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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

- 2019 – 2025    **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)** (*Anticipated*)  
Title: “*An Examination of Racial and Ethnically Motivated Extremist Women’s Discourse and Identity Construction Across Digital Media Platforms*”  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University  
Committee Members: Dr. Thomas J. Holt (Chair), Dr. Steven Chermak, Dr. Karen Holt, Dr. Maura Conway
- 2017 – 2019    **Master of Arts (M.A)**  
Graduate Assistant, Advisor(s): Dr. Thomas Vander Ven  
Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Ohio University  
Committee Members: Dr. Thomas Vander Ven (Chair), Dr. Howard Welser, Dr. Christine Mattley
- 2013 – 2017    **Bachelor of Arts with Distinction (B.A.)**  
Majors: Psychology; Sociology/Criminology  
Minor: Women’s Gender, and Sexuality Studies  
Department of Psychology; Sociology; Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Otterbein University

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

- Mar 2025 – Present    **Co-Investigator**  
Primary Investigator: Dr. Bettina Rottweiler, National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology and Education (NCITE) Center, University of Nebraska – Omaha.  
Conducting research on the emerging extremist threat landscape as it relates to youth mobilization, producing reports on ideological groups, and developing/evaluating risk assessment tools. This project is also generating original research.
- Research Associate**  
Supervisor: Dr. Matthew Allen, National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology and Education (NCITE) Center, University of Nebraska – Omaha.  
Educational program development aimed at providing interdisciplinary curriculum and modules for terrorism studies, as well as building courses and microcredential training programs for practitioners that provide security and counterterrorism instruction.
- Aug 2024 – Mar 2025    **Lead Research Associate**  
Supervisor: Dr. Austin Doctor, National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology and Education (NCITE) Center, University of Nebraska – Omaha.  
“Supporting the Workforce for Foreign Terrorist Fighter Family Reentry and Reintegration to the United States.” [Read More.](#)
- Aug 2023 – Dec 2023    **Independent Graduate Instructor**  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
- Aug 2019 – Aug 2023    **Graduate Assistant**  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

Aug 2018 – May 2019 **Independent Graduate Instructor**  
Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Ohio University

Aug 2017 – Aug 2018 **Graduate Assistant**  
Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Ohio University

## RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS | \*\* Denotes undergraduate student author

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles ([Google Scholar Profile](#))

- Helm, B.**, Holt, T.J., Scrivens, R., Wojciechowski, T.W., & Frank, R. 2024. "Examining the Online Posting Behaviors and Trajectories of Incel Forum Members." [Crime & Delinquency](#). Online First.
- Helm, B.**, Scrivens, R., Holt, T.J., Chermak, S.M., & Frank, R. 2024. "Examining an Incel Subculture on Reddit." [Journal of Crime and Justice](#), 47(1), 27-45.
- Welser, H.T., **Helm, B.**, & Vander Ven, T. 2024. "Swipe for your right to party: Masculinity, social structure, and mediated relations in college drinking patterns." [Sociological Focus](#), 57(2), 166-86.
- Liggett O'Malley, R. and **Helm, B.** 2023. "The Role of Perceived Injustice and Need for Esteem on Incel Membership Online." [Deviant Behavior](#), 44(7), 1026-43.
- DeJong, C., Holt, K., **Helm, B.**, & Morgan, S. 2021. "'A Human Being Like Other Victims': The Media Framing of Trans Homicide in the United States." [Critical Criminology](#), 29(1), 131-49.

### Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- Helm, B.**, Vander Ven, T., & Welser, H.T. 2020. "Electric Hookups: An analytical review of the literature on the risks related to hookup app use among emerging adults." *Recent Advances in Digital Media Impacts on Identity, Sexuality, and Relationships*, edited by M.F. Wright. Hershey, PA: IGI Global. [doi:10.4018/978-1-7998-1063-6](https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-7998-1063-6)

### Manuscripts In-Progress

- Cooper, C., **Helm, B.**, & Pelletier, K. and \*\*Spiegel, E.. "Online Communities and Gun Ownership: A Thematic Analysis of r/Firearms." (*Under Review*)
- Helm, B.**, Becker, M., & Doctor, A. "An Examination of Media Framing of Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighter Families."
- Fisher, D., **Helm, B.**, & Becker, M. "Rational Choice Framing & Mobilization Discourse Among Far-Right Forum Users."

### Research Summaries

- Helm, B.**, Holt, T.J., Scrivens, R., Wojciechowski, T.W., & Frank, R. (February 12, 2025). Examining the Online Posting Behaviors and Trajectories of Incel Forum Members. [VOX-Pol Network of Excellence](#).
- Helm, B.**, Scrivens, R. Holt, T.J., Chermak, S.M. & Frank, R. (July 13, 2022). Examining Incel Subculture on Reddit. [VOX-Pol Network of Excellence](#)
- Helm, B.**, Scrivens, R. Holt, T.J., Chermak, S.M. & Frank, R..(May 23, 2022). Examining Incel Subculture on Reddit. [Global Network on Extremism and Technology Insights](#).
- Helm, B.** and O'Malley, R.L.. (November 9, 2022). The Role of Perceived Injustice and Need for Esteem on Incel Membership Online. [Global Network on Extremism and Technology Insights](#).

## **Reports & Briefs**

**Helm, B.**, Harms, M., Benda, A., and Hughes, S. (2025). *Nihilistic Violent Extremism: An NCITE Rapid Review Report on the Minnesota Catholic Church Shooting and Nihilistic Violence*. A [technical report](#) from the National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, & Education (NCITE) Center based on work supported in part by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under Grant Award Number, 20STTPC00001-05. Omaha, NE.

Kerins, J. & **Helm, B.** (2025). Market Analysis Report: “Foreign Terrorist Fighter Families Reintegration Microcredential.” National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, & Education (NCITE) Center – University of Nebraska – Omaha. Project Title: *Supporting the Workforce for Foreign Terrorist Fighter Family Reentry and Reintegration to the United States*, Funded by the Department of Homeland Security.

## **GRANTS & FUNDING**

### **Externally Funded**

- Jan 2026 **Co-Investigator**, “RISE (Research in Societal Extremism),” [PRIMUS Research Programme](#). Charles University, Prague, Czechia. \$684,000 USD (*Approx.*).  
Jade Hutchinson (PI), Jonathan Collins (Co-PI), Kledian Myftari (Co-PI), Emilia Lounela (Co-I), and Kristián Földes (Co-I).
- Aug 2024 – Mar 2025 **Lead Research Associate**, “Supporting the Workforce for Foreign Terrorist Fighter Family Reentry and Reintegration to the United States,” Department of Homeland Security. \$800,000  
PI: Dr. Austin Doctor, National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center, University of Nebraska – Omaha
- June 2021 – Mar 2023 **Research Assistant**, “Scientific Knowledge and Approaches to Defining and Measuring Hate Crime, Hate Speech and Hate Incidents,” Public Safety Canada, Campbell Collaboration Crime and Justice Coordinating Group. \$268,485 USD.  
PIs: Drs. Matteo Vergani, Barbara Perry, Joshua D. Freilich, Steven M. Chermak, and Ryan Scrivens

### **Internally Funded**

- 2021 – 2022 **Co- Primary Investigator**, “Creating and Sustaining an Inclusive Community within the School of Criminal Justice.” Michigan State University Office for Inclusion & Intercultural Initiatives, 2021-2022. \$15,000 USD.  
Co-PI: Dr. Karen Holt, Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice

### **Applied (Not Awarded)**

- Christina DeJong and **Brenna Helm**. 2020. [Wayne F. Placek Grant Program](#). “Criminal Justice Response to Transgender Homicides: An Analysis of Police Records.” \$8,248 USD.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE & TRAININGS**

### **Independent Teaching Experience**

- Aug 2023 – Dec 2023 Instructor, CJ292: Methods of Criminal Justice Research  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University  
Taught in-person, 39 students

- May 2023 – June 2023 Instructor, WS351: Gendered Violence & Intersections of Power  
Women's and Gender Studies, Michigan State University  
Asynchronous, 5 students
- Jan 2019 – May 2019 Instructor, Introduction to Sociology  
Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Ohio University  
Taught in-person, course of 60 students
- Aug 2018 – Jan 2019 Instructor, Introduction to Sociology  
Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Ohio University  
Taught in-person, course of 45 students

### **Program Development**

- 2025 National Center for Agriculture Security Excellence (NCASE), University of Nebraska  
Lead course and content development for two hybrid microcredential courses targeting security professionals (1) and agricultural producers (2).

### **Invited Guest Lectures**

#### **Graduate Courses**

- 2025 "Digital Subcultures & Extremism." Presented in the Department of Security Studies, Charles University. Prague, Czech Republic. October 6-10, 2025. *Forthcoming*.
- 2025 "Extremists' Use of the Internet: Considerations for Pathways to Engagement & Extremist Acts." Presented in Dr. Erin Kearns' CRCJ 8230: Terrorism, University of Nebraska - Omaha. March 13, 2025.

#### **Undergraduate Courses**

- 2025 "Technology & Terrorism: Extremists' Use of the Internet & Cyberterrorism Strategies." Presented in Dr. Austin Doctor's CJ 4760: Terrorism, University of Nebraska - Omaha. September 1, 2025.
- "Masculinity & Extremism." Presented in Dr. Marva Goodson's CRJ 305: Gender, Crime, & Criminal Justice, Arizona State University. January 23, 2025.
- 2024 "Qualitative & Mixed-Methodologies in Online Research: Extremist Subcultures, Gender, and Involuntary Celibates." Presented in Dr. Travis Carter's CJJ 3701: Research Methods in Criminal Justice I, University of South Florida. November 6, 2024.
- "The Manosphere & Networked Misogyny: Male Supremacy and Extremist Misogyny Online." Presented in Dr. Marva Goodson's CRJ 305: Gender, Crime, & Criminal Justice, Arizona State University. September 17, 2024.
- "Considerations for Research Using Online & Digital Platforms." Presented in Dr. Alyssa LaBerge's CJ 292: Methods of Criminal Justice Research, Michigan State University. April 9, 2024.
- "The Manosphere & Networked Misogyny: Male Supremacy and Extremist Misogyny Online." Presented in Dr. Marva Goodson's CRJ 305: Gender, Crime & Criminal Justice, Arizona State University. February 6, 2024.
- 2023 "Conducting Research Using Online Platforms." Presented in Kaelyn Sander's CJ 292: Methods of Criminal Justice Research, Michigan State University. October 2023.
- "Critical Criminology: Theoretical Frameworks." Presented in Dr. Noah Turner's CJ 220: Criminology, Michigan State University. April 2023.

- 2022 “Online Data & Research.” Presented in Dr. Travis Carter’s CJ 292: Methods of Criminal Justice Research, Michigan State University. November 2022.
- 2020 “Electric Hookup: An Application of Routine Activities Theory.” Presented in Dr. Rebecca Malinski’s CJ 220: Criminology, Michigan State University. February 2020.
- 2018 “Sexual Deviance.” Presented in Dr. Thomas Vander Ven’s SOC 2610: Deviant Behavior, Ohio University. April 2018.
- “Contextualizing Sexual Violence.” Presented in Sociology Senior Capstone, Sexual Violence: Research, Prevention, and Advocacy, Ohio University. September 2018.
- “An Examination of Foreground Factors and Motives in Homicides of Transgender Individuals.” Presented in Graduate Seminar & Senior Capstone, Ohio University. October 2018.

### **Teaching Certifications & Training**

- 2023 **Teaching Criminology using Intersectional Pedagogies**  
Dr. Christina DeJong, Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice
- 2018 **Teaching Seminar**  
Dr. Thomas Vander Ven, Ohio University Department of Sociology & Anthropology
- 2018 **Online Facilitator Training**  
Sarah McCorkle, Center of Instructional Innovation  
Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

### **Teaching Assistantships**

- Aug 2022 – Dec 2022 **CJ445: Cybercrime & Cybersecurity (*Online Course*)**  
Gary Rudd; School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
- Aug 2019 – May 2020 **CJ/ISS325: War and Revolution (Criminology of Genocide)**  
Dr. Christina DeJong; School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
- June 2018 – May 2019 **SOC1000: Introduction to Sociology; SOC2600: Criminal Justice; SOC3600: Criminology; SOC3630: Juvenile Delinquency (*Online Courses*)**  
Dr. Thomas Vander Ven; Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Ohio University

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Helm, B (*Panel Chair*). 2024. “An Examination of REM Extremist Women’s Discourse and Identity Construction Across Digital Media Platforms.” Accepted for the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, USA. November 13, 2024.
- Helm, B (*Lead Presenter*), Holt, T.J., Scrivens, R., Wojciechowski, T.W., & Frank, R. 2024. “Examining the Online Posting Behaviors and Trajectories of Incel Forum Members.” Accepted for the 2024 Next-Gen Network Conference, Swansea, Wales, UK. June 17, 2024.
- Helm, B. 2024. “An Examination of Racial and Ethnically Motivated Extremist Women’s Discourse and Identity Construction Across Digital and Media Platforms.” Accepted for the 2024 Terrorism and Social Media Conference, Swansea, Wales, UK. June 18-19, 2024.

- Cooper, C., Helm, B. (Co-Presenter), & Pelletier, K. 2023. "Online Communities and Gun Ownership: A Thematic Analysis of r/Firearms." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, USA. November 17, 2023.
- Helm, B (Lead Presenter; Panel Chair), Holt, T.J., Scrivens, R., Wojciechowski, T.W., & Frank, R. 2023. "Examining the Online Posting Behaviors and Trajectories of Incel Forum Members." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, USA. November 15, 2023.
- Helm, B. 2023. Roundtable Discussant, *The Role of Online Communications Platforms in Facilitating Intentional and Unintentional Sexual Violence*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, USA. November 15, 2023.
- Helm, B. 2022. "Examining Mechanisms of Radicalization Within a Sample of Ideologically Motivated Cyber- and Offline Extremists." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA, USA. November 17, 2022.
- Helm, B. (Lead Presenter) & J. Lee. 2022. "An Exploratory Analysis of Online Dating App Expectations and Risk Factors Among College Students." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA, USA. November 16, 2022.
- Helm, B. 2021. "Examining Incel Subculture on Reddit." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, USA. November 19, 2021.
- Helm, B. 2021. "Online Incel Subculture and the Technological Facilitation of Harm." SECREV: The Cybersecurity Revolution. Montreal, Canada. May 21, 2021.
- Helm, B. 2020. "The Undateables': Techniques of Neutralization Employed Within Online Incel Communities." Accepted at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, District of Columbia, USA. November 18-21, 2020. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).
- Vander Ven, T., Mattley, C., & Helm, B. (Lead Presenter) 2019. "Looking for Hate: Methodological Challenges in Estimating Hate Crimes in a Sample of Homicides in the Trans Community." Presented at North Central Sociological Association, Cincinnati, OH. March 30, 2019.
- Mattley, C., B. Helm (Lead Presenter) & T. Vander Ven. 2018. "An Examination of Foreground Factors and Motives of Transgender Individuals." Presented at North Central Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, PA. April 7, 2018.
- Helm, B. 2016. "Hegemonic Masculinity: Developing, Proliferating, and Accepting Gendered Violence." Northeast Ohio Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, Kent, OH.
- Helm, B. & Atkinson, C. 2016. "College Students' Implicit Attitudes Towards Casual Sex." Ohio Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference, Lorain, OH.
- Helm, B. 2015. "The Multidimensional Facets of Sexual Violence: An Analysis of the Cultural Responses to Sexual Violence Variances." Northeast Ohio Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, Kent, OH.

## **SUPERVISION & MENTORSHIP**

### **Funded Research with Student PI**

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| 2024 - Present | <b>Kaitlyn Swanberg</b> , PhD student. School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska – Omaha.<br>"Inceldom & Pedophilia." University of Nebraska-Omaha GRACA Award - \$5,000 |
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**Research Mentorship**

2024 - Present **Simone Long**, PhD student, The Department of Social & Political Sciences, Philosophy, & Anthropology, University of Exeter.  
Mentorship Program, Institute for Research on Male Supremacism. [Read more.](#)  
Mixed-methods dissertation research on online extremist ecosystems examining the cross-pollination of far/alt-right and misogynist extremism communities.

**Professional Mentorship**

2023 –2024 **Daniella Ferrante**, PhD student. School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University.  
Graduate Student Network, Michigan State University Graduate Student Association.

2022 – 2023 **Maddison Vansaw**, MA student. School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University.  
Graduate Student Network, Michigan State University Graduate Student Association.

**Somin Kim**, MA student. School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University.  
Graduate Student Network, Michigan State University Graduate Student Association.

2021 – 2022 **Taylor Momenee**, MA student. School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University.  
Graduate Student Network, Michigan State University Graduate Student Association.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT****Select Interviews**

2025 NCITE Insights Podcast, “Nihilistic Violent Extremism.” September 4, 2025. *Coming Soon.*

2025 NCITE Insights Podcast, “Youth Recruitment and Mobilization.” June 5, 2025. [Listen here.](#)

2024 NCITE Insights Podcast, “Misogynist Extremism Part 1: The Manosphere, Incels, and Cognitive Openings.” September 6, 2024. [Listen here.](#)

**Invited Talks & Presentations**

2025 Centre for the Study of Terrorism & Political Violence (CSTVP), University of St. Andrews. “Past, Present and Future of Terrorism Studies Roundtable III.” February 13, 2025.

2024 Bath Institute for Digital Security & Behavior, University of Bath. “Extremists’ Use of Digital Media: Online Engagement & Implications.” June 20, 2024.

Michigan Domestic Terrorism & Extremist Crimes (MIDTEC) Annual Meeting. “Overview of Incel Ideology.” May 17, 2024.

2023 Department of Sociology & Anthropology Colloquium Series, Ohio University. “Unpacking Involuntary Celibacy: The Manosphere, Deviant Subcultures, and Networked Misogyny Online.” April 5, 2023.

Social Justice Speaker Series, Otterbein University. “The Digital Landscape of Extremism: Radicalization, Online Subcultures, and the Incel Movement.” April 3, 2023.

2022 Home Office Research, Information, and Communications Unit, Home Office UK. “Incels’ Use of Online Spaces and Networking Platforms.” August 3, 2022.

“Assessing (and Countering?) the Threat of Incel Violence?”, Panel co-sponsors: Global Network on Extremism & Technology (GNET) and the Cyber Threats Research Centre (CYRTEC). “Incel Subculture on Reddit.” June 20, 2022.

**CONSULTING**

- 2025 - **U.S. State Department, Office of Countering Violent Extremism**
- 2023 - **Federal Bureau of Investigation, Detroit Joint Terrorism Task Force**
- 2021 - **Moonshot**  
 Consulted with [Moonshot](#) representatives on an incels intervention project and grant proposal.

**SERVICE****Peer Review/Referee Activities***Journal of Interpersonal Violence**Journal of Crime and Justice**Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking**Deviant Behavior**The Communication Review**New Media & Society***Service to the Discipline**

- Present – Nov 2025 **Student Paper Award Committee**  
 Division on Terrorism & Bias Crimes ([DTBC](#)), American Society of Criminology
- Jan 2024 - Present **IRMS Mentorship Program**  
 Fellow and Mentor  
*As a fellow in the Institute for Research on Male Supremacism, I also serve as a mentor to those registered in the mentorship program. The mentorship program pairs fellows and mentees to facilitate targeted guidance as mentees complete a proposed research project, develop their topical knowledge of male supremacy, and participate in a series of writing workshops and community events.*  
 Mentees to date: Simone Long (PhD, 2024-Present)
- Aug 2023 - Present **Next Gen Network**  
 United States Representative and [Steering Committee Member](#)  
[VOX-Pol Network of Excellence](#), Swansea University  
*The Next Gen Network is a committee-driven program within the VOX-Pol Network of Excellence that is dedicated to providing opportunities and facilitating the empowerment of early career scholars who research violent online political extremism. The Next Gen Network is a peer-led initiative that offers community building, sharing of resources, targeted programming, and mentorship opportunities among new researchers in the field.*

**Professional Service****National Center for Innovation, Technology, and Education (NCITE) Center**

- Jun 2025 - Present **Academic Engagement Seminar**  
 Collaborating with Dr. Bettina Rottweiler to develop a seminar series aimed at promoting academic engagement, skill development, and supporting research endeavors of students and faculty at NCITE.
- Mar 2024 **NCITE Research Proposal Reviewer**  
 Responsible for independently reviewing and rating annual research proposals requests.
- Sep 2024 **NCITE Research Proposal Reviewer**  
 Responsible for independently reviewing and rating annual research proposals requests.



**School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University**

Aug 2023	<b>New Student Orientation Speaker</b> Student speaker on School committee involvement, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
Nov 2022	<b>Graduate School Applications: Small Group Workshop</b> Organizer and Speaker
Oct 2022	<b>Graduate School Information Session</b> Co-Organizer and Speaker
Aug 2022	<b>New Student Orientation Speaker</b> Student speaker on School committee involvement, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
July 2021 - 2023	<b>The School of Criminal Justice's Graduate Committee</b> Doctoral Student Representative
July 2020 - 2024	<b>The School of Criminal Justice's Graduate Student Network</b> Graduate Student Mentor

**Inclusivity & Cultural Competency**

2022	<b>Anti-Racist Primer</b> The Truth & Titus Collective Length of Training: 16 Hrs, <a href="#">Website</a> <u>Training Completed:</u> <i>"This four-part virtual series is designed for institutions looking to invest in introductory-level anti-racist learning. The series will help individuals examine both themselves and their institution through the lens of racial equity."</i>
2021	<b>Multicultural Competency Workshop</b> Michigan State University Extension Program Length of Training: 15 Hrs, <a href="#">Website</a> <u>Training Completed:</u> <i>"This intensive learning experience focuses on increasing awareness of several areas of prejudice, discrimination and oppression, including racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism and ableism...In addition, participants have opportunities to apply what they're learning to work-related scenarios and explore alternative, more helpful behaviors."</i>
June 2020 - 2022	<b>Committee on Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion</b> Doctoral Student Representative <i>Led the creation of a supervisor-graduate assistant document meant to protect graduate students, foster open communication, and address the faculty-student power differential.</i>

**FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS****Fellowships**

2024	<b>Dissertation Completion Fellowship</b> College of Social Sciences, Michigan State University: East Lansing, MI
2023	<b>Institute for Research on Male Supremacism (IRMS) Fellow</b> A research community seeking to address and better understand male supremacism. The IRMS facilitates a series of trainings and webinars, an internal mentorship program, a blog, and provides resources for effective media engagement and public-facing work. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>

**Awards**

- 2023 **RSAC Security Scholar Award**  
Michigan State University's student recipient of the RSA Scholar Award for the 2023 RSA Conference.
- 2022 **VOX-POL Summer School Travel Award**  
VOX-Pol Network of Excellence
- 2021 **Arthur F. Brandstatter Endowed Scholarship**  
Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice: East Lansing, Michigan
- 2019 **Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology Excellence in Research**  
Ohio University: Athens, Ohio
- 2019 **College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award**  
Ohio University: Athens, Ohio
- 2017 **Phyllis Weygandt-Auerback '57 Memorial Award**  
Otterbein University: Westerville, Ohio
- 2017 **Ventresca Family Endowment for Research and Internship Award**  
Otterbein University: Westerville, Ohio
- 2014 **Albert Lovejoy Award**  
Sociology Department Award  
Otterbein University: Westerville, Ohio

**ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAMS**

- April 2023 **RSAC Security Scholar Program**  
RSA Conference, April 24-27, 2023. San Francisco, California.  
*Program Objectives: Through carefully curated experiences, RSAC Security Scholar connects the hand-selected brightest up-and-coming cybersecurity students to thought leaders, industry luminaries, peers and conference attendees. The goal is to share knowledge, experience and connections to enrich the discourse on how to stay ahead of cyberthreats. (\*See [RSA Program](#))*
- July 2022 **Topics in Violent Online Political Extremism Summer School**  
VOX-Pol Network of Excellence, July 4-8, 2022. Swansea University, Singleton Park Campus Swansea, Wales, United Kingdom  
*Program Objectives: This week-long course is designed to provide postgraduate students and early-career researchers with an expert-led curriculum on the role of the Internet in violent extremism and terrorism. The course will include a range of teaching and learning styles, including lectures, workshops, and small-group activities. It will cover a range of issues and topics, such as: how violent extremists use the Internet; exploitation of online platforms; how we respond to this threat; research methods; ethics; and gender perspectives. (\*[See more here](#)).*

**Statistical Analysis**

- May 2021 **Group-Based Trajectory Modeling**  
Dr. Thomas Loughran and Dr. Daniel Nagin  
Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). May 17-21, 2021.  
*Training Completed: This week-long program covered the basics of group-based trajectory modeling using Stata software, as well as adding time-varying covariates, estimating joint trajectory models of comorbid behaviors, and linking trajectories with distal outcomes.*

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

### Affiliations

Institute for Research on Male Supremacism  
Addressing Violent Extremism and Radicalisation to Terrorism (AVERT) Network

### Memberships

2025 – Present	<b>Criminological Research of Counterterrorism &amp; Security (<a href="#">CROCS</a>) Lab</b> School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska-Omaha
2023 – Present	<b>VOX-Pol Network of Excellence</b>
2018 – Present	<b>American Society of Criminology</b> Division Sections: Terrorism & Bias Crime; Women & Crime; Critical Criminology & Social Justice
2018 – Present	<b>American Sociological Association</b> Division Sections: Crime, Law, and Deviance
2023 – 2024	<b>Terrorism, Extremism, and Cybercrime (TEC) Lab</b> School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
2022 – 2024	<b>Graduate Women in Science (GWIS)</b> Chapter: Mid-Michigan
2018 – 2020	<b>NCSA: North Central Sociological Association</b>
<i>Perpetual</i>	<b>Alpha Kappa Delta</b> (International Sociology Honor Society) Beta Chapter Ohio University, Athens, Ohio
	<b>Mortar Board Senior Honor Society:</b> Teleiotes Chapter Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio
	<b>Iota Iota Iota</b> (Women's Studies Honor Society) Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio