

## LING REN CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **EDUCATION**

2006                      Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska - Omaha

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Fall 2023 – Present	Professor School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (SCCJ) University of Nebraska – Omaha (UNO)
Fall 2008 – Spring 2023	Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology Sam Houston State University (SHSU)
	MA & PhD Program Director (Spring 2022 – Spring 2023) Professor (Fall 2018 – Spring 2023) Associate Professor (Fall 2012 – 2018) Tenure-Track Assistant Professor (Fall 2008 – 2012)
Fall 2006 – 2008	Department of Criminal Justice Sciences, Illinois State University Tenure-Track Assistant Professor (Fall 2006 – 2008)

### **CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Police-community relations, Police responses to opioid overdoses, Domestic violence prosecution & prevention, Cross-national research on crime & delinquency, Program evaluation

### **GRANTS & CONTRACTS**

#### **- Funded**

2025, **Secondary Investigator**, with Ryan Spohn (Principal Investigator). *Implementing the Connecticut Model for Researching & Addressing Disparities in Traffic Stops in Nebraska: Phase I*. Funded by Nebraska Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Office, \$787,453.

2019-2021, **Lead Research Partner**, *Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combating Violent Crime and Illegal Opioids* with the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Texas. Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program

(COAP) & Innovative Prosecution Solutions, U.S. Department of Justice (2018-AR-BX-0017), \$359,729.

2019-2020, **Principal Investigator**, *Specialized Domestic Violence Courts in Montgomery County, Texas: A Longitudinal Evaluation*. Jointly funded by the SHSU's Office of Research & Sponsored Programs and the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Texas, \$28,255.

2017, **Principal Investigator**, *Combating Prescription Drug Abuse and the Use of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Data*. Jointly funded by the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Texas and the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT), \$13,000.

2014-2015, **Co-Principal Investigator**, *Houston Police Department Community Survey*, with Jihong Zhao (Principal Investigator). Funded by the Houston Police Department, \$57,387.

2012-2013, **Co-Principal Investigator**, *Williamson County DWI/Drug Court Evaluation*, with Jihong Zhao (Principal Investigator). Funded by the Community Justice Assistance Division, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, \$71,569.

2007, **Sub-Contractor**, *A Multi-City Assessment of Juvenile Delinquency in the U.S.: A Continuation & Expansion of the International Self-Report Delinquency Study (ISRD)*. Phil He (Principal Investigator, Northeastern University) & Ineke Haen Marshall (Co-Principal Investigator, Northeastern University), funded by the National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice (2006IJCX0045), \$252,698.

- **Submitted Grant Proposals (Unfunded)**

2019, **Principal Investigator**, *Taming Fentanyl – Coalition on Overdose Prevention & Prosecution in Southeast Texas*, with William Wells (Co-Principal Investigator). The partnering agencies include the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, & Montgomery County Forensic Services Department. Submitted to the National Institute of Justice (\$777,314).

2011, **Lead Research Partner**, *Innovation in Crime Reduction in Stressed Apartment Complexes: A Problem-Oriented Approach*, with Jihong Zhao & Larry Hoover in partnership with the Houston Police Department. Submitted to the Smart Policing Innovation Solicitation, Bureau of Justice Assistance (\$500,000).

2010, **Co-Principal Investigator**, *Guidebook for Developing and Managing Effective Police Community Stations*, with Jihong Zhao (Principal Investigator) and Larry Hoover (Co-Principal Investigator). Submitted to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (\$320,000).

2009, **Principal Investigator**, *Junior Faculty Grant Program to Promote Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships: Evaluation of Dallas' Divisional Hot Spots Intervention Models*, with Jihong Zhao (Co-Principal Investigator) and Larry Hoover (Project Director). Submitted to the National Institute of Justice (\$150,000).

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

Editorial Contribution Award by Springer Nature, 2025, recognizing the meticulous assessment of submissions and the rigorous management of the peer review process, safeguarding the scientific accuracy of the published record.

Author Service Award by Springer Nature, 2025, recognizing an exceptional service in improving the author's experience and ensuring the peer review process is efficient, constructive and fair.

Excellence in Research Award, College of Criminal Justice, SHSU, 2020.

Outstanding Mentor Award, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), 2019.

Visiting Scholar Grant/Award, the Ministry of Technology & Science, Taiwan, 2015.

Research Award, the University Committee on Research, University of Nebraska-Omaha, 2006 (\$500).

Rhoden Presidential Graduate Fellowship, University of Nebraska, AY 2004-2005 (\$15,000 plus tuition remission).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **I. REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

\* Student co-author at the time research was completed

**48.** Jonathan Reid, **Ling Ren**, Yujin Kim\*. (2025). Exploring police officers' perceptions of drug-induced homicide laws in Texas. *Police Practice & Research: An International Journal*, OnlineFirst.

**47.** Jonathan Reid, **Ling Ren**, Allison Kondrat\*, & Kyle Lemcke\*. (2025). Police response to opioid overdoses in Texas: The impact of training on officers' attitudes and perceptions. *Journal of Crime & Justice*, OnlineFirst.

**46.** Liqun Cao, & **Ling Ren**. (2025). Exploring correlates of marijuana use among indigenous peoples in Canada. *International Journal of Mental Health & Addiction*, OnlineFirst.

**45.** **Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, & Fei Luo. (2024). In search of public perceptions of disorder and crime: Examining the core tenets of Broken Windows Theory. *International Journal of Offender Therapy & Comparative Criminology*, 68(12), 1296–1320.

**44.** **Ling Ren**, Fei Luo, & Kyler Nielson\*. (2022). Racial/Ethnic connection with confidence in the police: Equal treatment matters. *Canadian Journal of Criminology & Criminal Justice*, 64(3), 49-70.

43. Gyeongseok Oh\*, **Ling Ren**, & Phil He. (2019). Social disorder and residence-based fear of crime: The differential mediating effects of police effectiveness. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 63, 1-11.
42. **Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, & Phil He. (2019). Broken Windows Theory & citizen engagement in crime prevention. *Justice Quarterly*, 36(1), 1-30.
41. Fei Luo, **Ling Ren**, & Hongwei Zhang. (2019). Educational tracking and juvenile attitudes toward the police in China. *International Journal of Comparative & Applied Criminal Justice*, 4(2), 159-172.
40. Yung-Lien Lai, **Ling Ren**, & Phil He. (2018). The effects of domestic violence on violent misconduct, health status and need for post-release assistance among female drug offenders in Taiwan. *International Journal of Offender Therapy & Comparative Criminology*, 62(16), 4942-4959.
39. **Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, & Yuchun Luo\*. (2018). Testing the dimensionality of low self-control across three groups in China. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 34(2), 168-195.
38. **Ling Ren** & Hongwei Zhang. (2018). Advancing empirical research on China's juvenile delinquency and juvenile justice: Continuity and expansion. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 34(2), 120-127.
37. Phil He, **Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, & Matthew Bills\*. (2018). Public attitudes toward the police: Findings from a dual-frame telephone survey. *International Journal of Offender Therapy & Comparative Criminology*, 62(7), 1992-2015.
36. Hongwei Zhang, Jihong Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Ruohui Zhao. (2017). Subculture, gang involvement, and delinquency: A study of incarcerated youth in China. *Justice Quarterly*, 34(6), 952-977.
35. Yung-Lien Lai\*, **Ling Ren**, & Richard Greenleaf. (2017). Residence-based fear of crime: An application of routine activities theory. *International Journal of Offender Therapy & Comparative Criminology*, 61, 1011-1037.
34. Fei Luo\*, **Ling Ren**, & Jihong Zhao. (2017). The effect of micro-level disorder incidents on public attitudes toward the police. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management*. 40(2), 395-409.
33. **Ling Ren**, Phil He, Hongwei Zhang, & Ruohui Zhao. (2017). Self-control, risky lifestyles, and victimization: A study with a sample of Chinese school youth. *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, 44(5), 695-716.

32. Hongwei Zhang, Ruohui Zhao, Jihong Zhao, & **Ling Ren**. (2016). Child sexual abuse, psychological distress and delinquency among incarcerated juveniles in China. *Crime, Law, & Social Change*, 66, 447-464.
31. Fei Luo\*, **Ling Ren**, & Jihong Zhao. (2016). Location-based fear of crime in Houston, Texas. *Criminal Justice Review*, 41(1), 75-97.
30. **Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, Phil He, & Ineke Haen Marshall, Ruohui Zhao, Hongwei Zhang, & Cheng Jin. (2016). Testing for measurement invariance of attachment across Chinese and American adolescent samples. *International Journal of Offender Therapy & Comparative Criminology*, 60(8), 964-991.
29. Yudu Li\*, **Ling Ren**, & Fei Luo\*. (2016). Is bad stronger than good? The impact of police-citizen encounters on public satisfaction with police. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management*, 39, 109-126.
28. Larry Hoover, William Wells, Yan Zhang, **Ling Ren**, & Jihong Zhao. (2016). Houston enhanced action patrol: Examining the effects of differential deployment lengths with a switched replication design. *Justice Quarterly*, 33, 538-563.
27. **Ling Ren**, Hongwei Zhang, Jihong Zhao, & Ruohui Zhao. (2016). Delinquent subculture and juvenile offenders' attitudes toward the police in China. *Police Quarterly*, 19, 87-110.
26. Jihong Zhao, & **Ling Ren**. (2015). Exploring the dimensions of public attitudes toward the police. *Police Quarterly*, 18, 3-26.
25. Yan Zhang, Jihong Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Larry Hoover. (2015). Space-time clustering of crime events and neighborhood characteristics in Houston. *Criminal Justice Review*, 40, 340-360.
24. Liqun Cao, Jihong Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Ruohui Zhao. (2015). Do in-group and out-group forms of trust matter in predicting confidence in order institutions? A study of three culturally distinctive countries. *International Sociology*, 30, 674-693.
23. **Ling Ren**, Yan Zhang, & Jihong Zhao. (2015). The deterrent effect of the castle doctrine law on burglary in Texas: A tale of outcomes in Houston and Dallas. *Crime & Delinquency*, 61, 1127-1151.
22. Jihong Zhao, Yung-lien Lai\*, **Ling Ren**, & Brian Lawton. (2015). The impact of race/ethnicity and quality-of-life policing on public attitudes toward racially biased policing and traffic stops. *Crime & Delinquency*, 61, 350-374.
21. Jihong Zhao, Chi-Fang Tsai\*, **Ling Ren**, & Yung-Lien Lai\*. (2014). Public satisfaction with police control of disorder crime: Does the public hold police accountable? *Justice Quarterly*, 31, 394-420.

20. Hongwei Zhang, Ruohui Zhao, Jihong Zhao, & **Ling Ren**. (2014). Social attachment and juvenile attitudes toward the police in China: Bridging Eastern and Western wisdom. *Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency*, 51, 703-734.
19. Hongwei Zhang, Jihong Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Ruohui Zhao. (2014). Social bonds, traditional models and juvenile attitudes toward the police in China. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management*, 37, 596-611.
18. Yi-Fen Lu\*, Yichun Yu\*, **Ling Ren**, & Ineke Haen Marshall. (2013). Exploring the utility of self-control theory for risky behavior and minor delinquency among Chinese adolescents. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 29, 32-52.
17. William McCarty, **Ling Ren**, & Jihong Zhao. (2012). Panel analysis of the determinants of police strength during the 1990s. *Crime & Delinquency*, 58, 397-424.
16. Jihong Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. (2012). Political culture vs. socioeconomic approaches to predicting police strength in U.S. police agencies: Results of a longitudinal study, 1993-2003. *Crime & Delinquency*, 58, 167-195.
15. **Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, & Nicholas Lovrich. (2011). Local political structures & violent crime in U.S. cities: Patterns of association in a longitudinal panel study. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 22, 448-470.
14. Vincent J. Webb, **Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, Phil He, & Ineke Haen Marshall. (2011). A comparative study on youth gangs in China and the United States: Definition, offending and victimization. *International Criminal Justice Review*, 21, 243-262.
13. Liqun Cao, Ruohui Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Jihong Zhao. (2010). Social support & anomie: A multilevel analysis of anomie in Europe and America. *International Journal of Offender Therapy & Comparative Criminology*, 54, 625-639.
12. William Wells, **Ling Ren**, & William DeLeon-Granados. (2010). Reducing intimate partner homicide: The effects of federally funded shelter availability in California. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 38, 512-519.
11. Jihong Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. (2010). Wilson's theory of local political culture revisited in today's police organizations: A longitudinal study. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*, 33, 287-304.
10. Jihong Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. (2010). Police organizational structures during the 1990s: An application of contingency theory. *Police Quarterly*, 13, 209-232.
9. Jihong Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. (2010). Budgetary support for police services in US municipalities: Comparing political culture, socio-economic characteristics and incrementalism as rival explanations for budget share allocations to police. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 38, 266-275.

8. Ineke Haen Marshall, Chris E. Marshall, & **Ling Ren**. (2009). Mixed method measurement of homicide events in comparative research: An illustration of the potential of qualitative comparative analysis. *International Journal of Comparative & Applied Criminal Justice*, 33, 273-307.
7. **Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, & Nicholas Lovrich. (2008). Liberal vs. conservative policies on crime: What is the comparative track record during the 1990s? *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 36, 316-325.
6. Steven Briggs, Jihong Zhao, Steve Wilson, & **Ling Ren**. (2008). The effect of collective bargaining on large police agency supplemental compensation policies: 1990-2000. *Police Practice & Research: An International Journal*, 9, 227-238.
5. Jihong Zhao, Quint Thurman, & **Ling Ren**. (2008). An examination of strategic planning in American law enforcement agencies: A national study. *Police Quarterly*, 11, 3-26.
4. **Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, Nicholas Lovrich, & Michael Gaffney. (2006). Participation in community crime prevention: Who volunteers for police work? *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management*, 29, 464-481.
3. Steve Wilson, Jihong Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Steven Briggs. (2006). The influence of collective bargaining on large police agency salaries: 1990-2000. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 31, 19-34.
2. Phil He, Jihong Zhao, & **Ling Ren**. (2005). Do race and gender matter in police stress: A preliminary assessment of the interactive effects. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 33, 535-547.
1. **Ling Ren**, Liqun Cao, Nicholas Lovrich, & Michael Gaffney. (2005). Linking confidence in the police with the performance of the police: Community policing can make a difference. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 33, 55-66.

## II. BOOK REVIEW

**Ling Ren**. (2004). Book Review on *Major Criminological Theories: Concepts & Measurement*, by Liqun Cao. Wadsworth/Thomson Learning, Belmont, CA. *Criminal Justice Review*, 29, 413-414.

## III. MONOGRAPHS & RESEARCH REPORTS

\* Student co-author at the time research was completed

2021 *Specialized Domestic Violence Courts in Montgomery County, Texas: A Longitudinal Evaluation*. Prepared for the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Texas.

- 2021 *Police Response to Opioid Overdose: Impact of a Training Program on Knowledge and Attitudes* (with Jessica Fleming\* and Allison Kondrat\*). Prepared for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.  
- Study featured in the Houston-High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)'s report "*The 2021 Update on Overdose Trends and the Threat Response in the Houston Metropolitan Area.*"
- 2017 *Combating Prescription Drug Abuse in Montgomery County, Texas: A Benchmark Report* (with Joshua Shadwich\*). Prepared for the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Texas.
- 2015 *Houston Police Department – Citizen Contact/Impression Survey (the 4<sup>th</sup> wave)* (with Jihong Zhao). Prepared for the Houston Police Department.
- 2013 *Williamson County DWI/Drug Court Evaluation* (with Jihong Zhao). Prepared for the Community Justice Assistance Division, Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- 2012 *Houston Police Department – Citizen Contact/Impression Survey (the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave)* (with Dennis Longmire & Jihong Zhao). Prepared for the Houston Police Department.
- 2011 *Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Houston Police Department "Houston Enhanced Action Patrol" Hot Spot Deployment in Reducing Suppressible Street Crime* (with Larry Hoover, Jihong Zhao, Yan Zhang, & William Wells). Prepared for the Houston Police Department.
- 2010 *Houston Police Department – Citizen Contact/Impression Survey (the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave)* (with Dennis Longmire & Jihong Zhao). Prepared for the Houston Police Department.
- 2010 *Houston Enhanced Action Patrol (HEAP) Experiment - Phase I Report* (with Larry Hoover, Jihong Zhao, Yan Zhang, & William Wells). Prepared for the Houston Police Department.
- 2010 *A Pilot Study of Self-Report Juvenile Delinquency in Hangzhou, China* (with Jihong Zhao & Vincent Webb). Prepared for the College of Criminal Justice, SHSU.
- 2009 *Preliminary Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Houston Police Department Crime Reduction Unit in Reducing Violent and Property Crimes* (with Larry Hoover, Jihong Zhao, Yan Zhang, & William Wells). Prepared for the Houston Police Department.

### **COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

\* Student co-author at the time research was completed

Presenter, "*Preliminary Insights from the ENCOMPASS-Omaha Study*" with Elizabeth Mavis\* and Carisma Jano\*. Presented to the representatives from the City of Omaha Mayor's Office, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the Empowerment Network, and the Omaha Police Department, June 10, 2025.



Invited Speaker, Webinar “*Innovative Prosecution Solutions Learning Community Webinar: Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships*” by the RTI International on behalf of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, February 19, 2020.

Presenter, “*Taming Fentanyl – Coalition on Overdose Prevention & Prosecution.*” Presented to the Montgomery County Narcotics Enforcement Team, May 21, 2019.

Presenter, “*Fentanyl & Its Analogues: The Hidden Dangers.*” Presented to the Command Staff of the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office, April 8, 2019.

Presenter, “*Combating prescription drug abuse in Montgomery County, Texas: A benchmark report*” with Joshua Shadwick\*. Presented to the Command Staff of the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office, October 11, 2017.

Presenter, “*Williamson County DWI/Drug Court Evaluation*” with Jihong Zhao. Presented to the Command Staff of the Williamson County Adult Probation Department & the Williamson County Court, October 4, 2013.

Presenter, “*Houston Police Department—Citizen contact/impression survey 2012*” with Dennis Longmire & Jihong Zhao. Presented to the Command Staff of the Houston Police Department, November 6, 2012.

Presenter, “*Houston Police Department—Citizen contact/impression survey 2010*” with Dennis Longmire & Jihong Zhao. Presented to the Houston City Council’s Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee, October 25, 2010 (short version) and November 8, 2010 (full version).

Presenter, “*Houston Police Department—Citizen contact/impression survey 2010*” with Dennis Longmire & Jihong Zhao. Presented to the Command Staff of the Houston Police Department, October 18, 2010.

Presenter, “*Methods and results of the 2008 Houston Police Department Community Survey*” with Jihong Zhao & Yan Zhang. Presented to the Houston Asian Community Crime Advisory Board, October 8, 2009.

## **RESEARCH FEATURED IN THE MEDIA**

*The Houston Chronicle*. October 26, 2022. “Montgomery County domestic violence court has nearly 90% conviction rate, SHSU study shows.”

*The Courier*. October 26, 2022. “Montgomery County domestic violence court has nearly 90% conviction rate, SHSU study shows.”

*The Huntsville Item*. October 24, 2022. “Professor evaluates effectiveness of Domestic Violence Specialty Courts.”

*Today@Sam*. October 17, 2022. “Professor evaluates effectiveness Of Domestic Violence Specialty Courts.”

*Community Impact -Houston/The Woodlands*. February 15, 2022. “Family violence in Montgomery County on the rise during pandemic.”

*Today@Sam*. November 10, 2010. “SHSU reports citizen attitudes toward Houston Police Department.”

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

\* Student co-author at the time research was completed

Jordan Cline\* & **Ling Ren**. Riding the risk: A spatiotemporal analysis of bicycle theft on college campuses. Presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting in DC, November 2025.

Farhan Hoque\*, **Ling Ren**, & Sheldon Zhang. Mental and physical health as risk factors for labor trafficking and exploitation: Evidence from a U.S. citizen sample. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in DC, November 2025.

Jonathan Reid, & **Ling Ren**, & Yujin Kim\*. Police officers’ perceptions of drug-induced homicide laws: Evidence from Texas and implications for policy and practice. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in DC, November 2025.

Liqun Cao & Ling Ren. Exploring correlates of marijuana use among indigenous peoples in Canada. Presented in the Mid-year Meeting of Canadian Law & Society Association in Oshawa, Ontario, February 2025.

Kyle Lemcke\* & **Ling Ren**. Police response to opioid overdoses: Effects of a training class on officers’ knowledge and perceptions. Presented at the Evidence-based Policing Symposium in Denver, June 2024.

Carisma Jano\*, Natalie Cotton\*, & **Ling Ren**. Impacts of historical redlining on crime rates in Omaha. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) annual meeting in Chicago, March 2024.

Kyler Nielson\*, **Ling Ren**, & Ineke Marshall. General strain theory, social control, and delinquency: A study with a sample of Chinese adolescents. Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in National Harbor, MD, March 2023.

Allison Kondrat\*, **Ling Ren**, & Jessica Fleming\*. Police attitudes towards individuals with opioid use disorder during the COVID-19 pandemic: A pilot study in Texas. Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in Las Vegas, March 2022.

Jessica Fleming\* & **Ling Ren**. Drug-induced-death cases through the lens of bereaved Families. Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in Las Vegas, March 2022.

**Ling Ren** & Phil He. The malign effects of prescription drug abuse: Results from a high-risk sample. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in San Francisco, November 2019.

Gyeongseok Oh\*, **Ling Ren**, & Phi He. Social disorder and residence-based fear of crime: The differential mediating effects of police effectiveness. Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in Baltimore, March 2019.

**Ling Ren** & Phil He. Public perceptions of the police: An empirical assessment using incremental measures of police-citizen encounters. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Atlanta, November 2018.

**Ling Ren** & Joshua Shadwick\*. An examination of prescription drug arrests in a Texas County: Trends, characteristics and implications. Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in New Orleans, February 2018.

Joshua Shadwick\* & **Ling Ren**. Understanding doctor shopping behavior through a social disorganization lens. Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in New Orleans, February 2018.

**Ling Ren** & Phil He. Immigrant perceptions of the police. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Philadelphia, November 2017.

Fei Luo & **Ling Ren**. Educational tracking and juvenile attitudes toward the police in China. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Philadelphia, November 2017.

**Ling Ren**, Phil He, & Ruohui Zhao. Chinese traditional values, professional orientation and job satisfaction among Chinese police officers. Presented at the Asian Criminological Society in Cairns, Australia, July 2017.

Phil He, **Ling Ren**, & Hongwei Zhang. Police occupational stress, stressors, and coping mechanisms: A study with a sample of Chinese police officers. Presented at the Asian Criminological Society in Cairns, Australia, July 2017.

Matthew Bills\* & **Ling Ren**. The impact of low self-control and risky lifestyles on juvenile victimization. Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in Kansas City, March 2017.

**Ling Ren** & Phil He. Concern about crime and disorder: Testing the reassurance effects of policing. Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in Kansas City, March 2017.

Fei Luo\* & **Ling Ren**. The effect of micro-level calls for service on public attitudes toward the police. Presented at the Asian Association of Police Studies annual conference in Huntsville, July 2016.

Fei Luo\*, **Ling Ren**, & Jihong Zhao. Reality check: Do environmental factors matter in shaping public attitudes toward the police? Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in Denver, March 2016.

Yudu Li\*, **Ling Ren**, & Fei Luo\*. Is bad stronger than good? The impact of police-citizen encounters on public satisfaction with the police. Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in Denver, March 2016.

Fei Luo\*, **Ling Ren**, & Jihong Zhao. What matters: The effect of police services and crimes on public sentiment of the police. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Washington DC, November 2015.

**Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, Hongwei Zhang, & Ruohui Zhao. Testing the dimensionality and invariance of Grasmick et al.'s (1993) self-control scale across three groups in China. Presented at the Asian Criminological Society annual meeting in Hong Kong, June 2015.

Jihong Zhao, **Ling Ren**, Hongwei Zhang, & Ruohui Zhao. Theories of subculture and juvenile delinquency in China. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in San Francisco, November 2014.

Yudu Li\* & **Ling Ren**. Public Expectation of Police Performance in Police-Citizen Encounters. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in San Francisco, November 2014.

Shu Cang\*, **Ling Ren**, Hongwei Zhang, & Ruohui Zhao. Self-Control, Social Bonds, and Juvenile Victimization: Testing the General Theory of Crime in China. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in San Francisco, November 2014.

**Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, Ruohui Zhao, Hongwei Zhang, Phil He, & Ineke Haen Marshall. Exploring the Dimensionality of Perceived Social Bonding among Juveniles: A US and China Comparison. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Atlanta, November 2013.

Hongwei Zhang, Ruohui Zhao, Jihong Zhao, & **Ling Ren**. Attitudes towards the Police among High School Students in Southern China. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Atlanta, November 2013.

**Ling Ren**. Public Attitudes toward the police: Findings from a dual-frame telephone survey in Houston, Texas. Presented at the Asian Association of Police Studies annual conference in Taipei, Taiwan sponsored by the New Taipei Municipal Government and the Central Police University, June 2013.

**Ling Ren** & Jihong Zhao. Five essentials for program evaluation for smart managers. Presented at the Texas Corrections Association Conference & Exhibition in San Antonio, June 2013.

**Ling Ren**. The measure of the treatment in hot spot intervention evaluations. Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in Dallas, March 2013.

**Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, & Dennis Longmire. Public satisfaction with the police: Landline phone vs. cell phone-only users in a random telephone survey. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Chicago, November 2012.

**Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, Vincent J. Webb, Phil He, Ineke Haen Marshall, & Cheng Jin. A comparative study of juvenile victimization in China and the United States. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Washington DC, November 2011.

**Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, Vincent J. Webb, Liqun Cao, & Cheng Jin. Confidence in the police among adolescents in China. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Washington DC, November 2011.

Yan Zhang, Jihong Zhao, & **Ling Ren**. The effect of police presence on crime. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Washington DC, November 2011.

**Ling Ren**, Vincent J. Webb, Jihong Zhao, Cheng Jin, Phil He, & Ineke Haen Marshall. Self-reported delinquency, victimization and gang involvement in school-based samples: A China and U.S. comparison. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in San Francisco, November 2010.

**Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, Larry Hoover, & Yan Zhang. An evaluation of police storefronts in Houston. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in San Francisco, November 2010.

**Ling Ren**, Vincent J. Webb, & Jihong Zhao. A preliminary effort to test the feasibility of using self-report methodology to assess juvenile delinquency & misbehavior in Chinese school-based sample using ISRD instrumentation. Presented at the European Society of Criminology annual meeting in Liège, Belgium, September 2010.

**Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, & Larry Hoover. The impact of Houston Crime Reduction Unit on violent and property crimes in four patrol districts. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Philadelphia, November 2009.

Yan Zhang, Jihong Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Larry Hoover. Spatiotemporal Interaction of Urban Crime in Houston Southwest. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Philadelphia, November 2009.

**Ling Ren**, Yan Zhang, & Jihong Zhao. A catalyst for change? The impact of Katrina evacuees upon crime patterns in Houston. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Philadelphia, November 2009.

Phil He, Ineke Marshall, & **Ling Ren**. School crime victimization, delinquency and immigrant youth: An analysis of US ISRD-2 data. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Philadelphia, November 2009.

**Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, & Nicholas Lovrich. Political culture vs. socioeconomic approaches to explaining the variation in violent crime rates in U.S. cities. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in St. Louis, November 2008.

**Ling Ren**, & Jihong Zhao. Race, ethnicity, & the risk of homicide victimization: A multilevel model comparison of three time periods in Chicago. Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in Cincinnati, March 2008.

**Ling Ren** & Jihong Zhao. The impact of neighborhood transition on homicide rates in Chicago: A longitudinal study from 1965-1995. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Atlanta, November 2007.

Jihong Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. The allocation of law enforcement budget in American municipalities: A longitudinal study. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Atlanta, November 2007.

Jihong Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. Static vs. dynamic approaches to predicting police strength in U.S. police agencies: Results of a longitudinal study, 1993-2003. Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in Seattle, March 2007.

**Ling Ren** & Jihong Zhao. Drugs and crime drop in America during the 1990s. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Los Angeles, November 2006.

Jihong Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. Change in police organizational structures during the 1990s: An application of Contingency Theory. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Los Angeles, November 2006.

William McCarty, Jihong Zhao, & **Ling Ren**. Panel analysis of the determinants of police strength during the 1990s. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Los Angeles, November 2006.

Jihong Zhao, **Ling Ren**, & Nicholas Lovrich. Wilson's theory of local political culture revisited in today's police organizations: A longitudinal study. Presented at the Midwest Criminal Justice Association annual meeting in Chicago, September 2006.

**Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, & Nicholas Lovrich. Liberal vs. conservative policies on crime: What is the comparative track record during the 1990s. Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in Baltimore, March 2006.

**Ling Ren** & Jihong Zhao. Police strength, social disorganization, & the crime drop in the United States during the 1990s. Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in Baltimore, March 2006.

**Ling Ren**, Jihong Zhao, Nicholas Lovrich, & Michael Gaffney. Participation in community crime prevention: Who volunteers for police work? Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in Chicago, March 2005.

Samuel Walker & **Ling Ren**. Citizen complaints as a performance measure for the police: Data problems and policy implications. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Nashville, November 2004.

Phil He, Jihong Zhao, & **Ling Ren**. Token status and police stress: An empirical assessment of the interactive effects of race and gender. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Nashville, November 2004.

Ineke Haen Marshall, & **Ling Ren**. Homicide events in a global perspective: Using world cultural domains as a theoretical and practical grouping device. Presented at the ASC annual meeting in Nashville, November 2004.

**Ling Ren**, Liquan Cao, Nicholas Lovrich, & Michael Gaffney. Linking confidence in the police with the performance of the police: Community policing can make a difference. Presented at the ACJS annual meeting in Las Vegas, March 2004.

## **TEACHING/MENTORING**

### **I. Courses Taught**

#### **Graduate Level**

Teaching Criminal Justice (Ph.D. course)  
Proseminar in Criminal Justice Issues (Ph.D. course)  
Research Design (Ph.D. course)  
Opioid Epidemic, Criminal/Civil Litigation, & Opioid Overdose Victims (Ph.D. course – Independent Study)  
Survey of Research Methods (M.A. course)  
Statistics for Criminal Justice Research (M.A. course)  
The Juvenile Offender (M.A. course)

#### **Undergraduate Level**

Statistics for CJ Research (Online)  
Juvenile Delinquency & Juvenile Justice (Online)  
Introduction to Research Methods  
Contemporary Corrections  
Police & Society  
Applied Statistics & Data Processing  
Crime Trends & Social Changes in Contemporary American Society  
Study Abroad in China

### **II. Graduate Student Supervision**

#### *Dissertation Committee*

Ejder Canbakis, Committee Member	2024 - present
Brian Gildea, Committee Member	2025
Fei Luo, Committee Chair (Outstanding Dissertation Award, College of Criminal Justice, SHSU)	2016
Jae-Seung Lee, Committee Member	2016
Yung-Lien Lai, Committee Member	2011

#### *Ph.D. Portfolio Committee*

Fei Luo, Committee Chair	2015
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Yudu Li, Committee Member	2015
Jae-Seung Lee, Committee Member	2015
Yung-Lien Lai, Committee Member	2010
<i>Graduate Student Research Fellowships</i>	
Jordan Cline	2025
Farhan Hoque	2025
Yudu Li	2014
Yung-Lien Lai	2010
<i>Master's Thesis Committee</i>	
Farhan Hoque, Chair	2025 - present
Alice Jurkiewicz, Committee Member	2025
Katherine Meeker, Committee Member	2018
Matthew Bills, Committee Chair	2017
Kayla White, Committee Member	2017
Shu Cang, Committee Chair	2015
Bridget Nurdin, Committee Chair	2014
Ricardo Velasco, Committee Chair	2012
Aaron Dobbins, Committee Member	2012
Esther Boyd, Committee Member	2012
Zayra Hernandez, Committee Chair	2011
Leah McCoy, Committee Member	2011
Jiangli Meng, Committee Member	2011
Yi-Fen Lu, Committee Member	2010
Yi-Chun Yu, Committee Member	2010

## **SERVICE**

### **I. University, College, & Departmental Service**

Member, UNO DASH Housing Advisory Board, Spring 2025 – present.

Member, UNO Graduate Council, Fall 2024 – Spring 2027.

- Policy & Planning Committee
- Scholarship & Fellowship Committee

Member, UNO Executive Graduate Council, Fall 2024 – Spring 2027.

Member, Selection Committee, the David Scott Diamond Alumni Professorship of Public Affairs and Community Service, College of Public Affairs and Community Service, UNO, Fall 2023.

Honorary Trustee, the University of Nebraska Foundation, Fall 2023 – present.

Trustee, the University of Nebraska Foundation, 2022- August 2023.



Member, Faculty Search Committee, Race & Justice Tenure-Track Assistant Professor positions, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, SHSU, 2020-2021.

Member, Faculty Search Committee, Visiting Assistant Professor position, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, SHSU, Summer 2020.

Chair, Graduate Student Development & Assessment Committee (GSDAC), Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, SHSU, 2018-2021.

Co-Chair, Graduate Student Development & Assessment Committee (GSDAC), Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, SHSU, 2017-2018.

Member, Institutional Review Board, SHSU, 2016-2018.

Member, Graduate Standards & Admissions Committee (GSAC), Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, SHSU, 2011-2017.

Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, SHSU, 2009-2010, 2012-2013, 2014-2015, & 2016-2017.

Member, Faculty Senate, SHSU, 2009-2012.

Member, Parking Appeals Committee, SHSU, 2009-2011.

Member, Student Development Committee, College of Criminal Justice, SHSU, 2008-2009 & 2010-2011.

Faculty Representative on the Criminal Justice Sciences Advisory Board, Department of Criminal Justice Sciences, Illinois State University, 2007-2008.

## **II. Service to Profession**

Associate Editor, *International Criminology* – Official Journal of Division of International Criminology, ASC, Fall 2023 – present.

Member, Editorial Board, *International Criminology* – Official Journal of Division of International Criminology, ASC, 2020 – present.

Chair, ACJS Student Poster Presentation Award Program, 2024 – 2025.

Chair, ACJS Research and Pictorial Showcase Program, 2024 – 2025.

Member, ASC Hindelang Book Award Committee, 2024.

Member, ACJS William L. Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award Committee, 2023.

Grant Proposal Reviewer, National Science Foundation, 2022.

Guest Editor, *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, May Issue, 2018.

Panel Chair “*Domestic Violence*”, Asian Criminological Society annual meeting, Hong Kong, June 2015.

Panel Chair “*Tests of Theories in Chinese Situations*”, ASC annual conference, San Francisco, November 2014.

Panel Chair “*Police & Community*” and a summary reporter in the closing ceremony, Asian Association of Police Studies Annual Conference, Taipei, Taiwan, June 2013.

Panel Chair “*Cross-National Research in Self-Reported Juvenile Delinquency & Gang Involvement*”, ASC annual conference, San Francisco, November 2010.

### **III. Manuscript Reviewer**

Asian Journal of Criminology  
Crime & Delinquency  
International Criminology  
International Criminal Justice Review  
International Journal of Law, Crime & Justice  
International Journal of Offender Therapy & Comparative Criminology  
International Journal of Police Science & Management  
Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency  
Journal of Criminal Justice  
Journal of Crime & Justice  
Justice Quarterly  
Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management  
Police Practice & Research: An International Journal  
Police Quarterly  
Social Problems  
Sociological Quarterly  
Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Society of Criminology  
- Division of Policing  
- Division of International Criminology

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