

Rebecca K. Murray
Curriculum Vitae

Dept. of Sociology/Anthropology
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Education

- Ph.D. (2005) University of Nebraska at Omaha – Criminal Justice
Dissertation Title: “An assessment of the Effects of Liquor-Serving Establishments on Crime Focusing on Blocks with Bars, Blocks behind Bars and Blocks around Bars”
PhD. Qualifying Examinations Passed Dec 2003 in
Theoretical Criminology
Quantitative Methodology
- M.A. (2002). University of Nebraska at Omaha – Criminal Justice
Thesis: “Bars, Brawls and Blocks: An Examination of the Associations Between the Locations of Liquor-Serving Establishments and Felonious Assaults”
- B.S. (1996). Creighton University – Sociology, Summa cum laude
Certificate in Criminal Justice

Awards

- 2004 University of Nebraska at Omaha Outstanding Graduate Student for 2003-2004
- 2003 University of Nebraska at Omaha University Committee on Research \$350 for travel to the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
- 2002 University of Nebraska at Omaha Criminal Justice Department Nominee for Presidential Fellowship Award
- 2002 University of Nebraska at Omaha University Committee on Research \$350 for travel to the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting
- 1996 Creighton University Recipient of Jack D. Angus Outstanding Student in Sociology Award

Courses Taught:

Creighton University:

Self and Society

Spring 07/06 Fall 07/06/05

Sociology of Criminal Justice

Spring 07/05/04 Fall 05

Law and Society

Spring 07/06

Social and Cultural Theory

Fall 07

The Urban Social System

Fall 06

Sociology of Deviant Behavior

Fall 07/06/05/04

Gender and American Society

Spring 06

University of Nebraska at Omaha:

Community Based Corrections

Fall 2005

Research Methods

Spring 2004

Applied Statistics

Spring 2004 / Fall 2002

Survey in Corrections

Spring 2003

Survey in Criminal Justice

Spring 2003

Research Interests:

Environmental Sociology/Criminology

Mixed Research Methodology

Quantitative Spatial Analysis

Restorative Justice

Juvenile Justice Systems

Criminal Justice Policy

Publications:

Journal Articles

Murray, Rebecca K. and Dennis W. Roncek. (accepted with revisions) "Measuring Diffusion of Assaults around Bars through Radius and Adjacency Techniques" *Criminal Justice Review*

Murray, Rebecca K. (forthcoming) "Immigrant Communities and Media Perceptions of Place" *Journal of Social and Ecological Boundaries* Special Issue: Immigration: Crime, Victimization and Media Representation

Herz, Denise C. and Rebecca K. Murray (2003) "Exploring Arrestee Drug Use in Rural Nebraska" *Journal of Drug Issues* 33:99-118.

Maguire, Edward R. and Rebecca K. Schulte-Murray (2001) "Issues and Patterns in the Comparative International Study of Police Strength" *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 42:75-100.

Harper, Charles L. and Rebecca Schulte-Murray (1998) "Religion and the Sociology of Culture: Exploring the Organizational Cultures of Two Midwestern Roman Catholic Dioceses" *Review of Religious Research*, 40:101-120.

Book Chapters

Murray, Rebecca K. (forthcoming) "Examining Measurement Issues in Alcohol Establishment Research" in Maddan, Sean (ed.) *Criminology and Criminal Justice: Theory, Research Methods, and Statistics* Boston: Jones and Bartlett.

Murray, Rebecca (2005) "Chapter 13: Limited Dependent Variables" in Walker, Jeffrey and Sean Maddan *Statistics in Criminology and Criminal Justice: Analysis and Interpretation* 2nd Edition:301-323. Boston: Jones and Bartlett.

Book Reviews

Ferraro, Kathleen J. *Neither angels nor demons: women, crime, and victimization*. Northeastern, 2006. Choice, July 2007.

Criminalizing women: gender and (in)justice in neo-liberal times, ed. by Gillian Balfour and Elizabeth Comack. Fernwood Publishing, 2006. Choice, February 2007.

Scott, Hannah. *The female serial murderer: a sociological study of homicide and the "gentler sex"*. E. Mellen, 2005. Choice, November 2006.

Internet Resource: *Bureau of Justice Statistics*. URL: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>. Choice, September 2006.

Grants and Awards:

2008 Creighton College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Summer Research Fellowship Recipient: "Sex Offenders and Risk Assessment: The Importance of Place" Awarded Amount: \$4,800.

2007 Recipient Omaha Community Foundation's Fund for Omaha Grant: "Bringing the Innocent's Plight to Light" for Nebraska Innocence Project. Awarded Amount: \$4,000.

Research Reports:

T. Hank Robinson, Molly Brown, Rebecca Murray and Nicole Kennedy (2006). *Metropolitan Community Justice Recidivism Reduction Center Study: Final Report*. Presented to the Nebraska Community Corrections Council Dec 2006. State of Nebraska Contract No. CC-07-348

Walker, J.T., S. Maddan, J.M. Miller, G. Ervin-McLarty, and R.K. Murray. (2005). *The Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative in the Federal Judicial District of Arkansas: Final Report*. Little Rock, Arkansas: Arkansas Crime Information Center.

Murray, Rebecca; S. Maddan, J.T. Walker, A.C. VanHouten. (2005). *Examining the Spatial Nature of Methamphetamine Related Crime in Conway, Arkansas*. Bryant, Arkansas: Statistical Systems, Inc.

Robinson, T. Hank and Rebecca K. Murray (2005) *Juvenile Assessment Center Evaluation: Final Report 2004* Omaha, NE: Juvenile Justice Institute.

Conference Presentations

Murray, Rebecca K. "Community Participation and Informal Social Control" American Society of Criminology Annual Conference 2007 Atlanta, Georgia.

Murray, Rebecca K. "Locational Analysis of Media Reported Crime: Do we Really Know where the Violence is?" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference 2007 Seattle, WA.

Murray, Rebecca K. "Adjusting for Spatial Autocorrelation in Problematic Samples" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference 2006 Baltimore, Maryland.

Murray, Rebecca K. "Looking at the Effect of Patrol on Juvenile Delinquency: The Case of the Tail Wagging the Dog?" American Society of Criminology Annual Conference 2005 Toronto, Ontario.

Murray, Rebecca K. and Dennis W. Roncek "The Spatial Consequences of Adjusting for Spatial Autocorrelation with a Limited Dependent Variable Technique" Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference 2005 Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Murray, Rebecca K., Dennis W. Roncek and Sean A. Maddan "Schools Scuffles and Settings: The effects of School Locations Reexamined For Assaults In A Midwestern City" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference 2004 Las Vegas, Nevada.

Roncek, Dennis W. and Rebecca K. Murray "Bars, Malls, Brawls and Blocks" American Society of Criminology Annual Conference 2003 Denver, Colorado.

Roncek, Dennis W. and Rebecca K. Murray "Bars, Brawls and Blocks: The Relationship Between Alcohol Sales and Assaults" American Society of Criminology Annual Conference 2002 Chicago, Illinois.

Herz, Denise C.; Rebecca Murray; Amy Poland and Amanda Mathias "Connecting Treatment Needs the Treatment Needs of Juveniles to Appropriate Services: How Effective and Efficient are Evaluations?" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference 2002 Anaheim, California.

Research:

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| 2005 | Graduate Research Assistant for the Juvenile Justice Institute. University of Nebraska at Omaha. Worked on pretrial diversion database management system, and mapping addresses for the Juvenile Assessment Center. |
| 2002-2005 | Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Dennis W. Roncek. University of Nebraska at Omaha. Worked on effects of urban structures on crime for Omaha. |
| 2001-2002 | Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Dennis W. Roncek. University of Nebraska at Omaha. Worked on geocoding and mapping urban structures of Omaha. |

Spring 2002 Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Denise C. Herz. University of Nebraska at Omaha. Worked on establishing cross-training curriculum for criminal justice, substance abuse and mental health professionals.

Fall 2001 Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Jihong (Solomon) Zhao. University of Nebraska at Omaha. Worked on editing various research projects.

Professional Organizations

Member Nebraska Innocence Project

American Society of Criminology Member

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Member

UNO Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization Newsletter Co-Editor

UNO Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization Treasurer 2003-2004

Member of Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology honors fraternity

Professional Service

Creighton University Pre-Law Advisory Committee Co-Chair (2007-current).

Attended Midwest Association of Pre-Law Advisors 2007 Annual Meeting in Chicago

Assisted students in "Writing a Successful Personal Statement" Workshop

Worked with Registrar's office and Student Pre-Law Club to put together list serve for pre-law students

President, Nebraska Innocence Project (2007-current)

Put together Inmate Awareness campaign brochure

Successfully obtained funding from Omaha Community Foundation, the Todd Simon Foundation and H.Lee and Carol Gendler Charitable Fund.

Community Goal Buddy, Kellom Elementary School (2007-2008)

Met with kindergarten students bi-monthly and discussed importance of setting, working toward and meeting goals in the categories of Reading, Writing and Citizenship.

Student Affairs Committee, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2006-current)

Duties: Determine ways to increase student involvement in ACJS. In charge of student workshop at Annual meeting in 2007 and 2008.

Grant reviewer – Department of Homeland Security (2006)

Reviewed 30 grant applications for Department of Homeland Security

Vice President – Iowa/Nebraska Innocence Project (2006)

Expert Testimony (2005) – Orchard Hill Neighborhood Association.

Activities: Presented geographical crime research to Nebraska Liquor Commission as expert testimony on behalf of neighborhood association.

Committee Chair – (2004) Research Section of Restorative Justice Coalition for Douglas

County. Duties: Researched national restorative justice efforts, studied legislative efforts in Nebraska pertaining to restorative justice, proposed community reparative board effort.

Volunteer, Generations of Faith committee (2004) – St. Leo Catholic Church, Omaha, NE.

Activities: Conducted presentation and discussion seminar on document *Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration; A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice: A statement of the Catholic Bishops of the United States.*