

Xuting Dai

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2025–Present Ph.D. Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Nebraska Omaha, Omaha, NE
Advisor: Dr. Lane Kirkland Gillespie

2022–2024 Master of Laws
Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China
Advisor: Dr. Lirong Guo
Summer Program, University of California, Berkeley (Summer 2023)
Completed 3 credits of courses at Berkeley Law

2018–2022 Bachelor of Laws
Nanjing Normal University, Nanjing, China

Research Interests

Sexual Violence & Victimization Judicial Decision Program & Policy Evaluation

Manuscripts in Progress

Dai, Xuting, Lane Kirkland Gillespie, and Lirong Guo. “Does Judge Gender Influence Sentencing in Rape Cases? An Analysis of Beijing Court Decisions.” *[to be presented at ASC 2026]*

Dai, Xuting, Tara Richards, Lane Kirkland Gillespie, and Justin Nix. “Estimating the Effect of *State v. Clarke* on Domestic Violence Arrest Rates in Idaho State: A Generalized Synthetic Control Approach.” *[poster to be presented at MCJA 2026]*

Cai, Xinrui, **Dai, Xuting**, and Jessica Deitzer. “Climate Change and Crime Rate in China.” *[manuscript in progress]*

Technical Reports

Wu, Shenkuo, Nan Liang, Runyu Zhao, Linyi Xu, Chaoyi Chang, **Dai, Xuting**, Xiaoxiao Li, Kun Qian, Zelin Feng, Yueqing Zhu, Xiaowei Ke, and Zhihui Qiu. "Report on Telecommunications Network Fraud Governance in 2022: A Study Based on Short Video Platforms." Technical report, 2022. [[Report link](#)]

Research Experience

2026–Present *Estimating the Effect of State v. Clarke on Domestic Violence Arrest Rates in Idaho State*

Role: Lead Author, (with Tara Richards, Lane Kirkland Gillespie, and Justin Nix)

- Used 10-years of NIBRS data to build the panel for study
- Implemented a generalized synthetic control model to estimate the causal effect of State v. Clarke
- Conducted robustness checks for the research, including in-time placebo tests, pre-COVID truncation, and agency-level leave-one-out tests (1,000 bootstrap iterations each)
- Produced all tables and figures and designed the accompanying poster (to be presented at MCJA 2026)

2025–Present *Does Judge Gender Influence Sentencing in Rape Cases? An Analysis of Beijing Court Decisions*

Role: Lead Author (with Lane Kirkland Gillespie and Lirong Guo)

- Analyzed 300 randomly sampled rape adjudications from Beijing courts (2019–2024)
- Methods: propensity score matching to estimate sentence-length effects; a GLM with the Boruta algorithm to identify legal and extralegal predictors
- To be presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2026

2026–Present *Survey Development, Operation Tipping Point (OTP), Lincoln, NE*

- Designing KoboToolbox surveys for OTP's prevention and intervention tracks, translating a risk-factor checklist (e.g., household justice-system involvement, gang nexus, parental involvement) into structured survey instruments
- Built a de-identified data architecture (study IDs mapped to participant initials via a staff-maintained roster) to protect participant confidentiality

- 2026–Present *Immigrant Victimization Research Project*
- Developing a new research project on immigrant victimization; establishing partnerships with Center of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement (CIRA) in Omaha, in order to build a community resource toolkit
- 2026–Present *Climate Change and Crime Rate in China*
- Role: Data Construction (with Xinrui Cai and Jessica Deitzer)**
- Cleaned and coded a nationwide, geocoded Chinese court-judgment dataset (~7GB; ~130,000 climate-relevant cases) to construct crime, injury-severity, and case-context variables
 - Study examines how extreme climate events reconfigure routine activities and criminogenic settings, including potential urban–rural and cross-county spillover effects

Professional Experience (Law)

- 2023–2024 *Judicial Clerk, Beijing Third Intermediate People’s Court*
- Worked as a judge’s clerk in civil and criminal divisions;
 - Assisted case management, drafted court records, contacted multiple parties to schedule trials and hearings
- 2022 *Paralegal, AllBright Law Offices*
- Conducted legal research for corporate lawyers; managed case evidence

Conference Presentations

2026: Dai, Xuting, Lane Kirkland Gillespie, and Lirong Guo. “Does Judge Gender Influence Sentencing in Rape Cases? An Analysis of Beijing Court Decisions.” *American Society of Criminology* (ASC), Chicago, IL. VVSRL panel, “Innovations from the Victimology and Victim Studies Research Lab—Part 2.”

2026: Dai, Xuting, Tara Richards, Lane Kirkland Gillespie, and Justin Nix. “Estimating the Effect of *State v. Clarke* on Domestic Violence Arrest Rates in Idaho State: A Generalized Synthetic Control Approach.” Poster presented at the *Midwest Criminal Justice Association* (MCJA) Annual Meeting.

Teaching

Invited Guest Lectures

Spring 2026 **CRCJ 3000: Applied Statistics**
University of Nebraska Omaha

Honors and Awards

2025	<i>Sieu Mei Tu Scholarship</i> , University of Nebraska Omaha (\$1,000)
2024	<i>Outstanding Graduate Thesis</i> , School of Law, Beijing Normal University
2023	<i>First Prize</i> , 4th “Tianjin Legal Logic Forum”
2022	<i>Outstanding Award</i> , 2nd “Future Elite Cup” National Writing Competition for Law Students
2022	<i>Outstanding Graduate</i> , Nanjing Normal University

Service

Departmental and University Service

University of Nebraska Omaha

Secretary, Graduate Student Organization (GSO) – 2026–Present

Advocate, Association of Blacks and Browns in Criminal Justice (ABBCJ) – 2025–Present

Participant, Student CCRT Programming – 2025–Present

Representative, International Student Banquet – 2026

Community Service

Volunteer, Open Door Mission (Lydia House), Omaha – 2026

Professional Development

April 2026	“Curling and Consent,” Student CCRT & UNO Curling Club
March 2026	Association of Blacks and Browns in Criminal Justice General Meeting, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, UNO
February 2026	“Navigating the Job Market: Timelines, Types, and Trajectories,” Graduate Students Seminar Series, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, UNO
February 2026	“Generating Policy-Relevant Research and Communicating It Effectively,” featuring Dr. Nancy La Vigne, Graduate Students Seminar Series, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, UNO
February 2026	Association of Blacks and Browns in Criminal Justice General Meeting, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, UNO
February 2026	“Calling Bullshit: Knowing Which Scientific Studies to Trust,” featuring Dr. Justin Pickett, Graduate Students Seminar Series, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, UNO
January 2026	“Finding God in Cellblock C,” featuring Dr. Iman Said, Graduate Students Seminar Series, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, UNO

Certifications

National Unified Legal Professional Qualification Certificate (China Bar Exam) — 2024

Skills

Technical Proficiencies: R/RStudio, LaTeX, SQL, Python

Survey Program Proficiencies: KoboToolbox, Qualtrics

Professional Societies

American Society of Criminology (ASC), Student Member — 2026–Present

Division of Victimology

Midwest Criminal Justice Association (MCJA), Member — 2026–Present

Languages

Chinese (native), English (fluent)