

Jennifer J. Tostlebe

Curriculum Vitae

Contact Information

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Education

2023 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder
Dissertation: The intersection of social states and individual characteristics: A longitudinal examination of the gang membership-psychopathic tendencies link and its association with offending [[link](#)]

2017 M.S. Sociology, Iowa State University

2012 B.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice, Iowa State University

Academic Positions & Professional Appointments

2023–Present Assistant Professor
[School of Criminology and Criminal Justice](#), University of Nebraska Omaha

2025–Present Co-Director
[Advancing Research in Corrections \(ARC\) Lab](#)
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha

2017–2023 Instructor and Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant
Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder

Professional Affiliations

2023–Present Faculty Fellow
[Nebraska Center for Justice Research](#), University of Nebraska Omaha

Research Interests

Institutional corrections	Criminological theory	Gangs & criminal networks
Prison misconduct	Reentry & recidivism	Mental & physical health

Referred Articles (ORCID: [0000-0002-4954-3706](https://orcid.org/0000-0002-4954-3706))

(*denotes graduate student)

- Accepted and Forthcoming **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.** Meghan A. Novisky, Abigail A. Hayes,* and John S. Bennett. "Operational challenges and impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic: A focus group study of U.S. community corrections agencies." *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*. Online First: 10/31/2025. [[article link](#); [pre-print](#)]
- 2026 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.** "Selection and facilitation: Is the gang membership-psychopathic traits link a product of individual differences, social influences, or both?" *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 63(1): 52-111. [[article link](#); [pre-print](#)]
- 2025 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, David C. Pyrooz, Ryan M. Labrecque, and Bert Useem. "Experimental effects of a restrictive housing step-down program on violent and non-violent misconduct." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 99. (Special Issue: Policy Reforms to Segregation Practices in U.S. Prisons, eds. Anderson, Cochran, and Wooldredge). Online First: 7/13/25. [[article link](#); [pre-print](#)]
- Hamilton, Zachary K., Xiaohan Mei, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Baylee Allen-Flores,* John Ursino,* and Alex Kigerl. "A methodological template for the next generation: Redesigning the STRONG-R needs assessment." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 99. Online First: 6/11/2025. [[article link](#); [pre-print](#)]
- 2023 Novisky, Meghan A., **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, David C. Pyrooz, and Jose Antonio Sanchez.* "The COVID-19 pandemic and operational challenges, impacts, and lessons learned: A multi-methods study of U.S. prison systems." *Health & Justice* 11. Online First: 12/5/2023. [Open access [article link](#)]
- Nguyen, Holly, Kyle J. Thomas, and **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**. "Revisiting the relationship between age, employment, and recidivism." *Criminology* 61(3): 449-481. [Open access [article link](#)]
- 2022 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, and David C. Pyrooz. "Procedural justice, legal orientations, and gang membership: Testing an alternative explanation to understand the gang-misconduct link." *Criminology* 60(4): 700-739. [[article link](#); [pre-print](#)]
- 2021 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, David C. Pyrooz, Richard G. Rogers, and Ryan K. Masters. "The National Death Index as a source of homicide data: A methodological exposition of promises and pitfalls for criminologists." *Homicide Studies* 25(1): 5-36. [[article link](#); [pre-print](#)]
- Labrecque, Ryan M., **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Bert Useem, and David C. Pyrooz. "Reforming solitary confinement: The development, implementation, and processes of a restrictive housing step down reentry program in Oregon." *Health & Justice* 9(23). Online First: 8/26/2021. (Special Issue: Enhancing the Prison Environment, eds. Wright, Morse, and Sutton). [Open access [article link](#)]

- Pyrooz, David C., Kendra J. Clark, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Scott H. Decker, and Erin Orrick. "Gang affiliation and prisoner reentry: Discrete-time variation in recidivism by current, former, and non-gang status." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 58(2): 192-234. [[article link](#); [pre-print](#)]
- 2020 Pyrooz, David C., Ryan K. Masters, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, and Richard G. Rogers. "Exceptional mortality risk among police-identified young black male gang members." *Preventive Medicine* 141. Online First: 10/3/2020. [[article link](#); [pre-print](#)]
- Pyrooz, David C., Ryan M. Labrecque, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, and Bert Useem. "Views on COVID-19 from inside prison: Perspectives of high-security prisoners." *Justice Evaluation Journal* 3(2): 294-306. [[article link](#); [pre-print](#)]
- 2018 DeLisi, Matt, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Kyle A. Burgason, Mark H. Heirigs, and Michael G. Vaughn. "Self-control vs. psychopathy: A head-to-head test of general theories of antisociality." *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 16(1): 53-76. [[article link](#)]
- DeLisi, Matt, Dennis E. Reidy, Mark H. Heirigs, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, and Michael G. Vaughn. "Psychopathic costs: A monetization study of the fiscal toll of psychopathy features among institutionalized delinquents." *Journal of Criminal Psychology* 8(2): 112-124. [[article link](#)]

Book Chapters, Book Reviews, Newsletters, & Encyclopedia Entries

- 2025 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, and Selena Munoz-Jones.* "Public accessibility of healthcare information in prison: A review of U.S. state department of corrections websites." In Nathan W. Link, Meghan A. Novisky, and Chantal Fahmy (Eds.) *Contemporary Issues in Health and Punishment* (Volume 9 of the Division on Corrections & Sentencing Handbook Series). Routledge. [[chapter link](#); [pre-print](#)]
- 2024 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, and Jose Antonio Sanchez.* "Birds of a feather? Individual differences and gang membership." In David C. Pyrooz, James Densley, and John Laverso (Eds.) *The Oxford Handbook of Gangs and Society*. Oxford University Press. [[chapter link](#); [pre-print](#)]
- 2022 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, and David C. Pyrooz. "Are gang members psychopaths?" In Mauro Paulino, Paulo Marques, and Laura Alho's (Eds.) *Psychopathy and Criminal Behavior: Current Trends and Challenges*. Elsevier Academic Press. [[chapter link](#); [pre-print](#)]
- 2021 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, and Jose Antonio Sanchez. "The Criminology Academy: Two doctoral students' foray into the world of podcasting." *The Criminologist* 46(5): 18-22. [[newsletter link](#)]
- Tostlebe, Jennifer J.** Book review. Benjamin Steiner and John Wooldredge's *Understanding and reducing prison violence: An integrated social control-opportunity perspective*. *Rutgers' Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Book Reviews*. [[review link](#)]

- 2017 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.** “Nelson v. Heyne.” In Christopher J. Schreck, Michael J. Leiber, Holly Ventura Miller, and Kelly Welch’s (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Juvenile Delinquency and Justice*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. [[chapter link](#)]
- Tostlebe, Jennifer J.** “Scandinavia.” In Christopher J. Schreck, Michael J. Leiber, Holly Ventura Miller, and Kelly Welch’s (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Juvenile Delinquency and Justice*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. [[chapter link](#)]

Technical Reports

- Forthcoming Hamilton, Zachary K., **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, John Ursino,* Taylor Gonzales,* Abigail Hayes,* Naya Russell-Coprigh,* Caitlyn Jordon,* and Alex Kigerl. “Evaluation of electronic monitoring in Nebraska parole supervision.” Advancing Research in Corrections Lab, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
- Hamilton, Zachary K., **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Sarah Al Falatah,* Katelynn Towne, John Ursino,* Alex Kigerl, and Michael Campagna. “Evaluation report: Sexual offense-specific treatment programming at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.” Nebraska Center for Justice Research, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
- 2025 Campagna, Michael, Ryan Spohn, Zachary K. Hamilton, Sarah Al Falatah,* John Ursino,* Brian Gildea, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Abigail Hayes,* and Katelynn Towne. “Evaluation report: Anger management program at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.” Nebraska Center for Justice Research, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha. [[report link](#)]
- 2024 Hamilton, Zachary K., **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Alex Kigerl, Addison Kobie,* and Sarah Al Falatah.* “The Iowa risk & needs assessment evaluation and development: Iowa Board of Parole.” Nebraska Center for Justice Research, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
- Campagna, Michael, Katelynn Towne, Ryan Spohn, Zachary K. Hamilton, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Amber Krushas, Brian Gildea,* John Ursino,* Sarah Al Falatah,* and Abigail Hayes.* “Evaluation report: Violence reduction program at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.” Nebraska Center for Justice Research, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha. [[report link](#)]
- 2023 Felix, Tammy, David C. Pyrooz, Meghan A. Novisky, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, and Jessica Dockstader. “Effects of COVID-19 on prison operations.” National Institute of Corrections. [[report link](#)]

Opinion Editorials

- 2020 Pyrooz, David C., Ryan M. Labrecque, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, and Bert Useem. “Using

social science to understand and respond to COVID-19 in jails and prisons.” SSRC Items. [[opinion editorial link](#)]

Funded Research

- 2025-2030 *Development and evaluation of a parole decision making tool*
- Funding: The Laura and John Arnold Foundation (Causal Research on Community Safety and Criminal Justice). \$889,480
 - Role: **Co-Principal Investigator** (PI: Zachary Hamilton; Co-PIs: David Pyrooz, Stephen Billings, and Alex Kigerl)
 - Featured by [UNO News Center](#).
- 2026 *Turning hope into evidence: A pilot study preparing for evaluation of the Never Give Up Transitional Living Program*
- Funding (internal): University of Nebraska Omaha’s University Committee on Research and Creative Activity (UCRCA). \$10,000
 - Role: **Principal Investigator**
- 2023-2026 *Nebraska Department of Correctional Services program evaluation*
- Funding: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. \$852,475
 - Role: **Co-Principal Investigator** (PI: Zachary Hamilton)
- 2025 *Improving the prospects of formerly incarcerated adults: Establishing the processes and procedures of Never Give Up Transitional Living (previously, 50th Street Landing Reentry Program)*
- Funding: The Sherwood Foundation. \$33,465
 - Role: **Principal Investigator**

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

- 2022 *Dissertation Completion Fellowship, The Graduate School, CU Boulder (\$13,560)*
- 2020 *Wilson Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Sociology, CU Boulder (\$500)*
- 2019 *3rd Place, Poster Award, Institution of Behavioral Science Graduate Research Symposium, CU Boulder, Poster Title “Gang membership and recidivism: A longitudinal study of offenders in Texas” (\$50)*

Research Positions

- 2026 *Criminal justice education in the digital age: Instructor and student perceptions of podcast-based learning*
- Role: **Co-Principal Investigator** (Dr. Jose Sanchez, Principal Investigator)
- 2022–2023 *National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Community Services Division Study*
- Role: **Consultant** for CNA, Center for Justice Research and Innovation

- 2018–2022 *Preparing adults in custody for successful reentry: An experimental study of a restrictive housing exit program in the Oregon state prison system*
- Funding: The Charles Koch Foundation. \$127,500. (+ \$2,000 COVID-19 rapid supplement from the development core of the University of Colorado Boulder’s Population Center)
 - Role: **Project Manager** (Drs. David Pyrooz, Ryan Labrecque, and Bert Useem, Principal Investigators)
- 2021 *Improving the livelihoods of vulnerable youth: A foundation for Functional Family Therapy-Gangs*
- Funding: The Laura and John Arnold Foundation (21-05774). \$1,189,240
 - Role: **Research Assistant** (Drs. David Pyrooz and Pamela Buckley, Principal Investigators)
- 2019–2021 *Mortality among high risk young men in the United States*
- Funding: The National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (R03 HD099360). \$154,000
 - Role: **Research Assistant** (Drs. David Pyrooz, Ryan Masters, Rick Rogers, Principal Investigators)
- 2019-2020 *Leaving gangs and desisting from crime using a multidisciplinary team approach: A randomized control trial evaluation of the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver*
- Funding: The National Institute of Justice, Research on Gangs and Gang Violence (2018-75-CX-0028). \$600,797
 - Role: **Research Assistant** (Dr. David Pyrooz, Principal Investigator)
- 2019 *Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development*
- Role: **Research Assistant** (Drs. Fred Pampel and Pam Buckley, Supervisors)
- 2017–2018 *Gangs on the street, gangs in prison: Their nature, interrelationship, control, and re-entry (The LoneStar Project)*
- Funding: The National Institute of Justice, Research on Gangs and Gang Violence (2014-MU-CX-0111). \$840,807
 - Role: **Research Assistant** (Drs. Scott Decker and David Pyrooz, Principal Investigators)
- Discovering Mortality Risk among Gang Members*
- Funding (internal): Institute of Behavioral Science (\$15,000), the Center to Advance Research in the Social Sciences (\$4,500), and Department of Sociology (\$600)
 - Role: **Research Assistant** (Drs. David Pyrooz, Ryan Masters, and Rick Rogers, Principal Investigators)
- Continuity and change in protective and risk factors among participants in the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver: A pilot project*
- Funding: City of Denver (\$20,000)
 - Role: **Research Assistant** (Dr. David Pyrooz, Principal Investigator)

Invited Presentations

- 2026 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, and Jose Antonio Sanchez. One of many or one of a kind? Gangs across the landscape of criminal groups. (Tostlebe and Sanchez, invited presenters). Presented at Texas A&M University-San Antonio, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. April 8, 2026.
- 2025 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, and Taylor A. Gonzales.* Building the foundation: Turning lived experience into measurable impact. (Tostlebe and Gonzales, invited presenters). Presented at the [*Never Give Up Transitional Living 2025 Fundraising Event*](#), Omaha, NE. November 4, 2025.

Conference Presentations

- 2025 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, and Jose Antonio Sanchez. Gangs, peers, and violence: Revisiting an ongoing debate. (Tostlebe, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Washington, DC. [manuscript in progress]
- Sanchez, Jose Antonio, and **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**. Placing gangs: Reviewing peers and criminal networks. (Sanchez, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Washington, DC. [manuscript in progress]
- Hayes, Abigail A.,* **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, David C. Pyrooz, and Ryan Labrecque. Living in the box: Prisoner perceptions of restrictive housing conditions. (Hayes, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Washington, DC. [manuscript in progress]
- Hamilton, Zachary K., **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Alex Kigerl, and John Ursino.* Recidivism and redemption: Developing risk assessment using dynamic criminal history. (Hamilton, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Washington DC. [manuscript in progress]
- Russell-Coprigh, Naya,* Zachary Hamilton, and **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**. Evaluating electronic monitoring programming at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Service. (Russell-Coprigh, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Washington DC. [report forthcoming]
- 2024 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, Jose A. Sanchez, C. Jordan Howell, and Katelyn Smith.* Pushing the boundaries on what is a gang: A comparative study of malicious hackers and gang members. (Tostlebe, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA.
- Hamilton, Zachary K., **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, John Ursino,* Baylee Allen,* and Alex Kigerl. Measuring desistance via decay: Making criminal history dynamic. (Hamilton, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA. [manuscript under review]
- Al Falatah, Sarah,* **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, and Sadaf Hashimi. How do mental health concerns manifest in suicide attempts? A mixed-methods study of police calls for

service. (Al Falatah, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA. [manuscript under review]

Spohn, Ryan, Sarah Al Falatah,* **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, and John Ursino.* Sex offender treatment: An evaluation of the effectiveness of prison- and community-based programming. (Al Falatah, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA. [report forthcoming]

2023 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, and Jose A. Sanchez.* Is gang membership a universal contributor to the victim-offender overlap? A cross-national analysis. (Tostlebe, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Philadelphia, PA. [manuscript in progress]

Pyrooz, David C., **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Ryan Labrecque, and Bert Useem. Stepping out of solitary confinement: Effects on attitudes, behaviors, and health from an experimental evaluation in Oregon. (Pyrooz, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Philadelphia, PA. [Published in [Journal of Criminal Justice](#)]

Sanchez, Jose A.,* and **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**. Rational choice and gang membership: A study of gang members' perceptions of risk, reward, and offending. (Sanchez, panel presenter). Presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Philadelphia, PA.

2022 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.** Selection or facilitation: Is the gang-psychopathy link a product of individual differences or social influences? *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA. [published in [Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency](#)]

Novisky, Meghan A., David C. Pyrooz, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Tammy Felix, and Jessica Dockstader. Responding to COVID-19: Correctional staff perspectives on pandemic response efforts. (Novisky, panel presenter). *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA. [published in [Health & Justice](#)]

2021 Labrecque, Ryan, **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, Bert Useem, and David C. Pyrooz. Reforming solitary confinement: The development, implementation, and preliminary impacts of a step-down program (Tostlebe, panel presenter). *American Society of Criminology*, Chicago, IL. [published in [Health & Justice](#)]

Pyrooz, David C., **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, and Meghan A. Novisky. Institutional responses to the COVID-19 pandemic (Pyrooz, panel presenter). *American Society of Criminology*, Chicago, IL. [published [NIC report](#)]

2019 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, David C. Pyrooz, and Scott H. Decker. Legal orientations as an explanation of the gang membership-misconduct link (Tostlebe, panel presenter). *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA. [published in [Criminology](#)]

Sanchez, Jose A., **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**, David C. Pyrooz, and Scott H. Decker. When colors collide: Does race moderate gang membership and prison misconduct? (Sanchez, panel presenter). *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA. [manuscript in progress]

Pyrooz, David, Richard G. Rogers, Ryan K. Masters, and **Jennifer J. Tostlebe**. A foundation for linking non-traditional data sources to the National Death Index: Understanding mortality risk among gang members (Tostlebe and Pyrooz, panel presenters). *Population Association of America* annual meeting, Austin, TX. [published in [Homicide Studies](#)]

2018 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, Travis Pratt, David C. Pyrooz, and Scott Decker. Can “A general theory of crime” extend to recidivism? Testing the self-control/recidivism link using multiple measures (Tostlebe, panel presenter). *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA. [manuscript in progress]

2017 **Tostlebe, Jennifer J.**, Kendra J. Clark, David C. Pyrooz, and Scott Decker. Gang embeddedness and recidivism: A longitudinal study of offenders in Texas (Tostlebe and Clark, panel presenters). *American Society of Criminology*, Philadelphia, PA. [published in [Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency](#)]

** Also presented at CU Boulder Institute of Behavioral Sciences Poster Symposium

Tostlebe, Jennifer J. The debt prison: The effect of court-ordered monetary sanctions on recidivism. *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*, Kansas City, MO. [[Master’s thesis](#)]

Teaching

Teaching Interests

Institutional corrections	Criminological theory	Quantitative methods
Health & corrections	Gangs and gang membership	Research design

Instructor of Record

School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha

2025-2026	CRCJ 9050: Academic Writing (doctoral)
2024-2026	CRCJ 9170: Advanced Seminar in Corrections (doctoral)
2025	CRCJ 8050: Seminar in Corrections (masters)
2025	CRCJ 3000: Applied Statistics (undergraduate)
2024	CRCJ 4550: Gangs and Gang Control (undergraduate)
2023-2024	CRCJ 2210: Survey of Corrections (undergraduate)

Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder

2022	SOCY 2044: Crime and Society (undergraduate)
2021	SOCY 2061: Introduction to Social Statistics (undergraduate)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder

2023	SOCY 4004: Gangs: Causes and Consequences (undergraduate)
2022	SOCY 4014: Criminological Theory (undergraduate)
2020-2021	SOCY 4024: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency (undergraduate)
2020	SOCY 5111: Data I (doctoral)

- Recipient of the *Wilson Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award*

2019 SOCY 2061: **Introduction to Social Statistics** (undergraduate)
2018 SOCY 2044: **Crime and Society** (undergraduate)

Department of Sociology, Iowa State University

2016 CJ ST 484: **Topical Studies in Criminal and Juvenile Justice** (undergraduate)
2016 CJ ST 340: **Deviant and Criminal Behavior** (undergraduate)
2015 SOC 235: **Social Problems** (undergraduate)

Student Committees

Chair

- Abigail A. Hayes (expected 2027). *Reducing assault and security threat group activity through a prison alert dashboard*. Doctoral dissertation, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
- Taylor A. Gonzales (expected 2027). *Process evaluation of a prisoner transitional living program for returning citizens*. Doctoral dissertation, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.

Member

- Addison Kobie (2026). *Compounding inequality: Exploring the intersectionality of race and gender in a multi-state assessment*. Doctoral dissertation, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
- John Ursino (2026). *Crowding, capacity, and reform: Exploring the dynamics of correctional policy*. Doctoral dissertation, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
- Faith Hall (2025). *Analyzing the impact of polysubstance use on the severity of crime*. Master's thesis, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
- Baylee Allen-Flores (2025). *What about those we left behind? The unintended consequences of decarceration for those still incarcerated*. Doctoral dissertation, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.

Directed Reading and Independent Study

2026 Directed Reading for Theory Comprehensive Examination Prep (Doctoral Students: Sadie Brewer, Naya Russell-Coprach, Callie Vitro, and Emilie Whitehouse, 3 credits), Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha. Term: January 2026-May 2026.

2025 Directed Reading for Theory Comprehensive Examination Prep (Doctoral Students: Sarah Al Falatah, Taylor Gonzales, Lexi Goodijohn, Abby Hayes, Isaac Moeleter, Kaitlyn Swanberg, and Valeria Torres-Rivera, 3 credits), Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha. Term: January 2025-May 2025.

2024 Directed Reading for Systems Comprehensive Examination Prep, Corrections (Doctoral Students: John Ursino and Dakota Schroll, 3 credits), Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha. Term: August 2024-December 2024.

2024 Directed Reading for Theory Comprehensive Examination Prep (Doctoral Students: Alvi Ali, Trey Bussey, Brenna Dunlap, Dakota Schroll, and John Ursino, 3 credits), Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha. Term: January 2024-May 2024.

Service

Editorial Board

Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency (2025-present)

Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research (2023-present)

Manuscript Reviewer

BMC Psychology • *Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research* • *Criminal Justice and Behavior* • *Criminology* • *Deviant Behavior* • *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research* • *Health Equity* • *Health & Justice* • *International Criminal Justice Review* • *International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice* • *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* • *Journal of Crime and Justice* • *Journal of Criminal Justice* • *Journal of Experimental Criminology* • *Journal of Forensic Psychiatry & Psychology* • *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* • *Journal of School Violence* • *Journal of Urban Health* • *Justice Quarterly* • *Policing Practice and Research: An International Journal* • *Social Sciences* • *Social Sciences & Humanities Open* • *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*

Professional Service

Co-Host, *The Criminology Academy* podcast. thecriminologyacademy.com. (2020-Present)

- Monthly episodes feature scholars and practitioners who discuss empirically based research, graduate school and early career experiences and advice, and career histories
- Listed as #3 on *Million Podcasts* Top 50 Social Science Podcasts of 2025
- Recipient of the 2023 PopCon Podcast Award for *Best Podcast in Science, Medicine, and Education*

Mentor, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency Review Mentorship Program (2025)
Pamela K. Lattimore and RTI International Dissertation Award, Division of Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC. (2025)

Panel Chair, “Institutional experiences and misconduct: Understanding prison environments, inequalities, and reform.” American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC. (2025)

Panel Chair, “Rethinking risk: Addressing bias, accuracy, and adaptability in criminal justice risk-need assessments.” American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C. (2025)

Ben Steiner Student Paper Award Committee Member, Division of Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. (2024)

Committee Member, Mentoring for Success Program, Division of Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. (2024)

Special Events Committee Member, Division of Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. (2024)

Panel Chair, “Solutions at the intersection of trauma, mental health, and policy.” American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. (2024)

Panel Chair, “Emerging Issues in Corrections.” The 54th meeting of the *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences* (ACJS), Kansas City, MO. (2017)

Departmental and University Service

University of Nebraska Omaha, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

- Committee Chair*, CJ Systems Comprehensive Exam Grading Committee (2026-2027)
- Coordinator*, Graduate Student Three-Part Job Market Seminar Series (2026)
- Committee Member*, CJ Systems Comprehensive Exam Grading Committee (2024-2026)
- Committee Member*, MS Program Committee (2024-2026)
- Faculty Participant*, Speed Networking Event, Research and Professional Development Graduate Student Seminar and Speaker Series (2023-2025)
- Search Committee Member*, Policing/Open (2024)
- Co-Coordinator*, Graduate Student Job Market Seminar (2024)
- Faculty Panelist*, The Job Market Part I, Research and Professional Development Graduate Student Seminar and Speaker Series (2023)

University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Sociology

- Committee Member*, Prospective Graduate Student Open House Committee (2020 & 2022)
- Graduate Student Facilitator*, Criminology and Criminal Justice Working Group (2019-2020)
- Graduate Student Representative*, Faculty Meeting Liaison (2019-2020)
- Invited Panelist*, Thriving not Surviving Your First Year of Graduate School (2019)
- Mentor*, First Year Cohort Mentorship Program (2018-2019)
- Committee Member*, Faculty Mentor Award Committee (2018-2019)

Iowa State University, Department of Sociology

- Vice President*, Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society, Gamma Chapter (2016-2017)
- Member*, Graduate Students of Sociology (GSS) (2015-2017)
- Exam Proctor* (2016-2017)

Community Service

- Career & Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committee*, Ankeny Public Schools (2025-2026)
- Planning Committee Member*, Nebraska Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation 2024 Justice and Behavioral Health Conference (2023-2024)

Media Coverage and Interviews

- 2025 Quoted in *Flatwater Free Press* article "A Nebraska inmate went on his girlfriend's podcast. Then the prison cut off their contact" by Sara Gentzler. [[article link](#)]

Professional Development

- 2024-2025 Attended Community Partner Orientation (Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, NDCS)
- 2023 Attended faculty search training (Center for Faculty Excellence, UNO)
- 2023 Attended faculty onboarding teaching training (Center for Faculty Excellence, UNO)
- 2023 Attended a seminar on Longitudinal Data Analysis using Structural Equation Modeling (instructed by Dr. Paul Allison via Statistical Horizons)
 - A deep dive into the ML-SEM method
- 2022 Attended a workshop on Item Response Theory (instructed by Dr. Kyle Thomas)
- 2021 Attended a workshop on Nonparametric Modeling (instructed by Dr. Kyle Thomas)
- 2021 Attended a workshop on Data Visualization (instructed by Dr. David Pyrooz)
- 2020 Attended a seminar on Addressing Student Mental Health in Teaching Settings During the COVID-19 Pandemic (UCB)
- 2020 Attended a workshop on Remote Teaching Using Zoom and Canvas (UCB)

- 2019 Participated in the *American Society of Criminology's* Division of Corrections and Sentencing (DCS) 20-for-20 Campaign
- 2019 Attended the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency's* (JRCD) Graduate Student Publishing Workshop, University of Maryland, College Park, MA (Led by Eds. Jean McGloin and Chris Sullivan)
- Competitive workshop: 1 of 13 doctoral students accepted
 - Three-day meeting on improving graduate students' understanding of the peer-review process and workshopping papers submitted as part of the application process
- 2019 Attended a workshop on Introduction to ArcGIS (UCB)
- 2019 Attended a seminar on Improvisation in the Classroom (UCB)
- 2018 Attended a seminar on Rhetorics of Teaching Philosophies and Portfolios (UCB)
- 2017 Attended a seminar on Teaching-as-Research (TAR) for Assessment (UCB)
- 2017 Attended a workshop on Preventing and Addressing Disruptive Behavior in the Classroom (UCB)
- 2017 Attended a seminar on Improving Student Experience in Large Lectures (UCB)

Certifications and Comprehensive Examination Areas

Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods in Behavioral Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder

Comprehensive examination areas: Incarceration (*high pass*), criminological theory (*high pass*), and quantitative methodology (*high pass*)

Statistical Program Proficiencies: STATA, HLM, R, Mplus

Survey Program Proficiencies: Qualtrics, Checkbox

Professional Societies

American Society of Criminology

Divisions: Corrections and Sentencing; Health & Disability Criminology

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Eurogang Research Program

National Reentry Workforce Collaborative