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EDUCATION

- 2026 (Expected) **Michigan State University (MSU)**
Ph.D. Criminal Justice with a Certificate in College Teaching
Dissertation Title: *Military Sexual Trauma Experiences of Female Veterans in Michigan*
Dissertation Committee Members:
- Chair: [Dr. Chris Melde](#), Director & Associate Professor, School of Criminal Justice, MSU
 - [Dr. Joe Hamm](#), Associate Professor, School of Criminal Justice, MSU
 - [Dr. Karen Holt](#), Assistant Professor, School of Criminal Justice, MSU
 - [Dr. Shelly Clevenger](#) External Member, Chair of the Department of Victim Studies & Associate Professor, SHSU
- 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

- Victimology
- Sexual Violence
- Violence Against Women
- Cybercrime

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2024 – 2026 **National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Graduate Research Fellow**
Dissertation Proposal: “Military Sexual Trauma Experiences of Female Veterans in Michigan”
- 2022 – 2023 **Project Manager for Offender Focused Investigations: Examining the Michigan Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Data**
Michigan State Police (MSP) Grant Funded Research
- Michigan State University PIs: Dr. Karen Holt & Professor Alli Rojek
- 2020 – 2023 **MSU Fellowship Researcher**
College of Social Science, MSU
- Early Start Program Summer Research Fellow
 - College of Social Science Summer Research Fellow

2020 – 2023 **Graduate Research Assistant**
School of Criminal Justice, MSU

- Dr. Karen Holt (2021-2023)
- Dr. Chris Melde (2020-2021)

2018 – 2020 **Undergraduate Researcher**
College of Criminal Justice, SHSU

- Dr. Brittany Hayes

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts

2023 **Burden, M.**, Melde, C., McGarrell, E.F., Heinze, J.E., Franzen, S., Michaels, K. (Online First: 2023). Adolescent attitudes toward police and crime reporting intentions. *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 1-14.

- Recorded Summary Video for the National Center for School Safety (link forthcoming)

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 [Sum mary Video](#) for the National Center for School Safety

2022 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*.

LaBerge, A., **Mason, M.**, & Sanders, K. (2022) 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.

Research Briefs

- 2019 Hayes, B.E., Ingham, C., **Mason, M.**, & Franklin, C.A. (2019). Types of Hate Crimes. *Crime Victims' Institute*, 2(2). [Link](#)
- 2018 **Mason, M.** & Hayes, B.E. (2018). The Consequences of Hate Crime Victimization. *Crime Victims' Institute*, 1(3). [Link](#)

Publications for Professional Organizations

- 2021 **Mason, M.** & Holt, K. (2021). 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

LaBerge, A., **Burden, M.**, Roddy, A., Cavanagh, C. (Under Review). "Intimate partner violence among Indigenous youth: Exploring the protective nature of indigenous culture and support systems."

Burden, M. (Methods Qualifying Paper). "The effects of polyvictimization on Indigenous youth's mental health and negative coping mechanisms." Note: Indigenous scholar Dr. Ariel Roddy will be a co-author at the completion of the qualifying paper process. *Passed by methods committee.*

Burden, M. (Theory Qualifying Paper). "Examining the effects of experienced, anticipated, and vicarious strain on Indigenous youth's delinquency." Note: Indigenous scholar Dr. Ariel Roddy will be a co-author at the completion of the qualifying paper process.

RESEARCH METHODS, DESIGN, & ANALYSIS CAPABILITY & TRAINING

Research Software & Tools

- SPSS
- Qualtrics
- Otter AI
- NVivo (novice)

Pertinent Graduate Level Courses

- SOC 986 Survey Research Principles
- SOC 931 Qual. Data & Analysis
- CJ 910 Qualitative Methods
- CJ 909 Advanced Research Methods
- CJ 907 CJ Data Analysis
- CJ 906 Advanced Quant. Methods in CJ Research
- CJ 887 Quant. Methods in CJ Research
- CJ 811 Design & Analysis of CJ Research

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

- 2024 (Expected) **Certificate in College Teaching, MSU**
Teaching Mentor: [Professor Allison Rojek](#)

- 2023 – 2024 **Teaching Assistant & Instructor of Record, MSU**
- Fall 2023: Methods of Criminal Justice Research (CJ 292), Online, Asynchronous
 - Designed course, formed schedule, assembled content, and created assignments.
 - Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Chris Melde
- 2023 – 2024 **2023-2024 Graduate Teaching Assistant Program (GTAP), Graduate School, MSU**
- Pre-academic year workshops, wide variety of professional development experiences, and training for teaching at MSU
- 2023 **School of Criminal Justice Graduate Teaching Workshop, MSU**
- 12-week teaching workshop and course preparation
- 2023 **Certification in College Teaching Institute, Graduate School, MSU**
- Multi-day workshop and professional development series
- 2023 **Guest Lecturer, MSU**
- Class: Criminal Justice Research Methods (CJ 292)
 - Quantitative Research
 - Class: Violent Victimization (CJ 491)
 - Violence in the Home Part 1: Intimate Partner Violence
 - Class: Homicide (CJ 491)
 - Intimate Partner Homicide

Teaching Software & Tools Utilized

- Desire2Learn (D2L)
- Perusall
- Kahoot
- Jamboard

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 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 2023.
- 2023 **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 2023.

- 2023 Cavanagh, C., LaBerge, A., & **Burden, M.** Symposium: Dating Violence Among Marginalized Youth. “Intimate partner victimization and offending among Indigenous youth.” *Society for Research on Adolescence Annual Meeting*. San Diego, CA. April 2023.
- 2023 **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 2023.
- 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 2022.
- 2021 LaBerge, A., **Mason, M.**, & Sanders, K. “Police Dispatch Times for Burglary, Assault, and Shots Fired Locations by Community Disadvantage in Detroit.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference*. Chicago, IL. November 2021.
- 2019 **Mason, M.** “Chinese Police Cadets’ Knowledge of Domestic Violence: A Pretest-Posttest Design.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference*. San Francisco, CA. November 2019.
- Mason, M.** “An Examination of Chinese Police Cadets’ Knowledge of Domestic Violence.” *Sam Houston State University Undergraduate Research Symposium*. Huntsville, TX. April 2019.
- Received the EURECA Award for best presentation of funded research.

SERVICE & VOLUNTEERISM

- 2023 – Present **Peer Reviewer**
- *Journal of Family Violence*
- 2023 – Present **Early Start Program Mentor, College of Social Sciences, MSU**
Peer mentor for first-year doctoral students across MSU in the Early Start Program
- Member of the inaugural group of mentors that helped develop the mentoring program.
- 2023 **SAKI Summit, Ingham/Jackson Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, MI**
Conference organizer and event support

- 2022 – Present **Graduate Student Network (GSN)**
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
- 23-24 Mentor to a first-year graduate student
 - 22-23 Mentor to a first-year graduate student
 - 22-23 Assistant Coordinator
- 2022 – Present **School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University Volunteer**
- 2023 Host perspective doctoral students
 - 2022 Co-organizer and speaker for undergraduate information sessions on graduate school
- 2020 – Present **Graduate Student Association (GSA)**
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
- 23-24 Elected President
 - 22-23 Fundraising Committee Member
 - 22-23 Assistant Coordinator of the Graduate Student Network (GSN)
 - 22-23 Elected Vice President of Student Affairs and Media
 - 21-22 Elected Treasurer
 - 21-22 Fundraising Committee Member
 - 20-26 Member
- 2022 – 2023 **Join The Fight**
Volunteer
- Non-profit whose mission is to raise money and awareness for the fight against human trafficking and domestic violence.
- 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 Joint Cold Case Team**
Volunteer Research Consultant with Security Clearance
- 2023 Ardis Renkoski Missing Persons Advocacy Award

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Grants & Fellowships

- 2023 Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF), National Institute of Justice (NIJ) - \$116,692
- 2023 Early Start Program Fellowship, College of Social Science, MSU - \$3,000
- 2023 Summer Research Fellowship, School of Criminal Justice, MSU - \$3,000
- 2023 Early Start Mentor Fellowship, College of Social Science, MSU - \$500
- 2022 Early Start Program Fellowship, College of Social Science, MSU - \$3,000
- 2022 Summer Research Fellowship, School of Criminal Justice, MSU - \$3,000
- 2021 Early Start Program Fellowship, College of Social Science, MSU - \$2,500
- 2021 Summer Research Fellowship, School of Criminal Justice, MSU - \$3,000

2020 Early Start Program Fellowship, College of Social Science, MSU - \$5,000

Scholarships & Awards

- 2023 Ardis Renkoski Missing Persons Advocacy Award
- 2023 Graduate Student Funding for Research Collection, Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen), MSU - \$500
- 2019 Enhancing Undergraduate Research Experiences and Creative Activities (EURECA) Award, Undergraduate Research Symposium, SHSU - \$250
 - Best conference presentation of funded research
- 2018 – 2020 Raven Scholars of Sam Houston Award Recipient: 2018, 2019, & 2020
 - Awarded to the top students who have achieved academic success as well as integrated campus life, service, and leadership into their college career.
 - Member of the inaugural group of recipients.
- 2016 – 2020 Smith-Hutson Scholarship Recipient, SHSU
 - Full-ride scholarship including tuition, fees, room and board, and other school-related expenses.

Travel Funding Awards

- 2023 Warren & Mary Huff Travel Endowment Award, MSU - \$TBD
- 2023 Conference Funding, The National Center for School Safety (NCSS) - \$TBD
- 2023 Conference Award, Council of Graduate Students (COGS), MSU - \$300
- 2023 The Graduate School Travel Fellowship, MSU - \$360
- 2023 College of Social Sciences Travel Funding, MSU - \$400
- 2022 Warren & Mary Huff Travel Endowment Award, MSU - \$703
- 2021 Warren & Mary Huff Travel Endowment Award, MSU - \$579
- 2019 Elliot T. Bowers Honors College Travel Award, SHSU - \$250
- 2018 Enhancing Undergraduate Research Experiences and Creative Activities (EURECA) Faculty and Student Teams (FAST) Award, SHSU - \$2,000

Award Nominations

- 2022 & 2023 ASC Division of Victimology’s Graduate Student Paper of the Year
- 2020 “Sammy” Award, SHSU
 - Most prestigious, campus-wide, award given to a student.
- 2020 “Excellence in Service College of Criminal Justice” Award, SHSU
- 2019 & 2020 “McDermott Memorial Award” for outstanding female senior, SHSU
- 2018 “Excellence in Service College of Criminal Justice” Award, SHSU
- 2018 “Outstanding Junior Student Leader” Award, SHSU
- 2017 “Outstanding First-Year Student Leader” Award, SHSU

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2023 – Present **The Teaching, Researching, and Understanding the Social Science of Trust (TRUSST) Lab, MSU, [Link](#)**
Lab Member

- 2023 – Present **Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)**
Student Member
- 2022 – Present **Research Consortium for Gender Based Violence, MSU, [Link](#)**
Student Member
- 2021 – Present **American Society of Criminology (ASC)**
Student Member
- Division of Victimology Student Member
 - Division of Feminist Criminology Student Member
- 2021 – 2023 **Michigan Chapter for the Association of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MI-ATSA), [Link](#)**
Student Member
- 2017 – 2020 **Center for Law, Engagement, And Politics (LEAP), [Link](#)**
LEAP Ambassador, SHSU
- 19-20 Director Appointed President
 - 18-19 Director Appointed Vice President of Operations
 - 17-20 Ambassador