J. "Nelson v. Heyne." In Christopher J. Schreck, Michael J. Leiber, Holly Ventura Miller, and Kelly Welch's (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Juvenile Delinquency and Justice*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. [chapter link]

Tostlebe, Jennifer J. "Scandinavia." In Christopher J. Schreck, Michael J. Leiber, Holly Ventura Miller, and Kelly Welch's (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Juvenile Delinquency and Justice.* Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. [chapter link]

Reports

Forthcoming

Campagna, Michael, Ryan Spohn, Zachary Hamilton, Sarah Al Falatah,* John Ursino,* Brian Gildea,* **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Abby Hayes,* and Katelynn Towne. "Evaluation report: Anger Management Program at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. Nebraska Center for Justice Research, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.

2024 Campagna, Michael, Katelynn Towne, Ryan Spohn, Zachary Hamilton, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Amber Krushas, Brian Gildea,* John Urisno,* Sarah Al Falatah,* and Abby Hayes.* "Evaluation report: Violence reduction program at Nebraska Department of Correctional Services." Nebraska Center for Justice Research, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.

2023

Felix, Tammy, David C. Pyrooz, Meghan A. Novisky, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, and Jessica Dockstader. "Effects of COVID-19 on prison operations." National Institute of Corrections. [report link]

Opinion Editorials

2020

Pyrooz, David C., Ryan M. Labrecque, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, and Bert Useem. "Using social science to understand and respond to COVID-19 in jails and prisons." *SSRC Items*. [opinion editorial link]

Funded Research

2025

Improving the prospects of formerly incarcerated adults: Establishing the processes and procedures of 50^{th} Street Landing Reentry Program

- Funding: The Sherwood Foundation. \$33,465
- Role: **Principal Investigator**

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

2022	Dissertation Completion Fellowship, The Graduate School, CU Boulder (\$13,560)
2020	Wilson Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Sociology, CU Boulder (\$500)
2019	<i>3rd Place, Poster Award,</i> Institute of Behavioral Science Graduate Research Symposium, CU Boulder, Poster Title "Gang membership and recidivism: A longitudinal study of offenders in Texas" (\$50)

Research Positions

2022–2024 National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Community Services Division Study

- Role: **Consultant** for CNA, Center for Justice Research and Innovation
- 2018–2022 Preparing adults in custody for successful reentry: An experimental study of a restrictive housing exit program in the Oregon state prison system
 - Funding: The Charles Koch Foundation. \$127,500. (+ \$2,000 COVID-19 rapid supplement from the development core of the University of Colorado Boulder's Population Center)
 - Role: **Project Manager** (Drs. David Pyrooz, Ryan Labrecque, and Bert Useem, Principal Investigators)
- 2021 Improving the livelihoods of vulnerable youth: A foundation for Functional Family Therapy-Gangs
 - Funding: The Laura and John Arnold Foundation (21-05774). \$1,189,240
 - Role: Research Assistant (Drs. David Pyrooz and Pamela Buckley, Principal Investigators)

2019-2021 *Mortality among high risk young men in the United States*

- Funding: The National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (R03 HD099360). \$154,000
- Role: Research Assistant (Drs. David Pyrooz, Ryan Masters, Rick Rogers, Principal Investigators)

2019-2020 Leaving gangs and desisting from crime using a multidisciplinary team approach: A randomized control trial evaluation of the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver

- Funding: The National Institute of Justice, Research on Gangs and Gang Violence (2018-75-CX-0028). \$600,797
- Role: **Research Assistant** (Dr. David Pyrooz, Principal Investigator)

2019 Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development

Role: **Research Assistant** (Drs. Fred Pampel and Pam Buckley, Supervisors)

2017-2018 Gangs on the street, gangs in prison: Their nature, interrelationship, control, and re-entry (The LoneStar Project)

- Funding: The National Institute of Justice, Research on Gangs and Gang Violence (2014-MU-CX-0111). \$840,807
- Role: Research Assistant (Drs. Scott Decker and David Pyrooz, Principal Investigators)

Discovering Mortality Risk among Gang Members

- Funding (internal): Institute of Behavioral Science (\$15,000), the Center to Advance Research in the Social Sciences (\$4,500), and Department of Sociology (\$600)
- Role: Research Assistant (Drs. David Pyrooz, Ryan Masters, and Rick Rogers, Principal Investigators)

Continuity and change in protective and risk factors among participants in the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver: A pilot project

- Funding: City of Denver (\$20,000)
- Role: **Research Assistant** (Dr. David Pyrooz, Principal Investigator)

Conference Presentations

2024 Tostlebe, Jennifer J., Jose Antonio Sanchez, C. Jordan Howell, and Taylor Fisher.* Pushing the boundaries on what is a gang: A comparative study of malicious hackers and gang members. (Tostlebe, panel presenter). Presented at the American Society of *Criminology*, San Francisco, CA. [manuscript in progress]

> Al Falatah, Sarah,* Jennifer J. Tostlebe, and Sadaf Hashimi. How do mental health concerns manifest in suicide attempts? A mixed-methods study of police calls for service. (Al Falatah, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA. [manuscript in progress]

Hamilton, Zachary, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, John Ursino,* Baylee Allen,* and Alex Kigerl. Measuring desistance via decay: Making criminal history dynamic. (Hamilton, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA. [manuscript in progress]

Spohn, Ryan, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Sarah Al Falatah,* and John Ursino.* Sex offender treatment: An evaluation of the effectiveness of prison- and community-based programming. (Al Falatah, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA. [report in progress]

Tostlebe, Jennifer J., and Jose Antonio Sanchez.* Is gang membership a universal contributor to the victim-offender overlap? A cross-national analysis. (Tostlebe, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Philadelphia, PA. [manuscript in progress]

Pyrooz, David C., **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Ryan Labrecque, and Bert Useem. Stepping out of solitary confinement: Effects on attitudes, behaviors, and health from an experimental evaluation in Oregon. (Pyrooz, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Philadelphia, PA. [manuscript in progress]

Sanchez, Jose A.,* and **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**. Rational choice and gang membership: A study of gang members' perceptions of risk, reward, and offending. (Sanchez, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Philadelphia, PA.

Tostlebe, Jennifer J. Selection or facilitation: Is the gang-psychopathy link a product of individual differences or social influences? *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA. [dissertation; manuscript under review at *Criminology*]

Novisky, Meghan A., David C. Pyrooz, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Tammy Felix, and Jessica Dockstader. Responding to COVID-19: Correctional staff perspectives on pandemic response efforts. (Novisky, panel presenter). *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA. [published in *Health & Justice*]

2021 Pyrooz, David C., **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, and Meghan A. Novisky. Institutional responses to the COVID-19 pandemic (Pyrooz, panel presenter). *American Society of Criminology*, Chicago, IL. [published report]

Labrecque, Ryan, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Bert Useem, and David C. Pyrooz. Reforming solitary confinement: The development, implementation, and preliminary impacts of a step-down program (Tostlebe, panel presenter). *American Society of Criminology*, Chicago, IL. [published in *Health & Justice*]

Tostlebe, Jennifer J., David C. Pyrooz, and Scott H. Decker. Legal orientations as an explanation of the gang membership-misconduct link (Tostlebe, panel presenter).

American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. [published in Criminology]

Sanchez, Jose A., **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, David C. Pyrooz, and Scott H. Decker. When colors collide: Does race moderate gang membership and prison misconduct? (Sanchez, panel presenter). *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA.

Pyrooz, David, Richard G. Rogers, Ryan K. Masters, and Jennifer J. Tostlebe. A foundation for linking non-traditional data sources to the National Death Index: Understanding mortality risk among gang members (Tostlebe and Pyrooz, panel presenters). Population Association of America annual meeting, Austin, TX. [published in *Homicide Studies*]

2018 Tostlebe, Jennifer J., Travis Pratt, David C. Pyrooz, and Scott Decker. Can "A general theory of crime" extend to recidivism? Testing the self-control/recidivism link using

multiple measures (Tostlebe, panel presenter). American Society of Criminology,

Atlanta, GA. [manuscript in progress]

2017 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, Kendra J. Clark, David C. Pyrooz, and Scott Decker. Gang embeddedness and recidivism: A longitudinal study of offenders in Texas (Tostlebe

and Clark, panel presenters). *American Society of Criminology*, Philadelphia, PA. [published in the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinguency*]

** Also presented at CU Boulder Institute of Behavioral Sciences Poster Symposium

Tostlebe, Jennifer J. The debt prison: The effect of court-ordered monetary sanctions on recidivism. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO. [Master's thesis]

Teaching

Teaching Interests

Institutional corrections	Criminological theory	Quantitative methods
Health & corrections	Gangs and gang membership	Research design

Instructor of Record

School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha

2025 CRCJ 9050: Academic Writing (doctoral) 2025 CRCJ 3000: **Applied Statistics** (undergraduate) 2024 CRCI 9170: Advanced Seminar in Corrections (doctoral) 2024 CRCJ 4550: Gangs and Gang Control (undergraduate) CRCI 2210: **Survey of Corrections** (undergraduate) 2023-2024

Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder

2022 SOCY 2044: **Crime and Society** (undergraduate)

2021 SOCY 2061: **Introduction to Social Statistics** (undergraduate)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder

2023 SOCY 4004: **Gangs: Causes and Consequences** (undergraduate)

2022 SOCY 4014: **Criminology** (undergraduate)

2020-2021 SOCY 4024: **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency** (undergraduate)

SOCY 5111: Data I (doctoral) 2020

• Recipient of the Wilson Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

2019	SOCY 2061: Introduction to Social Statistics (undergraduate)		
2018	SOCY 2044: Crime and Society (undergraduate)		
Department of Sociology, Iowa State University			
2016	CJ ST 484: Topical Studies in Criminal and Juvenile Justice (undergraduate)		

2016 CJ ST 340: **Deviant and Criminal Behavior** (undergraduate) SOC 235: **Social Problems** (undergraduate)

Student Committees

Member

- Addison Kobie (expected 2025). *Compounding inequality: Exploring the intersectionality of race and gender in a multi-state assessment*. Doctoral dissertation, Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
- Baylee Allen-Flores (expected 2025). What about those we left behind? The unintended consequences of decarceration for those still incarcerated. Doctoral dissertation, Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
- Faith Hall (expected 2025). *Analyzing the impact of polysubstance use on the severity of crime*. Masters thesis, Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.

Directed Reading and Independent Study

2025	Directed Reading for Theory Comprehensive Examination Prep (Doctoral Students: Sarah Al Falatah, Taylor Gonzales, Lexi Goodijohn, Isaac Moelter, Kaitlyn Swanberg, and Valeria Torres-Rivera, 3 credits), Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha. Term: January 2025-May 2025.
2024	Directed Reading for Systems Comprehensive Examination Prep, Corrections

(Doctoral Student: John Ursino and Dakota Schroll, 3 credits), Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha. Term: August 2024-December 2024.

Directed Reading for Theory Comprehensive Examination Prep (Doctoral Students: Alvi Ali, Trey Bussey, Brenna Dunlap, Dakota Schroll, and John Ursino, 3 credits), Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha. Term: January 2024-May 2024.

Service

Editorial Board

Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research (2023-present)

Manuscript Reviewer

Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research · Criminal Justice and Behavior · Criminology · Deviant Behavior · European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research · Health Equity · Health & Justice · International Criminal Justice Review · International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology · Journal of Crime and Justice · Journal of Criminal Justice · Journal of Forensic Psychiatry & Psychology · Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency · Journal of Urban Health · Justice Quarterly · Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice

Professional Service

Co-Host, The Criminology Academy podcast. the criminology academy.com (2020-Present)

- Bi-weekly episodes feature scholars and practitioners who discuss empirically based research, early career experiences and advice, and career histories
- Recipient of the 2023 PopCon Podcast Award for Best Podcast in Science, Medicine, and Education

Panel Chair, "Solutions at the Intersection of Trauma, Mental Health, and Policy." The 79th meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), San Francisco, CA. (2024)

Mentorship Committee, Division of Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. (2024)

Ben Steiner Student Paper Award Committee Member, Division of Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. (2024)

Special Events Committee Member, Division of Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. (2024)

Panel Chair, "Emerging Issues in Corrections." The 54th meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), Kansas City, MO. (2017)

Departmental and University Service

University of Nebraska Omaha, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Committee Member, Criminal Justice System Comprehensive Exam Grading Committee (2024-2027)

Search Committee Member, Policing/Open (2024-2025)

Committee Member, MS Program Committee (2024-2025)

Co-Coordinator, Graduate Student Job Market Seminar (2024)

Faculty Participant, SCCJ Speed Networking Event, Research and Professional Development Graduate Student Seminar and Speaker Series (2023)

Faculty Panelist, The Job Market Part I, Research and Professional Development Graduate Student Seminar and Speaker Series (2023)

University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Sociology

Committee Member, Prospective Graduate Student Open House Committee (2020 & 2022) Graduate Student Facilitator, Criminology and Criminal Justice Working Group (2019-2020)

Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Meeting Liaison (2019-2020)

Invited Panelist, Thriving not Surviving Your First Year of Graduate School (2019)

Mentor, First Year Cohort Mentorship Program (2018-2019)

Committee Member, Faculty Mentor Award Committee (2018-2019)

Iowa State University, Department of Sociology

Vice President, Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society, Gamma Chapter (2016-2017)

Member, Graduate Students of Sociology (GSS) (2015-2017)

Exam Proctor (2016-2017)

Iowa State University, University

Member, Criminal Justice Club (2011-2012)

Team Leader, Destination Iowa State (2011)

Community Service

Planning Committee Member, Nebraska Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation 2024 Justice and Behavioral Health Conference (2023-2024)

Professional Development

2023	Attended faculty search training (Center for Faculty Excellence, UNO)
2023	Attended faculty onboarding teaching training (Center for Faculty Excellence, UNO)
2023	Attended a seminar on Longitudinal Data Analysis using Structural Equation
2025	Modeling (instructed by Dr. Paul Allison via Statistical Horizons)
	A deep dive into the ML-SEM method
2022	Attended a workshop on Item Response Theory (instructed by Dr. Kyle Thomas)
2021	Attended a workshop on Nonparametric Modeling (instructed by Dr. Kyle Thomas)
2021	Attended a workshop on Data Visualization (instructed by Dr. David Pyrooz)
2020	Attended a seminar on Addressing Student Mental Health in Teaching Settings
	During the COVID-19 Pandemic (University of Colorado Boulder [UCB])
2020	Attended a workshop on Remote Teaching Using Zoom and Canvas (UCB)
2019	Participated in the American Society of Criminology's Division of Corrections and
	Sentencing (DCS) 20-for-20 Campaign
2019	Attended the Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency's (JRCD) Graduate
	Student Publishing Workshop, University of Maryland, College Park, MA (Led by Eds.
	Jean McGloin and Chris Sullivan)
	 Competitive workshop: 1 of 13 doctoral students accepted
	 A three-day meeting on improving graduate students' understanding of the
	peer-review process and workshopping papers submitted as part of the
	application process ("Procedural justice, legal orientations, and gang
	membership")
2019	Attended a workshop on Introduction to ArcGIS (UCB)
2019	Attended a seminar on Improvisation in the Classroom (UCB)
2018	Attended a seminar on Rhetorics of Teaching Philosophies and Portfolios (UCB)
2017	Attended a seminar on Teaching-as-Research (TAR) for Assessment (UCB)
2017	Attended a workshop on Preventing and Addressing Disruptive Behavior in the
2017	Classroom (UCB)
2017	Attended a seminar on Improving Student Experience in Large Lectures (UCB)

Certifications and Comprehensive Examination Areas

Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods in Behavioral Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder

Comprehensive examination areas: Incarceration (high pass), criminological theory (high pass), and quantitative methodology (high pass)

Statistical Program Proficiencies: STATA, HLM, R, Mplus

Survey Program Proficiencies: Qualtrics advanced programming, Checkbox

Professional Societies

American Society of Criminology Divisions: Corrections and Sentencing Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences **Eurogang Research Program**