

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

- 2009 *Criminal Justice Review*’s 2008 James L. Maddex Jr. Paper of the Year Award (runner up recipient) for “Measuring Diffusion of Assaults around Bars through Radius and Adjacency Techniques”
- 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 (Soc 101)
Social and Cultural Theory (Soc 301)
The Urban Social System (Soc 309)
Gender and American Society (Soc 318)
Sociology of Deviant Behavior (Soc 320)
Sociology of Criminal Justice (Soc 321)
Law and Society (Soc 423)

University of Nebraska at Omaha:

Survey in Criminal Justice (CJUS 1010)
Survey in Corrections (CJUS 2210)
Research Methods (CJUS 2510)
Applied Statistics (CJUS 3000)
Community Based Corrections (CJUS 4350/8350)

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 Marc L. Swatt (forthcoming) "Disaggregating the Relationship between Schools and Crime: A Spatial Analysis" *Journal of Crime and Delinquency*

Murray, Rebecca K. and Dennis W. Roncek. (2008) "Measuring Diffusion of Assaults around Bars through Radius and Adjacency Techniques" *Criminal Justice Review* 33 (2): 199-220.

Murray, Rebecca K. (2008) "Immigrant Communities and Media Perceptions of Place" *Journal of Social and Ecological Boundaries* Special Issue: Immigration: Crime, Victimization and Media Representation 3 (2):33-52.

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 K. 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

- Mason, S. (Director). 2008. *Writ Writer* [motion picture] United States: Passage Productions and Independent Television Service. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* 20:2, July 2009.
- Gustavsson, Bengt. (Ed.) *The principles of knowledge creation: research methods in the social sciences*. E. Elgar, 2007. Choice, November 2008.
- 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 Financial Awards:

- 2008 Recipient Omaha Venture Group's Non-Profit Grant : "Organizational Development"
Awarded Amount: \$3690.
- 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:

- Murray, Rebecca K. (2009). *All Stars Evaluation 2008-2009: Final Report*. Final report for Otoe County Drug Resistance Program.
- 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. "Sex Offenders and Risk Assessment: The Importance of Place" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference 2009 in Boston, Massachusetts

Murray, Rebecca K. and Keating, Shannon M. Keating "Examining Measurement Issues in Alcohol Serving Establishments" American Society of Criminology Annual Conference 2008 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Murray, Rebecca K. "Community Participation and Informal Social Control" American Society of Criminology Annual Conference 2007 in 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 in Seattle, Washington.

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

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

Research:

- 2004-2005 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

Nebraska Innocence Project
National Innocence Network
American Society of Criminology
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
UNO Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization Newsletter Co-Editor
UNO Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization Treasurer 2003-2004
Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology honors fraternity

Professional Service

Student Paper Competition Judge, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2009). Critiqued and ranked Master’s and Ph.D. level research papers eligible for awards at the ACJS annual meeting.

Chair, *Juvenile Related Statistics* Panel, American Society of Criminology 2008 Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO

Chair, *Measurement in Routine Activity Theory* Panel, American Society of Criminology 2008 Annual Meeting in St. Louis, MO.

Member, Creighton College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate, (Aug, 2008). Serve on general

Faculty Senate and Assessment Committee Member.

Student Paper Competition Judge, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2008). Critiqued and ranked Graduate and Undergraduate research papers eligible for awards at the ACJS annual meeting.

Expert Testimony (2008) – Alcohol Impact Coalition.

Activities: Presented geographical crime research to Nebraska Liquor Commission as expert testimony.

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 Venture Group, 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.