

## Education

### **Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 2015 - Current**

Doctoral student in the Department of Sociology, with a focus on crime, law, and deviance.

I am currently researching online crime and cyber-criminality in the development of a dissertation topic.

### **University of Montana, Missoula, MT 2013 - 2015**

Master of Arts in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminology.

Thesis title: *Cyber-Victimization and Delinquency: A General Strain Approach*.

### **University of Montana, Missoula, MT 2009 - 2012**

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminology; Minor in Psychology.

Course work in statistical analysis, sociological theory, research methods, deviance, and criminology.

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology.

Course work in cultural anthropology, physical anthropology, forensic evidence collection and analysis.

Certification in Forensic Sciences.

## Research Interests

I am developing my dissertation with a focus on online victimization among juveniles and young adults.

My research interests include crime, deviance, victimization, extraordinary group behavior, new religious movements, statistical analysis, field research and sociological theory. My M.A. thesis utilized a general strain perspective in analyzing the multidimensional relationship between cyber-victimization and delinquency, while accounting for cyber-bullying, face-to-face bullying, and other known correlates. I hope to advance my research interests into the area of social media and big data, specific to radicalization, terrorism and United State cyber-security policy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## Experience

### **Colorado State University, Police Department Student Opinion Survey; 2015 - 2016**

As a graduate researcher working with Professor Prabha Unnithan I supervised a call center tasked with deploying a survey to Colorado State University students employing undergraduate volunteer researchers. The survey focused on student perceptions of campus safety, sanctification of service, and student awareness of programs offered by the Colorado State University Police Department (CSUPD). After the completion of the survey I programed and analyzed the resulting data using STATA and produced an evaluation of the CSUPD. This evaluation became both a program evaluation used internally by the CSUPD and a presentation for the university addressing the findings.

### **Colorado State University, Los Alamos Nuclear Testing Facility Field Research; 2016**

I accompanied Professor Becky Alexis-Martin, from Southampton University UK, to research community and social relationships in Los Alamos New Mexico with a focus on the people, places, and relationships connected with the United States nuclear development program. I assisted in arranging multiple interviews, photographed several area sites, and aided in collecting information on Edward Grothus. Also known as "Atomic" Ed, his outspoken opposition to atomic weapons production created a backdrop for investigating community sentiments of nuclear safety and development.

**Colorado State University, Department of Sociology, Teaching Assistant; 2015 - Current**

Acting as a graduate assistant, lecturer, proctor, and student evaluator for; Social Problems (Soc 105), Introduction to Criminal Justice (Soc 253), Correctional Organizations (Soc 358), Sociology of Deviance (Soc 372), and Sociology of Law (Soc 455).

**Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Presentation and Doctoral Student Summit; 2016**

I presented an advanced analysis of my Master's thesis, discussing the relationship between cyber-victimization and delinquency, specific to gender, age, and familial socio-economic status. While at the conference I attended the ACJS doctoral student summit; developing my skills and knowledge base on advancing my educational and research interests onto a tenure track academic trajectory.

**University of Montana, Department of Sociology, Field Research Experience; 2015**

As a graduate researcher I accompanied Professor Robert Balch to research religious diversity in Salt Lake City, Utah. We toured the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints temples and convention center. Visited the Darger family to hear their view of religious faith and plural marriage; outspoken polygamist supporters often seen as part of a sectarian movement from mainstream Mormonism. Attended a seminar at the Sumnum pyramid hosted by member acolytes; a religious organization that teaches ancient Egyptian and Gnostic Christian philosophies, including the practices of modernized mummification and ritual sex magick. Attend the gnostic religious services of a Thelemic magick Ordo Templi Orientis (OTO) order at the Horus Oasis. The OTO is a fraternal order or secret society founded on the religious beliefs and occult practices of Aleister Crowley (1910). As a participant observer to each of these events I collected observational data, conducted formal and informal interviews, and gathered photo-documentation or written materials.

**University of Montana, Graduate Student Research Conference; 2015**

As part of the development process for my MA thesis, my presentation highlighted the analytical approach to evaluating the statistical data that underpinned the basis from my theoretical approach to assessing the effects of cyberbullying on delinquency among juveniles. The presentation was titled: *Establishing an Accurate Operational Definition of Cyberbullying*.

**University of Montana, Department of Sociology, Publication Development; 2014**

In the Spring of 2014 I participated in a graduate writing seminar focused on researching information in juvenile delinquency and juvenile justice. Led by Professor Burfeind the course focused on the process of textbook authorship and publication. I contributed research that updated and refined information on juvenile probation from the 2011 publication *Juvenile Delinquency: An Integrated Approach* (2nd ed.) by James W. Burfeind and Dawn Jeglum Bartusch. The forthcoming publication under contract with Routledge will be titled *Juvenile Justice: An Introduction to Process, Practice, and Research* by James W. Burfeind, Dawn Jeglum Bartusch, and Dusten Hollist.

**University of Montana, Department of Sociology, Teaching Assistant; 2013 - 2015**

I acted as a graduate tutor, lecturer and student evaluator for: Global Leadership Initiative (Soc 191S), Social Statistics (Soc 202), Sociological Research Methods (Soc 318), Juvenile Delinquency (Soc 330), and Sociological Theory (Soc 455).

**University of Montana, Department of Sociology, Graduate Researcher; 2013 - 2014**

Under the supervision of Professor Dusten Hollist I performed literature reviews and research as part of a criminology research group. I contributed to projects for the Montana Board of Crime Control, the Department of Justice, and the Missoula Police Department.

**University of Montana, Department of Sociology, Researcher; 2010 - 2012**

As part of a developing research publication led by Professor Dusten Hollist, in partnership with Montana State Officials and the Montana Board of Crime Control, I conducted data analysis for the informational publication update "The Montana Pre-Adjudicatory Detention Risk Assessment Instrument: A Validation and Assessment Study." [http://mbcc.mt.gov/Data/SAC/RAI/RAI\\_TechRepDRAI\\_SOPVers.pdf](http://mbcc.mt.gov/Data/SAC/RAI/RAI_TechRepDRAI_SOPVers.pdf)

### **University of Montana, Department of Sociology, Field Research Experience; 2010 - 2012**

As part of an undergraduate research team, I accompanied Professor Robert Balch to Portland, Oregon to attend the religious services and Thelemic magick celebrations of the Ordo Templi Orientis at the Sekhet-Maat Lodge. As a participant observer I took part in an Ascension of Horus, a Bacchanalian, and multiple gnostic rituals.

### **University of Montana, Department of Sociology, Field Research Experience; 2012**

As part of an undergraduate research team I accompanied Professor Balch to Chilliwack, British Columbia to live with and research a Twelve Tribes community. The Twelve Tribes is a communal fundamentalist Christian sect founded in 1972 as part of the Jesus Movement of the late 1960's. The group maintains a self sustaining collective through farming and operating a chain of restaurants called The Yellow Deli. Data were collected through participant observation, including working in the deli, performing manual labor on their farm, attending their daily worship services, and informal conversations. Later that semester I led a group of undergraduates to a second Twelve Tribes Community in Nelson, British Columbia where we stayed at their Mount Sentinel Farm and conducted participant observation including farm labor and religious services.

### **University of Montana, Department of Sociology, Preceptor; 2010 - 2012**

I acted as an undergraduate Preceptor for Professor Hollist's Social Statistics course (Soc 202) tutoring students and grading student assignments.

### **University of Montana, Department of Sociology, Researcher; 2010 - 2012**

As part of a research team led by Professor Dusten Hollist, I collaborated with Montana State Officials, conducted interviews and analyzed data for the Montana Board of Crime Control informational publication "Assessing the Mechanisms that Contribute to Disproportionate Minority Contact in Montana's Juvenile Justice Systems.

[http://mbcc.mt.gov/data/SAC/RAI/DMC%20Technical%20Report%20\\_Final%20Version\\_.pdf](http://mbcc.mt.gov/data/SAC/RAI/DMC%20Technical%20Report%20_Final%20Version_.pdf)

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## **Service**

### **Colorado State University, Department of Sociology Graduate Committee; Current**

As the graduate student representative I contribute to the departments evaluations of Master and Doctoral student candidate applications.

### **University of Montana, Department of Sociology, Student Evaluation Committee; 2013**

I acted as the head of the 2013 Student Evaluation Committee (SEC) that conducts an internal evaluation of faculty in the department. The evaluation included a multi-year quantitative and qualitative analysis of teaching evaluations completed by students at the end of each semester. The results are used by the Department and the Office of the Dean to determine promotions and merit increases within the department.

### **AmeriCorps, Eliminating the Digital Divide; Washington, DC 2002 - 2003**

Working in a digital divide AmeriCorps program in Washington, DC I provided technology training to children and young adults in inner city Anacostia. I rebuilt or installed computers in community centers and performed the necessary maintenance and upgrades.

### **AmeriCorps, Montana Technology Corps; Missoula, MT 2001 - 2002**

Working in the Montana Technology Corps I completed the construction of a digital recording studio at the Boys and Girls Club of Missoula, acting as the audio engineer I taught teens the digital music production process.

## **Honors and Awards**

### **University of Montana Department of Sociology 2011-2012**

Outstanding Senior Award for Contribution to Academic Programs in Sociology.

### **University of Montana Dean's List 2009-2012.**

### **Twin Galaxies / Guinness World Records 2009.**

Castlevania; World Speed Record 13 minutes 08 seconds (Nintendo Entertainment System [NES]).

Castlevania; World High Score 2,658,090 (NES).

Castlevania II: Simon's Quest; World Speed Record 45 minutes 57 seconds (NES).

Metal Gear; World Speed Record 48 minutes 41 seconds (NES).

Super Castlevania IV; World Speed Record 48 minutes 2 seconds (Super Nintendo Entertainment System).

## **Membership in Professional Associations**

**The American Society of Criminology**

**The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences**