

# Caralin Branscum, M.S.

## *Curriculum Vitae*

School of Criminology and Criminal Justice  
College of Public Affairs and Community Service  
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## EDUCATION

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- Expected 2024*      **Doctor of Philosophy**, University of Nebraska at Omaha  
School of Criminology & Criminal Justice
- 2020      **Master of Science**, Florida Atlantic University  
School of Criminology & Criminal Justice  
Thesis: "A Content Analysis on Human Trafficking State Statutes"
- 2018      **Bachelor of Arts**, Florida Atlantic University  
Primary Major: Criminology & Criminal Justice  
Secondary Major: Sociology

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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Victimology and Victim Services	Child Abuse and Neglect
Violence Against Women/Gender-Based Violence	Qualitative Research
Sexual Victimization (including Sexual Assault Kits Initiative (SAKI))	Mixed Methodology

## COURSES PREPPED TO INSTRUCT & # of Time Taught

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Survey of Criminal Justice (undergraduate; 1)	Special topics: Sexual Violence (undergraduate; 1)
Research methods (undergraduate)	

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS<sup>1</sup>

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- Branscum, C.**, Richards, T.N., & Behre, K. (2023). Examining the relationship between type of sexual misconduct, reporting source, complainant/respondent affiliation and case resolution for sexual misconduct reported to Title IX coordinators. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.  
[Impact Factor: 2.5; 5-year Impact Factor: 2.7]. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605231178360>
- Gilbert, S., Nystrom, A., **Branscum, C.**, Richards, T.N., & Wright, E. (Accepted, April 10, 2023). Native Missing Persons Cases Will Not be Solved by Police Alone: The Case for "Missing Persons Advocates". *Forthcoming in Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
- Snyder, K., Mollard, E., Bargstadt-Wilson, K., Peterson, J., **Branscum, C.**, Richards, T. N. (2022). Pelvic floor dysfunction in rural postpartum mothers in the United States: Prevalence, severity, and psychosocial correlates. *Women & Health*, 62(9-10).  
[Impact Factor: 1.708 (2021)]. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03630242.2022.2146831>

- Branscum C.** & Richards, T.N. (2022). An updated examination of the predictors of running away from foster care in the United States and trends over ten years (2010-2019). *Child Abuse & Neglect*. Advanced Online Publication [Impact Factor: 4.863]. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2022.105689>
- Branscum C.** & Richards, T.N. (2022). The wrong rite of passage: Comparing sex trafficking to other types of child maltreatment using the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). *Victims & Offenders: Special Issue on Reforming the Criminal Justice Response to Human Trafficking Victims and Offenders*. [Impact Factor: 2.045 (2021)]. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2022.2131021>
- Richards, T.N., Gover, A., **Branscum, C.**, Nystrom, A., & Claxton, T. (2021). Assessing states' intimate partner violence offender treatment standards using the principles of effective intervention (PEIs) framework. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 37(21-22), P20288-NP20310. [Impact Factor: 2.621]. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605211050091>
- Richards, T.N., Wright, E., Nystrom, A., Gilbert, S., & **Branscum, C.** (2021). On assessing the scope of missing Native Americans in Nebraska: Results from a state-wide study and recommendations for future research. *Race and Justice*. Advanced Online Publication. [Impact Factor: 1.710]. <https://doi.org/10.1177/21533687211047933>
- Richards, T.N., Gillespie, L.K., & **Branscum, C.** (2021). Comparing sexual misconduct incidents in annual security reports and Title IX coordinator data: Do policies increase reporting? *Journal of American College Health*. Advanced Online Publication [Impact Factor: 2.394 (2021)]. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07448481.2021.1950732>
- Branscum, C.** & Fallik, S. (2021). A content analysis on state human trafficking statutes: How does the legal system acknowledge survivors in the United States (US)? *Crime, Law, and Social Change*. Advance online publication. [Impact Factor: 1.612 (2021)]. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10611-021-09958-x>
- Branscum, C.** Cain, C., & Fallik, S. (2021). Exploring the nature of anti-trafficking laws: A content analysis of state statutes. *Journal of Human Trafficking*. Advance online publication. [Impact Factor: 1.003 (2021, SNIP)]. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23322705.2021.1917213>
- Branscum, C.**, Fallik, S., Garcia, K., Eason, B., & Gursahaney, K. (2019). Stalking state statutes: A critical content analysis and reflection on social science research. *Women & Criminal Justice*, 31(4), 261-282. [Impact Factor: 1.477 (2021)]. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08974454.2019.1686450>

## IN-PROGRESS MANUSCRIPTS

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- Richards, T.N., **Branscum, C.**, Goldsmith, M., & Ali, A. (Submitted January 1, 2023). Examining the relationship between institutional-level factors and campus climate on sexual misconduct incident reporting to Title IX coordinators and in Annual Security Reports: A state-wide study. *Journal of American College Health*.
- Branscum C.** & Kulig, T. (in progress). *Police Public Contact Survey: Experiences of Sexual Harassment*.
- Branscum C.** & Richards, T.N. (in progress). *An Updated Analysis of Sex Based Harassment in the United States K-12 Schools: Rates and Predictors of Allegations Student Reporting and Student Discipline*.
- Fallik, S. & **Branscum, C.** (in progress). *Voluntary Victim Intoxication in Sexual Assault: A Content Analysis and Reflection on Social Science Research*.
- Fallik, S., Hodges, H., & **Branscum, C.** (in progress). *Forensic Evidence in Sexual Assaults: A Summary of the Nation's State Statutes*.

## TECHNICAL REPORTS & WHITE PAPERS

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Richards, T.N., **Goldsmith, M.**, & Branscum, C.C. (2022). *Examining Biennial Data on Reports of Sexual Misconduct to Title IX Coordinators, Clery and VAWA Crime Reports, and Campus Climate Survey Data for Maryland Institutions of Higher Education: AY 2018-2020*. Draft submitted to the Maryland Higher Education Commission, April 25, 2022.

Richards, T.N., **Branscum, C.**, Nix, J., Wright, E., Goldsmith, M., & Campbell, B. (2022). *Minnesota Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Project interim report: A retrospective review of previously untested sexual assault kits in Anoka County, MN*. Submitted to Office of Justice Programs, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, January 13, 2022.

Richards, T.N., Wright, E., Nystrom, A., Gilbert, S.L., & **Branscum, C.** (2021). A descriptive analysis of missing and murdered Native women and children in Nebraska, barriers to reporting and investigation, and recommendations for improving access to justice special report: Reflections, challenges, and lessons learned. Tribal Researcher Partnership NIJ 2019-75-CX-0014. Draft submitted to the National Institute of Justice, October 20, 2021.

## EXTERNAL RESEARCH SUPPORT

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2019-2023	<b>Minnesota Sexual Assault Kit Research Project</b> <i>Role:</i> Project Coordinator (Principal Investigator, Dr. Tara N. Richards; Co-Investigators, Drs. Justin Nix, Emily Wright, and Bradley Campbell) <i>Funding Agency:</i> National Institute of Justice, Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence, Stalking, and Teen Dating Violence, NIJ 2019-MU-MU-0095 <i>Amount:</i> \$657,488
	<b>A Descriptive Analysis of Missing and Murdered Native Women and Children in Nebraska, Barriers to Reporting and Investigation, and Recommendations for Improving Access to Justice</b> <i>Role:</i> Research Assistant (Principal Investigator, Dr. Tara Richards; Co-Investigator, Dr. Emily Wright) <i>Funding Agency:</i> National Institute of Justice, Tribal-Researcher Capacity Building Grant, 2019-75-CX-0014 <i>Amount:</i> \$169,255

## INTERNAL RESEARCH SUPPORT

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2023	<b>An Updated Analysis of Sex Based Harassment in the United States K-12 Schools: Rates and Predictors of Allegations Student Reporting and Student Discipline”</b> <i>Role:</i> Principal Investigator (Faculty Mentor, Dr. Tara N. Richards) <i>Funding Agency:</i> Graduate Research and Creative Activity (GRACA) at the University of Nebraska, at Omaha <i>Amount:</i> \$5,000
	<b>Investigating Racial Disparities Among Missing/Runaway Youth on a National Scale</b> <i>Role:</i> Principal Investigator (Faculty Mentor, Dr. Tara N. Richards) <i>Funding Agency:</i> Graduate Research and Creative Activity (GRACA) at the University of Nebraska, at Omaha <i>Amount:</i> \$5,000

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, & TALKS

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July 2023	<b>Branscum, C.</b> <i>Stalking and Technology-Facilitated Crime</i> . Faculty presenter for the Nebraska Victim Assistance Academy.
April 2023	<b>Branscum, C.</b> <i>The Wrong Rite of Passage: Comparing sex trafficking to other types of child maltreatment using the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS): An Example of Negative Binomial Regression</i> . Dr. Jessie Huff's Statistics III course guest lecture.
Jan 2023	<b>Branscum, C. &amp; Richards, T.N.</b> <i>An Updated Examination of the Predictors of Running Away from Foster Care in the United States and Trends over Ten Years (2010-2019)</i> . Timothy Montoya Taskforce meeting, Office of Colorado's Child Protection Ombudsman (January 4, 2023).
May 2022	<b>Branscum, C., Richards, T.N., &amp; Westerlund, E.</b> <i>Navigating Challenges and Achieving Successes with an Evaluative Partner: Lessons Learned from the Statewide Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Project</i> . Minnesota Office of Justice Programs Conference on Crime Victimization. Minnesota Department of Public Safety and Office of Justice Programs.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2023	<b>Branscum, C. &amp; Richards, T.N.</b> <i>Sexual Assault Kit Initiatives and the Importance of Forensic Testing: Looking Beyond Solving Sexual Assault Cases</i> . Poster presentation at the National Institute of Justice's National Research Conference. Arlington, VA.
2022	<b>Branscum, C. &amp; Richards, T.N.</b> <i>The Victim-Survivor Notification Process and Experience from Practitioners and Survivors</i> . Paper presentation at the 76 <sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC). Atlanta, GA.
2022	<b>Branscum, C. &amp; Richards, T.N.</b> <i>Examining Reported Sex Trafficking Victimization among Children in the United States and Predictors of Sex Trafficking Compared to Other Types of Child Maltreatment</i> . Roundtable discussant at the 76 <sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC). Atlanta, GA.
2021	<b>Branscum, C. &amp; Richards, T.N.</b> <i>Investigating Racial Disparities Among Runaway Youth on a National Scale</i> . Paper presentation at the 75 <sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.
2021	<b>Branscum, C. &amp; Fallik, S.</b> <i>A Content Analysis on State Human Trafficking Statutes: How does the legal system acknowledge survivors in the US?</i> Paper presentation at the 58 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS). Virtual conference.
2019	<b>Branscum, C. &amp; Fallik, S.</b> <i>Stalking state statutes: A critical content analysis and reflection on social science research</i> . Paper presentation at the 74 <sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.
2019	<b>Branscum, C. &amp; Fallik, S.</b> <i>Stalking State Statutes: A Critical Content Analysis</i> . Poster presentation at Florida Atlantic University's Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Research Day. Boca Raton, FL.
2018	<b>Branscum, C., Fallik, S., &amp; Hodges, H.</b> <i>Forensic Evidence in Sexual Assaults: A Summary of the Nation's State Statutes</i> . Paper presentation at the 73 <sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

- 2018 **Branscum, C. & Fallik, S. *Voluntary Victim Intoxication in Sexual Assaults: A Summary of the Nation's State Statutes.*** Paper presented at Florida Atlantic University's Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. Boca Raton, FL.
- 2017 Fallik, S. & **Branscum, C. *Aspects of sexual assault perpetration in criminal investigations: A summary of empirical results and legal standings.*** Paper presentation at the 54<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Kansas City, MO.
- 2017 **Branscum, C., Branaman, A., Ostroot, A., & Ford, D. *Adulthood in the 21st Century: Factors that Affect the Transition to Adulthood.*** Poster presented at the Florida Undergraduate Research Conference. Boca Raton, Florida.
- 2016 **Branscum, C. & Carreno-Lukasik, G. *Potential Influences of Rape Myth Acceptance in Police Judgement.*** Poster presented at Florida Atlantic University's annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. Boca Raton, FL.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- 2022-2023 **Chair, Graduate Student Organization (GSO)**  
*University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE*
- 2020-2022 **Secretary, Graduate Student Organization (GSO)**  
*University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE*
- 2021-2022 **GSO-Appointed Peer Mentor to first-year student, Emily Meinert**  
*University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE*
- 2021-2022 **Served as a Journal Peer Reviewer**  
Crime Law and Social Change (1)  
\*Notation for the number of reviews completed for each journal.
- 2020-2021 **Served as a Journal Peer Reviewer**  
Journal of Human Trafficking (7); Crime Law and Social Change (1); Women and Criminal Justice (1).  
\*Notation for the number of reviews completed for each journal.
- 2020 **Student Co-contributor: ASC, Division of Women in Crime**  
Contributed to the special edition newsletter titled, “#SAYHERNAME DWC Special Edition Newsletter.”
- 2020-2021 **Secretary, Graduate Student Organization (GSO)**  
*University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE*
- 2019 **Student Reviewer: FAU Undergraduate Research Grant**  
*Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida*
- 2019 **Student Reviewer: FAU Undergraduate Research Journal**  
*Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida*
- 2018 **Student Reviewer: FAU Undergraduate Research Grant**

- 2017      **Student Reviewer: Distinguished Mentor of the Year Award**  
*Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida*
- 2014      **Office for Students with Disabilities Volunteer Notetaker**  
*Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida*

## **COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2018      **3-Minute Thesis Competition: First runner up**  
Florida Atlantic University Graduate College
- Provost Fellowship**  
Florida Atlantic University Graduate College
- FAU Undergraduate Research Symposium: First Place, Oral Presentation**  
Florida Atlantic University
- 2017      **Tom Barker Outstanding Undergraduate Student**  
Southern Criminal Justice Association
- Undergraduate Researcher of the Year**  
College of Design and Social Inquiry  
Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry
- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF)**  
Advisor: Seth Fallik, Ph.D.
- 2016      **Undergraduate Research Grant**  
Funding from the Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry  
Principal Investigator: Ann Branaman, Ph.D.
- Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF)**  
Advisor: Ann Branaman, Ph.D.

## **TEACHING, MENTORSHIP, & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

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- 2019-2020      **Senior Peer Mentor**  
Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry  
Florida Atlantic University  
Boca Raton, Florida
- 2019-2020      **Undergraduate Research Journal Club, Treasurer**  
Florida Atlantic University, Student Organization  
Boca Raton, Florida
- 2017-2020      **Student Teaching Assistant**  
Florida Atlantic University High School  
Boca Raton, Florida  
*Course Taught: Exploring Research*

2016-2019

**Peer Mentor**

*Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry*

Florida Atlantic University

Boca Raton, Florida