

## 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 POSITIONS

- 2022 – present Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Maine
- 2020 – present 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

*Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles* (\*Denotes undergraduate or graduate student co-author)

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), 1-9.  
<https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/mpr/vol32/iss1/2/>

**Sporer, Karyn** & Paige W. Toller. (Online First, 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*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26904586.2023.2170942>

**Sporer, Karyn**, \*Michael Logan, Gina S. Ligon, and 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, and \*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, and 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**, and 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**, and 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, and 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**, and 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.

#### ***Advanced Work Under Review***

**Sporer, Karyn**, & Robert W. Glover. Assessing determinants of shifting attitudes on drug policy reform. Submission to *Criminology & Public Policy* expected Spring/Summer 2023.

#### ***Research Briefs & Policy Reports***

Glover, Robert W. & Karyn Sporer. (2022). "Maine Voters on Drug Policy: Public Opinion Research Conducted in Summer 2021." Open Society Foundation.

**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).

Simi, Pete, Steven Windisch, Matthew DeMichele, **Karyn Sporer**, \*Amy Aghajanian, \*Nathan Dufour, \*Marisa Quezada, and \*Corinne Tam. (2021). "Family Responses to White Supremacist Extremism." National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE).

**Sporer, Karyn**, Pete Simi, Matthew DeMichele, Steven Windisch, \*Amy Aghajanian, \*Nathan Dufour, and \*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).

Simi, Pete, Steven Windisch, and **Karyn Sporer**. (2016). Recruitment and radicalization among US Far-Right Terrorists. College Park, MD: START.

Simi, Pete, Bryan Bubolz, Hillary McNeel, **Karyn Sporer**, and 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.

### ***Book Chapters & Other Publications***

**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.** (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**, and 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, and \*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.

**Sporer, Karyn**, and Robert F. Meier. (2013). "Hate Crimes." In Carlos E. Cortes (ed.), *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*. Los Angeles: Sage.

### **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 – present. 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."

Year 1: \$59,419

Year 2: \$82,275

Year 3: \$121,865

Total Funded Amount: \$263,559

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: \$34,999.84

Glover, Rob & **Karyn Sporer** (Co-PIs). 2020. Open Society Foundation. “Perspectives on alternatives to drug criminalization in northern and downeast Maine.”

Funded amount: \$89,952

Continuation (2022): \$19,573

Total Funded Amount: \$109,525

***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**

Karyn Sporer. “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.

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

Karyn Sporer, “#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.

Karyn Sporer, “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.

Karyn Sporer, “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.

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

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

Karyn Sporer, "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.

Karyn Sporer, "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. "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.

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.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

CRJ 114: Survey of Criminal Justice (online)

CRJ 301: Gender & Crime

CRJ/SOC 308: Problems of Violence & Terrorism (*writing intensive*)

CRJ/SOC 324: Domestic Violence

SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology (in person & online)

SOC 214: Crime & Criminal Justice (in person & online)

SOC 220: Deviance & Social Control

SOC 493: Senior Thesis

SOC 497: Independent Study – Advanced Qualitative Methods & Design

SOC 499: Senior Seminar in Sociology

## **PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY & MEDIA MENTIONS**

### ***Public-Facing Publications***

2023, January. "Janet Mills has a mandate to take an ambitious approach to address addiction," Op Ed for the 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," Op Ed for the 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," Op Ed for the 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," Op Ed for the 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/>

### ***Media Interviews***

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>
- 2021, July. “Belfast event shows extremism is gaining traction in Maine,” Lia Russell, Bangor Daily News. <https://bangordailynews.com/2021/07/29/news/midcoast/belfast-event-shows-extremism-is-gaining-traction-in-maine/>
- 2021, January. “No one sets out to be like Venezuela,” Ethan Andrews, Managing Editor, The Free Press. <https://freepressonline.com/Content/Download-the-current-issue-as-a-pdf/Features/Article/No-One-Sets-Out-to-Be-Like-Venezuela/93/78/71920>

- 2019, November. "Study identifies resiliency strategies for family members of violent patients," Susan Gonsalves, Editor, New England Psychologist. <https://www.nepsy.com/articles/general/study-identifies-resiliency-strategies-for-family-members-of-violent-patients/>
- 2019, August. "UMaine Professor is researching how families cope with violent children who suffer mental illness," WABI Channel 5 News, Bangor, ME. <https://www.wabi.tv/content/news/UMaine-professor-is-researching-how-families-cope-with-violent-children-who-suffer-mental-illness-556954771.html>
- 2019, August. "University of Maine research offers strategies when dealing with children who have mental health issues," NBC News Center Maine. <https://www.newscentermaine.com/video/news/health/university-of-maine-research-offers-strategies-when-dealing-with-children-who-have-mental-health-issues/97-797d7cc3-cc3c-474f-9673-09166ea2b4a5>
- 2018, August. "Twitter Trolls and Terrorism Sympathy: Researcher Probes Feed in Attack Aftermath," Forensic Magazine. <https://www.forensicmag.com/news/2018/08/twitter-trolls-and-terrorism-sympathy-researcher-probes-feed-attack-aftermath>
- 2018, July. "University of Maine sociologist uses Twitter to research extreme violence sympathizers," *WFVX FOX 22*, Bangor, ME. <https://www.foxbangor.com/news/item/28472-university-of-maine-sociologist-uses-twitter-to-research-extreme-violence-sympathizers>
- 2018, July. "UMaine professor researching connection between terrorism and Twitter," WABI Channel 5 News, Bangor, ME. <http://www.wabi.tv/video/?vid=488448931>

### ***Community Engagement***

- Panelist, Think & Drink program, "What's the harm? Emotional challenges of policing and being policed," Nocturnem Draft Haus, Bangor, ME, Dec. 6, 2017.
- Panelist, Police-Citizen Contact Panel. Public Safety Training Center, Eastern Maine Community College, Sept. 28, 2017.
- Volunteer Research Consultant, Bucksport Middle School, 8th grade, 2017.
- Panelist, Black Lives Matter Movement Panel. Public Safety Training Center, Eastern Maine Community College, Oct. 6, 2016.

### **SERVICE**

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

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

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.

##### *Journal Reviewer*

Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict: Pathways Toward Terrorism and Genocide (Editorial Board Member)

Journal of Interpersonal Violence

Journal of Family Theory

Journal of Family Violence

Psychological Reports

Trauma, Violence, & Abuse



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

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.

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

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

Faculty Judge, University of Maine Student Symposium: Social Science Graduate Student Oral Panel, April 24, 2017.

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

Sociology & Honors College Theses:

- Chair, Sociology Senior Thesis (Brooke Buxton), 2022 – 2023.
- Chair, Sociology Senior Thesis (Aran Wollard), 2021 – 2022.
- Chair, Honors Thesis committee for Andrew King, 2020 – 2021.
- Chair, Honors Thesis committee for Jessie Sweeney, 2019 – 2020.
- Chair, Honors Thesis committee for James S. Brown, 2018 – 2019.
- Member, Honors Thesis committee for Benson Brawley, 2018 – 2019.
- Chair, Honors Thesis committee for Alli DellaMattera, 2017 – 2018.

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