

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Megan M. Trafford, M.S.**  
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**Work Address:**

University of New Haven  
Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and  
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**Education**

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*University of New Haven*, West Haven, CT  
Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice 2022 – Present

*University of New Haven*, West Haven, CT  
Master of Science in Criminal Justice 2020-2022  
Graduate Certificate in Forensic Psychology 2020-2021  
Graduate Certificate in Victim Advocacy and Service Management 2021-2022

*SUNY Oneonta*, Oneonta, NY  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice 2016-2019

**Research Interests**

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Human rights issues	Gendered and sexual violence	Victimization
Intersections of race, gender, class, culture, and crime	Cyber-deviance	Criminal competencies and forensic psychology

**Scholarly Activity**

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**Peer-Reviewed Publications:**

**Trafford, M. M.**, Bleakley, P., & Maayani, M. (2024). “Fighting within the rainbow”:  
discourses on internal conflict among LGBTQIA+ college students in cyber spaces.  
*Sociological Spectrum*, 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02732173.2024.2442316>

**Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications:**

**Trafford, M. M.** (2024). More green, less guns: A call for the improvement of community spaces in the pursuit of gun violence reduction. *EBP Quarterly*. [More Green, Less Guns: A Call for Improvement of Community Spaces in the Pursuit of Gun Violence Reduction – Joyfields EBP Society](#)

**Trafford, M. M.** (2023). Life as an exoneree: An examination of the causes and consequences of wrongful conviction. *EBP Quarterly*, 7(4).  
<https://www.ebpsociety.org/blog/education/548-life-as-an-exoneree>

**Paper Presentations, Poster Presentations & Roundtables:**

Bleakley, P., **Trafford, M. M.**, & McCarthy, K. E. (Upcoming, 2025, July). “*That’s so hot, DM me*”: Vicarious deviance and behavioral reinforcement in pro-incest forums online [Panel Presentation]. British Society of Criminology Conference.

**Megan M. Trafford**. (2024, November). *Zzzs and Degrees: An Exploratory Analysis of Student Sleep Quality and Related Academic Outcomes* [Lightning Talk]. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Paul Bleakley & **Megan M. Trafford**. (2024, November). “*Block, report, or move on*” – What the experience of LGBTQIA+ college students tells us about online safety measures [Panel Presentation]. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

**Megan M. Trafford**, Paul Bleakley, & Kayli L. Langan. (2024, November). *Got nudes? A preliminary study on the deceptive strategies used to solicit sexual content* [Conference Presentation]. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Tracy L. Tamborra, Leila B. Dutton, Fadia M. Narchet, **Megan M. Trafford**, & Isabel M. Velez. (2024, November). *Misaligned Sexual Desires Resulting in Sex: What Do We Call This and How Is It Perceived?* [Poster Presentation]. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Paul Bleakley & **Megan M. Trafford**. (2024, August). *Queering cyberdeviance: Exploring the responses of LGBTQIA+ college students to cyber-victimization* [Conference Presentation]. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec.

**Megan M. Trafford** & Kevin Barnes-Ceeney. (2024, April). *Social support and wellbeing of incarcerated Rwandan génocidaires*. University of New Haven Graduate Student Showcase, West Haven, CT.

**Megan M. Trafford** & Kevin Barnes-Ceeney. (2023, November). *Understanding relationships between social supports and the mental and physical health of Rwandan*

*genocide perpetrators [Conference Presentation]*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

**Megan M. Trafford.** (2022, March). *Juvenile solitary confinement: A de facto life sentence [Poster Presentation]*. University of New Haven Graduate Student Showcase, West Haven, CT.

**Megan M. Trafford.** (2019, April). *Criminal sentencing disparities on the basis of socioeconomic status [Conference Presentation]*. SUNY Oneonta Undergraduate Political Science Conference, Oneonta, NY.

### **Research in Progress:**

**Trafford, M. M.,** Bleakley, P., & Langan, K. L. (*Under review*). Behind the screen and between the sheets: Exploring perceptions of sexual deception online and offline. *Submitted to Victims and Offenders*.

Bleakley, P., Maayani, M., & **Trafford, M.** (*Under review*). ‘Like going out at night without pepper spray and hoping you don’t get attacked’: Responses to cyber-victimization among LGBTQIA+ college students in the United States. *Submitted to Critical Criminology*.

Tamborra, T. L., Dutton, L. B., Narchet, F. M., **Trafford, M. M.,** & Velez, I. M. (*In Progress*). When sexual negotiations become coercive: Implications for legal standards.

Martellozzo, E., Bleakley, P., McCarthy, K. E., & **Trafford, M. M.** (*In Progress*). Onboarding and well-being of new content moderators in Africa: Exploring challenges, harm perception, and support.

Bleakley, P., **Trafford, M. M.,** & McCarthy, K. E. (*In Progress*). Differential reinforcement in pro-incest forums online.

**Trafford, M. M.,** & Barnes-Ceeney, K. (*In Progress*). ‘They are my second family’: A mixed-methods analysis of social support, suicidality, and wellness among incarcerated Rwandan Genocidaires.

### **Teaching Experience**

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#### **Courses Taught, University of New Haven:**

Fall 2025	Quantitative Applications in Criminal Justice, CJST 2251 Introduction to Criminal Justice, CJST 1100
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Spring 2025                      Quantitative Applications in Criminal Justice, CJST 2251

Fall 2024                        Quantitative Applications in Criminal Justice, CJST 2251

**Guest Lectures, University of New Haven:**

Spring 2024                      Quantitative Applications in Criminal Justice, CJST 2251:  
   *Understanding Variability*  
   *Visual Representation of Data*  
   *Hypothesis Testing Using the Pearson Correlation Coefficient*

   Criminology, CJST 3311:  
   *Rational Models*

**Teaching Assistant, University of New Haven:**

2023 – 2025                      Criminology, CJST 3311  
   Criminal Legal System Injustices: A Macro-level Analysis, CJST 3355  
   Victims and Victimization, CJST 2206  
   Quantitative Applications in Criminal Justice  
   Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, CJST 4555/6655  
   Intro to Policing, CJST 2208  
   Criminal Justice Capstone Seminar, CJST 4400

**Service to the Discipline**

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**Service:**

Panel Chair  
*Gendered and Sexualized Patterns in Deviant Behavior*  
American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. November 2024.

Mock defendant for *Principles of Criminal Investigation*, CJST 2201  
2022 – 2023

Student Advisor  
Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science  
2022

Student Conduct Board Member  
Active 2021 – 2023

**Research:**

*Gun violence reduction: A summary of evaluations of the effectiveness of gun violence reduction strategies.*

Megan M. Trafford.

Prepared for: Lisa Dadio, M.S., MSW  
University of New Haven

**Scholarships and Awards**

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2025	Phenomenal Woman Award <i>University of New Haven</i>
Fall 2024 – Present	Ph.D. Fellowship Award <i>University of New Haven</i>
Fall 2022- Spring 2024	Ph.D. Assistantship Award <i>University of New Haven</i>
2019	Department Honors in Criminal Justice <i>SUNY Oneonta</i>
2016	NFCA All-American Scholar Athlete <i>National Fastpitch Coaches Association</i>

**Professional Memberships and Affiliations**

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**Academic and Professional Societies and Associations:**

2022 – Present	American Society of Criminology (ASC)
2025	Division of Victimology Division of Feminist Criminology Division of Cybercrime
2022 – Present	Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
2021 – Present	Alpha Phi Sigma, Criminal Justice Honor Society
2019 – Present	Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society

**Licenses & Certifications:**

Issued Oct. 2023	Domestic Violence: Intervention & Investigation <i>Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Sciences</i>
Issued Oct. 2022	Forensic Investigations of Hate Crimes <i>Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Sciences</i>
Issued Mar. 2021	C-SSRS Training <i>Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene, Inc.</i>
Issued 2020	Providing Sensitive Death Notifications <i>Penn State University</i>

**Technical Skills**

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Microsoft Office Suite	Qualtrics	SPSS Statistics 29
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