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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race & Ethnicity
Racism & Prejudice
Criminology

Spatial Analysis
Crime & Deviance
Media Bias

EDUCATION

Louisiana State University || Baton Rouge, LA 2018-Present

PhD Candidate, A.B.D., Sociology
Minor: African & African American Studies (AAAS)

Southeastern Louisiana University || Hammond, LA 2016-2018

Master of Science, Applied Sociology
Concentration: Criminology
Thesis: *Racial Prejudices, Attitudes, and Beliefs Sustained With Aid from News Media Sources*

Southeastern Louisiana University || Hammond, LA 2011-2014

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
Minor: Criminal Justice

CERTIFICATIONS

Graduate Certificate in Crime Mapping & Geospatial Intelligence Analytics

Pending Approval Upon Graduation

Louisiana State University, Department of Sociology

Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Science (GIS)

Pending Approval Upon Graduation

Louisiana State University, Department of Geography & Anthropology

PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

O’Connell, Heather A., Brooke E. Barrett, Tiffany Pham, Katherine J. Curtis, Ales Mikulas, Jack DeWaard, and Junho Lee. 2025. “Addressing Black-White Economic Inequality in Rural America: Structural Racism and the Legacy of Slavery.” Brief 2025-1. Rural Population Research Network.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

American Society of Criminology San Francisco, CA November 2019
Individual Paper Presentation
Racial Prejudices, Attitudes, and Beliefs Sustained with Aid from News Media Sources

Roundtable Session
Nurturing Criminality: An Examination of the Causes of Adolescent Deviance

INVITED LECTURES

“Fear of Crime and Attitudes Toward Crime” Spring 2021
Guest Lecture for SOCL 4464: Rural Crime
Louisiana State University, Department of Sociology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Southeastern Louisiana University || Hammond, LA
Alpha Kappa Delta Initiation Spring 2017
Dean’s List Spring 2014; Fall 2013
President’s List Summer 2013; Spring 2012; Summer 2012
Honor Roll Spring 2013

ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

COPS Project August 2019 – July 2021
Group Data Collection and Coding
Helped construct, administer, collect, and code questionnaire data. Participated in group meetings and discussions for how to approach and carry-out research for the project.

[July 2025]

East Baton Rouge Public Library Project

Fall 2019

Group Project Leader

Used ArcGIS to examine patron location accessibility and presented project findings to the EBRPL Assistant Library Director

East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority Plank Road Masterplan

Spring 2019

Group Project

Researched the history of the community and presented project findings to the EBARRA

Sociological Graduate Student Association

2018 - 2020

Secretary

Louisiana State University || Baton Rouge, LA

One Heart Source Youth Empowerment Program

Summer 2018

Cape Town, South Africa

Worked with children in the Imizamo Yethu community by assisting students in improving Math and English Literacy skills

Department of Psychology at Southeastern Louisiana University

Fall 2015

Research Assistant

Collected and sorted qualitative data for Dr. Sohr-Preston.