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### **EDUCATION**

- 2019      Ph.D., Criminal Justice  
University at Albany (SUNY), Albany, NY  
*Dissertation: "What's past is prologue": Exploring confinement as a setting for change in social support and offending*  
Committee: Shawn Bushway (Chair), Dana Peterson, Justin Pickett, and Paul Nieuwbeerta
- 2003      M.A., Human Development  
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS  
*Thesis: An examination of youth factors relating to adult offending of former group home residents*
- 2002      B.A., *Summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, (double major) Human Development and Sociology  
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS  
*Honors Thesis in Human Development: Recidivism among group home participants: Juvenile indicators of adult criminal behaviors*

### **AREAS OF INTEREST**

Institutional and community corrections, life-course theory, desistance, criminal justice policy, research design and quantitative methods

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2019-Present    *Assistant Professor*, Criminology and Criminal Justice, School of Justice and Public Safety, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL
- 2016-2019      *Managing Editor for Review*, Criminology, supervised by David McDowall, Lead Co-Editor (Co-Editors: Janet Lauritsen, Jody Miller, Brian Johnson)
- 2015-2016      *Graduate Teaching Assistant*, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany, State University of New York

- 2014-2015 *Graduate Research Assistant*, for Dr. Shawn Bushway, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany, State University of New York
- 2011-2014 *Research Assistant Professor*, Utah Criminal Justice Center and College of Social Work, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2004-2013 *Research Assistant*, Glacier Consulting, Inc., Annapolis, MD
- 2003-2011 *Research Analyst*, Utah Criminal Justice Center and College of Social Work, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2002-2003 *Graduate Research Assistant*, KU Workgroup on Community Health and Development, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Cumulative disadvantage: How legal factors contribute to sanctions beyond sentencing guideline recommendations (with Shawn Bushway, David Harding, and Jeffrey Morenoff)

Confinement as a turning point in offending rates: Examining early “changers” through a life-course lens (with Shawn Bushway, Paul Nieuwebeerta, and Anja Dirkzwager)

Social support and prison experiences over the life-course: Social ties across multiple prison spells as evidenced by prison visitors (with Shawn Bushway and Paul Nieuwebeerta)

Exploring visitor network dimensions (with Sarah Tahamont)

The causal impact of incarceration on recidivism: Using exogenous variation from an abrupt change in court processing

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Hickert, A. O., Palmen, J. M. H., Dirkzwager, A., & Nieuwebeerta, P. (2019). Receiving social support after short-term confinement: How support pre- and during-confinement contribute. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 56(4), 563-604.  
Permanent link: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022427819826302>

Hickert, A. O., Tahamont, S., & Bushway, S. (2018). A tale of two margins: Exploring the probabilistic processes that generate prison visits in the first two years of incarceration. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 34(3), 691-716.  
Permanent link: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10940-017-9351-z>

Hickert, A. O., Becker, E., Próspero, M., & Molteni, K. (2011). Impact of juvenile drug courts on drug use and criminal behavior. *Journal of Juvenile Justice*, 1(1), 60-77.

Hickert, A. O., & Taylor, M. J. (2011). Supportive housing for addicted, incarcerated homeless. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 37(2), 136-151.

Hickert, A. O., Boyle, S. W., & Tollefson, D. R. (2009). Factors that predict drug court completion and drop out: Findings from an evaluation of Salt Lake County's Adult Felony Drug Court. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 35(2), 149-162.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

### **Selected Research Reports (2002-2014)**

Hickert, A. O., Worwood, E. B., Bradley, D. Prince, K.C., & Butters, R. P. (2014). *Evaluation of Early Case Resolution (ECR): Year 2 report*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah, Utah Criminal Justice Center.

Hickert, A. O., Prince, K. C., Sarver, C. M., & Butters, R. P. (2013). *Drug Offender Reform Act: DORA statewide report final report*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah, Utah Criminal Justice Center.

Hickert, A. O., Worwood, E. B., & Prince, K. C. (2013). *Pretrial release risk study, validation, & scoring: Final report*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah, Utah Criminal Justice Center.

Hickert, A. O., Worwood, E. B., & Butters, R. P. (2012). *Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC): Arrest/referral assessment*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah, Utah Criminal Justice Center.

Hickert, A. O., Worwood, E. B., & Butters, R. P. (2012). *Evaluation of Oxbow and Re-Entry*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah, Utah Criminal Justice Center.

Hickert, A. O., Worwood, E. B., & Butters, R. P. (2011). *Evaluation of Utah Juvenile Court's implementation of the Carey Guides*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah, Utah Criminal Justice Center.

Hickert, A. O., Becker, E., & Butters, R. P. (2011). *Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) diversion assessment*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah, Utah Criminal Justice Center.

Byrnes, E. C., Hickert, A. O., & Kirchner, R. A. (2010). *An outcome evaluation of Social Responsibility Training in the Jefferson Parish School District*. Annapolis, MD: Glacier Consulting, Inc.

Hickert, A. O., Becker, E., & Próspero, M. (2010). *Evaluation of the Homeless Assistance Rental Program*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah, Utah Criminal Justice Center.

Hickert, A. O., Becker, E., & Próspero, M. (2010). *Evaluation of Pretrial Services*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah, Utah Criminal Justice Center.

Hickert, A. O., Becker, E., & Próspero, M. (2010). *Evaluation of Utah Juvenile Drug Courts*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah, Utah Criminal Justice Center.

Van Vleet, R. K., Hickert, A. O., Becker, E. E., & Kunz, C. (2008). *Evaluation of the Salt Lake County Mental Health Court*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah, Utah Criminal Justice Center.

Hickert, A. O., & Próspero, M. (2008). *Norming the proxy risk assessment for Salt Lake County*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah, Utah Criminal Justice Center.

Byrnes, E. C., Hickert, A. O., & Kirchner, R. A. (2007). *Process and outcome evaluation of the Grand County, Utah Adult Drug Court Program*. Annapolis, MD: Glacier Consulting, Inc.

Lawson, H. A., Anderson-Butcher, D., Byrnes, E. C., Hickert, A. O., & Claiborne, N. (2006). *A utilization-focused evaluation of Birth and Beyond*. Albany, NY: State University of New York, Center for Human Services Research.

Van Vleet, R. K., Hickert, A. O., & Becker, E. E. (2005). *Evaluation of the Salt Lake County Adult Felony Drug Court: Final report*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Consortium.

Fowles, R., Byrnes, E. C., & Hickert, A. O. (2005). *The cost of crime: A cost/benefit tool for analyzing Utah criminal justice program effectiveness*. Salt Lake City, UT: Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice & University of Utah, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Consortium.

Byrnes, E. C., & Hickert, A. O., (2004). *Process and outcome evaluation of the Third District Juvenile Drug Court in Dona Ana County, New Mexico*. Annapolis, MD: Glacier Consulting, Inc.

Francisco, V.T., Curie, C.J., Grassmeyer, K.V., & Hickert, A.O. (2002). *Evaluation report on the State of Kansas State Incentive Cooperative Agreement (SICA) 1998 – 2001*. Lawrence, Kansas: University of Kansas, Work Group on Health Promotion and Community Development.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Professional and Conference Presentations

Hickert, A. O., Bushway, S., Harding, D., & Morenoff, J. (2019, November). *Prior punishment and cumulative disadvantage: Extra-guidelines impacts of current supervision status on new prison commitments*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.

Hickert, A. O., Bushway, S., & Nieuwbeerta, P. (2018, November). *Detention as a turning point in offending rates: Examining early “changers” through a life-course lens*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology 74<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.

Hickert, A. O., Palmen, H., Dirkzwager, A., & Nieuwbeerta, P. (2017, November). *Social support after detention: How pre- and during-detention support contribute*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

Hickert, A. O. (2016, November). *Prisoner social networks: Patterns observed in visitation data*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

Hickert, A. O. (2016, November). *Prisoner social networks: Patterns observed in longitudinal visitation data*. Poster presented at Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference. Washington, DC.

Hickert, A. O., Tahamont, S., & Bushway, S. (2015, November). *Exploring longitudinal patterns of prison visits in New York State*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.

Hickert, A. O., Tahamont, S., & Bushway, S. (2015, November). *Exploring longitudinal patterns of prison visits in New York State*. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference. Miami, FL.

Hickert, A. O., Becker, E., & Próspero, M. (2010, April). *Mentally ill offender challenges and factors associated with success: A mental health court evaluation*. Paper presented at the Western Social Science Association 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference. Reno, NV.

Hickert, A. O., Becker, E., & Próspero, M. (2009, Nov). *Evaluation of an alternative supervision model with coerced treatment for drug offenders*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. San Antonio, TX.

Hickert, A. O., Becker, E., & Próspero, M. (2008, Oct). *Evaluation of supportive housing for individuals in criminal justice and treatment systems*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

Hickert, A. O., & Próspero, M. (2007, July). *Hostile, controlling, & aggressive attitudes: A recipe for a violent partner*. Paper presented at the International Family Violence & Child Victimization Research Conference. Portsmouth, NH.

### **Invited Presentations**

Hickert, A. O. (2019, September). *Prison Visits and Reentry Social Support: Exploring Dimensions and Outcomes in New York and the Netherlands*. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Utah Criminal Justice Conference. West Valley City, UT.

Hickert, A. O. (2013, September). *Principles of effective interventions: Targeting offenders' dynamic needs*. Utah Fall Substance Abuse Conference. St. George, UT.

Shdaimah, C., Martinez, S., Hickert, A. O. (2012, October). *Story-ing the social justice profession: Tales from the field*. Panel member on the University of Utah, College of Social Work's Social Justice Lecture Series: Allies for Equity. Salt Lake City, UT.

Hickert, A. O., Felt, D., & Chesnut, D. (2009, June). *Lessons learned from the Drug Offender Reform Act pilot*. The University of Utah 58<sup>th</sup> Annual School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies. Salt Lake City, UT.

Steadman, K., Kimball, J., McMillan, S., & Hickert, A. O. (2008, Oct). *The Homeless Assistance Rental Program*. Utah Fall Conference on Substance Abuse. Layton, UT.

Hickert, A. O., & Becker, E. (2008, May). *Does it make any difference? Outcomes of providing housing to homeless*. 2008 National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials - Utah Annual Spring Conference. St. George, UT.

Hickert, A. O., & Becker, E. (2005, June). *Process and outcome evaluation: The Salt Lake County Adult Felony Drug Court experience*. First Annual Utah Drug Court Conference. Park City, UT.

### **MEDIA COVERAGE OF MY RESEARCH**

Charles, H. (2019, Spring). Global research in criminal justice: A strategy for Internationalizing Graduate Education. *GlobalSynergies: A Magazine Focused on Global Engagement at University at Albany*. [https://www.albany.edu/international/Global\\_Synergies.php](https://www.albany.edu/international/Global_Synergies.php)

### **GRANTS, AWARDS, HONORS**

2018            Eliot H. Lumbard Award for Academic Excellence (School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany)

- 2017 Frank Remington Award for Interdisciplinary Legal Studies (School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany)
- 2017 Elizabeth Cass, Ph.D. '85/Michael Lynch, Ph.D. '83 Doctoral Student Travel Award (for research) (School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany)
- 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Poster Winner, Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> Session of Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference for *Prisoner social networks: Patterns observed in longitudinal visitation data*.
- 2015, 2017 Professional Development Grant (for conference travel) and Research Grant (for research travel) (Graduate Student Association, University at Albany)
- 2014-2017 Michael J. Hindelang Fellowship (School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany)

**TEACHING** (F=Fall, S=Spring, Su=Summer)

**Undergraduate Courses, Southern Illinois University**

CCJ290 – Introduction to Criminological Theory (F19)

CCJ317 – Introduction to Criminal Justice Statistics (F19)

**Undergraduate Courses, University at Albany**

RCRJ282 – Introduction to Research Design in Criminal Justice (Su18 online)

RCRJ203 – Criminology (S16) (Teaching assistant for Dr. Meghan Rogers)

RCRJ203 – Criminology (F15) (Teaching assistant for Dr. Justin Pickett)

**Guest Lectures, University at Albany**

“Methods for Measuring Crime and Delinquency”

September 2015 RCRJ 203 – Criminology

“Families as a Potential Protective Factor in Desistance”

October 2017 RCRJ 399 – Families in Delinquency and Crime

April 2018 RCRJ 399 – Families in Delinquency and Crime

**Guest Lectures, Leiden University**

“Social Context of Imprisonment” (with Hanneke Palmen and Maria Berghuis)

June 2017 Summer Honours Course on Detention

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Manuscript Reviewer**

2017-Present

*Criminology*

*Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*

*Journal of Quantitative Criminology*  
*Justice Quarterly*  
2010-2014  
*Evaluation and Program Planning Journal*  
*Journal of Forensic Social Work*  
*Journal of Juvenile Justice*

### **Other Reviewing**

Invited Student Editor, *Albany Law Review* Annual Miscarriages of Justice Issue, 2015

Reviewer for Oral Paper Submissions for 55th Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, 2009

### **Committee Work**

Membership Committee, The American Society of Criminology, 2018-2020

### **School Service**

Graduate Student Association, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany  
President (2016-2017)  
Vice President (2015-2016)  
Graduate Representative (2017-2018; 2014-2015)

Tenure Review Committee, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany  
PhD Student Member (2017-2018)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Society of Criminology (ASC), 2015-Present  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), 2015-Present  
American Sociological Association (ASA), 2018-2019  
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), 2008-2009

## **OTHER TRAINING**

2016, 2015 Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference (Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL)

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request