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CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

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.

- 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, <https://doi.org/10.1093/police/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 **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*. OnlineFirst DOI: [10.1177/00111287231189720](https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287231189720)
- 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

- 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.
- 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](#)).
- 2020 Cotten, P.A., Wasileski, G., **Nader, E.**, and Ficenec, S. *Interim Report for the Baltimore Aerial Investigation Research Project: Findings from the Early Launch Community Survey June 2020*. The Arnold Foundation. ([LINK](#)).

- 2020 **Nader, E.** and Socia, K. *Assessing the Needs of Young and Emerging Adults at UTEC*. UTEC, Lowell, MA.
- 2018 Bond, B. and **Nader, E.** *Process and Outcome Evaluation Report*. Strategies for Policing Innovation, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).
- 2018 Pattavina, A., Corbett, R. P., **Nader, E.**, and Ge, T. Designing an Integrated Mobile Application and Case Management Tool to Promote Behavioral Change in Criminal Populations Supervised in the Community. Smart and Connected Communities Planning Project, National Science Foundation (NSF).

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 2018 listed)

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

- 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.*
- 2019 *Examining the Conceptualization of Social Bonds Among Justice-Involved Emerging Adults.*
- 2018 *A Cross-Classified Multilevel Model Examining the Effects of Neighborhood Violence on School Based Outcomes.*

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.*
- 2019 *A Preliminary Investigation into the Importance of Social Bonds Among Justice-Involved Emerging Adults.*

American Society of Evidence-Based Policing (ASEBP)

- 2025 *Implementing and Evaluating Baltimore Police Department's Neighborhood Policing Plans (NPP) Pilot Study*
- 2018 *Evidence-Based Policing Strategies in the Context of Place: An Example of Implementation and Effectiveness.*

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.*
- 2018 *Identity in the Context of Desistance from Crime: Understanding the Value of Considering Identity in the Desistance Process Among Emerging Adults.*

Additional Conference Presentations

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

GRANT ACTIVITY

- 2023-2025 *The Future of Work and Reentry for Emerging Adults.* Funded by the Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grants Competition.
Role: Principal Investigator
Award: \$30,000 to Kent State University
- 2022-2026 *Evaluation of Baltimore's Neighborhood Policing Plans Pilot.* 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 *Bail Reform in Ohio. A Mixed Methods Approach to Inform Public Policy.* 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 *Assessing Community Perceptions of the Baltimore Surveillance Plane Pilot Program.* 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

HONORS AND AWARDS

External Honors and Awards

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 Honors and Awards

2025	New Faculty Outstanding Research and Scholarship Award, Kent State University
2024-2025	Research and Creative Activity Award, Kent State University
2023	Graduate Student Mentorship Award, Kent State University, Dept. of Soc & Crim
2022-2023	Research and Creative Activity Award, Kent State University
2020	Summer Research Development Grant Award, University of Baltimore
2020	Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award, University of Massachusetts Lowell
2019	Graduate Research Grant Award, University of Massachusetts Lowell

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

University of Baltimore

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

University of Massachusetts Lowell

Undergrad	Statistics in Criminal Justice Criminal Justice Data Analysis
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STUDENT COMMITTEES

Chair

Completed

2023-2025	Madeline Steward, Dissertation (Kent State University; co-chair with R. Adams)
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In Progress

2025- Esther Nzomo, Masters Thesis (Kent State University)

Committee Member

In Progress

2024- Joshua Warren, Dissertation (Kent State University)

2024- Brandon Ehlinger, Dissertation (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

2022-2026 Curriculum and Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department 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*](#)

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 Member

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; International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology; Police Practice and Research; Victims & Offenders; Race & Justice; Criminal Justice Review; Crime & Delinquency; Policing; International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice; Armed Forces & Society; Global implementation and Research Applications; Narrative Inquiry

Publishers Routledge; Sage; Oxford University Press

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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