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EDUCATION

University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Criminal Justice, August 2025–Present

Anticipated Degree Conferral: Spring 2029

University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

Master of Science (M.S.) in Criminal Justice, August 2024–August 2025

Certificate in Analysis of Criminal Behavior

Degree Conferral: August 8, 2025

Dillard University, New Orleans, LA

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Criminal Justice, August 2020–May 2024

Minor: Psychology

Degree Conferral: May 11, 2024

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Black Criminology, Feminist Criminology, Juvenile Justice, Intersectionality, Gendered Pathways to Crime and Justice Involvement, Family Relationships and Youth Delinquency, Race and Crime, Victimization and Trauma

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati | May 2026- Present

NIJ-Funded Ohio Youth Assessment System Research Project

- Conduct research using Ohio Youth Assessment System (OYAS) data to examine risk factors and recidivism among justice-involved youth.
- Synthesize existing literature and identify empirical research to inform research questions, theoretical framing, and manuscript development.
- Analyze OYAS data using Stata and interpret statistical findings to inform research questions and written products.
- Develop research questions and prepare conference materials and manuscripts examining juvenile justice outcomes using OYAS data.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Armstrong, Z. B. (in progress). Same risk, different outcomes? Examining violent and non-violent recidivism among justice-involved youth.

Armstrong, Z. B., [Co-authors]. (in progress). Beyond broad family measures: Specific criminogenic family factors and juvenile recidivism among Black youth.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant

School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati | August 2026–Present

Course: Juvenile Justice System

Graduate Teaching Assistant

School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati | August 2026–Present

Course: Psychology of Criminal Behavior

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Armstrong, Z. B. (2025, April 4). *The environmental influences of violent behavior*. Poster presented at the 87th Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, **New Orleans, LA**.

Armstrong, Z. B. (2024, April 18). *The environmental influences of violent behavior*. Poster presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, **New Orleans, LA**.

Armstrong, Z. B. (2023, September 19). *The environmental influences of violent behavior*. Paper presented at the Dillard University McNair Scholars Program Fall Research Symposium, **New Orleans, LA**.

Armstrong, Z. B. (2023, September 6–7). *The environmental influences of violent behavior*. Paper presented at the University of New Mexico McNair Conference, **Albuquerque, NM**.

INVITED WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS

Armstrong, Z. B. (2026, September 14). *Beyond the Bachelor's: What Nobody Tells You About Graduate School*. Workshop presented to participants of the Urban Youth Leadership Academy, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant

University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH | August 2025–Present

Mentor

Urban Youth Leadership Academy, University of Cincinnati | February 2026–Present
U.S. Department of Education-Funded Project

- Mentor undergraduate students through the Urban Youth Leadership Academy
- Facilitate an educational workshop regarding the transition to graduate school
- Support youth programming and educational activities focused on personal development, leadership, academic growth, career development, and community impact.

AWARDS & HONORS

Service Award, Criminal Justice Department, Dillard University | April 22, 2024

Dean's List & Honors List, Dillard University | Fall 2020–Spring 2023

MEDIA FEATURES

Featured in Forbes, “The Times They Are A-Changin: How Gen Z Civic Leaders Are Revolutionizing Our Democracy,” November 3, 2022.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society, Pi Delta Iota Chapter | April 2023–Present

Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, Delta Eta Sigma Chapter | March 2023–Present

Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program | August 2023–Present

National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice | November 2022–Present

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) | August 2022–Present

SKILLS

Statistical Software: Stata, SPSS

Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint

Google Workspace: Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms, Classroom

REFERENCES

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