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### **EDUCATION**

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- 2026 (Expected)**      **Michigan State University (MSU)**  
*Ph.D. Criminal Justice & Certificate in College Teaching*  
Dissertation: Female Veterans' Experiences of Military Sexual Trauma  
• 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**

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- Victimology
- Polyvictimization
- Victim-Offender Overlap
- Sexual Violence
- Cybercrime
- Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence

### **NIJ GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

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- 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

### **PUBLICATIONS**    *\*Denotes Student*

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#### ***Peer-Reviewed Publications – 56 Citations***

- 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
- Burden, M.** (Online First: 2023). “The Cybercrime Victim-Offender Overlap: Evaluating Predictors for Victims, Offenders, Victim-Offenders, and Those Who Are Neither.” *Victims & Offenders*, 1-19.
- \*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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LaBerge, A., **Burden, M.**, Roddy, A., Cavanagh, C. (Under Review). “Intimate Partner Violence Among Indigenous Youth: Exploring the Victim-Offender Overlap and Protective Nature of Indigenous Culture and Support Systems.”

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

**Burden, M.** & Roddy, A. (Under Review). “Indigenous Youths’ Strain and Delinquency: Investigating the Individual and Cumulative Impact of Strain Through a Cultural Lens.”

**Burden, M.** (In-Progress, Proposal Accepted for Special Issue). “Utilizing and Detecting AI in Higher Education: Lessons Learned from an Online, Asynchronous, Criminal Justice Course.”

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & TRAINING**

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- 2023 – Present**                      **Funded Study Development & Data Collection**
- Center for Gender in Global Context, MSU – \$500
  - Research Consortium of Gender-Based Violence, MSU – \$1,000
  - TRUSST Lab, MSU – \$2,500
  - Designed, piloted, edited, and distributed my study titled “Military Sexual Trauma Experiences of Female Veterans”
- 2023 – Present**                      **Teaching, Researching, & Understanding the Social Science of Trust (TRUSST) Lab, MSU, [Link](#)**  
Student Lab Member
- 2025**                                      **ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods**  
Lectures (Week 1):
- Introduction to Computing for Data Analysis
  - Mathematics for Social Scientists – Intermediate Review
- Courses (Weeks 2 - 4):
- Multilevel Models I: Introduction and Application
  - Introduction to Time Series and Panel Data Analysis
  - Maximum Likelihood Estimation I: Generalized Linear Models

- 2022 – 2023**      **Offender Focused Investigations: Examining the Michigan Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Data**  
Michigan State Police (MSP) Grant Funded Research
- Criminal Justice Agency Security Awareness Training Level 1 & 2
- 2020 – 2024**      **MSU Summer Research Fellow**  
College of Social Science, MSU
- 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**

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- 2026 (Expected)**      **Certificate in College Teaching, Graduate School, MSU**  
Teaching Mentor: [Professor Allison Rojek](#)
- [Portfolio](#) In-Progress
- 2023 – Present**      **Graduate Teaching Assistant Program (GTAP), MSU**
- A wide variety of workshops & professional development for teaching
- 2023 – 2025**      **Guest Lecturer**  
Introduction to Criminal Justice, MSU
- Victimization (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**

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2025

**Burden, M.** “Technology-Facilitated Military Sexual Trauma: Experiences of Female Veterans in Michigan.” 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**

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

- 2025**                    **Research Consortium of Gender-Based Violence, MSU**  
Dissertation Data Collection  
\$1,000
- 2023**                    **Center for Gender in Global Context, MSU**  
Pilot Study Funding  
\$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
- The National Center for School Safety (NCSS) Travel Funding**  
\$2,500
- Council of Graduate Students (COGS) Conference Award, MSU**  
\$300
- The Graduate School Travel Fellowship, MSU**  
\$360
- College of Social Sciences Travel Funding, 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**  
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 the top students who have achieved academic success as well as 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
  - Approximately \$50,000 total

## **SERVICE & VOLUNTEERISM**

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- 2022 – Present**           **Graduate Student Network (GSN)**  
Graduate Student Association, School of Criminal Justice, MSU
- Mentor to first-year graduate students (2022-Present)
  - Assistant Coordinator (2022-2023)
- 2020 – Present**           **Graduate Student Association (GSA)**  
School of Criminal Justice, MSU
- Elections Coordinator (2024)
  - Award Selection Committee (2024)
  - Elected President (2023-2024)
  - Elected Vice President of Student Affairs & Media (2022-2023)
  - Fundraising Committee Member (2023)
  - Elected Treasurer (2021-2022)
- 2022 – 2025**           **School of Criminal Justice, MSU**
- 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**
- *Criminal Justice Studies*
  - *Deviant Behavior*



- *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*
- *Journal of Criminal Justice*
- *Journal of Family Violence*
- *Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency*
- *Victims & Offenders*

- 2023 – 2024**      **Early Start Program Mentor**  
College of Social Sciences, MSU
- 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
- Graduate Student Representative appointed by the Director of the School of Criminal Justice
- 2021 – 2022**      **Michigan State Police/Michigan State University Joint Cold Case Team**  
Volunteer Research Consultant with Security Clearance
- 2023 Ardis Renkoski Missing Persons Advocacy Award
- 2017 – 2020**      **Center for Law, Engagement, And Politics (LEAP) Ambassador**  
Sam Houston State, [Link](#)
- 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
- Mentorship Program – Mentee (2024-2025)
- 2022 – Present**      **Research Consortium for Gender Based Violence, MSU, [Link](#)**  
Student Member
- Fall 2023 Graduate Student Spotlight

**2021 – Present**

**American Society of Criminology (ASC)**

Student Member

- Division of Cybercrime (2024)
- Division of Feminist Criminology (2022)
- Division of Victimology (2021)

**2021 – 2023**

**Michigan Chapter for the Association of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MI-ATSA), [Link](#)**

Student Member