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Curriculum Vitae
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Professional Positions

2025 – present — Assistant professor, School of Criminal Justice
Michigan State University

2023 – 2025 — Co-Lead Doctoral Research Assistant. Office on Violence Against Women Grant #O-OVW-2023-171728: Language Access Barriers to Justice Among Victims of Violence Against Women. Principal Investigators: Drs. Brittany E. Hayes, Ráchael Powers, and Amanda Simmons. Co-Lead Doctoral Research Assistant: Jacquelyn Burckley

2023 – 2024 — Adjunct Instructor, School of Criminal Justice
University of Cincinnati

2021 – 2025 — Graduate Assistant, School of and Criminal Justice
University of Cincinnati

Education

2025 — Ph.D., Criminal Justice
University of Cincinnati
Dissertation: *Forget Everything You Learned in the Academy: Police Training and Response to Cybercrime*
Dissertation chair: Brittany E. Hayes

2019 — Master of Science, Criminal Justice
Weber State University

2017 — Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice
Weber State University

Research Areas of Interest

Cybercrime victimization	Fear of crime
Organizational response to cybercrime	Victim decision making
Fraud	Research methods in victimology
Identity theft	Disability and victimization

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Publications (Mentored publications: * denotes undergraduate student coauthor; ** denotes graduate student coauthor)

2026 **Maher, C. A.** (2026). Police Training for Cybercrime: An Organizational Analysis of Law Enforcement Training Academies. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education.* Advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1080/10511253.2026.2681872

Maher, C. A., McNealey, R. L., Fisher, T., Krupa, J. M., & Holt, T. J. (2026). Assessing the Gendered Risks of Online Fraud Victimization in a General Population Sample. *Crime & Delinquency*, advance online Publication. https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287261453812

Holt, T., J., **Maher, C. A.,** McNealey, R. M., & Fisher, T. J. (2026). A Scoping Review of the Knowledge Base Regarding the Law Enforcement Response to Cybercrime. *Deviant Behavior,* advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2026.2668005

Maher, C. A., McNealey, R. L., & Figueroa, C. I.** (2026). Financial Fragility and Fear of Fraud: Findings from the Crime Survey of England and Wales. *Journal of Economic Criminology*, advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeconc.2026.100222

Burckley, J. B., **Maher, C. A.,** & Hayes, B. E. (2026). Stalking risk, reporting, and consequences among persons with disabilities: Findings from the National Crime Victimization Survey. *Crime & Delinquency*, advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287261443294

Ferraresso, R., **Maher, C. A.,** & Kim, C. (2026). Cybervictimization among Female Korean Adolescents: An Online Routine Activity Perspective. *International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice,* advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijlcj.2026.100851

Maher, C. A., McNealey, R. L., Fisher, T., & Holt, T. J. (2026). You've got (no) mail: Unpacking risk of non-delivery fraud victimization among an online sample. *Journal of Criminal Justice,* advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2026.102644

Maher, C. A., Hayes, B. E., McCullough, M.**, Burckley, J., Powers, R. A., Simmons, A. K., & McKingsley, L. A. (2026). Law enforcement

policies for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities: A mixed methods analysis. *Criminology & Public Policy,* advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9133.70016

Pyo, J., & **Maher, C. A.** (2026). Fear of crime among youth hate crime victims in schools: The protective role of procedural justice in school practices. *Crime & Delinquency,* advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287261428385

McCullough, M.**, & **Maher, C. A.** (2026). Trauma-Informed Expungement Support for Justice-Involved Survivors: The Role of Victim Service Providers. *Victims & Offenders,* advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2026.2634650

Maher, C. A., McNealey, R. L., & Cui, K.** (2026). Disabilities and Fear of Violent Crime: Correlates and Consequences. *Journal of Criminal Justice,* advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2026.102616

Engle, T., Joo, S. H., Caudill, C., **Maher, C. A.,** Coe, K., Corsello, R., & Nedelec, J. (2026). Cybercrime trends in The United States: Findings from the Internet Crime Complaint Center, 2015-2024. *American Journal of Criminal Justice,* advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1007/s12103-025-09885-w

2025

McNealey, R., Figueroa, C.**, & **Maher, C. A.** (2025). "Police Can't help you": Exploring influences on perceptions of the police as a response to cybercrime. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2025.102542

Maher, C. A., Engle, T. A., McGrath, M., & Nedelec, J. L. (2025). Fraud in the Buckeye State: A geospatial and temporal analysis of fraud victimization reports in Ohio, 2024. *Journal of Criminal Justice,* advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2025.102535

Engle, T. A., **Maher, C. A.,** & Nedelec, J. L. (2025). Sellin and Wolfgang Revisited: A partial replication and expansion considering Cybercrime. *Journal of Criminal Justice,* advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2025.102523

Pyo, J., & **Maher, C. A.** (2025). Perceptions of crime and criminal justice institutions: Effects on mock jurors' sentencing decisions in capital trials. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1177/00938548251375336

Maher, C. A., Burckley, J., Hayes, B. E., Powers, R. A., Simmons, A. K.,

& McKingsley, L. A. (2025). Correlates of police policies for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD): An organizational analysis. *Police Quarterly,* advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1177/10986111251372007

Maher, C. A., Hayes, B. E., & Liebreich, H. A. (2025). Collegiate lifestyle-routine activities and cybervictimization. *Journal of School Violence,* advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1080/15388220.2025.2549704

Maher, C. A. (2025). To shred or not to shred: Victims' decisions to engage in protective behaviors following identity theft victimization. *Crime & Delinquency,* advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287251363965

Hayes, B. E., Burckley, J., **Maher, C. A.**, Powers, R. A., Simmons, A. K., & McKingsley, L. A. (2025). Accessibility of victim service agencies' websites for individuals with disabilities. *Crime & Delinquency.* advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287251359202

Powers, R. A., Simmons, A. K., Hayes, B. E., Weller, K., McKingsley, L. A., **Maher, C. A.,** & Burckley, J. (2025). Building inclusive academic and disability community research partnerships: Methodological insights for engaging victims with intellectual and developmental disabilities. *British Journal of Learning Disabilities,* advance online publication. http://doi.org/10.1111/bld.70000

Maher, C. A. & Hayes, B. E. (2025). Privacy please: The presence of others and disclosure of identity theft victimization. *Deviant Behavior,* advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2025.2492710

DiRienzo, F. P., **Maher, C. A.,** Hayes, B. E., & Daigle, L. E. (2025). (Cyber)bullying victimization of autistic college students. *Journal of School Violence.* https://doi.org/10.1080/15388220.2025.2478065

Engle, T. A., **Maher, C. A.,** & Jones, M. (2025). Afraid of the unknown: Crypto literacy and fear of online fraud. *Journal of Economic Criminology, 7*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeconc.2025.100135

Maher, C. A., & Holt, T. J. (2025). Stolen valor? Examining the associations between military service, data breach victimization, and identity theft victimization. *Crime & Delinquency, 0*(0). https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287241313345

Maher, C. A., Hayes, B. E., & Powers, R. A. (2025). Vulnerable

identities? Examining the association between disability with risk and consequences of identity theft. *Journal of Criminal Justice, 96*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2024.102333

2024 **Maher, C. A.,** Corsello, R. M., Engle, T. A., Kuhlman, J. D.*, & Nedelec, J. L. (2024). The correlates of victim services for fraud and identity theft among victim service providers. *Journal of Criminal Justice, 95.* https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2024.102318

Maher, C. A., & Engle, T. (2024). Knowing is half the battle: Examining the association between acknowledgement of victimization and reporting of Fraud. *Journal of Economic Criminology, 5.* https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeconc.2024.100092

***** *Recipient of the American Society of Criminology Division of White Collar and Corporate Crime 2025 Graduate Student Paper of the Year award*

Maher, C. A. (2024). Online and terrestrial identity theft: A comparison of victims and examination of reporting decisions across modalities. *Crime & Delinquency.* https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287241258660

Maher, C. A., Pyo, J., & Hayes, B. E. (2024). The shadow of sexual assault revisited: An extension and test of the Shadow of Sexual Assault Hypothesis among LGBTQ persons. *Violence Against Women.* https://doi.org/10.1177/10778012241234896

Maher, C. A. (2024). Examining the association between citizenship and ethnicity on identity theft risk: Findings from the National Crime Victimization Survey. *American Journal of Criminal Justice, 49*(3), 400-421. https://doi.org/10.1007/s12103-024-09759-7

**Recipient of the American Society of Criminology Division of Victimology 2024 Graduate Student Paper of the Year award*

Maher, C. A., & Hayes, B. E. (2024). Nonfinancial consequences of identity theft revisited: Examining the influence of out-of-pocket losses on physical and emotional distress. *Criminal Justice and Behavior, 51*(3), 459-481. https://doi.org/10.1177/00938548231223166

2023 Daigle. L. E., **Maher, C. A.,** Hayes, B. E. & Muñoz, R. (2023). Victimization, disability status, and fear among US college students. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 39*(7-8), 1519-1542. https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605231207621

Maher, C. A. (2023). Buyer beware, or buyer unaware? Examining the correlates of consumer fraud victimization acknowledgement among a nationally representative sample. *Crime & Delinquency.*

https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287231197422

Pinchevsky, G. M., **Maher, C. A.,** & Hayes, B. E. (2023). Using routine activity theory to better understand college students' experiences with reproductive coercion. *Violence Against Women, 29*(12-13), 2486-2507. https://doi.org/10.1177/10778012231186813

van Baak, C., **Maher, C. A.,** & Hayes, B. E. (2023). Persons sentenced to death and their last statement: Presence and absence of techniques of neutralization. *Homicide Studies.* https://doi.org/10.1177/10887679231179889

Maher, C. A., & Hayes, B. E. (2023). Shadow of personal fear? An analysis of personal and altruistic fear of cyberharassment. *Crime & Delinquency, 70*(9), 2532-2558. https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287231180108

**Recipient of the American Society of Criminology Division of Cybercrime 2023 Best Peer-Reviewed Publication award*

Hayes, B. E., & **Maher, C. A.** (2023) A systematic review of routine activities and sexual assault victimization. *Trauma, Violence, and Abuse. 25*(1), 369-392. https://doi.org/10.1177/15248380231153864

2022

Maher, C. A., & Hayes, B. E. (2022). Examining personal and altruistic fear of ransomware. *Victims & Offenders. 18*(7), 1236–1258. https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2022.2159597

Maher, C. A., & Hayes, B. E. (2022). Association between disabilities, educational attainment, literacy, and intimate partner violence: Findings from the Indian National Family Health Surveys. *Asian Journal of Criminology, 18*(1), 1-20. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11417-022-09389-0

van Baak, C., **Maher, C. A.,** Protas, M. E., & Hayes, B. E. (2022). Victims and perpetrators of cyber harassment: The role of power and control and the use of techniques of neutralization. *Deviant Behavior, 44*(5), 690-707. https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2022.2088317

Lee, H. D., Reyns, B. W., **Maher, C.** & Kim, D. (2022). Fear of sexual assault for oneself and others: A gendered perspective from five states. *International Journal of Law, Crime, and Justice, 68.* https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijlcj.2021.100521

Lee, H. D., Boateng, F. D., Kim, D., & **Maher, C.** (2022). Residential stability and fear of crime: Examining the impact of homeownership and length of residence on citizens' fear of crime. *Social Science Quarterly, 103*(1), 141–154. https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13108

2020

Lee, H. D., Reyns, B. W., Kim, D., & **Maher, C.** (2020). Fear of crime out west: Determinants of fear of property and violent crime in five states. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology, 64*(12), 1299–1316. https://doi.org/10.1177/0306624X20909238

Under Review

Cui, K** & **Maher, C. A.** (Under review). Risk Profiles for Cybercrime Victimization: A Conjunctive Analysis of Case Configurations Using the Crime Survey for England and Wales.

Cui, K.**, McGrath, M.**, Engle, T. A., & **Maher, C. A.** (Under review). Finding fraud: Geographic correlates of fraud and identity theft complaints across U.S. Core based Statistical Areas.

Holt, K. M., McNealey, R. M., Fisher, T., Krupa, J. M., **Maher, C. A.,** & Holt, T. J. (Under review). Assessing the utility of routine activities theory to account for sextortion victimization

Maher, C. A., Powers, R. A., McCullough, M.**, McKingsley, L. A., Gross, R. L.**, Hayes, B. E., & Simmons, A. K. (under review). "It's easy to say you'll be a mandatory reporter; it's harder to do it": A mixed-methods examination of mandated reporting of abuse for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

Holt, T. J., Fisher, T., **Maher, C. A.,** & McNealey, R. L. (under review). Exploring the relationships between the general theory of crime and social learning in computer hacking.

Cross, C., Holt, T. J., & **Maher, C. A.** (under review). It's who you are, not what happened: Disability disclosure and romance fraud reporting.

Corsello, R. M., Engle, T. A., & **Maher, C. A.** (Under review). Correlates of service provision to victims of labor and sex trafficking: Findings from the National Survey of Victim Service Providers.

Esho, J. M.** & **Maher, C. A.** (Under review). Examining the association between autism, offline routine activities, and image-based sexual abuse.

Maher, C. A., & Pyo, J. (Under review). Criminal justice contact and fear of crime.

McGrath, M., **Maher, C. A.,** & Nedelec, J. L. (Under review). Governing the digital interface: Organizational determinants of online transparency in police cybercrime communication.

Figueroa, C.**, McNealey, R., & **Maher, C. A.** (Under review). Perceived Risk of Cybervictimization across Internet Users: A Latent Class Analysis.

Maher, C. A., Krupa, J. M., Fisher, T., McNealey, R. L., Wen, Z.**, & Holt, T. J. (Under review). Money mule fraud in the united states: The role of self-control, social learning, and developmental risk factors.

Book Chapters

2026 **Maher, C. A.,** & Cross, C. (2026). Supporting victims of fraud. In R. G. Smith (Ed.) *Research handbook on fraud and society* (pp. 299-316). https://doi.org/10.4337/9781035348817.00031

2024 **Maher, C. A.,** & Hayes, B. E. (2024). Examining personal and altruistic fear of ransomware. In S. Byrne & J. M. Byrne (Eds.) *Scams, cons, frauds, and deceptions: Online and in-person victimization schemes* (pp. 52-74). https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003474982

Awards

2026 Access Champion. Americans with Disabilities Act Signed 'Disability Independence Day. Michigan State University Access Matters Accolades. July 2026

Early Career Award. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Cybercrime, Terrorism, and Security Studies Section

2025 Student Paper Award. American Society of Criminology Division of White Collar and Corporate Crime. **Maher, C. A.,** & Engle, T. A. (2024). Knowing is half the battle: Examining the association between acknowledgement of victimization and reporting of Fraud. *Journal of Economic Criminology, 5.* https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeconc.2024.100092

Benjamin Steiner Outstanding Graduate Student Award. University of Cincinnati School of Criminal Justice.

2024 Graduate Student Paper of the Year Award. American Society of Criminology Division of Victimology. **Maher, C. A.** Examining the association between citizenship and ethnicity on identity theft risk: Findings from the National Crime Victimization Survey. *American Journal of Criminal Justice.* https://doi.org/10.1007/s12103-024-09759-7

Victimology Section Outstanding Graduate Student Award – Honorable Mention. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Victimology Section

2023 Best Peer-Reviewed Publication. American Society of Criminology Division of Cybercrime. **Maher, C. A.,** & Hayes, B. E. Shadow of

personal fear? An analysis of personal and altruistic fear of cyberharassment. *Crime & Delinquency.* https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287231180108

2019 **Maher, C. A.,** Lee, H. D., & Kim, D. Factors of residential stability on fear of crime. Western Association of Criminal Justice student poster competition. First place overall

2018 **Maher, C. A.,** Lee, H. D., & Kim, D. Perceived incivilities on fear of sexual assault. Western Association of Criminal Justice student poster competition. First place overall

Grants and Funding

Funded Grants

2024 **Maher, C. A.** & Hayes, B. E. Center for Criminal Justice Research Student Research Support Award. ($2,000).

Maher, C. A., & Hayes, B. E. Correlates of Police Policies for Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities. College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services 2023-2024 Graduate Student and Faculty Research Mentoring Grant ($1,000).

Doctoral Summit scholarship. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2024 Doctoral Summit.

2022 **Maher, C. A.,** & Hayes, B. E. Testing the shadow of sexual assault hypothesis among LGBTQ populations. College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services 2022-2023 Graduate Student and Faculty Research Mentoring Grant ($1,000).

Maher, C. A., & Hayes, B. E. Fear of cybercrime: An examination of crime-specific altruistic and personal fearfulness. College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services 2021-2022 Graduate Student and Faculty Research Mentoring Grant ($1,000).

2019 Master of Criminal Justice Civilian Merit Scholarship. Weber State University Department of Criminal Justice, Spring 2019 semester ($1,000).

Research Travel Grant. Weber State University Department of Criminal Justice ($400).

2018 **Maher, C. A.** Research Travel Grant. Weber State University Office of Undergraduate Research ($373).

Unfunded Grants

2025 Nedelec, J. L., **Maher, C. A.,** Engle, T., & McGrath, M. Scams in the Buckeye State: A geospatial analysis of fraud victimization reports in Ohio, 2024. American Certified Fraud Examiners Research Institute. ($15,000).

2022 Maher, C. A., & Hayes. B. E. Fear, consequences, and routines: An examination of the potentially prosocial outcomes of fear. College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services URC Graduate stipend for behavioral and social sciences ($3,000).

Conference Presentations *(* denotes undergraduate student)*

Panel Presentations

2026 Holt, T. J., McNealey, R. Fisher, T., Krupa, J., & **Maher, C. A.** (2026). Exploring the correlates of AI-based image abuse. European Society of Criminology annual conference, Warsaw Poland.

Maher, C. A. (2026). Rethinking risk of identity theft: The role of individual characteristics in shaping identity theft victimization. Michigan State University 2025 Interdisciplinary Conference on Cybercrime, East Lansing, Michigan, May 2026.

Holt, T., Krupa, J., & **Maher, C.** (2026). Exploring the relationship between childhood traumas and hacking behaviors. STS Conference Graz. Graz, Austria. May 2026.

Maher, C. McNealey, R., & Figueroa, C. (2026). Financial fragility and fear of fraud: Findings from the Crime Survey of England and Wales. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual conference, Philadelphia PA, March 2026. **Panel Chair.**

Corsello, R. Engle. T. & **Maher, C.** (2026). Correlates of service provision to victims of labor and sex trafficking: Findings from the NSVSP. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual conference, Philadelphia PA, March 2026.

McCullough, M. & **Maher, C.** (2026). Trauma-informed expungement support for justice-involved survivors: The role of victim service providers. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual conference, Philadelphia PA, March 2026.

2025 **Maher, C.,** Engle, T., McGrath, M., & Nedelec, J. (2025). Fraud in the Buckeye State: A geospatial and temporal analysis of fraud victimization reports in Ohio, 2024. American Society of Criminology annual conference, Washington DC, November 2025.

Maher, C. A., Corsello, R. M., Engle, T. A., & Kuhlman, J.* (2025). Correlates of victim services for fraud and identity theft among victim service providers. American Society of Criminology annual conference, Washington DC, November 2025.

Maher, C. A. (2025). Victims' decisions to engage in protective behaviors following identity theft victimization. American Society of Criminology annual conference, Washington DC, November 2025.

McGrath, M., **Maher, C.,** Engle, T., & Nedelec, J. (2025). Fraud in the Buckeye State: A geospatial and temporal analysis of fraud victimization reports in Ohio, 2024. Midwestern Criminal Justice Association annual conference, Chicago, Illinois, September 2025.

Maher, C. A., & Hayes, B. E. (2025). Privacy please: The presence of others and disclosure of identity theft victimization. Michigan State University 2025 Interdisciplinary Conference on Cybercrime, East Lansing, Michigan, May 2025.

Kuhlman,* J. D. & **Maher, C. A.** (2025). Correlates of victim services for fraud and identity theft among victim service providers. 2025 Spring Research Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, March 2025.

2024

Pyo, J., & **Maher, C. A.** (2024). Perceptions of crime and criminal justice institutions. Effects on mock jurors' sentencing decisions in capital trials. American Society of Criminology annual conference, San Francisco, California, November 2024.

Maher, C. A. (2024). Law enforcement response to cybercrime: An examination of organizational and state-level correlates of cybercrime response. American Society of Criminology annual conference, San Fransisco, California, November 2024.

Hayes, B. E., Powers, R. A., **Maher, C. A.**, Burckley, J., McKingsley, L. A., Simmons, A. K., & Burckley, J. (2024). Law enforcement policies on intellectual and development disabilities (IDD). American Society of Criminology annual conference, San Francisco, California, November 2024.

Hayes, B. E., Powers, R. A., **Maher, C. A.**, McKingsley, L. A., Simmons, A. K., & Burckley, J. (2024). Law enforcement policies on intellectual and developmental disabilities. National Institute of Justice annual conference. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 2024.

2023 Engle, T., **Maher, C. A.,** Caudill, C., Coe, K., Corsello, R., Joo, S. H., Protas, M. E., & Nedelec, J. Cybercrime trends in The United States: Findings from the Internet Crime Complaint Center, 2016-2022. American Society of Criminology annual conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2023.

Maher, C. A. (2023). Examining the association between law enforcement academy curricula and cybervictimization: A preliminary analysis. American Society of Criminology annual conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2023.

Maher, C. A. (2023). Correlates of differentiated identity theft: Examining the association between citizenship, race, and ethnicity with offense specific risk among a nationally representative sample. 2023 Spring Research Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 2023.

Maher, C. A., & Hayes, B. E. (2023). Examining personal and altruistic fear of ransomware. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual conference, National Harbor, Maryland, March, 2023. **Panel chair.**

2022 **Maher, C. A.,** & Hayes, B. E. (2022). Systematic review of routine activity theory and sexual victimization. American Society of Criminology annual conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2022. **Panel chair.**

Poster Presentations

2024 Simmons, A., Hayes, B., Powers, R., **Maher, C. A.**, Burckley, J., & McKingsley, L. E. (2024). Support for Communication Differences? Law Enforcement Policies on Intellectual Developmental Disabilities [Virtual poster]. American Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Convention 2024, Seatle, Washington, December 2024.

Hayes, B.E., Powers, R.A., McKingsley, L.A., Simmons, A.K., **Maher, C. A.,** & Burckley, J. (2024). Law enforcement policies on intellectual and development disabilities (IDD). American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities annual conference, Columbus, Ohio, October 2024.

2019 **Maher, C. A.,** Lee, H. D., & Kim, D. (2019). Residential Stability and Fear of Crime. Western Association of Criminal Justice Annual Conference, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, October 2019.
**Recipient of first place overall award at 2019 Western Association of Criminal Justice student poster competition*

Maher, C. A., Lee, H. D., & Kim, D. (2019). Perceptions of Neighborhood Disorder on Fear of Sexual Assault. Academy of Criminal

Justice Sciences Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, March 2019.

Maher, C. A., Lee, H. D., & Kim, D. (2019). Perceived Incivilities on Fear of Sexual Assault. Office of Undergraduate Research Annual Symposium, Ogden, Utah, March 2019.

2018 **Maher, C. A.,** Lee, H. D., & Kim, D. (2018). Perceived Incivilities on Fear of Sexual Assault. Western Association of Criminal Justice Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 2018.
**Recipient of first place overall award at 2018 Western Association of Criminal Justice student poster competition*

Roundtable Presentations

2026 Hayes, B. E., **Maher, C. A.,** Holt, T. J., & Marcum, C. (2026). Translating research to practice: Communicating online and offline crime evidence to different audiences. European Society of Criminology annual conference, Warsaw Poland, September 2026.

2024 **Maher, C. A.,** Holt, T. J., Cross, C., Lee, J. R., & Eaton, A. (2024). Charting the future for cybercrime research. American Society of Criminology annual conference, San Francisco, California, November 2024.

Research Positions

Research Affiliate positions

2026 – present Center Associate; Center for Cybercrime Investigation and Training. Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice

2025 – present Faculty Research Affiliate; The University of Cincinnati Cybercrime and Behavior Online Research Group. University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services, and Information Technology

2023 – 2025 Associate Director of Research; University of Cincinnati Cybercrime and Behavior Online Research Group. University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services, and Information Technology

2022 – 2023 Graduate Research Associate; The University of Cincinnati Cybercrime and Behavior Online Research Group. University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services, and Information Technology

2021 – 2025 Research affiliate; Kautz-Uible Cryptoeconomics Lab. University of Cincinnati Digital Futures

Research Assistantship positions

2021 – 2025 Research assistant for Dr. Brittany Hayes, University of Cincinnati College of Criminal Justice

2021 – 2022 Research team member; Bias Homicide Database, overseen by Dr. Jeff Gruenwald, University of Arkansas

2017 – 2019 Research assistant for Dr. Heeuk (Dennis) Lee, Weber State University School of Criminal Justice

Teaching Experience

Fall 2026 CJ 890: Independent Study in Criminal Justice
Graduate
In-person
Michigan State University

CJ345: Cybercrime and Cybersecurity
Undergraduate
In-person
Michigan State University
**New course preparation*

Transition & Access Pathways: Online Frauds and Scams
Undergraduate
Virtual (synchronous)
University of Cincinnati

Summer 2026 CJ 809: Issues in Criminal Justice: Cyber Justice
Graduate
Online (Asynchronous)
Michigan State University
**New course development*

Spring 2026 446: Open-Source Investigations
Undergraduate
In-person
Michigan State University
**New course development*

Fall 2025 CJ491: Special Topics in Criminal Justice: Scams and Frauds
Undergraduate
In-person
Michigan State University
**New course development*

Transition & Access Pathways: Online Frauds and Scams
Undergraduate
Virtual (synchronous)
University of Cincinnati
**New course development*

Fall 2024 CJ4079: Special Topics in Crime Prevention – Scams and frauds
Undergraduate
In-person
University of Cincinnati
**New course development*

Spring 2024 CJ1002: Introduction to Criminology
Undergraduate
In-person
University of Cincinnati
**New course preparation*

Teaching Assistant Experience

2023 CJ1001: Introduction to Criminal Justice
Online
Instructor: Brittany E. Hayes

2021 – 2025 CJ 4074: Victimology
In-person & Online
Instructor: Brittany E. Hayes

Service

Committee membership

2026 – present William L. Simon/Routledge Publishing Outstanding Paper Award Subcommittee
Subcommittee member
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

2026 – present Doctoral Student Summit Committee
Committee member
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

2026 – 2027 Program committee
Sub-area chair: Identity theft and cybercrime
American Society of Criminology

2025 – present Constitution and Bylaws committee
Member
American Society of Criminology Division of Cybercrime

2025 – present	Bylaws committee Member Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice
2025 – 2026	Program committee Sub-area chair: Causes and correlates of victimization American Society of Criminology

Conference Panel Chair Experience

2026	President's theme: Deception in the digital age: The mechanics and markets of fraud. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA, March 2026.
2023	New directions in cybercrime victimization research. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, National Harbor, Maryland. March 2023.
2022	Using theory to understand risk of victimization. American Society of Criminology annual conference. Atlanta, Georgia. November 2022.

Ad hoc reviewer

American Journal of Criminal Justice
Applied Geography
Asian Journal of Criminology
BMC Public Health
Cogent Social Sciences
Computers in Human Behavior
Computers in Human Behavior Reports
Criminal Justice Studies
Cyberpsychology: Journal of Psychosocial Research on Cyberspace
Deviant Behavior
Humanities and Social Sciences Communications
International Journal of Human-Computer Interaction
International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice
International Review of Victimology
Journal of Crime and Justice
Journal of Criminal Justice
Journal of Economic Criminology
Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect
Journal of Experimental Criminology
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
Journal of School Violence
Legal and Criminological Psychology
Personality and Individual Differences
Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management
Race and Justice

Security Journal
Sociological Spectrum
Victims & Offenders
Violence Against Women

Dissertation and Thesis Committee Membership

2026 – present Ryan Alenzi
Thesis committee member. Michigan State University

2026 – present Yubin Kim
External thesis committee member. Virgina Tech

Invited Speaking Opportunities

2026 Hayes, B. E., DiRienzo, F., **Maher, C. A.,** & Daigle, L. E. (2026) Victimization among Autistic college students. College Autism Network. Presented Virtually. April 14, 2026.

Disabilities and vulnerability to online fraud and identity theft. Crossing the Firewall Podcast. March, 2026.

Professional Affiliations

2021 – present American Society of Criminology
Division memberships:
Division of Cybercrime
Division of Health and Disability Criminology
Division of Victimology
Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime

2022 – present Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Section memberships:
Victimology Section
Cybercrime, Terrorism, and Security Studies Section

Professional Development Seminars and Workshops

2026 Train the Trainer. Operation Shamrock. June 23, 2026.

Hunchly training for OSINT workflows. Maltego Research Grants Team. May 20, 2026.

College of Social Science Office of Graduate Studies. Mentoring Across the Career Preparation and Early Career Life Cycles: Providing Mentorship to Graduate Students, Post Docs, and Assistant Professors

Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice. Web Scraping Workshop.

2025	University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services, and Information Technology ETD digital accessibility workshop.
2024	Sonoran Center for Excellence in Disabilities. "Accessible Communications: Digital Accessibility 101." June 14, 2024.
	2024 Doctoral Summit. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. March 19 – 22, 2024.
	University of Cincinnati Center for Criminal Justice Research Workshop. "Data visualization." March 7, 2024.
	University of Cincinnati Criminal Justice Society and Center for Criminal Justice Research Panel. "Current Challenges in Recruitment and Retention of Law Enforcement." February 21, 2024.
	University of Cincinnati Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Workgroup. "Trauma in Academic Research." February 21, 2024.
	University of Cincinnati Brown Bag Development Workshop Series. "Virtual Roundtable: Discussion with CJ Assistant Directors of Advising." January 24, 2024.
2023	Bureau of Justice Statistics. "Analyzing Data from the National Crime Victimization Survey: A Virtual Workshop for Data Users." December 5, 2023.
	University of Cincinnati Brown Bag Development Workshop Series. "Academic Job Market Panel." October 13, 2023.
	University of Cincinnati Brown Bag Development Workshop Series. "Peer Review Process Workshop." March 31, 2023.
2022	Graduate Student Research Group. "Roundtable: Discussion of Academic Publication Process." April 1, 2022.
2021	University of Cincinnati Brown Bag Development Workshop Series. "Roundtable: Discussion of Recommended Academic Publications." December 6, 2021.
	University of Cincinnati Brown Bag Development Workshop Series. "Chinese Police Cadets' Attitudes Toward Domestic Violence: A Pretest/Posttest Design." November 3, 2021.

University of Cincinnati Brown Bag Development Workshop Series. "Demonstrating the Validity of Twin Research in Criminology." September 16, 2021.