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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. Criminal Justice**      Expected 2021, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
-Dissertation: *Public information officers and social media: New media, new methods?*  
-Committee: Dr. Steven Chermak (Chair), Dr. Thomas Holt, Dr. Jeremy Wilson, Dr. Kjerstin Thorson (outside member)
- MA, Criminal Justice**      May 2016, Boise State University, Boise, ID  
-GPA: 3.78  
-Thesis: *A content analysis of social media policies of police departments and sheriffs' offices in the State of Idaho: Congruency to the model policy*  
-Committee: Dr. Andrew Giacomazzi (Chair), Dr. Lisa Growette Bostaph, Dr. Danielle Murdoch
- BA, Criminal Justice**      May 2014, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY  
-Cumulative GPA: 3.81, GPA in Major: 4.0  
-Minor in Business  
-University of Wyoming Honors Program

## RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

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- August 2016-Present      **Graduate Research Assistant, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University- East Lansing, MI**
- January 2015-August 2016      **Graduate Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice, Boise State University - Boise, ID**
- May 2016 – August 2016      **Death Investigator Intern, Ada County Coroner's Office – Boise, ID**
- May 2013-August 2013      **Police Officer Intern, Powell Police Department – Powell, WY**

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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Law Enforcement Use of Social Media  
Police/Community Relations  
Police Administration  
Police and Technology

## Publications

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Thorson, K., Medeiros, M., Chen, Y., Cotter, K., **Rodgers, K.**, Bae, A., & Baykaldi, S. (2020). Platform civics: Facebook in the local information infrastructure. *Digital Journalism*. In Press.

Hu, X., **Rodgers, K.**, & Lovrich, N. P. (2018) "We Are More Than Crime Fighters": Social media images of police departments. *Police Quarterly*, 21(4), 544-571. doi:10.1177/1098611118783991

Hu, X., **Rodgers, K.**, & Lovrich, N. P. (2018). Public preferences regarding police Facebook posts: a macro-level analysis. *Police Practice and Research*, 1-19. doi:10.1080/15614263.2018.1531753

## Publications Under Review

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Pickering, C., Maxwell, C., & **Rodgers, K.** (2020) Pragmatic randomized control trial of a coordinated community response to reduce risk of elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation.

## Research Experience

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- Aug 2016 - Present      **Research Assistant** to Dr. Christopher Maxwell, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University.  
Research Assignments:  
*Archive NIBRS, SHR* – Created and maintained SPSS syntax files that merge multiple years of NIBRS and SHR at the victim level as well as the offender level  
*Data manager* – studies examining elder abuse including: *Testing of a Community Complex Care Response Team to Improve Geriatric Public Health Outcomes*. Developed SPSS syntax, managed data, and prepared reports.
- Jul 2019 – Aug 2019      **Research Assistant** to Dr. Carolyn Pickering, School of Nursing, UTHSCSA.  
Data manager for *Daily Dynamics and Long-Term Trajectories of Elder Abuse and Neglect in the Family Caregiving*.
- Jan 2015-Aug 2016      **Graduate Assistant** to Dr. Lisa Growette Bostaph, Dr. Laura King, Dr. Danielle Murdoch, Dr. Charlene Taylor and Dr. Lane Gillespie. Department of Criminal Justice, Boise State University.  
Research Assignments Completed:  
-Developed a code book and entered data into SPSS for a statewide assessment of crime victims' needs  
-Developed tables based on analysis ran through SPSS for a white paper on front end statutory reform for the ACLU  
-Reorganized and reformatted tables for multiple projects  
-Completed a literature review on risk assessments for childhood endangerment  
-Completed an extensive literature review on graduate level criminal justice programs in the United States  
- Designed and conducted extensive research on masters and doctoral criminal justice programs in the United States  
-Designed and conducted research on Social Media Policies used by Law Enforcement agencies in the State of Idaho

## Research Skills

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Data Management  
Survey development  
Data entry, analysis, and reporting: Excel & SPSS  
SPSS Syntax  
Strong written and oral communication  
Strong analytical thinking, problem solving

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**Rodgers, K.**, Maxwell, C., & Pickering, C. (Planned for March 2020 – cancelled due to COVID-19) *Victims of elder abuse and neglect: Satisfaction with police and perceptions of procedural justice*. Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Maxwell, C., Pickering, C., & **Rodgers, K.** (November 2019). *Testing a Community Collaborative Response to Preventing Domestic Violence Victimization among Older Vulnerable Adults*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.

Chen, Y., **Rodgers, K.**, Thorson, K., Cotter, K., Baykaldi, S. (August 2019). *Local civic information beyond the news: Computational identification of civic content on social media*. Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Thorson, K., Chen, Y., Cotter, K., Medeiros, M., **Rodgers, K.**, Bae, A., & Baykaldi, S. (May 2019). *When the news shrinks: Social media, community information needs, and the evaporation of politics*. Presented at the annual International Communication Association Conference.

**Rodgers, K.** & Maxwell C.D. (November 2018). *Long term trends, short term descriptions: What we know about young homicide offenders from public records*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.

**Rodgers, K.** (March 2017). *Content Analysis of Police Agency Social Media Policies in Idaho: Congruency to the Model Policy*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

**Rodgers, K.** & Bostaph, L.G. (October 2015). *Race to Finish a Criminal Justice PhD: Clearing the Final Hurdles*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Association of Criminal Justice.

**Rodgers, K.** & Bostaph, L.G. (September 2015). *What is the Endgame in Criminal Justice Education?: An Overview of Culminating Experiences in Criminal Justice Graduate Programs*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association.

**Rodgers, K.** (October 2014). *Drug Endangered Children in Wyoming*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Association of Criminal Justice.

## Technical Reports

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**Rodgers, K. & Carr, D.** (2016). *Boise Police Department: Recruitment*

## Projects with Significant Contribution

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*MSU's Collaboration with the Lansing's Criminal Justice System to Address Elder Abuse and Neglect* (2016-2018). Awarded by Michigan State University, \$40,457 (PI: C.D., Maxwell & C. E. Z. Pickering).

[\*Evaluation of the Office on Violence Against Women's Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Demonstrative Initiative\*](#) (2013-2020). Awarded by the National Institute of Justice, 2013-ZD-CX-0001, \$5,244,827. Primary award to Yale University (PI: Joy Kaufman, C.D., Maxwell & Tami Sullivan).

[\*Evaluating a multisector case managing strategy to enhance community response for elder victims of abuse and neglect\*](#) (2016-19). Awarded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Systems for Action: Systems and Services Research to Build a Culture of Health Research Program, Grant No 73692, \$249,998. (PI: C. D. Maxwell & C. E. Z. Pickering).

## UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THE FIELD

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**Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice Communication Committee,**

Graduate Student Representative – 2019-Present

**Michigan State University Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association,** Vice President –

Media, 2019-2020

**Multicultural Competency Workshop - Michigan State University,** January 2020

**Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society– University of Wyoming, Boise State University,** President 2015-2016, Member 2012-Present

**National Society of Collegiate Scholars – University of Wyoming,** President 2013- 2014, Treasurer 2012-2013, Member 2011-2014

**University of Wyoming Criminal Justice Club-** President 2013-2014, Member 2010-2014

**Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society-** Fundraising Chair, Mortar Board Week Chair, 2013-2014

**University of Wyoming Women's Leadership Committee** 2013

## Ad Hoc Reviewer

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Policing: An International Journal

## ACADEMIC AWARDS, NOMINATIONS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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**Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship – Michigan State University**

**School of Criminal Justice Summer Research Fellowship 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 – Michigan State University**

**Alpha Phi Sigma Alpha Kappa Chapter Member of the Year 2014-2015 –Boise State University**

**Criminal Justice Department Award 2016 – Boise State University**

**Graduate Assistantship 2015-2016 - Boise State University**

**Trustees' Scholars Award Scholarship 2010-2014** - University of Wyoming  
**Criminal Justice Outstanding Graduating Senior 2014** –University of Wyoming  
**Criminal Justice Club Service Award 2013-2014** –University of Wyoming  
**University of Wyoming Dean's List** - Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Fall 2012  
**University of Wyoming President's List (4.0 GPA)** – Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014  
**National Conference of College Women Student Leaders Attendee, Washington D.C.** -  
Member of delegation chosen and sent by the University of Wyoming  
**Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police Scholarship 2013**  
**Elk's National Foundation Scholarship 2010**  
**Gene and Bonnie S. Zuech Scholarship 2011-2012** - University of Wyoming  
**Hathaway Merit Honors Scholarship 2010-2014** - University of Wyoming

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Society of Criminology  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
Alpha Phi Sigma