

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2024 (expected) M.A., Criminal Justice, GPA: 3.852, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE.
Thesis: *A Study of the Patterns of Recruitment and Hiring Practices of a Nationally Representative Sample of Police Agencies*
Committee: Dr. Sadaf Hashimi (chair), Dr. Erin Kearns, Dr. Matt Allen
- 2022 B.A., Criminology & Criminal Justice, *Magna Cum Laude*, GPA: 3.793, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE

EMPLOYMENT

- 2022-present *Graduate Assistant*, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha

AREAS OF INTEREST

Gangs and Group Crime
Corrections
Policing
Social Network Analysis

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022-present *Research Assistant* for “*Screening for Insider Threats in US Law Enforcement: A Nationally Representative Sample of Department Policies and Practices*,” funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (PI: Dr. Erin Kearns; Co-PIs: Drs. Sadaf Hashimi, Jessie Huff, and Justin Nix)
Responsibilities: Clean, compile, and manage data; data analysis; work with investigators on project management and development.
- 2022-present *Graduate Assistant* for the *Transforming, Renewing, Achieving, Connecting (TRAC) in Prison Education Program*, with Dr. Sadaf Hashimi
Responsibilities: Attend monthly meetings to educate the residents of Omaha Correctional Center; collect information to compile in handouts

and infographics; help students learn about the program and sign up for classes.

2023-present *Certified Behavioral Health Technician*, Boys Town National Research Hospital.
Responsibilities: Monitor and teach at-risk youth social skills and coping strategies; ensure safety in a highly secure environment; present for serious mental health episodes and crises.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

Cotton, N.P. (November 2023). *Evaluating the potential for insider threats across law enforcement agencies in the United States*. Presented at the 2023 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Guest Lectures

University of Nebraska Omaha (October 2023): Dr. Sadaf Hashimi's Gangs and Gang Control Undergraduate Class. Presentation on *Gangs in the Digital Era* (in person).

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Graduate Assistantship, 2022-present, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Dean's List, 2019-present, University of Nebraska at Kearney, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Magna Cum Laude, 2022, University of Nebraska at Omaha

SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE

MS Excel, R, Stata

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2023-present American Society of Criminology