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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Evaluation, Mixed Methods, Reentry, Policing, Victimization, Social Media, Social Inequality

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## EDUCATION

- 2019      Ph.D. Sociology: University of Missouri-Columbia  
Dissertation: “Woke: Social Media and Attitudes towards Police Use of Force.”  
Committee Members: Eileen Avery, Joan Hermsen, Eric Brown, S. David Mitchell  
Concentrations in Social Control & Deviance & Social Inequality
- 2014      M.A. Sociology: University of Missouri-Columbia  
Master Thesis: “Economic Downturns and Distrust in the Police.”  
Committee Members: Eileen Avery, Joan Hermsen, Eric Brown
- 2011      B.A. Major Sociology, Minor: Psychology: University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Senior Thesis: “Racial-Ethnic Variation in Attitudes towards the Police.”  
Alpha Kappa Delta Honors Graduate
- 2010      A.A. General Studies: Southeast Community College-Lincoln, NE
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018-Present    **Research Coordinator.** Nebraska Center for Justice Research, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha.  
*Projects:* Vocational & Life Skills Program Evaluation, NE Evidence Based Practices Program Inventory, and Classification Study.  
*Responsibilities:* program evaluation, data collection and management, develop logic models/theory of change, measure development, community engagement, technical assistance, student mentoring, report writing, manuscript writing, research presentations, and grant writing.
- 2012-2018      **Graduate Assistant.** Sociology Department, University of Missouri at Columbia.  
*Research Projects:* Missouri Crime Victimization Survey funded by the National Institute of Justice for the Missouri Highway Patrol.  
*Responsibilities:* Literature reviews, data management, analysis, grading, teaching, teaching assistance, mentoring, and report writing.
- 2015      **Stata Consultant.** Doctoral Candidate in Health Sciences, Tulane University.  
*Responsibilities:* Data management, coding, and analysis.

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## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Roig, Krystal, Michael Campagna, **Katelynn Towne**, and Ryan Spohn. 2022. "Considering Margins of Reentry." (submission in progress)
- Butler, Daniel, Michael Campagna, Ryan Spohn, and **Katelynn Towne**. 2022. "Understanding Volunteerism: The Role of the Participant in Non-Clinical Correctional Programming." (under review)
- Towne, Katelynn**, Michael Campagna, Ryan Spohn, and Amber Richey. 2022. "'Put it in your Toolbox': How Vocational Reentry Programs Support Formerly Incarcerated Persons through Desistance." *Crime & Delinquency*.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2022. "My Friends Keep Me Woke About these Things": How College Students Experience and Engage with Police Use of Force Content on social media." *Sociological Spectrum* 1-14.
- Hermesen, Joan, Eileen Avery, and **Katelynn Towne**. 2020. "Crime Victimization Distress, Neighborhood Social Cohesion, and Perceived Police Effectiveness." *Journal of Community & Applied Social Psychology* 30(6), 581-592.

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## GRANTS & AWARDS

2018	Habenstein Dissertation Fellowship, MU Sociology Department \$2,400
2017	Graduate Research Award, MU Sociology Department \$1,200
2017	Student Travel Award, Mizzou Advantage \$900
2017	Travel Grant, Graduate Professional Council \$400
2016	Graduate Student Support Grant, MU Sociology Department \$750
2016	Research & Training Award, MU Sociology Department \$750
2016	Travel Grant, Graduate Student Association \$100
2013	Travel Grant, Graduate Professional Council \$500
2012	Travel Grant, Graduate Student Association \$300
2012	OTS MU Sociology Departmental Fellowship \$3,000

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## GRANTS SUBMITTED; NOT FUNDED

- Co-PI. Assessing the Effectiveness of the Second Chance Act Grant Program: A Phased Evaluation Approach, Fiscal Year 2020. Funding agency: U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs. \$1,227,289 (2 years)

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## RESEARCH REPORTS

- Towne, Katelynn**. 2022. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Four, Quarter Seven. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Taylor Claxton. 2021. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Four, Quarter Six. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Taylor Claxton. 2021. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Four, Quarter Five. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.

- Towne, Katelynn**, Michael Campagna, and Ryan Spohn. 2021. Vocational & Life Skills Evaluation Annual Report, Grant Cycle Three: Year Two. Prepared for the Nebraska Judiciary Committee and the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn**, Michael Campagna, and Ryan Spohn. 2021. Ready & Resilient: Qualitative Findings from Life Story Interviews with Vocational and Life Skills Program Participants. Prepared for the Nebraska Judiciary Committee and the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2021. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Four, Quarter Four. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2021. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Three. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2021. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Four, Quarter Two. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Toto, Sara, Emily Wright, Michael Campagna, and **Katelynn Towne**. Adult Justice in Nebraska, 2019. (2020). For the Nebraska Legislature.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2020. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter One. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2020. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Eight. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2020. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Seven. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2020. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Six. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Toto, Sara, Emily Wright, Michael Campagna, and **Katelynn Towne**. 2020. Adult Justice in Nebraska, 2019. For the Nebraska Legislature.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2019. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Five. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2019. Vocational and Life Skills Annual Report: Grant Cycle Three, Year One. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2019. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Four. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2019. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Three. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2019. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter Two. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Towne, Katelynn** and Michael Campagna. 2018. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter One. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Campagna, Michael and **Katelynn Towne**. 2018. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Three, Quarter One. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Campagna, Michael and **Katelynn Towne**. 2018. Vocational and Life Skills Quarterly Report: Grant Cycle Two, Quarter Eight. For the Nebraska Department of Corrections.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, **Katelynn Towne**, and Don Willis. 2017. Missouri Crime Victimization Survey, 2016: Executive Report. University of Missouri Columbia.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, **Katelynn Towne**, and Don Willis. 2017. Missouri Crime Victimization Survey, 2016: Intimate Partner Violence. University of Missouri Columbia.

- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, **Katelynn Towne**, and Don Willis. 2017. Missouri Crime Victimization Survey, 2016: Neighborhood Trust, Safety, and Fear. University of Missouri Columbia.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, **Katelynn Towne**, and Don Willis. 2017. Missouri Crime Victimization Survey, 2016: Perceptions of Law Enforcement. University of Missouri Columbia.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, Matt Knudtson, and **Katelynn Towne**. 2017. Missouri Crime Victimization Survey, 2016: Summary Report. University of Missouri Columbia.

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Towne, Katelynn**, Michael Campagna, Ryan Spohn. 2021. "Reentry Employment During Covid-19." American Society of Criminology. Chicago, Illinois.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2019. "Internet News and Neoliberal Ideology on Police Use of Force Approval Attitudes." American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, California.
- Towne, Katelynn**, Michael Campagna, Ryan Spohn. 2019. "Where There is a Will, the Way is Still Hard: Qualitative Themes of Ex-Offender Reentry." American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, California.
- Towne, Katelynn**, Michael Campagna, Ryan Spohn. 2019. "Reentry Program Satisfaction & Remaining Challenges." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2019. "My Friends Keep Me Woke About These Things." Policing and Society Conference. Akureyri, Iceland.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, and **Katelynn Towne**. 2017. "Perceptions of Police: Procedural Justice in Rural and Urban Neighborhoods." *American Society of Criminology*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, **Katelynn Towne**, and Mark Ritchey. 2017. "Distress from Violent Victimization: Impacts on Concerns about Crime and Perceptions of Law Enforcement." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, and **Katelynn Towne**. 2017. "Urban-Rural Differences in Worry about Crime, Race Relations, and Illegal Immigration in Missouri, USA." *World Association for Public Opinion Research*, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Avery, Eileen, Joan Hermsen, **Katelynn Towne**, and Matt Knudtson. 2016. "Urban-Rural Differences in Perceptions of Policing: Preliminary Evidence from the 2016 Missouri Crime and Victimization Survey." *American Society of Criminology*, New Orleans, LA.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2016. "Black Lives Matter to Blue Lives Matter: The Movement and the Backlash on Facebook." *Midwest Sociological Society*, Chicago, IL.
- Carrey, Rebecca, Evonnia Woods, Kristen McCowan, Monica Hand, and **Katelynn Towne**. 2015. "Women and Crime." *Women and Gender Studies Conference*, University of Missouri-Columbia, MO.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2013. "Characteristics of Victim and Offender on Reporting." *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA.
- Towne, Katelynn**. 2013. "Economic Downturns and Trust in the Police." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, New York, NY.

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**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

**Towne, Katelynn.** 2019. "Based on What Evidence?" Guest Lecture at Emporia State University, Emporia, KS.

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2022 Adjunct Instructor, Police and Society (Online), University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
 2020 Adjunct Instructor, Sociological Theory, Nebraska Wesleyan University  
 2020 Adjunct Instructor, Introduction to Sociology, Nebraska Wesleyan University  
 2018 Graduate Instructor, Social Deviance (Online), MU-Columbia ONLINE  
 2018 Graduate Instructor, Criminology, MU-Columbia  
 2015 Guest Lecture, "Crime Data & Policing Attitudes." Deviance, MU-Columbia  
 2015 Guest Lecture, "Urbanization." Social Problems, MU-Columbia  
 2015 Graduate Instructor, Criminology, MU-Columbia  
 2015 Graduate Instructor, Introduction to Sociology, MU-Columbia  
 2014 Graduate Instructor, Social Deviance, MU-Columbia  
 2014 Graduate Instructor, Introduction to Sociology, MU-Columbia  
 2014 Teaching Assistant, Advanced Social Statistics, MU-Columbia  
 2013 Teaching Assistant, Social Statistics, MU-Columbia  
 2013 Teaching Assistant, Social Deviance, MU-Columbia  
 2013 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology, MU-Columbia  
 2012 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology, MU-Columbia  
 2012 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Peace Studies, MU-Columbia

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**PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS**

2022 UNL: Institute for Online Teaching, Lincoln, NE  
 2021 UNO: Introduction to OneDrive and SharePoint, Online Webinar Training  
 2021 TEI: Foundations & Contemporary Issues in Evaluation Practice, Online Course  
 2020 Evaluate: Adapting Evaluations in the Era of Social Distancing. Online Webinar  
 2020 AEA: Becoming a Trauma Informed Evaluator, Online Course  
 2019 UNO: First Generation Student Symposium, Omaha, NE  
 2019 TEI: Introduction to Cost-Benefit & Cost-Effectiveness Analysis, Rockville, MD  
 2019 UNO: Microaggression Awareness Program, Omaha, NE  
 2019 ACJS: CJ Media Training Workshop, Baltimore, MD  
 2019 UNO: Appreciating Difference, Omaha, NE  
 2018 Empower Network: Sex Trafficking, Social Media, and our Youth, Omaha, NE  
 2018 UNO: Trust & Communication, Omaha, NE  
 2018 UNMC: The Power of Followership, Omaha, NE  
 2018 UNO SCCJ: Restrictive Housing Workshop, Omaha, NE  
 2017 UM-C Barnard: Social Media Research Workshop, Columbia, MO  
 2016 Curran-Bauer: Multilevel Modeling Workshop, Chapel Hill, NC  
 2014 UM-C: Safe Space, Columbia, MO

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

2014-2022 Midwest Sociological Society  
 2013-2022 American Society of Criminology  
 2018-2020 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
 2013-2018 American Sociological Association  
 2017-2018 World Association for Public Opinion Research

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**SERVICE**
**Community**

2017-2018 Board Member, Citizen Police Review Board, Columbia, MO  
 2016 Day volunteer, Fundraising efforts for The Center Project, Columbia, MO  
 2016 Day volunteer, Art in the Park, Columbia, MO  
 2013-2015 Volunteer, Food Bank, Columbia, MO  
 2014 Day volunteer, Clean up Columbia, Columbia, MO  
 2014 Volunteer, Volunteer Income Tax Preparation, Columbia, MO

**Discipline**

2021-2023 Board Member, Women in the Profession, Midwest Sociological Society  
 2019-2021 Member, TRAC: Nebraska Prison Post-Secondary Education Project, UN-Omaha  
 2015-2017 Student Member, Sociology Conversations, MU-Columbia  
 2016-2017 Co-Chair, Women and Gender Studies Student Group, MU-Columbia  
 2015-2017 Planning Committee, Women and Gender Studies Conference, MU-Columbia  
 2015-2017 Treasurer, Sociology Graduate Student Group, MU-Columbia  
 2012-2017 Student Member, Sociology Graduate Student Group, MU-Columbia

**Scholarly Reviews**

2021 Police Quarterly: One Manuscript Reviewed

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**REFERENCES**

Dr. Eileen Avery, Ph.D.  
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