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EDUCATION

UPDATED: 11/2026

PhD University of Cincinnati, Criminal Justice — May 2028

MA University of South Florida, Criminology — May 2024
Graduated Summa Cum Laude

Thesis: "The Perception of Innocence and Guilt: Understanding Relationships between Exonerees and their Loved Ones"
Advisor: Dr. Jessica Grosholz / Committee: Dr. Lyndsey Boggess, Dr. Amanda Lewis

BS University of Florida, General Psychology — May 2022
Graduated Cum Laude

BA University of Florida, Criminology — May 2022
Graduated Cum Laude

RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Qualitative Methods	Victimization and Culpability
Wrongful Conviction	Public Perceptions
Reentry Services	Victim-Offender Overlap

PUBLICATIONS

McCullough, M., & Maher, C. A. (2026). Trauma-Informed Expungement Support for Criminalized Survivors: The Role of Victim Service Providers. *Victims & Offenders*, 1–27. [article link]

Maher, C. A., Hayes, B. E., **McCullough, M.,** Burckley, J., Powers, R. A., Simmons, A. K., & McKingsley, L. A. (2026). Law enforcement policies for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities: A mixed methods analysis. *Criminology & Public Policy,* 25, 463–490. [article link]

McCullough, M., & Lewis, A. (2025). "They Were With Me, They Were Against Us": Exploring Loved One Support and the Us Versus Them Mentality After Wrongful Convictions. *Crime & Delinquency*, 0(0). [article link]

Wagers, S. M., Grosholz, J. M., Khan, S., Pate Carter, K., & **McCullough, M.** (2025). Enhancing human trafficking victim services: A technology-driven, participatory action research approach. *Criminology & Criminal Justice*, *26*(4), 1072–1091. [article link]

Peeler, G., Pieri, Z. P., Grosholz, J. M., & **McCullough, M.** (2025). Straight Outta 4chan: Exploring the Album Art of the White Supremacist "Moon Man" Music Project. *Race and Justice*, *15*(4), 722-749. [article link]

BOOK CHAPTERS

Hayes, B. E., Powers, R. A., & **McCullough, M. E.** (in press). Current directions in the victimization of individuals with disabilities. In K. Lloyd & J. J. Turanovic (Eds.), *The Oxford handbook of victims and victimization*. Oxford University Press.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

OVW Research Project Summer 2024 - Current
University of Cincinnati
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Ráchael Powers and Dr. Brittney Hayes
Project: *IDD VICTIMS AND BARRIERS TO REPORTING*

Trafficking in Persons Risk to Resilience Research Lab (TiP Lab) Fall 2023 - Current
University of South Florida (St. Petersburg Campus)
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Shelly Wagers and Dr. Jessica Grosholz
Project: BRIGHT QUALITATIVE STUDY ON PRODUCT USAGE

Graduate Research Assistant Summer 2023 – Spring 2024
University of South Florida (Sarasota-Manatee Campus)
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Jessica Grosholz and Dr. Zacharias Pieri
Project: WHITE POWER MUSIC STUDY

Center for Justice Research & Policy (CJRP LAB) Summer 2023 – Fall 2024
University of South Florida (Tampa Campus)
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Bryanna Fox and Dr. Edelyn Verona
Project: PARC STUDY, PASCO COUNTY JAIL
Project: NIJ REENTRY SERVICES & RCT EVALUATION

LEAD Psychology and Law Lab (LEAD Lab) Spring 2020 – Summer 2022
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Undergraduate Research Assistant, Dr. Lora Levett
Project: Dissertation (Dr. Amanda Lewis): "BEYOND THE BARS – EXPLORING THE LIVES OF EXONEREES AND THEIR LOVED ONES AS THEY COPE WITH MISCARRIAGES OF JUSTICE"

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Cincinnati Fall 2026
(Uptown Campus), Cincinnati, OH
Instructor, *Criminal Justice*
Course: CJ4040 – Victimology

University of Cincinnati Fall 2026
(Uptown Campus), Cincinnati, OH
Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Criminal Justice*
Instructor: Dr. Ráchael Powers
Course: CJ4029 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (Media and Crime)

University of Cincinnati Summer 2026
(Uptown Campus), Cincinnati, OH
Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Criminal Justice*
Instructor: Dr. Hexuan Liu
Course: CJ 4023 - Criminal Justice Statistics

University of Cincinnati Spring 2026
(Uptown Campus), Cincinnati, OH
Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Criminal Justice*
Instructor: Dr. Brittany Hayes
Course: CJ4040 - Victimology

University of Cincinnati Fall 2025
(Uptown Campus), Cincinnati, OH
Instructor, *Criminal Justice*
Course: CJ4040 - Victimology

University of Cincinnati Spring 2025
(Uptown Campus), Cincinnati, OH
Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Criminal Justice*
Instructor: Dr. Ráchael Powers
Course: CJ3028 – Women and Crime

University of Cincinnati Fall 2024
(Uptown Campus), Cincinnati, OH
Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Criminal Justice*
Instructor: Dr. Ráchael Powers
Course: CJ3028 – Women and Crime

University of South Florida Fall 2023
(Sarasota-Manatee Campus), Sarasota, FL
Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Criminology*
Instructor: Dr. Roberta O'Malley
Course: CCJ4651 – Drugs and Crime

University of South Florida Fall 2023
(Tampa Campus), Tampa, FL
Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Criminology*
Instructors: Dr. Cindy Moore and Cary Elyes
Course: CCJ4651 – Drugs and Crime

University of South Florida Summer 2023
(Tampa Campus), Tampa, FL
Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Criminology*
Instructors: Dr. Cindy Moore
Course: CCJ4651 – Drugs and Crime

University of South Florida Spring 2023
(Tampa Campus), Tampa, FL
Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Criminology*
Instructors: Dr. Cindy Moore and Cary Elyes
Course: CCJ4651 – Drugs and Crime

University of South Florida Fall 2022
(Sarasota-Manatee Campus), Sarasota, FL
Graduate Grading Assistant, *Criminology*
Instructor: Dr. William Tafoya
Course: CCJ4933 – Digital Forensics

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Spring 2023
National Harbor, MD, USA

American Society of Criminology (ASC) Fall 2023
Philadelphia, PA, USA

McCullough, M., & Lewis, A. (2023). The perception of innocence and guilt: understanding the relationships between exonerees and their loved ones. [Panel presentation]. Accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Spring 2024
Chicago, IL, USA

McCullough, M., & Lewis, A. (2023). The perception of innocence and guilt: understanding the relationships between exonerees and their loved ones. [Panel presentation]. Accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Wagers, S., Carter, K., Scott, M., Grosholz, J., & **McCullough, M.** (2023) The BRIGHT project: participatory action research, human trafficking stakeholders, and lessons learned. [Panel

presentation]. Accepted for presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

American Society of Criminology (ASC) Fall 2024
San Francisco, CA, USA

McCullough, M., & Lewis, A. (2024). Understanding the strain, coping mechanisms, and behavior among exonerees and their loved Ones. [Panel presentation]. Accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California, USA.

Wagers, S., Grosholz, J., Carter, K., Khan, S., & **McCullough, M.** (2024) BRIGHTening pathways: analyzing stakeholder needs for enhanced engagement in human trafficking services. [Panel presentation]. Accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California, USA.

American Society of Criminology (ASC) Fall 2025
Washington, D.C., USA

McCullough, M., & Powers, R. (2025). Public Opinion on Exonerees and Their Status: Examining the Opinion of Lawfully Convicted and Wrongfully Convicted Individuals, Gender, Race, and their Reentry Support. [Panel presentation]. Accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology, Washington, District of Columbia, USA.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Spring 2026
Philadelphia, PA, USA

McCullough, M., & Maher, C. A. (2026). Trauma-Informed Expungement Support for Criminalized Survivors: The Role of Victim Service Providers. [Panel presentation]. Accepted for presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.

American Society of Criminology (ASC) Fall 2026
Chicago, IL, USA

McCullough, M., Burkley, J., & Powers, R. (2025). Beyond Reasonable Doubt: Public Opinion of Wrongful Convictions for Defendants with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. [Panel presentation]. Accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL, USA.

GRANTS

Center for Criminal Justice Research Doctoral Student Research Grant Spring 2025
University of Cincinnati
(Uptown Campus) Cincinnati, OH
Recipient ($1000)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Criminology Graduate Student Organization (CGSO) Spring 2023 – Spring 2024
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Treasurer

Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice Honor Society) Fall 2022 – Spring 2024
University of South Florida Tampa, FL
Member

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

UF Hall of Fame Inductee Spring 2022
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
University of Florida Member of the 101st Cohort

RESEARCH SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE

NVivo
STATA
R
Mplus
Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, PowerPoint
Google – Docs, Sheets, Slides