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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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- Aug 2021 - Assistant Professor, [School of Criminology and Criminal Justice](#)  
University of Nebraska Omaha
- Jan 2022 - Co-Director, [Violence Intervention and Prevention Lab](#)  
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha

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**EDUCATION**

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- 2016 - 2021 Ph.D., Criminal Justice School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University - Newark  
Dissertation: *Police officer networks and use of force behaviors*  
Chair(s): Drs. Robert Apel, Sara Wakefield  
Committee Members: Drs. Frank Edwards, Andrew V. Papachristos  
➤ 2021 Outstanding Dissertation Award (honorable mention)
- 2013 - 2015 M.A., Criminology School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University  
Thesis: *On to the next one: Using social network data to inform police target prioritization*  
Senior Supervisor: Dr. Martin Bouchard  
Supervisor: Dr. Eric Beauregard; External Examiner: Dr. Robin Engel
- 2007 - 2013 B.A. (Honors with Distinction), Criminology School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University  
Thesis: *One war or multiple conflicts: Analyzing the trends in gang violence in the Greater Vancouver Area*  
Supervisor: Dr. Martin Bouchard

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**AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST**

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| ○ Peer Influence and Crime (Policing; Gangs; Illicit Organizations) | ○ Research Methods (Mixed Methods; Quantitative Methods) |
| ○ Incarceration and Reentry (Resident Experiences; Prison Culture)  | ○ Social Network Analysis                                |
|   | ○ Criminal Justice Policy                                |

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**PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**

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1. Ostermann, M., **Hashimi, S.** (in press). Recidivism among people convicted of gun offenses: A call to better leverage reentry resources to decrease gun violence. *Justice Quarterly*.
2. **Hashimi, S.**, Schaefer, D.R. (online first). [The coevolution of friendship and power networks in a men's prison unit](#). *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.
3. Ouellet, M., **Hashimi, S.**, Vega Yon, G. G. (online first). [Officer networks and firearm behaviors: Assessing the social transmission of weapon-use](#). *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.

4. **Hashimi, S.**, Wakefield, S., Apel, R. (2021). [Sibling transmission of gang involvement](#). Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency. 58(5), 507–544.
5. Ouellet, M., **Hashimi, S.**, Gravel, J., Dabney, D. (2020). [The promise of a network approach for policing research](#). Justice Quarterly, 37(7), 1221-1240.
6. Ouellet, M., **Hashimi, S.**, Gravel, J., Papachristos, A.V. (2019). [Network exposure and excessive use of force: Investigating the social transmission of police misconduct](#). Criminology & Public Policy, 18(3), 675– 704.
  - i. Media: [CBC Chicago](#) | [Chicago Tribune](#) | [Northwestern Institute for Policy Research](#) | [Northwestern Now](#)
  - ii. Cited: “[Amicus curiae brief of organizations and religious leaders that represent victims of Chicago police misconduct, and organizations and data scientists dedicated to good government](#).” In the Supreme Court of Illinois.
7. Bouchard, M., **Hashimi, S.**, Tsai, K., Lampkin, H., Jozaghi, E. (2018). [Back to the core: A network approach to bolster harm reduction among persons who inject drugs](#). International Journal of Drug Policy, 51, 95-104.
8. **Hashimi, S.**, Bouchard, M. (2017). [On to the next one? Using network data to inform police target prioritization](#). Policing: An International Journal, 40(4), 768-782.
9. Bouchard, M., **Hashimi, S.** (2017). [When is a war a wave? Two approaches for the detection of waves in gang homicides](#). Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice, 59(2), 198-226.
10. **Hashimi, S.**, Bouchard, M., Morselli, C., Ouellet M. (2016). [A method to detect criminal organizations from police data](#). Methodological Innovations, 9, 1-14.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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- Ouellet, M., **Hashimi, S.** (2019). [Criminal group dynamics and network methods](#). In Deflem, M. and Silva, D. (Eds.), *Methods of Criminology and Criminal Justice Research (Sociology of Crime, Law, and Deviance*, Vol 24). Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing Limited. pp. 47-65.
- Recipient of the “Outstanding Author Contribution” in the 2020 Emerald Literati Awards

## RESEARCH REPORTS

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- Thomas, E., Bouchard, M., **Hashimi, S.**, Mei, J., Frank, R. (2016). *The social structure of support: Examining the co-evolution of a terrorist group and its online followers*. Ottawa: Defense Research and Development Canada. 69 pages.
- Levey, P., Bouchard, M., **Hashimi, S.**, Monk, B., Frank, R. (2016). *The emergence of violence narratives in the life-course trajectories of online forum participants*. Ottawa: Defense Research and Development Canada. 92 pages.
- Bouchard, M., Morselli, C., **Hashimi, S.**, Ouellet, M. (2015). *Proportion of criminal incidents associated with organized crime*. Ottawa: Public Safety Canada. 55 pages.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

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Conference Presentations [\*denotes with graduate student(s)]:

- 2023 \***Hashimi, S.**, Ouellet, M., Logan, L. Partners in force? Understanding the structure of police use of force through partnerships. Forthcoming presentation at the *Western Society of Criminology Annual Conference*. Vancouver, CA.
- 2022 **Hashimi, S.**, Ouellet, M., Gravel, J., Dabney, D. A wave of blue? Examining the nature of officer friendship networks. Forthcoming presentation at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Atlanta, GA.
- Ouellet, M., **Hashimi, S.**, Gravel, J., Dabney, D. Misconduct and the structure of officer friendship groups. Forthcoming presentation at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Atlanta, GA.
- Gravel, J., Ouellet, M., **Hashimi, S.**, Dabney, D. Brokerage roles and the social capital of officers promoted or reassigned. Forthcoming presentation at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Atlanta, GA.
- \*Ledford, L., Ouellet, M., **Hashimi, S.**, Gravel, J. Exploring the role of informal networks in the development of perceived audience legitimacy among police. Forthcoming presentation at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Atlanta, GA.
- Kearns, E., **Hashimi, S.**, Huff, J., Nix, J. Screening for insider threats in U.S. law enforcement: A survey of agency policies and practices. Forthcoming presentation at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Atlanta, GA.
- \*Al Falatah, S., **Hashimi, S.** The implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on police mental health calls for service. Forthcoming presentation at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Atlanta, GA.
- 2021 **Hashimi, S.**, Edwards, F. The risk of experiencing police use-of-force by age, sex, race, and county. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Chicago, IL.
- Ouellet, M., **Hashimi, S.**, Vega Yon, G. G. Officer networks and firearm behaviors. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Chicago, IL.
- Gravel, J., Ouellet, M., **Hashimi, S.**, Dabney, D. The theoretical relevance and empirical feasibility of social network analysis to study police deviance. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Chicago, IL.
- \*Olasubomi, A., Ledford, L., Ouellet, M., **Hashimi, S.**, Gravel, J., Dabney, D. The influence of officer rank on informal social positioning in a metropolitan police organization. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Chicago, IL.
- Dabney, D., Ouellet, M., **Hashimi, S.**, Gravel, J. The importance of researcher-practitioner partnerships for implementing network designs in police departments. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Chicago, IL.
- Ouellet, M., Vega Yon, G. G., **Hashimi, S.** Network dynamics of officer-involved shootings. Presented at the *XLI Sunbelt International Social Networks Conference*. [Virtual Conference]
- 2019 Ouellet, M., **Hashimi, S.**, Gravel, J. Network exposure and officer-involved shootings: Investigating the potential for the social contagion of lethal and non-lethal use of force. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. San Francisco, CA.
- Dabney, D., Ouellet, M., **Hashimi, S.**, Gravel, J. The structure of police networks. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. San Francisco, CA.

**Hashimi, S.,** Chillar, V. F., Lageson, S. E. Restructuring surveillance? The correlates and consequences of police-citizen interactions in Newark, New Jersey. Presented at the *11th Annual Illicit Networks Workshop*. Montreal, QC.

Ouellet, M., **Hashimi, S.,** Gravel, J. The impact of peer networks on police performance. Presented at the *XXXIX Sunbelt International Social Networks Conference*. Montreal, QC.

2018 **Hashimi, S.,** Schaefer, D.R. Friendship, and power in prison. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Atlanta, GA.

**Hashimi, S.,** Schaefer, D.R. The coevolution of friendship and power networks in a men's prison unit. Presented at the *10th Annual Illicit Networks Workshop*. Seattle, WA.

**Hashimi, S.,** Apel, R., Wakefield, S. Sibling transmission of gang involvement. Presented at the *Eurogang Workshop*. Almen, Netherlands.

2017 **Hashimi, S.,** Apel, R., Wakefield, S. Familial transmission of gang involvement. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Philadelphia, PA.

Ouellet, M., **Hashimi, S.,** Gravel, J., Papachristos, A. 'Forget everything you learned at the Academy': Mentorship and the social structure of police misconduct. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Philadelphia, PA.

2016 **Hashimi, S.,** Bouchard, M. The (social) road travelled: Community formation, group affiliations, and frequency of police contact in the social life of adult offenders. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. New Orleans, LA.

Bouchard, M., **Hashimi, S.,** Jozaghi, E., Lampkin, H. Mapping the harm reduction network of injecting drug users in the Vancouver Downtown Eastside. Presented at the *Western Society of Criminology Conference*. Vancouver, CA.

2015 **Hashimi, S.,** Bouchard, M. Chains of associations: Forming social relationships in police data. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Washington, DC.

2014 **Hashimi, S.,** Bouchard, M. "On to the next one": Using social network data to inform police target prioritization. Presented at the *6th Annual Illicit Networks Workshop*. Adelaide, AU.

**Hashimi, S.,** Bouchard, M. Connected islands: Examining the Larger social structure in which police targets are embedded. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. San Francisco, CA.

**Hashimi, S.,** Bouchard, M. Sink or swim in the pool of co-offenders: Change in network composition and criminal behavior in and out of a street gang. Presented at the *Western Society of Criminology Conference*. Honolulu, HI.

2013 **Hashimi, S.,** Bouchard, M. One war or multiple conflicts? Trends in gang violence in the Greater Vancouver area. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology Conference*. Atlanta, GA.

Invited Presentations or Roundtable:

- 2022 **Hashimi, S.** (Participant). Improving data for racial equity in policing. *Measures for Justice in partnership with the Center for Open Data Enterprise*. Virtual Conference.
- 2021 **Hashimi, S.** (Panelist). Dismantling racism, sexism and other inequities. *20th Annual Social Equity Leadership Conference*. Virtual Conference. (with Drs. Justin Nix, Tracie Keese, and Seth Stoughton, moderated by Walter Katz).
- 2016 Bouchard, M., Levey, P., Thomas, E., Monk, B., **Hashimi, S.**, Mei, J. (Contributor). The emergence of violent extremism in online forum participants. Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society: Collaborative Research on Countering Extremist Violence. Ottawa, CA.
- Hashimi, S.**, Bouchard, M., Morselli, C., Ouellet M. (Guest Lecturer). A method to detect criminal organizations from police data. Organized Crime (undergraduate-level course), Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, CA.
- 2015 Bouchard, M., **Hashimi, S.** (Co-Presenter). Using social network analysis to inform police target prioritization presented at the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts (IALEIA) Western Canada Chapter. Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver, CA.
- Bouchard, M., **Hashimi, S.** (Co-Presenter). N.V. Network Project. Pilot study results presented at the District Officer's Meeting, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). Green Timbers, Surrey, CA.
- Bouchard, M., **Hashimi, S.** Two worlds colliding? (Contributor). Community detection from the pro-social and criminal ties of two police targets. Crim forum, Justice Research Centre, Penn State University. State College, PA.
- Bouchard, M., Levey, P., Thomas, E., Monk, B., Frank, R., Mei, J., **Hashimi, S.** (Contributor). Emergence of violent extremism in online forum networks – Preliminary results. Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society: Collaborative Research on Countering Extremist Violence. Ottawa, CA.
- Bouchard, M., **Hashimi, S.** (Co-Presenter). N.V. Network Project. Pilot study results presented to Combined Forces Specialized Enforcement Unit (CFSEU). Green Timbers, Surrey, CA.
- 2014 **Hashimi, S.** (Guest Lecturer). Fundamentals of ORA: Step by step guide to using the software. Criminal Networks (Graduate level course). Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, CA.

## **MAJOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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### External Funding:

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| 2022 – 2023<br>Co-Investigator | Screening for insider threats in US law enforcement: A national representative sample of department policies and practices ( <i>Awarded supplemental funding a to conduct interviews</i> )<br>Department of Homeland Security (\$90,716)<br>PI: Dr. Erin Kearns; Co-Investigators: Drs. Jessica Huff; Justin Nix |
| 2022 – 2023<br>Co-Investigator | The structure of officer-involved gun violence: Investigating the the social contagion of firearm use ( <i>Awarded supplemental funding to conduct interviews</i> )<br>The National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research (\$100,877)<br>PI: Dr. Marie Ouellet; Co-Investigator: Drs. Dean Dabney               |

2021 – 2023 Co-Investigator	<a href="#">Screening for insider threats in US law enforcement: A national representative sample of department policies and practices</a> Department of Homeland Security (\$135,785) PI: Dr. Erin Kearns; Co-Investigators: Drs. Jessica Huff; Justin Nix
2020 - 2023 Co-Investigator	<a href="#">The structure of officer-involved gun violence: Investigating the social contagion of firearm use</a> The National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research (\$300,943) PI: Dr. Marie Ouellet; Co-Investigators: Drs. Dean Dabney; Jason Gravel
2016 – 2020 Principal Investigator	<a href="#">Guns, gangs, and homicides: Understanding the role of victimization in at risk networks</a> Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships Program - Doctoral Scholarship (\$105,000)   Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
2015 Collaborator	<a href="#">Proportion of criminal incidents associated with organized crime</a> Public Safety Canada (\$44,595) PI: Dr. Carlo Morselli; Co-Investigator: Dr. Martin Bouchard; Collaborator: Dr. Marie Ouellet
2014 - 2015 Principal Investigator	<a href="#">Social network analysis as a problem solving tool for law enforcement</a> Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships Program - Masters Scholarship (\$17,500)   Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

#### Internal Funding:

2021 - 2022	University Committee on the Advancement of Teaching Grant (with Dr. Jessica Huff) (\$1500)   University of Nebraska Omaha
2020 - 2021	Dean's Dissertation Grant (\$20,000)   Graduate School, Rutgers University - Newark
2013 - 2014	Vice President Research Social Sciences & Humanities Undergraduate Student Research Award (\$5,738)   Simon Fraser University

#### Major Fellowships:

2020	Clayman Fellowship (\$4,000)   School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University - Newark
2020	Doctoral Summit Fellowship   Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Antonio, TX.
2016 - 2021	Presidential Fellowship (\$75,000)   Rutgers University ➤ Awarded to the top incoming Ph.D. Student
2014 - 2015	Graduate Fellowship - Master's (\$6,250)   School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

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2021	Outstanding Dissertation Award (honorable mention)   Graduate School, Rutgers University – Newark
2020	Outstanding Author Contribution   Criminal Group Dynamics and Network Methods Published in <i>Sociology of Crime, Law and Deviance</i>   Emerald Literati Awards
2019	Early Career Award   11th Annual Illicit Networks Workshop, Montreal, QC.

## **RESEARCH POSITIONS**

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### Graduate Assistantships:

Jan 2019 - Jul 2020	New Jersey Center on Gun Violence Research (NJ-GVRC) Co-Directors: Drs. Bernadette Hohl; Michael Ostermann
Sep 2016 - Aug 2019	Prison-Based Higher Education: A Social Network Intervention PI: Dr. Sara Wakefield; Co-Investigator: Dr. Sarah Lageson; Senior Personnel: Dr. Todd Clear
Sep 2016 - Oct 2019	Women's Prison Networks and Community Re-Entry Project (WO-PINS; WOR-PINS) PI: Dr. Derek Kreager; Co-Investigators: Drs. Dana Haynie, Michaela Soyer, Sara Wakefield, Gary Zajac
Oct 2016 - Sep 2017	Race, Place, and Discretion in the Handling of Drug-Free Zone Charges PI: Dr. Elizabeth Griffiths; Co-Investigators: Drs. Joshua Hinkle, Kay Levine, Volkan Topalli
Apr 2015 - Aug 2017	Prison Inmates Network Study and Community Re-Entry Project (PINS; R-PINS) PI: Dr. Derek Kreager; Co-Investigators: Drs. Martin Bouchard, Dana Haynie, David Schaefer, Michaela Soyer, Sara Wakefield, Corey Whichard, Jacob Young
Dec 2016 - Apr 2016	In the Line of Fire: Using Social Network Analysis to Understand Gang Violence PI: Dr. Martin Bouchard
Apr 2015 - Apr 2016	Mapping the Social Network of Harm Reduction Behaviors in British Columbia PI: Dr. Martin Bouchard; Collaborators: Drs. Martin Andresen, Ehsan Jozaghi

### Other Positions:

Sep 2014 - Mar 2016 Project Coordinator	Networks of Violent Extremists Online, Canadian Safety and Security Program PI: Dr. Martin Bouchard
Sep 2013 - Jul 2016 Project Analyst	N.V. Network Project, Royal Canadian Mounted Police PI: Dr. Martin Bouchard; On-site Supervisor: Insp. R. W. M.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### Instructor:

*University of Nebraska Omaha*

Spring 2023

CRCJ 1010: Intro to the Criminal Justice System (offered at *Omaha Correctional Centre*)

Spring 2023	Honrs 3030: Introduction to Criminal Justice Institutions (Undergraduate)
Fall 2022	CRCJ 9090: Introduction to Crime and Networks (Graduate Seminar)
Fall 2021; Spring 2022	CRCJ 4450: Gangs and Gang Control (Undergraduate)

Assistantships:

*Rutgers University*  
Fall 2017

CJS 301: Criminal Justice Research Methods (Undergraduate)

*Simon Fraser University*  
Spring 2016  
Fall 2015  
Spring 2015  
Summer 2014; 2015

Crim 464c: Street Gang Patterns and Policies (Undergraduate)  
Crim 301: Crime in Contemporary Society (Undergraduate)  
Crim 330: Criminal Procedure and Evidence (Undergraduate)  
Crim 135: Introduction to Canadian Law and Legal Institutions (Undergraduate)

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**STUDENT ADVISING**

2021 - Chair	Sarah Al Falatah, Master's Thesis, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha
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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Service to the Profession:

2021 - Co-Editor	<a href="#"><i>Global Crime</i></a> Co-Editors: Drs. Francesco Calderoni; Marie Ouellet
2019 - 2021 Assistant Editor	<a href="#"><i>Global Crime</i></a> Editor: Dr. Carlo Morselli; Associate Editors: Drs. Francesco Calderoni; Marie Ouellet
<i>Peer Reviewer</i>	<i>Crime &amp; Delinquency</i> <i>Criminal Justice and Behavior</i> <i>Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency</i> <i>Justice Quarterly</i> <i>Police Practice and Research: An International Journal</i> <i>Social Forces</i> <i>The Police Journal: Theory, Practice and Principles</i>

Service to the College:

Oct 2021 - Member	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee College of Public Affairs and Community Service   University of Nebraska Omaha
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Service to the Department/ School:

Sep 2022 - Faculty Mentor	Association of Blacks and Browns in Criminal Justice   School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha
Mar 2022 - Member	TRAC (Transforming, Renewing, Achieving, and Connecting), a Higher Education in Prison Program   College of Arts and Sciences, University of Nebraska Omaha



Sep 2022 - Faculty Advisor	Research and Professional Development Graduate Student Seminar and Speaker Series   School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha
Oct 2019 - Aug 2020 Student Representative	Research and Professional Development Committee School of Criminal Justice   Rutgers University - Newark
Aug 2018 - Aug 2019 Volunteer	Local Arrangements Committee Crime, Law and Deviance Section   American Sociological Association
Sep 2013 - Aug 2015 Student Member	Socials Committee - Criminology Graduate Student Caucus School of Criminology   Simon Fraser University
Sep 2013 - Oct 2014 Student - Faculty Liaison	Criminology Graduate Student Caucus School of Criminology   Simon Fraser University

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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June 2022	ICPSR - Network Analysis: Statistical Approaches University of Michigan
May 2022	ICPSR - An Introduction to Network Analysis University of Colorado Boulder
Jul 2021 – Aug 2021	Access to Exceptional: New Faculty Onboarding University of Nebraska Omaha, Omaha, NE.
Dec 2017	Risk Terrain Modeling Rutgers University Center on Public Security, Newark, NJ.
Jun 2017	Todd Little's Stats Camp - Introduction to Social Network Analysis using R and Rshiny Albuquerque, NM.
Jun 2014	Computational Analysis of Social and Organizational Systems 2014 Summer Institute Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.

## **PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS**

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Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (Section Member: Minorities and Women; Policing; Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship); International Network for Social Network Analysis; American Sociological Association (Section Member: Crime, Law and Deviance); American Society of Criminology (Section Member: People of Color & Crime; Policing; Women & Crime); Western Society of Criminology