

Moriah Sharpe 

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Justice, Law, & Criminology

Candidacy achieved (ABD)

In progress

American University

Comprehensive exams: criminological theory, public policy

Dissertation: *Three Essays on Procedural Justice*

Dissertation committee: Dr. TaLisa Carter (chair), Dr. Stacie St. Louis, Dr. Janice Iwama, 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 for quantitative and qualitative research projects
 - Research & Innovation on Pretrial Processes & Legal Experiences (RIPPLE). PI: Stacie St. Louis
 - *Collateral Impacts of Cash Bail: A Mixed-Methods Study of Bail-Payers* (\$7500), Washington Institute of Public Affairs Research (2025). PI: Stacie St. Louis

Research Assistant

2024-present

Justice Systems Research Team

formerly *Criminal Justice Innovation Lab*

University of North Carolina School of Government

- Conduct quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis for various projects, including policing, public defenders, and pretrial services
 - *NC Public Defender Expansion* (\$254,096), Laura and John Arnold Foundation (2024-2025). PI: Jeffrey Welty
 - *The Impact & Return on Investment of Pretrial Services in North Carolina* (\$99,857), Laura and John Arnold Foundation (2024-2025). PI: Jessica Smith
 - *Orange County Emergency Behavioral Health Response Pilot Project: An Empirical Evaluation of Impact* (\$50,000), Orange County, NC (2024-2026). PI: Jeffrey Welty
 - *The Availability of House Arrest as a Condition of Pretrial Release in North Carolina* (\$69,000), North Carolina Collaboratory (2026-2027). PI: Shea Denning
 - *Understanding and Identifying Innovation in the Initial Response to Behavioral Health Crises in North Carolina* (\$111,000), North Carolina Collaboratory (2026-2027). PI: Jeffrey Welty

Graduate Assistant to Dr. Robert Johnson

2023-2024

American University

Department of Justice, Law, & Criminology

- Assisted with qualitative research on rehabilitation in prison and lived experiences on death row
 - *A Concise Definition of Rehabilitation* (\$4000), Public Affairs and Policy Lab (2024). 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 quantitative research on adult probation in Texas

Teaching

Instructor of Record

2026

Marymount University

Department of Forensic and Legal Psychology

- FLP 502: Research Methods. 20 students (fall 2026)

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)
- JLC 496/686: Corrections: Confined and Surveilled. Topic: juvenile corrections (spring 2026)

George Washington University

- SOC 4195W: Senior Research Seminar in Criminal Justice. Topic: open access data and open records requests (spring 2025), writing the back end of a research paper (spring 2026)

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, fall 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)

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Sharpe, M. (abstract accepted). A practical guide to spatial analysis. In C. Berryessa, R. Ricciardelli, S. St. Louis, & C.J. Appleton (Eds.), *Handbook on Corrections & Sentencing Methods*, Routledge.

Sharpe, M. (forthcoming). 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.

Working Papers

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

St. Louis, S. & **Sharpe, M.** (in progress). The weight of pretrial decisions: A meta-analysis of the relative effects of legal and extra-legal predictors.

Sharpe, M. & Schroeder, A.* (in progress). Police as barometers: Community sentiment and police behavior.

DaVisio, K., Gay, E., Schroeder, A., **Sharpe, M.**, & Gill, J. (in progress). Bad data, better methods: A note on handling NIBRS.

**Indicates equal coauthorship*

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

St. Louis, S. & **Sharpe, M.** (2026). "The weight of pretrial decisions: A meta-analysis of the relative effects of legal and extra-legal predictors." Paper to be presented at American Society of Criminology annual meeting, Chicago, IL.

Panel sponsored by the Division of Corrections and Sentencing

Sharpe, M. (2026). "Injustice on stolen land: A mixed-methods study of Indigenous perceptions of procedural justice." Paper to be presented at American Society of Criminology annual meeting, Chicago, IL.

Panel sponsored by the Division of Public Opinion and Policy

Kras, K., **Sharpe, M.**, & Jackson, E. (2026). "Show me the money (and benefits): Understanding salaries, benefits, and tradeoffs across industries." Panel presentation at American Society of Criminology annual meeting, Chicago, IL.

Panel sponsored by the Division of Corrections and Sentencing Alt-Ac Committee

Magnuson, S., **Sharpe, M.**, & Jackson, E. (2026). "From CV to resume: What changes and why it matters." Roundtable at American Society of Criminology annual meeting, Chicago, IL.

Roundtable sponsored by the Division of Corrections and Sentencing Alt-Ac Committee

Sharpe, M. (2026). "Trust the police?: Signaling procedural justice through policy change." Paper to be presented at Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management annual conference, Boston, MA.

Sharpe, M. & Schroeder, A. (2026). "Police as barometers: Community sentiment and police behavior." Paper to be presented at Southern Criminal Justice Association annual conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Sharpe, M. (2026). "Trust the police?: Signaling procedural justice through policy change." Poster presented at American Society of Evidence-Based Policing annual conference, Washington, DC.

Sharpe, M. (2026). "Trust the police?: Signaling procedural justice through policy change." Poster presented at Society of Government Economists annual conference, Washington, DC.

Sharpe, M. (2026). "A tale of two cities: Race, procedural justice, and traffic stops in Washington, DC." Poster 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 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.

***Indicates undergraduate student*

GRANTS & FUNDING

External

Funded

Student Research Grant

Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Injustice on Stolen Land: A Mixed-Methods Study of Indigenous Perceptions of Procedural Justice

Principal Investigator

\$1000

2026

Doctoral Summit Fellowship

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

\$1000

2026

Student Travel Funding

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

Pending

Graduate Award

American Society of Criminology Division of Qualitative Research
Injustice on Stolen Land: A Mixed-Methods Study of Indigenous Perceptions of Procedural Justice
Principal Investigator
\$725
2026

Internal

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

American University

Nominee, Southern Criminal Justice Association Outstanding Doctoral Student (2026)
School of Public Affairs Summer Academy Fellow (2026)

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)
Departmental nominee, Outstanding Teaching Assistant (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

Department of Justice, Law, & Criminology

Project manager and mentor for undergraduate research assistants (2024, 2026)
Criminology peer mentor (2024-present)

School of Public Affairs PhD Student VIBE Committee

Chair (2026-present)

Bylaws committee member (2026)

Secretary (2025-2026)

Member (2024-present)

University of North Texas**Department of Criminal Justice Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee**

Graduate student representative (2020-2021)

Service to the Profession**Ad hoc reviewer**

Justice Quarterly, Criminal Justice and Behavior, The Prison Journal

ASC Division of Corrections and Sentencing

Member, Newsletter committee (2026)

Member, Alt-Ac committee (2026)

ASC Division of Public Opinion and Policy

Member, Constitution and By-Laws committee (2026)

BleakHouse Publishing

Chief Technology Officer (2024-2026), Chief Operations Officer (2026-present)

Southern Criminal Justice Association

Member, Records and Communications committee (2026)

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)

UrbanPromise Charlotte

Social Capital Collective advisor (2023)

Brookstone Schools

Teacher's assistant (2018-2019)

Professional Membership**Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences**

Corrections Section, Law and Public Policy Section, Minorities and Women Section

2026-present

American Society of Criminology

Division of Corrections and Sentencing, Division of Public Opinion and Policy, Division of Policing

2025-present

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management

2026-present

Society of Government Economists

2026-present

Southern Criminal Justice Association
2024-present

Professional Development & Certifications

American University School of Public Affairs Political Methodology Reading Group (2024-present)

American University Office of Research Grantsmanship 101: Best Practices in Proposal Preparation (7/26)

American University Center for Faculty Excellence Computing Power and Sample Size Using G-Power (5/26)

American University Center for Faculty Excellence Course Design Institute (5/26)

Esri Going Places with Spatial Analysis (3/26)

American University School of Public Affairs The Hidden Curriculum: Public Affairs Professionalization Workshop Series (12/25)

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

Advanced: Microsoft Office suite, Canvas, WordPress

Proficient: R, MAXQDA, Qualtrics, Squarespace

Intermediate: ArcGIS Pro, L^AT_EX, G*Power, NVivo

Novice: Stata, Canva