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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Evaluation, Mixed Methods, Reentry, Policing, Victimization, Social Media, Social Inequality

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018-Present **Research Coordinator.** Nebraska Center for Justice Research, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha.  
*Projects:* Vocational & Life Skills Program Evaluation, Violence Reduction Program Evaluation, and NE Evidence Based Practices Program Inventory.  
*Responsibilities:* program evaluation, data collection and management, data analysis, develop logic models/theory of change, measure development, community engagement, technical assistance, supervise research assistants, report writing, manuscript writing, research presentations, and grant writing.
- 2012-2018 **Graduate Assistant.** Sociology Department, University of Missouri at Columbia.  
*Research Projects:* Missouri Crime Victimization Survey funded by the National Institute of Justice for the Missouri Highway Patrol.  
*Responsibilities:* Literature reviews, data management, data analysis, grading, teaching, teaching assistance, mentoring, and report writing.
- 2015 **Stata Consultant.** Doctoral Candidate in Health Sciences, Tulane University.  
*Responsibilities:* Data management, coding, and analysis.

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## EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D. Sociology: University of Missouri-Columbia  
Dissertation: "Woke: Social Media and Attitudes towards Police Use of Force."  
Committee Members: Eileen Avery, Joan Hermsen, Eric Brown, S. David Mitchell  
Concentrations in Social Control & Deviance & Social Inequality
- 2014 M.A. Sociology: University of Missouri-Columbia  
Master Thesis: "Economic Downturns and Distrust in the Police."  
Committee Members: Eileen Avery, Joan Hermsen, Eric Brown
- 2011 B.A. Major Sociology, Minor: Psychology: University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Senior Thesis: "Racial-Ethnic Variation in Attitudes towards the Police."  
Alpha Kappa Delta Honors Graduate
- 2010 A.A. General Studies: Southeast Community College-Lincoln, NE

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## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Roig, Krystal, Michael Campagna, **Katelynn Towne**, and Ryan Spohn. 2022. "Considering Margins of Reentry." (Submission in progress)
- Butler, H. Daniel., Michael Campagna, Ryan Spohn, and **Katelynn Towne**. 2022. "Understanding Volunteerism: The Role of the Participant in Non-Clinical Correctional Programming." *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation* 61(7): 357-374.
- Towne, Katelynn**, Michael Campagna, Ryan Spohn, and Amber Richey. 2022. "'Put it in your Toolbox': How Vocational Reentry Programs Support Formerly Incarcerated Persons through Desistance." *Crime & Delinquency*.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2022. "My Friends Keep Me Woke About these Things": How College Students Experience and Engage with Police Use of Force Content on social media." *Sociological Spectrum* 1-14.
- Hermesen, Joan, Eileen Avery, and **Katelynn Towne**. 2020. "Crime Victimization Distress, Neighborhood Social Cohesion, and Perceived Police Effectiveness." *Journal of Community & Applied Social Psychology* 30(6), 581-592.

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## GRANTS & AWARDS

2018	Habenstein Dissertation Fellowship, MU Sociology Department \$2,400
2017	Graduate Research Award, MU Sociology Department \$1,200
2017	Student Travel Award, Mizzou Advantage \$900
2017	Travel Grant, Graduate Professional Council \$400
2016	Graduate Student Support Grant, MU Sociology Department \$750
2016	Research & Training Award, MU Sociology Department \$750
2016	Travel Grant, Graduate Student Association \$100
2013	Travel Grant, Graduate Professional Council \$500
2012	Travel Grant, Graduate Student Association \$300
2012	OTS MU Sociology Departmental Fellowship \$3,000

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## GRANTS SUBMITTED; NOT FUNDED

- Co-Investigator. Evaluating the Tennessee Technology Training Workforce Alliance Program, 2023-2025. Funding Agency: Persevere. \$483,211 (3 years)
- Co-PI. Assessing the Effectiveness of the Second Chance Act Grant Program: A Phased Evaluation Approach, Fiscal Year 2020. Funding agency: U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs. \$1,227,289 (2 years)

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## RESEARCH REPORTS

- Towne, Katelynn**, Christopher Campbell, Monica Miles-Steffens, Brian Gildea, John Ursino, Ryan Spohn, Zachery Hamilton, Michael Campagna, Addison Kobie, Taylor Claxton, Laura Dueland, Tara Grell. 2023. Evidence-Based Inventory of Criminal Justice Programs in Nebraska. For the Nebraska Legislature.

- Towne, Katelynn.** 2022. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Four, Quarter Nine. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn.** 2022. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Four, Quarter Eight. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn.** 2022. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Four, Quarter Seven. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Taylor Claxton. 2021. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Four, Quarter Six. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Taylor Claxton. 2021. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Four, Quarter Five. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn,** Michael Campagna, and Ryan Spohn. 2021. Vocational & Life Skills Evaluation Annual Report, Grant Cycle Three: Year Two. Prepared for the Nebraska Judiciary Committee and the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn,** Michael Campagna, and Ryan Spohn. 2021. Ready & Resilient: Qualitative Findings from Life Story Interviews with Vocational and Life Skills Program Participants. Prepared for the Nebraska Judiciary Committee and the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn.** 2021. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Four, Quarter Four. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2021. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Three. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn.** 2021. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Four, Quarter Two. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Toto, Sara, Emily Wright, Michael Campagna, and **Katelynn Towne.** Adult Justice in Nebraska, 2019. (2020). For the Nebraska Legislature.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2020. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter One. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2020. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Eight. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2020. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Seven. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2020. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Six. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Toto, Sara, Emily Wright, Michael Campagna, and **Katelynn Towne.** 2020. Adult Justice in Nebraska, 2019. For the Nebraska Legislature.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2019. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Five. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2019. Vocational and Life Skills Annual Report: Grant Cycle Three, Year One. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2019. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Four. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2019. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Three. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2019. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Two. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.

- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2018. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter One. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Campagna, Michael and **Katelynn Towne**. 2018. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter One. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Campagna, Michael and **Katelynn Towne**. 2018. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Two, Quarter Eight. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, **Katelynn Towne**, and Don Willis. 2017. Missouri Crime Victimization Survey, 2016: Executive Report. University of Missouri Columbia.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, **Katelynn Towne**, and Don Willis. 2017. Missouri Crime Victimization Survey, 2016: Intimate Partner Violence. University of Missouri Columbia.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, **Katelynn Towne**, and Don Willis. 2017. Missouri Crime Victimization Survey, 2016: Neighborhood Trust, Safety, and Fear. University of Missouri Columbia.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, **Katelynn Towne**, and Don Willis. 2017. Missouri Crime Victimization Survey, 2016: Perceptions of Law Enforcement. University of Missouri Columbia.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, Matt Knudtson, and **Katelynn Towne**. 2017. Missouri Crime Victimization Survey, 2016: Summary Report. University of Missouri Columbia.

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Britton, Anthony, Kasey Parker, LaVon Stennis Williams, and **Katelynn Towne**. 2022. "State-Level Reentry Initiatives: How Florida and Nebraska do Reentry." Reentry Summit. West Palm Beach, FL.
- Towne, Katelynn**, Michael Campagna, Ryan Spohn. 2021. "Reentry Employment During Covid-19." American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2019. "Internet News and Neoliberal Ideology on Police Use of Force Approval Attitudes." American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.
- Towne, Katelynn**, Michael Campagna, Ryan Spohn. 2019. "Where There is a Will, the Way is Still Hard: Qualitative Themes of Ex-Offender Reentry." American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.
- Towne, Katelynn**, Michael Campagna, Ryan Spohn. 2019. "Reentry Program Satisfaction & Remaining Challenges." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2019. "My Friends Keep Me Woke About These Things." Policing and Society Conference. Akureyri, Iceland.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, and **Katelynn Towne**. 2017. "Perceptions of Police: Procedural Justice in Rural and Urban Neighborhoods." *American Society of Criminology*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, **Katelynn Towne**, and Mark Ritchey. 2017. "Distress from Violent Victimization: Impacts on Concerns about Crime and Perceptions of Law Enforcement." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, and **Katelynn Towne**. 2017. "Urban-Rural Differences in Worry about Crime, Race Relations, and Illegal Immigration in Missouri, USA." *World Association for Public Opinion Research*, Lisbon, Portugal.

- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, **Katelynn Towne**, and Matt Knudtson. 2016. "Urban-Rural Differences in Perceptions of Policing: Preliminary Evidence from the 2016 Missouri Crime and Victimization Survey." *American Society of Criminology*, New Orleans, LA.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2016. "Black Lives Matter to Blue Lives Matter: The Movement and the Backlash on Facebook." *Midwest Sociological Society*, Chicago, IL.
- Carrey, Rebecca, Evonnia Woods, Kristen McCowan, Monica Hand, and **Katelynn Towne**. 2015. "Women and Crime." *Women and Gender Studies Conference*, University of Missouri-Columbia, MO.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2013. "Characteristics of Victim and Offender on Reporting." *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2013. "Economic Downturns and Trust in the Police." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, New York, NY.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Towne, Katelynn**, Michael Campagna, Laura Dueland, Ryan Spohn, and Baylee Allen. 2023. "Employer Perspectives in Hiring and Working with Justice-Involved Individuals." A virtual research presentation prepared for the Re-Entry Task Force.
- Kohut, Mike, Brian Knop, **Katelynn Towne**, Ty Miller. 2023. "Social Science Research Careers." A virtual panel presented by Sociology Department at Winthrop University.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2023. "Research, Evaluation, & Impact" Guest lecture at University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2019. "Based on What Evidence?" Guest lecture at Emporia State University, Emporia, KS.

## TRAININGS PROVIDED

- Towne, Katelynn**. "Vocational and Life Skills Participant Survey Training". A technical assistance training provided to the Mental Health Association of Nebraska funded by the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. In person in Lincoln, NE on 4/19/23.
- Towne, Katelynn**. "QuickBase to NICaMS Transition: How to use NICaMS for VLS Data Management". A technical assistance training provided to Vocational and Life Skill grantees funded by the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. In person in Lincoln, NE on 9/19/22.
- Towne, Katelynn**. "Using QuickBase 2.0". A technical assistance training provided to Vocational and Life Skill grantees funded by the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. Online using the Webex on 11/6/2020.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2022 | Adjunct Instructor, Police and Society (Online), University of Nebraska-Lincoln |
| 2020 | Adjunct Instructor, Sociological Theory, Nebraska Wesleyan University           |
| 2020 | Adjunct Instructor, Introduction to Sociology, Nebraska Wesleyan University     |
| 2018 | Graduate Instructor, Social Deviance (Online), MU-Columbia ONLINE               |
| 2018 | Graduate Instructor, Criminology, MU-Columbia                                   |
| 2015 | Guest Lecture, "Crime Data & Policing Attitudes." Deviance, MU-Columbia         |

2015	Guest Lecture, "Urbanization." Social Problems, MU-Columbia
2015	Graduate Instructor, Criminology, MU-Columbia
2015	Graduate Instructor, Introduction to Sociology, MU-Columbia
2014	Graduate Instructor, Social Deviance, MU-Columbia
2014	Graduate Instructor, Introduction to Sociology, MU-Columbia
2014	Teaching Assistant, Advanced Social Statistics, MU-Columbia
2013	Teaching Assistant, Social Statistics, MU-Columbia
2013	Teaching Assistant, Social Deviance, MU-Columbia
2013	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology, MU-Columbia
2012	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology, MU-Columbia
2012	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Peace Studies, MU-Columbia

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## PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

2022	LinkedIn Learning: UX Deep Dive, Remote Research, Online Course
2022	LinkedIn Learning: UX Foundations, Research, Online Course
2022	LinkedIn Learning: Getting Started in User Experience, Online Course
2022	LinkedIn Learning: Leading Virtual Meetings, Online Course
2022	LinkedIn Learning: Being an Effective Team Member, Online Course
2022	LinkedIn Learning: Speaking Confidently & Effectively, Online Course
2022	UNL: Institute for Online Teaching, Lincoln, NE
2021	UNO: Introduction to OneDrive and SharePoint, Online Webinar Training
2021	TEI: Foundations & Contemporary Issues in Evaluation Practice, Online Course
2020	Evaluate: Adapting Evaluations in the Era of Social Distancing. Online Webinar
2020	AEA: Becoming a Trauma Informed Evaluator, Online Course
2019	UNO: First Generation Student Symposium, Omaha, NE
2019	TEI: Introduction to Cost-Benefit & Cost-Effectiveness Analysis, Rockville, MD
2019	UNO: Microaggression Awareness Program, Omaha, NE
2019	ACJS: CJ Media Training Workshop, Baltimore, MD
2019	UNO: Appreciating Difference, Omaha, NE
2018	Empower Network: Sex Trafficking, Social Media, and our Youth, Omaha, NE
2018	UNO: Trust & Communication, Omaha, NE
2018	UNMC: The Power of Followership, Omaha, NE
2018	UNO SCCJ: Restrictive Housing Workshop, Omaha, NE
2017	UM-C Barnard: Social Media Research Workshop, Columbia, MO
2016	Curran-Bauer: Multilevel Modeling Workshop, Chapel Hill, NC
2014	UM-C: Safe Space, Columbia, MO

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2014-2023	Midwest Sociological Society
2013-2023	American Society of Criminology
2018-2020	Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
2013-2018	American Sociological Association
2017-2018	World Association for Public Opinion Research

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**SERVICE****Community**

- 2017-2018 Board Member, Citizen Police Review Board, Columbia, MO  
2016 Day volunteer, Fundraising efforts for The Center Project, Columbia, MO  
2016 Day volunteer, Art in the Park, Columbia, MO  
2013-2015 Volunteer, Food Bank, Columbia, MO  
2014 Day volunteer, Clean up Columbia, Columbia, MO  
2014 Volunteer, Volunteer Income Tax Preparation, Columbia, MO

**Discipline**

- 2021-2023 Board Member, Women in the Profession, Midwest Sociological Society  
2019-2021 Member, TRAC: Nebraska Prison Post-Secondary Education Project, UN-Omaha  
2015-2017 Student Member, Sociology Conversations, MU-Columbia  
2016-2017 Co-Chair, Women and Gender Studies Student Group, MU-Columbia  
2015-2017 Planning Committee, Women and Gender Studies Conference, MU-Columbia  
2015-2017 Treasurer, Sociology Graduate Student Group, MU-Columbia  
2012-2017 Student Member, Sociology Graduate Student Group, MU-Columbia

**Scholarly Reviews**

- 2022 International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology  
2021 Police Quarterly: One Manuscript Reviewed