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Education

- 2026
(expected) *University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE*
Ph.D., Criminology and Criminal Justice
Dissertation: *A Gendered Analysis of Sexual Victimization and Help-Seeking Behaviors*
Chair: Dr. Teresa C. Kulig
- 2021 *University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA*
M. A., Criminology
Thesis: *Protecting But Not Protected: Sexual Assault in the Military*
Chair: Dr. Ericka A. Wentz
- 2019 *University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA*
B.S. with Honors Seal (magna cum laude), Criminology
Honors Thesis: *Sexual Assault and Rape on College Campuses*

Research Interests

- Sexual violence
- Crimes against women
- Gender and crime
- Nonconsensual Pornography
- Re-victimization
- Campus sexual assault

Courses Taught as Instructor of Record

*Denotes online course

Survey of Criminal Justice (CRCJ 1010)

Summer 2022, Spring 2023 (J-Term)*, Summer 2024*, Spring 2025 (J-Term)*, Summer 2025**

Victimology (CRCJ 4410)

Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Summer 2025*, Fall 2025*

Human Trafficking (CRCJ 4430)

Spring 2026

Victims' Rights and Services (CRCJ 4440)

Spring 2024, Summer 2024, Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Spring 2026*

Sexual Violence (CRCJ 4450)

*Summer 2024**

Issues in Crime and Justice (CRCJ 4960)

Fall 2023, Spring 2025**

Academic Positions

2024-Present	School of Criminology and Criminal Justice <i>Role:</i> Instructor of Record
2021-Present	UNO Victimology and Victim Studies Research Lab <i>Role:</i> Research Assistant <i>Supervisor:</i> Dr. Teresa Kulig
2023 (Summer)	Nebraska Victims Assistance Academy <i>Role:</i> Research Assistant <i>Supervisor:</i> Dr. Tara N. Richards
2022 (Summer)	Nebraska Victims Assistance Academy <i>Role:</i> Research Assistant <i>Supervisor:</i> Dr. Tara N. Richards
2022-2023	UNO Crime and Justice Public Opinion Lab <i>Role:</i> Lab Coordinator <i>Supervisor:</i> Dr. Leah Butler
2020-2021	UWG, Department of Civic Engagement and Public Service <i>Role:</i> Graduate Research Assistant <i>Supervisor:</i> Dr. Ericka A. Wentz
2019 (Spring)	UWG, College of Social Sciences Center for Research <i>Role:</i> Student Research Assistant

Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2024 **Meinert, E. K. & Wentz, E. A. (2024).** Protecting but not protected: Sexual assault in the military. *Victims & Offenders*, 19(4), 671-691.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2023.2299007>

- 2022 Griffin, V.W., Wentz, E., & **Meinert, E.** (2022). Explaining the why in #whyldidntreport: An examination of common barriers to formal disclosure of sexual assault in college students. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 37(15-16), NP14716-NP14745. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F08862605211016343>

Book Chapter

- 2024 **Meinert, E. K.** & Wentz, E. A. (2024). Protecting but not protected: Sexual assault in the military. In F. S. Taxman & D. Hummer (Eds.), *Issues in Providing Services to Trauma-Affected Veterans In and Out of Treatment Courts*. Taylor & Francis.

Technical Report

- 2023 Richards, T. N., Nix, J., Campbell, B. A., Wright, E. Branscum, C. C., Gilbert, S. L., Benson-Goldsmith, M., & **Meinert, E. K.** (2023). *The Minnesota Sexual Assault Kit Research Project* (NIJ Award Number: 2019-MU-MU-0095). University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Training Resource

- 2023 Holstein, J., **Meinert, E.**, Gildea, B., & Kulig, T. (2023). *Using a Trauma-Informed Approach when Working with Survivors*. Prepared for Rejuvenating Women in Omaha, NE.

Manuscripts in Progress

Branscum, C. C., **Milner, E. K.**, & Benson-Goldsmith, M. E. Beyond the Screen: How VAWA (2022) Confronts the Rise of Nonconsensual Pornography. (Under Review at *Violence Against Women*)

Kafafian, M., **Milner, E. K.**, Abeyta, S., de Vries, I., & Farrell, A. Do Pathways That Lead to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Minors Extend to Exploitation in Online Settings? (Preparing for Submission at *Child Maltreatment*)

Milner, E. K., Gonzalez-Pons, K., & Kulig, T. C. A Content Analysis of Nonconsensual Pornography Cases between 2019 and 2021. (Preparing for Submission)

Milner, E. K., Schroll, D. M., Swanberg, K. T., & Richards, T.N. Sex Abuse in the Protestant Church: An Analysis of Child Sexual Predators within the Church. (In Progress)

Invited Guest Lectures

- 2024 *Revenge Pornography and Future Directions for Research*. Invited by Dr. Caralin Branscum. Lecture given at University of South Florida (via Zoom), Survey of the Criminal Justice System (CCJ 3024), Fall 2024.
- 2024 *Victim Rights and Services in Nebraska*. Invited by Christopher Connelly. Lecture given at University of Nebraska at Omaha, Survey of Criminal Justice (CRCJ 1010), Spring 2024.
- 2023 *Victim Services in the Community*. Invited by Christopher Connelly. Lecture given at University of Nebraska at Omaha, Survey of Criminal Justice (CRCJ 1010), Fall 2023.
- 2022 *Serial Killers and their Social Bonds*. Invited by Dr. Leah Butler. Lecture given at University of Nebraska at Omaha, Criminology (CRCJ 3350), Spring 2022.

Presentations

- 2025 ASC Annual Meeting, November 2025 – Washington, D.C.
Emily Milner, Teresa Kulig, and Leah Butler. *A Gendered Analysis of Sexual Victimization and Help-Seeking Behaviors*.
- 2024 ASC Annual Meeting, November 2024 – San Francisco, CA
Emily Milner, Dakota Schroll, Kaitlyn Swanberg, and Tara Richards. *Sex Abuse in the Protestant Church: An Analysis of Child Sexual Predators within the Church*.
- 2023 ASC Annual Meeting, November 2023 – Philadelphia, PA
Emily Meinert, Kwynn Gonzales-Pons, and Teresa Kulig. *A Content Analysis of Nonconsensual Pornography Cases between 2019 and 2021*.
- 2022 ASC Annual Meeting, November 2022 – Atlanta, GA
Emily Meinert. *Victim Service Providers: An Analysis of the Effect of Victim Characteristics on Services Provided*.
- 2022 ACJS Annual Meeting, March 2022 – Las Vegas, NV
Emily Meinert and Ericka Wentz. *Protecting But Not Protected: Sexual Assault in the Military*.
- 2019 UWG Scholar's Day Undergraduate Research Conference, April 2019 – Carrollton, GA
Emily Meinert, Vanessa Woodward Griffin, and Ericka Wentz. *Speaking out on Twitter: An analysis of why college students do not report sexual assaults*

2019 National Conference for Undergraduate Research, April 2019 – Kennesaw, GA
Emily Meinert, Vanessa Woodward Griffin, and Ericka Wentz. *Speaking out on Twitter: An analysis of why college students do not report sexual assaults*

External Research Support

2019-2023 **Minnesota Sexual Assault Kit Research Project**
Role: Graduate Research Assistant (Principal Investigator, Dr. Tara N. Richards; Co-Investigators, 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

Internal Research Support

2022-2023 *Sex Abuse within Churches Associated with the Southern Baptist Convention.*
Role: Principal Investigator (Faculty Mentor, Dr. Tara N. Richards)
Funding Agency: UNO Office of Sponsored Research, Graduate Research and Creative Activity grant
Amount: \$5,000

Honors & Awards

2023 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Victimology Section, Outstanding Graduate Student

2021 UWG Criminology Graduate Student of the Year

2019 Honors College Seal on Bachelor's Diploma

2017-2020 Ingram Scholar

2016 International Bachelorette Certificate Recipient

Professional Involvement & Leadership

2024-2025 Peer Mentor, UNO School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

2023 Mentor, Undergraduate Student: Jonah Holstein

2022-2023 Secretary, Graduate Student Organization, UNO School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

2022-2023 Peer Mentor, UNO School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, 2022-2023

Certifications & Trainings

2023 Nebraska Victim Assistance Academy

2020 Victims Assistance Training, Office for Victims of Crime, Training and Technical Assistance Center

Non-Academic Positions

2020 (Summer) Magisterial District Court 09-3-05, Mechanicsburg, PA
Role: Court Intern
Supervisor: Judge Mark Martin, PhD

2019-2021 Prevention and Advocacy Resource Center
Role: Sexual Assault Advocate
Supervisor: Ginny Smith

Professional Affiliations & Service

Journal Reviewer

Victims & Offenders

Memberships

2021-Present American Society of Criminology
Member, ASC Division of Victimology (2021-present)

2021-Present Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Member, Victimology Section (2021-present)
Member, Teaching, Learning, & Scholarship (2021-present)

2017-Present Phi Sigma Pi, National Honors Fraternity

2017-Present Alpha Phi Sigma, Criminal Justice Honor Society