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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Kent State University

2025- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology
2021-2025 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology

University of Baltimore

2022- Research Affiliate, School of Criminal Justice
2019-2021 Assistant Professor, School of Criminal Justice
2020-2021 Research Affiliate, Schaefer Center of Public Policy

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Massachusetts Lowell
Dissertation: *Desistance Among Emerging Adults: A Mixed Methods Approach to Understanding Identity Formation, Community, and Relationships* ([LINK](#))

M.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Massachusetts Lowell

B.S. Psychology, Ohio State University
Minor: International Studies, Concentration in Security and Intelligence

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Policing; Young Adults and Desistance; Program Implementation and Evaluation; Developmental and Life-Course Criminology

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

2024 **Nader, E.** Growing Up and Out of Crime: Desistance, Maturation, and Emerging Adulthood. *Routledge*. ISBN: [9780367698577](#)

Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts

2026 **Nader, E.,** Morreale, S., and Bond, B. Organizational Change Decisions: Exploring and Institutionalizing Decision-making Approaches for Law Enforcement Executives. *Police Quarterly*: <https://doi.org/10.1177/10986111261481067>.

- 2026 Steward, M., Ferry, M., and **Nader, E.** Examining the role of meaningful work for desistance among justice-involved emerging adults. [*Emerging Adulthood*, 14\(4\)](#), 749-765.
- 2025 **Nader, E.**, O'Guinn, B., Gibson, A., and Goldberg, D. Examining the relationship between officer work assignments and retention. Evidence from the Charleston, SC Police Department. [*Police Practice and Research*](#), 26(4), 450-466.
- 2025 **Nader, E.**, Wasileski, G., and Poteyeva, M. Community perceptions, concerns for privacy, and support for law enforcement use of aerial surveillance in Baltimore. [*Crime & Delinquency*](#), 71(6-7), 2198-2227.
- 2024 O'Guinn, B., **Nader, E.**, Goldberg, D., and Gibson, A. Does prior military and/or law enforcement experience influence officer retention? A case study of the Charleston Police Department. [*Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*](#), Volume 18, paad087.
- 2023 **Nader, E.** and Davies Robinson, A. Reconceptualizing social bond theory within the transition to adulthood. [*Criminal Justice and Behavior*](#), 50 (5), 708-728.
- 2023 Tigert, J., Uy, P., Armstrong, A., Coston, F., and **Nader, E.** "I'm here, I can help": Southeast Asian American community college students. [*Journal of Southeast Asian American Education and Advancement*](#), 18(1; Article 5), 1-25.
- 2022 Bond, B. and **Nader, E.** Testing the Effects of a Problem-centered Policing Strategy on Crime Outcomes: The Promise of an Integrated Approach. [*Police Quarterly*](#), 26(1), 54-84.
- 2022 Shortland, N., Alison, L., Rhodes, H., Thompson, L., **Nader, E.**, Christiansen, P, Long, M., and Giles, G. An Empirical Assessment of The Prioritization and Intervention for Violent Extremists Tool. [*Journal of Threat Assessment and Management*](#), 9(2), 80-97.
- 2021 Socia, K., Morabito, M., Bond, B., and **Nader, E.** Public Perceptions of Police Agency Fairness and the Willingness to Call Police. [*American Review of Public Administration*](#), 51(5), 360-373.
- 2020 Shortland, N., **Nader, E.**, Thompson, L., and Palasinski, M. Is extreme in the Eye of the Beholder? An experimental assessment of extremist cognitions. [*Journal of Interpersonal Violence*](#), 37(7-8), 4865-4888.
- 2019 Shortland, N., **Nader, E.**, Sari, H., Palasinski, M., and Hilland, C. Murder on Maneuver: Exploring Green-on-Blue Attacks in Afghanistan. [*Armed Forces and Society*](#), 45(2), 368-388.
- 2019 Shortland, N., Sari, H., and **Nader, E.** Re-counting the Dead: An Analysis of ISAF Caused Civilian Casualties in Afghanistan. [*Armed Forces and Society*](#), 45(1), 122-139.

- 2018 Bond, B. and **Nader, E.** Institutionalizing Place-Based Policing: The Adoption of a Case of Place Approach. [*Policing: An International Journal*, 41\(3\), 372-385.](#)
- 2017 Shortland, N., **Nader, E.**, Imperillo, N., Ross, K., and Dmello, J. The Interaction of Extremist Propaganda and Anger as Predictors of Aggression. [*Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 36\(3-4\), 1391-1411.](#)
- 2016 Fristad, M.A., Vesco, A., Young Ryan, A., Healy, K.Z., **Nader, E.**, Gardner, W., Seidenfeld, A.M., Wolfson, H., and Arnold, L.E. Pilot RCT of Omega-3 and Individual Family Psychoeducational Psychotherapy for Children and Adolescents with Depression. [*Journal of Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology*, 48, S105-S118.](#)
- 2015 Fristad, M.A., Young Ryan, A.S., Vesco, A.T., **Nader, E.**, Healy, K.Z., Gardner, W., Wolfson, H., and Arnold, L.E. A Randomized Control Trial of Individual Family Psychoeducational Psychotherapy and Omega-3 Fatty Acids in Youth with Subsyndromal Bipolar Disorder. [*Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology*, 25\(10\), 764-774.](#)

Technical Reports

(For brevity, only reports since 2021 listed)

- 2025 Ortiz-Solis, V. and **Nader, E.** *Neighborhood Policing Plans: Pilot Phase 3 Findings Report*. Submitted to Baltimore Police Department and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement. ([LINK](#)).
- 2023 Dum, C., **Nader, E.**, & Solomon, S. *Bail Reform in Ohio: A Mixed Methods Approach to Inform Public Policy*. Submitted to the Ohio Attorney General's Center for justice Research. ([LINK](#)).
- 2023 **Nader, E.**, Ortiz-Solis, V., and Talley, J. *Neighborhood Policing Plans: Pilot Phase 2 Findings Report*. Submitted to Baltimore Police Department and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement. ([LINK](#)).
- 2023 **Nader, E.**, O'Guinn, B., Goldberg, D., and Gibson, A. *Charleston Police Department Retention Study Report*. Submitted to Charleston Police Department.
- 2022 **Nader, E.** *Neighborhood Policing Plans: Pilot Phase 1 Process Evaluation Report*. Submitted to Baltimore Police Department and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement. ([LINK](#)).
- 2022 **Nader, E.** *Neighborhood Policing Plans: Pilot Phase 1 Preliminary Findings Report*. Submitted to Baltimore Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement. ([LINK](#)).
- 2022 **Nader, E.** *A Community-Led Evaluation of Baltimore Police Department's 2021 Community Policing Training*. Submitted to Baltimore Consent Decree Monitoring Team.

- 2021 Cotten, P.A., Wasileski, G., **Nader, E.**, and Ficenec, S. *Final Report for the Baltimore Aerial Investigation Research Project: Findings from the Community Survey*. The Arnold Foundation. ([LINK](#)).

Book Chapters and Reviews

- 2017 Rydberg, J. and **Nader, E.** Halfway Houses and House Arrest. In H. Griffin and V. Woodward (Eds.) [Routledge Handbook of Corrections in the United States](#). Routledge
- 2015 **Nader, E.** [Book Review] *Criminal Injustice: How Politics and Ideology Distort American Ideals* by M.B. Robinson. [Criminal Justice Review](#), 41(2), 243-244.

PRESENTATIONS

(For brevity, only first author presentations since 2020 listed)

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

- 2025 *Improving the Design and Implementation of Police Community Collaborations.*
- 2023 *A Comparative Time-Series Analysis Examining the Effects of a Place-Based Policing Intervention on Crime.*
- 2022 *Police Aerial Surveillance and Resident Perceptions of Privacy in Baltimore City.*
- 2021 *Employment and the transition to adulthood: The importance of meaningful work for desistance.*

Academy of Criminal Justice Science (ACJS)

- 2025 *Sponsored Thematic Panel for Policing Section: Evaluating the Baltimore Police Department's Neighborhood Policing Plans (NPP) Pilot Study*
- 2024 *Exploring the Role of Meaningful Employment in the Desistance Narratives of Justice-Involved Young Adults*
- 2023 *Turning Points and Identity Maturation Within the Transition to Prosocial Adulthood.*
- 2022 *Interagency Collaboration Towards Improving Public Safety in Baltimore: Findings from a Pilot Study.*

American Society of Evidence-Based Policing (ASEBP)

- 2025 *Implementing and Evaluating Baltimore Police Department's Neighborhood Policing Plans (NPP) Pilot Study*

Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA)

- 2023 *Examining the Importance of Meaningful Employment for Emerging Adults in the Justice System.*
- 2021 *Aging Out of Crime: Emerging Adulthood Theory in a Criminological Framework.*

Additional Conference Presentations

- 2025 *Workshop: Overcoming Young People's Reentry Challenges*. For the Ohio Building Bridges of Opportunity Community Experience.

2025	<i>Employment and Desistance from Crime Among Young Adults</i> . For the Russell Sage Foundation and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Conference for Pipeline Grantees.
2025	<i>Thematic Panel: Educators as Catalysts: Evidence-Based and Culturally Competent Reentry Services</i> . For the National Reentry Conference.
2024	<i>Overcoming Reentry Challenges: Lessons from Lived Experience and Research</i> . For the Ohio Building Bridges of Opportunity Community Experience.
2024	<i>Author Meets Critics: Growing Up and Out of Crime</i> (Role: author). For the Irish North/South Criminology Conference.
2024	<i>Exploring the Mechanisms of Maturation and Desistance Among Justice-involved Young Adults</i> . For the British Society of Criminology.
2023	<i>Thematic Panel: Bail Reform in Ohio</i> . For the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association.

GRANT ACTIVITY

Extramural Grants

2023-2025	<i>The Future of Work and Reentry for Emerging Adults</i> . Funded by the Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grants Competition. Role: Principal Investigator Award: \$30,000 to Kent State University
2022-2026	<i>Evaluation of Baltimore's Neighborhood Policing Plans Pilot</i> . Funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention- Byrne Microgrants Program. Role: Principal Investigator Sub-Award: \$260,000 to University of Baltimore via Baltimore Police Department
2022-2023	<i>Bail Reform in Ohio. A Mixed Methods Approach to Inform Public Policy</i> . Funded by the Ohio Attorney General's Center for Justice Research. Role: Co-Principal Investigator (PI: Christopher Dum; Co-PI: Starr Solomon) Award: \$89,992 to Kent State University
2020-2021	<i>Assessing Community Perceptions of the Baltimore Surveillance Plane Pilot Program</i> . Funded by the Arnold Ventures. Role: Investigator (PI: P. Ann Cotten; Co-PI: Gabriella Wasileski) Award: \$256,107 to Schaefer Center of Public Policy, University of Baltimore

Intramural Grants

2026-2027	<i>Cleveland Division of Police and Stabilizing Trust in the Community</i> . Funded by the Community Engaged Research Institute, Kent State University. Role: Principal Investigator (Community Investigator: Dr. Leigh Anderson) Award: \$20,000
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HONORS AND AWARDS

External Honors and Awards

2025	Police Practice & Research Article of the Year 2025: Nader et al., Examining the relationship between officer work assignments and retention: evidence from the Charleston, SC, police department
2023	Best Research Poster & Best Evidence into Action, National Institute of Justice Research Conference 2023
2020	Sage Junior Faculty Professional Development Teaching Award, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
2018	Student Research Award, Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice

University-Level Honors and Awards

2025	New Faculty Outstanding Research and Scholarship Award, Kent State University
2024-2025	Research and Creative Activity Award, Kent State University
2022-2023	Research and Creative Activity Award, Kent State University
2020	Summer Research Development Grant Award, University of Baltimore
2019	Graduate Research Grant Award, University of Massachusetts Lowell

Department-Level Honors and Awards

2026	Outstanding Mentorship Award, Kent State University, Dept. of Soc & Crim
2023	Outstanding Mentorship Award, Kent State University, Dept. of Soc & Crim
2020	Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award, University of Massachusetts Lowell, School of Criminology and Justice Studies

TEACHING

Kent State University

Undergrad	Introduction to Justice Studies Crime and Justice in Popular Culture Data Analysis Born Criminal? The Italian Origins of Criminology (Study Abroad Course via Kent State Florence, Italy Institute)
Graduate	Deviance Multivariate Techniques in Sociology

University of Baltimore

Undergrad	Criminological Foundations Criminal Justice Research Methods Juvenile Justice
Graduate	Research Analysis for Crim. Justice Contemporary Issues in Juv. Justice

University of Massachusetts Lowell

Undergrad	Statistics in Criminal Justice Criminal Justice Data Analysis
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STUDENT COMMITTEES

Chair

Completed

- 2025-2026 Esther Nzomo, Masters Thesis (Kent State University)
2023-2025 Madeline Steward, Dissertation (Kent State University; co-chair with R. Adams)

In Progress

- 2026- Maia Ferry, Masters Thesis (Kent State University)

Committee Member

In Progress

- 2024- Joshua Warren, Dissertation (Kent State University)
2024- Brandon Ehlinger, Dissertation (Kent State University)
2026- Kris Laffridi, Masters Thesis (Kent State University)

Completed

- 2025 Jazmine Talley, Dissertation (American University)
2025 Eleora Adams, Masters Thesis (Kent State University)
2024 Megan Denny, Masters Thesis (Kent State University)

SERVICE

Service to Kent State University

- 2026- College Advisory Committee, College of Science and Humanities
2026- Faculty Advisory Committee, Dept. of Sociology and Criminology
2022-2026 Curriculum and Undergraduate Studies Committee, Dept. of Soc and Crim
2026 Merit Review Committee, Dept. of Sociology and Criminology
2024 Transformation 28 (T-28) Working Group C: Communications
2022-2023 Faculty Handbook Committee, Department of Sociology and Criminology

Professional Service

- 2025- Assistant Editor, [Emerging Adulthood](#)
2025- American Society of Criminology – DLC Executive Counselor (Membership)
2026 National Institute of Justice – Grant Peer Reviewer
2024 National Institute of Justice – Grant Peer Reviewer
2024 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences – Awards Committee
2020-2024 American Society of Criminology – DQC Awards Committee
2023 American Society of Criminology – Program Committee
2020-2022 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences – Membership Committee (Chair, 2021-2022)
2020-2021 American Society of Criminology – DLC Program Committee
2020 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences – Awards Committee

Community-Centered Service

- 2020-2022 Evaluation Team Lead, Community Policing Collaborative, Baltimore Police Department
2020 Greater Baltimore Committee on Public Safety

Peer Reviewer Activity

Journals	Criminal Justice & Behavior; Police Quarterly; Police Practice and Research; Victims & Offenders; Race & Justice; International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology; Criminal Justice Review; Crime & Delinquency; Policing; International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice; Armed Forces & Society; Global Implementation and Research Applications; Narrative Inquiry; Emerging Adulthood
Publishers	Routledge; Sage; Oxford University Press

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2022-2023	<i>Applied Criminology and Data Management Course</i> . American Society of Evidence-Based Policing; Funded by the National Institute of Justice
2021	<i>Early Career Teaching Program: Faculty Cohort 2021-2022</i> . Center for Teaching and Learning, Kent State University.
2020-2021	<i>Sage Junior Faculty Professional Development Teaching Series</i> . Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.
2020	<i>Improving Online Teaching and Learning: Faculty Cohort 2020-2021</i> . Center for Excellence in Learning, Teaching, and Technology, University of Baltimore.
2017	<i>Compulsory: Education and the Dispossession of Youth in a Juvenile Prison</i> . (5-week workshop). Consortium for Graduate Studies in Gender, Culture, Women, and Sexuality at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
2016	<i>Doctoral Student Summit</i> . Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.
2015	<i>Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) 4-week Summer Program</i> . University of Michigan.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology (ASC)
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American Society of Evidence-Based Policing (ASEBP)
Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA)
Midwestern Criminal Justice Association (MCJA)