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## **EDUCATION**

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<b>Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Criminal Justice</b> Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI	<b>Expected 2028</b>
<b>M.S. Criminal Justice</b> Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI Thesis: <i>The Impact of True Crime Podcasts on Unsolved Homicide Cases: The Evolution of True Crime Media.</i> Thesis Committee: Dr. Carrie Buist (Chair), Dr. Jina Lee, Dr. Tonisha Jones	<b>2024</b>
<b>B.S. Psychology, Concentration in Counseling, Summa Cum Laude</b> Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI	<b>2022</b>
<b>A.A. General Studies, High Honors</b> Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, MI *5 <sup>th</sup> Year Early/Middle College Program	<b>2020</b>

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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<b>Graduate Research Assistant</b> <i>School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University.</i> <b>Supervisor:</b> Dr. Karen Holt	<b>Aug. 2024 – present</b>
<b>Graduate Assistant</b> <i>School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies, Grand Valley State University.</i> <b>Supervisor:</b> Dr. Carrie Buist	<b>Aug. 2022 – May 2024</b>
<b>Competitive Market Analysis/Sales Internship</b> <i>NextGen Healthcare, Atlanta, GA.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Researched competitors in various electronic medical record markets, compiled data and conducted competitive analysis, coordinated with numerous organizations for market intelligence, filed reports, and presented findings.</li></ul>	<b>June 2022 – Sept. 2022</b>

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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<b>Graduate Assistant</b> <i>School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI.</i> <b>Faculty:</b> Dr. Carrie Buist <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Scheduled and maintained regular office hours, proctored, and graded examinations, obtained teaching materials for class, led discussion sections.</li><li>Graduate Assistant for Cold Case Investigation Course (CJ380) in conjunction with Michigan State Police.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervised and worked jointly with undergraduate students.</li><li>Collaborated with Michigan State Police.</li><li>Read, organized, and scanned cold case files.</li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Aug. 2022 – May 2024</b>
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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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<b>Marine Deputy (seasonal)</b> <i>Berrien County Sheriff's Department - Marine Division, St. Joseph, MI.</i>	<b>May 2023 – Sept. 2024</b>
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- Enforcement of the Marine Safety Act on Lake Michigan, inland lakes and rivers within Berrien County.
- Performed waterway patrols, issued citations, warnings, safety checks, processed accidents, search and rescue, body recoveries, secured crime scenes, rendered aid. Proper maintenance of boats, engines, trailers, and vehicles.

### **Crisis Intervention Advocate – Sexual Assault**

**May 2021 – June 2022**

*The Avenue Family Network Inc., Benton Harbor, MI.*

- Managed and responded to sexual assault crisis hotline calls. Supported and accompanied victims to forensic exams, provided support and advocacy for survivors.
- Assisted victims with filing documents (i.e., crime victim compensation), provided resource mobilization, advocacy and follow up for caseload. Assisted in locating housing for displaced individuals.
- Former Nationally Credentialed Provisional Advocate.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

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**(In progress)** Lee, J., Copeland, A., & **Hickmon, N.** An Analysis of State Laws for Violations of Protective Orders for Intimate Partner Violence.

**(In progress)** **Hickmon, N.**, & Holt, K. The Impact of True Crime Podcasts on Unsolved Homicide Cases.

### **CONFERENCES/PRESENTATIONS**

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#### Poster Presentations

- **Hickmon, Narelle.** “Examining the Effects of Parental Incarceration on Offspring Arrest”. *American Society of Criminology*. Philadelphia, PA. November 16, 2023.
- **Hickmon, Narelle.**, Lenon, Casey., Tolles, Elliza. “How Does Substance Use Affect Mental Status in College Students”. *Aquinas College 2022 Student Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Symposium*. Grand Rapids, MI. April 27, 2022.

#### Oral Presentations

- **Hickmon, Narelle.**, Moelker, Courtney., Owens, Christina., Hamilton, Emma., Guerrero, Elisa. “Cold Case Investigation: Students Working with Michigan State Police Using Experiential Learning”. *Michigan Sociological Association*. Grand Valley State University Pew Campus. Grand Rapids, MI, October 28, 2023.

### **ORGANIZATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS**

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- Michigan State University Graduate Student Association (Aug. 2024-present)
- Grand Valley State University Graduate Student Association Executive Board
  - Administrative Officer (May 2023 – May 2024)
  - Curriculum and Program Review Subcommittee
- American Society of Criminology (ASC) (Jan. 2023-present)
- Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice Honor Society) (Jan. 2023-May 2024).
- Phi Theta Kappa (Lake Michigan College) (2019-2020)

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Award for Academic Excellence in a Degree Program, GVSU	<b>2024</b>
Excellence in a Discipline Award, GVSU	<b>2024</b>
Award for Excellence in Service to the Community/Profession, GVSU	<b>2023</b>
Outstanding Senior in Psychology Award, Aquinas College	<b>2022</b>
NAIA Scholar Athlete Award, Aquinas College	<b>2022</b>

Merit Scholarship, Aquinas College

**2020 – 2022**

St. Albertus Magnus Scholarship, Aquinas College

**2020 – 2022**

NCBCA Collegiate Scholar Athlete Award

**2020 – 2021**