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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. The Pennsylvania State University, *expected August 2023* – Criminology  
Committee: Drs. Pamela Wilcox (Chair), Holly Nguyen, Thomas A.  
Loughran, Guangqing Chi
- M.S. The University of Alabama, 2019 – Criminology & Criminal Justice
- B.A. The University of Alabama, 2017 – Criminology & Criminal Justice  
*magna cum laude, with honors*  
University of Stirling (15 credits; Stirling, Scotland)
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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Digital Criminology, Cybercrime Victimization & Offending, Preventative Behavior & Risk Perception in Digital Spaces, Cross-context Offending, Survey Methodology & Measurement

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## PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Forthcoming **McNealey, R. L.** & Ghazi-Tehrani, A. K. “Risky Digital Behavior or Risky Digital Places? Victimization Risk Perception and Evaluation on the Internet”. *Journal of Crime & Justice*.
- Forthcoming Deryol, R., **McNealey, R. L.**, & Wilcox, P. “Adolescent cybervictimization in 31 countries: The gender gap, gendered opportunity, and the contextual influence of gender inequality”. *Social Problems*.
- 2023 Nguyen, H., **McNealey, R.**, & Thomas, K. J. The Contextual Generality of Crime: Workplace and Street Crime. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00224278231166073>
- 2023 Vanhee, A. J., **McNealey, R.** (In press). Individual Residence and Identity Theft: How residential characteristics shape exposure and risk of offline and online identity theft victimization. *Journal of Financial Crime*.
- 2022 Said, I. & **McNealey, R. L.** “Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images: Exploring the Role of Social and Legal Attitudes in Victimization and Offending”. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177%2F08862605221122834>
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## EDITED BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2023                    **McNealey, R. L. & Lee, J. R.** (2023). The Illicit Stolen Data Market. In Byrne, J. & Hummer, D. (Eds.) *Handbook on Technology & Crime*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
- 2019                    **McNealey, R. L.** (2019). TOR (The Onion Router) Network. In Reichel, P. (Ed.) *Global Crime: An Encyclopedia of Cyber Theft, Weapons Sales, and Other Illicit International Activity*. ABC-CLIO.

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## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PEER REVIEW – Draft Available Upon Request

- McNealey, R. L., Fisher, T.** “Examining the Victim-Offender Overlap and Digital Hygiene Behaviors Among Cyber and Traditional Offenders” Revise & Resubmit. *Criminology & Public Policy*.

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## RESEARCH FUNDING

- 2022    Digital Humanities Graduate Fellowship (\$2,600) Penn State University School of Liberal Arts Center of Humanities and Information
- 2021    External Funding Incentive Award (\$500) Penn State University School of Liberal Arts
- 2018    Graduate Research Grant (\$600) University of Alabama Graduate School and Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice

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## SURVEY DESIGN & DATA COLLECTION

- 2021    “Reactions to Crime” – designed by Rachel McNealey & Principal Investigator Dr. Pam Wilcox, distributed by *YouGov*
- 2021    “Non-Consensual Image Sharing Among College Students” – designed by Rachel McNealey & Iman Said, distributed at Penn State University
- 2019    “Routine Activities and Malware Online” (funded) – designed by Rachel McNealey & overseen by Dr. Erin Kearns, distributed on *Amazon MTurk*

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## STATISTICAL METHODS TRAINING

- Structural Equation Models with Latent Variables* ICPSR Summer Program 2022, Dr. Sandra Marquart-Pyatt, July 18 – August 12, 2022.
- Causal Inference and Research Design*, Dr. Scott Cunningham. May 5-7, 2020.

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## AWARDS, HONORS, & SUPPORT

- 2023 Honorable Mention: Penn State Criminology Graduate Student Research Paper Competition
- 2019-2021 Graduate Scholar Award, The Pennsylvania State University Department of Sociology & Criminology
- 2019-2023 Full Tuition Remission and Graduate Assistantship, The Pennsylvania State University Department of Sociology & Criminology  
Graduate Research Assistant to Drs. Holly Nguyen & Pam Wilcox
- 2018 Conference Travel Grant, The University of Alabama Graduate School
- 2017-2019 Full Tuition Remission and Graduate Assistantship, The University of Alabama Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice  
Graduate Teaching Assistant to Drs. Diana Summers & Matthew Dolliver
- 2013 Alpha Lambda Delta National Academic Honor Society
- 2013 The University of Alabama Scholar Award (Tuition Scholarship)

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## RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

- 2022 University of South Florida SPRUCE Lab, External Graduate Research Assistant  
Director: Dr. Bryanna Fox
- 2018-2019 University of Alabama Network Intrusion Lab, Graduate Research Assistant  
Director: Dr. Diana Dolliver; Collected data from dark web cryptomarkets and vendors to analyze patterns of purchasing and selling.
- 2018-2019 University of Alabama Project Halo, Graduate Research Assistant  
Director: Dr. Diana Dolliver; Processed and investigated intelligence from affiliated federal agencies, designed and conducted darknet training courses for law enforcement.

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## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2022 **McNealey, R. L.** (presenter) *Communities & Digital Crime: Identifying the Links Between Community-Level Internet Technology and Cyber Offending* [Conference Presentation]. Annual Human Factor in Cybercrime Conference, Clearwater, FL, United States.

- 2022 **McNealey, R. L.** (presenter) *Communities, Collective Efficacy, & Cybercrime: Identifying Links Between Urbanicity, Collective Efficacy, and Cyberoffending* [Conference Presentation]. 2022 ASC Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, United States.
- 2022 Iman Said (presenter) & **McNealey, R. L.** *Non-Consensual Image Sharing Behavior Among College Students* [Conference Presentation]. 2022 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2022 Iman Said (presenter) & **McNealey, R. L.** *Non-Consensual Image Sharing Behavior Among College Students* [Conference Presentation]. 2<sup>nd</sup> PSU/UMD/UPENN Virtual Mini-Conference.
- 2021 **McNealey, R. L.** (presenter) *Does Digital Location Matter? Measuring Risk Perception of Computer-Focused Victimization on the Internet* [Conference Presentation]. Annual Human Factor in Cybercrime Conference, Virtual. (Session recording available [online](#))
- 2021 **McNealey, R. L.** (presenter), Nguyen, H., & Thomas, K. *Workplace Crime: On the Contextual Generality of Criminal Behavior* [Conference Presentation]. 2021 ASC Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, United States.
- 2021 **McNealey, R. L.** (presenter) *Risky Digital Behavior or Risky Digital Places? Victimization Risk Perception and Evaluation on the Internet* [Lightning round]. PSU/UMD/UPENN Virtual Mini-Conference.
- 2021 **McNealey, R. L.** (presenter) *Risky Business on the Internet: Using quasi-experimental vignette design to measure perceived risk of malware victimization* [Conference session]. 2020 ASC Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., United States. (Conference canceled).
- 2018 **McNealey, R. L.** (presenter) & Ghazi-Tehrani, A. K. *Seeking a Relationship Between Socioeconomic Status, Internet Use, and Malware* [Conference session]. 2018 ASC Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, United States.
- 2018 **McNealey, R. L.** (presenter) *Malware, Socioeconomic Status, and Internet Use; a Comprehensive Research Proposal* [Roundtable]. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual ESPRMC Graduate Research Symposium, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- 2018 Poster Judge, *Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (URCA) Conference*, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Instructor of Record

Fall 2022/19

The Pennsylvania State University CRIM250W Lab: *Research Methods*

Spring 2020

