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## EDUCATION

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- 2026 (Expected)**      **Michigan State University (MSU)**  
*Ph.D. Criminal Justice & Certificate in College Teaching*  
Dissertation: Military Sexual Trauma of Female Veterans in Michigan  
• Dissertation Chair: [Dr. Chris Melde](#)
- 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

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- Victimology
- Sexual Violence
- Cybercrime
- Violence Against Women

## NIJ GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

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- 2024 – Present**              **National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Graduate Research Fellow**
- “Military Sexual Trauma Experiences of Female Veterans in Michigan: Exploring Experiences, Dynamics, and Responses”
  - Awarded \$116,692

## PUBLICATIONS

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*Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts – Current Citations: 43*

- 2024**                      **Burden, M. & Roddy, A. ([Online](#)).** “The Effects of Polyvictimization on Indigenous Youth’s Mental Health and Negative Coping Mechanisms.” *Victims & Offenders*.

2023

**Burden, M.**, Melde, C., McGarrell, E.F., Heinze, J.E., Franzen, S., Michaels, K. “Adolescent Attitudes Toward Police and Crime Reporting Intentions.” *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 46(5), 593-606.

- Recorded [Summary Video](#) for the National Center for School Safety

**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 [Summary Video](#) for the National Center for School Safety

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*, 27(4), 493-505.

2022

LaBerge, A., **Mason, M.**, & Sanders, K. 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.

### ***Technical Reports***

2024

**Burden, M.** & Holt, K. Image-Based Sexual Abuse. *Crime Victims’ Institute*. [Link](#)

2019

Hayes, B.E., Ingham, C., **Mason, M.**, & Franklin, C.A. Types of Hate Crimes. *Crime Victims’ Institute*, 2(2). [Link](#)

2018

**Mason, M.** & Hayes, B.E. The Consequences of Hate Crime Victimization. *Crime Victims’ Institute*, 1(3). [Link](#)

## *Publications for Professional Organizations*

**2021**                      **Mason, M. & Holt, K.** 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**

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**Burden, M. & Roddy, A.** (In-Progress). “Indigenous Youths’ Strain and Delinquency: Investigating the Individual and Cumulative Impact of Strain Through a Cultural Lens.”

LaBerge, A., **Burden, M.**, Roddy, A., Cavanagh, C. (In-Progress). “Intimate Partner Violence Among Indigenous Youth: Exploring the Protective Nature of Indigenous Culture and Support Systems.”

McNealey, R., Ingham, C., & **Burden, M.** (In-Progress). “Cross-Contextual Victimization and Fear: Examining the Effects of Online and Offline Victimization on Fear of Crime.”

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & TRAINING**

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

**2022 – 2023**                      **Offender Focused Investigations: Examining the Michigan Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Data**  
Michigan State Police (MSP) Grant Funded Research

**2020 – 2024**                      **MSU Summer Research Fellow**  
College of Social Science, MSU

- College of Social Science Summer Research Fellow (‘21-24)
- Early Start Program Summer Research Fellow (‘20-23)

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

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

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE & TRAINING**

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**2026 (Expected)**

**Certificate in College Teaching, MSU**

Teaching Mentor: [Professor Allison Rojek](#)

**2023 – 2024**

**Guest Lecturer**

- Women in Criminal Justice (Pennsylvania State University)
  - Military Sexual Trauma
- Criminological Theory (MSU)
  - Feminist Criminology & Intersectionality
- Criminal Justice Research Methods (MSU)
  - Quantitative Research
- Violent Victimization (MSU)
  - Intimate Partner Violence
- Homicide (MSU)
  - Intimate Partner Homicide

**Graduate Teaching Assistant Program (GTAP), Graduate School, MSU**

- Workshops, a wide variety of professional development, & training for teaching at MSU

**2023**

**Instructor of Record, MSU**

Fall 2023: Methods of Criminal Justice Research (CJ 292), Online, Asynchronous

- Designed course, formed schedule, assembled content, & created assignments.

**School of Criminal Justice Graduate Teaching Workshop, MSU**

- 12-week teaching workshop & course preparation

**College Teaching Institute, Graduate School, MSU**

- Multi-day workshop & professional development series

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS**

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### *Grants & Fellowships*

**2023 – 2024**

Early Start Peer Mentor Fellowship - \$1,000

**2023**

Graduate Research Fellowship, National Institute of Justice - \$116,692

Early Start Mentor Fellowship, College of Social Science, MSU - \$500

Graduate Student Funding for Research Collection, Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen), MSU - \$500

**2021 – 2024** Summer Research Fellowship, School of Criminal Justice, MSU - \$12,000

**2020 – 2023** Early Start Program Fellowship, College of Social Science, MSU - \$13,500

### *Scholarships & Awards*

**2019** Enhancing Undergraduate Research Experiences & Creative Activities (EURECA) Award for Best Conference Presentation of Funded Research, Undergraduate Research Symposium, SHSU - \$250

**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, & leadership into their college career.
- Member of the inaugural group of recipients

**2016 – 2020** Smith-Hutson Scholarship Recipient, SHSU

- Full-ride scholarship

### *Travel Funding Awards*

**2024** Warren & Mary Huff Travel Endowment Award, MSU - \$600

**2023** Warren & Mary Huff Travel Endowment Award, MSU - \$830

The National Center for School Safety (NCSS) Travel Funding - \$2,500

Council of Graduate Students (COGS) Conference Award, MSU - \$300

The Graduate School Travel Fellowship, MSU - \$360

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 & Creative Activities (EURECA) Faculty & Student Teams (FAST) Award, SHSU - \$2,000

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2025** **Burden, M.** “Collaborating with Veteran Stakeholders to Conduct Research on Military Sexual Trauma in Michigan” *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference*. Denver, CO. March.
- 2024** **Burden, M.** “Cross-Contextual Victimization and Fear: Examining the Effects of Online and Offline Victimization on Fear of Crime.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference*. San Francisco, CA. November.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 2019** **Mason, M.** “Chinese Police Cadets’ Knowledge of Domestic Violence: A Pretest-Posttest Design.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference*. San Francisco, CA. November.

**Mason, M.** “An Examination of Chinese Police Cadets’ Knowledge of Domestic Violence.” *Sam Houston State University Undergraduate Research Symposium*. Huntsville, TX. April.

- Received the EURECA Award for Best Conference Presentation of Funded Research

## **SERVICE & VOLUNTEERISM**

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- 2022 – Present**      **Graduate Student Network (GSN)**  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
- ‘23-25 Mentor to first-year graduate students
  - ‘22-23 Assistant Coordinator
- 2022 – Present**      **School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University**
- ‘23 Facilitate graduate student ASC practice presentations
  - ‘23 & ‘24 Host prospective doctoral students
  - ‘22 & ‘23 Attend candidate job talks & graduate student meetings
- 2020 – Present**      **Graduate Student Association (GSA)**  
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
- ‘24 Elections Coordinator
  - ‘24 Award Selection Committee
  - ‘23-24 Elected President
  - ‘22-23 Elected Vice President of Student Affairs & Media
  - ‘23 Fundraising Committee Member
  - ‘21-22 Elected Treasurer
- 2023 – 2024**      **Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer**
- *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*
  - *Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency*
  - *Deviant Behavior*
  - *Journal of Family Violence*
- 2023 – 2024**      **Early Start Program Mentor, College of Social Sciences, MSU**  
Peer Mentor for First-Year Doctoral Students in the Early Start Program
- 2023**      **SAKI Summit, Ingham/Jackson Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, MI**  
Conference Organizer & Event Support
- 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 University Joint Cold Case Team**  
 Volunteer Research Consultant with Security Clearance
- 2023 Ardis Renkoski Missing Persons Advocacy Award
- 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

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- 2023 – Present**      **Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)**  
 Student Member
- ‘24-25 Mentorship Program
- 2022 – Present**      **Research Consortium for Gender Based Violence, MSU, [Link](#)**  
 Student Member
- Fall 2023 Graduate Student Spotlight
- 2021 – Present**      **American Society of Criminology (ASC)**  
 Student Member
- Division of Victimology
  - Division of Feminist Criminology
  - Division of Cybercrime
- 2021 – 2023**      **Michigan Chapter for the Association of the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MI-ATSA), [Link](#)**  
 Student Member