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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Assistant Professor** August 2025 - Present  
School of Criminal Justice and Criminology  
University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Project Director** December 2024 - August 2025  
Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology  
University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

**Adjunct Faculty** June 2022 - May 2025  
Department of Psychology  
Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS

**Project Manager** January 2023 - December 2024  
Department of Criminal Justice and Sociology  
University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Philosophy, Experimental Psychology** December 2024  
Concentration: **Psychology and Law**  
Minor: **Statistics**  
Dissertation: *Mitigating, aggravating, or both? Examining cross-sectional factors of punishment under a new theoretical framework of juror decision making*  
University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY  
Advisor: Narina Nuñez, Ph.D.

**Master of Science, Clinical Psychology** May 2022  
Thesis: *Acquitted or confined: The impact of jury instruction, biological sex of mock-juror, and defendant mental illness on insanity defense attitudes and verdict outcomes*  
Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS

**Bachelor of Science, Psychology** December 2019  
Certificate: **Case Management**  
Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research explores the intersection of psychology and criminal justice, with a particular focus on juror decision-making, vulnerable defendant populations, and policy-driven approaches to police reform efforts. My work is driven by a commitment to

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producing research that is both theoretically rigorous and practically impactful, bridging the gap between psychological research and criminal justice policy.

### **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

\*undergraduate student co-author; \*\*graduate student co-author

- Moon, H.**, & Nuñez, N. (2025). Juror bias and mental illness: The double stigma of paraphilic disorders in sex crime cases. *Psychiatry, Psychology and Law*, 1-18.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13218719.2025.2521625>
- Wasinger, G. M., **Moon, H.**, & Mann, B. (2025). Twitter politics: The effect of language and source credibility on public perception. *Academic Leadership Journal in Student Research*, 7(5), 1-17.
- Moon, H.** (2024). The lack of sustainability in police reform mental health support and their inconclusive effectiveness. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 36(1-2), 22-39.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/08874034241303422>
- Uding, C. V., **Moon, H. R.**, & Lum, C. (2024). The status of co-responders in law enforcement: Findings from a national survey of law enforcement agencies. *Policing: An International Journal*, 48(1), 69-97. <https://doi.org/10.1108/pijpsm-04-2024-0062>
- Uding, C., Porter, L., Dong, B., & **Moon, H.** (2024). Violence, health, and place: A review of the literature. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 78, 101983.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.avb.2024.101983>
- Moon, H.**, & Mann, B. (2023). Insanity defense attitudes: The impact of biological sex, mental illness, and jury instruction. *Journal of Scientific Psychology*, 18(1), 1-13.
- Klaus, K., & **Moon, H.** (2023). Examining dark personality traits and leader-member relationships. *Journal of Addiction and Psychology*, 7(3), 1-7.
- Kastle, S., **Moon, H.**, & McRay, J. (2022). Faculty perceptions of the essential elements of leadership across generation and sex. *The Journal of Higher Education*, 37(2), 80-96.
- Kastle, S., McRay, J., Fox, B., & **Moon, H.** (2021). Supporting the student service member and veteran population as learners: An exploratory study of academic motivation and best practices in student services at a state comprehensive university. *The Journal of the State Comprehensive University*, 10(2), 1-20.
- Jones, H.** (2021). Effects of parenting styles and socioeconomic status on state-trait anxiety in college students. *Journal of Psychological Inquiry*, 25(1), 35-44.

### **NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

- Uding, C., **Moon, H.**, & Lum, C. (2025, April). U.S. co-responder snapshot: Findings from a national survey of police agencies on the status of co-responder programs. *Research in Brief: Police Chief Magazine*, 92(4), 26-29.

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### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

**Moon, H.** (2026). “*Mitigating, aggravating, or both? A review of context-dependent factors in legal decision making.*” Manuscript under review at *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*.

**Moon, H., & Nuñez, N.** (2026). “*Hardship v. Greed: Pecuniary Gain as a Context-Dependent Factor in Sentencing Decisions.*” Manuscript under review at *Law and Human Behavior*.

### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

\*undergraduate student co-author; \*\*graduate student co-author

**Moon, H. & Teply, A.** (in progress). “The influence of defendant age and neurocognitive disorder on sentencing decisions.” For Submission to *Applied Cognitive Psychology*.

\*\*Syeda, M. & **Moon, H.** (in progress). “Between help and harm: Public perceptions of AI therapy, safeguards, and legal accountability.” For Submission to Special Issue in *Legal and Criminological Psychology*.

Uding, C., **Moon, H., & Porter, L.** (in progress). ““Why don’t people with mental health problems seek treatment?”: A study of residents of crime hot spots in Baltimore.” For Submission to *Psychiatric Services*.

### GRANTS & CONTRACTS

\*undergraduate student co-author; \*\*graduate student co-author

#### External

*Optimizing community crisis response: Strengthening co-responder models through evaluation and training (under review)* 2026 - 2027

**Role:** Research & Evaluation Partner

**Funder:** United States Department of Justice

**Fiscal Agent:** State of Arkansas, Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program

**Fund Requested:** \$94,394.00 (total award: \$486,393)

*A randomized controlled trial of co-response for mental health calls for service to the police in Fort Collins, CO* 2024 - 2026

**Role:** Project Director

**Funder:** National Institute of Justice

**Other Personnel:** Dr. Clair Uding (University of Wyoming; PI); Dr. Lauren Porter (University of Maryland; Co-PI)

**Awarded:** \$649,464.00

*Mitigating, aggravating, or both? Examining cross-sectional factors of punishment under a new theoretical framework of juror decision making* 2024

**Role:** Principle Investigator

**Funder:** Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues

**Other Personnel:** Dr. Narina Nuñez (University of Wyoming; Faculty Advisor)

**Awarded:** \$1,000.00

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*Paraphilic disorders: Influence of expert testimony on lay perceptions of diminished capacity* 2023

**Role:** Principle Investigator

**Funder:** Psi Chi, The International Honor Society in Psychology

**Other Personnel:** Dr. Narina Nuñez (University of Wyoming; Faculty Advisor)

**Awarded:** \$1,500.00

#### **Internal - University of Arkansas at Little Rock**

*Between help and harm: Public perceptions of ai therapy, safeguards, and legal accountability* 2025

**Role:** Faculty Advisor

**Funding Source:** CBHHS Graduate Student Research Grants

**Other Personnel:** \*\*Meher Mujtehd Syeda (PI)

**Awarded:** \$2,000.00

#### **Internal - University of Wyoming**

*Mitigating, aggravating, or both? Mental health as a cross-sectional factor of punishment* 2024

**Role:** Principle Investigator

**Funding Source:** A&S Dean's Graduate Scholar Grant

**Other Personnel:** Dr. Narina Nuñez (University of Wyoming; Faculty Advisor)

**Awarded:** \$3,000.00

*A comparative study of universities response to sexual assault* 2022

**Role:** Principle Investigator

**Funding Source:** Center for Global Studies Student International Research Grant

**Other Personnel:** Dr. Narina Nuñez (University of Wyoming; Faculty Advisor);  
Dr. Melissa Hamilton (University of Surrey, UK; Support Faculty)

**Awarded:** \$2,500.00

#### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

**Moon, H.** (April 2024). *Challenging the 'Gold Standard': Recommendations for Assessing ASD in Today's Society*. Kansas Association of Master's in Psychology Spring Conference.

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Moon, H., Uding, C., Porter, L., & De Duna, L.** (June 2026). *Advancing evidence-based policing: National insights on co-responder teams and the benefits of interdisciplinary collaboration in evaluation*. Accepted for thematic panel at the Annual National Co-Responder Conference, Dallas, TX.

Moon, H., & Teply, A. (March 2026). *The influence of age and neurocognitive disorder on sentencing decisions*. Accepted for paper presentation at the American Psychology–Law Society Conference, Reno, NV.

Uding, C., Porter, L., & **Moon, H.** (November 2025). *"Why don't people with mental health problems seek treatment?": A study of residents of crime hot spots in Baltimore*.

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Thematic panel at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

**Moon, H.,** Uding, C., & Porter, L. (November 2025). *The impact of mental health professionals during police calls for service in Fort Collins, Colorado*. Thematic panel at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

**Moon, H.,** & Uding, C. (September 2025). *Establishing evaluation standards for co-responder crisis response models*. Paper presentation at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

**Moon, H.** (November 2024). *The lack of sustainability in police reform mental health support and their inconclusive effectiveness*. Thematic panel at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Uding, C., **Moon, H.,** & Lum, C. (November 2024). *The status of co-responders in law enforcement: Findings from a national survey of law enforcement agencies*. Thematic panel at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Uding, C., **Moon, H.,** & Lum, C. (March 2024). *The status of co-responder teams in law enforcement*. Paper presentation at the American Psychology–Law Society Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

**Moon, H.** & Nuñez, N. (March 2024). *Paraphilic disorders: Influence of expert testimony on lay perceptions of diminished capacity*. Paper presentation at the American Psychology–Law Society Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

**Moon, H.,** \*Dillivan, G., \*Wolfe, A., & Nuñez, N. (April 2023). *Mock-jurors' perceptions of sex crimes as a mental illness and diminished capacity*. Paper presentation at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Albuquerque, NM.

**Moon, H.** & Nuñez, N. (March 2023). *"This is a Man's World": Sexual assault in male-dominated occupations and juror decision making in civil litigation*. Poster presentation at the American Psychology–Law Society Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Sturges, H., Berryessa, C., Nuñez, N., & **Moon, H.** (March 2023). *Blaming the (disabled) victim: Influence of disability and crime type on the assignment of victim blame and support for criminal punishment*. Paper presentation at the American Psychology–Law Society Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

**Moon, H.,** Medrano, V., & Mann, B. (April 2022). *Impact of mock-juror direct association with mental illness on insanity defense attitudes*. **Student Research Competition – Graduate Student Showcase** at the Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Convention, Baton Rouge, LA.

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**Moon, H.** & Mann, B. (November 2021). *Mock-juror insanity defense attitudes: The impact of biological sex, mental illness, and jury instruction*. Poster presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Kastle, S., McRay, J., & **Moon, H.** (July 2021). *Serving military-connected learners at a state comprehensive university: Leadership education pathways & centralized student services*. Poster presentation at the Association of Leadership Educators Convention. **Received “Outstanding Practice Poster Award.”**

**Moon, H.** (April 2021). *Acquitted or confined: Factors eliciting insanity defense attitudes and verdict outcomes*. **Student Research Competition – Graduate Student Showcase** at the Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Convention.

Call, B., Lizarraga, V., **Moon, H.**, \*Wasinger, G., & Mann, B. (April 2021). *‘Mandela Effect’: Mixing fact and fiction*. Poster presentation at the Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Convention.

**Moon, H.** (April 2021). *The war on stigma: Examining mental illness stigma in the U.S. military*. Poster presentation at the Southwestern Psychological Association Annual Convention.

\*Brand, D., \*Wasinger, G., Call, B., & **Moon, H.** (March 2021). *Navigating the graduate application process: What to know when applying to graduate school*. Paper presentation at Great Plains Student Psychology Convention.

**Moon, H.** (March 2021). *Exploration of factors impacting mock-juror decision making*. Paper presentation at Great Plains Student Psychology Convention. **Received first place for nonempirical, paper session.**

**Moon, H.** & Rooney, S. (March 2021). *Developing your “course of life”: A guide to building a curriculum vitae*. Paper presentation at Great Plains Student Psychology Convention.

Whitaker, B., McRay, J., & **Jones, H.** (July 2020). *Comprehensive departmental program review: Innovative practice in progress*. Poster presentation at the Association of Leadership Educators Convention.

Nobel, D., McRay, J., & **Jones, H.** (July 2020). *Civic engagement in twenty-first century America: A call to action for leadership educators at state comprehensive universities*. Poster presentation at the Association of Leadership Educators Convention. **Received “Outstanding Poster Award.”**

**Jones, H.** (March 2019). *“War may be hell, but home ain’t exactly heaven either”: Veterans transition to civilian life*. Poster presentation at Great Plains Student Psychology Convention at Missouri State University, Springfield, MO. **Received first place for nonempirical, poster session.**

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**Jones, H.** (November 2018). *Protecting the mental health of those that protect us*. Paper presentation at the Psychological and Educational Research in Kansas Convention at Emporia State University, Emporia, KS.

**Jones, H.** (March 2018). *Grand Theft Childhood: The truth behind the effects of violent video games on children and adolescents*. Poster presentation at Great Plains Student Psychology Convention at Washburn University, Topeka, KS.

Chaparro, E., Gilbert, K.A., **Jones, H.**, et al. (March 2018). *Lights, Camera, Stigma! Mental illness stigma in the film and TV*. Poster presentation at Great Plains Student Psychology Convention at Washburn University, Topeka, KS. **Received second place overall.**

Lagerman, K., Call, B., Lizarraga, V., **Jones, H.**, Chaparro, E., Gilbert-Walker, K., Bolin, S., Lockwood, A., & Mann, B. M. (March 2018). *Stigmatizing is very bad... Yo, I got a DSM though*. Poster presentation at Great Plains Student Psychology Convention at Washburn University, Topeka, KS. **Received first place overall.**

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### **University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Assistant Professor**

CRJU39603 Psychology and the Criminal Process	Spring 2026
CRJU30501 Deviant Behavior	Fall 2025
CRJU10203 Introduction to Criminal Justice (online)	Fall 2025

#### **Fort Hays State University, Instructor**

PSY355 Drugs and Behavior (online)	Spring 2025
PSY300 Abnormal Psychology (online)	Fall 2021, Fall 2024
PSY840 Appraisal of Children (graduate, hybrid)	Summer 2022, 2023, 2024
PSY100 General Psychology (online)	Spring 2023, Spring 2024
PSY201 The Science of Psychology (online)	Fall 2022, Fall 2023

#### **University of Wyoming, Teaching Assistant**

PSYC4730 Psychology and Law	Fall 2023
PSYC2000 Research Methods	Spring 2023
PSYC1000 General Psychology	Fall 2022

#### **Fort Hays State University, Teaching Assistant**

PSY300 Abnormal Psychology (online)	Spring 2021
PSY830 Professional Ethics in Psychology (graduate, online)	Spring 2021
PSY225 Introduction to Therapeutic Skills	Fall 2021
PSY415 Adolescence (online)	Fall 2020

### CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

**Neuro Educational Specialist, Chicago, IL** 2022 - 2025  
*Remote Psychological Associate:* Assisted licensed psychologist with neuropsychological evaluation report tasks such as data entry and interpretation of

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psychological testing instruments, diagnostic impressions, patient background, and summarization of examiner findings.

**Saint Francis Ministries Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility, Salina, KS** 2021 - 2024

*Contracted, Master Level Psychologist:* Conducted comprehensive psychological evaluations for youth in a psychiatric residential treatment program.

*Graduate Student Intern:* Under clinical supervision, conducted psychological assessments, mental status examinations, and psychotherapy services.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Max W Rardin Memorial Scholarship, Outstanding Graduate Award	2023
FHSU Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award	2022
FHSU Best Graduate Paper Submitted to a Journal Award	2022
Graduate Student Showcase–Research Competition (selectee), <i>Southwestern Psychological Associate Annual Convention</i>	2021, 2022
FHSU Outstanding Graduate Scholar, <i>College of Health and Behavioral Sciences</i>	2021
Outstanding Practice Poster Award, <i>Association of Leadership Educators Convention</i>	2021
First Place, Nonempirical Paper Session, <i>Great Plains Student Psychology Convention</i>	2021
Outstanding Poster Award, <i>Association of Leadership Educators Convention</i>	2020
FHSU Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar, <i>College of Health and Behavioral Sciences</i>	2019
First Place, Nonempirical Poster Session, <i>Great Plains Student Psychology Convention</i>	2019
First Place, Overall Poster Session, <i>Great Plains Student Psychology Convention</i>	2018
Second Place, Overall Poster Session, <i>Great Plains Student Psychology Convention</i>	2018

### **STUDENT MENTORSHIP & COMMITTEES**

#### **Graduate Student Assistants**

Meher Mujtehd Syeda, <i>Ph.D. Student</i>	2025 - Present
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### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

#### **University & Department (UALR)**

CBHHS Research Symposium, <i>Presenter &amp; Volunteer</i>	2025
SCJC Graduate Faculty Committee	2025 - Present
SCJC Scholarship/Award Committee	2025 - Present
UALR Research Focus Group, <i>Participant</i>	

#### **University & Department (UWYO)**

Experimental Graduate Student Association, <i>Member</i>	2022 - 2024
Legal Decision-Making Lab, <i>Member</i>	2022 - 2023

#### **University & Department (FHSU)**

Graduate Association of Students in Psychology, <i>Treasurer</i>	2020 - 2022
Mindfulness and Attention Research Studies Clinical Lab, <i>Manager</i>	2017 - 2021
Office of the President, <i>VIP Student Ambassador</i>	2018 - 2019

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**Community**

Rob Williams Memorial Golf Tournament, <i>Volunteer</i>	2025
Albany County Mental Health Board	2022 - 2025
Graduate Capitol Research Day	2021
Undergraduate Capitol Research Day	2019

**Discipline**

Community Mental Health Journal, <i>Journal Reviewer</i>	2026
Police Quarterly, <i>Journal Reviewer</i>	2025
American Psychology-Law Society Annual Meeting, <i>Reviewer</i>	2025
Health & Justice, <i>Journal Reviewer</i>	2025
Journal of Forensic Psychology Research and Practice, <i>Journal Reviewer</i>	2025

**Media & Press Coverage**

News Feature (Phys.org), <i>Study of US law enforcement co-responder programs identifies wide variations</i>	Nov 14, 2024
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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Midwestern Criminal Justice Association	2025 - Present
American Psychology–Law Society	2022 - Present
Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology	2018 - Present
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues	2024 - 2025
American Psychological Association	2024 - 2025

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT**

UALR Faculty Mentoring Program, <i>Mentee</i>	2025 - 2026
Hanover Grant Academy	2025 - 2026
UALR Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence (ATLE) <i>NotebookLM: A tool for teaching and research</i>	Nov 2025