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### **Education**

**University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO)**, Criminal Justice Department  
*Master of Arts, May 1996.*

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL)**, Criminal Justice Department  
*Bachelor of Sciences, December 1992.*

### **Professional Experience**

**Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice (MSU)**

***Crime Analyst Field Placement Coordinator***

*January 2013 to Present*

**Duties and Accomplishments:** Connect students with agencies for on-the-job life experience. Provide assistance to students and agencies in the placement process. Coordinate placement with other MSU faculty.

**Major Projects:**

- Law Enforcement Intelligence and Analysis Masters Program (LEIA)

### ***Outreach Specialist***

*December 2003 to Present*

**Duties and Accomplishments:** Code and track site activities and reports. Provide training and technical assistance, report writing, conduct telephone and face-to-face interviews, collect and analyze data, develop survey instruments, and conference and training session attendance and presentation.

**Major Projects:**

- Drug Market Intervention (DMI)
- Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative (CAGI)
- Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)
- Independent projects

**U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)**

***Peer Reviewer***

*May 2009 to Present*

**Duties and Accomplishments:** Review solicitations and provide feedback to assist the U.S. Department of Justice with decisions on grant awards.

**Major Projects:**

- FY 2013 Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program (Project Safe Neighborhoods)
- FY 2012 Violent Gang and Gun Crime Reduction Program (Project Safe Neighborhoods)
- FY 2011 Encouraging Innovation: Field Initiated Programs
- FY 2011 Smart Policing Initiative
- FY 2010 Encouraging Innovation: Field Initiated Programs

**Abt Associates, Adult Drug Arrestee Monitoring Program (ADAM)**

***Lead Interviewer***

*June 2007 to June 2012*

**Duties and Accomplishments:** Supervise interview staff, execute a designated sampling plan, and reconcile daily data logs.

**Major Projects:**

- Adult Drug Arrestee Monitoring Program (ADAM)

**Crime Control Research, Inc. (CCR)**

***Crime Analyst***

*January 2006 to December 2010*

**Duties and Accomplishments:** As Lead Interviewer, supervise interview staff, execute a designated sampling plan, and reconcile daily data logs. Prepare incident reports and crime maps. Review police reports for domestic violence incidents and enter the data into a tracking database. Data analysis, monthly report writing, and creation of survey instruments.

**Major Projects:**

- Indianapolis Community Court Awareness Study
- Sagamore Institute Violent Crime Study
- Adult Drug Arrestee Monitoring Program (ADAM, formerly Drug Use Forecasting “DUF”)
- Indianapolis Weed and Seed
- Drug Free Marion County ATOD Youth Initiative

## **Independent Consultant for Criminal Justice and Public Policy**

*April 1999 to December 2005*

**Duties and Accomplishments:** Develop interview protocols and surveys. Conduct telephone and face-to-face interviews. Collect and analyze data. Report writing. Perform literature reviews. Creation of an “Emergency Response Plan.” Carry out in-service training. Conference attendance. Clientele includes Crime Control Research, Inc., the Hudson Institute, Institute for Law and Justice (ILJ), 21st Century Solutions, Mother’s and More, and Our Lady of Grace Catholic School (OLG).

### **Major Projects:**

- Hammond, Indiana, Police Department Assessment
- Marion County Prosecutor’s Office, Community Prosecution Division Process Evaluation
- Indianapolis Police Department, Weed and Seed Program
- COPS Reports From the Field
- National Evaluation of the School-Based Partnership (SBP) Program
  
- Austin, Texas, Police Department 311 Initiative and Demonstration Center
- Concord, California, Police Department Demonstration Center
- Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Police Department Demonstration Center
- Regional Community Policing Institutes (RCPI)

## **Institute for Law and Justice (ILJ)**

*Research Associate*

*January 1998 to April 1999*

**Duties and Accomplishments:** Researched and evaluated organizational change and public safety projects. Wrote site visit, quarterly, and final reports and grant proposals. Devised tracking methods for incoming and outgoing products. Reviewed and edited consultant reports. Conducted site visits. Assisted in meeting planning. Maintained listserv, webpage, and database for projects.

### **Major Projects:**

- Methamphetamine Initiative
- Regional Community Policing Institutes (RCPI)
- Weed and Seed Training and Technical Assistance
- Professional Conference Series (PCS)
- STOP Grants
- Springfield, Missouri, Police Department Organizational Change Study
- Fort Myers, Florida, Police Department COPS and More Grant

## **National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS)**

### ***Information Analyst***

*July 1997 to January 1998*

**Duties and Accomplishments:** Performed substantive reviews of U.S. Department of Justice publications. Delivered analysis support and web page development. Presenter at conferences and meetings.

#### **Major Projects:**

- Restorative Justice Regional Symposiums
- Partners in Corrections-Based Substance Abuse Intervention

## **U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Drug Use Forecasting Program (DUF)**

### ***Site Supervisor***

*October 1993 to February 1996*

**Duties and Accomplishments:** Hired, trained, and supervised eight employees. Reviewed survey data for accuracy and consistency. Coordinated with multiple agencies. Attended U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) conferences.

#### **Major Projects:**

- Drug Use Forecasting (DUF)

## **University of Nebraska at Omaha, Department of Criminal Justice (UNO)**

### ***Graduate Assistant***

*January 1994 to May 1996*

**Duties and Accomplishments:** Created assessment measurements and evaluated programs. Revised and analyzed surveys. Conducted telephone and onsite surveys. Coordinated activities.

#### **Major Projects:**

- Bigs in Blue
- UNO/Nebraska State Patrol Performance Survey
- International Study of Youth
- Pulling America's Cities Together (PACT)

## **Papers and Publications:**

- McGarrell, E.F., N.K. Hipple, T. Bynum, **H. Perez**, and K. Gregory. (2013). "Promising Strategies for Violence Reduction: Lessons from Two Decades of Innovation: Case Study #13." Washington, D.C. U.S. Department of Justice.
- McGarrell, E. F., N. Corsaro, C. Melde, N.K. Hipple, J. Cobbina, T. Bynum, and **H. Perez**. (2012). "An Assessment of the Comprehensive Anti-gang Initiative: Final Project Report." Washington, D.C. Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice.
- Hipple, N.K., E. F. McGarrell, T. Bynum, **H. Perez**, N. Corsaro, and M. Garmo. (2012) "Bureau of Justice Assistance Drug Market Intervention Implementation Guide and Lessons Learned." Available online at: <http://drugmarketinitiative.msu.edu/>.
- Hipple, N.K, E. F. McGarrell, J. Klofas, N. Corsaro, and **H. Perez**. (2010). "Identifying Effective Policing Strategies for Reducing Crime." *The New Criminal Justice*. New York, NY. Routledge.

- McGarrell, E. F., N. K. Hipple, N. Corsaro, T. Bynum, **H. Perez**, C. Zimmerman, and M. Garmo. (2009). "Project Safe Neighborhoods-A National Program to Reduce Gun Crime: Final Project Report." Washington, D.C. U.S. Department of Justice.
- Hipple, Natalie, **Heather Perez**, Edmund McGarrell, Nicholas Corsaro, with Hank Robinson. "District of Nebraska: Case Study #9." Washington, D.C. Government Printing Office. December 2007.
- Decker, Scott, Edmund McGarrell, **Heather Perez**, Natalie Kroovand Hipple. "Strategic Problem-Solving Responses to Gang Crime Problems: Case Study #8." Washington, D.C. Government Printing Office. February 2007.
- McGarrell, Edmund, Carol Zimmerman, Natalie Hipple, Nicholas Corsaro, and **Heather Perez**. "The Roles of the Police in the Offender Reentry Process." International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice. Spring 2005, Vol. 29, No. 1.
- Hipple, Natalie and **Heather Perez**. "Marion County Prosecutor's Office, Community Prosecution Division Process Evaluation." Indianapolis, IN: Hudson Institute. December 2003.
- **Perez, Heather**. "Reports From the Field." Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office. January 2003.
- Uchida, Craig D., Carol A. Putnam, and **Heather Perez**. "School-Based Partnerships—The Analysis Phase Disputes in Schools." Washington, D.C.: 21st Century Solutions, Inc. February 2001.
- Uchida, Craig D., Carol A. Putnam, and **Heather Perez**. "School-Based Partnerships—The Analysis Phase Assaults in Schools." Washington, D.C.: 21st Century Solutions, Inc. December 2000.
- Uchida, Craig D., Shellie E. Solomon, and **Heather Perez**. "Evaluating the Concord Community Policing Demonstration Center." Washington, D.C.: 21st Century Solutions, Inc. September 2000.
- **Perez, Heather**. "Foot Pursuits: A Study of Incidents, Circumstances, and Outcomes." Proposal submitted to the National Institute of Justice Investigator-Initiated Research: 1998 Solicitation. Washington, D.C.: Institute for Law and Justice. December 1998.
- **Perez, Heather**. "Fact Sheets—What Works: Research and Practice." National Conference on Community Policing. Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office. November 1998.
- **Perez, Heather A.** "The Self-Reported Need for Treatment Among an Arrestee Population: Results of the Omaha Drug Use Forecasting Program." University of Nebraska at Omaha: February 1996.

**Associations:**

**Michigan State University, Alumni of Greater Indianapolis**, Alumni Association, Indianapolis, IN, September 2012 to present.

**University of Nebraska, Hoosier for Huskers**, Alumni Association, Indianapolis, IN, September 2012 to present.

**Activities:**

**Heartland Volunteer**, Heartland Truly Moving Pictures, Indianapolis, Indiana, May 2012 to present

**Chair, Circle of Stars Coaches Event**, DeVeaue's Booster Club, DeVeaue's School of Gymnastics, Fishers, Indiana, August 2010 to July 2011.

**Assistant Chair, Circle of Stars Coaches Event**, DeVeaue's Booster Club, DeVeaue's School of Gymnastics, Fishers, Indiana, August 2009 to July 2010.

**Apparel Chairperson**, DeVeaue's School of Gymnastics, Fishers, Indiana, June 2009 to May 2011.

**Sponsorship Assistant**, Volleyball Commission, Fishers SPORTS, Fishers, Indiana, January 2007 to December 2007.

**Room Parent**, First Grade, Cumberland Road Elementary School, Fishers, Indiana, August 2006 to June 2007.

**Vice-President**, Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, Noblesville, Indiana, June 2002 to June 2003.

**PTO Representative**, Student Leadership Advisory Team, Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, Noblesville, Indiana, June 2002 to June 2003.

**Room Parent**, First Grade, Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, Noblesville, Indiana, August 2002 to June 2003.

**Games Leader**, Bible School, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Noblesville, Indiana, July 2002.

**Crime Watch Coordinator**, Manchester Lakes Area, Alexandria, Virginia, November 1997 to May 1999.

**Student Representative**, University Committee on Research, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, September 1994 to June 1995.

**Intern**, Internal Affairs, Nebraska State Patrol, Lincoln, Nebraska, August to December 1992.

**Intern**, Research and Planning, Nebraska State Patrol, Lincoln, Nebraska, January to May 1992

**Honors Student**, Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5 and above, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, August 1989 to December 1992.

**Panhellenic Delegate**, Kappa Delta Sorority, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, August 1989 to May 1990.

**Donations Chairperson**, Chili Fest, Kappa Delta Sorority, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska, October 1989.