


Moriah Sharpe 

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Justice, Law, & Criminology

In progress

American University

Comprehensive exams: criminological theory, public policy

Dissertation committee: Dr. TaLisa Carter (chair), Dr. Janice Iwama, Dr. Stacie St. Louis, Dr. Robert Johnson

M.S., Criminal Justice

May 2021

University of North Texas

Concentration: Theory and Research

Comprehensive exams: criminal justice administration, criminological theory, research methods

B.A., Psychology

May 2018

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Minor: Linguistics

Honors laureate

EMPLOYMENT

Research

Graduate Assistant to Dr. Stacie St. Louis

2025-present

American University

Department of Justice, Law, & Criminology

- Assist with research on access to justice and pretrial processes; assist with literature review, survey design, and data collection and analysis

- *Pretrial Justice Reform: Urgency, Challenges, and Pathways Forward* (\$4000), Public Affairs and Policy Lab. PI: Stacie St. Louis

Research Assistant

2024-present

Criminal Justice Innovation Lab

University of North Carolina School of Government

- Assist with quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis for various projects, including alternative responder programs, social workers in public defenders' offices, and pretrial services

Graduate Assistant to Dr. Robert Johnson

2023-2024

American University

Department of Justice, Law, & Criminology

- Assisted with research on rehabilitation in prison and lived experiences on death row

- *A Concise Definition of Rehabilitation* (\$4000), Public Affairs and Policy Lab. PI: Robert Johnson

Research and Planning Intern

2020

North Richland Hills Police Department

- Digitized, synthesized, and analyzed financial data for NRHPD's shared services agreement with Richland Hills, Haltom City, and Watauga police departments and produced projected non-shared financial data; prepared report describing findings

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Haley Zettler

2019

University of North Texas

Department of Criminal Justice

- Assisted with research on adult probation in Texas

Teaching

Guest Lecturer

American University

- JLC 104: Introduction to Systems of Justice. Topic: the death penalty (spring 2025)
- JLC 200: Deprivation of Liberty. Assorted topics (spring 2024, fall 2024)

George Washington University

- SOC 4195W: Senior Research Seminar in Criminal Justice. Topic: open access data and open records requests (spring 2025)

Graduate Assistant to Dr. Stacie St. Louis

2025-present

American University

Department of Justice, Law, & Criminology

- JLC 104: Introduction to Systems of Justice. 28 students (spring 2025, spring 2026)
- JLC 496/686: Corrections: Confined and Surveilled. 28 students (spring 2026)

Graduate Assistant to Dr. Robert Johnson

2023-2024

American University

Department of Justice, Law, & Criminology

- JLC 200: Deprivation of Liberty. 28 students (spring 2024, fall 2024)

Graduate Teaching Assistant to Dr. Haley Zettler

2019-2021

University of North Texas

Department of Criminal Justice

- CJUS 2100: Crime and Justice in the United States. 200 students (summer 2020, fall 2020, summer 2021)
- CJUS 3600: Criminology. 50 students (spring 2020, spring 2021)
- CJUS 3700: Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice. 35 students (fall 2019)
- CJUS 4460: Community Corrections. 35 students (spring 2020, spring 2021)
- CJUS 4901: Senior Seminar: Criminal Justice and Public Policy. 29 students (summer 2020)

Other

Library Assistant

2021-2023

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library, Matthews branch

- Assisted patrons with locating materials, using technology, and answering questions; performed circulation activities including checking items in and out, processing holds, and shelving in a library averaging between 35,000 and 40,000 items circulated per month; assisted librarians with programming; planned and facilitated two regular book club programs with an average attendance of six

Legal Intern

2018-2019

Osborn Conflict Resolution

- Processed and organized paperwork and client files, assisted paralegal with client intake, performed legal research, drafted legal documents, assisted attorneys with trial preparation

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Vaske, J. & Sharpe, M. (under review). Examining the impact of a sanction grid in a treatment court.

Book Chapters

Sharpe, M. (2026). Racial disparities in transit policing. In V. Ceccato & A. Loukaitou-Sideris, *Elgar Encyclopedia of Transit Crime and Safety*, Edward Elgar Publishing.

Johnson, R., Wilkerson, G., & **Sharpe, M.** (2025). Putting the person in the picture: An examination of the lived experience of entry, assimilation, and adaptation on death row. In C. Dum, J. Fader, T. LeBel, & K. Wright (Eds.), *Handbook on Lived Experience in the Justice System* Routledge.

Ripper, B., Whitmire, L., Smith, P. V., **Sharpe, M.**, Leopold, R., & Johnson, R. (2025). Lived experience can inform reentry programs inside of prison for individuals sentenced to life. In C. Dum, J. Fader, T. LeBel, & K. Wright (Eds.), *Handbook on Lived Experience in the Justice System*, Routledge.

Technical Reports

Turner, H. & **Sharpe, M.** (2025). *Supporting and evaluating implementation of social workers in public defender offices*. Criminal Justice Innovation Lab.

Sharpe, M. (2020). *Shared services consolidation report*. Final research report to North Richland Hills Police Department, North Richland Hills, TX.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Sharpe, M. (2026). "Stop, drop, and decrease racial disparities: An evaluation of traffic stop policy change." Poster to be presented at American Society of Evidence-Based Policing annual conference, Washington, DC.

Sharpe, M. (2026). "A tale of two cities: Race and traffic stops in Washington, DC." Poster to be presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Doctoral Summit Research Symposium, Philadelphia, PA.

Sharpe, M. (2026). "Progressive, passionate, professional, safe?: An evaluation of traffic stop policy change and traffic safety." Paper to be presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Johnson, R., Wilkerson, G., & **Sharpe, M.** (2025). "Putting the person in the picture: An examination of the lived experience of entry, assimilation, and adaptation on death row." Paper presented at American Society of Criminology annual meeting, Washington, DC.

Sharpe, M. (2025). "A tale of two cities: Race and traffic stops in Washington, DC." Paper presented at American Society of Criminology annual meeting, Washington, DC.

Sharpe, M. (2025). "Stop, drop, and decrease racial disparities: An evaluation of traffic stop policy change." Paper presented at Southern Criminal Justice Association annual conference, Charleston, SC.

Sharpe, M. (2025). "'Influence change by being the difference': An evaluation of traffic stop policy change in Mecklenburg County, NC." Paper presented at National Academy of Public Administration Social Equity Leadership Conference, Rockville, MD.

Sharpe, M. (2025). "A tale of two cities: Race and traffic stops in Washington, DC." Paper presented at American University Tri-School Research Conference, Washington, DC.

Wang, S., **Sharpe, M.**, & Johnson, R. (2025). "Toward a concise definition of rehabilitation." Paper presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting, Denver, CO.

Sharpe, M. (2024). "In the hornets' nest: Race and traffic stop outcomes in Charlotte, North Carolina, 2020-2021." Poster presented at Southern Criminal Justice Association annual conference, Greenville, SC.

Sharpe, M. (2024). "In the hornets' nest: Race and traffic stop outcomes in Charlotte, North Carolina, 2020-2021." Paper presented at American Society of Evidence-Based Policing annual conference, Spokane, WA.

Sharpe, M. (2024). "Bad seeds in bad soil: A comparative study of childhood trauma experienced by serial murderers, 1945-2020." Paper presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting, Chicago, IL.

Sharpe, M. (2021). "Bad seeds in bad soil: A comparative study of childhood trauma experienced by serial murderers, 1945-1980." Paper and poster presented at University of North Texas College of Health and Public Service Graduate Student Research Day, Denton, TX.

GRANTS, FUNDING, & FELLOWSHIPS

External Funding

Doctoral Summit Fellowship

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
\$1000
2026

Student Travel Funding

American Society of Evidence-Based Policing and Arnold Ventures
\$1200
2024

Internal Funding

Travel Funding

American University Department of Justice, Law, & Criminology
\$1000 annually
2023-2027

Tori J. Caeti Memorial Scholarship

University of North Texas Department of Criminal Justice
\$1000
2020-2021

HONORS & RECOGNITION

University of North Texas

Third place, UNT College of Health and Public Service Graduate Student Research Day (2021)
Outstanding Graduate Student in Criminal Justice (2021)
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award departmental nominee (spring 2021)
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (inducted spring 2021)
Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society (inducted spring 2020)

University of North Carolina

Dean's List (spring 2017, fall 2017)
Order of Omega Honor Society (inducted fall 2017)
Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society (inducted spring 2016)
Gamma Kappa Alpha honors in Italian (spring 2015)

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Service to the Institution

American University

Selected, supervised, and mentored undergraduate research assistant (2024)

School of Public Affairs PhD Student VIBE Committee

Bylaws committee member (2026)
Secretary (2025-present)
Member (2024-present)

University of North Texas

Graduate student representative, Department of Criminal Justice Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee (2020-2021)

Service to the Profession

ASC Division of Corrections and Sentencing

Member, Newsletter committee (2026)

Member, Alt-Ac committee (2026)

Ad hoc reviewer

The Prison Journal: 1 article (2024)

BleakHouse Publishing

Chief Technology Officer (2024-2026), Chief Operating Officer (2026-present) for independent publishing company focused on criminal and social justice

Service to the Community and Public

Kappa Kappa Gamma

Vice President Internal Affairs Advisor, Delta Xi chapter, Carnegie Mellon University (2026-present)

Association Board member-at-large, Charlotte Alumnae Association (2022-2023)

Charity auction committee member, Charlotte Alumnae Association (2022-2023)

Bylaws committee member, Charlotte Alumnae Association (2021)

House Board treasurer, Zeta Psi chapter, Wake Forest University (2021-2023)

Covenant Presbyterian Church

Vocalist (2024)

UrbanPromise Charlotte

Social Capital Collective advisor (2023)

Christ Central Church

Children's church teacher (2022-2023)

Brookstone Schools

Teacher's assistant (2018-2019)

Professional Membership

American Society of Criminology

Division of Corrections and Sentencing, Division of Public Opinion and Policy, Division of Policing 2025-present

Southern Criminal Justice Association

2024-present

Professional Development & Certifications

American University School of Public Affairs Analytics and Management Institute Certification (9/24)

Courses: A Gentle Introduction to R; Sleuthing 101: How to FOIA; Digital Policy for Marginalized Communities; Core Principles of Data Visualization; Critical Race Theory in the Workplace

Oklahoma School for the Deaf American Sign Language I – Spring 2024 (7/24)

CITI Human Research, Group 2 Social and Behavioral Research: Basic Course (5/24)

CITI Social and Behavioral Research – Basic/Refresher (8/23)

CITI Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research (7/23)

University of North Texas Graduate Student Teaching Essentials Program (12/20)

RELEVANT SKILLS

Quantitative: econometrics for causal inference, regression analysis, spatial analysis, meta-analysis, survey research

Qualitative: thematic analysis, intensive interviewing

Languages: Spanish (reading/writing intermediate), American Sign Language (novice)

Software: Microsoft Office suite (advanced), Canvas (advanced), WordPress (advanced), R (proficient), MAXQDA (proficient), Qualtrics (proficient), Squarespace (proficient), ArcGIS Pro (intermediate), Stata (novice), Canva (novice), L^AT_EX (novice)