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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, reentry, 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

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Hickert, A., Bushway, S. D., Harding, D. J., & Morenoff, J. D. (2021). Prior punishments and cumulative disadvantage: How supervision status impacts prison sentences. *Criminology*. Online first October 2021. Permanent link: <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9125.12290>
- Hickert, A. (2021). Maintaining external connections during incarceration: Latent class analysis of visitors for women and men in prison. *Crime & Delinquency*. Online first August 2021. Permanent link: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287211039999>
- Hickert, A., Bushway, S. B., Nieuwbeerta, P., & Dirkzwager, A. (2021). Confinement as a two-stage turning point: Do changes in identity or social structure predict subsequent changes in criminal activity? *Criminology*, 59(1), 73-108. Online first November 2020. Permanent link: <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9125.12262>
- Hickert, A., Palmen, J. M. H., Dirkzwager, A., & Nieuwbeerta, 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., 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., Becker, E., Próspero, M., & Moleni, K. (2011). Impact of juvenile drug courts on drug use and criminal behavior. *Journal of Juvenile Justice*, 1(1), 60-77.
- Hickert, A., & Taylor, M. J. (2011). Supportive housing for addicted, incarcerated homeless. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 37(2), 136-151.

Hickert, A., 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.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

A survey experiment of the public's stigmatized views about prisoners during COVID-19 (with Luzi Shi, Jason Silver).

Conceptualizing and measuring public stigma towards people with prison records (with Luzi Shi, Jason Silver).

Belief in evil and lay punishment preferences (with Jason Silver, Luzi Shi)

Beyond the city: The role of community context and movement in long-term patterns of recidivism (with Breanne Pleggenkuhle, Beth M. Huebner)

Process evaluation of Illinois R3 (Restore, Reinvest, Renew) service delivery and assessment and planning grantees (with Daryl Kroner, Breanne Pleggenkuhle)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Selected Research Reports (2002-2014)

Hickert, A., 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., 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., 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., 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., 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., 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., 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., & Kirchner, R. A. (2010). *An outcome evaluation of Social Responsibility Training in the Jefferson Parish School District*. Annapolis, MD: Glacier Consulting, Inc.
- Hickert, A., 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., Becker, E., & Próspero, M. (2010). *Evaluation of Pretrial Services*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah, Utah Criminal Justice Center.
- Hickert, A., 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., 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., & 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., & 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., & 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., & 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., (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., Pleggenkuhle, B., & Huebner, B. (2021, November). *Beyond the city: The role of community context and movement in long-term patterns of recidivism*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology 76th Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Hickert, A., 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 75th Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.

Hickert, A., 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 74rd Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.

Hickert, A., 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 73rd Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

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

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

Hickert, A., 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., 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 52nd Annual Conference. Reno, NV.

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

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

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

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

Hickert, A., & 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., & 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

GRANTS & CONTRACTS

Research

- 2021 Year 1 Process Evaluation of Restore, Reinvest, and Renew Grants (PI: Daryl Kroner; Co-PIs: Breanne Pleggenkuhle & Audrey Hickert) (\$209,015)
- 2015, 2017 Professional Development Grant (for conference travel) and Research Grant (for research travel) (Graduate Student Association, University at Albany)

Teaching

- 2020 Online Course Development Grant for CCJ 317 Introduction to Criminal Justice Statistics (Extended Campus, Southern Illinois University) (\$5,000)
- 2019 Online Course Development Grant for CCJ 316 Introduction to Criminal Justice Research (Extended Campus, Southern Illinois University) (\$5,000)

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2018 Eliot H. Lumbar 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 2nd Place Poster Winner, Saturday, November 5th Session of Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference for *Prisoner social networks: Patterns observed in longitudinal visitation data*.
- 2014-2017 Michael J. Hindelang Fellowship (School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany)

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

Graduate Courses, Southern Illinois University

CCJ510B – Data Analysis & Interpretation (S22)

Undergraduate Courses, Southern Illinois University

CCJ290 – Introduction to Criminological Theory (S22, F21, F20, S20, F19)

CCJ316 – Introduction to Criminal Justice Research (F20, Su20, S20)

CCJ317 – Introduction to Criminal Justice Statistics (F21, Su21, S21, F19)

CCJ384 – Introduction to Corrections (S21)

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

Dissertation Committees

In Progress

Jerstad, S. (member)

Nouri, S. (member)

Spring 2021

Lacey, B. *Legalization effects on illegal multi-state cannabis trafficking networks.* (member)

Master’s Theses Committees

In Progress

Burgett, E. (member)

Ibrahim, R. (member)

Rearden, R. (member)

Fall 2021

Okado, H. *Exploring factors affecting prison misconduct in Japan.* (member)

Summer 2021

Tajudeen, S. *Treatment gains in antisocial attitudes and mental health in relation not client satisfaction.* (member)

Summer 2020

Heflin, M. *The effect of police culture on officer coping strategies.* (member)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer

2017-Present

Criminology
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
Journal of Quantitative Criminology
Justice Quarterly
Criminal Justice and Behavior
Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice
Journal of Criminal Justice Education
PLoS ONE

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

Other Service to the Field

Cross-panel reporter, Are the Kids Alright? COVID-19 and Youth Virtual Forum, New York State Youth Justice Institute, June 2020.

Committee Work

The American Society of Criminology
2022 Annual Program Committee, Developmental and Life Course Perspectives Sub-Area Chair
Membership Committee (2018-2021)

Program/School Service

Criminology and Criminal Justice, Southern Illinois University Carbondale
2021-2022

Graduate Committee

2020-2021

Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee (Fall 2020)
Executive Committee (Fall 2020 only)
Graduate Committee
Preliminary Exam Committee

2019-2020

Preliminary Exam Committee
Undergraduate Committee

School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany

2017-2018

Tenure Review Committee, PhD Student Member
Graduate Student Association, Graduate Representative

2016-2017

Graduate Student Association, President

2015-2016

Graduate Student Association, Vice President

2014-2015

Graduate Student Association, Graduate Representative

College Service

College of Health and Human Sciences, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

2020-Present

CCJ faculty liaison and CCJ student volunteer supervisor for research collaboration with Jackson County State's Attorney's Office, Department of Psychology (Dr. Tamara Kang, Psych faculty lead), and Applied Research Consultants (Dr. Randall Davis, Director)

2020-2021

Teaching Excellence Award Committee (Spring 2021 only)

University Service

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Region 8 Science Fair Judge (March 2021)

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