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Michigan State University
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EDUCATION

- 2025 (Expected) **Michigan State University**
Ph.D. Criminal Justice
- 2020 **Sam Houston State University**
B.S. Criminal Justice
Summa Cum Laude
Highest Honors
Academic Distinction
Honors Thesis: *An Examination of Chinese Police Cadets' Knowledge of Domestic Violence*
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Brittany Hayes

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Victimology
- Sexual Violence
- Cybercrimes

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2022 – Present **Grant Funded Student Researcher**
Michigan State Police Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)
- 2020 – Present **Graduate Research Assistant**
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
- Dr. Karen Holt (2021-2022)
 - Dr. Chris Melde (2020-2021)
- 2018 – 2020 **Undergraduate Researcher**
College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University
- Dr. Brittany Hayes

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts

- 2022 Almanza, M., **Mason, M.**, & Melde, C. (Online First). “Perceptions of School Resource Officers: Protectors or Prosecutors?” *Criminal Justice Review*
- Recorded Interview for the National Center for School Safety: Link forthcoming
- 2022 LaBerge, A., **Mason, M.**, & Sanders, K. (2022) Police Dispatch Times: The Effects of Neighborhood Structural Disadvantage. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 79, 101885.
- 2020 Hayes, B.E., Connolly, E.J., Wang, X., Ingham, C., & **Mason, M.** (2020) Prevalence of Child Maltreatment and the Effects of the Intergenerational Transmission of Violence on Attitudes towards Domestic Violence in Chinese Police Cadets. *Journal of Family Violence*, 36(6), 733-742.
- 2020 Hayes, B.E., Connolly, E.J., Wang, X. **Mason, M.**, & Ingham, C. (2020). Chinese Police Cadets’ Attitudes Toward Domestic Violence: A Pretest/Posttest Design. *Crime & Delinquency*, 68(2), 232-252.

Technical Reports

- 2019 Hayes, B.E., Ingham, C., **Mason, M.**, & Franklin, C.A. (2019). Types of Hate Crimes. *Crime Victims’ Institute*, 2(2).
- 2018 **Mason, M.** & Hayes, B.E. (2018). The Consequences of Hate Crime Victimization. *Crime Victims’ Institute*, 1(3).

Publications for Professional Organizations

- 2021 **Mason, M.** & Holt, K. (2021). Deepfake Pornography: New Forms of Image Based Harm and Sexual Abuse. *Michigan Chapter for the Association of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers*.
<https://miatsa.org/2021/12/19/deepfake-pornography-new-forms-of-image-based-harm-and-sexual-abuse/>

WORKS UNDER REVIEW & IN-PROGRESS

Holt, K., Rojek, A., **Mason, M.**, & Rothman, L. (Under Review). “‘Who is Where?’ Cold Case Investigation and Collaborations Between Law Enforcement and Academia.”

Mason, M., Melde, C., McGarrell, E.F., Heinze, J.E., Franzen, S., Michaels, K. (Under Review). “Adolescent attitudes toward police and crime reporting intentions.”

Mason, M. (Under Review). “The cybercrime victim-offender overlap: Evaluating predictors for victims, offenders, victim-offenders, and those who are neither.”

Mason, M. & Holt, K. (In-Progress). “Image Based Sexual Abuse in the Military.” *Michigan Chapter for the Association of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers.*

Mason, M. & Holt, K. (In-Progress). “Examining criminal narrative roles among men who have committed sex crimes.”

LaBerge, A., **Mason, M.**, Cavanagh, C. (In-Progress). “Intimate partner victimization and offending among indigenous youth.”

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

- 2023 **Burden, M.** “The Effects of Polyvictimization on Tribal Youth’s Mental Health and Negative Coping Mechanisms.” *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference.* National Harbor, MD. March 2023.
- 2022 **Mason, M.** “The Cybercrime Victim-Offender Overlap: Evaluating Predictors for Victims, Offenders, Victim-Offenders, and Those Who are Neither.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference.* Atlanta, GA. November 2022.
- 2021 LaBerge, A., **Mason, M.**, & Sanders, K. “Police Dispatch Times for Burglary, Assault, and Shots Fired Locations by Community Disadvantage in Detroit.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference.* Chicago, IL. November 2021.
- 2019 **Mason, M.** “Chinese Police Cadets’ Knowledge of Domestic Violence: A Pretest-Posttest Design.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference.* San Francisco, CA. November 2019.
- Mason, M.** “An Examination of Chinese Police Cadets’ Knowledge of Domestic Violence.” *Sam Houston State University Undergraduate Research Symposium.* Huntsville, TX. April 2019.
- Received the “EURECA Fast Award” for best presentation of funded research.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2023 – Present **Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)**
Student Member
- 2022 – Present **MSU, Research Consortium for Gender Based Violence**
Student Member

- 2021 – Present **American Society of Criminology (ASC)**
Student Member
- Division of Victimology
 - Division of Women and Crime
- 2021 – Present **The Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers of Michigan (MIATSA)**
Student Member

SERVICE & VOLUNTEERISM

- 2022 – 2023 **Graduate Student Network (GSN) Mentor**
Mentor for a first-year graduate student
- 2021 – 2025 **Graduate Student Association (GSA), School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University**
22-23 Elected Vice President of Student Affairs and Media
22-23 Graduate Student Network (GSN) Assistant Coordinator
21-22 Elected Treasurer
21-22 Fundraising Committee
20-25 Member
- 2021 – 2023 **Bylaws Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University**
Graduate Student Representative Appointed by the Director of the School of Criminal Justice
- 2021 – 2022 **Michigan State Police Cold Case Team**
Volunteer with Security Clearance

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & AWARDS

- 2022 Summer Fellowship, College of Social Science, Michigan State University
- \$3,000
- 2022 Early Start Program Fellowship, College of Social Science, Michigan State University - \$3,000
- 2021 Summer Fellowship, College of Social Science, Michigan State University
- \$3,000
- 2021 Early Start Program Fellowship, College of Social Science, Michigan State University - \$2,500
- 2021 Warren & Mary Huff Travel Endowment Award - \$579
- 2020 Early Start Program Fellowship, College of Social Science, Michigan State University - \$5,000
- 2019 EURECA Fast Award - \$250

- 2018 – 2020
 - Best conference presentation of funded researchRaven Scholars of Sam Houston Award Recipient: 2018, 2019, & 2020
 - Awarded to the top students who have achieved academic success as well as integrated campus life, service, and leadership into their college career
- 2018
 - Enhancing Undergraduate Research Experiences and Creative Activities (EURECA) FAST Award - \$2,000
 - Funding to travel and conduct research in China
- 2017 – 2020
 - Center for Law, Engagement, and Politics Advisory Board Scholarships - \$2,750
- 2016 – 2020
 - Smith-Hutson Scholarship Recipient
 - Full-ride scholarship including tuition, room and board, and other school-related expenses
- 2016 – 2020
 - Elliott T. Bowers Honors College Scholarships - \$4,000