

Rebecca K. Murray  
**Curriculum Vitae**

Dept. of Sociology/Anthropology  
Creighton University  
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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

**Professional Positions**

- 2012-Current. Chair, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work.
- 2005- Current Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work  
Creighton University *Promotion and Tenure awarded March 2011*
- 2004-2005 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Creighton University

**Honors and Awards**

- 2011 Finalist for Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Outstanding Book of 2011 for *Mission Based Policing*
- 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
- 2002 University of Nebraska at Omaha Criminal Justice Department Nominee for Presidential Fellowship Award
- 1996 Creighton University Recipient of Jack D. Angus Outstanding Student in Sociology Award

**Research Interests:**

Urban Sociology/Criminology  
Mixed Research Methodology  
Policing

Quantitative Spatial Analysis  
Criminal Justice Legal Policy  
Wrongful Convictions

**Publications:**

Murray, Rebecca K., Laurel Gegner and Justin Pelton (2013). "Policies, Procedures and the Police: An Assessment of Wrongful Conviction Risk in Nebraska" in Marvin Zalman and Julia Carrano (eds.) *Making Justice: Wrongful Conviction and Criminal Justice Reform*. New York: Routledge.

Murray, Rebecca K. (2013) "Innocence Project" Albanese, Jay (ed.) *The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Wiley-Blackwell.

Murray, Rebecca K. and Marc L. Swatt (2013) "Disaggregating the Relationship between Schools and Crime: A Spatial Analysis" *Crime and Delinquency* 59(2):163-190.

Crank, John, Dawn Irlbeck, Rebecca Murray and Mark Sundermeier (2012). "Mission Based Policing: Rethinking Police and Crime Deployment" *Police Research and Practice: An International Journal* 13(2): 103-120.

Murray, Rebecca K. (2012). "Researchers, Police and Crime Analysts: A Conversation with the Deaf and a Tour with the Blind" *ACJS Today January 2012*.

Crank, John; Rebecca K. Murray, Dawn M. Irlbeck and Mark Sundermeier (2011) *Mission Based Policing* Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press-Taylor & Francis Group.

Murray, Rebecca K. (2010) "Examining Measurement Issues in Alcohol Establishment Research" in Maddan, Sean and Jeffrey Walker (ed.) *Criminology and Criminal Justice: Theory, Research Methods, and Statistics* Boston: Jones and Bartlett.

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.

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

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.

Reprinted in Howard, Gregory J. and Graeme R. Newman (ed.) *Varieties of Comparative Criminology*, Vol 80 (2001). Leiden, The Netherlands: Koninklijke Brill, NV.

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 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.

### **Ad Hoc Reviewer For:**

*Justice Quarterly*

*Crime and Delinquency*

*Criminal Justice Review*

*International Criminal Justice Review*

*Journal of Social and Ecological Boundaries*

### **Grants and Financial Awards:**

2011-2013 Department of Justice Grant Recipient: "FY 11 State Victims Assistance Academy Initiative" Awarded Amount: \$195,000. Principal Investigator.

2011 Creighton College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Summer Research Fellowship Recipient: "Policies, Procedures and the Police: An Assessment of Wrongful Conviction Risk in Nebraska" Awarded Amount: \$4,800.

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.
- 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 University Committee on Research \$350 for travel to the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting

### **Research Reports:**

Murray, Rebecca K. and Dawn Irlbeck (2014) *Year 1 Evaluation of the JJPF Comprehensive Community Plan: Final Report*. Douglas County, NE: Juvenile Justice Provider Forum.

Murray, Rebecca K. (2013). *Omaha Violence Prevention Strategy Evaluation: Final Report 10-VP 5001*. Omaha, NE: Mayor’s Office.

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**

Irlbeck, Dawn M., Rebecca K. Murray and John Crank. “Toward a New Model of Action Research Aimed at Community Capacity Building” American Society of Criminology Annual Conference 2012 in Chicago, IL.

Murray, Rebecca K., Justin Pelton and Laurel Gegner. “Police, Policies and Procedures: An Examination of Wrongful Conviction Risk in Nebraska” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference 2012 in New York, NY.

Murray, Rebecca K. “Policing Hot Spots: Where the “Real” Rubber Meets the “Virtual” Road” American Society of Criminology Annual Conference 2010 in San Francisco, California.

Crank, John; Dawn Irlbeck, Rebecca Murray and Mark Sundermeier “Mission Based Policing” Roundtable at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference 2010 in San Diego, California.

Murray, Rebecca K., Danielle Fiumefreddo and Gretchen Cothron “Cross-Contaminant Determinants of Wrongful Convictions” Poster presentation for the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference 2009 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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.

### **Courses Taught:**

#### *Creighton University:*

**Self and Society** (Soc 101)  
**Social and Cultural Theory** (Soc 301)  
**The Urban Social System** (Soc 309)  
**Quantitative Research Methods** (Soc 312)  
**Statistics in the Social Sciences** (Soc 314)  
**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)

### **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**

#### ***College/University***

Member, Creighton University College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Committee. 2013-Current. Selected by Arts and Sciences Dean’s Office.  
Member, Creighton University Committee on the Status of Women, 2013-Current. Appointed by President.  
Member, Creighton University Faculty and Academic Council, 2009-2010.  
Elected by peers in Creighton College of Arts and Sciences  
Served on Assessment Sub-committee and Special Committee for College Learning goals appointed by Faculty President  
Member, Creighton College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate 2008-current.  
Elected by peers across Creighton University  
Member, Creighton College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate Steering committee, 2012-Current. Elected by peers across Creighton University

Member, Partners in Mission Committee 2009-present  
Special appointment by Dean of College  
Board Member, Center for Catholic Thought 2009-current.  
Creighton University Pre-Law Advisory Committee Co-Chair (2007-2012).  
Assist Pre-Law students in applications for Law School, writing personal statements and general course selection.

### ***Discipline of Criminology/Criminal Justice***

Outstanding Book Committee Panel, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2010/11)  
Panel of academics to choose Outstanding book for the Discipline for 2010.  
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.  
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.  
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 grant applications for Department of Homeland Security

### ***Community***

Member, Nebraska Innocence Project Board of Directions (2012 –Current).  
Member, Nebraska State Advisory Commission to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. (2010-2013) Underwent assessment of several state policy initiatives for potential violations of civil rights. Currently exploring implications of LB 403.  
Member, Police Research and Policy Group (2010-present).  
Worked on evaluation for Office of Violence Prevention 2010 grant recipients.  
Participated as member of Omaha 360 community coalition.  
Attended annual Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) conference with Eastern Nebraska Law Enforcement  
Expert Testimony (2008) – Alcohol Impact Coalition.  
Activities: Presented geographical crime research to Nebraska Liquor Commission as expert testimony.  
President, Nebraska Innocence Project (2007-2010)  
Successfully obtained funding from Omaha Venture Group, Omaha Community Foundation, the Todd Simon Foundation and H.Lee and Carol Gendler Charitable Fund.  
Gave Presentations on Wrongful Convictions to Creighton Law School, University of Nebraska at Lincoln Law school, Creighton College of Arts and Sciences and University of Nebraska at Kearney.  
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.

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.