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EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. | Michigan State University
<i>Doctor of Philosophy (Criminal Justice)</i> | 2026 |
| M.S. | Wayne State University
<i>Accelerated Master of Science (Criminal Justice)</i> | 2021 |
| B.S. | Wayne State University
<i>Bachelor of Science (Criminal Justice)</i>
Minor: Sociology | 2019 |

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Juvenile delinquency and justice
- School-to-Prison Pipeline
- Restorative Justice
- Human Trafficking
- Domestic Terrorism
- Cybercrime

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, *Comprehensive Approaches to Addressing Mental Health Needs and Enhancing School Security: A Clustered Randomized Control Trial*

Michigan State University, *School of Criminal Justice* 2021- 2022
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Chris Melde

- Assisted with the creation of school reports based on data findings.

Early Start Program Participant, *Safe School Transitions Study*

Michigan State University, *School of Criminal Justice* 2021
Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Chris Melde

- Produced an annotated bibliography on relevant studies of polyvictimized youth
- Drafted a literature review setting up the research questions and analysis
- Supported the development of a discussion and policy implications section of the paper

Undergraduate Research Assistant, *Neighborhoods, Stress, and Police Behavior: Understanding the Relationships*

Wayne State University, *Dept. of Criminology/Criminal Justice* 2018

Co-Principal Investigators: Dr. Brad Smith, Dr. Malcolm Cutchin, Dr. Charles Klahm, and Dr. Sam Zilioli Funding: National Institute of Justice

- Assisted with checking-in/checking-out of research participants
- Set-up online surveys for gathering on data on the computer
- Observed/participated in the debriefing process after police officers completed the surveys

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Wayne State University**, Detroit, MI 2018-2019
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, *Justice & Society Learning Community*
- Led/facilitated discussions covering introductory criminal justice course material with students, graded papers, and assisted with other miscellaneous tasks related to the role.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- Michigan State University**
 Graduate Research Assistantship, *School of Criminal Justice* 2021-2023
 Early Start Fellowship, *College of Social Science* 2021-2022
 Recruitment Top Off Award, *College of Social Science* 2021
Wayne State University, *Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice*
 Graduate Recruitment Award 2020-2021
 AGRADE: Accelerated Graduate Student Enrollment Award 2019-2021

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Graduate Student Association**, *Secretary* 2022
 Michigan State University
- Record, maintain, forward minutes/agenda to GSA Executive Board
- Department Chair Search Advisory Committee**, *Graduate Student Representative*
 Wayne State University, Department of Criminal Justice 2020
- Assist with the planning and selection process for new department chair.

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Wayne State University**, Detroit, MI
- **Justice Society**, *Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice*
 President/Vice President 2020-2021
 Vice President 2019-2020
 General Member 2018-2019
- Central Michigan University**, Mt. Pleasant, MI
- **Peer Mentor**, *Office of Diversity & Inclusion* 2015-2017

