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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Anticipated 2026	Ph.D., Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha
2022	M.A., Criminology & Criminal Justice, Saint Louis University
2020	B.A., Criminology & Criminal Justice (<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>), Saint Louis University

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Huff, J., Clinkinbeard, S., Rief, R., **Dunlap, B.**, Zamouri, I., Goodijohn, L., Meenagh, C., Champenstein, C., Townsley, J., Fernandez, M., Swanson, J. (In Press). Recruiting, retaining, and advancing women in policing: Lessons learned from the IAWP gender responsive policing summit. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*. doi: 10.1093/police/paae013

Schafer, J., **Dunlap, B.**, Mancini, M., & Linhorst, D. (Accepted). Gender discrimination and family stressors: Perceptions and experiences of women police officers. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*.

Manuscripts Under Review

Dunlap, B., Huff, J., & Tregle, B. Repairing the harm caused by arrest: A mixed-methods evaluation of a restorative justice diversion program.

Manuscripts in Progress

Dunlap, B., Bussey, P. T., & Butler, L. C. Racial attitudes and public perceptions of policing after the death of George Floyd and 2020 protests.

Huff, J., & **Dunlap, B.** The severity and proportionality of police use of force: Assessing civilian demographics, characteristics, behaviors, and resistance.

Dunlap, B., & Huff, J. Neighborhood context and use of force: Patrol beats vs. census tracts.

Schafer, J., & **Dunlap, B.** Policing the St. Louis Metroplex pre- and post-Ferguson: The lived experiences of police officers

Dunlap, B., Bussey, P. T., Huff, J., & Nix, J. Officer involved fatal and nonfatal shootings across neighborhoods.

Bussey, P. T., **Dunlap, B.,** Nix, J., & Huff, J. Proximity to trauma care and police shooting victim mortality.

Bussey, P. T., Nix, J., Wolfe, S., **Dunlap, B.** How message framing impacts public support for police reform.

Technical Reports

Dunlap, B. (2023). *Recruitment and Retention of Women Officers: Lessons Learned Brief from the IAWP Gender Diversity in Policing Summit*. Submitted to The International Association of Women Police and UN Women. Omaha, NE. doi: [10.13140/RG.2.2.11851.16166](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.11851.16166)

Huff, J., & **Dunlap, B.** (2023). *An Examination of the City of Omaha's Restorative Justice Diversion Program: Final Report*. Omaha Police Foundation, Inc. Submitted to Omaha Legal Department, City of Omaha Human Rights & Relations Department, and the Omaha Police Department. Omaha, NE. [Full text](#).

Translational Outputs

Dunlap, B. (2024). *What is "Just Right" Policing?* Submitted to The American Society of Evidence-Based Policing.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Dunlap, B., & Huff, J. (2023). Repairing the harm caused by arrest: A mixed-methods evaluation of a restorative justice diversion program. Paper to be presented at the

American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Division of Policing sponsored thematic panel on Advances in police screening and community responses.

Dunlap, B. (2023). Division of experimental criminology: survey results. American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Division of Experimental Criminology Awards Ceremony and Joan McCord Lecture.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND AREAS

Research Experience

School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha

- 2023 – present Graduate Research Assistant, *Tacoma Police Department Gun Crime Investigation Project*
Collection of administrative data (computer-aided dispatch), data management, data analysis, dissemination of findings through technical reports, peer-reviewed publications, and presentation of findings at academic conferences.
Funded by: Bureau of Justice Assistance/Smart Policing Initiative
- 2022 – present Graduate Research Assistant, *Violence Intervention and Policing Research (VIPR) Lab*
Data collection, data cleaning and analysis, report writing, peer-reviewed publications, and presentations of findings at academic conferences.
- 2022 – 2023 Project Manager, *Examination of the City of Omaha's Restorative Justice Diversion Program*
Managed 1-year program evaluation which involved conducting interviews of officers and arrestees (39 interviews), collecting and managing administrative data (arrest records, recidivism data) and survey data (from 55 arrestees), data management, data analysis, dissemination of findings through technical reports, peer-reviewed publications, and presentation of findings at academic conferences.
Funded by: The City of Omaha Police Foundation, Inc.

Criminology & Criminal Justice Program, School of Social Work/Office of the Vice President for Research, Saint Louis University

- 2021 – 2022 Research Strategy Group Intern, Office of the Vice President for Research, Saint Louis University.
Duties: Project management; Assisting with grant decisions; Grant and research support.

- 2021 – 2022 Research Assistant to Kenya Brumfield-Young, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Saint Louis University.
Duties: Researching literature; Review of literature for systematic review of the barriers to service for African Americans.
- 2020 – 2021 Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Joseph Schafer, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Saint Louis University.
Duties: Researching literature; Literature review summaries; Presenting reports.

Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

- Summer 2021 Field Surveyor to Dr. Tammy Kochel, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.
Duties: Primary data collection; Conducting interviews with residents; Surveying neighborhoods.
- Spring 2021 Research Assistant to Dr. Tammy Kochel, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.
Duties: Administer pre- and post-surveys to St. Louis County Police Officers for in-service Implicit Bias Training; Correspond with Police Department.

Research Areas

Police Use of Force
Evidence-Based Policing
Police Legitimacy and Procedural Justice
Public Opinion of Policing
Officer-Involved Fatal and Non-Fatal Shootings
Women in Policing

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND AREAS

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2024 Teaching Assistant to Dr. Jessie Huff, US Police: Function and Future (Honors undergraduate). School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
- Spring 2024 Instructor, Survey of Criminal Justice (undergraduate). School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
- Fall 2023 Teaching Assistant to Dr. Jessie Huff, Police & Society (undergraduate).

	School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
Summer 2023	Instructor, Police and Society (undergraduate). School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Lincoln.
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Spring 2023	Teaching Assistant to Dr. Jessie Huff, US Police: Function and Future (Honors undergraduate). School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
Fall 2022	Teaching Assistant to Dr. Jessie Huff, Police & Society (undergraduate). School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.

Teaching Areas of Interest

Policing	Criminology
Police and Society	Introduction to Criminology
Criminal Justice Administration	Criminological Theory
Systems	Research Methods
Introduction to Criminal Justice	Research Methods in CJ
Special Problems in Criminal Justice	

GRANTS, HONORS, AND SERVICE

Research Grants Received

Dunlap, B., & Huff, J. (2023, October). *Officer Involved Fatal and Nonfatal Shootings Across Neighborhoods*. University of Nebraska Omaha, GRACA Funding for \$5,000.

Honors Received

2022	Saint Louis University Criminology and Criminal Justice: Outstanding MACCJ Graduating Student
2020	Saint Louis University Criminology and Criminal Justice: Outstanding Senior Award

Invited Lectures and Presentations

Dunlap, B. (2023, October). *The Police and Crime*. (Instructor: Dr. Jessie Huff). School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha, Omaha, NE. [Invited Lecture].

Dunlap, B. (2023, April). *Police Discretion*. (Instructor: Dr. Jessie Huff). School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha, Omaha, NE. [Invited Lecture].

Dunlap, B. (2022, November). *Legitimacy and Trust and Confidence in the Police*. (Instructor: Dr. Jessie Huff). School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha, Omaha, NE. [Invited Lecture].

Professional Activities and Service

2024	ASC Division of Policing Award's Committee Member
2023	Analyzed the Academy of Experimental Criminology (AEC) and the ASC Division of Experimental Criminology (DEC) survey to identify key patterns and trends.
2023	Nominated by Dr. Gaylene Armstrong for a graduate student position for the ACJS TLS Section.
2022 – present	Member of the Crime and Justice Public Opinion Lab in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska Omaha.
2022 – present	Member of the Association of Blacks and Browns in Criminal Justice in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska Omaha.
2022	American College of Sports Medicine – Exercise is Medicine Mascot Challenge 2022 Video Competition participant [Video]. University of Nebraska Omaha.
2021 – 2022	President of the SLU Association of Criminology and Criminal Justice in the School of Social Work at Saint Louis University.
2021 – 2022	Voting Member and Criminology and Criminal Justice representative on the Graduate Student Association (GSA) at Saint Louis University.
2021 – 2022	Wellness Committee member for the Graduate Student Association at Saint Louis University.
2021	Lead Intern at MADD, Training new interns on Court Monitoring and

Casenet.

2019 – 2020 Study Abroad Peer Mentor at Saint Louis University.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024 Foundations of Teaching Online. Stephanie Larsen, M.A. University of Nebraska Omaha. September 24, 2023 – January 4, 2024. Funding received: \$1,000.

2023 Social Media and Public Engagement. Erin Kearns, Ph.D., & Justin Nix, Ph.D. Graduate Seminar Series. December 1, 2023.

2023 About the Job Market Part 2. Zachary Hamilton, Ph.D., Tara Richards, Ph.D., & Ling Ren, Ph.D. Graduate Seminar Series. October 27, 2023.

2023 Conferences and Successfully “Conferencing.” Jessica Huff, Ph.D., & Teresa Kulig, Ph.D. Graduate Seminar Series. October 20, 2023.

2023 About the Job Market Part 1. Jessica Deitzer, Ph.D., Matthew Kafafian, Ph.D., & Jennifer Tostlebe, Ph.D. Graduate Seminar Series. September 22, 2023.

2023 An Engaging, Equitable, and Inclusive Online Class. Marlina Davidson, Ph.D. University of Nebraska Omaha. September 17 – October 22, 2023. Funding received: \$300.

2023 Spatial Data Science: The New Frontier in Analytics. Jack Dangermond. ESRI. August 30 – October 11, 2023.

2023 Crime and Place Summer Institute. Crime and Place Working Group. Southern Illinois University Carbondale. July 16 – July 20, 2023. Competitive selection process.

2023 Transform AEC Projects with GIS and BIM. Cody Benkelman. ESRI. May 3 – May 31, 2023.

2023 Measurement Validity and Reliability: Logic and Process of Exploratory Factor Analysis. Leah Butler, Ph.D., & Teresa Kulig, Ph.D. May 5, 2023.

2023 Grant Writing Workshop: All about budgets. Tara Richards, Ph.D., & Rachel Bachle. April 19, 2023.

2023	Exploratory Factor Analysis. Leah Butler, Ph.D. Survey Design. Leah Butler, Ph.D. April 13, 2023.
2023	Grant Writing Workshop: Q & A with Dr. Armstrong. Gaylene Armstrong, Ph.D. April 12, 2023.
2023	Grant Writing Workshop: Co-Investigators and creating research teams. Leah Butler, Ph.D., & Sadaf Hashimi, Ph.D. March 24, 2023.
2023	Grant Writing Workshop: Breaking Down the Request for Proposals. Justin Nix, Ph.D., & Tara Richards, Ph.D. March 10, 2023.
2023	Grant Writing Workshop: Getting Started. Erin Kearns, Ph.D., Zachary Hamilton, Ph.D., & Joel Hunt, Ph.D. February 17, 2023.
2022	Looking Outside: Jobs Outside Academia. Ian A. Silver, Ph.D. Graduate Seminar Series. December 9, 2022.
2022	Professional Development: Website Building. Justin Nix, Ph.D. Graduate Seminar Series. December 2, 2022.
2022	Navigating Challenges: An Open Dialogue with Faculty. Leah Butler, Ph.D., Samantha Clinkinbeard, Ph.D., & Erin Kearns, Ph.D. Graduate Seminar Series. October 21, 2022.
2022	Demystifying Publishing? Aspects of Publishing: Part 2. Gaylene Armstrong, Ph.D., Jessie Huff, Ph.D., Teresa Kulig, Ph.D., & Lisa Sample, Ph.D. Graduate Seminar Series. September 30, 2022.
2022	Establishing Measurement Validity and Reliability. Crime and Justice Public Opinion Lab Workshop. Leah Butler, Ph.D. University of Nebraska Omaha. September 23, 2022.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2023 – present	American Society of Evidence-Based Policing
2022 – present	American Society of Criminology, <i>Division of Policing</i>
2022 – present	Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
2023 – present	International Association of Crime Analysts

REFERENCES

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