

# **Karyn Sporer: Curriculum Vitae**

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## **EDUCATION**

- 2016 Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice. University of Nebraska at Omaha.  
Dissertation: “Families and their violent children with mental illness” (Chair: Pete Simi).
- 2008 M.S. in Criminal Justice. Northeastern University.  
Thesis: “The role of green space and the criminogenic nature of surrounding neighborhoods” (Co-Chairs: Jennifer Robinson & Marc Swatt).
- 2005 B.A. in Psychology and Religious Studies, Saint Michael’s College (Colchester, VT): Graduated with Honors.

## **ACADEMIC & APPLIED RESEARCH POSITIONS**

- 2023 – present Department Chair, Sociology, University of Maine
- 2023 – present Core Team Member, Maine Threat Assessment Group (MTAG)
- 2022 – present Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Maine
- 2020 – 2025 Researcher/Principal Investigator, National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology and Education Center, a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence
- 2016 – 2022 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Maine  
**\* College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Teacher/Advisor of the Year, 2021**

## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Violent extremism & terrorism; Family violence & victimization; Mental illness & violence; Drug policy reform; Qualitative methods

## **PUBLICATIONS**

\* Denotes undergraduate or graduate student co-author.

### ***Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles***

- Sporer, Karyn** & \*Brooke Buxton. (2026). Barriers to recognizing and reporting radicalization: Insights from family members. *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2025.2611258>
- Glover, Robert W. & **Karyn Sporer**. (2025). Assessing determinants of shifting attitudes on drug policy reform in Maine. *Journal of Drug Issues*, 55(1), 138-157. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00220426231205797>
- Sporer, Karyn**, & \*Brooke Buxton. (2024). The role of family members in the prevention of violent extremism and terrorism: A scoping review of the literature. *Aggression & Violent Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.avb.2024.101990>
- Sporer, Karyn** & Paige W. Toller. (2023). “She’s not the child we had”: How parents reconstruct their child’s identity to include *violent* and *with mental illness*. *Journal of Family Trauma, Child Custody & Child Development*, 21(1), 22-40. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26904586.2023.2170942>
- Glover, Robert W., **Karyn Sporer**, & \*Aran Wollard. (2023). Are Maine voters ready for drug policy reform? Findings from a statewide survey. *Maine Policy Review* 32(1), 21-28. <https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mpr/vol32/iss1/2/>

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- Sporer, Karyn**, \*Michael Logan, Gina S. Ligon, & Doug C. Derrick. (2019). #JeSuisParis?: An appeal to hypocrisy and justifications for mass casualty violence. *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*, 8(1), 57-82.
- Sporer, Karyn**. (2019). Aggressive children with mental illness: A conceptual model of family-level outcomes. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 34(3), 447-474.  
\*\*\*Graduate Student **Paper of the Year Award**, Division of Victimology of the American Society of Criminology, November 2016.
- Sporer, Karyn**, Lisa Speropolous, & \*Katarina Monahan. (2019). Finding the “golden moments”: Strategies of perseverance among parents and siblings of persons with severe mental illness and violent tendencies. *Journal of Family Issues*, 40(17), 2658-2683.
- Strout, Kelley, Fayeza S. Ahmed, **Karyn Sporer**, E. P. Howard, E. Arruda, & Kristen Cappa. (2018). What are older adults’ wellness priorities? A qualitative analysis of personal goals within multiple domains of wellness. *Healthy Aging Research*, 7(21), 1-6.
- Sporer, Karyn**, & Dana L. Radatz. (2017). Mothers of violent children with mental illness: How they perceive barriers to effective help. *Journal of Family Violence*, 32(7), 683-697.
- Sporer, Karyn**, & Paige W. Toller. (2017). Family identity disrupted by mental illness and violence: An application of relational dialectics theory. *Southern Communication Journal*, 82(2), 85-101.  
\*\*\*Rose B. Johnson *Southern Communication Journal* **Article of the Year Award**, Southern States Communication Association, 2018.
- Derrick, Douglas C., **Karyn Sporer**, \*Sam Church, & Gina S. Ligon. (2016). Ideological rationality and violence: An exploratory study of ISIL’s cyber profile. *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict: Pathways Toward Terrorism and Genocide*, 9(1-3), 57-81.
- Simi, Pete, **Karyn Sporer**, & Bryan Bubolz. (2016). Narratives of childhood adversities and adolescent conduct problems as pre-cursors to violent extremism: A life-course criminological approach. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 53(4), 536-563.

### ***Refereed Research Briefs, Technical Reports, & Book Chapters***

- Sporer, Karyn** & \*Brooke Buxton. (2025). “Empowering Families to Prevent Violent Extremism.” National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE).  
<https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/ncitereportsresearch/117/>
- Ligon, G., & Harms, M. (2024, October 7). One Year Later: The Impact of the Oct. 7 Attack in the United States [Reachback Report]. National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE). Omaha, NE. [**Sporer** was a contributor to this report.]  
<https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1090&context=ncitereportsresearch>
- Sporer, Karyn**, \*Brooke Buxton, & \*Nicholas Brown. (2024). “Recognizing and Getting Help for Extremist Behavior: A Guide for Families.” National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE). <https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/ncitereportsresearch/72/>
- Sporer, Karyn** & \*Brooke Buxton. (2023). “Facilitating Suspicious Activity Reporting at the Community Level: Barriers to Acknowledging and Reporting Suspicious Behavior Among Family Members of Homegrown Violent Extremists.” National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE).  
<https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/ncitereportsresearch/48/>

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- Glover, Robert W. & **Karyn Sporer**. (2022). "Maine Voters on Drug Policy: Public Opinion Research Conducted in Summer 2021." Open Society Foundation. [https://umaine.edu/polisci/wp-content/uploads/sites/81/2022/09/Glover\\_Sporer\\_22.pdf](https://umaine.edu/polisci/wp-content/uploads/sites/81/2022/09/Glover_Sporer_22.pdf)
- Sporer, Karyn**. (2022). Review of the book *Expressions of Radicalization: Global Politics, Processes and Practices* by K. Steiner & A. Önnersfors. *Terrorism & Political Violence*, 34, 1507-1508.
- Sporer, Karyn**. (2022). "Facilitating Suspicious Activity Reporting at the Community Level: Family Members' Observations of Non-Ideological Risk Factors and Signs of Radicalization Among Violent Extremists." National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE). <https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/ncitereportsresearch/40/>
- Simi, Pete, Steven Windisch, Matthew DeMichele, **Karyn Sporer**, \*Amy Aghajanian, \*Nathan Dufour, \*Marisa Quezada, & \*Corinne Tam. (2021). "Family Responses to White Supremacist Extremism." National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE). <https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/ncitereportsresearch/6/>
- Sporer, Karyn**, Pete Simi, Matthew DeMichele, Steven Windisch, \*Amy Aghajanian, \*Nathan Dufour, & \*Corinne Tam. (2021). "Barriers to Family Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) of Mobilization Behaviors and Pre-Operational Planning." National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE). <https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/ncitereportsresearch/5/>
- Sporer, Karyn**. (2018). "Family Violence and Mental Illness." In K. Frailing and R. Slate (Eds.), *Criminalization of Mental Illness Reader* (pp. 85-106). Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.
- Ligon, Gina S., **Karyn Sporer**, & Douglas C. Derrick. (2017). "Violent Innovation: Creativity in the Domain of Terrorism." In J. C. Kaufman, V. P. Glaveanu, & J. Baer (Eds.), *The Cambridge Handbook of Creativity Across Domains*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- Sporer, Karyn**, Amy L. Anderson, & \*Johanna Peterson. (2017). "Macro and Micro Approaches to Crime Prevention and Intervention Programs." In B. Teasdale and M. S. Bradley (Eds.), *Advances in Prevention Science series, Preventing Crime and Violence*, volume 2. New York, NY: Springer Press.
- Simi, Pete, Steven Windisch, & **Karyn Sporer**. (2016). Recruitment and radicalization among US Far-Right Terrorists. College Park, MD: START.
- Simi, Pete, Bryan Bubolz, Hillary McNeel, **Karyn Sporer**, & Steven Windisch. (2015). Trauma as a precursor to violent extremism: How non-ideological factors can influence joining an extremist group. START: National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism.
- Sporer, Karyn**, & Robert F. Meier. (2013). "Hate Crimes." In Carlos E. Cortes (ed.), *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*. Los Angeles: Sage.

### ***Public-Facing Publications & Opinion Pieces***

- 2025, October. "Graham Platner case highlights why we must work to deradicalize our military," Bangor Daily News. [https://mcusercontent.com/8cf975938c554fd4d662a2415/files/9c671acc-269f-8aa6-6638-2073d417d90a/Graham\\_Platner\\_case\\_highlights\\_why\\_we\\_must\\_work\\_to\\_deradicalize\\_our\\_military.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/8cf975938c554fd4d662a2415/files/9c671acc-269f-8aa6-6638-2073d417d90a/Graham_Platner_case_highlights_why_we_must_work_to_deradicalize_our_military.pdf)
- 2024, October. "Maine must help families at the frontline in the fight against violence," Bangor Daily News. <https://www.bangordailynews.com/2024/10/01/opinion/opinion-contributor/maine-must-help-families-fight-against-violence/>
- 2023, October. "How to prevent school shootings," Kennebec Journal & Morning Sentinel. <https://www.centralmaine.com/?p=3049997>

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- 2023, August. "What we can learn from Portugal's drug decriminalization," Bangor Daily News, co-authored with Rob Glover. <https://www.bangordailynews.com/2023/08/22/opinion/opinion-contributor/portugal-drug-decriminalization-lessons/>
- 2023, January. "Janet Mills has a mandate to take an ambitious approach to address addiction," Bangor Daily News, co-authored with Rob Glover. <https://www.bangordailynews.com/2023/01/10/opinion/opinion-contributor/mills-mandate-substance-use-disorder/>
- 2022, October. "Maine voters want a new approach on drug policy," Kennebec Journal & Morning Sentinel. <https://www.centralmaine.com/2022/10/04/scholars-strategy-network-maine-voters-want-a-new-approach-on-drug-policy/>
- 2021, September. "Ignoring violence of far-right extremists has serious consequences for Maine and the nation," Bangor Daily News. <https://bangordailynews.com/2021/09/21/opinion/contributors/ignoring-violence-of-far-right-extremists-has-serious-consequences-for-maine-and-the-nation/>
- 2020, December. "COVID-19 provides a path forward in fighting the opioid crisis," Bangor Daily News, co-authored with Rob Glover. <https://bangordailynews.com/2020/12/01/opinion/contributors/covid-19-provides-a-path-forward-in-fighting-the-opioid-crisis/>

## **HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS**

- University of Maine College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Teacher/Advisor of the Year, 2021.
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Junior Faculty Research & Creative Activity Fellowship, University of Maine, 2019/2020.
- Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center Faculty Fellow, University of Maine, 2018/2019.
- Rose B. Johnson *Southern Communication Journal* Article of the Year Award, Southern States Communication Association, 2018.
- Graduate Student Paper of the Year Award, Division of Victimology of the American Society of Criminology, November 2016.
- Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, May 2005.
- Psy Chi: National Honor Society in Psychology, St. Michael's College Chapter.

## **AWARDED GRANTS**

### ***External***

**Sporer, Karyn.** 2020 – 2025. Department of Homeland Security and the National Center of Excellence for Terrorism Prevention and Counterterrorism Research. PI for Counterterrorism and Terrorism Prevention Research: "Barriers to Family Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) of Mobilization Behaviors and Pre-Operational Planning."

**Total Funded Amount: \$388,237**

- 2020: \$59,419
- 2021: \$8,227
- 2022: \$74,047
- 2022: \$128,340
- 2023: \$118,204

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Glover, Robert, & **Karyn Sporer** (Co-PIs). 2022. U.S. Department of State's IDEAS Program. "Initiating a Faculty-Led Study Abroad on Comparative Drug Policy in Lisbon, Portugal."

**Total Funded Amount: \$34,999**

Glover, Rob & **Karyn Sporer** (Co-PIs). Open Society Foundation. "Perspectives on alternatives to drug criminalization in northern and downeast Maine."

**Total Funded Amount: \$129,851**

- 2020: \$105,792
- 2021: \$24,059

### ***Internal (University of Maine & University of Nebraska at Omaha)***

**Karyn Sporer**. 2022. Clement and Linda McGillicuddy Humanities Center Faculty Research Award. "Initiating a Faculty-Led Study Abroad on Comparative Drug Policy in Lisbon, Portugal"

Funded Amount: \$3,800

**Sporer, Karyn**. 2018. University of Maine Summer Faculty Research Awards.

Funded amount: \$8,000

**Sporer, Karyn**. 2017. Bangor Savings Bank/Lyndon Paul LoRusso Memorial Faculty Development Award, Office of Academic Affairs, University of Maine.

Funded amount: \$1,350

**Sporer, Karyn**. 2014. Graduate Research and Creative Activity (GRACA) grant, University of Nebraska at Omaha. "Understanding the coping strategies among the parents and siblings of aggressive and mentally ill family members."

Funded amount: \$5,000

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS & PROFESSIONAL TRAINING SEMINARS**

"[Working title] The Warning Signs Don't Look Like Violence." To be presented at the Maine Science Festival's 5 Minute Genius, March 28, 2026.

"Two lessons in prevention: What practitioners need to know to support the families." Presented to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and members of the Maine Threat Assessment Group, Sept. 19, 2024.

"Recognizing and Getting Help for Extremist Behavior: A Guide for Families and Practitioners." Presented to the Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3) of the Department of Homeland Security, Aug. 13, 2024.

"Two lessons in prevention: What practitioners need to know to support the families." Presented at ENVISION 2024 Annual Conference for the National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center, Omaha, NE, June 26-27, 2024.

"Barriers to acknowledging and reporting suspicious behavior among family members of homegrown violent extremists." Presented at the Cumberland County Domestic Violent Extremism Conference, Portland, ME, Sept. 20, 2023.

"How can we partner with families to prevent radicalization and mobilization?" Presented at ENVISION 2022 Annual Conference for the National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center, Omaha, NE, Oct. 27-28, 2022.

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“Maine voters on drug policy: Survey and qualitative research on Maine voters attitudes on drug policy.” Co-Presented with Rob Glover at the Maine Prisoner Re-Entry Network, Sept. 27, 2022.

“#JeSuisParis?: An appeal to hypocrisy and the rationalization of mass casualty violence.” Presented at the University of Maine, Department of Communication and Journalism Research Colloquium, March 26, 2018.

“Using qualitative methods to understand families of violent children with mental illness.” Presented at the University of Maine Clinical Psychology PhD Program’s Clinical Research Forum, Orono, ME, Dec. 4, 2017.

“What’s the harm? Emotional challenges of policing and being policed,” Panelist, Think & Drink program Nocturnem Draft Haus, Bangor, ME, Dec. 6, 2017.

Police-Citizen Contact Panel. Public Safety Training Center, Eastern Maine Community College, Sept. 28, 2017.

Black Lives Matter Movement Panel. Public Safety Training Center, Eastern Maine Community College, Oct. 6, 2016.

“From data to publication: Turning your research idea into a peer review manuscript.” Presented as a guest lecture on research methods at The Center for Collaboration Science Research Series, University of Nebraska, Omaha, June 23, 2016.

“Families and their violent children with mental illness.” Presented at the Juvenile Justice Institute and the Nebraska Crime Commission, Lincoln, NE, May 4, 2016.

“Social media, open architectures and ideological rationality.” Co-presented with Douglas C. Derrick, \*Sam Church, and Gina S. Ligon at the Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences, Kauai, HI, January 5-8, 2016.

“The relationship between domestic violence and mental illness,” roundtable section, Issues surrounding persons with mental illnesses and the justice system. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Washington DC, November 19, 2015.

“Communication patterns among family members of aggressive children with mental illness.” Presented at the Research and Creative Activity Fair, University of Nebraska, Omaha, March 6, 2015.

### **PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

Sporer, Karyn. “Coping with radicalization in the family: An examination of the grief experiences of family members of homegrown violent extremists.” Presented at the European Society of Criminology, Sept. 6, 2025.

\*Buxton, Brooke & Karyn Sporer. “Confronting radicalization: How practitioners can support families of violent extremists,” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 14, 2024.

Sporer, Karyn. “Family members of homegrown violent extremists: interventions and outcomes throughout the radicalization process,” thematic panel titled, “Identifying, Reporting, and Preventing Extremism: Necessary Actors and Public Perceptions of Extremism.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 16, 2023.

Sporer, Karyn. “Family members of homegrown violent extremists: Perceptions of the radicalization process.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Thematic Panel titled “Preventing and Addressing Extremist Related Violence in Both Physical and Virtual Spaces,” Atlanta, GA, Nov. 18, 2022.

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- Sporer, Karyn. "She's not the child we had": How mothers reconstruct their child's identity to include mental illness and violence." Presented at the seventeenth International Conference on Social Stress Research, Savannah, GA, June 5, 2022.
- Sporer, Karyn. "She's not the child we had": How mothers reconstruct their child's identity to include mental illness and violence." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Thematic Panel titled "Contemporary Issues in Justice-Involved Persons with Mental Illness," San Francisco, CA, Nov. 12-16, 2019.
- Sporer, Karyn, Michael K. Logan, Gina S. Ligon, & Douglas C. Derrick. "The Impact of Terrorist Attacks on Pro-ISIL Narratives in the Twitter Sphere." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Thematic Panel titled "Online Influences and Outcomes of Violent Ideological Crime," Atlanta, GA, Nov. 14-17, 2018.
- Speropolous, Lisa, & Karyn Sporer, "Self-Care and Positive Coping Strategies Used by Family Members of Violent Persons with Mental Illness." Presented at the International Conference on Social Stress Research, Athens, Greece, June 1-4, 2018.
- Sporer, Karyn & Gina Ligon, "Justifications for Violence: How Jihadist Sympathizers Rationalize Terrorism and Mass Murder." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, November 15-18, 2017.
- Ligon, Gina S., \*Michael Logan, Karyn Sporer, & \*Mackenzie Harms. "Leadership Lethality: Using the CIP Model to Predict Terrorist Performance." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology. Orlando, FL, April 27, 2017.
- \*Speropolous, Lisa & Karyn Sporer, "It's not all bad: Positive coping among family members of violent children with mental illness." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA, November 16-19, 2016.
- Sporer, Karyn, \*Sam Church, \*Julia Fuller, Gina Ligon, Douglas C. Derrick, and Pete Simi, "Social media, open architectures, and ideological rationality: A profile of the Islamic State." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA, November 16-19, 2016.
- Sporer, Karyn, "Outcomes for families of violent children with mental illness," roundtable section, Sociology of the Family. Presented at the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 22-25, 2015.
- Sporer, Karyn, Dana L. Radatz, & Emily M. Wright, "Mothers and their violent children with mental illness." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC, November 17-26, 2015.
- Sporer, Karyn & Paige W. Toller, "Communication patterns among family members of aggressive children with mental illness." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 19-22, 2014.
- Sporer, Karyn, "Mental health, victimization, & the family: An integrated theory." Presented at the Research and Creative Activity Fair, UNO, Omaha, March 7, 2014.
- Sporer, Karyn, "Mental health, victimization, & the family: An integrated theory." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 19-23, 2013.
- Sporer, Karyn, "The role of green space and the criminogenic nature of surrounding neighborhoods." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL, Nov. 2012.

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## **COURSES TAUGHT**

- CRJ 114: Survey of Criminal Justice
- CRJ 301: Gender & Crime
- CRJ/SOC 308: Problems of Violence & Terrorism (*writing intensive*)
- CRJ/SOC 324: Domestic Violence
- SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology
- SOC 214: Crime & Criminal Justice
- SOC 220: Deviance & Social Control
- SOC 493: Senior Thesis
- SOC 497: Advanced Qualitative Methods & Design
- SOC 499: Senior Seminar in Sociology

## **INTERVIEWS & MEDIA MENTIONS**

- 2026, January. “Why a Maine Democrat says Trump officials are putting extremist imagery on ‘public display.’” Portland Press Herald. <https://www.pressherald.com/2026/01/15/why-a-maine-democrat-says-trump-officials-are-putting-extremist-imagery-on-public-display/>
- 2025, January. “Family and Suspicious Activity Reporting.” Guest on the NCITE Insights podcast. <https://ncitecoe.podbean.com/e/ncite-insights-no-21-%e2%80%94-family-and-suspicious-activity-reporting/>
- 2024, January. “Hate groups in Maine.” Panelist on Maine Calling, Maine Public Radio. <https://www.mainepublic.org/show/maine-calling/2024-01-16/hate-groups-in-maine>
- 2023, October. “‘See something, say something’: Terrorism researcher addresses mass shooting red flags.” KETV Omaha. <https://www.ketv.com/article/terrorism-researcher-addresses-mass-shooting-red-flags/45659663>
- 2023, October. “What makes the Robert Card manhunt so tough for police.” Bangor Daily News. <https://www.bangordailynews.com/2023/10/27/news/central-maine/what-makes-robert-card-manhunt-tough-for-police/>
- 2023, August. “Neo-Nazi group gathers near State House in August.” News Center Maine. <https://www.newscentermaine.com/article/news/local/neo-nazi-group-gathers-near-state-house-in-augusta-saturday-maine/97-7fb4247d-e6ab-4768-a07d-d96315b505b2>
- 2023, August. “Experts: Neo-Nazi protests warrant more coverage, extremism experts say.” News Center Maine. <https://www.newscentermaine.com/article/news/local/public-safety/experts-say-neo-nazi-protests-warrant-more-coverage-extremism-augusta-maine/97-20cd6c87-9c53-4b98-942e-de50c41fb927>
- 2023, August. “Law enforcement agencies look to shift strategies amid rising drug arrests, overdoses.” Portland Press Herald. <https://www.pressherald.com/2023/08/04/law-enforcement-agencies-look-to-shift-strategies-amid-rising-drug-arrests-overdoses/>
- 2023, August. “Reports: Neo-Nazi buys Penobscot County land to build ‘white supremacist community.’” News Center Maine. <https://www.newscentermaine.com/article/news/local/neo-nazi-buys-land-in-penobscot-county-to-build-white-supremacist-community-springfield-maine-nsc-131-vice-southern-poverty-law-center/97-e547b716-a5db-47b7-8f36-4103eab080ba>
- 2023, June. “Neo-Nazi leaders will not face penalties in New Hampshire Attorney General charges.” News Center Maine. <https://www.newscentermaine.com/article/news/local/neo-nazi-leaders-will-not-face-penalties-in-new-hampshire-attorney-general-charges/97-975ce22c-9314-49f7-b008-ea54cec0607e>

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- 2023, February. “‘I want her back’: UMaine study examines grief among parents of children with serious mental illness.” WMTW Maine. <https://www.wmtw.com/article/mental-illness-umaine-grief-among-parents-children/42974335>
- 2023, January. “Counter terrorism experts weigh in on Maine teen charged in NYC attack,” Ross Ketschke, WMTW. <https://www.wmtw.com/article/counter-terrorism-experts-weigh-in-on-maine-teen-charged-in-nyc-attack/42388899>
- 2022, September. “Maine voters support drug treatment over criminal prosecution, survey finds,” Patty Wight, Maine Public Radio. <https://www.mainepublic.org/health/2022-09-27/maine-voters-support-drug-treatment-over-criminal-prosecution-survey-finds>
- 2022, September. “Most Maine voters would decriminalize low-level drug offenses, new research finds,” Kathleen O’Brien, Bangor Daily News. <https://www.bangordailynews.com/2022/09/27/news/bangor/maine-voters-decriminalize-low-level-drug-offenses>
- 2022, September. “University of Maine researchers share report detailing Mainer’s attitudes on Drug Policy Reform,” Connor Magliozzi, WABI 5. <https://www.wabi.tv/2022/09/27/university-maine-researchers-share-report-detailing-mainers-attitudes-drug-policy-reform/>
- 2022, September. “Mainers support drug treatment programs over incarceration, statewide survey finds,” Evan Popp, Maine Beacon. <https://mainebeacon.com/mainers-support-drug-treatment-programs-over-incarceration-statewide-survey-finds/>
- 2022, September. “Survey: Most Mainers want to move away from criminal punishment for low-level drug offenses,” Susan Cover, Spectrum News. <https://spectrumlocalnews.com/me/maine/news/2022/09/27/survey-finds-strong-support-for-decriminalization>
- 2022, September. “UMaine survey shows support for drug decriminalization, treatment programs,” Joe Lawlor, Portland Press Herald. <https://www.pressherald.com/2022/09/27/umaine-survey-shows-support-for-drug-decriminalization-treatment-programs/>
- 2022, January. “Violent rhetoric and conspiracy theories have gained traction in Maine since the Capitol riot,” Lia Russel, Bangor Daily News. <https://bangordailynews.com/2022/01/06/politics/local-politics-have-taken-on-a-new-tone-in-maine-since-jan-6-capitol-riot-joam40zk0w/>
- 2022, January. “UMaine professors discuss how we can prevent another January 6th attack.” News Channel 5. <https://www.wabi.tv/2022/01/06/umaine-professors-discuss-how-we-can-prevent-another-january-6th-attack/>
- 2021, September. “Vaccines and masks are drawing fierce rhetoric in Maine. Here’s why some of it is dangerous,” Steve Mistler, Maine Public Radio. <https://www.mainepublic.org/politics/2021-09-03/vaccines-and-masks-are-drawing-fierce-rhetoric-in-maine-heres-why-some-of-it-is-dangerous>
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## **SERVICE**

### ***Service to the Profession***

#### *Applied Expertise*

Core Team Member, Maine Threat Assessment Group, 2023 – present.

#### *Participation in Professional Organizations & Memberships*

##### Scholar Strategy Network

Member, 2017-present

Co-Chair of the Maine Chapter, 2022-2025

##### American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Division Memberships: Terrorism & Bias Crimes; Victimology

Awards Committee Member, Division of Victimology, 2017.

Volunteer, ASC Div. of Victimology Table at Annual Conference, 2014-18.

Volunteer, ASC Div. of Women & Crime Table at Annual Conference, 2014-17.

#### *Book & Journal Reviewer*

- Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict: Pathways Toward Terrorism and Genocide (*Editorial Board Member*)
- Journal of Drug Issues
- Journal of Interpersonal Violence
- Journal of Family Theory
- Journal of Family Violence
- Maine Policy Review
- National Association of Social Workers
- Psychological Reports
- Terrorism & Political Violence
- Trauma, Violence, & Abuse

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## ***Service to the University of Maine, the Honors College, & the Department of Sociology***

Department Chair, Fall 2023 – present.

Search Committee Chair (Sociology dept.), Spring 2022.

Search Committee Chair (Sociology dept.), Spring 2020.

Chair, Academic Council, 2019 – 2020.

Member, Academic Council, 2017 – 2020.

Member, Curriculum Committee for Criminal Justice (new major proposal), 2018 – 2020, 2024 – 2025.

Panelist, Supervising Students, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Stevens Hall, Oct. 8, 2019.

Member & Co-Founder, Interdisciplinary Research Triangle/Teaching Circle, 2016 – 2020.

Faculty Judge, UMaine Student Symposium: Social Science Graduate Student Oral Panel, April 24, 2017.

Faculty Mentor & Athletic Recruitment, Men's Basketball team, Fernald Hall, Sept. 2017.

### Thesis Committee Work:

- External Member, Master's Thesis (Brooke Buxton, University of Nebraska, Omaha), 2025-2026.
- Chair, Honors Thesis (Alexandra McGhee), 2025-2026.
- Chair, Honors Thesis (Rachel Gross), 2025-2026.
- Chair, Sociology Senior Thesis (Brooke Buxton), 2022 – 2023.
- Chair, Sociology Senior Thesis (Aran Wollard), 2021 – 2022.
- Chair, Honors Thesis committee (Andrew King), 2020 – 2021.
- Chair, Honors Thesis committee (Jessie Sweeney), 2019 – 2020.
- Chair, Honors Thesis committee (James S. Brown), 2018 – 2019.
- Member, Honors Thesis committee (Benson Brawley), 2018 – 2019.
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