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EDUCATION

Michigan State University   2024
Ph.D., Criminal Justice

University of Iowa
B.S., Criminology, Law, & Justice   2019

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Nebraska at Omaha   2025-Present
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Assistant Professor

University of South Florida   2024-2025
Department of Criminology, Assistant Professor

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

University of Nebraska - Nebraska Center for Justice Research 2025-Present
Affiliate

University of Nebraska - Violence Intervention and Policing Research 2025-Present
(VIPR) Lab
Co-Director

Michigan State University - Michigan Justice Statistics Center 2021-2024
Graduate Research Fellow

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles: (Google Scholar Profile; N = 9)
(**** Denotes graduate student co-author***)

Carter, T., McNealey. (2025). Protection motivation and cybersecurity intentions: A visual conjoint experiment. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*.

Knode, J.*****, **Carter, T.,** Wolfe, S.E. (2025). Beyond identification: A problem-oriented approach to diagnosing racial disparities in policing. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*

Knode, J.*****, **Carter, T.**, & Wolfe, S.E. (2024). Driving while broke: The role of class signals in police discretion. *Justice Quarterly*

Note: Winner of the *2025 Douglas Yearwood Publication Award*.

Knode, J., Wolfe, S.E., & **Carter, T.** (2024). Shedding light on the Veil of Darkness: How to use the veil of darkness to examine racial disparity. *Criminology*
Note: Winner of the 2024 American Society of Criminology Division of Policing *Outstanding Student Article Award*.

Carter T., Wolfe, S.E., Knode, J., & Henry, G. (2024). Attempting to Reduce Traffic Stop Racial Disparities: An Experimental Evaluation of an Internal Dashboard Intervention. *Criminology & Public Policy*

Carter, T., & Melde, C.E. (2023). Testing the generality of Ferraro's risk interpretation model. *Crime & Delinquency*

Carter, T., Wolfe, S.E., Nam Y.D., & Lawson, S.G. (2023). Innovating community-oriented policing: An overview of Front-Porch Roll Calls in Saginaw, MI. *Policing: An International Journal*

Carter T., & Wolfe, S.E. (2021). Explaining the relationship between neighborhood disorder and crime fear: The perceptual role of neighbors and the police. *Journal of Criminal Justice,* 77, 101867. *Journal of Criminal Justice*

Carter, T., & Turner, N.D. (2021). Examining the immediate effects of COVID-19 on residential and commercial burglaries in Michigan: An interrupted time-series analysis. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 76, 101834. *Journal of Criminal Justice*

REPORTS

Spohn, R., Nix, J., Hashimi, S., & **Carter, T.** (2026). *Trauma-Informed Policing Training: Statewide Implementation and Outcomes*. Nebraska Center for Justice Research and Violence Intervention and Policing Research Lab, University of Nebraska at Omaha. Prepared for the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Spohn, R**.**, Nix, J., Hashimi, S., **Carter, T.** (2025). *Implementing the Connecticut Model for Researching and Addressing Disparities in Traffic Stops in Nebraska. Phase 1 Final Report.* Omaha, NE: Nebraska Center for Justice Research, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Wolfe, S. E., **Carter, T.,** Knode, J., & Henry, G. (2024). *An Experimental Evaluation of the Michigan State Police Internal Traffic Stop Data Dashboard*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan Justice Statistics Center, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University.

Carter, T., Knode, J., & Wolfe, S. E., (2022). *Exploring Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Michigan State Police Traffic Stops Using the Veil of Darkness Methodology*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan Statistical Analysis Center, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University. Link

Carter, T., Wolfe, S. E., Nam, Y., & Lawson, S. G. (2022). *Saginaw Initiative to Reduce Violence (SIRV): A Final Report*. East Lansing, MI: School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University. [Link](#)

Nam, Y., **Carter, T.**, Wolfe, S. E., Rojek, A., & Lawson, S. (2022). *Project Safe Neighborhoods: Saginaw Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program*. East Lansing, MI: School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University. [Link](#)

Magee, L., **Carter, T.**, & McGarrell, E. F. (2021). *Detroit Grand Jury Project: Final Project Report*. East Lansing, MI: School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University. [Link](#)

Wolfe, S. E., **Carter, T.**, & Knode, J. (2021). *Michigan State Police Traffic Stop External Benchmarking: A Final Report on Racial and Ethnic Disparities*. East Lansing, MI: School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University. [Link](#) [NewsWeek](#)

Carter, T., & Turner, N. (2020). *COVID-19 CSS Small Research Grant for Graduate Students Final Project Report*. East Lansing, MI: School of Criminal Justice. Report to Michigan State University. [Link](#)

Wolfe, S.E., **Carter, T.**, Nam, D., S.E., Lawson, S. G. (2020). *Saginaw Police Department strategies for policing innovation grant program: Pre-Test Community Survey and Front-Porch Roll Call Survey Results*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice. Report to Saginaw Police Department.

Carter, T., Nam, D., Rojek, A., Wolfe, S.E., Lawson, S. G. (2020). *Saginaw Police Department strategies for policing innovation grant program: Spatial analysis of crime hot spots: City of Saginaw (2019-2020)*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice. Report to Saginaw Police Department.

Carter, T., Nam, D., Lawson, S. G., Rojek, A., Wolfe, S.E. (2020). *Saginaw Police Department strategies for policing innovation grant program: Spatial analysis of crime hot spots: City of Saginaw (2017-2019)*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice. Report to Saginaw Police Department.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION

Under Review:

Carter, T.M., Moule, R., Knode, J. Prime Time for Crime? A Multi-City Analysis of Sporting Events, Sports Venues, and Crime

In Progress:

Carter, T.M., McNealey, R. Goodijohn. L.* Coding legitimacy: A survey experiment of cybervictimization reporting

Carter, T.M., Turner, N.D., Moule, R. Losing sucks: Examining the relationship between unexpected sporting event outcomes and crime.

PRESENTATIONS

Professional Presentations:

Carter, T. (2025). Theory and Racial Disparities in Policing. Arnold Ventures Policing Workshop. Columbia, SC.

Carter, T. (2024). A few bad apples: An empirical assessment of racial disparities in policing. The 80th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. (Thematic Panel Chair; Sponsored by the Division of Policing).

Carter, T. (2024). Driving change in racial disparities through traffic stop data dashboards. Center of Evidence-Based Crime Policy Symposium, Fairfax, VA.

Carter, T. (2024). Attempting to reduce traffic stop racial disparities: An experimental evaluation of an internal dashboard intervention. The Center for Justice Research and Policy, Tampa, FL.

Carter, T., Jed Knode, & Scott E. Wolfe (2024). "Michigan State Police Racial Disparity Technical Training & Assistance Series." Michigan State Police. Dimondale, MI.

Carter, T. (2023). Fewer traffic stops, more traffic crashes? The 79th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Carter, T. (2022). Proactive policing and crime revisited: A dynamic approach to a timeless question. The 78th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Wolfe, S. E., **Carter, T.**, & Knode, J. (2022). Exploring Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Michigan State Police Traffic Stops Using the Veil of Darkness Methodology. Michigan State Police Headquarters, Dimondale, MI.

Carter, T., Wolfe, S.E. (2021). Explaining the relationship between neighborhood disorder and crime fear: The perceptual role of neighbors and the police. The 77th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

Wolfe, S. E., **Carter, T.**, & Knode, J. (2021). Michigan State Police Traffic Stop External Benchmarking: A Final Report on Racial and Ethnic Disparities. Michigan State Police Headquarters, Dimondale, MI.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Master's Statistics (CRCJ 8950)	2026
Criminal Justice Research Methods (CRCJ 2510)	2025

University of South Florida

Policing & Society (CCJ 4934)	2025
Criminal Justice Research Methods (CCJ3701)	2024-2025

Michigan State University

Methods of Criminal Justice Research	2022

GRANTS

Running Total = $1,781,963

Implementing the Connecticut Model for Researching and Addressing Disparities in Traffic Stops in Nebraska: Phase II 2025-2026
Principal Investigator: Dr. Ryan Spohn
Role: *Co-Principal Investigator*
Funding: Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (Contract No. 1906-26-03).
Funded Amount: $994,510

Implementing the Connecticut Model for Researching and Addressing Disparities in Traffic Stops in Nebraska: Phase I 2025
Principal Investigator: Dr. Ryan Spohn
Role: *Secondary Investigator*
Funding: Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (Contract No. 1906-25-03).
Funded Amount: $787,453

AWARDS

American Society of Criminology

Conference Travel Award, Division of Policing.	2022

Michigan State University

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, College of Social Sciences, East Lansing, MI	2024
Conference Travel Award, School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI.	2022
Conference Travel Award, School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI.	2021
Summer Research Fellowship, School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI.	2021
Summer Research Fellowship, School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI.	2019

CERTIFICATIONS

Graduate Teaching Workshop Certificate of Completion, School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI.	2022

ADVANCED TRAINING

"Applied Econometrics." (2023). Michigan State University. Instructors: Drs. Jeff Wooldridge and Tim Vogelsang.

"Structural Equation Modeling." (2021). Michigan State University. Instructor: Dr. Tenko Raykov

"Time Series Analysis." (2021). Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). Instructors: Drs. Sara Mitchell (University of Iowa) and Clayton Webb (University of Kansas)

COMMITTEE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

University:

Member, Graduate Student Advisory Council, Michigan State University	2022-2023
Participant, MSU Department of Police and Public Safety Citizen's Police Academy	2022
Hearing Board Member and Chair, All-University Student Hearing Board, Michigan State University	2021-2023

Unit:

Member, Search Committee, University of Nebraska at Omaha	2026
Member, Educational Access Committee, University of South Florida	2024-2025
Member, Development and Scholarship/Community Advisory Board Committee, University of South Florida	2024-2025
Student Leader/Tutor, SCJ RStudio User's Group, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University	2020-2023
Secretary, Graduate Student Association Executive Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University	2020-2021

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Society of Criminology
      Division of Policing
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
      Policing Section

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Executive Counselor, Police Section, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences   2026

PEER REVIEW/REFEREE ACTIVITIES

Crime Science
Criminal Justice and Behavior
Criminal Justice Policy Review
Criminology
Deviant Behavior
International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice
Journal of Crime and Justice
Journal of Criminal Justice
Journal of Quantitative Criminology
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
Justice Quarterly
Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice
PLOS ONE
Police Practices and Research
Policing: An International Journal