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EDUCATION

In Progress	Doctorate in Philosophy University of Georgia, Athens, GA Sociology Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
2023	Master of Arts University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR Sociology and Criminology Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences GPA (4.00/4.00)
2020	Bachelor of Arts University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK Major: Sociology; Criminology College of Arts and Sciences GPA (3.78/4.00), Major GPA (4.00/4.00)
2020	Bachelor of Arts University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK Major: Psychology College of Arts and Sciences GPA (3.78/4.00), Major GPA (3.81/4.00)
Sept. 2019 – January 2020	Education Abroad University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, England Courses in Law, Humanities & Psychology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Crime, law, and deviance, sociology of punishment, urban sociology, poverty governance

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Pridemore, W. A., Rogers, M. L., & **Hawkins, K. B.** (2026). Population Sentiments and Violence: A Study of Emotional Temperature and National Homicide Rates, 2006–2019. *Sociology Compass*, 20(8), e70243.

PRESENTATIONS

- April 2026 “Expanding Social Disorganization Theory to Explain Variation in Public Defense Funding” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2026, Jacksonville, Florida
- April 2025 “Time Lost by US Regions: The Impact of Location on the Length of Time to Identify Cases of Wrongful Conviction” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2025, Charlotte, North Carolina
- May 2023 “Differences in Due Process during Post-Conviction: Examining Jurisdictional Influence on Exoneration” 2023 EPSCoR DART Annual Conference, Springdale, Arkansas

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- August 2024- Research Assistant, Franklin College Research Assistantship
May 2025 University of Georgia
Athens, GA
Duties: Background literature search, writing of the literature review of a research paper in preparation for publication
Supervisor: William Alex Pridemore, Ph.D., Department of Sociology
- Spring 2023 Master’s Thesis
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR
“Differences in Due Process during Post-Conviction: Examining Jurisdictional Influence on Exoneration” Thesis submitted for the fulfillment of the master’s degree
Supervisors: Mindy Bradley, Ph.D., Lauren Sabon, Ph.D., & Casey Harris, Ph.D., Department of Sociology and Criminology
- July- Graduate Research Assistant, DART

June 2023	University of Arkansas Fayetteville, AR Duties: Collaborated on a multidisciplinary team, combined sociological research with computer science research with the goal of providing a social perspective to social media data obtained by computer scientists Supervisors: Song Yang, Ph.D., Department of Sociology and Criminology & Susan Gouch, Ph.D., Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering
January – May 2019	Undergraduate Research Assistant, Human Learning and Memory Lab University of Oklahoma Norman, OK Duties: Examined learning transfer and the learning method of desirable difficulties, conducted literature reviews and presentations, Utilized the statistical software R Studio Supervisors: Daniel R. Kimball, J.D., Ph.D., Department of Psychology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025-2026	Teaching Assistant, <i>University of Georgia</i> Criminology Juvenile Delinquency Inside-Out Criminal Justice Practice
Fall 2024	Adjunct Faculty, <i>University of Arkansas</i> Course: Race, Class, Gender, & Sexuality (Online)
Spring 2024	Adjunct Faculty, <i>University of Arkansas</i> Course: Social Methods (Online) Course: Race, Class, Gender, & Sexuality Course: Social Theory
Fall 2023	Adjunct Faculty, <i>University of Arkansas</i> Course: Social Methods Course: Race, Class, Gender, & Sexuality
2021-2023	Teaching Assistant, <i>University of Arkansas</i>

Introduction to Sociology
Medical Sociology
Sociology of China
Social Networks

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

January – May 2019	Intern, Cleveland County District Attorney's Office Cleveland County Courthouse Norman, OK Duties: Responsible for answering questions to the public about confidential information and legal procedure, utilized various databases to assist in preparation for trial and voir dire, attended multiple preliminary hearings and trials Supervisor: SuAnn Carlson, Assistant District Attorney, Cleveland County Courthouse
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HONORS AND AWARDS

Fall 2024	Franklin College Research Assistantship
Fall 2019	AS James L. Nicholson Scholarship
Fall 2019	David C. Steed Scholarship
Fall 2019	Donald E. Hall Scholarship
Spring 2019	President's Honor Roll
Spring 2017	President's Honor Roll
Fall 2016 – Spring 2017 Spring 2018 – Spring 2020	Dean's Honor Roll
Fall 2016- Spring 2020	McKown Scholarship

