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Curriculum Vitae
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Kennesaw State University
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2020 – Present Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
Kennesaw State University

EDUCATION

2020 Ph.D., Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Nebraska Omaha

2015 M.A., Criminal Justice
Radford University

2013 B.A., Criminology
Lynchburg College
Cum Laude

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Violence; Violent Extremism; Far-Left Extremism; Malevolent Creativity and Innovation; Offender Decision-Making

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Review Journal Articles

- 2023 Barnum, T. & **Logan, M.K.**
“Extremism, situational decision-making, and restrictive deterrence”
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
- 2022 **Logan, M.K.**, Windisch, S., & Simi, P.
“Adverse childhood experiences and violent extremism: A comparison of left-wing and right-wing extremism”
Terrorism and Political Violence
- 2021 **Logan, M.K.** & Ligon, G.S.
“Come one, come all: Individual-level diversity among anti-fascists”

- Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict: Pathways toward Terrorism and Genocide*, 14(2), 209-224.
- 2021 **Logan, M.K.**, Damadzic, A., Medeiros, K., Ligon, G.S., & Derrick, D.C.
 “Constraints to malevolent innovation in terrorist attacks.”
Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts. DOI: 10.1037/aca0000385
- 2020 **Logan, M.K.**, Ligon, G.S., & Derrick, D.C.
 “Measuring tactical innovation in terrorist attacks.”
Journal of Creative Behavior. 54(4), 926-939.
- 2020 Hall, M., **Logan, M.K.**, Ligon, G.S., & Derrick, D.C.
 “Do machines replicate humans? Towards a unified understanding of radicalizing content on the open social Web.”
Policy and Internet. 21(1), 109-138
- 2019 **Logan, M.K.** & Hall, M.
 “Comparing crime types: A linguistic analysis of communiqués associated with the animal and earth liberation movement.”
Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict: Pathways toward Terrorism and Genocide. 12(2), 164-181.
- 2019 Sporer, K., **Logan, M.K.**, Ligon, G.S., & Derrick, D.C.
 “#JeSuisParis?: An appeal to hypocrisy and justifications for mass casualty violence.”
Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology, 8(1), 37-56.
- 2018 Windisch, S., **Logan, M.K.**, & Ligon, G.S.
 “Headhunting among violent extremist organizations: An empirical assessment of talent spotting.”
Perspectives on Terrorism, 12(2).
- 2017 **Logan, M.K.**, Ligon, G.S., & Derrick, D.C.
 “Applying an organizational framework to examine Jihadi organizations as an industry.”
Homeland Security Affairs, 13(6), 1-16.

Book Chapters & Other Publications

- 2020 **Logan, M.K.**, Toto, S., & Armstrong, T.
 “Getting up off the mat: How to move forward after failing a comprehensive exam.”
The Criminologist 45(4), 29-31.
- 2020 Ligon, G.S., **Logan, M.K.**, & Derrick, D.C.
 “Malevolent charismatic, ideological, and pragmatic leaders.”
 In S. Hunter and J. Lovelace (eds.), *Multiple Pathways to Success: Extending the Charismatic, Pragmatic, and Ideological Approach to Leadership*. New York: Routledge.
- 2020 Ligon, G.S. & **Logan, M.K.**
 “Letter from the editorial team.”
Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict: Pathways toward Terrorism and Genocide, 13(1).

- 2019 Ligon, G.S. & **Logan, M.K.**
“Letter from the editorial team.”
Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict: Pathways toward Terrorism and Genocide, 12(3)

Technical Reports & White Papers

- 2020 Ligon, G.S., Braun, C., & **Logan, M.K.**
“Reachback request for U.S. extremists’ use of weapons of mass destruction 2018-2020.”
A technical report for the National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education (NCITE) Center based on work supported by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under Grant Award Number, 20STTPC00001-01. Omaha, NE.
- 2020 Ligon, G. S., **Logan, M. K.**, Zimmerman, L., & Braun, C. L.
“Organizational algorithm project: Proof of concept – Combining organizational theory with unsupervised machine learning for big data prioritization strategies.”
Final Report to the National Media Exploitation Center. Submitted to The Center for Accelerating Operational Efficiency at Arizona State University, a DHS Center of Excellence.
- 2020 **Logan, M.K.**, Zimmerman, L., & Ligon, G.S.
“A strategic analysis of violent extremist organization in the United States Central Command Area of Responsibility.”
In B. Bragg, S. Canna, and G. Popp (eds.), *Assessment of Strategic Implication of Population Dynamics in the Central Region*. Washington DC: Strategic Multilayer Assessment
- 2019 **Logan, M.K.**, Zimmerman, L., Parker, B., & Ligon, G.S.
“Terrorism in the Philippines and its influence on Great Powers.”
In H. Cabayan and S. Canna (eds.), *Future of Global Competition & Conflict*. Washington DC: Strategic Multilayer Assessment
- 2019 Ligon, G.S., Windisch, S., Braun, C.L, **Logan, M.K.**, Derrick, D.C., & Armstrong, G.
“Salafi Jihadist inspired profiles and radicalization clusters (SPARC).”
Final report to the United States Department of Homeland Security. Los Angeles, CA: University of Southern California
- 2019 Zimmerman, L., **Logan, M.K.**, & Ligon, G.S.
“Violent non-state actors and the Kashmir conflict.”
In H. Cabayan and S. Canna (eds.), *Strategic Multilayer Assessment Reach Study in Support of USINDOPACOM*. Washington DC: Strategic Multilayer Assessment
- 2019 **Logan, M.K.**, Ligon, G.S., & Zimmerman, L.
“Influential violent extremist organizational partners of Iran.”
In H. Cabayan and S. Canna (eds.), *Strategic Multilayer Assessment Iran Reach Back Study*. Washington DC: Strategic Multilayer Assessment
- 2019 **Logan, M.K.** & Ligon, G.S.
“Using organizational sophistication to predict influence from violent non-state actors.”

- In B. Jones and G.S. Ligon (eds.), *The Age of Disruption: How Power Shifts Create More Conflict*. Washington DC: Strategic Multilayer Assessment
- 2019 Ligon, G.S. & **Logan, M.K.**
 “Malevolent innovation. Novelty and effectiveness in terror attacks.”
 In G. Harrigan and M. Yager (eds.), *On the Horizon: Security Challenges at the Nexus of State and Non-State Actors and Emerging/Disruptive Technologies*. Washington DC: Strategic Multilayer Assessment
- 2019 Ligon, G.S. & **Logan, M.K.**
 “Organizational and leadership consolidation and fragmentation in the AFPAK region.”
 In H. Cabayan and S. Canna (eds.), *Negotiated Settlement in Afghanistan: Elements of a Grand Bargain*. Washington DC: Strategic Multilayer Assessment
- 2017 Ligon, G.S., **Logan, M.K.**, Hall, M., Derrick, D.C., Fuller, J., & Church, S.
 “The Jihadi Industry: Assessing the organizational, leadership, and cyber profiles.”
 Final report prepared for the Department of Homeland Science and Technology Directorate’s Office of University Programs. College Park, MD: START
- 2017 Ligon, G.S., Hall, M., **Logan, M.K.**, Braun, C., & Church, S.
 “Examine malevolent collaboration as a metric of ISIS degradation.”
 In D.H. Ellis (ed.), *What Does a Successfully Concluded Campaign Against ISIS Look Like?*. Washington DC: Strategic Multilayer Assessment
- 2016 Ligon, G.S. & **Logan, M.K.**
 “Da’esh degradation: Attacking two organizational nodes to reduce military capability and popular support.”
 In P. DeGennaro (ed.), *How does Da’esh’s Transition to Insurgency Manifest Itself?*. Washington DC: Strategic Multilayer Assessment
- 2016 Ligon, G.S., Derrick, D., Church, S., & **Logan, M.K.**
 “Da’esh cyber domains from August 2015 – August 2016.”
 In A. Astorino-Courtois (ed.), *What are the Predominant and Secondary Means by Which Both Large and More Targeted Audiences Receive ISIL Propaganda?* Washington DC: Strategic Multilayer Assessment

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Grants and Contracts

Externally Funded

- 2022 Co- Principal Investigator with Jennifer Carson
 “Understanding the Complete Spectrum of Left-Wing and Environmental Extremism: Pre-Incident Behaviors, Non-Terrorist Criminal Activity, Plots, and Terrorist Attacks”
 Funding Institution: The National Institute of Justice

Funding Amount: \$506,497

2022 Principal Investigator with Steven Windisch
“The Needs of the Counter Terrorism Workforce and the Utility of Existing Datasets”
Funding Institution: Department of Homeland Security; The National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (20STTPC-00001-03)
Funding Amount: \$136,586

Internally Funded

2022 Co- Principal Investigator with Jim McCafferty
“Assessing the Needs for Cybercrime Educational Opportunities for Local Law Enforcement Agencies in Metro-Atlanta”
Funding Institution: SunTrust
Funding Amount: \$3,500

2017 Principal Investigator
“Implicit motives and explicit values: An analysis of online narratives of the far left”
Funding Institution: University of Nebraska Omaha
Funding Amount: \$5,000

2016 Principal Investigator
“Victimization as a pathway to violent extremism”
Funding Institution: University of Nebraska Omaha
Funding Amount: \$5,000

Unfunded

2022 Co- Principal Investigator with Jennifer Carson
“The Operations of Anarchist and Animal Rights/Environmental Violent Extremists”
Funding Institution: The National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center
Funding Amount: \$ 278,980

2020 Co- Principal Investigator with Gary Ackerman and Brandon Behlendorf
“Violent Extremist Tactical Innovation Assessment (VETIA) Project”
Funding Institution: Center for Accelerating Operational Efficiency and the National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center
Funding Amount: \$242,136

Other Research Experience

- 2019 – 2020 Research Assistant
“National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology and Education (NCITE) Center of Excellence”
Directed by Gina Ligon and Doug Derrick
Funding Institution: The Department of Homeland Security
- 2018 – 2020 Project Manager and Research Assistant
“The Leadership of the Extreme and Dangerous for Innovative Results (LEADIR) project”
Directed by Gina Ligon
Funding Institution: Combating Terrorism Technical Support Office, the Department of Homeland Security, and the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Response to Terrorism
- 2017 – 2018 Research Assistant
“Characteristics of homegrown violent extremist radicalization: Quantitative analysis”
Directed by Gina Ligon, Doug Derrick, and Gaylene Armstrong
Funding Institution: The National Center of Excellence for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events
- 2016 – 2018 Research Assistant
“Organizational determinants of violence and performance”
Directed by Gina Ligon
Funding Institution: Department of Homeland Security and the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Response to Terrorism
- 2015 – 2016 Research Assistant
“Recruitment and radicalization among US far-right terrorists”
Directed by Pete Simi
Funding Institution: Department of Homeland Security and the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Response to Terrorism

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

- 2022 Participant. “What Makes an Academic Dataset Useful to the CT Workforce?” New project lightning talk as part of NCITE’s ENVISION 22 Conference. Department of Homeland Security.
- 2021 Participant. “Threat assessment of Anarchist Violent Extremists (AVE) in the United States.” Department of Homeland Security.

- 2021 Participant. “Existing Gaps in Violence Prevention Programming and Resources from a Public Health Approach.” Roundtable series for the Center for Prevention, Programs, and Partnership: Department of Homeland Security.
- 2020 Participant. “Enhancing Datastreams to Inform Counter-Terrorism (EDICT) meeting” The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Response to Terrorism: College Park, MD.
- 2020 Participant. “Antecedents of organization sophistication in violent non-state actors.” The Strategic Multilayer Assessment & Department of Homeland Security Speaker Series: Washington D.C
- 2019 Participant. “Works supporting SMA GCC effort.” The Strategic Multilayer Assessment Speaker Series: The Joint Staff at the Pentagon, Washington D.C.
- 2019 Participant. “Enhancing Datastreams to Inform Counter-Terrorism (EDICT) meeting” The National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Response to Terrorism: College Park, MD.
- 2019 Panel Discussant. “Organizational and leadership consolidation and fragmentation in the AFPAK region.” The Strategic Multilayer Assessment Speaker Series: The Joint Staff at the Pentagon, Washington D.C.
- 2018 Guest Lecturer. “Violent extremism: A leadership and tactical examination.” Department of Sociology at the University of Maine: Orono, ME.
- 2018 Participant. “Taliban leadership: The science of organizational membership.” The Strategic Multilayer Assessment Speaker Series: The Joint Staff at the Pentagon, Washington D.C.
- 2018 Participant. “Malevolent innovation: Novelty and effectiveness in terror attack.” The Strategic Multilayer Assessment Speaker Series: The Joint Staff at the Pentagon, Washington D.C.
- 2017 Guest Speaker. “Terrorist innovation: An attack profile.” Young Alumni Academy at the University of Nebraska Omaha: Omaha, NE.
- 2016 Guest Speaker. “A comparison of the far-right, far-left, and global Jihad movement” The Rationalists, Empiricists, and Skeptics of Nebraska: Omaha, NE.
- 2016 Guest Lecturer. “Introduction to the L.E.A.D.I.R database: Organizational structure, leadership, and violence.” Honors colloquium on hate groups and terrorism at the University of Nebraska at Omaha: Omaha, NE

Professional Conferences

- 2022 **Logan, M.K.**, Windisch, S., & Ligon, G.S.
“Older and wiser: How terrorist leaders’ tenure influences tactical decisions”
American Society of Criminology: Atlanta, GA
- 2022 **Logan, M.K.**
“From routine to innovation: Terrorist attack types and malevolent innovation”
Southern Criminal Justice Association: Asheville, NC.
- 2019 **Logan, M.K.**, & Ligon, G.S, & Derrick, D.C.
“The returns of criminal capital: An organizational perspective.”
American Society of Criminology: San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 Braun, C. L., Windisch, S., **Logan, M.K.**, Ligon, G.S., & Derrick, D.C.
“Clustering around the Caliphate: Homegrown violent extremism in the last decade.”
12th Annual Strategic Multilayer Assessment Conference. Joint Base Andrews: Prince George’s County, MD.
- 2018 **Logan, M.K.**, Derrick, D.C., & Ligon, G.S.
“Up in flames: Criminal expertise and far-left extremism”
American Society of Criminology: Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 Sporer, K., **Logan, M.K.**, Ligon, G.S., & Derrick, D.C.
“The impact of terrorist attacks on pro-ISIL narratives in the Twitter sphere.”
American Society of Criminology: Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 **Logan, M.K.**, Ligon, G.S., & Derrick, D.C.
“Violent ideological leadership: The 4P theory of leadership relationship to lethality and malevolent innovation.”
11th Annual Strategic Multilayer Assessment Conference. Joint Base Andrews: Prince George’s County, MD.
- 2017 **Logan, M.K.**, Ligon, G.S., & Derrick, D.C.
“Malevolent creativity: Novelty and effectiveness in terror attacks.”
American Society of Criminology: Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 Ligon, G.S., **Logan, M.K.**, Sporer, K., & Harms, M.
“Leadership lethality: Using the CIP Model to predict terrorist performance.”
The Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology Annual Conference: Orlando, FL
27% acceptance rate
- 2017 **Logan, M.K.**, Ligon, G.S., & Braun, C.
“Lethal leaders: Assessing the intersection between leadership and violence.”
10th Annual Strategic Multilayer Assessment Conference. Joint Base Andrews: Prince George’s County, MD.
- 2017 Ligon, G.S., Derrick, D.C., & **Logan, M.K.**

“Applying an organizational framework to examine the Jihadi Industry.”
Presented at 10th Annual Homeland Defense & Security Education Summit: Washington D.C.

- 2016 **Logan, M.K.**, Simi, P., & Windisch, S.
“Setting the stage for hate: Racist socialization in the family prior to entering violent extremism.”
American Society of Criminology Conference: New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 Windisch, S., Simi, P., & **Logan, M.K.**
“Social networks and recruitment pathways into violent extremism.”
American Society of Criminology Conference: New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 **Logan, M.K.** & Hendrix, N.
“Reexamining culture of honor and defensive violence: The cultural repertoire of the American South.”
Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference: Orlando, FL.
- 2014 **Logan, M.K.** & Hendrix, N.
“Shooters’ noose: Gun ownership, the death penalty, and the American South”
American Society of Criminology Conference: San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 Owens, S., **Logan, M.K.**, & Burke, T.
“The state of emergency management in criminal justice education.”
American Society of Criminology Conference: San Francisco, CA.

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 2023 Featured in the Atlanta News First story titled: “Out-of-state activists fueling training center protests, KSU prof says.” January 23rd, 2023. Available at:
<https://www.atlantaneewsfirst.com/2023/01/23/out-state-anti-government-activists-fuel-cop-city-protests-ksu-prof-says/>
- 2023 Quoted in WSBTV story titled: “Man accused of setting APD vehicle on fire was out on bond during time of incident.” January 23rd, 2023. Available at:
<https://www.wsbtv.com/news/local/atlanta/man-accused-setting-apd-vehicle-fire-was-out-bond-during-time-incident/7RFRHBSK75DT3K5H3FTBITSOWI/?outputType=amp>
- 2023 Quoted in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution story titled: “Police training site has national reach.” January 20th, 2023. Available at: <https://www.ajc.com/news/police-training-site-protest-has-national-reach/5MQZEGEPVRB2RNX3URT22GRZWE/>
- 2022 Quoted in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution story titled: “Forest defenders’ use extreme tactics in fight to stop ‘cop city.’” August 12th, 2022. Available at:
<https://www.ajc.com/neighborhoods/dekalb/forest-defenders-use-extreme-tactics-in-fight-to-stop-cop-city/CQCJHWEYWZBATPEX5ZKA6IRVYM/>

- 2021 Quoted in National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center newsletter story titled: “NCITE’s quick turn on CWMD need shows capability.” January 14th, 2021.
- 2020 Research highlighted on National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center website titled: “Meet Michael Logan.” July 1st, 2020. Available at: <https://www.unomaha.edu/ncite/bios/michael-logan.php>
- 2020 Research highlighted in UMaine Today Magazine story titled: “Sporer finds ISIL supporters promote justifications of terrorist group’s violence on Twitter.” January 30th, 2020. Available at: <https://umaine.edu/news/blog/2020/01/30/sporer-finds-isil-supporters-promote-justifications-of-terrorist-groups-violence-on-twitter/>
- 2019 Quoted in KETV Omaha television and print story titled: “Tracking Terror’ Uno Students Study Extremists for Department of Defense.” May 13th, 2019. Available at: <https://www.ketv.com/article/tracking-terror-uno-students-study-extremists-for-department-of-defense/27447664>
- 2019 Quoted in Maverick Daily newsletter story titled: “UNO Updating Terrorist Data for Defense Department.” April 23th, 2019. Available at: <https://www.unomaha.edu/news/2019/04/uno-updating-terrorist-data-for-defense-department.php>

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023 Outstanding Early Career Award in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice Kennesaw State University: Kennesaw, GA.
- 2020 Most outstanding graduate student in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Nebraska Omaha: Omaha, NE
- 2019 Best paper nominee. “Exploring the brand. Brand personality of ISIS messaging” Midwest Academy of Management: Omaha, NE
- 2017 Outstanding paper award. “Applying an organizational framework to examine Jihadi organizations as an industry” 10th Annual Homeland Defense & Security Education Summit: Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Featured graduate student of the month Radford University: Radford, VA
- 2013 Most outstanding criminology student Lynchburg College: Lynchburg, VA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Kennesaw State University (Graduate)

- CYBR 7000: Cyber Law, Policy, and Enforcement (Online)

- CYBR 7050: Cybercrime Detection, Analysis, and Forensics (Online)

Kennesaw State University (Undergraduate)

- CRJU 1101: Foundations of Criminal Justice (Online)
- CRJU 3301: Research Methods in Criminal Justice (In-Person and Online)
- CRJU 3304: Ideological/Group Violence & Law (In-Person)
- SOCI 4432: Criminology (Online)

University of Nebraska Omaha (Undergraduate)

- CRCJ 450: Drugs and Crime (Online)
- CRCJ 476: Terrorism (In-Person and Online)

University of Nebraska Lincoln (Undergraduate)

- CRIM 101: Survey of Criminal Justice (Online)
- CRIM 335: Criminology (Online)
- CRIM 476: Terrorism (Online)

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Kennesaw State University

Kayla Dunn, Graduate Research Assistant (2022-2023)

David Guidry, Graduate Teaching Assistant (2022)

Yasmeen Deen-Abudu, Graduate Research Assistant (2022)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board Member, *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict: Pathways toward Terrorism and Genocide*

External Reviewer, Anarchist Violent Extremism (AVE) in America: Trends in Radicalization, Recruitment and Mobilization, George Washington University Program on Extremism

Manuscript Reviewer:

Behavioral Sciences

Civil Wars

Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society

Democracy and Society

Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict: Pathways toward Terrorism and Genocide

European Journal of Criminology

International Journal of Human-Computer Interactions

Policy & Internet

Terrorism and Political Violence

Professional Organizations and Memberships

American Society of Criminology, Division on Terrorism and Bias
Southern Criminal Justice Association
Alpha Phi Sigma, National Criminal Justice Honor Society
Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WORKSHOPS

- 2020 New Faculty PI Academy, Norman J. Radow College of Humanities and Social Science, Kennesaw State University
- 2018 Jules M. Newman Law Enforcement Training on Extremism, Anti-Defamation League Omaha Police Department Training Center
- 2016 Introduction to iMotions, Galvanic Skin Response, and Basic Emotion Recognition Software, Jack & Stephanie Koraleski Commerce and Applied Behavioral Laboratory, University of Nebraska Omaha
- 2016 Basic fMRI Safety Training
Center for Brain, Biology, and Behavior, University of Nebraska Lincoln

REFERENCES

Available upon request.