CURRICULUM VITAE

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**EDUCATION**

2024 (expected) Ph.D., Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE

2020 M.A., Criminal Justice, Boise State University, Boise, ID.

*Thesis*: Intimate Partner Violence in a Native American Community: An Exploratory Study

2018 B.S., Criminal Justice, *Magna Cum Laude*, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI

**EMPLOYMENT**

2020-present *Graduate Assistant*, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha

2019-2020 *Temporary Contract Employee,* The Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance, Boise, ID.

2018-2020 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Department of Criminal Justice, Boise State University.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

Victimization

Underserved Victimization (e.g., Disabled, Elderly, Children, Inmates, Rural Victims)

Indigenous Crime and Victimization

College Campus/University Sexual Victimization

Policy Reform and Native Americans (i.e., VAWA)

Intersection of policing and Indigenous crime and victimziation

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Research Reports**

Richards, T.N., Wright, E., Nystrom, A., **Gilbert, S.L.**, & Branscum, C. (2022). *A descriptive analysis of missing and murdered Native women and children in Nebraska, barriers to reporting and investigation, and recommendations for improving access to justice.* Tribal Researcher Partnership NIJ 2019-75-CX-0014 Special Report. Submitted to the National Institute of Justice.

Fillmore, M.L., Gillespie, L.K., Growette Bostaph, L.M., King, L.L., & **Gilbert, S.L.** (2021). *HCR33 report: Idaho’s missing & murdered Indigenous persons*. Boise, ID: Idaho Legislature.

Gann, S.M. & **Gilbert, S.** (2019). *Idaho department of juvenile corrections interview form data analysis*. Boise, ID: Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections.

King, L.L., Gillespie, L.K., Lee, J., & **Gilbert, S.** (2018). *Crime on Idaho tribal lands 2010-2016*. Boise, ID: Idaho U.S. Attorney’s Office.

**Scholarly Articles**

Richards, T., Wright, E., Nystrom, A., **Gilbert, S.**, & Branscum, C. (2021). On assessing the scope of missing Native Americans in Nebraska: Results from a state-wide study and recommendations for future research. *Race and Justice*. [https://doi.org/10.1177/21533687211047933](https://doi.org/10.1177%2F21533687211047933)

**Gilbert, S.**, Wright, E., & Richards, T. (2021). Decolonizing VAWA: A Step in the right direction to better protecting Native American women. *Feminist Criminology, 16(4),* 447-460. [https://doi.org/10.1177/15570851211016044](https://doi.org/10.1177%2F15570851211016044)

**Gilbert, S**., Wright, E., & Richards T. (2021, May/June). Recommendations for conducting research in Native American Communities. *The Criminologist.* <https://asc41.com/wp-content/uploads/ASC-Criminologist-2021-05.pdf>

**Book Chapters**

Richards, T.N, Wright, E.M., Schwartz, J. A., & **Gilbert, S.L.** (working). Historical and racial trauma: ACES and Native Americans. In S. G. Portwood, M. J. Lawler, & M. C. Roberts (Eds.), *Handbook of adverse childhood experiences (ACES): A framework for collaborative health promotion,* (pp. xx). Springer Publishing.

**Gilbert, S.L.** & Armenta-Rojas, K. (under review). Native American victimization before and after the colonized rainbow. In S. Kelley, S. Clevenger, & K. Ratajczak (Eds.), *Queer victimology: Understanding the evolving study of LGBTQIA+ experiences* (pp. xx). Texas Review Press.

**Book Reviews**

**Gilbert, S.L.** (under review). Police-community relations in times of crisis: Decay and reform in the post-Ferguson era. *Theory in Action Journal.*

**Other Publications**

**Gilbert, S.L.,** Wright, E.M., & Richards, T.N. (2021, June 18). *Federal policy has failed to protect Indigenous women.* The Conversation. https://theconversation.com/federal-policy-has-failed-to-protect-indigenous-women-159679

**RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2022 *Research Assistant* on the 2021 NIJ Tribal-Researcher Capacity-Building Grant to create a strength and needs assessment for the Tohono Oodham Tribal Community College’s response to gender-based violence and victimization.

2021 *Teaching Assistant for* CRCJ 4800 Special Topics: Victims’ Rights and Services.

Responsibilities: Assist in creating and completing modules, upload quizzes and exams, grade discussion board questions, present week 6 articles via video with PowerPoint slides.

2021-present *Research Assistant* on UNO Gender and Sexuality Resource Center OVW Campus Grant to support new programming and resources to prevent and serve student victims of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.

Responsibilities: provide program evaluations.

2020-2021 *Research Assistant* on the “#BLM #SayHerName DWC Special Issue Newsletter Project”, a project highlighting the work regarding racial justice for those who belong to the ASC Division of Women and Crime.

Responsibilities: Gather articles from members of DWC regarding racial justice.

2020-2021 *Research Assistant* on the NIJ funded “Gender-Based Violence in Native American Communities Project”, a multi-purpose project that consists of collaboration between tribal communities, law enforcement, and researchers.

Responsibilities: IRB compliance, data collection with tribal law enforcement and tribal victim service providers, and data management. Scheduling and conducting interviews with victim service providers.

2019-2020 *Research Assistant* on the “Crime Victims in Idaho: An Assessment of Needs and Services Project”, a multi-purpose project that consists of a bi-annual report for victim services in the state of Idaho.

Responsibilities: collection of resources, information, and data from various sources and creation of multiple tools to assist victim services with application for funds, needs assessment, and performance management.

2019 *Intern*, The Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim

Assistance, Boise, ID.

Responsibilities: Working with Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) Data. Develop and Design a victim’s rights and resources brochure.

2019 *Research Assistant* on the “Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections

Interview Form Data Analysis Project”. Analysis of a recommitment form used for juveniles that are returning to custody.

Responsibilities: quantitative and qualitative analysis of responses collected from in-person interview of juveniles.

2018-2019 *Research Assistant* on the “North Carolina Intimate Partner Femicide Project”, a dataset inclusive of female victim intimate partner homicides in the state of North Carolina from the years 2002-2011.

Responsibilities: collection, organization, and analysis of data derived from a variety of sources including the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the North Carolina Center for State Health Statistics, the U.S. Census, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

2017 *Teaching Assistant*, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Responsibilities: Assist students with finding peer-reviewed articles, grade and give feedback on final paper, and answer emails.

2017 *Crime Data Analyst*, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Police Department.

Responsibilities: Read law enforcement reports and collect pertinent data to assist Chief of Police to move to a more geographical policing on campus.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Invited Presentations**

Richards, T.N., Wright, E.M., & **Gilbert, S.L.** (March 2022). *Campus climate assessments at tribal colleges and universities (TCUs).* Presented by Redwind Consulting, Inc. hosted webinar.

Richards, T.N., Wright, E.M., & **Gilbert, S.L. (**January 2022). *On assessing the scope of missing and murdered Native women and children in Nebraska: Results from a state-wide study and recommendations.* Presented to the National Indian Country Training Initative.

Gann, S.M., & **Gilbert, S.** (May 2019). *IDJC recommitment interview form data analysis*. Presented to the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections Leadership Team.

Jensen, E. & **Gilbert, S.** (Jan 2018). *U.W. Oshkosh Police Department Crime Analysis.* Presented to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Faculty, and other University Department Personnel.

**Conference Presentations**

**Gilbert, S.L.** (March 2022). *Victimization on tribal lands: An application of social disorganization theory.* Poster presentation at the Student Research and Creative Activity Fair, Omaha, NE.

**Gilbert, S.** (October 2020). *Why is historical context important and how do we shift the narrative about victimization?* Workshop atTi Novitawi Kocheukaakwe\* Virtual Conference Honoring Missing & Murdered Indigenous People, Boise, ID.

**Gilbert, S.** (November 2019). *Violence against women on college campus: Does campus type matter?* Poster presentation at the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

**Gilbert, S.** (September 2019). *Native American women and the violence against women act.* Poster presentation at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association conference, Chicago, IL.

**Gilbert, S.** (March 2018). *Gender bias among students*. Poster presentation at Posters in the Rotunda, Madison, WI.

**Gilbert, S.** (September 2017). *Gender bias among students*. Poster presentation at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

**Guest Lectures**

University of Nebraska Omaha (September 2021): Kim Retzlaff’s Domestic Violence Undergrad Class. Presentation on Indigenous crime and victimization (in person).

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (March 2022): Victoria Beck’s Women and Crime Undergrad Class. Presentation on Indigenous crime and victimization and maneuvering academia as a woman of color (Zoom).

University of Nebraska Omaha (April 2022): Kim Retzlaff’s Domestic Violence Undergrad Class. Presentation on Indigenous crime and victimization and missing and murdered Indigenous women and children in Nebraska (in person).

**ACADEMIC AWARDS**

American Indian and Alaska Native Student Travel Scholarship, 2020

Graduate Assistantship, 2020-present, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha

Research Fellowship in Gender-Based Violence in Native American Communities, 2020-2021, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha

Graduate Assistantship, 2018-2020, Department of Criminal Justice, Boise State University Boise, ID.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

ASC Division of Victimology, ASC Division of Women and Crime, ASC Division of Queer Criminology