

Caralin Branscum, M.S.

Curriculum Vitae

School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
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EDUCATION

- Expected 2024* **Doctor of Philosophy**, University of Nebraska at Omaha
School of Criminology & Criminal Justice
- 2020 **Master of Science**, Florida Atlantic University
School of Criminology & Criminal Justice
Thesis: “A Content Analysis on Human Trafficking State Statutes”
- 2018 **Bachelor of Arts**, Florida Atlantic University
Primary Major: Criminology & Criminal Justice
Secondary Major: Sociology

AREAS OF INTEREST

Victimology and Victim Services	Child Abuse and Neglect
Violence Against Women/Gender-Based Violence	Qualitative Research
Sexual Victimization (including Sexual Assault Kits Initiative (SAKI))	Mixed Methodology

COURSES PREPPED TO INSTRUCT & # of Time Taught

Survey of Criminal Justice (undergraduate; 1) Research methods (undergraduate)	Special topics: Sexual Violence (undergraduate; 1)
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JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS¹

- Branscum, C., Richards, T.N., & Behre, K.** (2023). Examining the relationship between type of sexual misconduct, reporting source, complainant/respondent affiliation and case resolution for sexual misconduct reported to Title IX coordinators. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
[Impact Factor: 2.5; 5-year Impact Factor: 2.7]. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605231178360>
- Branscum C. & Richards, T.N.** (2022). An updated examination of the predictors of running away from foster care in the United States and trends over ten years (2010-2019). *Child Abuse & Neglect*. Advanced Online Publication
[Impact Factor: 4.863]. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2022.105689>
- Branscum C. & Richards, T.N.** (2022). The wrong rite of passage: Comparing sex trafficking to other types of child maltreatment using the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). *Victims & Offenders: Special Issue on Reforming the Criminal Justice Response to Human Trafficking Victims and Offenders*.
[Impact Factor: 2.045 (2021)]. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2022.2131021>

- Snyder, K., Mollard, E., Bargstadt-Wilson, K., Peterson, J., **Branscum, C.**, Richards, T. N. (2022). Pelvic floor dysfunction in rural postpartum mothers in the United States: Prevalence, severity, and psychosocial correlates. *Women & Health*, 62(9-10).
[Impact Factor: 1.708 (2021)]. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03630242.2022.2146831>
- Richards, T.N., Gover, A., **Branscum, C.**, Nystrom, A., & Claxton, T. (2021). Assessing states' intimate partner violence offender treatment standards using the principles of effective intervention (PEIs) framework. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 37(21-22), P20288-NP20310.
[Impact Factor: 2.621]. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605211050091>
- Richards, T.N., Wright, E., Nystrom, A., Gilbert, S., & **Branscum, C.** (2021). On assessing the scope of missing Native Americans in Nebraska: Results from a state-wide study and recommendations for future research. *Race and Justice*. Advanced Online Publication.
[Impact Factor: 1.710]. <https://doi.org/10.1177/21533687211047933>
- Richards, T.N., Gillespie, L.K., & **Branscum, C.** (2021). Comparing sexual misconduct incidents in annual security reports and Title IX coordinator data: Do policies increase reporting? *Journal of American College Health*. Advanced Online Publication
[Impact Factor: 2.394 (2021)]. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07448481.2021.1950732>
- Branscum, C.** & Fallik, S. (2021). A content analysis on state human trafficking statutes: How does the legal system acknowledge survivors in the United States (US)? *Crime, Law, and Social Change*. Advance online publication.
[Impact Factor: 1.612 (2021)]. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10611-021-09958-x>
- Branscum, C.** Cain, C., & Fallik, S. (2021). Exploring the nature of anti-trafficking laws: A content analysis of state statutes. *Journal of Human Trafficking*. Advance online publication.
[Impact Factor: 1.003 (2021, SNIP)]. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23322705.2021.1917213>
- Branscum, C.**, Fallik, S., Garcia, K., Eason, B., & Gursahaney, K. (2019). Stalking state statutes: A critical content analysis and reflection on social science research. *Women & Criminal Justice*, 31(4), 261-282.
[Impact Factor: 1.477 (2021)]. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08974454.2019.1686450>

IN-PROGRESS MANUSCRIPTS

- Gilbert, S., Nystrom, A., **Branscum, C.**, Richards, T.N., & Wright, E. (Accepted, April 10, 2023). Native Missing Persons Cases Will Not be Solved by Police Alone: The Case for "Missing Persons Advocates". *Forthcoming in Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
- Richards, T.N., **Branscum, C.**, Goldsmith, M., & Ali, A. (Submitted January 1, 2023). Examining the relationship between institutional-level factors and campus climate on sexual misconduct incident reporting to Title IX coordinators and in Annual Security Reports: A state-wide study. *Journal of American College Health*.
- Branscum C.** & Kulig, T. (in progress). *Police Public Contact Survey: Experiences of Sexual Harassment*.
- Branscum C.** & Richards, T.N. (in progress). *An Updated Analysis of Sex Based Harassment in the United States K-12 Schools: Rates and Predictors of Allegations Student Reporting and Student Discipline*.
- Fallik, S. & **Branscum, C.** (in progress). *Voluntary Victim Intoxication in Sexual Assault: A Content Analysis and Reflection on Social Science Research*.
- Fallik, S., Hodges, H., & **Branscum, C.** (in progress). *Forensic Evidence in Sexual Assaults: A Summary of the Nation's State Statutes*.

TECHNICAL REPORTS & WHITE PAPERS

Richards, T.N., **Goldsmith, M.**, & Branscum, C.C. (2022). *Examining Biennial Data on Reports of Sexual Misconduct to Title IX Coordinators, Clery and VAWA Crime Reports, and Campus Climate Survey Data for Maryland Institutions of Higher Education: AY 2018-2020*. Draft submitted to the Maryland Higher Education Commission, April 25, 2022.

Richards, T.N., **Branscum, C.**, Nix, J., Wright, E., Goldsmith, M., & Campbell, B. (2022). *Minnesota Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Project interim report: A retrospective review of previously untested sexual assault kits in Anoka County, MN*. Submitted to Office of Justice Programs, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, January 13, 2022.

Richards, T.N., Wright, E., Nystrom, A., Gilbert, S.L., & **Branscum, C.** (2021). A descriptive analysis of missing and murdered Native women and children in Nebraska, barriers to reporting and investigation, and recommendations for improving access to justice special report: Reflections, challenges, and lessons learned. Tribal Researcher Partnership NIJ 2019-75-CX-0014. Draft submitted to the National Institute of Justice, October 20, 2021.

EXTERNAL RESEARCH SUPPORT

Minnesota Sexual Assault Kit Research Project

2019-2023
Role: Project Coordinator (Principal Investigator, Dr. Tara N. Richards; Co-Investigators, Drs. Justin Nix, Emily Wright, and Bradley Campbell)
Funding Agency: National Institute of Justice, Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Sexual Assault, Intimate Partner Violence, Stalking, and Teen Dating Violence, NIJ 2019-MU-MU-0095
Amount: \$657,488

A Descriptive Analysis of Missing and Murdered Native Women and Children in Nebraska, Barriers to Reporting and Investigation, and Recommendations for Improving Access to Justice

2019-2021
Role: Research Assistant (Principal Investigator, Dr. Tara Richards; Co-Investigator, Dr. Emily Wright)
Funding Agency: National Institute of Justice, Tribal-Researcher Capacity Building Grant, 2019-75-CX-0014
Amount: \$169,255

INTERNAL RESEARCH SUPPORT

An Updated Analysis of Sex Based Harassment in the United States K-12 Schools: Rates and Predictors of Allegations Student Reporting and Student Discipline”

2023
Role: Principal Investigator (Faculty Mentor, Dr. Tara N. Richards)
Funding Agency: Graduate Research and Creative Activity (GRACA) at the University of Nebraska, at Omaha
Amount: \$5,000

Investigating Racial Disparities Among Missing/Runaway Youth on a National Scale

2021
Role: Principal Investigator (Faculty Mentor, Dr. Tara N. Richards)
Funding Agency: Graduate Research and Creative Activity (GRACA) at the University of Nebraska, at Omaha
Amount: \$5,000

INVITED PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, & TALKS

- July 2023 **Branscum, C.** *Stalking and Technology-Facilitated Crime*. Faculty presenter for the Nebraska Victim Assistance Academy.
- April 2023 **Branscum, C.** *The Wrong Rite of Passage: Comparing sex trafficking to other types of child maltreatment using the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS): An Example of Negative Binomial Regression*. Dr. Jessie Huff's Statistics III course guest lecture.
- Jan 2023 **Branscum, C. & Richards, T.N.** *An Updated Examination of the Predictors of Running Away from Foster Care in the United States and Trends over Ten Years (2010-2019)*. Timothy Montoya Taskforce meeting, Office of Colorado's Child Protection Ombudsman (January 4, 2023).
- May 2022 **Branscum, C., Richards, T.N., & Westerlund, E.** *Navigating Challenges and Achieving Successes with an Evaluative Partner: Lessons Learned from the Statewide Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Project*. Minnesota Office of Justice Programs Conference on Crime Victimization. Minnesota Department of Public Safety and Office of Justice Programs.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **Branscum, C. & Richards, T.N.** *Sexual Assault Kit Initiatives and the Importance of Forensic Testing: Looking Beyond Solving Sexual Assault Cases*. Poster presentation at the National Institute of Justice's National Research Conference. Arlington, VA.
- 2022 **Branscum, C. & Richards, T.N.** *The Victim-Survivor Notification Process and Experience from Practitioners and Survivors*. Paper presentation at the 76th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC). Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 **Branscum, C. & Richards, T.N.** *Examining Reported Sex Trafficking Victimization among Children in the United States and Predictors of Sex Trafficking Compared to Other Types of Child Maltreatment*. Roundtable discussant at the 76th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC). Atlanta, GA.
- 2021 **Branscum, C. & Richards, T.N.** *Investigating Racial Disparities Among Runaway Youth on a National Scale*. Paper presentation at the 75th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.
- 2021 **Branscum, C. & Fallik, S.** *A Content Analysis on State Human Trafficking Statutes: How does the legal system acknowledge survivors in the US?* Paper presentation at the 58th meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS). Virtual conference.
- 2019 **Branscum, C. & Fallik, S.** *Stalking state statutes: A critical content analysis and reflection on social science research*. Paper presentation at the 74th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 **Branscum, C. & Fallik, S.** *Stalking State Statutes: A Critical Content Analysis*. Poster presentation at Florida Atlantic University's Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Research Day. Boca Raton, FL.
- 2018 **Branscum, C., Fallik, S., & Hodges, H.** *Forensic Evidence in Sexual Assaults: A Summary of the Nation's State Statutes*. Paper presentation at the 73rd annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

- 2018 **Branscum, C. & Fallik, S. *Voluntary Victim Intoxication in Sexual Assaults: A Summary of the Nation's State Statutes.*** Paper presented at Florida Atlantic University's Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. Boca Raton, FL.
- 2017 Fallik, S. & **Branscum, C. *Aspects of sexual assault perpetration in criminal investigations: A summary of empirical results and legal standings.*** Paper presentation at the 54th annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Kansas City, MO.
- 2017 **Branscum, C., Branaman, A., Ostroot, A., & Ford, D. *Adulthood in the 21st Century: Factors that Affect the Transition to Adulthood.*** Poster presented at the Florida Undergraduate Research Conference. Boca Raton, Florida.
- 2016 **Branscum, C. & Carreno-Lukasik, G. *Potential Influences of Rape Myth Acceptance in Police Judgement.*** Poster presented at Florida Atlantic University's annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. Boca Raton, FL.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2022-2023 **Chair, Graduate Student Organization (GSO)**
University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE
- 2020-2022 **Secretary, Graduate Student Organization (GSO)**
University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE
- 2021-2022 **GSO-Appointed Peer Mentor to first-year student, Emily Meinert**
University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE
- 2021-2022 **Served as a Journal Peer Reviewer**
Crime Law and Social Change (1)
*Notation for the number of reviews completed for each journal.
- 2020-2021 **Served as a Journal Peer Reviewer**
Journal of Human Trafficking (7); Crime Law and Social Change (1); Women and Criminal Justice (1).
*Notation for the number of reviews completed for each journal.
- 2020 **Student Co-contributor: ASC, Division of Women in Crime**
Contributed to the special edition newsletter titled, "#SAYHERNAME DWC Special Edition Newsletter."
- 2020-2021 **Secretary, Graduate Student Organization (GSO)**
University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE
- 2019 **Student Reviewer: FAU Undergraduate Research Grant**
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida
- 2019 **Student Reviewer: FAU Undergraduate Research Journal**
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida
- 2018 **Student Reviewer: FAU Undergraduate Research Grant**

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida

2017

Student Reviewer: Distinguished Mentor of the Year Award
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida

2014

Office for Students with Disabilities Volunteer Notetaker
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida

COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

2018

3-Minute Thesis Competition: First runner up
Florida Atlantic University Graduate College

Provost Fellowship
Florida Atlantic University Graduate College

FAU Undergraduate Research Symposium: First Place, Oral Presentation
Florida Atlantic University

2017

Tom Barker Outstanding Undergraduate Student
Southern Criminal Justice Association

Undergraduate Researcher of the Year
College of Design and Social Inquiry
Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF)
Advisor: Seth Fallik, Ph.D.

2016

Undergraduate Research Grant
Funding from the Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry
Principal Investigator: Ann Branaman, Ph.D.

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF)
Advisor: Ann Branaman, Ph.D.

TEACHING, MENTORSHIP, & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

2019-2020

Senior Peer Mentor
Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry
Florida Atlantic University
Boca Raton, Florida

2019-2020

Undergraduate Research Journal Club, Treasurer
Florida Atlantic University, Student Organization
Boca Raton, Florida

2017-2020

Student Teaching Assistant
Florida Atlantic University High School
Boca Raton, Florida
Course Taught: Exploring Research

2016-2019

Peer Mentor
Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry
Florida Atlantic University
Boca Raton, Florida