

## Daniella J. Ferrante

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Curriculum Vitae  
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### **EDUCATION**

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*Anticipated 2028*

#### **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Criminal Justice**

School of Criminal Justice  
Michigan State University

Guidance Committee: Dr. Thomas J. Holt (Chair), Dr. Karen M. Holt, and Dr. Steven M. Chermak

#### **Certificate in College Teaching**

Teaching Mentor: Dr. Steven M. Chermak

*Conferred 2022*

#### **Bachelor of Science (B.S.) with Highest Distinction**

Psychological Sciences  
College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue University

#### **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) with Highest Distinction**

Law & Society  
College of Liberal Arts

Purdue University

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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cybercrime, ideologically motivated crime, sexual offending, subcultures, and social networks

### **PUBLICATIONS**

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**Ferrante, D.J.** & Holt, T.J. (2024). Assessing Cyberattacks in Response to Police Actions in Physical Space. *Deviant Behavior*, 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2024.2429730>

### **IN PROGRESS**

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**Ferrante, D.J.**, Holt, K.M., Holt, T.J., (in progress) “Analyzing the Social Organization of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) Forums” [working title]

Werth, K. and **Ferrante, D.J.** (in progress). “Analysis of Anti-United States Government Sentiments on Online Forums” [working title].

Holt, T.J. and **Ferrante, D.J.** (in progress). “Assessing Victims of Ransomware In A Global Context” [working title].

### **REPORTS & PROGRAM EVALUATION**

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\*Cobbina-Dungy, J.E., **Ferrante, D.J.**, and Werth, K.A. (2024). "One Detroit Program Evaluation: Assessment of One Detroit Program: Getting Involved and Perceptions of Violent Crime and Violent Crime with Firearms, Prepared for the United States Attorney's Office Eastern District of Michigan

\*Authors listed in alphabetical order, for the exception of the primary investigator

## **RESEARCH POSITIONS**

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August 2023 – Present

**Graduate Research Assistant** | Supervisor: Dr. Thomas J. Holt  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

January – May 2023

**Research Assistant**

Kernan Social Science Laboratory  
College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University

**Research Assistant**

Dr. Spencer Headworth and Dr. David McElhattan  
No Pass No Drive Legislation & Collateral Consequences  
Department of Sociology, Purdue University

January – May 2022

**Margo Katherine Wilke Undergraduate Research Fellow**

Dr. Spencer Headworth and Dr. David McElhattan  
Driver's License Suspension Laws & Collateral Consequences  
College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University

May – August 2021

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**

Lane Relational Emotional and Addictive Coregulation across Time  
(REACT) Laboratory  
College of Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University

August – December 2020

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**

Dr. Jeffrey Karpicke Cognition and Learning Laboratory  
College of Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University

January – May 2020

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**

Dr. David Purpura Early Childhood Learning Laboratory  
College of Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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2024

Holt, T.J. and **Ferrante, D.J.** "Assessing Victims of Ransomware In A Global Context". Human Factor in Cybercrime Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

**Ferrante, D.J.**, and Werth, K.A., "A Preliminary Exploratory Analysis of Anti-United States Government Sentiments Online". Terrorism & Social Media (TASM) Conference, Swansea University, Swansea, Wales, United Kingdom.

**Ferrante, D.J.**, and Holt, T.J. "Exploring Cybercrimes Against Law Enforcement Entities". The European Society of Criminology Working Group on Radicalization, Extremism, and Terrorism Colloquium, Remote Presentation.

2022

**Ferrante, D.J.**, Napolitano, S.C., Lane, S.P., Trull, T.J. "Consequences of Childhood Sexual Abuse on Personality and Alcohol Consumption". Purdue University Department of Psychological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference, West Lafayette, IN, United States

**Ferrante, D.J.**, Gonzalez, E., Rivero, M., Sperrazza, M., Yao, S. "Drivers License Suspension Laws". Purdue University Undergraduate Research Conference, West Lafayette, IN, United States

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## **HONORS, AWARDS, FUNDING, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2025

### **RSAC Security Scholar**

Michigan State University student recipient of the RSA Scholar Award for the 2025 RSA Conference

2024

### **Criminal Justice Alumni Graduate Endowed Assistantship**

Michigan State University

Funds, in part, Graduate Research Assistantship for the 2024-2025 academic year

### **\$3,000 College of Social Science Early Start Summer Fellowship**

Michigan State University

Awarded to graduate students who contribute to the educational diversity of their department

### **VOX-Pol Network of Excellence Summer School Student**

Cyber Threats Research Centre, Swansea University

### **\$2,300 VOX-Pol Network of Excellence Summer School Travel Award**

Cyber Threats Research Centre, Swansea University

2023

### **\$830 Warren & Mary Huff Travel Scholarship**

Michigan State University

### **\$3,500 College of Social Science Early Start Summer Fellowship**

Michigan State University

Awarded to graduate students who contribute to the educational diversity of their department

2020 - 2022

### **\$500 Margo Katherine Wilke Undergraduate Research Fellowship**

College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University

### **Dean's List**

Colleges of Health and Human Sciences and Liberal Arts

### **Purdue University College of Health and Human Sciences Student Spotlight Selectee**

### **Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society**

### **Alpha Lambda Delta Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society**

### **Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society**

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2022

### **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**

*SOC 22000: Social Problems*

Instructor: Dr. Lindsay Hamm

Department of Sociology, Purdue University

## **GUEST LECTURES\***

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2025

**Ferrante, D.J.**, “The United States Court System” – taught unit unassisted, unsupervised, in-full, substituting for primary instructor  
CJ 110: *Introduction to Criminal Justice* | Instructor: Jordan M. Parker, M.S.  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

**Ferrante, D.J.** “Cybercrime and Criminal Law”  
CJ 110: *Introduction to Criminal Justice* | Instructor: Jordan M. Parker, M.S.  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

\*student teaching evaluations available upon request

2023

**Ferrante, D.J.** “Understanding Ideologically Based Hacking”  
CJ 292: *Methods in Criminal Justice Research* | Instructor: Brenna M. Helm, M.A.  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2022

**Ferrante, D.J.** “Violent Extremism – Perspectives on Global and Domestic Extremism and Terrorism”  
SOC 22000: *Social Problems* | Instructor: Dr. Lindsay Hamm  
Department of Sociology, Purdue University

**Ferrante, D.J.** “Power & Control – Interpersonal Violence”  
SOC 22000: *Social Problems* | Instructor: Dr. Lindsay Hamm  
Department of Sociology, Purdue University

## **SERVICE**

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2024 –

**Panelist** – Graduate School Information Sessions for Undergraduate Students  
**Judge of Mid-Michigan Symposium for Undergraduate Research Experiences (Mid-SURE)**  
Office of Undergraduate Research, Michigan State University  
**Graduate Student Network Co-Coordinator & Mentor**  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University  
2024 – 2025 Mentee: Ellen M. McLeod, MA  
**Events Coordinator & Head of Fundraising Committee**  
Graduate Student Association, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2023

**Graduate Student Co-Founder**  
Terrorism, Extremism, and Cybercrime (TEC) Laboratory  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2020 – 2022

**Student Ambassador**

Recruitment and Yield Committee

College of Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University

**Educational Ambassador**

Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education, Purdue University

**Tutor**

PSY 20300: *Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology*, Purdue University

**Volunteer**

ACE Campus Food Pantry, Purdue University

**PEER-REVIEW/REFEREE ACTIVITIES**

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*Deviant Behavior*

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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2023 –

American Society of Criminology

*Divisions of Cybercrime, Terrorism & Bias Crime, Victimology, & Feminist Criminology*