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## Professional Experience

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- 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)

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## Education

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- 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  
Advisors: 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)

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## Research Interests

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

**Publications (Most Recent First; \* Indicates Graduate Student)**

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**Refereed Journal Articles:**

- Augustyn, R., ten Bensel, T., **Lytle, R.**, Gibbs, B., & Sample, L. L. (in press). "Older" Inmates in Prison: Considering the Tipping Point of Age and Misconduct. Accepted at *Journal of Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law and Society*.  
Accepted: May 2020
- Williams, M., Comartin, E., & **Lytle, R.** (in press). Against the tide: Legislative reasons to constrain the use of sex offender residency restrictions. Accepted at *Law and Policy*.  
Accepted: February 2020
- Gibbs, B., & **Lytle, R. D.** (2019). Drug court outcomes and time to failure. Published online at *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.  
Accepted: September 2019
- Bratton\*, T. M., **Lytle, R. D.**, & ten Bensel, T. (2019). Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Americans' attitudes towards homosexuality and marriage equality: Moving beyond Christian public opinions. Published online at *Sociological Inquiry*.  
Accepted: September 2019
- 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.  
Accepted: October 2016
- Gibbs, B., **Lytle, R.**, & Wakefield, W. (2019). Outcome effects on recidivism among drug court participants. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 46(1), 115-135.  
Accepted: August 2018
- 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.  
Accepted: June 2018
- 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.  
Accepted: May 2017
- 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.  
Accepted: March 2017
- 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.  
Accepted: February 2017

**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.  
Accepted: September 2016

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.  
Accepted: December 2014

**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.  
Accepted: September 2014

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.  
Accepted: December 2014

#### **Articles Under Review:**

**Lytle, R. D.,** Radatz, D. L., Sample, L. L., & Latiolais\*, R. (under review). Variation in the content of state mandatory reporting statutes. Under review at *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*.

Bratton\*, T. M., **Lytle, R. D.,** & Hudson, H. (under review). #FollowMe: An investigation into the relationship between social media presence and online harassment. Under review at *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.

#### **Book Chapters:**

**Lytle, R. D.,** Bratton\*, T. M., & Hudson, H. (under review). 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. D.**, & Bratton\*, T. M. (in progress). Partial standardization and the Adam Walsh Act. Anticipated Submission to *Criminal Justice Policy Review*.

**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*.

Gibbs, B. G., ten Bensel, T., & **Lytle, R. D.** (in progress). Neighborhood context and drug court success: Disadvantage effects on individual program outcomes.

### **Technical Reports ( \* indicates Graduate Student )**

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ten Bensel, T., **Lytle, R. D.**, Rhodes, T., & Snow\*, N. (2019). *The Current State of DMC Project Data*. Written for the Arkansas Division of Youth Services.

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 Bense, 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 )**

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### **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      Khan\*, A., & **Lytle, R.** “Closeness makes the heart grow lenient? Closeness to others and support for punitiveness.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 16.
- 2019      **Lytle, R.**, & Bratton, T.\* “Compliance with federal law or conformity amongst states? State registration and notification laws and the Adam Walsh Act.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 14.
- 2019      **Lytle, R.**, Radatz, D., Latiolais\*, R., & Sample, L. L. “Do I report this? Understanding variation in the content of state mandatory reporting laws.” Poster Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 14.

- 2019 Gibbs, B. R., ten Bensel, T., & **Lytle, R.** “Neighborhood context and drug court success: Disadvantage effects on individual program outcomes.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 13.
- 2019 **Lytle, R.**, Sample, L., & Meyer, E. “The Accumulation of Sex Offender Registration and Notification Laws in Two Midwestern States: Lessons for Policy Analysis.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, Houston, TX, October 16-18.
- 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

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

## Teaching Experience

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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  
 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 †



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† Courses taught multiple times

\* Courses delivered online

\*\* Courses delivered face-to-face and online

## **Student Mentorship and Committees**

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### Graduate Student Assistants

*Natalie Snow* (2019-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, PhD)

*Tionna Miller* (2019-2020, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, PhD)

*Randi Latiolais* (2018-2020, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, MA)

*Sydney McEwen* (2019, 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

*Eric Gaither* (Reader 2020-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)

*Winter Bedford* (Reader 2019-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)

*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** 2018-2020, 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

*Tabrina Bratton* (**Chair** 2020-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)

*Mollie Steely* (Reader 2020-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)

*Whitney Gass* (Reader 2018-present, University of Arkansas at Little Rock)

*Brooke Cooley* (Reader 2019-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**

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2019

### **2019-2020 Signature Experience Grant**

*Role:* Faculty Supervisor for Sadie Goss

*Project Title:* Paying for Past Crimes: Employment and Prisoner Reentry amongst Former Serious and Violent Offenders

*Funding Institution:* UA Little Rock  
*Awarded Amount:* \$500 (for student travel)

- 2019                    **2019 Criminal Justice Summer Research Program**  
*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**

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- Under Consideration*      **Criminal Justice Degree Programs in the United States**  
*Role:* Co-Principal Investigator  
*Funding Agency:* Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)  
*Requested Amount:* 42,618.68 (*under consideration*)
- 2019      **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 (*Not Funded*)
- 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

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- 2019 — ongoing
- Inmate Movement and Institutional Adjustment 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 (*IRB Review*)  
*Graduate Students (unfunded):* Mollee Steely, Tionna Miller
- 2018 — 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, Masters, and Undergraduate Programs in Criminology, Criminal Justice, or related fields  
*Graduate Students (unfunded):* Randi Latiolais
- 2017 — ongoing
- 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), Youth Diversion Programming (DYS), Arrest and Police Contact Data (ACIC)  
*Data Coverage:* Ten years of data (2010-2020)  
*Sample:* Data collection ongoing  
*Graduate Students (funded, DYS/OJJDP DMC Grant):* Brenda Prochaska, Hyounggon Kwak, 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

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### Service to the Department & University:

- 2018 — Present      *Research and Creative Activities Committee*, College of Social Science and Communication, Department of Criminal Justice  
*Department Representative*
- 2017 — Present      *CSSC Research Showcase Planning Committee*, College of Social Science and Communication
- 2017 — Present      *Skills in the Major Development Program*, University of Arkansas at Little Rock Department of Criminal Justice  
*Department Representative*
- 2017 — Present      *Website Coordinator*, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Department of Criminal Justice

- 2016 — Present *College Assessment Committee*, College of Social Science and Communication,  
Department of Criminal Justice  
*Department Representative*
- 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:**

- 2020 — present *Member*, Awards Committee, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- 2019 — present *Topic Area Chair*, Assessment Topic, ACJS 2020 Annual Meeting

- 2018 — present      Assessment Committee, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
    *Director*, 2020-present  
    *Deputy Director*, 2019-2020  
    *Assistant Deputy Director*, 2018-2019
- 2014 — present      *Treasurer*, Sex Offender Policy Research (SOPR) Workgroup  
    *Founding Member* (2014)  
    *Steering Committee* (2014 – 2016)
- 2018 — 2020      *Committee Member*, Audit Committee, Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice
- 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:**

- 2020 – Present      Scholarship Collection for the Sex Offender Litigation and Policy Resource Center (SOLPRC) Newsletter. Monthly Contributions.
- 2020                    *Experts’ Amicus Brief in In Re Gadlin*. Supported and informed brief before the CA State Supreme Court. January 2020. (Court Brief)
- 2019                    *Interview with Arkansas Democrat-Gazette about Research on Sex Offense Laws*. November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. (Media Interview) Link: <http://www.thv11.com/news/local/verify-does-the-death-penalty-deter-violent-crimes/432074310>
- 2017 *Executing multiple inmates the same day was common, now rare*. Michael Graczyk, Associated Press. April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. (Media Interview; didn't air)
- 2017 *Verify: What's the true cost of the death penalty?* Erika Ferrando, THV11. April 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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

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*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

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- 2020 **CSSC Willingness to Go Above and Beyond Award**  
College of Social Sciences and Communications, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- 2020 **Student Advocate Award Nominee**  
University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- 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

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- 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
- 2012 — 2019        *Member*, American Political Science Association (APSA)  
 Divisions: Legislative Studies, Law & Courts, State Politics & Government