

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- In Progress **Ph.D., Criminal Justice**
Temple University
Expected graduation Spring 2026
Dissertation Title: *How Change Happens: Evaluating the role of reflexivity in pathways of desistance from problematic substance use*
- 2017 **M.S., Criminology & Criminal Justice**
Portland State University
Thesis Title: *Policing in an Era of Sousveillance: The Influence of Video Footage on Perceptions of Legitimacy*
- 2013 **B.A., Psychology and Comparative Religious Studies**
The Ohio State University

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024 – Present **Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice**
Instructor of Record
- 2024 – 2024 **The College of New Jersey, Department of Criminology**
Instructor of Record
- 2019 – 2023 **Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice**
Teaching Assistant
- 2015 – 2017 **Portland State University, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, College of Urban and Public Affairs**
Online Course Facilitator, Graduate Assistantship

RESEARCH POSTIONS

- 2020 – 2023 **Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice**
Research Assistant: Progressive Prosecution Movement; Body-Worn Camera
- 2022 – 2023 **Drexel University, Juvenile Justice Research & Reform Lab**
Research Scientist
- 2017 – 2024 **CNA**
Compliance Officer Community Liaison (COCL): City of Portland
Research Analyst

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2025 Vîlcică, E.R., **Mohler, M.E.**, Brey, J., Ward, J.T. Organizational Culture and Context in Progressive Prosecutorial Reform: Lessons from Philadelphia. *Journal of Criminal Justice*. doi: 10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2025.102374
- 2025 Ward, J.T., Vîlcică, E.R., Brey, J., **Mohler, M.E.**, Dolbear, C. Progressive Prosecution Policies in Philadelphia: An Assessment of Implementation Fidelity. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. doi:10.1007/s12103-025-09792-0
- 2024 **Mohler, M.E.** The influence of spirituality and religious participation on binge drinking: An investigation into subjective and structural mechanisms of desistance. *Journal of Criminal Justice*. doi:10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2024.102182
- 2021 **Mohler, M.E.**, Campbell, C. M., Henderson, K.S., and Renauer, B. Policing in an era of sousveillance: The influence of video footage on perceptions of legitimacy. *Policing and Society*, doi:10.1080/10439463.2021.1878169
- 2020 Campbell, C. M., Labrecque, R. M., **Mohler, M. E.**, Christmann, M. J., Gender and Community Supervision: Examining Differences in Violations, Sanctions, and Recidivism Outcomes. *Crime & Delinquency*, doi:10.1177/0011128720981905

In Progress

- 2025 **Mohler, M.E.**, Torres, L., Brey, J., Ward, J.T. Reconfiguring Police-Prosecutor Relationships in the Era of the Progressive Prosecution Movement.
- 2025 Brey, J., Jones, S., Vîlcică, E.R., **Mohler, M.E.**, Ward, J.T. Prosecutorial-led Reform: The Tenuous Position of Progressive Chief Prosecutors and the Need for Engagement with External Stakeholders.
- 2025 Ward, J.T., Torres, L.C., **Mohler, M.E.** The Context of Prosecutorial Decision-Making: Revisiting the Role of Rules, Resources, and Relationships in the Progressive Prosecution Era.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 **Mohler, M.E.** “A Survey Investigation into the Mechanisms of Desistance in Recovery from Substance Abuse” Panel Presentation in March at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Denver, CO.
- 2023 Brey, Jesse, **M.E. Mohler** “Progressive Prosecution and Inter-Organizational Relationships” Panel Presentation in November at Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 **Mohler, M.E.** “Linking Personal Spirituality and Religious Participation with Binge Drinking among Youth Adjudicated for Serious Offenses” Panel Presentation in March at Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law

Society. Philadelphia, PA.

- 2022 **Mohler, M.E.**, Jesse Brey, Rely Vilcica “The Progressive Prosecution Movement: What we Know and What we Need to Know” Panel Presentation in November at Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.
- 2021 **Mohler, M.E.** “Spirituality and Desistance in Juvenile Offenders” Panel Presentation in November at Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.
- 2017 Campbell, C. M., Labrecque, R.M., **Mohler, M.E.**, and Christmann, M., “Comparisons in Parole Supervision: Assessing Gendered Responses to Technical Violation Sanctions” Panel Presentation in March at Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Kansas City, MO. Presented by **Mohler, M.E.** and Christmann, M.
- 2016 **Mohler, M. E.** *Policing in an era of sousveillance: The influence of video footage on perceptions of legitimacy.* Poster presentation in November at Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. New Orleans, LA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2024 - present **Temple University**
Doing Justice, Research Methods, Evidence-based policing
- 2024 **The College of New Jersey**
Criminology (criminological theory)

RESEARCH RELATED SKILLS

- Data analysis (e.g., ANOVA, logistic regression, multilevel modeling)
- Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Excel
- Advanced proficiency in SPSS & Stata, Proficiency in R
- Interviews (both structured and semi-structured interviews with offending populations and justice practitioners)
- Psychological assessments (substance use and mental health)
- Literature reviews for publications
- Survey Development

RESEARCH APPLICABLE CLASSES AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL

- Criminal Justice Research Methods
- Analysis of Crime and Justice Data (i.e., graduate level statistics)
- Sociology: Social Research Strategies
- Psychology: Multiple Regression and Multivariate Quantitative Methods

COURSES AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Criminal Justice Statistics
- Nature of Crime (Criminological Theory)
- Intro to Law Enforcement
- Community Crime Prevention
- Psychology, Crime and Rehabilitation
- Criminal Justice Research Methods

- Correlates of Criminal Behavior
- Crime Analysis
- Punishment and Corrections
- Crime Control Strategies
- Introductory to Statistics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

CNA

Compliance Officer and Community Liaison

Research Analyst

June 2017 – May 2024

- Project overseen by the United States Department of Justice: monitor for the Portland Police Bureau Settlement Agreement
- Semi-structured interviews with probing during police ride-alongs
- Observational field notes of ride-alongs and council meetings
- Technical Report Writing
- Analysis of quantitative data (e.g., community surveys, organization surveys, use of force, mental health response) and qualitative data (e.g., focus groups)
- Direct observation of police training and subsequent evaluation

Temple University

Criminal Justice Department

Research Assistant

January 2020 – December 2023

- Assisted on two research projects covering Progressive Prosecution and Body-Worn Cameras
- Developed surveys for defendant and attorneys on courtroom experience
- Developed Semi-structure interview tool
- Interviews with stakeholders
- Analyzed and archived data from surveys on perceptions of body worn cameras
- Analysis of qualitative interview data
- Contributed to technical reports and manuscripts

Drexel University

Juvenile Justice Research and Reform Lab

Research Scientist

June 2022 – April 2023

- Implemented Randomized Control Trial on NIJ funded project
- Organized training courses and material
- Cleaned, re-coded and archived data from Philadelphia School District
- Utilized REDCap software for all of project management (e.g., survey distribution and data collection)

The University of Texas at Austin

The Twin Project

Research Assistant

June 2018 – September 2018

- Risky Business Study: identifying biological contributions to adolescent psychopathology development
- Ran study with twin sets age 13-18
- Administered WASI
- Data Collection and Entry

Portland State University

Criminal Justice Research Institute

Research Analyst

June 2017 – July 2018

- Direct, non-participant observation of interviews between client and their lawyer to measure communication
- Administering surveys to measure client satisfaction with lawyer
- Initial data management and creation of dataset

Portland State University

Criminal Justice Research Institute

Research Assistant

January 2017 – April 2017

- Secondary data analysis examining statewide corrections data consisting of over 100,000 observations
- Contributed to the literature review and data analysis on manuscript currently under review for publication
- Presented results on a panel at a national conference

The Ohio State University

Center for Human Resource Research

Research Interviewer

June 2014- June 2015

- Conducted interviews with parents and their child for the Ohio Study
- Collected GPS location data using specialized computer program
- Collected hair and saliva samples

The Ohio State University

Psychology Department, Self and Social Motivation Lab

Research Assistant

Aug 2012- May 2013

- Assisted on deception studies, directly interacting with participants
- Administered drugs/placebo orally and collected saliva samples
- Familiarized with MediaLab software: creating questionnaires and using it to implement multi-media in experiments
- Literature reviews
- Data analysis using SPSS

The Ohio State University

Human Development and Family Sciences Department

Research Assistant

Aug 2010- Dec 2012

- Worked on two longitudinal projects with two different populations: (1) homeless mothers (2) substance abusing mothers
- Administered psychological assessments to the mother and child at pretreatment and six follow up points throughout an 18-month period
- Office tasks included: data entry, transcribing videos, and quality assurance
- Promoted to a position that dealt with hard to locate, difficult, or unresponsive clients