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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Spring 2027 *Expected* **Ph.D.** Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Dissertation: “Evaluating the Effectiveness of ENCOMPASS on Violent Reinjury and Criminal Justice Involvement”
Committee: Drs. Tara Richards (chair), Lane Gillespie, Justin Nix, Charity Evans, and Chantal Fahmy
- 2023 **M.A.** Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Thesis: “The Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Attempted Suicide Calls for Police Service and Underlying Context for Suicide Attempt Survivors”
Committee: Drs. Sadaf Hashimi (Chair), Justin Nix, and Mario Scalora
- 2021 **B.S.** Biomedical Science (*cum laude*), University of South Florida
Minor: Criminology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mental Health, Physical Health, Suicide, Program Evaluation, Rehabilitation

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES (ORCID: [0009-0009-9349-1913](https://orcid.org/0009-0009-9349-1913))

- 2026 **Al Falatah, S.**, Tostlebe, J., Hashimi, S. Beyond Risk Factors: A Mixed-Methods Study of Interpersonal Dynamics in Suicide Attempts and Reattempts from Police Narratives. *Health & Justice* (Forthcoming).
- 2025 Vietto, N., Armstrong, T., Schroll, D., and **Al Falatah, S.** Differences in Associations Between Autonomic Nervous System Activity and Psychopathic Traits Across Stress Paradigms and Measures. *Psychopathology & Behavioral Assessment* 47(1), 1-12. [[article link](#)].

RESEARCH REPORTS

- 2026 Hamilton, Z., Tostlebe, J., Ursino, J., Gonzales, T., Hayes, A., Russell-Coprich, N., Jordan, C., **Al Falatah, S.**, & Kigerl, A. (2026). *Evaluation of Electronic Monitoring in Nebraska Parole Supervision*. Advancing Research in Corrections Lab, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha. [submitted to NDCS for review]
- Hamilton, Z., Tostlebe, J., **Al Falatah, S.**, Towne, K., Ursino, J., Kigerl, A., & Campagna, M. (2026). *Evaluation Report: Sexual Offense-Specific Treatment Programming at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services*. Nebraska Center for Justice Research, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha. [submitted to NDCS for review]
- 2024 Campagna, M., Spohn, R., Hamilton, Z., **Al Falatah, S.**, Ursino, J., Gildea, B., Tostlebe, J., Hayes, A., & Towne, K. (2024). *Evaluation Report: Anger Management Program at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services*. Nebraska Center for Justice Research, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha. [[report link](#)]
- Hamilton, Z., Tostlebe, J., Kigerl, A., Kobie, A., and **Al Falatah, A.** *The Iowa risk & needs assessment evaluation and development: Iowa Board of Parole*. 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.**, and Hayes, A. *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. [[report link](#)]
- 2023 **Al Falatah, S.** Hashimi, S. *The implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on attempted suicide trends*. Omaha Police Department.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2026 - Current *ENCOMPASS (Engaging Networks within the Community of Omaha to Maintain and Promote a Safe Society)*, University of Nebraska Omaha
- Funding: Funded by Bureau of Justice Assistance Award #15PBJA-24-GG-03108-CVIP
- Role: **Graduate Research Assistant** (Drs. Tara Richards & Lane Gillespie)
- Evaluating the effectiveness of ENCOMPASS
 - Conducting a scoping review on hospital-based violence intervention programs
 - Collecting data on criminal justice outcomes through Nebraska Justice Search

- 2025 – 2026 *Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS)*
Internship—post-traumatic growth among incarcerated people, University of Nebraska Omaha
Role: **Graduate Research Assistant** (Dr. Zachary Hamilton)
 - Coded 12 qualitative interviews in MAXQDA
 - Contributed to the write-up of the qualitative findings
- 2023 – 2026 *Evaluation of Clinical and Non-Clinical Programs at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS), University of Nebraska Omaha*
Funding: Funded by NDCS for \$852,475
Role: **Graduate Research Assistant** (Drs. Ryan Spohn & Zachary Hamilton)
 - Assisted with technical report writing
 - Completed 6 interviews with NDCS staff
 - Completed 4 interviews with participants
 - Conducted consensus qualitative coding for staff and participant interviews
- 2022 –2023 *Behavioral Health and Wellness Unit Internship, Omaha Police Department*
Role: **Graduate Research Assistant** (Dr. Sadaf Hashimi)
 - Reviewed all incident reports (i.e., overdose, injury, sickness, and suicide attempt) at Omaha Police Department (OPD)
 - Reclassified incident reports as suicide attempts based on criteria established with OPD
 - Built a suicide attempt database for OPD detailing characteristics of suicide attempters and the suicide attempt incidents
- 2021 – 2022 *Screening for Insider Threats in US Law Enforcement, University of Nebraska Omaha*
Funding: Funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for \$135,785
Role: **Graduate Research Assistant** (Drs. Erin Kearns & Sadaf Hashimi)
 - Collected data from police department websites on recruiting practices
 - Assisted with creating a database on policing hiring practices (incentives, disincentives, and safety prevention measures)
 - Conducted intercoder reliability checks
- 2021 – 2022 *Autonomic Nervous System Reactivity and Antisocial Behavior, University of Nebraska at Omaha*
Role: **Graduate Research Assistant** (Dr. Todd Armstrong)
 - Assisted with data collection (survey responses and physiological data)
 - Assisted with cleaning and coding the data for analyses

- 2019 – 2021 *Mental Health Facilities Treatment; Psychological Assessment of Risk and Criminality (PARC) with Pasco County Sheriff's Office, University of South Florida*
- Role: Undergraduate & Graduate Research Assistant** (Dr. Bryanna Fox)
- Assisted with data cleaning and coding for multiple projects
 - Assisted with building a database on white-collar crime in the U.S.
- 2019 – 2021 *Social Preferences and Environmental Behavior, University of South Florida*
- Role: Undergraduate Research Assistant** (Dr. Chae Jaynes)
- Assisted with survey development and distribution
 - Assisted with cleaning and coding data in Stata

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 **Al Falatah, S.** The Role of Co-Occurring Mental Health, Physical Health, and Substance Use on Youth Arrest. The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, *Philadelphia Conference*. [poster]
- 2025 **Al Falatah, S.** The Role of Co-Occurring Mental Health, Physical Health, and Substance Use on Criminal Behavior. The American Society of Criminology, *DC Conference*. [manuscript in progress]
- *Did not attend due to the government shutdown*
- 2024 **Al Falatah, S.,** Tostlebe, J., & Hashimi, S. How do mental health concerns impact suicide attempts? A multi-method study of police calls for service. (Al Falatah, panel presenter). The American Society of Criminology, *San Francisco Conference*. [manuscript under review]
- Spohn, R., **Al Falatah, S.,** Tostlebe, J., & Ursino, J. Sex offender treatment: An evaluation of the effectiveness of prison- and community-based programming. (Al Falatah, panel presenter). The American Society of Criminology, *San Francisco, Conference*. [report in progress]
- Campagna, M., Ursino, J., **Al Falatah, S.,** & Gildea, B. Evaluating Violence Programming in Prison: Comparing Cognitive-Behavioral and Psycho-Educational Approaches (Campagna, panel presenter). The American Society of Criminology, *San Francisco Conference*. [[report link](#)]
- 2023 **Al Falatah, S.,** & Hashimi, S. “The Effect of COVID-19 on Suicide Attempt Calls for Police Service” (Al Falatah, panel presenter). The American Society of Criminology, *Philadelphia Conference*. [[Master's Thesis](#)]
- Vietto, N., Armstrong, T., Schroll, D., & **Al Falatah, S.** “Associations Between ANS Activity and Psychopathic Traits: A Consideration of Differences in Association Across Stress Task” (Poster). The American Society of Criminology, *Philadelphia Conference*. [[article link](#)]

- Al Falatah, S., & Hashimi, S.** “The implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on attempted suicide calls for police service” (Al Falatah, panel presenter). Suicide Research Symposium, *Virtual*
- 2022 **Al Falatah, S., & Hashimi, S.** “The implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on police mental health calls for service” (Al Falatah, panel presenter). The American Society of Criminology, *Atlanta Conference*
- Vietto, N., Armstrong, T., Schroll, D., & Al Falatah, S.** “The Evaluation of Autonomic Nervous System Activity and Psychopathic Stressor Across Stress Conditions” (Vietto, panel presenter). The American Society of Criminology, *Atlanta Conference*
- 2021 **Al Falatah, S., Jaynes, C., Fox, B., & Verona, E.** “The Intersection of Race, Mental Health, and Disciplinary Sanctions in a Rural Jail” (Al Falatah, panel presenter). The American Society of Criminology, *Chicago Conference*
- Vietto, N., Armstrong, T., Schroll, D., & Al Falatah, S.** “Autonomic Nervous System Reactivity and Traits Associated with Antisocial Behavior” (Vietto, panel presenter). The American Society of Criminology, *Chicago Conference*

GUEST LECTURES

- 2026 **Al Falatah, S.** “Special Populations and Self-Care.” Dr. Emily Milner’s Victims’ Rights and Services Class (in-person)
- Al Falatah, S.** “Victimization of Special Populations.” Dr. Michaela Benson-Goldsmith’s Victimology Class (in-person)
- Al Falatah, S.** “Self-Care for Professionals.” Brad Negrete’s Mental Health and Criminal Justice Class (in-person)
- 2023 **Al Falatah, S.** “Legal Issues and the Death Penalty Part 1 & Part 2.” Dr. Jenn Tostlebe’s Survey of Correction Class (in-person)
- Al Falatah, S.** “Health and Healthcare in Prison.” Dr. Jenn Tostlebe’s Survey of Correction Class (in-person)
- 2021 **Al Falatah, S.** “Micro-level Gang Theories.” Dr. Sadaf Hashimi’s Gangs and Gang Control Class (in-person)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

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

2025 CRIM 400 (Summer): **Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System**
(online)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

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

2023 – 2024 CRCJ 2210: **Survey of Correction**; Dr. Jenn Tostlebe (in-person)

2021 – 2022 CRCJ 4450: **Gangs and Gang Control**; Dr. Sadaf Hashimi (in-person)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2025 - 2026 Graduate Research and Creative Activity Grant, “An Evaluation of a Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program.” University of Nebraska at Omaha - \$5,000.

2026 ORCA Student Conference Travel Fund, University of Nebraska at Omaha.
ACJS Doctoral Summit - \$500

2025 ORCA Student Conference Travel Fund, University of Nebraska at Omaha. *ASC Conference* - \$500
 • *Did not attend due to the government shutdown*

2021 - 2025 Graduate Studies Conference Travel Grant, University of Nebraska at Omaha
(\$2,500 total, \$500 per year)

2021 Undergraduate Research Scholarship, University of South Florida - \$500

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2026 4-Day Data Visualization Workshop (Dr. Goran Kuljanin) from CARMA

 Doctoral Student Summit Fellow. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.
 • *The summit included a scholarship*

2025 Digital Learning Course: Improving the Accessibility of Your Canvas Course.
Completed at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. May 5, 2025.

2024 Digital Learning Course: Foundations of Teaching Online. Completed at the
University of Nebraska at Omaha. October 25, 2024.

2023 Measurement Validity and Reliability: Logic and Process of Exploratory Factor
Analysis. Crime and Justice Public Opinion Lab. Leah Butler, Ph.D., Teresa
Kulig, Ph.D. University of Nebraska Omaha. May 5, 2023.

SERVICE

2024 – 2025	UNO School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization (GSO), President
2023 – 2024	UNO School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Secretary
2023	Volunteer at the Jailhouse Golf Scramble hosted by the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- American Society of Criminology, Student Member
- *Division of Corrections and Sentencing*
 - *Division of Health and Disability Criminology*