

Caitlyn M. Jordon

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Expected 2029 Ph.D. Criminology & Criminal Justice, *University of Nebraska at Omaha*

2025 M.S. Criminal Justice & Criminology, *University of Missouri – Kansas City*

Thesis: Promoting Prosocial Behaviors through Restorative Justice Principles: Emerging Patterns in Rewarded Behavior

2022 B.S. Criminology, *Northwest Missouri State University*

Research Interests

Reentry Services

Rehabilitation

Corrections

Restorative Justice

Recidivism

Program Evaluation

Referred Articles (ORCID: 0009-0009-1561-7816)

Technical Reports

Forthcoming 2026 Zachary Hamilton, Jennifer J. Tostlebe, John Ursino, Taylor Gonzales, Abigail Hayes, Naya Russell-Coprich, **Caitlyn Jordon**, & Alex Kigerl. (2026). *Evaluation of Electronic Monitoring in Nebraska Parole Supervision*. Advancing Research in Corrections Lab. School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.

Hamilton, Zachary K., Jennifer J. Tostlebe, **Caitlyn Jordon**, and Taylor Gonzales. "Understanding release decision-making and release readiness in Iowa corrections." Advancing Research in Corrections Lab, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.

Research Positions

- 2026 *Turning hope into evidence: A pilot study preparing for evaluation of the Never Give Up Transitional Living Program*
Funding (internal): University of Nebraska Omaha's University Committee on Research and Creativity Activity (UCRCA) (\$10,000)
Role: **Graduate Research Assistant** (Dr. Jennifer Tostlebe, Principal Investigator)
 - Designed sections for baseline and follow-up survey
 - Conducted survey interviews with NGU participants
- 2025-Present *Development and Evaluation of a Parole Decision-Making Tool Assessment*
Funding: Arnold Ventures (\$889,480)
Role: **Graduate Research Assistant** (Drs. Zachary Hamilton, Jennifer Tostlebe, David Pyrooz, Stephen Billings, & Alex Kigerl, Principal Investigators)
 - Conducted interviews/focus groups with Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC) staff and administration
 - Qualitatively coded interviews with Iowa Board of Parole and IDOC
 - Transcribed IBOP and IDOC interviews/focus groups
- 2025-2026 *Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Program Evaluation*
Funding: Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (\$852,475)
Role: **Graduate Research Assistant** (Drs. Zachary Hamilton & Jennifer Tostlebe, Principal Investigators)
 - Conducted interview with incarcerated individuals and parolees
 - Qualitatively coded interviews with incarcerated individuals and parolees
 - Transcribed parole staff interviews
 - Collaborated with writing for qualitative results section of final report
- 2025 *NIJ Multi-State Assessment of Juvenile Reoffending*

Funding: National Institute of Justice

Role: **Graduate Research Assistant** (Dr. Zachary Hamilton, Principal Investigator)

- Cleaned and organized archival data across 10 states
- Created and organized quantitative codebook

2024-2025

Evaluating the Implementation of the Nordic Model of Incarceration in the United States

Funding: National Science Foundation (\$192,139)

Role: **Graduate Research Assistant** (Drs. Jennifer Macy & Lori Sexton, Principal Investigators)

- Collected qualitative data through observations of TCKC trainings, meetings, and group work
- Managed and analyzed data for observations, interviews, and archival materials
- Conducted literature searches for supplemental text of the research study

Conference Presentations

2026

Caitlyn Jordon, Jennifer J. Tostlebe, and Zachary Hamilton. Informed release: Parole decision-making process through correctional staff perspectives. (Panel presenter). To be presented at the *American Society of Criminology*, Chicago, IL. [manuscript in progress]

Teaching Experience

Instructor

University of Nebraska Lincoln

2026

CRIM 101-800: Survey of Criminal Justice (online)

Invited Guest Lecture

University of Nebraska Omaha

2026

“Routine Activities Theory” in Criminology (CRCJ 3350)

Professional Experience

2023-2025

University of Missouri - Kansas City, UMKC Police Department

Role: **Safety Communications Officer**

- Coordinated rapid response protocols
- Maintained detailed incident documentation

- Developed expertise in systematic record-keeping, pattern recognition, and procedural compliance

2020-2021

Northwest Missouri State University, Office of Student Success Center

Role: **Peer Advisor**

- Facilitated small-group discussions
- Provided individualized guidance to first-year students
- Developed strong interpersonal communications and mentorship skills

Service

2026

Volunteer, SCCJ New Graduate Student Orientation

Volunteer, UNO Graduate Student Welcome Event

Volunteer, SCCJ Director Candidate Search Presentation

Volunteer, SCCJ Preview Visit: Research Lab Presentation

Volunteer, SCCJ Doctoral Student Meeting with Prospective Student

2025

Volunteer, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Golf Scramble

Volunteer, Lydia House Open Door Mission

Volunteer, Office of Research and Creative Activity undergraduate research mixer

Professional Development

2026

- Nominated as Chair for the Graduate Student Organization, *School of Criminology and Criminal Justice* (UNO)

- Completed Foundations of Teaching Online course (UNO)

- Completed CARMA Workshop: Theorizing and Writing Qualitative Research

- Attended Seminar: “Understanding Abolition” by Dr. Abigail Henson

- Attended Seminar: “What I’ve Learned from Studying Violent Crime: Reflections on Research, Responsibility, and Relationships” by Dr. James Densley

- Attended Seminar: “Theorizing Punishment” by Dr. Ashley Rubin

- Completed UNO Get Interactive: Creating Engaging Content in Canvas Beginner Session Workshop

- Attended Seminar: “Generating Policy Relevant Research and Communicating it Effectively” by Dr. Nancy La Vigne

- Attended Seminar: “Calling Bullshit: Knowing which Scientific Studies

to Trust” by Dr. Justin Picket
- Attended Seminar: “Finding God in Cellblock C” by Dr. Iman Said

Professional Societies

American Society of Criminology

Division: Corrections and Sentencing