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EDUCATION

- 2025 (*expected*) **Ph.D.**, Criminology/Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE
Dissertation: Restorative Justice in K-12 Schools: Impacts on Use of Exclusionary Discipline.
- 2021 **M.S.**, Criminology/Criminal Justice, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO
Thesis: “Use of Force Under Scrutiny: Impacts of Body-Worn Cameras on Types of Force Used by Police”
- 2019 **B.S.**, Criminology and Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO

EMPLOYMENT

- 2024-*present* *Research Specialist*, Juvenile Justice Institute, University of Nebraska at Omaha
- 2021-2023 *Graduate Research Assistant*, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha
- 2018-2022 *Program Monitoring & Data Coordinator*, Child Advocacy Center, Springfield, MO
- 2019-2021 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO

AREAS OF INTEREST

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| Policy Evaluation | Juvenile Justice & Overlap in Child Welfare |
| Intimate Partner Violence | Violence/Trauma & Mental Health |
| Victim Services & Re-Traumatization | Data Management & Analytics |

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Benson-Goldsmith, M.E.**, Gildea, B., Richards, T.N., Roley-Roberts, M., Greenberg, P., & Hobbs, A. (*forthcoming*). An exploratory analysis of domestic and intimate partner violence victimization among persons experiencing eviction. *Violence Against Women*.

TECHNICAL REPORTS & WHITE PAPERS

1. Richards, T.N., Branscum, C., Nix, J., Wright, E., **Goldsmith, M.E.**, & Campbell, B. (2023). *Minnesota Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Project final report: A retrospective review of previously untested sexual assault kits in Anoka County, MN*. Submitted to Office of Justice Programs, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, December 4, 2023.
2. **Goldsmith, M.E.**, Richards, T.N., Roley-Roberts, M., Greenberg, P., Gildea, B., & Hobbs, A. (May 2023). *The prevalence and context of out of home care among children whose parents have experienced eviction: Preliminary findings*. Foster Care Review Office Quarterly Special Report.
3. **Goldsmith, M. E.**, Kulig, T. C., & Richards, T. N. (May 2023). *OPD-UNO collaboration for the prevention and intervention of human trafficking against children in Omaha*. University of Nebraska at Omaha. Final report submitted to Omaha Police Department's Special Victims Unit, May 12, 2023.
4. **Goldsmith, M.E.**, Gildea, B., Roley-Roberts, M., Greenberg, P., Richards, T.N., & Hobbs, A. (2022). *A descriptive analysis of domestic and intimate partner violence victimization and evictions in Omaha, Nebraska*. University of Nebraska at Omaha. Research Brief.
5. Richards, T.N., **Goldsmith, M.E.**, & Branscum, C.C. (2022). *Examining Biennial Data on Reports of Sexual Misconduct to Title IX Coordinators, Clery and VAWA Crime Reports, and Campus Climate Survey Data for Maryland Institutions of Higher Education: AY 2018-2020*. Submitted to the Maryland Higher Education Commission, April 25, 2022.
6. Richards, T.N., Branscum, C., Nix, J., Wright, E., **Goldsmith, M.E.**, & Campbell, B. (2022). *Minnesota Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Project interim report: A retrospective review of previously untested sexual assault kits in Anoka County, MN*. Submitted to Office of Justice Programs, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, January 13, 2022.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

1. **Benson-Goldsmith, M.E.**, Richards, T.N., Roley-Roberts, M., Greenberg, P., Gildea, B., & Hobbs, A. Foster care experiences among children of evicted adults. Intended for *Journal of Family Violence*.
2. Richards, T.N., **Goldsmith, M.E.**, Branscum, C., & Ali, A. Examining institutional-level factors and campus climate on sexual misconduct reporting to Title IX coordinators and in Annual Security Reports. *Journal of American College Health*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

1. **Benson-Goldsmith, M.E.**, Armstrong, T., Richards, T.N., Boisvert, D., Wells, J., & Lewis, R. (expected 2024). Negative emotionality and strain: A general strain theory approach to intimate partner violence. Intended for *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
2. **Benson-Goldsmith, M.E.**, Richards, T., Campbell, B., Nix, J., & Wright, E. (expected 2024). ViCAP usage and viability for sexual assault investigations: Findings from a survey of SAKI sites. Intended for *Police Practice & Research*.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE: EXTERNAL FUNDING

- 2023 UNO Gender and Sexuality Resource Center project to support new programming and resources to prevent and serve student victims of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.
Role: Research Assistant (PI, Dr. Tara Richards)
Funding Agency: OVW Campus Grant
- 2020-2023 Minnesota Sexual Assault Kit Research Project
Role: Research Assistant (PI, Dr. Tara Richards, Co-I, Drs. Justin Nix, Emily Wright, and Bradley Campbell)
Funding Agency: National Institute of Justice, Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence, Stalking, and Teen Dating Violence, NIJ 2019-MU-MU-0095
Amount: \$657,488
- 2022-2023 OPD-UNO Collaboration for the Prevention and Intervention of Human Trafficking against Children in Omaha
Role: Project Coordinator (PI, Dr. Teresa Kulig; Co-I, Dr. Tara Richards)
Funding Agency: Great Plains IDeA Community-Engaged Research Pilot Project Award, National Institutes of Health, General Medical Sciences, U54 GM115458
Amount: \$35,637
- 2020-2023 Examining the Intersection of Domestic Violence, Eviction, and Racial Disparities in Omaha: Toward Trauma-Informed Systems of Care
Role: Research Assistant (PI, Dr. Anne Hobbs; Co-I, Dr. Tara Richards)
Funding Agency: Great Plains IDeA-CTR Network, National Institutes of Health
Amount: \$25,000

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE: INTERNAL FUNDING

- 2022-2023 Negative Emotionality, Anger, and Strain: A GST Approach to Intimate Partner Violence
Role: Principal Investigator (Faculty Mentors, Dr. Tara Richards, Dr. Todd Armstrong)
Funding Agency: University of Nebraska at Omaha Graduate Research and Creative Activity (GRACA)
Amount: \$5,000

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023 Implementation Evaluation for Domestic Violence Treatment Program in Nebraska Corrections: Achieving Change Through Value-Based Behavior in Nebraska Prisons
Role: Research Assistant (PI, Dr. Tara Richards)
- 2022-2023 Reducing Evictions for Vulnerable Families Using a Novel Trauma-Informed Approach
Role: Research Assistant (PI, Dr. Anne Hobbs; CO-I, Dr. Tara Richards)
- 2019-2021 Use of Force Under Scrutiny: Impacts of Body-Worn Cameras on Types of Force Used by Police [Master's Thesis]
Role: Principal Investigator (Faculty Mentor, Dr. Michael Kyle)
Location: Missouri State University
- 2015-2019 Impact of HAVEN Training on Victim Blaming in a Rape Scenario
Role: Research Assistant (PI, Dr. David Zimmerman)
Location: Missouri State University

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Bussey, T. & **Benson-Goldsmith, M.** (2023, December). Youth Emergency Services: Breaking the Cycle to Reduce the Overrepresentation of Black & Minority Youths in the Juvenile Justice System. Presented at Race, Crime, and Injustice Service-Learning Event.
 - *This presentation won against 4 others, awarding Y.E.S. \$1,000 from the UNO Community Engagement office.*
- 2023 **Goldsmith, M.** (2023, March). *OPD and UNO Collaboration for the Prevention and Intervention of Human Trafficking against Children in Omaha.* Presented to the UNO School of Criminology & Criminal Justice Student Preview Visit.

- 2023 **Goldsmith, M.,** Kulig, T., & Richards, T. (2023, March). *OPD and UNO Collaboration for the Prevention and Intervention of Human Trafficking against Children in Omaha*. Results Presented to Collaboration Partners in the Omaha Police Department's Child Special Victims Unit.
- 2022 Greenberg, P., **Goldsmith, M.,** Gildea, B., Roley-Roberts, M., Richards, T., Hobbs, A., Timilsina, G., Martin, N., & Bradley, M. (2022, June). *Domestic Violence and Eviction Summit*. Presented at the Domestic Violence and Eviction Summit at the Highlander. Omaha, NE.

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

- 2022 **Goldsmith, M.** (2022, February). *Intimate Partner Violence and Stalking*. Teresa Kulig's Victimology Class (in person). University of Nebraska Omaha

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Forthcoming* **Goldsmith, M.E.,** Richards, T.N., Roley-Roberts, M., Greenberg, P., Gildea, B., & Hobbs, A. (2024, March). *Foster care experiences among children of evicted adults* [Panel]. Accepted for presentation at the 61st annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Chicago, IL.
- 2023 **Goldsmith, M.,** Richards, T., Campbell, B., Nix, J., & Wright, E. (2023, November). *ViCAP Usage and Viability for Sexual Assault Investigations: Findings from a Survey of SAKI Sites* [Panel]. Presented at the 77th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 **Goldsmith, M.,** Kulig, T., & Richards, T. (2023, September). *OPD and UNO Collaboration for the Prevention and Intervention of Human Trafficking against Children in Omaha* [Poster]. Presented at the 2023 Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
 - *This poster was awarded MCJA's 2023 Graduate Student Poster Award*
- 2022 **Goldsmith, M.,** Armstrong, T., Richards, T., Boisvert, D., Wells, J., & Lewis, R. (2022, November). *Negative Emotionality, Strain, and Intimate Partner Violence Perpetration: A General Strain Theory Approach to IPV* [Panel]. Presented at the 76th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 Richards, T., **Goldsmith, M.,** Branscum, C., Wright, E., Nix, J., Campbell, B. (2022, November). *Assessing the Impact and Feasibility of the SAKI and ViCAP Partnership* [Panel]. Presented at the 76th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

- 2021 **Goldsmith, M.**, Kyle, M., White, D., Schafer, J. (2021, November). *Exploring the Force Continuum Through a New Lens: The Impact of BWCs* [Panel]. Presented at the 75th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.
- 2020 **Goldsmith, M.** & Kyle, M. (2020, November). *Exploring the Force Continuum Through a New Lens: Body-Worn Cameras and Types of Force Used* [Panel]. Accepted for Presentation at the 75th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C.
- *Conference canceled due to COVID-19*
- 2020 **Goldsmith, M.** & Kyle, M. (2020, March). *Exploring the Force Continuum Through a New Lens* [Panel]. Accepted for Presentation at the 57th annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. San Antonio, TX.
- *Conference canceled due to COVID-19*
- 2018 **Goldsmith, M.**, Dickey, J., Lehman, P., & Zimmerman, D. (2018, May). *The Impact of Haven Training on Victim Blaming in a Rape Scenario* [Poster]. Presented at the Missouri State College of Health and Human Services Annual Research Symposium.
- 2018 Zimmerman, D., **Goldsmith, M.**, Lehman, P., Wise, B., Dickey, J., Deal, P., & Oberdieck, K. (2018, March). *The Impact of Haven Training on Victim Blaming in a Rape Scenario* [Poster]. Presented at the 2018 American Psychology-Law Society Annual Meeting.
- 2017 Oberdieck, K., Zimmerman, D., & **Goldsmith, M.** (2017, May). *Examining the Impact of the Haven Training on Perceptions of Rape* [Poster]. Presented at the Missouri State College of Health and Human Services Annual Research Symposium.

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2024 Coding it Forward 2024 Summer Fellowship. 10-week, paid summer fellowship for early-career technologists
- *Awarded, but declined due to conflicting responsibilities*
- 2023 Midwest Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) 2023 Graduate Student Poster Award Winner (Award for \$150)
- 2023 ORCA Student Conference Travel Funding (Award for \$500)
- 2022 Graduate Studies Graduate Student Conference Presentation Travel Funding (Award for \$500)
- 2022-2023 Office of Research and Creative Activity (ORCA) Graduate Research and Creative Activity (GRACA) (Grant Award for \$5,000)

2021 Graduate Studies Graduate Student Conference Presentation Travel Funding (Award for \$500)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Sept 2023 *Representative*, Victimology and Victim Studies Research Lab at the UNO School of Criminology & Criminal Justice Freshman Open House, Omaha, NE

June 2023 *Peer Reviewer*, Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment

March 2023 *Host*, Nebraska Victim Advocacy Forum. Nebraska Board of Parole and UNO School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Omaha, NE

2022-2023 *Graduate Student Mentor*, Department of Criminology/Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha, Omaha, NE

2019-2021 *Co-Editor*, Department of Criminology/Criminal Justice Annual Newsletter, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Per Course Faculty, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Missouri State University (2023 – Present)

MSU CRM 220-897/899 Criminology (undergraduate, online) Spring 2024
MSU CRM 220-898 Criminology (undergraduate, online) Fall 2023

Graduate Assistant, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha (2021 – 2023)

UNL CRIM 442-700 Child Abuse and Neglect (undergraduate, online) Summer 2023

Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Missouri State University (2019 – 2021)

MSU CRM 250 Policing (undergraduate, online) [TA]
MSU CRM 314 Forensic Science (undergraduate, online) [TA]

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CERTIFICATIONS

Nov 2023- Feb 2024 Foundations of Teaching Online, 4e [online course]
UNO Office of Digital Learning.

Aug-Dec 2023 Multi-Level Modeling and Time Series Analysis Course [audited course]
UNO School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Dr. Hamilton

June 2022 <i>Expires</i> June 2024	NCJIS Security Awareness Training OPD Training Academy
May-Sept 2021	Google Data Analytics Specialization [online course] Coursera - Credential ID: RG8VJFDUNCJN
May 2021 <i>Expires</i> May 2024	Social and Behavioral Research Course [training] CITI Program - Credential ID: 42681437
Aug-Oct 2021	LC101 JavaScript & Java Web Development Course [online course] Launch Code - Certificate of Achievement
Aug 2020	Missouri Child Abuse & Neglect Mandated Reporter Training Prevent Child Abuse Missouri & Missouri Kids First
May 2019	Forensic Child Psychology Certificate Missouri State University Psychology Department
May-Aug 2018	Child Advocate Internship Child Advocacy Center, Springfield, MO

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2023- <i>Present</i>	Midwestern Criminal Justice Association
2019- <i>Present</i>	American Society of Criminology (ASC) <i>Member</i> , Division of Development/Life-Course Criminology <i>Member</i> , Division of Critical Criminology & Social Justice <i>Member</i> , Division of Victimology
2019- <i>Present</i>	American Criminal Justice Society (ACJS) <i>Member</i> , Victimology Section <i>Member</i> , Restorative and Community Justice <i>Member</i> , Juvenile Justice Section <i>Member</i> , Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship