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Education

Master of Arts, Criminology and Criminal Justice

University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, Spring 2027 (Anticipated)

Bachelor of Science, Criminology and Criminal Justice

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, May 2025

Certificate, Public Policy Analysis

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, May 2025

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, Violence Intervention and Policing Research (VIPR) Lab, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE, 2025-Present

Advisor: Justin Nix, Ph.D.

Undergraduate Researcher, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, 2024-Present

Name of Project: Analysis of Rural and Small-Town Police Officer Wellbeing and Job Satisfaction

Advisor: Trisha Rhodes, Ph.D.

- Expansion of previous study to include multiple Midwest states
- Presented at the 2025 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting

Undergraduate Researcher, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, 2024-2025

Name of Project: Pilot Analysis of Mental Health Resource Use and Rural Officer Wellbeing in Nebraska

Advisor: Trisha Rhodes, Ph.D.

- Developed a study looking at mental health resources available to and used by officers located in rural law enforcement agencies in Nebraska
- Created visual presentations, using both PowerPoint and symposium posters, for the 2024 National McNair conference at the University of California, Los Angeles

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of History, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, 2021–2022

Name of Project: Petitioning for Freedom: Habeas Corpus in the American West

Principal Investigator: Katrina Jagodinsky, Ph.D.

- Worked with a team of undergraduates to code petitions of habeas corpus then upload them to a searchable database.

Presentations

Bruha, A (2024, July). *Pilot Analysis of Mental Health Resource Use and Rural Officer Wellbeing in Nebraska*. Poster presented at the 2024 Nebraska Summer Research Symposium, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Bruha, A (2024, July). *Pilot Analysis of Mental Health Resource Use and Rural Officer Wellbeing in Nebraska*. Oral presentation at the 2024 McNair Summer Research Colloquium, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Bruha, A (2024, July). *Pilot Analysis of Mental Health Resource Use and Rural Officer Wellbeing in Nebraska*. Oral presentation at the 2024 UCLA National McNair Scholars Conference, University of California–Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.

Bruha, A (2025, March). *Analysis of Rural and Small-Town Police Officer Wellbeing and Job Satisfaction*. Oral presentation at the 2025 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference, Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel, Denver, Colorado

Grants, Honors, and Scholarships

University of Nebraska-Lincoln First Year Research Experience (FYRE) Grant, 2021

Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, 2022

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, 2023

McNair Scholar, 2023–2025

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Experience (UCARE) Grant, 2024