

Hope Danielle LaFreniere

Doctoral candidate, University of Massachusetts Lowell

Education

University of Massachusetts Lowell

School of Criminology and Justice studies
Security Studies
September 2020 – May 2025 (expected)

Angelo State University

Master of Science, Global Security Studies
December 14, 2019
Order of the Sword and Shield
Graduate Carr Scholar

Dissertation:

Extremists-at-arms: Investigation into far-right extremists with military experience

Proposal successfully defended 12/19/2023
Committee: Arie Perliger., Chair,
Members: James Forest, Claire Lee, Mia Bloom

West Texas A&M University

Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications/
Broadcasting
December 12, 2014, *Cum Laude*

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record Spring 2024; Fall 2024 (Current)

International and Domestic Terrorism

Teaching Assistant (September 2020 –May 2023)

Courses: Intelligence and National Security; Emergency Management; Security Management;
Research Methods; Forensic Psychology; Senior Capstone

Research Experience

Research Assistant (January 2021 – Current)

Arie Perliger, Principal Investigator

National Institute of Justice, Grant no. 2020-ZA-CX-0003

Characterizing and Preventing Domestic Terrorism: A Mixed-Methods Study of Five Far-Right Terrorist Groups

Research Assistant (January 2023 – December 2023)

Mia Bloom, Principal Investigator

Department of Defense MINERVA, Grant No. N00014-22-1-2777

Assessing the Extent of RMVE Ideological and Operational Presence within the U.S. Military

Doctoral Research Fellow (November 2023 - Current)

Meredith Dank, Principal Investigator

Warnath Group

Child and adolescent sex trafficking in Costa Rica: Prevalence, characteristics, and help-seeking

Research Assistant (May 20 - June 30, 2024)

Claire Lee, Principal Investigator

Cyberattacks occurring on the Korean Peninsula

Research Assistant (June 1 - August 18, 2024)

Neil Shortland, Principal Investigator

Tripartite model of decision-making

Publications (Peer-Reviewed)

Hope LaFreniere, Natalie Anastasio, Arie Perliger. (2024) Explaining the facilitators of Antisemitism in the United States: 2010- 2021. *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*.

Mengyan Liu, Natalie Anastasio, **Hope LaFreniere**, and Arie Perliger. (2023) Public Health Crisis and Domestic Terrorism – Deciphering the Proliferation of Anti-Asian Violence in the U.S. Before and During Covid-19. *Perspectives on Terrorism*.

Peer Review Work-in-Progress

Hope LaFreniere & Arie Perliger. A History of violence: The shadow of sundown towns in far-right extremist incident perpetration. (*Under review with Justice Quarterly special issue on Hate Crime and Terrorism*)

Hope LaFreniere. Racial Resentment and Upholding the Status Quo: Comparative Economics as a Determinant of Far-Right Terrorism. (Under review with *Critical Studies on Terrorism*)

Hope LaFreniere, Mia M. Bloom, Sophia Moskalenko. Assessing the Extent of Insider Threats within the U.S. Military. (*work-in-progress*)

AnaCristina Bedoya, **Hope LaFreniere**, Damilola Sholademi, Neil Shortland. Tripartite model of decision making: A systematic review. (*work-in-progress*)

Hope LaFreniere, AnaCristina Bedoya, Damilola Sholademi, Neil Shortland. Individual Differences in the Susceptibility to Misinformation: A systematic review. (*work-in-progress*)

Hope LaFreniere. Going the Distance: Analysis on the Distance Traveled to Conduct a Far-Right Attack. (*work-in-progress*)

Hope LaFreniere & Melissa Swauncy-Coleman. Hatred of Youth: Analysis of Sociodemographic Changes on Minor-Perpetrated Far-Right Incidents. (*work-in-progress*)

Melissa Swauncy-Coleman & **Hope LaFreniere**. Determinants of police violence in the United States. (*work-in-progress*)

Book Chapters, Reports, Research Briefs, and Other Publications

Hope LaFreniere & Natalie Anastasio. (2023) Racial Dynamics in the Perpetration of Far-Right Violence in the United States. Development Services Group. Research Brief.

Eoin Healy & **Hope LaFreniere**. (2022) Far-Right Extremist Tactics in the United States. Development Services Group. Research Brief.

Sophia Moskalenko & **Hope LaFreniere**. Radicalization Pathways for People with Military Experience. In McCauley & Moskalenko (Eds.), *Handbook of Terrorist Psychology*. (*book chapter*) (*work-in-progress*)

Meredith Dank, Sheldon Zhang, Andrea Hughes, Kyle Vincent, **Hope LaFreniere**, Xichen Wang. Child and Adolescent Sex Trafficking in Costa Rica: Prevalence, Characteristics and Help-seeking. Warnath Group. (*Non-peer review report*)(*Under review with Warnath Group*)

Presentations

A History of violence: The shadow of sundown towns in far-right extremist incident perpetration
Society of Terrorism Research, Oklahoma, September 2024 (upcoming)

Extremists-at-arms: Sentiment analysis of extremists with military experience
Society of Terrorism Research, Oklahoma, September 2024 (upcoming)

Charitable connection: The role of charitable organizations in the January 6th insurrection

American Society of Criminology San Francisco, November 2024 (upcoming)
Extremists-at-arms: Sentiment analysis of extremists with military experience
American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, November 2024 (upcoming)
A sentiment analysis of grievance among extremists with military experience
American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, September 2023
Hatred of youth: Analysis of sociodemographic changes on minor-perpetrated far-right incidents
Co-presented with Melissa Swauncy-Coleman
American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, September 2023 (Poster)
Assessing the extent of insider threats within the U.S. military.
International Society for Terrorism Research, Lisbon, July 2023
The facilitators of antisemitism in the United States
International Studies Association, Atlanta, Montreal, April 2023
Racial resentment and upholding the status quo: Economics as a determinant of far-right terrorism
International Studies Association Atlanta, Montreal, April 2023
Investigating relative deprivation and far-right violence
American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, November 2022
Going the Distance: Analysis on the Distance Traveled to Conduct a Far-Right Attack.
American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, November 2022
The rise of antisemitism in the United States
American Political Science Association: Montreal, September 2022
Social determinants of far-right violence
Emerging Scholars Roundtable, International Studies Association, Nashville, April 2022
Effect of ideology on distance traveled to perpetrate a far-right attack
International Studies Association, Nashville, April 2022 (Poster)
Anti-Asian violence during the COVID-19 pandemic
Eradicate Hate Summit, Pittsburgh, October 2021

Skills

R Statistical Computing and language
Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count software
UCINET network analysis software
Octoparse web scraping software
NVivo