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Professional Experience

- 2016 — Present *University of Arkansas at Little Rock* (Little Rock, AR)
Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice
- 2015 — 2016 *East Carolina University* (Greenville, NC)
Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice
- 2014 — 2015 *Nebraska Department of Correctional Services* (Lincoln, NE)
PhD Intern/Research Analyst, Division of Planning, Research, &
Accreditation (PRA)

Education

- 2010-2015 *University of Nebraska at Omaha* (Omaha, NE)
Doctorate of Philosophy in Criminology and Criminal Justice
Dissertation: American Criminal Justice Policy Change: An Example Using
Sex Offender Registration and Notification Laws
Committee: Lisa L. Sample (chair), Amy L. Anderson (chair)
Brief report available upon request
- 2007-2009 *Radford University* (Radford, VA)
Master of Arts in Psychology (Concentration: Experimental Psychology)
Thesis: The Effect of Task Difficulty on Stereotype Threat Effects: Can
Stereotype Threat “Boost” Performance? (Advisor: Jeffery Aspelmeier)
- 2003-2007 *James Madison University* (Harrisonburg, VA)
Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Minor: Criminal Justice
Thesis: What is Beautiful is Innocent: The Effects of Defendant Physical
Attractiveness and Strength of Evidence on Juror Decision-Making (Advisor:
Natalie Kerr Lawrence)

Research Interests

Desistance from Crime	Policy and Program Evaluation
Criminal Justice Policy Process	Punishment and Society
Institutional & Community Corrections	Sex Offense Laws

Publications (Most Recent First; * indicates Graduate Student)

Refereed Journal Articles:

- Bratton*, T. M., **Lytle, R. D.**, & ten Bensel, T. (in press). What's God got to do with it?: The role of religious salience in attitudes towards homosexuality. Accepted at *Sociological Inquiry*.
- Lytle, R.** (2019). Beyond panic: Variation in the legislative activity for sex offender registration and notification laws across states over time. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 30(3), 451-476.
- Gibbs, B., **Lytle, R.**, & Wakefield, W. (2019). Outcome effects on recidivism among drug court participants. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 46(1), 115-135.
- Steely*, M., ten Bensel, T., Bratton*, T., & **Lytle, R.** (2018). All part of the process?: A qualitative examination of change in online child pornography behaviors. *Criminal Justice Studies*, 31(3), 279-296.
- Anderson, A. L., **Lytle, R.**, & Schwadel, P. (2017). Age, period, and cohort effects of death penalty attitudes in the United States, 1975-2010. *Criminology*, 55(4), 833-868.
- Savolainen, J., Applin, S., Messner, S., Hughes, L., **Lytle, R.**, & Kivivuori, J. (2017). Is the gender gap in delinquency smaller in less patriarchal societies?: Evidence from an international survey of adolescents. *Criminology*, 55(4), 726-753.
- Lytle, R.**, Bailey, D. J. S., & ten Bensel, T. (2017). We fought tooth and toenail: Exploring the dynamics of romantic relationships among sex offenders who have desisted. *Criminal Justice Studies*, 30(2), 117-135.
- Lytle, R.**, & ten Bensel, T. (2016). Are self-identified Christian fundamentalists really more supportive of capital punishment?: Exploring the relationship between fundamentalism and death penalty attitudes. *Criminal Justice Studies*, 29(4), 309-324.
- ten Bensel, T., Gibbs, B., & **Lytle, R.** (2015). A propensity score approach towards assessing neighborhood risk of parole revocation. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 40(2), 377-398.
- Lytle, R.** (2015). Variation in criminal justice policy-making: An exploratory study of sex offender registration and community notification laws. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 26(3), 211-233.
- Burchfield, K. B., Sample, L. L., & **Lytle, R.** (2014). Public interest in sex offenders: A perpetual panic?. *Journal of Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law and Society*, 14(3), 96-117.

Articles Under Review:

- Gibbs, B., & **Lytle, R.** (under review). Drug court outcomes and time to failure. Revise and Resubmit at *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.
- Williams, M., Comartin, E., & **Lytle, R.** (under review). Against the tide: Legislative reasons to constrain the use of sex offender residency restrictions. Under Review at *Law and Policy*.
- Augustyn, R., ten Benschel, T., **Lytle, R.**, Gibbs, B., & Sample, L. L. (under review). "Older" Inmates in Prison: Considering the Tipping Point of Age and Misconduct. Under Review at *Journal of Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law and Society*.

Book Chapters:

- Lytle, R. D.**, Bratton, T. M., & Hudson, H. (in progress). Bystander apathy and intervention in the era of social media. Accepted for J. Bailey, A. Flynn, and N. Henry (Eds.), *Technology-facilitated violence and abuse: International perspectives and experiences*.
- Evans, M. K., **Lytle, R.**, & Sample, L. L. (2015). Sex offender registration and community notification. In R. G. Wright (Ed.), *Sex offender laws: Failed policies, new directions* (2nd Ed., Pp. 142-164). New York, NY: Springer Publishing.
- Bailey, D. J., **Lytle, R.**, & Sample, L. L. (2014). Policy implications of sociological theories of crime: Why are they so seldom considered or discussed? In J. C. Barnes, K. Beaver, and B. Boutwell (Eds.), *The nurture versus biosocial debate in criminology* (Pp. 415-430). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Encyclopedia Chapters:

- Steely*, M., Bratton*, T. M., & **Lytle, R.** (in press). History of prostitution. In F. P. Bernat, K. Frailing, L. Gelsthorpe, S. Kethineni, & L. Pasko (Eds.), *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing.

Selected Manuscripts in Progress

- Lytle, R.**, Radatz, D. R., Latiolais*, R., & Sample, L. L. (in progress). Variation in the content of state mandatory reporting statutes. Anticipated Submission to *Psychology, Public Policy, and the Law*.
- Lytle, R.**, & Bratton*, T. M. (in progress). Partial standardization and the Adam Walsh Act. Anticipated Submission to *Criminal Justice Policy Review*.
- Bratton*, T. M., **Lytle, R.**, & Hudson, H. (in progress). #FollowMe: An investigation into the relationship between social media presence and online harassment. Anticipated Submission to *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*.

Lytle, R. D., Cooley*, B., Hughes*, M., & Snow*, N. (in progress). "Liking" the death penalty? A research note about the early state of social media use measures in nationwide public opinion data. Anticipated Submission to *Journal of Criminal Justice*.

Technical Reports (* indicates Graduate Student)

ten Bensel, T., **Lytle, R.**, & Rhodes, T. (April, 2019). *Disproportionate Minority Contact in Arkansas: DMC Identification 2016 Report*. Written for the Arkansas Division of Youth Services.

Lytle, R., Parker, M., Hurst, J., Glidden, M., & Smith, M. E. (December, 2018). *Report for the Associate of Science in Law Enforcement and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice*. Written for the Institutional Effectiveness Committee at University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Ten Bensel, T., Rhodes, T., **Lytle, R.**, Golden, J., Spears*, J. (February, 2018). *Disproportionate Minority Contact in Arkansas: A Three Year Trend Analysis (2013-2015) & Data Quality Analysis*. Written for the Arkansas Division of Youth Services.

Lytle, R., & Sample, L. L. (July, 2016). *Washington County Risk/Needs Assessment*. Written for the LiveWise Coalition.

Davidson, M., & **Lytle, R.** (August, 2016). *Crisis Intervention Training at Central Prison (Raleigh, NC)*. Written for the North Carolina Division of Prisons.

Lytle, R., & Sample, L. L. (November, 2015). *Web-Based Survey Methods Report: Strategies and Considerations for Web-Based Survey Development*. Written for the LiveWise Coalition.

Chenane*, J., **Lytle, R.**, & Sample, L. L. (July, 2014). *Year-end report for the LiveWise Coalition Drug Free Communities program grant (and Quarterly Reports)*. Written for the LiveWise Coalition.

ten Bensel, T., Gibbs, B., & **Lytle, R.** (December, 2013). *Severely disadvantaged neighborhoods and parole revocation*. Research report provided to the Nebraska State Legislature Judiciary Committee.

Sample, L. L., Bailey, D. J., **Lytle, R.**, Augustyn*, R., & ten Bensel, T. (November, 2013). *Desistance from sex offending and the consequences of sex offender laws: Preliminary results*. Research report provided to the Nebraska State Legislature Judiciary Committee and Nebraskans Unafraid.

Lytle, R., & Sample, L. L. (June, 2013). *LiveWise Coalition Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment block grant year-end report*. Written for the LiveWise Coalition.

Lytle, R., & Sample, L. L. (June, 2013). *Year-end report for the LiveWise Coalition Drug Free Communities program grant (and Quarterly Reports with D. R. Radatz)*. Written for the LiveWise Coalition.

Academic Presentations (* indicates Graduate Student)

Invited Presentations

- 2018 **Lytle, R.** Question and answer with the public about criminal justice sciences. Presented to the public through the Science Café program in Little Rock, AR. May 2018. (Public Forum)
- 2015 **Lytle, R.** “Understanding Sex Offender Registration and Notification Policy Change.” Presented to Nebraskans Unafraid Fearless group meeting in Omaha, NE. March 16th.
- 2014 **Lytle, R.** “Variation in major policy change to offender registration statutes over time.” Presented at the 2014 Research and Creative Activity Fair at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. March 7th.
- 2010 **Lytle, R.** “I’ll show you!: Negative stereotypes improve performance.” Presented to Virginia Council of Graduate Schools Research Forum in Richmond, VA. March 4th.

Recent Conference Presentations (Past 5 Years)

- 2019 Gibbs, B., ten Bensel, T., & **Lytle, R.** “Neighborhood disadvantage and drug court outcomes.” Accepted Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November.
- 2019 **Lytle, R.,** & Bratton, T.* “Compliance with federal law or conformity amongst states? State registration and notification laws and the Adam Walsh Act.” Accepted Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November.
- 2019 **Lytle, R.** “What to do with all that policy? The problem of policy accumulation in criminal justice policy analysis.” Presented at the Annual UA Little Rock’s College of Social Science and Communications Research Showcase, April 17-18. [Internal Conference]
- 2019 **Lytle, R.** “Revamping Program Assessment to Conform to a University’s Assessment Overhaul.” Presented in the Assessment Workshop at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD, March 25-29.
- 2018 Bratton*, T., & **Lytle, R.** “#FollowMe: An Investigation into the Relationship between Social Media Presence and Online Harassment.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November.
- 2018 Latiolais*, R., Saldana*, B., King*, A., Gaither*, E., **Lytle, R.,** & ten Bensel, T. “Spicing Up Graduate School: Engaging Undergraduate Students in Criminal Justice Research.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, San Antonio, TX, October 17-19.

- 2018 **Lytle, R.** "Partial Standardization of Sex Offender Registration and Notification Across States: The Impact of the Adam Walsh Act on State Policy Change." Presented at the Annual UA Little Rock's College of Social Science and Communications Research Showcase, February 26-27. [Internal Conference]
- 2018 Hughes*, M. H., Spears*, J., & **Lytle, R.** "Is my health why I'm scared? Examining the effects of perceived health conditions in fear of crime." Presented presentation at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, LA, February 15.
- 2017 **Lytle, R.** Panel discussant. Advances in Sexual Offense Policy Research: Residency Restrictions and Housing. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, November 16.
- 2017 Bailey, D. J. S., **Lytle, R.**, & ten Bensel, T. "The Role of Religious Institutions in Sex Offender Desistance." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, November 16.
- 2017 Bratton*, T. M., **Lytle, R.**, & ten Bensel, T. "What's God Got to Do With It?: The Role of Religious Salience in Attitudes Toward Homosexuality." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, November 16.
- 2017 Smith, M., & **Lytle, R.** "What's in a Name?: Representation of Criminology v. Criminal Justice Oriented Coursework." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, Fort Worth, TX, October 12-14.
- 2017 ten Bensel, T., **Lytle, R.**, Gibbs, B., & Augustyn*, R. "Inmate misconduct: A study of age and influential factors." Presented at the Annual UA Little Rock's College of Social Science and Communications Research Showcase, April 6. [Internal Conference]
- 2017 Beuch*, A., ten Bensel, T., & **Lytle, R.** "Collective sexual violence in Sierra Leone." Presented at the Annual UA Little Rock's College of Social Science and Communications Research Showcase, April 6. [Internal Conference]
- 2017 **Lytle, R.** "Beyond panic: An analysis of change in the content of sex offender registration." Accepted presentation at the Annual UA Little Rock's College of Social Science and Communications Research Showcase, April 6. [Internal Conference]
- 2017 Beuch*, B. A., ten Bensel, T., & **Lytle, R.** "The Nature of Collective Violence in the Sierra Leone Civil War, 1991-2002." Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, KS, March 22-25.
- 2016 **Lytle, R.** "Partial Standardization of Sex Offender Registration and Notification Across States: The Impact of the Adam Walsh Act on State Policy Change." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA, November 16-19.

- 2016 Comartin, E., Williams, M., & **Lytle, R.** “Against the Tide: Legislative Reasons to Constrain the Use of Residency Restrictions.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA, November 16-19.
- 2016 Gibbs, B. R., Wakefield, W., & **Lytle, R.** “Disposition (tx) effects on recidivism among drug court participants: Preliminary findings from a propensity score analysis.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA, November 16-19.
- 2016 Davidson, M., & **Lytle, R.** “CIT Training and Prison Outcomes.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO, March 29-April 2.
- 2015 **Lytle, R.** “The Political Context Surrounding Timing in Sex Offender Registration and Notification Policy Innovations.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC, November 19 - 22.
- 2015 Sample, L. L. & **Lytle, R.** “Lessons Learned from Criminal Justice Policy Movement Declines: Applications to Sex Offender Laws.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC, November 19 - 22.

Teaching Interests

Institutional & Community Corrections	Punishment and Crime Control Policy
Criminological Theory	Research Methods
Policy & Program Evaluation	Statistical Analysis

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (2016-Present):

CRJU 8316. Advanced Statistics
 CRJU 8315. Multivariate Statistics
 CRJU 7393. Special Topics: Criminal Justice Policy Analysis
 CRJU 7391: Social Statistics †
 CRJU 4300: Crime & Behavior †**
 CRJU 3396: Psychology and Criminal Justice Processes †
 CRJU 3337: Juvenile Delinquency †*
 CRJU 3314: Statistics in Criminal Justice (Spring 2020)
 CRJU 3305: Seminar in Criminal Justice: Probation and Parole †*
 CRJU 3305: Seminar in Criminal Justice: Issues in American Capital Punishment
 CRJU 3304: Police and Society †**
 CRJU 3303: Corrections †**
 CRJU 2300: Introduction to Criminal Justice

Assistant Professor, East Carolina University (2015-2016):

JUST 6002: Seminar in Criminal Justice Education *
 JUST 6001: Seminar in Research Methods and Statistical Interpretation *

JUST 2009: Correctional Systems †
 JUST 1000: Introduction to Criminal Justice

Course Instructor, University of Nebraska – Omaha (2012-2015):

CRCJ 4800: Special Topics: Issues in American Capital Punishment †
 CRCJ 4060: Criminal Justice Ethics
 CRCJ 3370: Juvenile Delinquency & Justice †
 CRCJ 3350: Criminology

Teaching Assistant, University of Nebraska – Omaha (2010-2011, 2013):

CRCJ 9030: Minorities and Criminal Justice Systems *
 CRCJ 3370: Juvenile Delinquency & Justice †

Graduate Teaching Fellow, Radford University (2009-2010):

PSYC 121. Introductory Psychology †

Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology, Radford University (2008-2010):

PSYC 212: Research Methods II †
 PSYC 211: Research Methods I †

† Courses taught multiple times

* Courses delivered online

** Courses delivered face-to-face and online

Student Mentorship and Committees

Graduate Student Assistants

Sydney McEwen (2019-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, MA)
Tionna Norman Miller (2019-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, PhD)
Natalie Snow (2019-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, PhD)
Randi Latiolais (2018-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, MA)
Arsala Khan (2017-2019, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, MA)
Tabrina Bratton (2017-2018, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, PhD)
Hyounggon Kwak (2016-2018, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, PhD)
Bobbie Bournes (2016-2017, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, PhD)
Samra Afzal (2015-2016, East Carolina University, MSCJ)

Masters Thesis Committees

Haley Thornton (Reader 2019-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Randi Latiolais (Chair 2019-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Madison Doyle (Chair 2019-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Trye Price (Reader 2019-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Jesse Horton (Reader 2019-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Arsala Khan (Chair 2018-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Corey Spangler (Reader 2017-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Tabrina Bratton (Chair 2017-2018, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Mollie Steely (Reader 2017-2018, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

Brooke Cooley (Reader 2019-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Whitney Gass (Reader 2018-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Hyounggon Kwak (Reader 2018-2019, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Marc Glidden (Reader 2018-2019, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Brenda Prochaska (Co-Chair 2017-2018, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Jacob Laan (Reader 2017-2018, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Rocio Roles Paez (Reader 2016-2017, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
Kristen Sobba (Reader 2016-2017, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)

Internal Funding

2019 **2019 Criminal Justice Summer Research Group**
Role: Facilitator, Instructor
Funding Institution: UA Little Rock College of Graduate Studies, UA Little Rock College of Social Sciences and Communications
Awarded Amount: \$1,000

2019 **2019 Research and Creative Activities Grant**
Role: Principal Investigator
Funding Institution: UA Little Rock College of Social Sciences and Communications
Awarded Amount: \$2,000

2018 **2018 Criminal Justice Summer Research Group**
Role: Facilitator, Instructor
Funding Institution: UA Little Rock College of Graduate Studies, UA Little Rock College of Social Sciences and Communications
Awarded Amount: \$1,000

2018 **2018 UA Little Rock Middle Eastern Studies Program Research Grant**
Role: Co-Principal Investigator
Funding Institution: UA Little Rock Middle Eastern Studies Program
Awarded Amount: \$3,000

2018 **2018-2019 UA Little Rock Research Cluster Seed Grant Competition**
Role: Co-Principal Investigator
Funding Institution: Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Requested Amount: \$12,000 (over 1 year; *not funded*)

2017 **ICPSR Travel Funding, Group-Based Trajectory Modeling for the Medical and Social Sciences**
Role: Recipient
Funding Institutions: College of Social Sciences and Communications (CSSC), Department of Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Awarded Amount: \$3,500 (*funded*)

- 2016 **2016-2017 UA Little Rock Research Cluster Seed Grant Competition**
Role: Co-Principal Investigator
Funding Institution: Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Requested Amount: \$50,000 (over 2 years; *not funded*)
- 2015 — 2016 **New Faculty Start-Up Research Grant**
Role: Principal Investigator
Funding Institutions: Division of Research and Graduate Studies, Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Criminal Justice; East Carolina University
Awarded Amount: \$20,000 (over 1 year; *funded*)
- 2013 **Graduate Research and Creative Activity Grant**
Role: Recipient (Faculty mentor: Lisa L. Sample)
Funding Institution: School of Graduate Studies, University of Nebraska – Omaha
Awarded Amount: \$5,000 (*funded*)
- 2012 **ICPSR Travel Funding, Longitudinal Analysis Using Multilevel Models**
Role: Recipient (Faculty mentor: Lisa L. Sample)
Funding Institution: School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska – Omaha
Awarded Amount: \$5,000 (*funded*)

External Funding

- 2019 — present **Targeting Religion: Muslim Experiences with Hate Crimes in the South**
Role: Co-Principal Investigator
Funding Agency: National Science Foundation (Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program)
Requested Amount: \$266,029 over 3 years (*under consideration*)
- 2017 — present **Disparate Minority Contact Grant**
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (Data Management & Analysis)
Fiscal Agent: Arkansas Division of Youth Services, Department of Human Services
Funding Institution: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
Awarded Amount: \$87,729 over 3 years (*funded*)
Funding Period: 2016-present
- 2017 — 2019 **Invest Health Community Survey
 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victims Fund
 (STOP) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**

Role: Research/Evaluation Partner
Fiscal Agent: City of Little Rock
Funding Institutions: Office of Justice Programs
Awarded Amount: 7,000 (*funded*)

2017

Smart Supervision Grant

Role: Co-Principal Investigator (Partner with Arkansas Department of Community Corrections)
Funding Agency: National Institute of Justice
Requested Amount: *not funded*

2015

Assessment of Risk/Needs in Washington County

Role: Principal Investigator
Fiscal Agent: LiveWise Coalition
Funding Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
Awarded Amount: \$1,000 (*funded*)

2014

Assessing the costs, benefits, and utility of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA): How is information sharing used to track sex offenders and influence community awareness?

Role: Co-Principal Investigator
Funding Agency: National Institute of Justice
Requested Amount: \$224,841 over three years (*not funded*)

2012 — 2014

LiveWise Drug Free Community Grant

Role: Principal Investigator (Faculty mentor: Lisa L. Sample)
Fiscal Agent: LiveWise Coalition
Funding Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
Awarded Amount: \$3,892 per semester (*funded*)

2013

LiveWise Block Grant Evaluation

Role: Principal Investigator (Faculty mentor: Lisa L. Sample)
Fiscal Agent: LiveWise Coalition
Funding Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
Awarded Amount: \$2,500 (*funded*)

2013

Desistance from sex offending: Psychological, social, therapeutic, and legal factors associated with ending sexual recidivism

Role: Contributed to Research Design section (Principal Investigators: Lisa L. Sample and Tusty ten Bensel)
Funding Agency: National Institute of Justice
Requested Amount: \$551,413 over two years (*not funded*)

Original Data Collection

- 2019 — ongoing **Graduate Education in Criminology and Criminal Justice**
Contributions: Direct internet data collection and survey preparation
Data: Publicly available data from program websites; Surveys in preparation
Sample: Doctoral and Masters Programs in Criminology, Criminal Justice, or related fields
Graduate Students (unfunded): Randi Latiolais
- 2019 — ongoing **Correctional Success in Arkansas**
Contributions: Coordinate data requests, prepare data for analysis, manage agency relationships
Data: (Institutional Data) 10-year admission cohorts across various institutional indicators; (Community Data) 10-year release cohorts across various indicators of community activity
Sample: Data request in progress
Graduate Students (unfunded): Mollee Steely, Tionna Miller
- 2016 — ongoing
 (Joined in 2017) **Disparate Minority Contact in Justice-System Involved Youth in Arkansas**
Contributions: Data Collection, Data Management, Data Analysis
Data: Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Juvenile and Adult data, US Census Bureau – American Community Survey, Youth Detention Data (DYS)
Data Coverage: Ten years of data (2010-2020)
Sample: Data collection ongoing
Graduate Students (funded, DYS/OJJDP DMC Grant): Brenda Prochaska, Hyounggon Kwak, Jasmine Spears, Tabrina Bratton, Mollee Steely, Natalie Snow
- 2012 — ongoing **American Criminal Justice Policy Change: An Example Using Sex Offender Registration and Notification Laws**
Contributions: Research Design, Data Collection, Data Analysis
Data: All Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statutes in each state (1957-2012)
Sample: 1,069 State Statutes
Graduate Students (unfunded): Tabrina Bratton, Sydney McEwen
- 2017 — 2019 **Death Penalty Activity Across the United States**
Contributions: Supervise data collection and analysis
Data: Compiling data from various sources on death sentences
Sample: Executions (ESPY and DPIC data files), Death sentences (DPIC and BJS), Death row populations (BJS), State death penalty statutes
Graduate Students (unfunded): Shurunda Thrower, Tabrina Bratton, Mollee Steely, Natalie Snow, Mary Hughes
- 2016 — 2019 **UA Little Rock Police Department Incident Database**

Contributions: Data Collection, Data Management, Data Analysis
Data: All incident reports written by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Police Department
Sample: 10 years of incident report files (2007-2016); UA Little Rock PD will update yearly
Graduate Students (unfunded): Erin Pavioni, Arsala Khan

2015 — 2016

Media Coverage of Sex Crimes and Legislation

Contributions: Research Design, Data Collection, Data Analysis
Data: All Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statutes in each state, State-level contextual data
Sample: 22 years of print news articles (frequency) in 18 of the most circulated state newspapers (1990-2012)
Graduate Students (funded, ECU Start-Up): Samra Afzal

2014 — 2016

State-Level Context and Change to Criminal Justice Policy

Contributions: Research Design, Data Collection, Data Analysis
Data: State-level data by year for political organization, political ideology, economic status, demographics, cultural context
Sample: 22 years of state-level contextual data (1990-2012)
Graduate Students (funded, ECU Start-Up): Samra Afzal

2011 — 2015

Desistance from sex offending: Psychological, social, therapeutic, and legal factors associated with ending sexual recidivism

Contributions: Research Design, Recruitment, Interviewing, Grant-Writing and Report-Writing
Data: Semi-Structured, Life-History Interviews
Sample: 200+ Registered Sex Offenders and their families

Professional Service

Service to the Department & University:

2018 — Present	<i>Research and Creative Opportunities Committee, College of Social Science and Communication, Department of Criminal Justice Department Representative</i>
2017 — Present	<i>CSSC Research Showcase Planning Committee, College of Social Science and Communication</i>
2017 — Present	<i>Skills in the Major Development Program, University of Arkansas at Little Rock Department of Criminal Justice Department Representative</i>
2016 — Present	<i>College Assessment Committee, College of Social Science and Communication, Department of Criminal Justice Department Representative</i>

- 2016 — Present *Assessment Coordinator*, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Department of Criminal Justice
- 2016 — Present *Comprehensive Exam Committee*, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Department of Criminal Justice
- 2016 — Present *Graduate Admissions Committee*, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Department of Criminal Justice
- 2016 — Present *Job Search Committee*, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Department of Criminal Justice.
- 2014 — Present *LGBTQ+ Ally*, Safe Space Training (UNO, UA Little Rock)
- 2016 — 2017 *Assessment Mentoring Program*, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Department Representative
- 2015 — 2016 *Curriculum Planning Committee*, East Carolina University, Department of Criminal Justice
SACS Accreditation Assessment Outcomes (Research Methods, Statistics, Juvenile Justice)
- 2015 — 2016 *Funded Research Committee*, East Carolina University, Department of Criminal Justice
- 2015 — 2016 *Co-Advisor, Alpha Phi Sigma*, East Carolina University, Department of Criminal Justice
- 2011 — 2015 *Student Mentor*, University of Nebraska – Omaha
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization;
Mentor/Mentee Program
Assigned Mentees: H. Daniel Butler, Karyn Sporer, Hillary McNeel
- 2012 — 2013 *Chair*, University of Nebraska – Omaha
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization
- 2011 — 2012 *Secretary*, University of Nebraska – Omaha
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization

Service to the Discipline:

- 2019 — present *Topic Area Chair*, Assessment Topic, ACJS 2020 Annual Meeting
- 2019 — present *Deputy Director*, Assessment Committee, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Assistant Deputy Director, 2018-2019
- 2018 — present *Committee Member*, Audit Committee, Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

- 2014 — present *Treasurer*, Sex Offender Policy Research (SOPR) Workgroup
Founding Member (2014)
- 2017 — 2018 *Committee Member*, Program Committee, Division of Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology
- 2015 — 2016 *Committee Member*, Student Affairs Committee, Division of Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology
- 2016 *Panel Organizer/Chair*, American Society of Criminology Annual Conference; Thematic Panel Session: “Sex Offender Policy Approaches: Policy Development”
- 2016 *Grant Reviewer*, Ball State University, ASPiRE Junior Faculty Internal Grants Program
Title of Application: Sentencing Sex Offenders - Identifying Focal Concerns across Crime and Offender
- 2015 *Grant Reviewer*, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Research Cluster Seed Grant Competition
Title of Application: The Effects of Neighborhood Characteristics on Recidivism and Parole Revocation in Arkansas.

Service to the Community:

- 2019 *Experts’ Amicus Brief in US v. Hammond*. Supported and informed brief before US Supreme Court to consider granting *Writ of Certiorari*. January 2019. (Court Brief)
- 2017 — 2018 *Support for the Board (Data Analysis)*. Juvenile Crime Prevention Coalition (JCPC).
- 2018 *Experts’ Amicus Brief in Vasquez v. Foxx*. Supported and informed brief before US Supreme Court to consider granting *Writ of Certiorari*. November 2018. (Court Brief)
- 2018 *Experts’ Amicus Brief in Millard v. Rankin*. Supported and informed brief before the Tenth Circuit US Court of Appeals to consider granting *Writ of Certiorari*. July 2018. (Court Brief)
- 2017 *Experts’ Amicus Brief in Kirk & Nelson v. State of Missouri*. Supported and informed brief before US Supreme Court to consider granting *Writ of Certiorari*. December 2017. (Court Brief)
- 2017 *Interview with Arkansas Democrat-Gazette about literature on prison violence*. December 7th, 2017. (Media Interview; Information used in interview).
Link: <https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2017/dec/10/guards-policy-slips-cited-for-state-pri/>

- 2017 *Interview with Austin Statesman about sex offense laws and residence restrictions.* October 24th, 2017. (Media Interview; Information used in interview)
Link: <http://www.mystatesman.com/news/woman-may-first-sex-offender-evicted-towns-adopt-exclusion-zones/vEyjZey1cMgDbNmC5SYqgM/>
- 2017 *Experts' Amicus Brief in Karsjens v. Piper.* Supported and informed brief before US Supreme Court to consider granting *Writ of Certiorari* about Sex Offender Civil Commitment laws in Minnesota. Submitted by the Fair Punishment Project. June 2017. (Court Brief)
- 2017 *Verify: Does the death penalty deter violent crimes?* Dawn Scott, THV11. April 18th, 2017. (Media Interview)
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- 2017 *Executing multiple inmates the same day was common, now rare.* Michael Graczyk, Associated Press. April 14th, 2017 (Media Interview)
Link: <https://www.apnews.com/64fccf9645544a8494eed9728df814d4>
Reprints (same title): Reading Eagle (4/14/2017); Laredo Morning Times online (4/14/2017); Fox News (4/14/17); Quad-City Times (4/14/17); Corvallis Gazette-Times (4/14/2017); Tulsa World (4/14/17); Dothan Eagle (4/14/2017); Brownsville Herald (4/14/17); Finger Lakes Times (4/14/2017); The Republic (4/15/2017); ABC News (4/15/2017); USA Today (4/15/2017); The Cullman Times (4/15/2017); Tampa Bay Times (4/15/17); East Oregonian (4/15/17); Abilene Reporter-News (4/15/17)
- 2017 *Interview with KUAR about Lethal Injection Protocols.* KUAR (NPR Affiliate). April 15th, 2017. (Media Interview; didn't air)
- 2017 *Verify: What's the true cost of the death penalty?* Erika Ferrando, THV11. April 12th, 2017. (Media Interview)
Link: <http://www.thv11.com/news/local/verify/verify-whats-the-cost-of-the-death-penalty/430857882>
- 2017 *Interview with KUAR about the Death Penalty.* Karen Tricot Steward, KUAR (NPR Affiliate). April 12th, 2017. (Media Interview with Graduate Students; did not air)
- 2017 *Here's why it takes so long to execute a death row inmate.* Denise Middleton, THV11. April 10th, 2017. (Media Interview)
Link: <http://www.thv11.com/news/local/heres-why-it-takes-so-long-to-put-a-death-row-inmate-to-death/430235541>
- 2016 *Interview with Cited podcast about sex offending and sex offense laws.* Gordon Katick, Cited Podcast. June 2016. (Documentary Interview; No appearance, but information used in episode)
Link: <http://citedpodcast.com/29-exiled-part-1-year-new-yorks-infamous-sex-offender-motel/>

Journal Reviewer

American Journal of Criminal Justice

American Psychologist

Criminal Justice Policy Review

Criminal Justice Review

Criminal Justice Studies

Criminology

Current Psychology

International Journal of Offender Therapy and

Comparative Criminology

Journal of Crime and Justice

Journal of Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law and Society

Journal of Interpersonal Violence

Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency

Journal of Sexual Aggression

Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment

Scholarships & Awards

2014 – 2015

Ph.D. Intern, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

School of Criminology & Criminal Justice (SCCJ); University of Nebraska – Omaha

Tuition Scholarship (100%) & Stipend

2010 – 2013

Graduate Assistantship

School of Criminology & Criminal Justice (SCCJ); University of Nebraska – Omaha

Tuition Scholarship (100%) & Stipend

2011 – 2014

Student Travel Scholarship

Awarded by the School of Criminology & Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska – Omaha.

Amount Awarded: \$500 (each year).

2011

Summer Graduate Scholarship

Awarded by the University Committee on Research & Creative Activity and the Office of Graduate Studies at the University of Nebraska – Omaha.

Amount Awarded: \$2,000.

2014

Student Travel Scholarship

Awarded by the University Committee on Research & Creative Activity and the Office of Graduate Studies at the University of Nebraska – Omaha.

Amount Awarded: \$250.

2013

Student Travel Scholarship

Awarded by the University Committee on Research & Creative Activity and the Office of Graduate Studies at the University of Nebraska – Omaha.

Amount Awarded: \$263.

2008 – 2010

Graduate Assistantship

Department of Psychology at Radford University

Tuition Scholarship & Stipend (\$14,500 per year)

Affiliations

- 2017 — present *Member*, Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ)
- 2015 — present *Member*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
Sections: Corrections, Law and Public Policy
- 2014 — present *Member*, Sex Offense Policy Research (SOPR) Workgroup
- 2010 — present *Member*, American Society of Criminology (ASC)
Divisions: Corrections & Sentencing, Victimology, Women and
Crime
- 2012 — 2019 *Member*, American Political Science Association (APSA)
Divisions: Legislative Studies, Law & Courts, State Politics & Government