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EDUCATION

- 2026 (Expected)** **Michigan State University (MSU)**
Ph.D. Criminal Justice & Certificate in College Teaching
Dissertation: Military Sexual Trauma Experiences of Female Veterans
• Dissertation Chair: [Dr. Chris Melde](#)
- 2020** **Sam Houston State University (SHSU)**
B.S. Criminal Justice
Summa Cum Laude; Highest Honors; Academic Distinction
Honors Thesis: *An Examination of Chinese Police Cadets' Knowledge of Domestic Violence*
• Thesis Advisor: [Dr. Brittany Hayes](#)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Victimization
- Victim-Offender Overlap
- Polyvictimization
- Sexual Violence
- Cybervictimization
- Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence

NIJ GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

- 2024 – Present** **National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Graduate Research Fellow**
- “Military Sexual Trauma Experiences of Female Veterans in Michigan: Exploring Experiences, Dynamics, and Responses”
 - Awarded \$116,692 to fund dissertation research and professional development
 - Designed, piloted, edited, and distributed online survey and conducted semi-structured interviews.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- TBD** McNealey, R., Ingham, C., & **Burden, M.** (In Press). “Identifying Cross-Contextual Fear of Crime: A Comparison of the Victimization-Fear Relationship Between Offline and Online Contexts.” *Global Crime*.

- TBD** **Burden, M.** & Roddy, A. (In Press). “Indigenous Youths’ Strain and Delinquency: Investigating the Individual and Cumulative Impact of Strain Through a Cultural Lens.” *Deviant Behavior*.
- 2025** **Burden, M.** (Online First: 2023). “The Cybercrime Victim-Offender Overlap: Evaluating Predictors for Victims, Offenders, Victim-Offenders, and Those Who Are Neither.” *Victims & Offenders*, 20(4), 710-728.
- 2024** **Burden, M.** & Roddy, A. (Online First: 2024). “The Effects of Polyvictimization on Indigenous Youth’s Mental Health and Negative Coping Mechanisms.” *Victims & Offenders*, 1-24.
- 2023** **Burden, M.**, Melde, C., McGarrell, E.F., Heinze, J.E., Franzen, S., Michaels, K. “Adolescent Attitudes Toward Police and Crime Reporting Intentions.” *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 46(5), 593-606.
- Recorded [Summary Video](#) for the National Center for School Safety
- Almanza, M., **Mason, M.**, & Melde, C. (Online First: 2022). “Perceptions of School Resource Officers: Protectors or Prosecutors?” *Criminal Justice Review*, 48(3), 277-412.
- Recorded [Summary Video](#) for the National Center for School Safety
- Holt, K., Rojek, A., **Mason, M.**, & Rothman, L. (Online First: 2022). “‘Who is Where?’ Cold Case Investigation and Collaborations Between Law Enforcement and Academia.” *Homicide Studies*, 27(4), 493-505.
- 2022** LaBerge, A., **Mason, M.**, & Sanders, K. “Police Dispatch Times: The Effects of Neighborhood Structural Disadvantage.” *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 79, 101885.
- Hayes, B.E., Connolly, E.J., Wang, X., **Mason, M.**, & Ingham, C. (Online First: 2020). “Chinese Police Cadets’ Attitudes Toward Domestic Violence: A Pretest/Posttest Design.” *Crime & Delinquency*, 68(2), 232-252.
- 2021** Hayes, B.E., Connolly, E.J., Wang, X., Ingham, C., & **Mason, M.** (Online First: 2020). “Prevalence of Child Maltreatment and the Effects of the Intergenerational Transmission of Violence on Attitudes Towards Domestic Violence in Chinese Police Cadets.” *Journal of Family Violence*, 36(6), 733-742.

Other Edited Publications

- TBD** **Burden, M.** (Accepted). “Deepfake Pornography.” *Encyclopedia of Sex and Society*.

- 2024** **Burden, M.** & Holt, K. “Image-Based Sexual Abuse.” *Crime Victims’ Institute*. [Link](#)
- 2019** Hayes, B.E., Ingham, C., **Mason, M.**, & Franklin, C.A. “Types of Hate Crimes.” *Crime Victims’ Institute*, 2(2). [Link](#)
- 2018** **Mason, M.** & Hayes, B.E. “The Consequences of Hate Crime Victimization.” *Crime Victims’ Institute*, 1(3). [Link](#)

Publications for Professional Organizations

- 2021** **Mason, M.** & Holt, K. “Deepfake Pornography: New Forms of Image Based Harm and Sexual Abuse.” *Michigan Chapter for the Association of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers*. [Link](#)

WORKS UNDER REVIEW & IN-PROGRESS

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| Under Review | LaBerge, A., Burden, M. , Roddy, A., Cavanagh, C. “Intimate Partner Violence Among Indigenous Youth: Exploring the Victim-Offender Overlap and Protective Nature of Indigenous Culture and Support Systems.” |
| Under Review | Burden, M. “Utilizing and Detecting AI in Higher Education: Lessons Learned from an Online, Asynchronous, Criminal Justice Course.” Proposal Accepted for Special Issue. |
| In-Progress | Hamm, J., Osuna, A., Yang, V. L., Darcy, K., Burden, M. , Banning, A., Olson, T. Kim, M., Williams, T., Carrerea, J. “(Re)theorizing Trust in Criminal Justice Scholarship.” MSU TRUSST Lab Project. |
| In-Progress | Campbell, R., Gregory, K., Sibanda, T., Graves, C., Burden, M. , Buchanan, N., Prior, S., Zagurny, E. “A Scoping Review of Community-Engaged Gender-Based Violence Research.” MSU Research Consortium for Gender-Based Violence Project. |
| In-Progress | Simmons, A. & Burden, M. “The Victim-Offender Overlap Across Offline & Online Contexts.” |
| In-Progress | Burden, M. “‘How do I know if any of these participants are legit?’: Challenges from an Online, Non-Panel, Survey with an Incentive.” |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

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| 2023 – Present | Teaching, Researching, & Understanding the Social Science of Trust (TRUSST) Lab, MSU , Link
Student Lab Member |
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2025	Applied Intimate Partner Violence Measurement (AIM) Short Course John Hopkins Center for Global Women’s Health & Gender Equity, Link <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitive training opportunity “designed to enhance applied skills in IPV measurement and research implementation for clinicians and researchers working to advance maternal health,” fostering “high-quality, rigorous, and ethical IPV research.”
2025	ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods General Session Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multilevel Models I: Introduction & Application Introduction to Time Series & Panel Data Analysis Network Analysis I: Introduction Measurement, Scaling, & Dimensional Analysis
2022 – 2023	Offender Focused Investigations: Examining the Michigan Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Data Michigan State Police (MSP) Grant Funded Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal Justice Agency Security Awareness Training Level 1 & 2
2021 – 2022	Michigan State Police/Michigan State University Joint Cold Case Team Research Consultant with Security Clearance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 Ardis Renkoski Missing Persons Advocacy Award
2020 – 2024	MSU Summer Research Fellow College of Social Science, MSU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College of Social Science Summer Research Fellow (2021-2024) Early Start Program Summer Research Fellow (2020-2023)
2020 – 2023	Graduate Research Assistant School of Criminal Justice, MSU
2018 – 2020	Undergraduate Researcher College of Criminal Justice, SHSU

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

2026 (Expected)	Certificate in College Teaching, Graduate School, MSU Teaching Mentor: Professor Allison Rojek <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Portfolio In-Progress
2023 – Present	Graduate Teaching Assistant Program (GTAP), MSU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A wide variety of workshops & professional development for teaching

2023 – 2025

Guest Lectures

Introduction to Criminal Justice, MSU

- Victimization & How It's Measured (Virtual)
- Victimization

Women in Criminal Justice, Pennsylvania State University

- Military Sexual Trauma (Virtual)

Criminological Theory, MSU

- Feminist Criminology & Intersectionality

Criminal Justice Research Methods, MSU

- Quantitative Research (Virtual)

Violent Victimization, MSU

- Intimate Partner Violence

Homicide, MSU

- Intimate Partner Homicide

2023

Instructor of Record, MSU

Methods of Criminal Justice Research (CJ 292), Online, Asynchronous

- Designed course, formed schedule, assembled content, & created assignments
- Completed teaching project for the Certificate in College Teaching

School of Criminal Justice Graduate Teaching Workshop, MSU

- 12-week teaching workshop & course preparation

Certificate in College Teaching Institute, Graduate School, MSU

- Multi-day workshop & professional development series

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026

Burden, M. "Military Sexual Trauma of Female Veterans: Qualitative Findings from a Mixed Method Study." *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference*. Philadelphia, PA. March. Pending Acceptance.

2025

Burden, M. "Technology-Facilitated Military Sexual Trauma: Experiences of Female Veterans." Division of Cybercrime Sponsored Panel. *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference*. Washington D.C. November.

2024

Burden, M. "Cross-Contextual Victimization and Fear: Examining the Effects of Online and Offline Victimization on Fear of Crime." *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference*. San Francisco, CA. November. Presented on behalf of co-authors.

- 2023** **Burden, M.** “Examining the Effects of Experienced, Anticipated, and Vicarious Strain on Indigenous Youth’s Delinquency.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference*. Philadelphia, PA. November.
- Burden, M.,** Melde, C., & Heinze, J.E. “Perceptions & Roles: Considerations for Collaborating with Schools.” *International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference*. San Diego, CA. October. Presented on behalf of co-authors.
- Burden, M.** “The Effects of Polyvictimization on Tribal Youth’s Mental Health and Negative Coping Mechanisms.” *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference*. National Harbor, MD. March.
- 2022** **Mason, M.** “The Cybercrime Victim-Offender Overlap: Evaluating Predictors for Victims, Offenders, Victim-Offenders, and Those Who are Neither.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference*. Atlanta, GA. November.
- 2021** LaBerge, A. & **Mason, M.** “Police Dispatch Times for Burglary, Assault, and Shots Fired Locations by Community Disadvantage in Detroit.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference*. Chicago, IL. November. Presented on behalf of co-authors.
- 2019** **Mason, M.** “Chinese Police Cadets’ Knowledge of Domestic Violence: A Pretest-Posttest Design.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference*. San Francisco, CA. November. Presented on behalf of co-authors.
- Mason, M.** “An Examination of Chinese Police Cadets’ Knowledge of Domestic Violence.” *Sam Houston State University Undergraduate Research Symposium*. Huntsville, TX. April. Presented on behalf of co-authors.
- Received EURECA Award for Best Conference Presentation of Funded Research

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & AWARDS

Grants & Fellowships

- 2023 – Present** **Graduate Research Fellowship**
National Institute of Justice (NIJ), U.S. Department of Justice
\$116,692 total
- 2023 – 2024** **Early Start Peer Mentor Fellowship**
College of Social Science, MSU
\$1,000 total

2021 – 2024 **Summer Research Fellowship**
School of Criminal Justice, MSU
\$12,000 total

2020 – 2023 **Early Start Program Fellowship**
College of Social Science, MSU
\$13,500 total

Research Awards

2025 **Dissertation Data Collection Funding**
TRUSST Lab, MSU
\$2,500

2025 **Dissertation Data Collection Funding**
Research Consortium of Gender-Based Violence, MSU
\$1,000

2023 **Pilot Study Funding**
Center for Gender in Global Context, MSU
\$500

Travel Awards

2024 **Warren & Mary Huff Travel Endowment Award**
School of Criminal Justice, MSU
\$660

2023 **Warren & Mary Huff Travel Endowment Award**
School of Criminal Justice, MSU
\$830

Travel Funding Award
The National Center for School Safety (NCSS)
\$2,500

Conference Funding Award
Council of Graduate Students (COGS), MSU
\$300

Travel Funding Award
The Graduate School, MSU
\$360

Travel Funding Award
College of Social Sciences, MSU
\$400

2022 Warren & Mary Huff Travel Endowment Award
School of Criminal Justice, MSU
\$703

2021 Warren & Mary Huff Travel Endowment Award
School of Criminal Justice, MSU
\$579

2019 Elliot T. Bowers Travel Award
Honors College, SHSU
\$250

2018 Faculty & Student Teams (FAST) Award – Travel to China
Enhancing Undergraduate Research Experiences & Creative Activities
(EURECA), SHSU
\$2,000

Scholarships & Other Awards

2019 Enhancing Undergraduate Research Experiences & Creative Activities (EURECA) Award for Best Conference Presentation of Funded Research
Undergraduate Research Symposium, SHSU
\$250

2018 – 2020 Raven Scholars of Sam Houston Award Recipient
Dean of Students, SHSU

- Awarded to top students who have achieved academic success and integrated campus life, service, & leadership into their college career.
- Member of the inaugural group of recipients

2016 – 2020 Smith-Hutson Scholarship Recipient
SHSU

- Competitive, full-ride, scholarship

SERVICE & VOLUNTEERISM

2020 – Present Graduate Student Association (GSA)
School of Criminal Justice, MSU

- Elections Coordinator (2024)
- Award Selection Committee (2024)
- Elected President (2023-2024)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elected Vice President of Student Affairs & Media (2022-2023) • Fundraising Committee Member (2023) • Elected Treasurer (2021-2022)
2022 – 2025	Graduate Student Network (GSN) Graduate Student Association, School of Criminal Justice, MSU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor to first-year graduate students (2022-Present) • Assistant Coordinator (2022-2023)
2022 – 2025	School of Criminal Justice, MSU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted in hosting prospective doctoral students' visits (2023-2025) • Facilitated ASC practice presentations (2023) • Attended job candidate talks & graduate student meetings (2022-2025)
2023 – 2025	Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Criminal Justice Studies</i> • <i>Deviant Behavior</i> • <i>International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology</i> • <i>Journal of Criminal Justice</i> • <i>Journal of Family Violence</i> • <i>Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency</i> • <i>Victims & Offenders</i>
2023 – 2024	Early Start Program Mentor College of Social Sciences, MSU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer Mentor to First-Year Doctoral Students in the Early Start Program
2023	SAKI Summit, Ingham/Jackson Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, MI Conference Organizer & Event Support
2021 – 2023	Bylaws Committee School of Criminal Justice, MSU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate Student Representative appointed by the Director of the School of Criminal Justice
2017 – 2020	Center for Law, Engagement, And Politics (LEAP) Ambassador Sam Houston State, Link <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Appointed President (2019-2020) • Director Appointed Vice President of Operations (2018-2019)
2016 – 2017	Freshman Leadership Program (FLP) Dean of Students, SHSU, Link

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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| 2023 – Present | Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
Student Member <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mentorship Program – Mentee (2024-2025) |
| 2022 – Present | Research Consortium for Gender Based Violence, MSU, Link
Student Member <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fall 2023 Graduate Student Spotlight |
| 2021 – Present | American Society of Criminology (ASC)
Student Member <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Division of Cybercrime (since 2024)• Division of Feminist Criminology (since 2022)• Division of Victimology (since 2021) |
| 2021 – 2023 | Michigan Chapter for the Association of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MI-ATSA), Link
Student Member |