

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2026 – Present **West Virginia University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology**
Assistant Professor

EDUCATION

2026 **Ph.D., Criminal Justice**
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
Dissertation: *How Change Happens: Evaluating the Role of Reflexivity in Pathways of Desistance from Problematic Substance Use*
Committee: Jeff Ward (chair), Steven Belenko, Matthew Hiller, Douglas Porpora

2017 **M.S., Criminology & Criminal Justice**
Portland State University, Portland, OR
Thesis: *Policing in an Era of Sousveillance: The Influence of Video Footage on Perceptions of Legitimacy*

2013 **B.A., Psychology and Comparative Religious Studies**
The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Agency & Reflexivity; Critical Realism; Organizational Change; Police Culture; Prosecutor-led Reform; Substance Use; Recovery; Impacts of System Involvement; Change Processes; Mixed-Methods

RESEARCH POSTIONS

2022 – 2023 **Drexel University, Juvenile Justice Research & Reform Lab**
Research Scientist

2017 – 2024 **Compliance Officer Community Liaison (COCL): City of Portland**
Department of Justice Settlement Agreement with the Portland Police Bureau
Research Analyst

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2025 Vîlcică, E.R., **Mohler, M.E.**, Brey, J., Ward, J.T. Organizational Culture and Context in Progressive Prosecutorial Reform: Lessons from Interviews with the Philadelphia DAO. *Journal of Criminal Justice*. doi:10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2025.102374
- 2025 Ward, J.T., Vîlcică, E.R., Brey, J., **Mohler, M.E.**, Dolbear, C. Progressive Prosecution Policies in Philadelphia: A Holistic Assessment of Implementation Fidelity. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. doi:10.1007/s12103-025-09792-0
- 2024 **Mohler, M.E.** The influence of spirituality and religious participation on binge drinking: An investigation into subjective and structural mechanisms of desistance. *Journal of Criminal Justice*. doi:10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2024.102182
- 2021 **Mohler, M.E.**, Campbell, C. M., Henderson, K.S., and Renauer, B. Policing in an era of sousveillance: The influence of video footage on perceptions of legitimacy. *Policing and Society*, doi:10.1080/10439463.2021.1878169
- 2020 Campbell, C. M., Labrecque, R. M., **Mohler, M. E.**, Christmann, M. J., Gender and Community Supervision: Examining Differences in Violations, Sanctions, and Recidivism Outcomes. *Crime & Delinquency*, doi:10.1177/0011128720981905

Under Review

- 2025 **Mohler, M.E.**, Torres, L, Brey, J., Vilcica, E.R., Ward, J.T. *Reconfiguring Police-Prosecutor Relationships in an Era of Prosecutor-Led Reform*
- 2025 Brey, J., Jones, S., Vîlcică, E.R., **Mohler, M.E.**, Ward, J.T. *Prosecutor-led Reform: The Tenuous Position of Progressive Chief Prosecutors and the Need for Engagement with External Stakeholders*.

In Progress

- 2025 **Mohler, M.E.**, Ward, J.T., Torres, L.C., The Context of Prosecutorial Decision-Making: Revisiting the Role of Rules, Resources, and Relationships in the Progressive Prosecution Era.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 **Mohler, M.E.**, Torres, L.C., Brey, J, Ward, J.T., Vîlcică, E.R. “Reconfiguring police-prosecutor relationships in the era of the Progressive Prosecution movement” Panel Presentation in November at Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C.

- 2025 **Mohler, M.E.** “How Humans Conjure Agency: Unpacking Reflexivity in the Process of Desistance from Substance Abuse” Panel Presentation in November at Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C.
- 2025 **Mohler, M.E.** “The role of reflexivity in mediating structure and agency in desistance theories” Lightning Talk in November at Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C.
- 2025 **Mohler, M.E.** “A Survey Investigation into the Mechanisms of Desistance in Recovery from Substance Abuse” Panel Presentation in March at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Denver, CO.
- 2023 Brey, J., **Mohler, M.E.** “Progressive Prosecution and Inter-Organizational Relationships” Panel Presentation in November at Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 **Mohler, M.E.** “Linking Personal Spirituality and Religious Participation with Binge Drinking among Youth Adjudicated for Serious Offenses” Panel Presentation in March at Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2022 **Mohler, M.E.**, Brey, J., Vilcică, E.R. “The Progressive Prosecution Movement: What we Know and What we Need to Know” Panel Presentation in November at Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.
- 2021 **Mohler, M.E.** “Spirituality and Desistance in Juvenile Offenders” Panel Presentation in November at Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.
- 2017 Campbell, C. M., Labrecque, R.M., **Mohler, M.E.**, and Christmann, M., “Comparisons in Parole Supervision: Assessing Gendered Responses to Technical Violation Sanctions” Panel Presentation in March at Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Kansas City, MO. Presented by Mohler, M.E. and Christmann, M.
- 2016 **Mohler, M. E.** Policing in an era of sousveillance: The influence of video footage on perceptions of legitimacy. Poster presentation in November at Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. New Orleans, LA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019 – 2026 **Temple University**
Instructor of record

- Doing Justice (in-person & online); Criminal Justice Research Methods (online); Evidence Based-Policing (in-person)

Teaching Assistant

- Criminal Justice Statistics; Nature of Crime (Criminological Theory); Intro to Law Enforcement; Community Crime Prevention; Psychology, Crime and Rehabilitation; Criminal Justice Research Methods; Correlates of Criminal Behavior; Crime Analysis; Punishment and Corrections; Crime Control Strategies; Introductory to Statistics

2024 **The College of New Jersey** *Instructor of Record*
Criminology (criminological theory) (in-person)

SERVICE

Ongoing **Peer Review**
Policing & Society, Criminology and Public Policy, Justice Quarterly, Journal of Criminal Justice

2023 – 2025 **Peer Mentor**, mentored two new doctoral students in the Criminal Justice department at Temple University

2022 **Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association**, event coordinator.

2017 **Graduate Student Advisory Committee**, member of the steering committee. Founding member of the inaugural committee. Helped to organize a symposium for the graduate departments in the College of Urban and Public Affairs at Portland State University.