

John Ursino

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Criminology and Criminal Justice

University of Nebraska- Omaha, Omaha, NE

Expected Graduation Date: May 2026

Supervisor: Dr. Zachary Hamilton

Master of Arts, Criminal Justice

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

Graduation Date: May 2022

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

Graduation Date: May 2021

Minor in Political Science

HONORS AND AWARDS

Internal Honors:

Order of Omega Honors Society 2019-2021, *North Dakota State University*

Cum Laude 2021, *North Dakota State University*

Summa Cum Laude 2022, *North Dakota State University*

Awards:

K. Clouston Family Political Science Endowment, 2021, *North Dakota State University*.

Graduate Research and Creativity Activity Grant, 2022-2023, *University of Nebraska – Omaha*.

Graduate Studies Graduate Student Conference Presentation Award, 2023-2024, *University of Nebraska – Omaha*.

The Office of Research and Creative Activity Grant, 2023-2024, *University of Nebraska – Omaha*.

Graduate Studies Graduate Student Conference Presentation Award, 2024-2025, *University of Nebraska – Omaha*.

Graduate Research and Creativity Activity Grant, 2024-2025, *University of Nebraska – Omaha*.

PUBLICATIONS

Ursino, J., (2022). An Outcome Evaluation of CENTRE Incorporated's Responsive Risk Reduction for Women Program. *ProQuest*.

- Hamilton, Z., **Ursino, J.**, Kigerl, A. (2024). Personal Recognizance Interview and Needs Screen (PRINS): Development of a Pretrial Risk Assessment. *Journal of Criminal Justice*.
- Ursino, J.**, Hamilton, Z., Kigerl, A. (2024). Improving Pre-Trial Risk Assessment. *American Jails*.
- Hamilton, Z., Allen, B., **Ursino, J.**, Krushas, A. & Kigerl, A. (2024). Never Going to Let you Down: Preventing Predictive Shrinkage Via the STRONG-R Assessment Method. *Justice Quarterly*.
- Allen-Flores, B., Hamilton, Z., **Ursino, J.**, Kigerl, A. (2024). Risk-Contamination and Dilution: Advancing the RNR Model in Prison Settings. *Crime and Delinquency*.
- Hamilton, Z., Kigerl, A., **Ursino, J.** (in progress). Creation and Implementation of the Pennsylvania STRONG-R.
- Ursino, J.**, Hamilton, Z., (in progress). Unraveling Decarceration Policy and How it Affects Correctional Populations.
- Ursino, J.**, Hayes, A., Hamilton, Z., Kigerl, A. (in progress) Short Timers in Prison: Acute Causes of Prison Crowding.
- Mei, X., Hamilton, Z., Tostlebe, J., Allen-Flores, B., **Ursino, J.**, (in progress) All the Evidence of a Good Assessment: Empirical test of STRONG-R Needs Assessment Construct Validity

RESEARCH BRIEFS

- Ursino, J.**, (2023). Predictive Validity of the LSI-R on a Sample of Native American Females – Research Brief (Doc. #2023-003). Nebraska Center for Justice Research. Omaha, NE.
- Hamilton, Z. **Ursino, J.** Kigerl, A. (2023). Evaluation of the King County’s Pretrial Risk Assessment: The Personal Recognizance Interview & Needs Screen (PRINS) (Doc. # 2023-002). Nebraska Center for Justice Research. Omaha, NE.
- Hamilton, Z., **Ursino, J.**, Allen, B. (2023) Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Classification & Crowding Project - Research Brief (Doc. #2023-004). Nebraska Center for Justice Research. Omaha, NE.
- Hamilton & **Ursino** (2024) Achieving Justice: Reducing Racial Bias in Criminal Justice Risk Assessments - Research Brief (Doc. #2024-005). Nebraska Center for Justice Research. Omaha, NE.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- Hamilton, Z., Allen, B., Kobie, B., **Ursino, J.**, Gildea, B., & Spohn, R. (2023). *Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Classification & Flow Project Technical Report: Phases II*. Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. Lincoln, NE.

- Hamilton, Z., Kigerl, A., & **Ursino, J.** (2023). *Personal Recognizance Interview & Needs Screen (PRINS) Evaluation and Revalidation*. Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention. King County, WA.
- Towne, K., Campbell, C., Miles-Steffens, M., Gildea, B., **Ursino, J.**, Spohn, R., Hamilton, Z., Campagna, M., Kobie, A., Claxton, T., Dueland, L., Grell, T. (2023). *Evidence-Based Inventory of Criminal Justice Programs in Nebraska*. Nebraska Center For Justice Research.
- Campagna, M., Towne, K., Spohn, R., Hamilton, Z., Tostlebe, J., Krushas, A., Gildea, B., **Ursino, J.**, Al Falatah, S., Hayes, A. (2024). Evaluation Report: Violence Reduction Program at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. Nebraska Center for Justice Research, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
- Campagna, M., Towne, K., Spohn, R., Hamilton, Z., Tostlebe, J., Krushas, A., Gildea, B., **Ursino, J.**, Al Falatah, S., Hayes, A. (2024). Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Anger Management High-Risk High-Need Program of Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. Nebraska Center for Justice Research, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
- Campagna, M., Towne, K., Spohn, R., Hamilton, Z., Tostlebe, J., Gildea, B., **Ursino, J.**, Al Falatah, S., Hayes, A. (2024). Process and Outcome Evaluation of the I-Help and O-Help Sex Offender Programs of Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. Nebraska Center for Justice Research, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha.
- Hamilton, Z., Kigerl, A., Peterson, A., Duwe, G., **Ursino, J.** (2024). *The Criminal Justice Base Rate Project*. National Institute of Justice.
- Kearns, E., Hashimi, S., Hamilton, Z., Armstrong, G., Tuner, N., Moelter, I., Vetter, S., Ursch, B., Jurkiewicz, A., **Ursino, J.**, Allen-Flores, B., Hayes, A. (2024). Managing the Exit of Incarcerated Violent Extremists in the Community: State of Practice Report. A research report published by the National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education (NCITE) Center. Omaha, NE.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Co-Investigator. (2021-2022). *Responsive Risk Reduction for Women Program Evaluation*. This master's thesis was an outcome evaluation of a community-based gender-responsive program.
Graduate Research Assistant
Supervisor: A. Meyer, PhD
- Co-Investigator. (2022-2023). *Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Classification and Bed Management Process Evaluation*. This project sought to examine the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services use classification, programming and bed management in an effort to identify areas of reduced logistical flow as a source of overcrowding.

Graduate Research Assistant
Supervisor: Z. Hamilton, PhD

Co-Investigator. (2022). *Evidence Base Program Report*. This report examines the quantity and needs addressed by adult criminal justice programs and provides a snapshot of operating evidence-based programs throughout Nebraska.

Graduate Research Assistant
Supervisor: Z. Hamilton, PhD

Co-Investigator. (2022-2023). *Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Violence Reduction Program of Nebraska Department of Correctional Services*. This project will evaluate the Nebraska Department of Correctional Research (NDCS) evidence-based programs used in the reduction of recidivism.

Graduate Research Assistant
Supervisor: Z. Hamilton, PhD

Research Assistant (2022-2023). *Vocational Life Skills Program Evaluation*.

Graduate Research Assistant
Supervisor: Z. Hamilton, PhD

Research Assistant. (2022-2023). *Base Rate Project*. This project created criminal justice base rates for all citizens in a majority of US states.

Graduate Research Assistant
Supervisor: Z. Hamilton, PhD

Co-Investigator. (2023). *King County PRINS Revalidation*. This project sought to revalidate the PRINS pretrial risk assessment for King County Washington.

Graduate Research Assistant
Supervisor: Z. Hamilton, PhD

Research Assistant. (2022-2023). *Managing the Exit of Incarcerated Violent Extremists in the Community Handbook*. This project summarizes the current and future needs of correctional agencies when supporting violent extremists reentering from prison.

Graduate Research Assistant
Supervisor: Z. Hamilton, PhD

Co-Investigator. (2023-2024). *Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Anger Management High-Risk High-Need Program of Nebraska Department of Correctional Services*.

Graduate Research Assistant
Supervisor: Z. Hamilton, PhD

Research Assistant. (in progress). *WAONE Revalidation and Update*. This project sought to examine the validity of the Washington State Department of Corrections (WADOC) Offender Needs Evaluation and update the tool using WADOC data.

Graduate Research Assistant
Supervisor: Z. Hamilton, PhD

Co-Investigator. (in progress). *Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Sex Offender Programs*.

Graduate Research Assistant
Supervisor: Z. Hamilton, PhD

Co-Investigator. (in progress). *Lancaster County Criminal Justice System and Jail Assessment*.
This project examines Lancaster County jail population increases and potential solutions
for crowding issues.

Graduate Research Assistant
Supervisor: Z. Hamilton, PhD

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Held Positions

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of
Nebraska at Omaha

Omaha, NE

August 2022 – Present

- I contribute to research projects by conducting literature reviews, collecting and analyzing data, and assisting in the development of research reports.

Academic Advisor/Graduate Assistant, Athletic Academic Department, North Dakota State
University

Fargo, NE

August 2020-May 2022

- Met with student athletes on a weekly basis to ensure their academic plans met the university and National Collegiate Athletic Association requirements. Job requirements included assisting students in finding institutional and academic resources and completing weekly and semesterly progress reports on my students' behalf to submit to the coaching staff and university officials.

Learning Assistant, English Department, North Dakota State University

Fargo, NE

August 2020-May 2021

- Learning assistant in the English Department. Monitored learning environment and provided technical assistance for distance learning. Provided writing assistance to students.

Teaching Workshops and Courses

Teaching Criminal Justice at the University Level (Spring 2024)

Foundations of Online Teaching (Spring 2024)

Creating and Engaging, Equitable, and Inclusive Online Class (Fall 2024)

The AI Advantage: Transforming Teaching and Preparing Students to Thrive (Fall 2024)

Continuing the Momentum: Foundations of Online Teaching (Fall 2024)

CERTIFICATIONS

Personal Crisis Identification and Intervention

Presented by the University of North Dakota, Fargo ND
August 2022

Department of Homeland Security Privacy Awareness Certification

Presented by the Department of Homeland Security
December 2023

Department of Defense Cyber Awareness Certification

Presented by the Department of Defense
December 2023

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT

Crime and Justice Public Opinion Lab

Member

University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha NE

September 2020 - Present

Statistical Horizons Course on Treatment Effect Analysis

Participant

November 2022

American Society of Criminology

Member

September 2022 - Present

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Member

October 2022 – Present

Graduate Students Organization

Treasurer

University of Nebraska at Omaha, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Omaha NE

January 2023 – August 2024

The Association of Blacks and Browns in Criminal Justice

Member

University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha NE

September 2023 – Present

Statistical Horizons Course on Time Series Analysis

Participant

November 2023

Statistical Horizons Course on Longitudinal Data Analysis

Participant

April 2024

PROFFESIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Zachary Hamilton, Alex Kigerl, & **John Ursino**. "Personal Recognizance Interview & Needs Screen (PRINS)", King County, WA. December 15, 2023.

John Ursino, Zachary Hamilton, Baylee Allen-Flores, & Alex Kigerl. "The Impact of Short-Timers on Prison Crowding", The American Society of Criminology Annual Conference. November 17, 2023.

Baylee Allen-Flores, Zachary Hamilton, Addison Kobie, & **John Ursino**. "Nebraska Classification Matching", The American Society of Criminology Annual Conference. November 17, 2023.

Baylee Allen-Flores, **John Ursino**, & Zachary Hamilton. "The Impacts of Decarceration on Individuals Who Remain Incarcerated", The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference. March 19, 2023.

John Ursino. "Unraveling Decarceration Policy and How it Affects Correctional Populations", The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference. March 23, 2023.

Zachary Hamilton, Jennifer Tostlebe, **John Ursino**, Baylee Allen, & Alex Kigerl (2024). Measuring Desistance via Decay: Making Criminal History Dynamic. *American Society of Criminology*. Salt Lake City, UT.

Zachary Hamilton & **John Ursino** (2024). "Lancaster County Criminal Justice System and Jail Assessment", Omaha, NE. September 19, 2024.

Baylee Allen-Flores, Zachary Hamilton, & **John Ursino**. "What About Those We Left Behind?: The Unintended Consequences of Decarceration for Those Still Incarcerated", The American Society of Criminology Annual Conference. November 13, 2024.

Zachary Hamilton, Jennifer Tostlebe, **John Ursino**, Baylee Allen-Flores, & Alex Kigerl. "Measuring Desistance via Decay: Making Criminal History Dynamic", The American Society of Criminology Annual Conference. November 13, 2024.

John Ursino & Zachary Hamilton. "Exploring A Generation's Bias: A Multi-State Evaluation of the LSI-R", The American Society of Criminology Annual Conference. November 15, 2024.

Michael Campagna, **John Ursino**, Sarah Al Falatah, & Brian Gildea. "Evaluating Violence Programming in Prison: Comparing Cognitive-Behavioral and Psycho-Educational Approaches", The American Society of Criminology Annual Conference. November 15, 2024.

Ryan Spohn, Sarah Al Falatah, Jennifer Tostlebe, & **John Ursino**. "Sex Offender Treatment: An Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Prison- and Community-Based Programming", The American Society of Criminology Annual Conference. November 15, 2024.