

*Curriculum Vitae***MAIA L. FERRY, B.A.**

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EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Sociology, August 2025 - May 2027

Kent State University, Kent, Ohio

Current GPA: 3.94

Thesis: *In progress*.

Committee: Dr. Elias Nader [Chair]; Dr. Clare Stacey; Dr. Tiffany Taylor

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, August 2021 – December 2024

Kent State University, Kent, Ohio

GPA: 3.725

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Youth & Emerging Adulthood; Racial Inequality & Inequity; Gender; Media & Political/Social Views; Education; Neighborhoods; Systemic Issues in Criminal Justice; Reentry & Desistance; Mental Health & Neurodivergence

PUBLICATIONS

2026 Steward, M., **Ferry, M. L.**, & Nader, E. S. Examining the Role of Meaningful Work for Desistance Among Justice-Involved Emerging Adults. *Emerging Adulthood*, 21676968261444052. <https://doi.org/10.1177/21676968261444052>

CURRENT MANUSCRIPTS

Nader, E. S., **Ferry, M. L.**, & Steward, M. “Does Justice-System Involvement Affect Emerging Adults’ Goals of Securing Meaningful Work?” *In progress*.

Steward, M. & **Ferry, M. L.** “Maturation, Gender, Identity Theory, and Crime.” In E. S. Nader, B. Coyle, & M. Rocque (Eds.), *International Journal on Maturation in Criminology & Criminal Justice*. Routledge. *In progress*.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Community Policing Initiative. Kent State University. Cleveland, Ohio. Project Leads: Elias Nader, PhD & Leigh Anderson, PhD.

Community Building Initiative. Kent State University. Akron, Ohio. Project Leads: Andrew Barnes, PhD & Tiffany Taylor, PhD.

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Data Analysis	Dedoose, NVivo, R/R Studio, Stata
Research Tools	Microsoft Office, Survey123, Otter.AI, Zotero
Research Methods	Interviews, focus groups, fieldwork, surveys, quantitative and qualitative analysis
Certifications	CITI Social and Behavioral Research CITI Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research Course I
Other	Project management, mentorship

PRESENTATIONS

2026	Ferry, Maia. November 2026. “Does Justice System Involvement Affect Emerging Adults’ Goals of Securing Meaningful Work?” [Poster]. American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, Chicago, IL.
2024	Ferry, Maia. October 2024. “Reconceptualizing Theory for Turning Points and Desistance through Meaningful Work for Justice-Involved Young Adults.” SURE Undergraduate Research Conference, Kent State University.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS

MA/PhD Program Funding and Stipend, Kent State University, Department of Sociology & Criminology. Fall 2025-Spring 2026, Fall 2026-Spring 2027.

Outstanding Sociology Senior, Kent State University, Department of Sociology & Criminology, Fall 2024-Spring 2025.

Summer Undergraduate Research Stipend, Kent State University. Summer 2024.

Dean’s List, Kent State University, 4 Semesters (2021-2024).

Academic Achievement Award, Kent State University, Fall 2021-Fall 2024.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Kent State University, Department of Sociology & Criminology. Kent, Ohio. Fall 2026. Assignment: Data Analysis (Elias Nader, PhD).

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Kent State University, Department of Sociology & Criminology. Kent, Ohio. Fall 2025-Current. Assignments: Elias Nader, PhD (Current); Tiffany Taylor, PhD.

Cultural Resources Sociology Technician, Summit Metro Parks, Conservation Department. Akron, Ohio. May 2026-September 2026. Seasonal Position.

Researcher, Kent State University. Kent, Ohio. Spring 2025. Project Lead: Elias Nader, PhD.

Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Research Fellow, Kent State University, Department of Sociology & Criminology. Kent, Ohio. Summer 2024. Mentor: Elias Nader, PhD.

Outreach Intern, Townhall II. Kent, Ohio. September 2024-December 2024.

SERVICE

Professional	President , Alpha Kappa Delta, Kent State University, Department of Sociology & Criminology. Fall 2026-Current.
Community	Volunteer , Legacies of Success. Akron, Ohio. Summer 2026-Current. Volunteer , Generations Connect. Kent, Ohio. Spring 2026-Current.
Peer Review Activity	<i>Emerging Adulthood</i>

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

2026	Social Control of Mental Illness . Kristen Marcussen, PhD. (Current). Multivariate Techniques in Sociology . Elias Nader, PhD. (A). Qualitative Methods in Sociology . Christopher Dum, PhD. (A).
2025	Quantitative Methods in Sociology . Richard Adams, PhD. (A).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)
American Society of Criminology (ASC)

- Division of Developmental and Life Course Criminology

 American Sociological Association (ASA)
Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA)