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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, 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. O., Bushway, S. B., Nieuwebeerta, P., & Dirkzwager, A. (In press). Confinement as a two-stage turning point: Do changes in identity or social structure predict subsequent changes in criminal activity? *Criminology*.
- Hickert, A. O., Palmen, J. M. H., Dirkzwager, A., & Nieuwebeerta, 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. O., 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. O., 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. O., & Taylor, M. J. (2011). Supportive housing for addicted, incarcerated homeless. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 37(2), 136-151.
- Hickert, A. O., 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

- Criminal Justice Collateral Consequences: How Prior Punishments Create Cumulative Disadvantage (with Shawn Bushway, David Harding, Jeffrey Morenoff)

Moving Beyond the City: The Role of Community Context and Movement in Long-Term Patterns of Recidivism (with Beth M. Huebner, Breanne Pleggenkuhle)

Public Opinion about Prison Visitation: Part of punishment or part of rehabilitation? Evidence from a national experiment (with Luzi Shi, Megan Denver)

Avoiding the cost of a felony: The causal impact of re-classifying drug possession as a misdemeanor on crime and income (with Christian Sarver, Kort Prince, Megan Denver)

Exploring visitor network dimensions (with Sarah Tahamont)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Selected Research Reports (2002-2014)

Hickert, A. O., 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. O., 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. O., 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. O., 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. O., 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. O., 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. O., 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. O., & Kirchner, R. A. (2010). *An outcome evaluation of Social Responsibility Training in the Jefferson Parish School District*. Annapolis, MD: Glacier Consulting, Inc.
- Hickert, A. O., 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. O., Becker, E., & Próspero, M. (2010). *Evaluation of Pretrial Services*. Salt Lake City, UT: University of Utah, Utah Criminal Justice Center.
- Hickert, A. O., 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. O., 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. O., & 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. O., & 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. O., & 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. O., & 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. O., (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. O., 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. O., Bushway, S., & Nieuwebeerta, 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. O., Palmen, H., Dirkzwager, A., & Nieuwebeerta, 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. O. (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. O. (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. O., 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. O., 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. O., 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. O., 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. O., 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. O., & 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. O. (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. O. (2013, September). *Principles of effective interventions: Targeting offenders' dynamic needs*. Utah Fall Substance Abuse Conference. St. George, UT.

Shdaimah, C., Martinez, S., Hickert, A. O. (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. O., 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. O. (2008, Oct). *The Homeless Assistance Rental Program*. Utah Fall Conference on Substance Abuse. Layton, UT.

Hickert, A. O., & 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. O., & 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, AWARDS, HONORS

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

- 2018 Eliot H. Lumbard 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*.
- 2015, 2017 Professional Development Grant (for conference travel) and Research Grant (for research travel) (Graduate Student Association, University at Albany)
- 2014-2017 Michael J. Hindelang Fellowship (School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany)

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

Undergraduate Courses, Southern Illinois University

- CCJ290 – Introduction to Criminological Theory (F20, S20, F19)
CCJ316 – Introduction to Criminal Justice Research (F20, Su20, S20)
CCJ317 – Introduction to Criminal Justice Statistics (F19)

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

Master's Theses

- Summer 2020 Heflin, M. *The effect of police culture on officer coping strategies* (committee 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

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

Membership Committee, The American Society of Criminology, 2018-2020

Program/School Service

Criminology and Criminal Justice, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

2020-2021

Executive Committee (Fall 2020)

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

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