

ALI HARRISON

Curriculum Vitae

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

2030 (Expected)	Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Nebraska at Omaha – Omaha, NE
2026	M.A. in Sociology (Concentration in Criminology) University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR Thesis: <i>‘Enemy Communist Cocksuckers’: Conceptualizing Patriotic Masculinity in Threats to Election Officials</i> Committee: Dr. Kayla Allison (Chair), Dr. Steven Windisch, Dr. Maria N. Scaptura
2024	B.A. in Criminology and Sociology University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR Minors: Communication and Legal Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Terrorism	Extremism	Political Violence
Radicalization	Masculinity	Gender

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Windisch, S., & **Harrison, A. J.** (2024). “Threats to Election Administrators.” In G. Ligon, M. Harm, & E. Grace, (Eds.), *One Year Later: The Impact of the Oct. 7 Attack in the United States* (pp. 36-38).

National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE). The University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE.

Data Snapshots

Harrison, A. J., & Windisch, S. (2025). *When rhetoric turns hostile: The spectrum of extremist messaging toward election officials*. Terrorism Research Center.
<https://terrorismresearch.uark.edu/data-snapshot-when-rhetoric-turns-hostile-the-spectrum-of-extremist-messaging-toward-election-officials/>

Harrison, A. J., & Windisch, S. (2024). *Cybersecurity vulnerabilities and online privacy concerns for local election officials*. Terrorism Research Center.
<https://terrorismresearch.uark.edu/data-snapshot-cybersecurity-vulnerabilities-and-online-privacy-concerns-for-local-election-officials/>

Works Under Review

Windisch, S., & **Harrison, A. J.** (Under Review). “Make the Boston bombing look like child’s play”: The coercive power of past violence in threats against election officials. *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*.

PRESENTATIONS

Professional Presentations

Harrison, A. J., Allison, K., Windisch, S., & Scaptura, M. N. (2026). “True patriots and real men: Conceptualizing patriotic masculinity in violent threats to election officials.” Presented at the Southern Sociological Society Conference. Jacksonville, FL.

Windisch, S., & **Harrison, A. J.** (2025). “Weaponized words: True threats and the limits of protection.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference. Washington, D.C.

Banks, R., **Harrison, A. J., & Windisch, S. (2025).** “When political theater hurts: Patriotic masculinity and the performance of death threats.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference. Washington, D.C.

Harrison, A. J., Windisch, S., Allison, K., & Scaptura, M. N. (2025). “Performing patriotic masculinity: The role of violent threats in asserting ideological authority and exclusionary national identities.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference. Washington, D.C.

Invited Speaking Engagements

“The sociology master’s program: Presented by the 2026 cohort.” Presented to undergraduate students in General Sociology at the University of Arkansas. February 28, 2025.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

August 2026 –	GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT (DOCTORAL) National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology and Education (NCITE) Center – Omaha, NE
August 2024 – May 2026	GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT (MASTER’S) Dr. Steven Windisch, Department of Sociology and Criminology University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR Duties: served as the Project Manager of the Crime and Security Data Analytics Lab (CASDAL) in the Terrorism Research Center; managed and trained five to seven CASDAL interns per semester; assisted with multiple projects and research papers on extremist humor, election violence, and dataset auditing
June 2024 – August 2024	INTERN (REMOTE), CENTER ON EXTREMISM Anti-Defamation League – New York, NY Duties: developed OSINT and investigative research skills by evaluating online hate and extremism, particularly far-right and far-left; learned from leading experts of various extremist groups, ideologies, and movements
January 2024 – May 2024	RESEARCH ASSISTANT, EXTREMIST CRIME DATABASE Terrorism Research Center in Fulbright College University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR Duties: identified, transferred, and coded cases for the U.S. Extremist Crime Database (ECDB); created open-source documents for newly identified cases; reviewed the coding of two interns to ensure accuracy and completion; communicated coding corrections to project manager then interns
January 2022 – May 2022	INTERN, HUMAN TRAFFICKING STUDY Terrorism Research Center in Fulbright College University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR Duties: identified dozens of possible human trafficking through state attorneys general press releases; collected several types of court

documents for over 40 cases; coded quantitative and qualitative data into the Microsoft Excel database for over 30 cases

WORK EXPERIENCE

January 2023 – May 2024 SECRETARY, CORD STUDENT STAFF ADVISORY BOARD
Cordia Harrington Center for Excellence (CORD)
University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR

Duties: cooperated with 12 other representatives from other programs to plan events for student staff members in the CORD; address concerns and projects brought to us by building faculty; develop infrastructure, such as applications for new members and forms for tabling in the CORD

August 2022 – May 2024 WRITING CONSULTANT
Writing Studio, Cordia Harrington Center for Excellence (CORD)
University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR

Duties: collaborated online and in-person with undergraduate and graduate students working on various types of writing assignments; communicated with students and professors via email regarding appointment and assignment details; attended weekly team meetings to improve writing and consulting skills

August 2022 – May 2023 EMBEDDED COMPOSITION I TUTOR
Writing Studio, Cordia Harrington Center for Excellence (CORD)
University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR

Duties: attended one to two Composition I courses and co-requisite labs weekly to assist the professor in providing writing help for students; communicated with course professor weekly to discuss tutor expectations and problem solve ways to assist struggling or disengaged students

HONORS AND AWARDS

August 2020 – May 2024 THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECIPIENT
Thompson Scholarship Fund – Leawood, KS

August 2020 – May 2021 FIRST YEAR ADVANTAGE SCHOLARSHIP
University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR

CERTIFICATIONS

December 2022	COLLEGE READING & LEARNING ASSOCIATION (CRLA) LEVEL 1 TUTOR CERTIFICATION Writing Studio, Cordia Harrington Center for Excellence (CORD) University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR
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VOLUNTEERING

April 2026 – April 2026	POSTER JUDGE FOR UNDERGRADUATE HONORS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR
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MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Professional Memberships

March 2026 –	SOUTHERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
November 2025 –	AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY

Campus Organizations

March 2022 – May 2024	STUDENTS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR
January 2021 – May 2024	MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS ORGANIZATION University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR
September 2020 – May 2021	NEW GREEK COUNCIL GENERAL BODY University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR
August 2020 – November 2021	ZETA TAU ALPHA FRATERNITY University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, AR