

# Ψ Law-Psychology Program

SUMMER UPDATE 2021

## Recent Graduates and Current Positions



**1 Andrea Avila**  
Forensic Psychologist  
*Oregon State Hospital*

**2 Kimberly Dellapoalera**  
Senior Trial Consultant  
*JuryScope*  
Instructor  
*University of Nebraska Omaha*

**3 Christopher Kimbrough**  
Principal Analyst, Behavioral  
Science and Analytics  
*GuideWell*

NOT PICTURED

**Lori Hoetger Fendrick**  
Assistant Public Defender  
*Douglas County Nebraska Public  
Defender's Office*  
Adjunct Instructor  
*University of Nebraska at Omaha*

**Andrew Jeon**  
Threat Assessment  
Psychologist  
*VA Central Iowa Health  
Care System*



Culture, Conflict, and Law Lab members



Legal Decision Making Lab members



Megan Barry and Jasmine Martinez

## Recently-Admitted Students

**Kayla Sircy**  
Ph.D./M.L.S. Social-  
Cognitive  
*Calif. Lutheran Univ.*

**Rachel Haselow**  
J.D./Ph.D. Social-  
Cognitive  
*N. Carolina State Univ.*

**Meredith Cartwright**  
Ph.D./M.L.S.  
Developmental  
*Univ. of South Carolina*

**Logen Bartz**  
J.D./Ph.D. Social-  
Cognitive  
*Carthage College*

**Brooke Schroeder**  
J.D./Ph.D. Social-  
Cognitive  
*Utah Valley Univ.*

**Emily Bartlett**  
J.D./Ph.D. Social-  
Cognitive  
*Vanderbilt Univ.*

**Abigail Herzfeld**  
J.D./Ph.D. Social-  
Cognitive  
*Univ. of Arkansas*

**Casey Tisdale**  
Ph.D./M.L.S. Social-  
Cognitive  
*Ohio Univ.*

**Madeline Eyer**  
Ph.D./M.L.S. Clinical  
*Creighton Univ.*

**Patrick McGonigal**  
Ph.D./M.L.S. Clinical  
*Univ. of Mass.-Amherst*

## Recent Student Presentations At Conferences and Meetings

American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS)

Midwestern Psychological Association (MPA)

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)

Law and Society Association (LSA)

## Student Leadership

**Abigail Herzfeld**  
President  
*Psychology Graduate Student Association (GSA)*

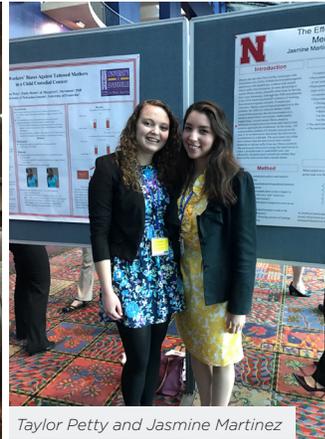
**Emma Marshall**  
Committee Chair  
*American Psychology Law-Society (AP-LS) Student Committee*

**Julie Wertheimer**  
Law Liaison and Student Representative  
*American Psychology Law-Society (AP-LS) Student Committee*

Law-Psychology Representative  
*Psychology Graduate Student Association (GSA)*



Students and alumni at American Psychology-Law Society conference



Taylor Petty and Jasmine Martinez



Julie Wertheimer

## Sample of Recent Publications With Student Co-Authors

**Berry, M. C., & Wiener, R. L. (2020).** Exoffender housing stigma and discrimination. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1037/law0000225>

Blankley, K. M., Votruba, A. M., **Bartz, L., & PytlikZillig, L. M. (in press).** ADR is Not a Household Term: Considering the Ethical and Practical Consequences of the Public's Lack of Understanding of Mediation and Arbitration. *Nebraska Law Review*, 99.

Fessinger, M., **Hazen, K. P.,** Bahm, J., Cole-Mossman, J., Heideman, R., & Brank, E. M. (2020). Mandatory, fast, and fair: Parents' perceptions of procedural justice in a mandatory family drug court. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 16(1), 49-77, doi: 10.1007/s11292-019-09361-6.

**Hazen, K. P.,** Carlson, M. W., Hatton-Bower, H., Fessinger, M. B., Cole-Mossman, J., Bahm, J., Hauptman, K., Brank, E. M., & Gilkerson, L. (2020). Evaluating the Facilitating Attuned Interactions (FAN) approach: Vicarious trauma, professional burnout, and reflective practice. *Children and Youth Services Review*. 112. doi: 10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.104925.

**Marshall, E. W.,** Groscup, J. L., Brank, E. M., Perez, A., & Hoetger, L. A. (2020). Police surveillance of cell phone location data: Supreme Court versus public opinion. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, 37,751-775.

**McGonigal, P. T.,** Zimmerman, M., Scalora, M. J. (in press). Psychiatric and medical comorbidity of antisocial personality disorder. Invited book chapter in Black, D. and Kolla, N. (Eds). *The Textbook of Antisocial Personality Disorder*.

**Wertheimer, J., & Wiener, R. L. (2020).** Custody judgments, ex-offender parents, and best interests of the child. *Analysis of Social Issues and Public Policy*.

Wiener, R. L., **Berry, M. C., Wertheimer, J., Petty, T., & Martinez, J. (in press).** The public's judgment of sex trafficked women: Blaming the victim? *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*.

## Awards

### OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING AWARD: RESEARCH MENTOR

From the Department of Psychology



**Katherine Hazen, J.D., Ph.D.**, is part of the Nebraska Resource Project for Vulnerable Young Children in CCFL. Her research examines the psychological and legal constructs of fairness and due process. She is past chair of the American Psychology and Law Society.

### OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING AWARD: CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION

From the Department of Psychology



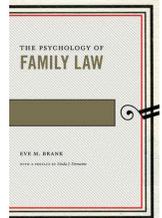
**Evan McCracken** is a Teaching Assistant for Multivariate Research Design and Data Analysis. He designs courses to empower confident scientists to evaluate empirical research, encourage active integration of material to understand the social world, and facilitate respectful interactions to challenge students' preconceived notions.

### LAWRENCE S. WRIGHTSMAN BOOK AWARD

From the American Psychology-Law Society



**Eve Brank, J.D., Ph.D.**, the head of the Law and Policy Lab, had *The Psychology of Family Law* published by NYU Press in 2019. The book encourages the use of psychological research and methods to inform understandings of family law.



### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

From the Law-Psychology Program



**Robinsue Frohboese, J.D., Ph.D.**, is the acting Director and Principal Deputy in U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Civil Rights. The first graduate of the program has over 40 years of experience in senior leadership roles in government, advancing social change and public policy.

### PREVIOUS AWARDEES

2019

**James Ogloff, J.D., Ph.D.**  
Professor, Director of CFBS  
Swinburne University of Technology

2018

**Monica Miller, J.D., Ph.D.**  
Professor  
University of Nevada, Reno

2017

**Daniel Wolfe, J.D., Ph.D.**  
Sr. Director of Jury Consulting  
Magna Legal Services

2016

**Jennifer Robbennolt, J.D., Ph.D.**  
Associate Dean, professor,  
co-director of IPLBSS  
University of Illinois at  
Urbana-Champaign

### SPOTLIGHT

## Center on Children, Families, and the Law

Founded in 1987 by Gary Melton, former director of the Law-Psychology program, CCFL bridges the gap between research, policy, and public service.

The Law-Psychology program is strongly connected to the center. Many faculty and students serve there, and students regularly receive assistantship funding through CCFL.

The center helps the helpers by addressing a variety of issues through grants and contracts as they educate policy makers, scholars, service

providers, and the general public. The collaborative approach improves systems and outcomes—especially those who are homeless or impacted by child welfare or juvenile justice.

The Children's Justice Clinic (CJC) project, a partnership between CCFL and the College of Law, trains third-year law students to become Guardians ad litem (GAL) in Nebraska's Juvenile Court System—making a positive impact on the law school and the legal community. The CJC's unique multidisciplinary approach gives students a holistic



Eve Brank (right), director of CCFL and an alumni of the Law-Psychology Program, pictured with alumni Rosa Vinas-Racionero, Heath Hodges, and Lindsey Wylie.

view of how to represent children and interact with social workers and mental health professionals.

Visit [ccfl.unl.edu](http://ccfl.unl.edu) to learn more.

## In Closing

In a year that presented additional challenges, we have had much to celebrate.

Our students and faculty have had to do much to safely and effectively move forward in teaching, research, and

service endeavors during the COVID-19 pandemic. This was also an era with significant struggles and tragedies across the nation stemming from racism, discrimination, and prejudice.

These issues have strengthened our resolve and

commitment to psychological training, research, and service.

The Law-Psychology Program continues to thrive in its 47th year and is well positioned for continued success.

Thank you to our colleagues and leaders in the Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, and College of Law, and our community and state partners for the ongoing support and collaborations.

## About Us



Established in 1974, the world's oldest ongoing integrated program in psychological studies is distinctive in breadth of training and degree options.

It is a leading program that trains scholars engaged in basic and applied research and writing on psychosocial issues and problems related to the law.



Students are part of the Clinical, Developmental, or Social and Cognitive program and can also pursue a Juris Doctor or Master of Legal Studies in the College of Law.

4TH AMENDMENT • ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION  
CHILD MALTREATMENT: SEXUAL ABUSE, PHYSICAL ABUSE, NEGLECT • CULTURE • EMOTION  
JUDICIAL DECISION MAKING • JUVENILE AND FAMILY LAW ISSUES • LEGAL CONFLICT  
OBJECTIFICATION • PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY LAWS • POWER • RACIAL AND ETHNIC BIAS  
SEXUAL ASSAULT, HARASSMENT, HEALTH • SUBTLE PREJUDICE  
TARGETED VIOLENCE: TERRORISM, EXTREMIST VIOLENCE

### Law and Policy Lab

*Eve Brank, J.D., Ph.D.*  
[psychology.unl.edu/ebrank](http://psychology.unl.edu/ebrank)

### Subtle Prejudice Lab

*Sarah Gervais, Ph.D.*  
[psychology.unl.edu/sarah-gervais](http://psychology.unl.edu/sarah-gervais)

### Child Maltreatment Lab

*David Hansen, Ph.D.*  
[psychology.unl.edu/childmaltreatmentlab](http://psychology.unl.edu/childmaltreatmentlab)

### Sexual Assault and Sexual Health Lab

*Kathryn Holland, Ph.D.*  
[psychology.unl.edu/sashlab/](http://psychology.unl.edu/sashlab/)

### Targeted Violence Lab

*Mario Scalora, Ph.D.*  
[psychology.unl.edu/targeted-violence/](http://psychology.unl.edu/targeted-violence/)

### Nebraska College of Law

*Robert Schopp, J.D., Ph.D.*  
[law.unl.edu/robert-schopp/](http://law.unl.edu/robert-schopp/)

### Culture, Conflict, and Law Lab

*Ashley Votruba, J.D., Ph.D.*  
[psychology.unl.edu/ccll](http://psychology.unl.edu/ccll)

### Legal Decision Making Lab

*Richard Wiener, Ph.D.*  
[psychology.unl.edu/legaldecisionmakinglab/](http://psychology.unl.edu/legaldecisionmakinglab/)

### Race and Ethnic Bias Lab

*Cynthia Willis-Esqueda, Ph.D.*  
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