

# Isaac J. Moelter

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

In progress Ph.D., Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha – Omaha, Nebraska

2023 M.A., Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha – Omaha, Nebraska  
Thesis: *Race, Politics, Punitive Attitudes, and Americans' Perceptions Of January 6.*  
Committee: Drs. Erin Kearns (chair), Leah Butler, Austin Doctor

2019 B.A., Sociology (*Summa Cum Laude*), California Lutheran University – Thousand Oaks, California

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### PUBLICATIONS (ORCID: [0009-0009-3583-6696](https://orcid.org/0009-0009-3583-6696))

**Moelter, I. J., & Kearns, E. M.** (2024). How Do Offender Ideology and Offense Severity Impact Punitive Attitudes Toward Politically Motivated Offenders in the U.S.? *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*. Advance online publication.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2024.2335683>

### ***Government & Policy Reports***

2024 “*Managing the Exit of Incarcerated Violent Extremists in the Community: Stakeholder Analysis Report.*” National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education (NCITE) Center. Omaha, NE. Graduate Research Assistant & Contributing Author.

- 2023 “*Innovation in Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention: Developing and Testing an Intelligent Chatbot to Help Individuals Identify Threats and Improve Tips Reporting.*” Department of Homeland Security, Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3). Graduate Research Assistant & Contributing Author.
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## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

**Moelter, I. J.,** “*Managing the Exit of Incarcerated Violent Extremists in the Community: Perspectives from Involved Individuals.*” Presented at American Society of Criminology 2024, San Francisco, California.

**Moelter, I. J.,** “*Public Perceptions of Domestic Terrorism and Targeted Violence Threats: Challenges with Identifying Behaviors as Concerning.*” Presented at American Society of Criminology 2023, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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## PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND AREAS

### *Research Experience*

#### **School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha**

2023 – Present Graduate Research Assistant for “*Managing the Exit of Incarcerated Violent Extremists in the Community Handbook,*” funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (PI: Dr. Erin Kearns; Co-PIs: Zach Hamilton, Sadaf Hashimi, & Gaylene Armstrong) - \$1,622,181. Grant Award No. 70RSAT23FR0000024.

- Assisted with synthesizing research literature and development of interview questions.
- Conducted and coded semi-structured in-depth interviews.
- Assisted with writing a report on interview findings.

2021 – 2023 Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Erin Kearns, primarily supporting “*Innovation in Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention: Developing and Testing an Intelligent Chatbot to Help Individuals Identify Threats and Improve Tips Reporting,*” funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, TVTP Grant Program (PI: Joel Elson) - \$715,102. Grant Award No. DHS-21-TTP-132-00-01.

- Assisted with synthesizing research literature and survey development.
- Assisted with writing a report on survey results.

**Research Interests**

Domestic Terrorism  
Hate Groups

Punitive attitudes  
Masculinity

Radicalization  
Corrections

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**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND AREAS**

**Teaching Experience**

Fall 2021      Teaching Assistant to Dr. Erin Kearns, *Terrorism* (undergraduate), School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

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**GRANTS, HONORS, AND SERVICE**

**Research Grants Received**

**Moelter, I. J., & Kearns, E. M.** (2024). “*Online White Nationalist Rhetoric and Incarceration.*” University of Nebraska at Omaha, Graduate Research and Creative Activity Grant, Funding for **\$5,000**. Grant Application No. 50296.

**Honors Received**

2023      American Society of Criminology’s Division on Terrorism & Bias Crimes: Student Paper Award - **\$500**.

**Professional Activities and Service**

2024      Volunteered at the Division on Terrorism & Bias Crimes information table at ASC Conference.

2023      Volunteered at the Division on Terrorism & Bias Crimes information table at ASC Conference.

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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2024      Online Data Collection Methods. Conversation with Ryan Scrivens, Ph.D. February 12, 2024.

2023      Political Extremism Among Veterans. RAND Panel. Todd Helmus, Ph.D., Seamus Hughes, Ph.D., Kristofer Goldsmith, & Nikki Wentling. July 20, 2023.

- 2023 Measurement Validity and Reliability: Logic and Process of Exploratory Factor Analysis. Leah Butler, Ph.D., & Teresa Kulig, Ph.D. May 5, 2023.
- 2023 Understanding White Supremacy: Decoding the Actions of the White Power Movement. Kathleen Belew, Ph.D. April 12, 2023.
- 2023 Best Practices for the Reintegration of Foreign Terrorist Fighter Families. NCITE. Julie Coleman, Ph.D., Omar Mohammed, Ph.D., Andrew Mines, Ph.D., Austin Doctor, Ph.D. March 28, 2023.
- 2023 Grant Writing Workshop: Partnerships. Teresa Kulig, Ph.D., & Jessica Huff, Ph.D. February 24, 2023.
- 2023 NCITE Presents: Terrorist Use of Memes – Panel Discussion. Oliver Goodman, Arthur Bradley, & Kat Parsons, Ph.D. February 23, 2023.
- 2023 Grant Writing Workshop: Getting Started. Erin Kearns, Ph.D., Zachary Hamilton, Ph.D., & Joel Hunt, Ph.D. February 17, 2023.
- 2023 Access the Author: *Enemies Near and Far: How Jihadist Groups Strategize, Plot, and Learn*. Daveed Gartenstein-Ross, Ph.D., J.D. February 15, 2023.
- 2022 Establishing Measurement Validity and Reliability. Crime and Justice Public Opinion Lab Workshop. Leah Butler, Ph.D. University of Nebraska Omaha. September 23, 2022.
- 2022 NCITE Presents: Elections and the Threat of Violence. Pete Simi, Ph.D., Steven Windisch, Ph.D., & Iris Malone, Ph.D. September 20, 2022.
- 2021 Chuck Hagel Forum in Global Leadership. Chuck Hagel, former U.S. Senator, former U.S. Secretary of Defense. October 21, 2021.
- 2021 Afghanistan: What Comes Next? A Discussion of Humanitarian and Security Issues. Prof. Sher Jan Ahmadzai, Nasrin Nawa, Hanif Sufizada, Michelle Black, Ph.D., Austin Doctor, Ph.D., Felix Ungerman. October 20, 2021.
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### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2023 – Present American Society of Criminology
- 2018 – Present Alpha Kappa Delta: The International Sociology Honor Society