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Race & Ethnicity | Cultural & Critical Criminology | Police & Vigilantism | Hauntology

Education

Kansas State University

- Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology **Expected:** 2025
- Master of the Arts in Sociology **Achieved:** 2022
 - Thesis: *Hold the (Thin Blue) Line: Theorizing White Vigilante Violence as Counterinsurgency*

Oklahoma State University

- Bachelor of the Arts in Sociology **Achieved:** 2019

Tulsa Community College

- Associate of the Arts in Sociology **Achieved:** 2017

Academic Experience

Kansas State University
Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2020 - Present
Manhattan, Kansas

As Instructor:

- SOCIO 211 Intro to Sociology Fall 2024
- SOCIO 211 Intro to Sociology Summer 2024
- SOCIO 211 Intro to Sociology Spring 2024
- SOCIO 211 Intro to Sociology Fall 2023
- SOCIO 211 Intro to Sociology Spring 2023
- CRIM 460 Youth and Crime Fall 2022

As Teaching Assistant:

- Social Research Methods with Dr. Corina Medley Spring 2022
- Comparative Social Theories with Dr. Gerad Middendorf Fall 2021
 - Guest Lecture: *Theodor Adorno and the Culture Industry*
- Urban Sociology with Dr. Frank Weyher Fall 2021
- Intro to Sociology with Dr. Corina Medley Spring 2021
- Intro to Sociology with Dr. Jeremy Briggs Fall 2020

Publications

In progress:

“Violent Revitalization: Specters of Dark Tourism in Tulsa’s Greenwood”

“Good Kid, Mad City: on the Political Meaning of Kyle Rittenhouse”

Accepted:

Book Chapters:

Sears, D. (2024). "The Police Have Often Attempted to Pre-empt Cases of Political and Religious Violence Through Covert Intelligence." In M. Hart, J. B. Lamb, A. Lynes, J. Treadwell, & C. Kelly (Eds.), *50 Facts Everyone Should Know About the Police*. Bristol University Press.

Linnemann, T. and Sears, D. (2024). "Cultural Criminology." In K. D. Haggerty & L. Presser (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Critical and Cultural Criminological Theory*. Oxford University Press.

Presentations

Sears, D. (2024). *Violent Revitalization: Specters of Dark Tourism in Tulsa's Greenwood*. American Society of Criminology Conference, San Francisco, CA, United States.

Sears, D. (2023). *Good Kid, Mad City: on the Political Meaning of Kyle Rittenhouse*. American Society of Criminology Conference, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

Professional Experience

Manhattan Public Library	May 2024 - Present
Library Assistant (LA2), Circulation	Manhattan, Kansas

- Shelved, faced, and organized books in adult fiction, non-fiction, YA, and children's according to the Dewey Decimal System
- Assisted patrons at the circulation desk in signing up for library cards, requesting ILL's, and checking books out
- Trained on Polaris ILS in processing damaged, lost, and missing items, placing blocks on patron accounts, and applying and removing charges from patron accounts

Crime, Media, Culture	December 2022 – December 2024
Editorial Assistant	Manhattan, Kansas

- Screened journal submissions for proper formatting and anonymity
- Corresponded with authors about their submissions
- Assigned accepted articles to journal editors for next step in process

City Year Tulsa	June 2019 - May 2020
AmeriCorps Member	Tulsa, Oklahoma

- Maintained a case load of 36 7th graders
- Taught 20 students in 7th grade mathematics to foster academic growth
- Quantitatively evaluated student growth through course grade data collection
- Interpreted data from assessments and in-class performance to better adapt tutoring structure to the student's individual needs
- Qualitatively assessed student growth in Social-Emotional Learning using Aperture DESSA

Pawnee Nation Attorney General's Office	October 2018 - May 2019
Student Intern	Pawnee, Oklahoma

- Identified 15 Native American tribal organizations in the region surrounding Pawnee, Oklahoma
- Contacted tribal organizations to inquire about their tribal probation practices
- Conducted interviews with 10 tribal organizations about their probation programs
- Compiled qualitative interview data about probation programs

- Analyzed data for spaces of growth in developing a tribal probation consortium

Walmart Supply Chain

February 2013 - June 2019

T3 Certified Trainer, Orderfiller, Quality Assurance

Ochelata, Oklahoma

- Trained 50 employees on heavy industrial equipment
- Quantitatively maintained inventory of warehouse product
- Reevaluated 5 struggling employees' workflow for areas of growth
- Mediated conflicts between employees and management to find spaces for compromise

Academic Service

Kansas State University Library Services Committee

2020 - 2022

Graduate Student Council Representative

Manhattan, Kansas

Kansas State University Dean of Libraries Search Committee

2020 - 2021

Graduate Student Council Representative

Manhattan, Kansas

Kansas State University Honor Council

2020 - 2021

Graduate Student Council Representative

Manhattan, Kansas

Oklahoma State University Sociology Club

2018 - 2019

Vice President

Stillwater, Oklahoma

Honors and Awards

American Society of Criminology Division of Critical Criminology and Social Justice

2024

Graduate Student Paper Award (Co-Winner)

“Good Kid, Mad City: On the Political Meaning of Kyle Rittenhouse”

Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work Graduate Teaching Award

2022 - 2023

\$500 for Spring 2023

Timothy R. Donoghue Graduate Scholarship

2020 - 2022

\$1,500 for Fall 2020 and \$1,500 for Spring 2021

\$1,500 for Fall 2021 and \$1,500 for Spring 2022

Phi Theta Kappa Scholar

2015

Undergraduate community college honor society