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**EDUCATION**

- 2016 American University, School of Public Affairs, Washington, DC Ph.D.  
 Fields: Criminology and Public Policy.  
[Dissertation](#): If You See Something, Do You Say Something?: The Role  
 of Legitimacy and Trust in Policing Minority Communities in Counterterrorism
- 2012 John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, New York, NY M.A.  
 Major: Forensic Psychology.
- 2005 Miami University, Oxford, OH B.A.  
 Majors: Political Science & Psychology. Minor: European Area Studies.

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2023 - Present Associate Professor, University of Nebraska at Omaha
- 2021 - 2023 Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska at Omaha  
 School of Criminology & Criminal Justice  
 National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center  
 National Strategic Research Institute Fellow  
 Faculty Research Affiliate:  
 - Nebraska Center for Justice Research (NCJR)  
 - The Crime and Justice Public Opinion Lab (CJPOL)  
 - The Violence Intervention and Policing Research (VIPR) Lab
- 2017 - 2021 Assistant Professor, University of Alabama  
 Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
- 2020, Spring Research Associate, Miami University (on pre-tenure research leave)  
 Dolibois European Center, Differdange, Luxembourg
- 2016 - 2017 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Georgia State University  
 Global Studies Institute

**AWARDS**

- 2016 Winner of the American Society of Criminology's Division of International Criminology  
 Outstanding Student Paper Award
- 2015 Winner of the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism  
 (START) Symposium's Best Student Paper Award

**BOOK**

2020. **Kearns, E.M.** & Young, J.K. "Tortured Logic: Why Some Americans Support the Use of Torture in Counterterrorism." [Columbia University Press](#).

## PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

\*graduate student coauthor; \*\*undergraduate student coauthor

23. Forthcoming. \*Vitro, C., **Kearns, E.M.** & Elson, J. "How Chatbot Communication Styles Impact Citizen Reports to Police: Testing procedural justice and overaccommodation approaches in a survey-experiment."
22. Online first. \*Moelter, I. & **Kearns, E.M.** "How do Offender Ideology and Offense Severity Impact Punitive Attitudes toward Politically Motivated Offenders in the U.S.?" *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*.
21. 2024. Fisher, D. & **Kearns, E.M.** "The Theorizing of Terrorism within Criminology." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 61(4): 487-520.
20. 2024. **Kearns, E.M.** & Delehanty, C. "Fast & Furious...Torturous?: Examining the impact of torture scenes in popular films on public perceptions of torture policy." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 47(6): 583-598.
19. 2023. **Kearns, E.M.** & Nix, J. "How Generalizable are Findings from Policing Surveys?: A Review of Multi-Agency Studies." *Police Practice and Research*, 24(5): 597-611.
  - Reprinted in: *Replicating & Reproducing Policing Research*, eds. Khadija Monk and Jacek Koziarski. Forthcoming, Routledge.
18. 2023. Ghazi-Tehrani, A. & **Kearns, E.M.** "Biased Coverage of Bias Crime: Examining Differences in Media Coverage of Hate Crimes and Terrorism." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 46(8): 1283-1303.
17. 2022. **Kearns, E.M.**, Federico, C., Asal, V., Walsh, J., \*Betus, A., & Lemieux, A. "Inter-group Images, Protest, and Terrorism." *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*, 15(1): 17-39.
  - Media Coverage: *The Trace*
16. 2022. Dolliver, M. & **Kearns, E.M.** "Is it Terrorism: Public Perceptions, Media, and Labeling the Las Vegas Shooting." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 45(1): 1-19.
15. 2021. \*Betus, A., **Kearns, E.M.**, & Lemieux, A. "How Perpetrator Identity (Sometimes) Influences Media Framing Attacks as 'Terrorism' or 'Mental Illness.'" *Communication Research*, 48(8): 1133-1156.
  - Media Coverage: *Washington Post*
14. 2021. **Kearns, E.M.** "When to Take Credit for Terrorism?: A Cross-National Examination of Claims and Attributions." *Terrorism & Political Violence*, 33(1): 164-193.
  - Media Coverage: *The Economist*
  - 2016 ASC Division of International Criminology Outstanding Student Paper Award
  - 2015 START Symposium Best Student Paper Award
13. 2021. **Kearns, E.M.**, \*Betus, A., & Lemieux, A. "When Data Don't Matter: Exploring Public Perceptions of Terrorism." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 44(4): 285-309.
12. 2020. Lowrey-Kinberg, B., \*Mellinger, H., & **Kearns, E.M.** "How Social Dominance Orientation Shapes Perceptions of Police." *Policing: An International Journal*, 43(4): 607-624.
11. 2020. Delehanty, C. & **Kearns, E.M.** "Wait, There's Torture in *Zootopia*?: Examining the Prevalence of Torture in Popular Movies." *Perspectives on Politics*, 18(3): 835-850.
  - Media Coverage: *Revisionist History by Malcolm Gladwell*, *Cinemascene FilmTalk*
10. 2020. **Kearns, E.M.**, Asal, V., Walsh, J., Federico, C., & Lemieux, A. "Political Action as

- a Function of Political Grievances and Social Identity: An Experimental Approach.” *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 43(11): 941-958.
9. 2020. **Kearns, E.M.**, \*\*Ashooh, E. ,& Lowrey-Kinberg, B. “Racial Differences in Conceptualizing Legitimacy and Trust in Police.” *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 45: 190-214.
  8. 2020. **Kearns, E.M.** “Exploring Officer Views of Community Policing in Counterterrorism.” *Police Practice and Research*, 21(1): 18-32.
  7. 2019. \*\*Shupard, M. & **Kearns, E.M.** “Why Do Officers Support Community Policing?: A Cross-Departmental and Cross-Temporal Comparison.” *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, 37: 665-680.
  6. 2019. **Kearns, E.M.**, \*Betus, A., & Lemieux, A. “Why Do Some Terrorist Attacks Receive More Media Attention Than Others?” *Justice Quarterly*, 36(6): 985-1022.
    - Select Media Coverage: *ABC Australia*, *Cato Institute*, *The Economist*, *Foreign Policy*, *MSNBC with Ari Melber*, *NPR’s All Things Considered*, *NPR’s Hidden Brain Podcast*, *NPR’s Morning Edition*, *Reason*, *The Independent*, *The Washington Post*
    - Policy Coverage: *United Nations Secretary-General*
  5. 2018. **Kearns, E.M.** & Young, J.K. “If Torture is Wrong, What About 24?: Torture and the Hollywood Effect.” *Crime & Delinquency*, 64(12): 1568-1589.
    - Media Coverage: *CNN*, *Pacific Standard*, *Vox*, *The Washington Post*
  4. 2017. **Kearns, E.M.** “Why Are Some Police Officers More Supportive of Community Policing with Minorities than Others?” *Justice Quarterly*, 34(7): 1213-1245.
  3. 2017. Lemieux, A., **Kearns, E.M.**, Asal, V., & Walsh, J. “Support for Political Mobilization, Protest, and Terrorism in Egypt and Morocco: An Online Experimental Study.” *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*, 10(2-3): 124-142.
  2. 2015. **Kearns, E.M.** “The Study of Torture: Why It Persists, Why Perceptions of It Are Malleable, and Why It Is Difficult to Eradicate.” *Laws*, 5(1): 1-15.
  1. 2014. **Kearns, E.M.**, \*\*Conlon, B.L., & Young, J.K. “Lying About Terrorism.” *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 37(5): 422-439.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

4. 2023. **Kearns, E.M.** & \*Senn, S. “Examining Officer Support for Community Policing in Counterterrorism Over Time.” In *Exploring Contemporary Police Challenges: A Global Perspective*, eds. Sanja Kutnjak Ivković, Jon Maskály, Christopher M. Donner, Irena Cajner Mraović, and Dilip Das. Routledge.
3. 2022. **Kearns, E.M.** & \*Betus, A. “Asymmetric Coverage of Asymmetric Violence: How U.S. Print News Media Report Far-Right Terrorism.” In *Right-Wing Extremism in Canada and the United States*, eds. Barbara Perry, Jeff Gruenewald, and Ryan Scrivens. Palgrave.
2. 2016. Young, J.K. & **Kearns, E.M.** “Empirical Challenges to Studying Terrorism and Homicide.” in *The Handbook on Homicide*, eds. Fiona Brookman, Edward R. Maguire, and Mike Maguire. Wiley-Blackwell.
1. 2013. **Kearns, E.M.** & Young, J.K. “Military Tactics in Civil War.” in *The Routledge Companion to Civil War Studies*, eds. Edward Newman and Karl DeRouen. Routledge.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

5. Elson, J.S., \*d’Amato, A.L., \*Moelter, I.J., **Kearns, E.M.** & Doctor, A.C., “Everything, Everywhere, All at Once: Looking at the Current Milieu Through Rapoport’s Four Waves Theory of Modern Terrorism.”
4. Elson, J.S., \*Pintar, J., \*Vitro, C., **Kearns, E.M.** & Schuetzler, R. “Analyzing the Effectiveness of Chatbots vs. Webforms for Suspicious Activity Reporting.”
3. **Kearns, E.M.** & Ghazi-Tehrani, A. “Terrorism, Hate Crimes, and Other Forms of Mass Violence: Examining How the Public Labels Violence through a Conjoint Experiment.”
2. \*Moelter, I. & **Kearns, E.M.** “Belief in Redeemability for Perpetrators of Terrorism.”
1. \*Vitro, C., \*Moelter, I., & **Kearns, E.M.** “See Something, Say Something?: Reporting Potential Terrorism Activities to Police.”

## GOVERNMENT & POLICY REPORTS

### Author

23. 2025. “Event Security: Vision-Setting, Planning, and Implementation Considerations.”
22. 2024. “Overview of Threat and Risk Assessment Measurement: A State of the Science Review.”
21. 2024. “Review of Publicly Accessible Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Program Guides.”
20. 2024. “Threat and Risk Assessment Measurement: A State of the Science Review.”
19. 2024. “Managing the Exit of Incarcerated Violent Extremists in the Community: State of Practice Report.”
18. 2024. “Managing the Exit of Incarcerated Violent Extremists in the Community: Stakeholder Analysis Report.”
17. 2024. “Managing Incarcerated Violent Extremists’ Reentry and Reintegration: The Role of Community Correction Officers.”
16. 2024. “Managing Incarcerated Violent Extremists’ Reentry and Reintegration: The Role of Mental Health Professionals.”
15. 2024. “Managing Incarcerated Violent Extremists’ Reentry and Reintegration: The Role of Reentry Navigators.”
14. 2024. “Managing Incarcerated Violent Extremists’ Reentry and Reintegration: The Role of Social Workers & Case Manager.”
13. 2024. “Managing Incarcerated Violent Extremists’ Reentry and Reintegration: The Role of Treatment Specialists.”
12. 2024. “Screening for Insider Threats in US Law Enforcement: A National Sample of Department Policies and Practices State of Practice Guide.”
11. 2024. “Screening for Insider Threats in US Law Enforcement: A National Sample of Department Policies and Practices Plain Language Summary.”
10. 2024. “Screening for Insider Threats in US Law Enforcement: A National Sample of Department Policies and Practices Self-Assessment Toolkit.”

9. 2024. "Innovation in Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention: Final Closeout Report."
8. 2023. "Innovation in Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention: Phase II Summary Report."
7. 2023. "Innovation in Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention: Phase I Summary Report."
6. 2023. "Reporting Form Construction."
5. 2023. "Knowledge Gaps in Reporting."
4. 2023. "Threat Assessment Team Cohesion."
3. 2020. "Terrorism as Communicative and Miscommunicative Violence." In *Counterterrorism Yearbook 2020*, Australian Strategic Policy Institute.
2. 2015. "When to Claim: A Cross-National Study of Terrorist Attacks." National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism Research Brief.
1. 2015. "The Role of Law Enforcement in Fighting Terrorism." in *Comprehensive Law Enforcement Review*, Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

### Contributing Researcher

2. 2024. "Threat and Risk Assessment Measurement: A State of the Science Review."
1. 2015. *Presidential Task Force on 21st Century Policing*. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). Consulting researcher.

## RESEARCH GRANTS & CONTRACTS

**PI or Co-PI on \$8,667,520 to date**

### Externally Funded

- 2024-2026 Co-PI** (PI: Sharon Gilmartin at Safe States Alliance).  
 "Developing a Public Health Informed Curriculum to Build Youth Resiliency as a Protective Factor in the Prevention of Targeted Violence through Training Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) Teams." U.S. Department of Homeland Security - \$265,000 total, **\$102,596** to UNO.
- 2024-2026 Co-PI** (PI: Matt Allen).  
 "Development and Validation of Assessment Tools for TVTP Outcome and Impact Assessment." U.S. Department of Homeland Security - **\$672,893**.
- 2023-2025 PI** (Co-PIs: Zach Hamilton, Sadaf Hashimi & Gaylene Armstrong).  
 "Managing the Exit of Incarcerated Violent Extremists in the Community Handbook" U.S. Department of Homeland Security - **\$1,622,181**.
- 2023-2025 Co-PI** (PI: Tin Nguyen).  
 "Threat Assessment and Management Teamwork: Collaborative Capabilities, Barriers, and Resourcing Needs." U.S. Department of Homeland Security - **\$392,461**.
- 2023-2024 I** (PI: Andrea Walker).  
 "Lessons Learned from Practice on Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Program Setup and Implementation." U.S. Department of Homeland Security - **\$104,411**.
- 2021-2024 PI** (Co-PIs: Sadaf Hashimi, Jessie Huff, & Justin Nix).

- “Screening for Insider Threats in US Law Enforcement: A nationally representative sample of department policies and practices.” U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Insider Threats in U.S. Law Enforcement **\$257,278**.
- 2021-2023 Co-PI** (PIs: Gina Ligon & Sam Hunter; Co-PIs: Matt Allen, Austin Doctor, & Joel Elson).  
 “Public Safety and Violence Prevention Evaluations.” U.S. Department of Homeland Security - **\$4,749,277**.
- 2021-2024 Co-PI** (PI: Joel Elson).  
 “Innovation in Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention: Developing and Testing an Intelligent Chatbot to Help Individuals Identify Threats and Improve Tips Reporting.” U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program, Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3) - **\$715,102**.
- 2014-2015 PI, Pre-Doctoral Fellowship**.  
 “When to Claim: A Cross-national Study of Claimed vs. Unclaimed Terrorist Attacks.” U.S. Department of Homeland Security, START Terrorism Research Award (TRA) - **\$5,000**.

#### Internally Funded

- 2024-2025 PI**. “Attitudes toward Anti-Asian Hate Crimes Post COVID-19.” University of Nebraska, CPACS Seed Grant Funding - **\$5,000**.
- 2023-2024 PI**. “Punitiveness and Perceptions of Redeemability for Political Offenders.” University of Nebraska, CPACS Seed Grant Funding - **\$2,000**.
- 2021-2022 Co-PI** (PI: Adam Ghazi-Tehrani). “How Public Perceptions of Terrorism, Hate Crimes, and other Forms of Mass Violence Influence Support for Various Policy Responses.” University of Alabama, College Academy for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (CARSCA) - **\$6,000**.
- 2018-2019 PI**. “Changes in Officer Support for Community Policing across Racial Groups, Crime Types, and Time.” University of Alabama, College Academy for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (CARSCA) - **\$4,327**.
- 2018-2019 PI**. “Changes in Officer Support for Community Policing across Racial Groups, Crime Types, and Time.” University of Alabama, Research Grants Committee - **\$3,000**.
- 2015-2016 Fellow**. American University, Peace & Violence Research Lab - **\$4,000**.
- 2015-2016 PI**. “Political Crimes and Responses to Them: Essays on Terrorism.” American University, Doctoral Research Award - **\$4,994**.
- 2014-2015 Co-PI** (PI: Joe Young). “Perceptions of Torture: The Behavioral Impacts of Proximity and In-Group Bias.” American University, Faculty Support Research Grant - **\$10,000**.
- 2014-2015 Co-PI** (PI: Joe Young). “Perceptions of Torture.” American University, School of Public Affairs Research Scholars Grant - **\$5,000**.
- 2012-2016 Graduate Assistantship**. American University - fully funded for four years.
- 2004-2005 PI**. “Attitudinal and Behavioral Precursors of Sexual Victimization and Sexual Aggression: Rape Myth Acceptance, Family of Origin Violence, Self-Esteem and Attitudes toward the Other Gender.” Miami University, Undergraduate Summer Scholars Grant - **\$2,000**.

## Supervisor on Funded Research with Student PI

- 2025-2026 PI: Sarah Schappert, Masters student.** “A Mixed-Methods Analysis of K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) Guides: Implementing Responses to Exogenous Shocks.” University of Nebraska, GRACA - \$5,000.
- 2024-2025 PI: Kaitlyn Swanberg, PhD student.** “Involuntary Celibates and Pedophilic Ideologies.” University of Nebraska, GRACA - \$5,000. (co-advising with Brenna Helm)
- 2023-2024 PI: Isaac Moelter, PhD student.** “Online White Nationalist Rhetoric and Incarceration.” University of Nebraska, GRACA - \$5,000.
- 2023-2024 PI: Alice Jurkiewicz, Masters student.** “Awareness of and Attitudes toward Anti-Asian Hate Crimes Post COVID-19.” University of Nebraska, GRACA - \$5,000.
- 2022-2023 PI: Callie Vitro, Masters student.** “How Public Perceptions of Terrorism, Hate Crimes, and other Forms of Mass Violence Influence Support for Various Policy Responses.” University of Nebraska, GRACA - \$5,000.

## U.S. PATENTS

- Title: Chatbot for Reporting and Investigating Threats; Serial Number: 63/378,631

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

### Select Interviews

- 2022 [Nebraska Public Media](#), February 17.
- 2022 [GNC](#), January 21.
- 2021 [KLKN-TV](#), December 6.
- 2021 [The Independent](#), November 22.
- 2021 [WOWT](#), October 8.
- 2021 [Omaha World-Herald](#), October 7.
- 2021 [Hearst Television](#), September 28.
- 2021 [Talking Terror](#) hosted by John Morrison, September 13.
- 2021 [The Criminology Academy](#) hosted by Jose Sanchez and Jennifer Tostlebe, May 17.
- 2021 [The Loopcast](#) hosted by Chelsea Daymon, February 24.
- 2020 [Crime Talks](#) hosted by Dr. Sarah Daly, October 26.
- 2019 [Untenured Tracks](#), October 7.
- 2019 [Police Chief Magazine](#), September.
- 2019 [CBC Radio Canada](#), [6 interviews across CBC stations](#), August 6.
- 2018 [NPR's All Things Considered](#), [Code Switch segment](#), March 23.
- 2018 [Humanity in the Headlines](#), February 24.
- 2017 [Colorado Public Radio](#), November 9.
- 2017 [ABC Australia](#), [Radio National](#), July 6.
- 2017 [NPR's Morning Edition](#), June 20.
- 2017 [NPR's Hidden Brain](#) podcast with Shankar Vedantam, June 19.
- 2017 [CBS/KCBS Radio San Francisco](#) with Susan Kennedy, March 19.
- 2014 [CNN Newsroom with Brooke Baldwin](#), December 11.

## Web-Based Publications

- 2019 Betus, A., **Kearns, E.M.**, & Lemieux, A. “Who’s a Terrorist and Who’s Mentally Ill? We looked at 10 years of news coverage to find out,” *Washington Post*, August 8.
- 2019 **Kearns, E.M.** & Amarasingam, A. “How News Media Talk about Terrorism & What the Evidence Shows,” *Just Security*, April 5.
- 2017 **Kearns, E.M.**. “An Expert on Political Violence Explains why the NRA’s Ads Matter,” *The Trace*, August 8.
- 2017 **Kearns, E.M.**, Betus, A., & Lemieux, A. “Yes, the Media Do Underreport Some Terrorist Attacks, Just not the Ones Most People Think,” *Washington Post*, March 13.
- 2017 **Kearns, E.M.**, “Torture Doesn’t Work, So Why are We Still Discussing It?” *Political Violence at a Glance*, February 2.
- 2014 **Kearns, E.M.** & Young, J.K., “Dramatic Depictions of Torture Increase Support for It,” *Washington Post*, December 12.

## LECTURES

### Invited

- 2022 Public Opinion on Human Rights Workshop at Peace Science Society conference
- 2022 “Domestic Violent Extremism Roundtable with DHS Assistant Secretary Sam Vinograd,” moderated roundtable ENVISION22 conference
- 2022 “Preventing Terrorism & Targeted Violence,” moderated panel ENVISION22 conference
- 2022 Far-Right Extremism & Disinformation Workshop, American University.
- 2022 “How Public Perceptions & Misperceptions of Terrorism Hinder Prevention Efforts,” Her Majesty’s Government, the Home Office.
- 2021 “Inclusive Urbanity,” moderated panel at WRLDCTY conference.
- 2021 “Domestic Terrorism and Far-Right Extremism in America Through the Lens of the January 6th Capitol Insurrection,” hosted by the Law and Justice Studies Department at Rowan University.
- 2021 Intelligence Community of Academic Excellence (IC CAE) hosted by the Peace and Conflict Innovations Lab at University of North Carolina at Charlotte.
- 2020 “Race, Ethnicity, and Policing in the United States,” hosted by the Peace Science Society.
- 2020 “Why do Americans Support Torture? Perspectives from Hollywood and the Academy,” presented at American University’s School of Public Affairs.
- 2020 “Tortured Logic: Why Americans Support Torture in Counterterrorism,” presented at START, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism.
- 2020 “Media (Mis)Representations of Terrorism,” scheduled at Miami University Dolibois European Center (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2020 “Tortured Logic,” presented at the Department of Government, University of Essex.
- 2020 “Lying about Terrorism,” presented at Royal Holloway, University of London.
- 2020 “How Groups Misrepresent Violence & Implications for Coding,” presented to the terrorism Prosecution Project (tPP) at Miami University.
- 2019 “Expanding the Counterterrorism Aperture: New Perspectives for a New Decade,” panelist at the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence & Research (INR)/National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC)/National Intelligence Council (NIC) annual conference.
- 2019 “Tortured Logic: Why Americans Support Torture in Counterterrorism,” presented at the Dayton International Peace Museum/Dayton Council on World Affairs.



- 2017 “Political Action as a Function of Grievance, Opportunity, Risk, and Identity: Experimental Approaches,” presented at the Department of Homeland Security.
- 2014 “Torture and the Hollywood Effect,” presented for the DHS/START and SMA Technical Lecture Series.

### **Recorded & Posted for General Use to Untenured Tracks during COVID-19**

- 2020 “Policing Terrorism.”
- 2020 “Media & Terrorism.”
- 2020 “Lying about Terrorism.”

### **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: 2011, 2015, 2016, 2022, 2025
- American Political Science Association: 2014, 2021, 2022
- American Society of Criminology: 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19), 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Behavioural and Social Sciences in Security Conference: 2023
- bullet* Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences: 2024
- International Studies Association: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19), 2021, 2022, 2023
- Midwest Political Science Association: 2019
- NCITE’s ENVISION: 2021, 2024
- Peace Science Society: 2020, 2022
- START Annual Symposium: 2015; 2016
- Strategic Multi-Layer Assessment (SMA): 2015

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

\*denotes course that I developed

#### **Graduate Courses**

- University of Nebraska at Omaha: Terrorism
- University of Nebraska at Omaha: Advanced Research Design
- University of Alabama: Criminology Theory; Media & Crime\*
- American University: Policing Terrorism\*; Experimenting in Terrorism\*; Terrorism in the 21st Century\*; The Problem of Torture in Counterterrorism\*

#### **Undergraduate Courses**

- University of Nebraska at Omaha: *The Wire*: This is America, Man\*
- University of Nebraska at Omaha: Terrorism; Terrorism & Counterterrorism in Media\*
- University of Alabama: Terrorism; Statistics; Research Methods; Homeland Security; The Problem of Torture in Counterterrorism\*
- American University: Introduction to Criminology; Introduction to Justice Research
- Marymount University: Criminology; Introduction to Counterintelligence; Applied Research Methods

**Teaching Grants**

- 2021 University Committee for the Advancement of Teaching (UCAT) Instructional Materials Grant, University of Nebraska at Omaha - \$500.
- 2014 Greenberg Teaching Conference Grant to attend the Lilly Teaching Conference, Bethesda, MD - \$450.
- 2013 American University grant to develop and teach an online course - \$3,000.

**CONSULTING EXPERIENCE**

- 2015 - 2016 Consulting Researcher  
The Police Foundation
- 2014 - 2015 Consulting Researcher  
Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

**NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2005 - 2010 Trial Services Consultant  
Kroll Ontrack/TrialGraphix

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION****Editorial Board Member**

- *Criminal Justice & Behavior* (2019 - present)
- *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict* (2019 - present)
- *Policing: An International Journal* (2023 - present)
- *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* (2018 - present)

**Elected Position**

- ASC, Division of Terrorism and Bias Crimes, Chair (2023 - 2025)
- ASC, Division of Terrorism and Bias Crimes, Vice Chair (2021 - 2023)

**Appointed Committee Chair**

- ASC, Division of International Criminology, Graduate Fellowship Competition (2020 - 2023)
- ASC, Program Committee, Sub-Area: State Crime, Political Crime, and Terrorism (2021)

**Appointed Committee Member**

- ASC, Division of White Collar Crime, Election Committee (2023)
- ASC, Division of Terrorism and Bias Crimes, Early Career Impact Award (2022, 2023)
- ASC, Division of Terrorism and Bias Crimes, Distinguished Scholar Award (2022, 2023)
- ASC, Division of Public Opinion and Policy, Program Committee (2022)
- CrimRxiv, Board of Ambassadors (2021-present)
- ASC, Division of Policing, Election Committee (2020)
- ASC, Division of International Criminology, Graduate Fellowship Competition (2019)
- the Prosecution Project (tPP), Advisory Board (2018 - present)
- ASC, Division of International Criminology, Student Paper Competition (2018, 2019)
- ASC, Division of Terrorism and Bias Crimes, Student Paper Competition (2018)
- ASC, Division of Terrorism and Bias Crimes, Social Media Committee (2018)

## Ad Hoc Grant Reviewer

- Department of Homeland Security
- National Institute of Justice
- National Science Foundation

## Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer

- **Criminology & Criminal Justice:** *Crime & Delinquency; Crime, Law & Social Change; Criminal Justice and Behavior; Criminology; Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society; Criminology & Public Policy; Global Crime; International Criminal Justice Review; Journal of Experimental Criminology; Journal of Interpersonal Violence; Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism; Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency; Justice Quarterly; Police Practice and Research: An International Journal; Policing: An International Journal; Policing & Society; Women & Criminal Justice*
- **Communications:** *Communication Research; International Journal of Communication; Journalism; Mass Communication and Society; Media, War & Conflict*
- **Information Technology:** *International Journal of Electronic Commerce*
- **Political Science:** *American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; Comparative Political Studies; Conflict Management and Peace Science; International Studies Quarterly; International Studies Review; Perspectives on Politics; Political Research Quarterly; Research and Politics*
- **Psychology:** *American Behavioral Scientist; Group Processes & Intergroup Relations; Political Psychology; Psychology of Violence*
- **Public Administration & Human Resources:** *International Journal of Human Resource Management; Public Administration Review*
- **Sociology:** *Migration Letters; Social Forces; Sociological Quarterly*
- **Terrorism & Security Studies:** *Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression; Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict; Internal Security; International Security; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Global Security Studies; Journal of Peace Research; Perspectives on Terrorism Security Studies; Studies in Conflict & Terrorism; Terrorism and Political Violence; War on the Rocks*
- **General Social Sciences:** *Sage Open; Social Science Research; Social Sciences & Humanities Open*

## Ad Hoc Book & Book Proposal Reviewer

- Oxford University Press
- Routledge

## SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

### Leadership Positions

- Director of Law Enforcement Partnerships, NCITE (2022 - present)
- Senior Leadership Team, NCITE (2022 - present)
- Executive Committee, NCITE, (2021)
- Faculty Advisor, University of Alabama chapter of Volunteers Around the World (2019 - 2021)
- Faculty Chaperone, Volunteers Around the World trip to Peru (39 students, 2019)

**Committee Member**

- ad hoc IRB reviewer, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2025 - present)
- Faculty Representative on UNO Care Team, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2023 - present)
- Faculty Mentor, UNO Mentor Connect, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2021 - 2022)
- Faculty Mentor, Tide Together, University of Alabama (2018)
- Judge for Crimson Classic Mock Trial Tournament, University of Alabama (2018)
- Student Representative, Institutional Review Board (IRB), American University (2014 - 2016)
- Judge for SPA Undergraduate Research Symposium, American University (2013, 2014)
- Greenberg PhD Seminars for Effective Teaching, American University (2012 - 2014)
- President, Psi Chi, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (2011 - 2012)
- Mentor, Master's Student Research Group, John College of Criminal Justice (2011 - 2012)
- Selection Committee, Cheryl Williams Award, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (2011)

**SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT****Committee Chair**

- ad hoc Gen Ed Committee, co-chair, UNO (2024 - present)
- Diversity Committee, University of Alabama (2020 - 2021)

**Committee Member**

- Theory Comprehensive Exam Committee, UNO (2023 - present)
- Graduate Committee, University of Alabama (2017 - 2020)
- Diversity Committee, University of Alabama (2017 - 2020)
- Scholarship Committee, University of Alabama (2019 - 2021)
- Faculty Search Committee, University of Alabama (2018 - 2019)
- PhD Program Development Committee, University of Alabama (2018 - 2019)
- Colloquium Committee, University of Alabama (2017 - 2019)

**SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

- WBHM, Birmingham Public Radio, Junior Board Member (2019 - 2021)
- Greater Birmingham Humane Society Volunteer (2019 - 2020)

**RESEARCH SUPERVISION****Pre/Post Doctoral Research Fellow**

- Noah Turner — Supervisor, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2023 - present)
- Kat Parsons — Co-Supervisor, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2021 - 2022)

**PhD**

- Isaac Moelter — Chair, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2023 - present)
- Callie Vitro — Chair, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2024 - present)
  - Partially funded by a \$5,000 grant where student is the PI.
- Poppy Theocharidou — Committee Member, University of Cincinnati (2021 - 2022)
- Allison Betus — Committee Member, Georgia State University (2019 - 2024)

## Master's

- Sarah Schappert — Chair, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2024 - present)
- Cynthia Kennedy — Committee Member, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2024 - present)
- Alice Jurkiewicz — Chair, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2023 - present)
  - Partially funded by a \$5,000 grant where student is the PI.
- Natalie Cotton — Committee Member, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2023 - present)
  - Student presented findings at ASC 2023.
- Callie Vitro — Chair, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2022 - present)
  - Partially funded by a \$5,000 grant where student is the PI.
  - Student presented findings at ASC 2023.
- Isaac Moelter — Chair, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2022 - 2023)
  - Won the ASC DTBC 2023 student paper award winner
  - Resulting manuscript in revisions for publication
- Jade Zuehlke — Committee Member, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2021 - 2022)
- Emma Huffman — Chair, University of Alabama (2020 - 2021)
- Rachel Simon — Committee Member, Texas A&M International University (2020 - 2021)
- Rachel McNealy — Research Independent Study, University of Alabama (2019)
  - Student presented findings at ASC 2019.
  - Resulting manuscript published in peer-reviewed journal.
- Carol Ann Sharo — Chair, University of Alabama (2019)
  - Student presented findings at ASC 2019.
- Kleo McHugh — Chair, University of Alabama (2018)
- Epiphany Storey — Committee Member, University of Alabama (2019)

## Undergraduate

- Liz Bender — Chair, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2021 - 2022)
- Grace Tully — Chair, University of Alabama (2019 - 2021)
- Mary Shupard — Chair, University of Alabama (2019)
  - Student presented findings at ASC 2019.
  - Resulting manuscript published in peer-reviewed journal.
- Emma Ashooh — Co-Chair, American University (2016)
  - Resulting manuscript published in peer-reviewed journal.
- Josh Eisenberg — Chair, American University (2016)
- Erin Connolly & Lorrin Melanson — Chair, American University (2015)
  - Students presented findings at ASC 2015.
- John Driscoll, Chris Tonelli, Greg Schaefer & Felicia Sych - Chair, American University (2015)
  - Students presented findings at ASC 2015.
- Holly Wenger — Co-Chair, Marymount University (2015)
- Brendan Conlon — Co-Chair, American University (2013)
  - Resulting manuscript published in peer-reviewed journal.

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2019	ICPSR (R: Learning by Example)
2015	ICPSR (Time-Series Analyses, Bayesian Analyses, R, & Qualitative Methods)
2014	Stata (Estimating Average Treatment Effects)
2014	American University (Certification to teach online and hybrid courses)
2011	Summer School on Crime, Law, and Psychology, Prague, Czech Republic

2011      U.S Department of Justice, FBI, Behavioral Science Unit, Certificate of Research in Violent Behavior