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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

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| 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

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| 2023 | Nebraska Victim Assistance Academy   |
| 2020 | Victims Assistance Training, Office for Victims of Crime, Training and Technical Assistance Center |

## Non-Academic Positions

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| 2020 (Summer) | Magisterial District Court 09-3-05, Mechanicsburg, PA<br><i>Role:</i> Court Intern<br><i>Supervisor:</i> Judge Mark Martin, PhD |
| 2019-2021     | Prevention and Advocacy Resource Center<br><i>Role:</i> Sexual Assault Advocate<br><i>Supervisor:</i> Ginny Smith               |

## Professional Affiliations & Service

### Journal Reviewer

*Victims & Offenders*

### Memberships

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| 2021-Present | American Society of Criminology<br>Member, ASC Division of Victimology (2021-present)  |
| 2021-Present | Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences<br>Member, Victimology Section (2021-present)<br>Member, Teaching, Learning, & Scholarship (2021-present) |
| 2017-Present | Phi Sigma Pi, National Honors Fraternity   |
| 2017-Present | Alpha Phi Sigma, Criminal Justice Honor Society  |