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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Assistant Professor** • University of Wyoming 2020 - Present  
Department of Psychology

**Postdoctoral Research Associate** • Iowa State University 2018 - 2020  
Department of Psychology

## EDUCATION

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**Doctor of Philosophy** • Cornell University 2018  
Concentration: Law, Psychology, and Human Development  
Thesis: *When and where do biases emerge? Memory and decision-making across legal contexts*

**Master of Arts** • Cornell University 2016  
Concentration: Law, Psychology, and Human Development  
Thesis: *Mitigating the biasing impact of emotions and morality: Cognitive training, juror emotionality, and juror decision-making*

**Master of Science** • Arizona State University 2013  
Major: Psychology • Specialization: Psychology and Law  
Thesis: *The effects of facility animals in the courtroom on juror decision-making*

**Bachelor of Arts (Honors)** • Hofstra University 2010  
*Summa Cum Laude and Highest Departmental Honors*  
Major: Psychology • Minors: Philosophy and Fine Arts  
Thesis: *The impact of interview style and timing of expert testimony on mock jurors' perceptions of child sexual abuse interviews*

## FEDERAL FUNDING

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National Institute of Justice. **Requested funds: \$464,074.00. Denied.**

Title: *Occupational stress and anxiety on the frontline: The moderating effects of stress and anxiety on officer use of force and de-escalation tactics*

PI: **Kayla Burd** with Co-PIs: Emilio Rivera, Nicholas Michalski, Samuel Choi, C. J. Erion

National Science Foundation, Agency Tracking #2043509. **Requested funds: \$151,850. Denied.**

Title: *Collaborative Research: The Effects of Case Evidence on Legal Decision-Making*  
PI: Stephanie Madon with Co-PIs: Max Guyll, Kristi Costabile, **Kayla Burd**

**ASSOCIATION FUNDING**

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The Society for Personality and Social Psychology • **PI** • Small Research Grant • **\$1,500** 2019  
 American Psychology-Law Society • **PI** • Grant in Aid for Early Career Professionals • **\$5,000** 2018

**INTERNAL GRANTS AND RESEARCH SUPPORT**

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University of Wyoming, *A&S Faculty Research and Creative Activity Grant* • **PI** • **\$10,000** 2021  
 University of Wyoming, *A&S Faculty Research and Creative Activity Grant* • **PI** • **\$4000** 2020  
 University of Wyoming, *A&S Faculty Research and Creative Activity Grant* • **Co-PI** • **\$3921.25** 2020  
 CU Graduate School Conference Grant • **\$335** 2018  
 Human Development Departmental Support • **PI** • **\$511** 2017  
 CU Graduate School Conference Grant • **\$440** 2017  
 The Center for the Study of Inequality • Graduate Student Seed Grant **Co-PI** • **\$1,000** 2016  
 CU Graduate School Conference Grant • **\$220** 2016  
 Human Ecology Alumni Association Student Grant • **PI** • **\$1,000** Fall 2015  
 Human Ecology Alumni Association Student Grant • **PI** • **\$1,000** Spring 2015  
 CU Graduate School Conference Grant • **\$440** 2015  
 CU Graduate School Conference Grant • **\$390** 2014  
 ASU Graduate Research Grant • **PI** • **\$750** 2012 - 2013  
 ASU Graduate Travel Grant • **\$1,240** 2011 - 2013  
 ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association Travel Grant • **\$840** 2012

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

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University of Wyoming, *Humanities Research Group Fellowship* 2022 – 2023  
 University of Wyoming, *Honors College Outstanding Capstone Mentor Award* 2022  
 Cornell University, *Martha E. Foulk Fellowship* • **\$49,292** 2017  
 AP-LS, *Student Committee Poster Presentation Award* 2014

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Extra-Legal Biases • Perception • Memory • Reasoning • Decision Making Processes • Prejudice

**PUBLICATIONS**

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(^ = Graduate student; \* = Undergraduate student)

More, K. R., **Burd, K. A.**, More, C., & Phillips, L. A. (in press). Paying participants: The impact of compensation on data quality. *Testing, Psychometrics, Methodology in Applied Psychology*.

More, K. R., More, C., **Burd, K. A.**, ^Mentzou, A., & Phillips, L. A. (in press). Registered Report: Messaging matters: Appearance versus health-based message framing in female-targeted exercise appeals [Principal acceptance at *Psychology of Sport & Exercise*].

- Ratner, K., Burrow, A. L., **Burd, K. A.**, & Hill, P. L. (2021). On the conflation of purpose and meaning in life: A qualitative study of high school and college student conceptions. *Applied Developmental Science, 25*(4), 364-384.
- Burd, K. A.**, & McQuiston, D. E. (2019). Facility dogs in the courtroom: Comfort without prejudice? *Criminal Justice Review, 44*, 515-536.
- Burd, K. A.**, & Hans, V. P. (2018). Reasoned verdicts: Oversold? *Cornell International Law Journal, 51*, 319-360.
- Burd, K. A.**, & Burrow, A. L. (2017). Conceptualizing similarities and differences between purpose in life and self-affirmation. *Social and Personality Psychology Compass, 11*, e12366.
- Helm, R. K., Ceci, S. J., & **Burd, K. A.** (2016). Can implicit associations distinguish true and false eyewitness memory? Developing and testing the IATe. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law, 34*, 803-819.
- Helm, R. K., Ceci, S. J., & **Burd, K. A.** (2016). Unpacking insanity defence standards: An experimental study of rationality and control tests in criminal law. *The European Journal of Psychology Applied to Legal Context, 8*, 63-68.
- Hritz, A. C., Royer, C. E., Helm, R. K., **Burd, K. A.**, Ojeda, K., & Ceci, S. J. (2015). Children's suggestibility research: Things to know before interviewing a child. *Anuario de Psicología Jurídica, 25*, 3-12.

## REVIEWS, COMMENTARIES, AND NEWSLETTERS

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(\* = Undergraduate student)

- McQuiston, D. E., **Burd, K. A.**, & \*Hayton, C. G. (2016). Utilizing courthouse dogs and comfort items to assist vulnerable witnesses during trial. *AP-LS Newsletter, Summer Issue*.
- Ceci, S. J., **Burd, K. A.**, & Helm, R. K. (2015). Insight into children's prosocial lies: Comment on Warneken and Orlins [Commentary on the article *Children tell white lies to make others feel better*, by F. Warneken & E. Orlins]. *British Journal of Developmental Psychology, 33*, 271-273.
- Ceci, S. J., **Burd, K. A.**, & Ojeda, K. (2015). Memory development across time and place [Review of the book *Memory Development from Early Childhood Through Emerging Adulthood*, by W. Schneider]. *PsycCRITIQUES, 60*.
- Ceci, S. J., Helm, R. K., & **Burd, K. A.** (2014). Is G for gaslight? Looking where the illumination is best is no guarantee the key will be found [Review of the book *G is for Genes: The Impact of Genetics on Education and Achievement*, by K. Asbury & R. Plomin]. *PsycCRITIQUES, 59*.

## PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION

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(^ = Graduate student; \* = Undergraduate student)

- ^Choi, S., **Burd, K. A.**, & Choi, A. (2022). *Hate is a virus: Investigating the relationship between Chinese phenotypes and COVID-19 related prejudice and discrimination* [Revise and resubmit].
- Guyll, M., Madon, S., Ditchfield, R. E., ^Slapinski, K. A., More, C., & **Burd, K. A.** (2022). *Confessions give credibility to otherwise implausible prosecutorial narratives* [Revise and resubmit].
- Guyll, M., Madon, S., Yang, Y., **Burd, K. A.**, & Wells, G. L. (2022). *Validity of forensic cartridge-case comparisons* [Revise and resubmit].
- Schweitzer, K., **Burd, K. A.**, & Nuñez, N. (2022). Legal and extra-legal factors that affect jurors' decisions. In M. K. Miller, L. A. Yelder, M. T. Huss, & J. A. Cantone (eds.), *The Cambridge handbook of psychology of legal decision-making*. Cambridge University Press. [Manuscript submitted for publication].
- Koch, M. K., Mendel, J., & **Burd, K. A.** (2022). Same crime, same time? Effects of maturation level, race, and gender in ambiguous legal scenarios [Manuscript in preparation].
- Burd, K. A.**, Helm, R. K., Madon, S., & Ceci, S. J. (2022). *The effects of "minimal" group membership in children across time* [Manuscript in preparation].
- Burd, K. A.**, Burrow, A. L., & Guyll, M. (2022). *Pulling away from the trigger: The influence of purpose in life and self-affirmation on decisions to shoot* [Manuscript in preparation].
- ^Rivera, E. D., ^Michalski, N. D., ^Choi, S., ^Erion, C. J., & **Burd, K. A.** (2022). *Legitimate protectors? Mock jurors' indictment and charging behaviors surrounding police officers' lethal use of force* [Manuscript in preparation].
- Madon, S., Guyll, M., **Burd, K. A.**, Ditchfield, R. E., & ^Muñoz, J. (2022). *Interrogating the Reid technique: An examination of deception detection accuracy under ecologically valid conditions* [Manuscript in preparation].

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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- Burd, K. A.** (2022, October). *When and where do biases emerge? Decision making across legal contexts* [Virtual Presentation]. University of Dundee.
- Burd, K. A.** (2021, December 3). *Adolescence in legal contexts* [Virtual Presentation]. University of Wyoming.
- Burd, K. A.** (2021, April 14). In J. P. Dunlea & G. Downey (Chairs), *How can injustices within the criminal legal system be attenuated?* [Virtual Panel]. Columbia University.

- Burd, K. A.** (2021, February 19). *Pulling away from the trigger: The influence of purpose in life and self-affirmation on decisions to shoot* [Virtual Presentation]. Washington University in St. Louis.
- Burd, K. A.** (2021, February 16). *Pulling away from the trigger: The influence of purpose in life and self-affirmation on decisions to shoot* [Virtual Presentation]. University of Nebraska – Lincoln.
- Burd, K. A.** (2020, June 12). *Pulling away from the trigger* [Virtual Presentation]. Columbia University.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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(^ = Graduate student; \* = Undergraduate student)

- Burd, K. A.**, Schweitzer, K., ^Smith, O., ^Flick, C., & ^Sturges, H. A. (2022, March). *Police on trial: Grand jury indictment decisions and attitudes towards police legitimacy*. Paper to be presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Denver, CO.
- ^Rivera, E. D., ^Michalski, N. D., ^Choi, S., ^Erion, C. J., & **Burd, K. A.** (2022, March). *Legitimate protectors? Mock jurors' indictment and charging behaviors surrounding police officers' lethal use of force*. Data blitz to be presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Denver, CO.
- ^Cangialosi, B., **Burd, K. A.**, & ^Anzovino, A. (2022, March). *The impact of justice-involved youth race and mental illness on probation officer decision-making*. Paper to be presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Denver, CO.
- ^Choi, S., **Burd, K. A.**, ^Michalski, N. D., ^Rivera, E. D., ^Cangialosi, B., & ^Erion, C. J. (2022, March). *Good cop, bad cop: Police characteristic predict use of force and procedural justice endorsements*. Paper to be presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Denver, CO.
- Madon, S., Gyll, M., **Burd, K. A.**, ^Goldstein, A., ^Ferreira, P., & ^Muñoz, J. (2022, March). *Forensic decisions: Contextual information and the elasticity of the inconclusive category*. Paper to be presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Denver, CO.
- Gyll, M., Madon, S., **Burd, K. A.**, ^Ferreira, P., ^Goldstein, A., & ^Munoz, J. (2022, March). *Factors contributing to inconclusive forensic decisions*. Paper to be presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Denver, CO.
- ^Choi, S., **Burd, K. A.**, \*Choi, A. (2022, February). *Hate is a virus: Investigating the relationship between Chinese phenotypes and COVID-19 related prejudice and discrimination*. Poster to be presented at annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Francisco, CA.
- \*Arnold, H. E., ^Cangialosi, B., **Burd, K. A.**, & Hans, V. P. (2021, March). *General versus reasoned verdicts: Mock juries' differential perceptions of power and verdict confidence*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society.

- ^Cangialosi, B., \*Arnold, H. E., **Burd, K. A.**, & Hans, V. P. (2021, March). *Does a reasoning requirement reduce racial biases in jury decision making?* Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society.
- ^Rivera, E. D., ^Michalski, N., ^Choi, S., ^Erion, C. J., & **Burd, K. A.** (2021, March). *The impact of individual difference and situational factors on grand juror indictment decisions.* Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society.
- \*Potter, S. J., **Burd, K. A.**, Madon, S., & Gyll, M. (2020, April). *Juror perceptions of firearms conclusions.* Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- \*Potter, S. J., **Burd, K. A.**, Madon, S., & Gyll, M. (2020, March). *Jurors' perceptions of firearms evidence.* Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research, Bozeman, MT.
- Burd, K. A.**, Burrow, A. L., & Gyll, M. (2020, March). *Purpose in life and self-affirmation reduce the shooting of unarmed suspects.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- ^Ditchfield, R., ^Slapinski, K. A., **Burd, K. A.**, Madon, S., & Gyll, M. (2020, March). *The effects of theme development and false evidence ploys on false confessions.* Data blitz presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Gyll, M., Madon, S., **Burd, K. A.**, ^Slapinski, K. A., & ^Ditchfield, R. (2020, March). *The accuracy of cartridge case comparisons among trained firearm examiners.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- ^Slapinski, K. A., ^More, C., **Burd, K. A.**, ^Ditchfield, R., Gyll, M., & Madon, S. (2019, March). *Confessions increase the believability of a prosecution's narrative explaining away exculpatory DNA.* Datablitz presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.
- Burd, K. A.**, & Hans, V. P. (2018, November). *Diverging decisions: A comparison of jury verdict procedures.* Poster presented at the Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Ann Arbor, MI.
- McQuiston, D. E. & **Burd, K. A.** (2018, August). *Dogs in the courthouse: Current research and implications.* Symposium presented at the American Psychological Association Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Burd, K. A.**, Creim, M., & Burrow, A. L. (2018, March). *A survey of crime stereotypes.* Datablitz presented at the Social Psychology and Law Preconference of the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Atlanta, GA.
- Burd, K. A.**, & Burrow, A. L. (2018, March). *Pulling away from the trigger: The influence of self-affirmation and purpose in life on police shooting decisions.* Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, TN.

- Burd, K. A.,** & Burrow, A. L. (2017, October). *Conceptualizing similarities and differences between purpose in life and self-affirmation in the context of threat*. Poster presented at Purpose in a Diverse Society, St. Louis, MO.
- McQuiston, D. E. & **Burd, K. A.** (2017, September). *An empirical examination of jurors' reactions to facility animals during trial*. Invited presentation for the annual International Courthouse Dogs Conference, Bellevue, WA.
- McQuiston, D. E., **Burd, K. A.,** \*Hayton, C. G., & Helm, R. K. (2017, March). *Courthouse dogs: A violation of the defendant's due process?* Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
- Burd, K. A.,** & Ceci, S. J. (2017, January). *Evidence or emotion? A linguistic analysis of jury deliberations*. Datablitz presented at the Social Psychology, Policy, and Law Preconference of the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- Creim, M., **Burd, K. A.,** & Burrow, A. L. (2017, January). *Criminal Caricature: A Survey of Crime Stereotypes*. Poster presented at the Social Psychology, Policy, and Law Preconference of the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- Rotenstein, V., **Burd, K. A.,** & Ceci, S. J. (2017, January). *An examination of jurors' emotions, case judgments, and verdicts in a mock assault case*. Poster presented at the Social Psychology, Policy, and Law Preconference of the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
- Burd, K. A.,** Ceci, S. J., & Salerno, J. M. (2016, March). *Emotion, morality, and jury decision-making*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
- Burd, K. A.,** Burrow, A. L., \*Torrie, R. M., & \*Nam, I. Y. (2016, January). *Can sense of purpose or self-affirmation increase balance in information searches during forensic investigations?* Poster presented at the Social Psychology and Law Preconference of the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- Burd, K. A.** (2015, February). *Moral foundations theory and jury decision making*. Poster presented at the Social Psychology and Law Preconference of the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.
- Burd, K. A.,** & McQuiston, D. (2014, March). *The effects of facility animals in the courtroom on juror decision-making*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Burd, K. A.,** & McQuiston, D. (2013, February). *Judges' evaluation of evidence when considering post-conviction relief*. Talk presented at the 65<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Washington, D.C.

- Burd, K. A.,** McQuiston, D., & Arthurs, S. (2013, January). *Evidence ranking affects jurors' judgments about DNA and eyewitness evidence*. Poster presented at the Social Psychology and Law Preconference of the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- Burd, K. A.,** Baker, D.A., Lovis-McMahon, D., & Schweitzer, N.J. (2012, January). *Visual attention to neuroimage evidence and judgments of criminal responsibility*. Poster presented at the Social Psychology and Law Preconference of the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, CA.
- Burd, K. A.,** & Cox, B. (2011, March). *The impact of interview style and timing of expert testimony on mock jurors' perceptions of child sexual abuse interviews*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Cambridge, MA.
- Iacovelli, A., Johnson, C., **Burd, K. A.,** Brill, J., & Jadanova, A. (2010, November). *Comparing internet and face-to-face communications: Does the modality of disclosure impact what we divulge to others?* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, San Francisco, CA.
- Iacovelli, A., Johnson, C., **Burd, K. A.,** Brill, J., & Jadanova, A. (2010, June). *Effects of emotional disclosure through face-to-face and computer media on psychological and physiological adjustment*. Poster presented at the triennial meeting of the World Congress of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Boston, MA.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Instructor • General Psychology • University of Wyoming	2022
Instructor • Cognitive Psychology • University of Wyoming	2020-2022
Guest Lecturer • Neuroscience & Law • University of Wyoming	2021
Instructor • Judgment and Decision Making • University of Wyoming	2021
Instructor • Undergraduate Research • University of Wyoming	2020-2022
Instructor • Introductory Psychology • Auburn Prison / Cayuga Community College	2018
Guest Lecturer • Infancy and Childhood • CU	2016, 2017
Guest Lecturer • Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood • CU	2017
Teaching Assistant • Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood • CU	2015, 2017
Teaching Assistant • Psychology and the Law • University of North Florida	2016, 2017
Teaching Assistant • Infancy and Childhood • CU	2013, 2016
Guest Lecturer • Psychology and the Law • University of North Florida	2016
Teaching Assistant • Positive Psychology • CU	2016
Guest Lecturer • Children and the Law • CU	2015
Teaching Assistant • Children and the Law • CU	2015
Teaching Assistant • Six Pretty Good Books • CU	2014
Trainee • Writing in the Major Seminar • CU	2014
Teaching Assistant • Adulthood and Aging • CU	2014
Teaching Assistant • Quantitative Research II • ASU	2013
Teaching Assistant • Quantitative Research I • ASU	2012
Guest Lecturer • Psychology and Law: Children Witnesses • ASU	2012



Guest Lecturer • SPSS Introduction Workshop • ASU	2012
Online Course Assistant • Research Methods and Design • ASU	2012
Certified College Reading & Learning Association Tutor • Hofstra University	2008 - 2012
Peer Teacher • Philosophy, Law, and Public Life • Hofstra University	2009

**FORMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS/MENTEES (SELECTED)**

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Isla Skinner	AmeriCorps
Sara Horsley	Law Student • University of Wyoming College of Law
James Dunlea	Doctoral Student in Psychology • Columbia University
Anna Huang	Masters Student in Public Health • Columbia University
Rosario Majano	Masters Student in Community Health Sciences • UCLA
Grace Monks	Assistant Public Defender, Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office • JD, MS Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse University
Ignatius Nam	Law Student • NYU School of Law
Leona Sharpstene	Law Student • Villanova University, Charles Widger School of Law

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Member • Research Committee • American Psychology-Law Society	2021 - Present
First-Gen Mentor • LeaRN Program • University of Wyoming	2021 - 2022
Ad Hoc Reviewer • <i>Developmental Psychology</i>	2022
Ad Hoc Reviewer • <i>Frontiers in Psychology</i>	2021
Ad Hoc Reviewer • <i>Current Issues in Personality Psychology</i>	2021
Reviewer • American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference	2017 - 2021
Speaker • Post-Doc Panel • Iowa State University	2021
Speaker • Recent Faculty Hire Panel • Iowa State University	2020
Reviewer • Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Conference	2020
Judge • ISU Graduate and Professional Student Conference	2020
Judge • Three Minute Thesis Competition	2019
Laboratory Manager • The MadGuy Lab • Iowa State University	2018 - 2020
Laboratory Manager • Child Witness and Cognition Lab • Cornell University	2015 - 2018
Student Conference Coordinator • Conference on Empirical Legal Studies	2017
Vice President • Graduate Association of Multidisciplinary Legal Studies • CU	2016 - 2017
Student Representative • Human Development Graduate Studies Committee • CU	2015 - 2017
Panel Member • PSYCH • CU	2016
President • Graduate Association of Multidisciplinary Legal Studies • CU	2015 - 2016
Vice President • Graduate Association of Multidisciplinary Legal Studies • CU	2014 - 2015
Department Rep • Graduate Association of Multidisciplinary Legal Studies • CU	2013 - 2014
Laboratory Manager • Legal Psychology Research Lab • ASU	2011 - 2013
Research Assistant • Arizona Justice Project	2011 - 2013
Grant Reviewer • Graduate & Professional Student Association • ASU	2013
Panel Member • Psi Chi information session on graduate school • ASU	2013

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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Member • Wyoming Youth Justice Coalition  
Volunteer • Wyoming Children’s Law Center

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Psychology-Law Society  
Society for Empirical Legal Studies  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology