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Curriculum Vitae
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Research Interests: Ideological extremism, hate/bias crimes, extremists' use of online spaces, gender/sexuality, social network analysis

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 2019 – **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**
Graduate Research Assistant, Chair: Dr. Steven Chermak
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
- 2017 – 2019 **Master of Arts (M.A.)**
Graduate Assistant, Advisor(s): Dr. Thomas Vander Ven
Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Ohio University
Thesis Title: *Communication in a Technologically Mediated Hookup Culture: Experience and Expectation Fulfillment of Mobile Dating and Hookup App Users*
Committee Members: Dr. Thomas Vander Ven (Chair), Dr. Howard Welser, Dr. Christine Mattley
- 2013 – 2017 **Bachelor of Arts with Distinction (B.A.)**
Majors: Psychology; Sociology
Concentration: Criminology
Minor: Women's Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Department of Psychology; Sociology; Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Otterbein University
Distinction Thesis: *Separation of Church and State: Stratified Access to Reproductive Healthcare in The United States*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2019 – May 2021 **Graduate Research Assistant**
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
Advisor(s): Dr. Ryan Scrivens; Duties included serving as a data manager overseeing four undergraduate coding assistants.
- Aug 2019 – May 2020 **Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant**
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
Advisor(s): Dr. Christina DeJong; Duties included research and coding responsibilities, as well as involvement in undergraduate courses by way of grading assignments, projects, and serving as a resource for students.
- June 2018 – May 2019 **Teaching Assistant**
Dr. Thomas Vander Ven
Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Ohio University
SOC1000: Introduction to Sociology (*Online Course*); SOC2600: Criminal Justice; SOC3600: Criminology; SOC3630: Juvenile Delinquency
Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Ohio University

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications

DeJong, Christina, Karen Holt, **Brenna Helm**, and Skyler Morgan. 2021. "A Human Being Like Other Victims': The Media Framing of Trans Homicide in the United States." *Critical Criminology* 29(1).
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10612-021-09559-z>

Book Chapters

Helm, Brenna, Thomas Vander Ven, and Howard Welser (2020). "Electric Hookups: An analytical review of the literature on the risks related to hookup app use among emerging adults." *Recent Advances in Digital Media Impacts on Identity, Sexuality, and Relationships*, edited by M.F. Wright. Hershey, PA:IGI Global.
doi:10.4018/978-1-7998-1063-6

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

Helm, Brenna. 2016. Crossing Ideological Bridges Post Election: Climbing The Empathy Wall. *Aegis*, Otterbein University, Westerville, OH.

Research In Progress

Liggett, Roberta and **Brenna Helm**. "Becoming an Incel: The Role of Perceived Victimization, Precarious Manhood, and Distress on Incel Membership Online." (Under review)

Helm, Brenna & Jin R. Lee. "Communication within a technologically mediated hookup culture: Experiences and expectation fulfillment among mobile dating and hookup app users."

Conference Presentations

Helm, Brenna. 2021. Online incel subculture and the technological facilitation of harm. SECREV: The Cybersecurity Revolution. Montreal, Canada. May 21, 2021.

Helm, Brenna. 2020. "The undateables': Techniques of Neutralization Employed Within Online Incel Communities." Accepted at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, District of Columbia, USA. November 18-21, 2020. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

Vander Ven, Thomas, Christine Mattley & **Brenna Helm**. 2019. "Looking for Hate: Methodological Challenges in Estimating Hate Crimes in a Sample of Homicides in the Trans Community." Presented at North Central Sociological Association, Cincinnati, OH. March 30, 2019.

Mattley, Christine, **Brenna Helm** (*Lead Presenter*), & Thomas Vander Ven. 2018. "An Examination of Foreground Factors and Motives of Transgender Individuals." Presented at North Central Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, PA. April 7, 2018.

Helm, Brenna. 2016. "Hegemonic Masculinity: Developing, Proliferating, and Accepting Gendered Violence." Northeast Ohio Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, Kent, OH.

Helm, Brenna, and Ciara Atkinson. 2016. "College Students' Implicit Attitudes Towards Casual Sex." Ohio Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference, Lorain, OH.

Helm, Brenna. 2015. "The Multidimensional Facets of Sexual Violence: An Analysis of the Cultural Responses to Sexual Violence Variances." Northeast Ohio Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, Kent, OH.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2019 – May 2019 **Graduate Instructor**
Aug. 2018 – Jan 2019 SOC1000: Introduction to Sociology
Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Ohio University

Invited Presentations

February 2020 **CJ 220: Criminology**
Lecture: “Electric Hookup: An Application of Routine Activities Theory.”
Dr. Rebecca Malinski, Instructor
Michigan State University, East Lansing Michigan

October 2018 **Ohio University Graduate Seminar & Senior Capstone**
Lecture: “An Examination of Foreground Factors and Motives in Homicides of Transgender Individuals.”
Dr. Thomas Vander Ven, Instructor
Ohio University, Athens Ohio

September 2018 **Sociology Capstone; Sexual Violence: Research, Prevention, and Advocacy**
Lecture: “Contextualizing Sexual Violence”
Dr. Thomas Vander Ven, Instructor
Ohio University, Athens Ohio

April 2018 **SOC2610: Deviant Behavior**
Lecture: “Sexual Deviance”
Rebecca Collins, Instructor
Ohio University, Athens Ohio

TRAINING

Teaching Certifications & Training

2018 **Teaching Seminar**
Dr. Thomas Vander Ven, Department of Sociology & Anthropology
Ohio University, Athens, Ohio
Training Completed: Seminar facilitated by Dr. Thomas Vander Ven, explored theoretically and empirically supported pedagogical techniques, emphasizing student learning outcomes as the foundation for constructing a course. Seminar included: writing a seminar, designing critical thinking assignments, exam and assessment methods; as well as developing and presenting lectures to undergraduate students. Culminating from this course is my [personal teaching eportfolio](http://www.brennahelmporfolio.com/), which can be found at: <http://www.brennahelmporfolio.com/>

2018 **Online Facilitator Training**
Sarah McCorkle, Center of Instructional Innovation
Ohio University, Athens, Ohio
Training Completed: This was a three-week course exploring online pedagogical techniques, utilizing various software and technology to facilitate the learning process and overcome obstacles unique to the online learning environment.

SERVICE

June 2020 - **Committee on Equity, Inclusion, & Justice**
Doctoral Student Representative
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State
Led the creation of a supervisor-graduate assistant document meant to protect graduate students, foster open communication, and address the faculty-student power differential.

PEER REVIEW/REFEREE ACTIVITIES

Journal of Interpersonal Violence

CONSULTING

2021 **Moonshot CVE**
Consulting on their incels intervention project.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2018 – **American Society of Criminology**
Division Sections: Terrorism & Bias Crime; Women & Crime

2019 – **Alpha Kappa Delta (International Sociology Honor Society)**
Beta Chapter
Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

2018 – **American Sociological Association**
Division Sections: Crime, Law, and Deviance

2018 – 2020 **NCSA: North Central Sociological Association**

2015 – **Mortar Board Senior Honor Society: Teleiotes Chapter**
Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio

2015 – **Iota Iota Iota (Women’s Studies Honor Society)**
Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio

MEMBERSHIPS, AWARDS, AND FUNDING

Awards

2019 **Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology Excellence in Research**
Ohio University: Athens, Ohio

2019 **College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award**
Ohio University: Athens, Ohio

2017 **Phyllis Weygandt-Auerback ’57 Memorial Award**
Otterbein University: Westerville, Ohio (\$500)

2017 **Ventresca Family Endowment for Research and Internship Award**
Otterbein University: Westerville, Ohio

2014 **Albert Lovejoy Award**
Sociology Department Award
Otterbein University: Westerville, Ohio (\$1,600)