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EDUCATION

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| 2024 | Doctor of Philosophy , University of Nebraska at Omaha
School of Criminology & Criminal Justice |
| 2020 | Master of Science , Florida Atlantic University
School of Criminology & Criminal Justice |
| 2018 | Bachelor of Arts , Florida Atlantic University
Primary Major: Criminology & Criminal Justice
Secondary Major: Sociology |

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| 2024 - Present | University of South Florida
<i>Department of Criminology</i> , Assistant Professor |
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AREAS OF INTEREST

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| - Victimology/Victimization | - Sexual Victimization |
| - Gender-Based Violence | - Institutional Responses to Victims |

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (*denotes student co-author) ([ORCID Profile](#))

1. **Branscum, C.**, Richards, T.N., & Behre, K. (2023). Examining the relationship between type of sexual misconduct, reporting source, complainant/respondent affiliation and case resolution for sexual misconduct reported to Title IX coordinators. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 38(19-20), 10972-10997. [Impact Factor: 2.5].
2. Gilbert, S., Nystrom, A., **Branscum, C.**, Richards, T.N., & Wright, E. (2023). Native missing persons cases will not be solved by police alone: The case for “missing persons advocates.” *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 38(17-18), 10333-10359. [Impact Factor: 2.5].
3. **Branscum C.** & Richards, T.N. (2022). The wrong rite of passage: Comparing sex trafficking to other types of child maltreatment using the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). *Victims & Offenders: Special Issue on Reforming the Criminal Justice Response to Human*, 18(3), 399-422. [Impact Factor: 2.045 (2021)].
4. Snyder, K., Mollard, E., Bargstadt-Wilson, K., Peterson, J., **Branscum, C.**, Richards, T. N. (2022). Pelvic floor dysfunction in rural postpartum mothers in the United States: Prevalence, severity, and psychosocial correlates. *Women & Health*, 62(9-10), 775-787. [Impact Factor: 1.708 (2021)].
5. **Branscum C.** & Richards, T.N. (2022). An updated examination of the predictors of running away from foster care in the United States and trends over ten years (2010-2019). *Child Abuse & Neglect*. [Impact Factor: 4.86].
6. Richards, T.N., Wright, E., Nystrom, A., Gilbert, S., & **Branscum, C.** (2021). On assessing the scope of missing Native Americans in Nebraska: Results from a state-wide study and recommendations for future research. *Race and Justice*, 14(2), 146-164. [Impact Factor: 2.1 / 5-Year Impact Factor: 2.1].

7. Richards, T.N., Gover, A., **Branscum, C.**, Nystrom, A., & Claxton, T. (2021). Assessing states' intimate partner violence offender treatment standards using the principles of effective intervention (PEIs) framework. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 37(21-22), P20288-NP20310. [Impact Factor: 2.6].
8. Richards, T.N., Gillespie, L.K., & **Branscum, C.** (2021). Comparing sexual misconduct incidents in annual security reports and Title IX coordinator data: Do policies increase reporting? *Journal of American College Health*, 71(6), 1935-1946. [Impact Factor: 2.394 (2021)].
9. **Branscum, C.** & Fallik, S. (2021). A content analysis on state human trafficking statutes: How does the legal system acknowledge survivors in the United States (US)? *Crime, Law, and Social Change*, 76, 253–275. [Impact Factor: 1.612 (2021)].
10. **Branscum, C.** Cain, C., & Fallik, S. (2021). Exploring the nature of anti-trafficking laws: A content analysis of state statutes. *Journal of Human Trafficking*, 9(3), 348-362. [Impact Factor: 1.003 (2021, SNIP)].
11. **Branscum, C.**, Fallik, S., Garcia, K., Eason, B., & Gursahaney, K. (2019). Stalking state statutes: A critical content analysis and reflection on social science research. *Women & Criminal Justice*, 31(4), 261-282. [Impact Factor: 1.477 (2021)].

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW & IN PREPARATION

1. Richards, T.N., **Branscum, C.**, *Goldsmith, M., & *Ali, A. (Submitted January 1, 2023). Examining the relationship between institutional-level factors and campus climate on sexual misconduct incident reporting to Title IX coordinators and in Annual Security Reports: A state-wide study.
2. Fallik, S., *Hodges, H., **Branscum, C.**, *Garcia, K., *Sun, D., Dobrin, A., & *Victory, D. (Resubmitted July 31, 2024). *Forensic evidence in sexual assault laws: A content analysis of state statutes in the United States of America.*
3. Fallik, S. **Branscum, C.**, & Markevitch, T. (Submitted October 27, 2023). *Voluntary Victim Intoxication in Sexual Assault State Statutes: A Content Analysis.*
4. **Branscum, C.**, & Richards, T.N. *To Charge or Not to Charge: Does Sexual Assault Kit Evidence Impact Prosecutorial Charging Decisions?*
5. **Branscum, C.**, & Richards, T.N. *An updated analysis of sex-based harassment in the United States K-12 Schools: Rates and predictors of allegations, student reporting, and student discipline.*

TECHNICAL REPORTS & WHITE PAPERS

1. Richards, T.N., Nix, J., Campbell, B., Wright, E., **Branscum, C.**, Gilbert, S., Benson-Goldsmith, M., & Meinert, E. (2023). *The Minnesota Sexual Assault Kit Research Project (2019-MU-MU-0095)*. National Institute of Justice.
2. Richards, T.N., *Goldsmith, M., & **Branscum, C.** (2022). *Examining Biennial Data on Reports of Sexual Misconduct to Title IX Coordinators, Clery and VAWA Crime Reports, and Campus Climate Survey Data for Maryland Institutions of Higher Education: AY 2018-2020*. Draft submitted to the Maryland Higher Education Commission, April 25, 2022.
3. Richards, T.N., **Branscum, C.**, Nix, J., Wright, E., *Goldsmith, M., & Campbell, B. (2022). *Minnesota Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Project interim report: A retrospective review of previously untested sexual assault kits in Anoka County, MN*. Submitted to Office of Justice Programs, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, January 13, 2022.
4. Richards, T.N., Wright, E., Nystrom, A., Gilbert, S.L., & **Branscum, C.** (2021). *A descriptive analysis of missing and murdered Native women and children in Nebraska, barriers to reporting and investigation, and recommendations for improving access to justice special report: Reflections, challenges, and lessons learned*. Tribal Researcher Partnership NIJ 2019-75-CX-0014. Draft submitted to the National Institute of Justice, October 20, 2021.

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

1. CRCJ1010-850: Survey (Intro) of Criminal Justice (undergraduate; Summer 2022)
2. CRCJ 4450-850: Special topics - Sexual Violence (undergraduate; Summer 2023)
3. CCJ 3024-601: Introduction to Criminal Justice (undergraduate; Fall 2024)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE: EXTERNAL FUNDING

- 2023–Present **National Institute of Justice, Research Assistantship Program.**
Role: Research Assistant (Supervisor: Dr. Angela Moore, Ph.D., MPA).
Funding Agency: Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice.
Amount: Graduate Assistantship from 2023-2024.
- 2019–2023 **Minnesota Sexual Assault Kit Research Project**
Role: Project Coordinator (Principal Investigator, Dr. Tara N. Richards; Co-
Investigators, Drs. Justin Nix, Emily Wright, and Bradley Campbell)
Funding Agency: National Institute of Justice, Research and Evaluation on
Violence Against Women: Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence, Stalking,
and Teen Dating Violence, NIJ 2019-MU-MU-0095
Amount: \$657,488
- 2020–2021 **A Descriptive Analysis of Missing and Murdered Native Women and
Children in Nebraska, Barriers to Reporting and Investigation, and
Recommendations for Improving Access to Justice**
Role: Research Assistant (Principal Investigator, Dr. Tara Richards; Co-
Investigator, Dr. Emily Wright)
Funding Agency: National Institute of Justice, Tribal-Researcher Capacity
Building Grant, 2019-75-CX-0014
Amount: \$169,255

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE: INTERNAL FUNDING

- 2023 **An Updated Analysis of Sex Based Harassment in the United States K-
12 Schools: Rates and Predictors of Allegations Student Reporting and
Student Discipline”**
Role: Principal Investigator (Faculty Mentor, Dr. Tara N. Richards)
Funding Agency: Graduate Research and Creative Activity (GRACA) at the
University of Nebraska, at Omaha
Amount: \$5,000
- 2021 **Investigating Racial Disparities Among Missing/Runaway Youth on a
National Scale**
Role: Principal Investigator (Faculty Mentor, Dr. Tara N. Richards)
Funding Agency: Graduate Research and Creative Activity (GRACA) at the
University of Nebraska, at Omaha
Amount: \$5,000

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

- 2023 **Branscum, C.** *The Wrong Rite of Passage: Comparing sex trafficking to other types of
child maltreatment using the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System*

- (NCANDS): *An Example of Negative Binomial Regression*. Dr. Jessie Huff's Statistics III (graduate) course guest lecture (April 24, 2023).
- 2022 **Branscum, C.** *Sampling*. Dr. Tara Richard's Research Methods (graduate) course guest lecture (March 22, 2022).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 **Branscum, C.**, Reid, J., Bilali, K. *Breaking Invisible Bonds: Navigating the Challenges of Trauma Bonding in Human Trafficking Investigations*, at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Human Trafficking Investigations Virtual Symposium (April 9-11, 2024).
- 2024 Lugo-Graulich, K., **Branscum, C.**, & Hill, K. *Labor Trafficking in the United States: Lessons in Identifying Investigating and Prosecuting Cases*. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, CCHT Anti-Trafficking Symposium: Educate, Empower, Equip, & Engage. (January 25, 2024).
- 2023 **Branscum, C.** *Stalking and Technology-Facilitated Crime*. Faculty presenter for the Nebraska Victim Assistance Academy (July 20, 2023).
- 2023 **Branscum, C.** & Richards, T.N. *An Updated Examination of the Predictors of Running Away from Foster Care in the United States and Trends over Ten Years (2010-2019)*. Timothy Montoya Taskforce meeting, Office of Colorado's Child Protection Ombudsman (January 4, 2023).
- 2022 **Branscum, C.**, Richards, T.N., & Westerlund, E. *Navigating Challenges and Achieving Successes with an Evaluative Partner: Lessons Learned from the Statewide Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Project*. Minnesota Office of Justice Programs Conference on Crime Victimization. Minnesota Department of Public Safety and Office of Justice Programs (May 24, 2022).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **Branscum, C.** & Richards, T.N. *An Updated Analysis of Sex-Based Harassment in the United States' K-12 Schools (2017-2018): Rates and Predictors of Allegations, Student Reporting, and Student Discipline*. Paper presentation at the 77th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC). Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 **Branscum, C.** & Richards, T.N. *To Charge or Not to Charge: Does Sexual Assault Kit Evidence Impact Prosecutorial Charging Decisions?* Poster presentation at the 2023 Midwestern Criminal Justice Association conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2023 **Branscum, C.** & Richards, T.N. *Sexual Assault Kit Initiatives and the Importance of Forensic Testing: Looking Beyond Solving Sexual Assault Cases*. Poster presentation at the National Institute of Justice's National Research Conference. Arlington, VA.
- 2022 **Branscum, C.** & Richards, T.N. *The Victim-Survivor Notification Process and Experience from Practitioners and Survivors*. Paper presentation at the 76th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC). Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 **Branscum, C.** & Richards, T.N. *Examining Reported Sex Trafficking Victimization among Children in the United States and Predictors of Sex Trafficking Compared to Other Types of Child Maltreatment*. Roundtable discussant at the 76th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC). Atlanta, GA.
- 2021 **Branscum, C.** & Richards, T.N. *Investigating Racial Disparities Among Runaway Youth on a National Scale*. Paper presentation at the 75th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.
- 2021 **Branscum, C.** & Fallik, S. *A Content Analysis on State Human Trafficking Statutes: How does the legal system acknowledge survivors in the US?* Paper presentation at the

- 58th meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS). Virtual conference.
- 2019 **Branscum, C.** & Fallik, S. *Stalking state statutes: A critical content analysis and reflection on social science research*. Paper presentation at the 74th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 **Branscum, C.** & Fallik, S. *Stalking State Statutes: A Critical Content Analysis*. Poster presentation at Florida Atlantic University's Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Research Day. Boca Raton, FL.
- 2018 **Branscum, C.**, Fallik, S., & Hodges, H. *Forensic Evidence in Sexual Assaults: A Summary of the Nation's State Statutes*. Paper presentation at the 73rd annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 **Branscum, C.** & Fallik, S. *Voluntary Victim Intoxication in Sexual Assaults: A Summary of the Nation's State Statutes*. Paper presented at Florida Atlantic University's Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. Boca Raton, FL.
- 2017 Fallik, S. & **Branscum, C.** *Aspects of sexual assault perpetration in criminal investigations: A summary of empirical results and legal standings*. Paper presentation at the 54th annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Kansas City, MO.
- 2017 **Branscum, C.**, Branaman, A., Ostroot, A., & Ford, D. *Adulthood in the 21st Century: Factors that Affect the Transition to Adulthood*. Poster presented at the Florida Undergraduate Research Conference. Boca Raton, Florida.
- 2016 **Branscum, C.** & Carreno-Lukasik, G. *Potential Influences of Rape Myth Acceptance in Police Judgement*. Poster presented at Florida Atlantic University's annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. Boca Raton, FL.

HONORS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2024 **Helen Hansen Outstanding Graduate Student Award**
Graduate Council Scholarship/Fellowship Committee
University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Dennis Roncek Memorial Fellowship**
UNO School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
- 2023 Graduate Scholar Award**
Division on Feminist Criminology at the American Society of Criminology
- 2023 **2023 Graduate Student Paper of the Year Award**
Division of Victimology at the American Society of Criminology
- 2023 Graduate Poster Award - Honorable Mention**
Midwest Criminal Justice Association
- 2022 **Graduate Student Conference Presentation Proposal (Fall 2022/Spring 2023) - \$500**
Office of Graduate Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha
- 2021 **Graduate Student Conference Presentation Proposal (Fall 2021/Spring 2022) - \$500**
Office of Graduate Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

University Service

School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at University of Nebraska, Omaha (UNO)

- 2023 **Assisted with Prospective Student Visits with Dr. Todd Armstrong**

2022-2023	University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE Chair, Graduate Student Organization (GSO)
2022	University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE Assisted with Prospective Student Visits with Dr. Todd Armstrong
2020-2022	University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE Secretary, Graduate Student Organization (GSO)
2021-2022	University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE GSO-Appointed Peer Mentor to first-year student, Emily Meinert

Discipline Service

2020	Student Co-contributor to Division of Feminist Criminology Special Edition Newsletter, “#SayHerName” American Society of Criminology, Division of Feminist Criminology (formerly known as Division of Women & Crime).
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Peer Review Activities

*Journal of Adolescent Health
Trauma, Violence, & Abuse
Child Maltreatment
Victims & Offenders*

*Women and Criminal Justice
Crime, Law, and Social Change
Journal of Human Trafficking
Violence Against Women*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024	Sample Size Planning for Power and Accuracy – hosted by CenterStat (self-paced course).
2023	Measurement Validity and Reliability II: Logic and Process of Exploratory Factor Analysis – Hosted by Drs. Leah Butler and Teresa Kulig (May 5, 2023). Introduction to Data Visualization (2–day course) – Hosted by The Evaluator’s Institute. (October 19 & 20, 2022). ISPCR Best Practices in Data Management – Hosted by Inter–university Consortium for Political and Social Research. (October 11, 2022) 2022 NDACAN Summer Training Series @ 12:00–1:00pm EST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - July 13th — Administrative Data (NCANDS, AFCARS) and Linking - July 20th — Linking NDACAN Data with External Products - July 27th — Structural Equation Modeling Workshop - August 3rd — Propensity Score Matching Workshop - August 10th — Studying Racial Disparities using NDACAN Data
2022	Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling (3–day seminar) hosted by CenterStat with Dan Bauer & Patrick Curran. Dates include May 11–13, 2022. Session 3: National Crime Victimization Survey User Workshop – hosted by University of Maryland (May 4, 2022). Session 2: National Crime Victimization Survey Research Highlights – hosted by Bureau of Justice Statistics (April 28, 2022). Session 1: National Crime Victimization Survey Roundtable Discussion – hosted by Drs. James P. Lynch & Min Xie (April 27, 2022). Improving Student Writing Quality in Criminal Justice and Law Courses – hosted by Kritik Education Inc. (April 20, 2022 @ 1:00–2:00pm EST).

Updates from the Bureau of Justice Statistics on the National Crime Victimization Survey –hosted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (December 14, 2021)

2021

The Intersection of Foster Care, Juvenile Justice, and Race – Workshop hosted by Tanya Rollins, MSW, CPS Disproportionality Manager, Department of Family and Protective Services. Panelists include The Honorable Aurora Martinez Jones, Judge, 126th Civil District Court, Travis County, Dr. Sarah Guidry, Executive Director, Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc. Texas Southern University. (May 27, 2021).

MEMBERSHIP TO PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Section Member: Division of Victimology

Section Member: Division Feminist Criminology (formerly known as Division of Women & Crime)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA)