
Daniella J. Ferrante

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Anticipated 2028

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Criminal Justice

School of Criminal Justice

Michigan State University

Guidance Committee: Dr. Thomas J. Holt (Chair), Dr. Karen M. Holt, and
Dr. Steven M. Chermak

Certificate in College Teaching

Teaching Mentor: Dr. Steven M. Chermak

Conferred 2022

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) with Highest Distinction

Psychological Sciences

College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue University

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) with Highest Distinction

Law & Society

College of Liberal Arts

Purdue University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

cybercrime, ideologically motivated crime, sexual offending, subcultures, and social networks

PUBLICATIONS

Ferrante, D.J. & Holt, T.J. (2024). Assessing Cyberattacks in Response to Police Actions in Physical Space. *Deviant Behavior*, 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2024.2429730>

IN PROGRESS

Ferrante, D.J., Holt, K.M., Holt, T.J., (in progress) “Analyzing the Social Organization of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) Forums” [working title]

Werth, K. and **Ferrante, D.J.** (in progress). “Analysis of Anti-United States Government Sentiments on Online Forums” [working title].

Holt, T.J. and **Ferrante, D.J.** (in progress). “Assessing Victims of Ransomware In A Global Context” [working title].

REPORTS & PROGRAM EVALUATION

*Cobbina-Dungy, J.E., **Ferrante, D.J.**, and Werth, K.A. (2024). "One Detroit Program Evaluation: Assessment of One Detroit Program: Getting Involved and Perceptions of Violent Crime and Violent Crime with Firearms, Prepared for the United States Attorney's Office Eastern District of Michigan

*Authors listed in alphabetical order, for the exception of the primary investigator

RESEARCH POSITIONS

August 2023 – Present

Graduate Research Assistant | Supervisor: Dr. Thomas J. Holt
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

January – May 2023

Research Assistant
Kernan Social Science Laboratory
College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University

Research Assistant
Dr. Spencer Headworth and Dr. David McElhatten
No Pass No Drive Legislation & Collateral Consequences
Department of Sociology, Purdue University

January – May 2022

Margo Katherine Wilke Undergraduate Research Fellow
Dr. Spencer Headworth and Dr. David McElhatten
Driver's License Suspension Laws & Collateral Consequences
College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University

May – August 2021

Undergraduate Research Assistant
Lane Relational Emotional and Addictive Coregulation across Time
(REACT) Laboratory
College of Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University

August – December 2020

Undergraduate Research Assistant
Dr. Jeffrey Karpicke Cognition and Learning Laboratory
College of Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University

January – May 2020

Undergraduate Research Assistant
Dr. David Purpura Early Childhood Learning Laboratory
College of Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024

Holt, T.J. and **Ferrante, D.J.** “Assessing Victims of Ransomware In A Global Context”. Human Factor in Cybercrime Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Ferrante, D.J., and Werth, K.A., “A Preliminary Exploratory Analysis of Anti-United States Government Sentiments Online”. Terrorism & Social Media (TASM) Conference, Swansea University, Swansea, Wales, United Kingdom.

Ferrante, D.J., and Holt, T.J. “Exploring Cybercrimes Against Law Enforcement Entities”. The European Society of Criminology Working Group on Radicalization, Extremism, and Terrorism Colloquium, Remote Presentation.

2022

Ferrante, D.J., Napolitano, S.C., Lane, S.P., Trull, T.J. “Consequences of Childhood Sexual Abuse on Personality and Alcohol Consumption”. Purdue University Department of Psychological Sciences Undergraduate Research Conference, West Lafayette, IN, United States

Ferrante, D.J., Gonzalez, E., Rivero, M., Sperrazza, M., Yao, S. “Drivers License Suspension Laws”. Purdue University Undergraduate Research Conference, West Lafayette, IN, United States

HONORS, AWARDS, FUNDING, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025

RSAC Security Scholar

Michigan State University student recipient of the RSA Scholar Award for the 2025 RSA Conference

2024

Criminal Justice Alumni Graduate Endowed Assistantship

Michigan State University

Funds, in part, Graduate Research Assistantship for the 2024-2025 academic year

\$3,000 College of Social Science Early Start Summer Fellowship

Michigan State University

Awarded to graduate students who contribute to the educational diversity of their department

VOX-Pol Network of Excellence Summer School Student

Cyber Threats Research Centre, Swansea University

\$2,300 VOX-Pol Network of Excellence Summer School Travel Award

Cyber Threats Research Centre, Swansea University

2023

\$830 Warren & Mary Huff Travel Scholarship

Michigan State University

\$3,500 College of Social Science Early Start Summer Fellowship

Michigan State University

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2020 - 2022

\$500 Margo Katherine Wilke Undergraduate Research Fellowship

College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University

Dean's List

Colleges of Health and Human Sciences and Liberal Arts

Purdue University College of Health and Human Sciences Student Spotlight Selectee

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Alpha Lambda Delta Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society

Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

SOC 22000: *Social Problems*

Instructor: Dr. Lindsay Hamm

Department of Sociology, Purdue University

GUEST LECTURES*

2025

Ferrante, D.J., “The United States Court System” – taught unit unassisted, unsupervised, in-full, substituting for primary instructor

CJ 110: *Introduction to Criminal Justice* | Instructor: Jordan M. Parker, M.S.
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

Ferrante, D.J. “Cybercrime and Criminal Law”

CJ 110: *Introduction to Criminal Justice* | Instructor: Jordan M. Parker, M.S.
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

*student teaching evaluations available upon request

2023

Ferrante, D.J. “Understanding Ideologically Based Hacking”

CJ 292: *Methods in Criminal Justice Research* | Instructor: Brenna M. Helm, M.A.
School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2022

Ferrante, D.J. “Violent Extremism – Perspectives on Global and Domestic Extremism and Terrorism”

SOC 22000: *Social Problems* | Instructor: Dr. Lindsay Hamm
Department of Sociology, Purdue University

Ferrante, D.J. “Power & Control – Interpersonal Violence”

SOC 22000: *Social Problems* | Instructor: Dr. Lindsay Hamm
Department of Sociology, Purdue University

SERVICE

2024 –

Panelist – Graduate School Information Sessions for Undergraduate Students

Judge of Mid-Michigan Symposium for Undergraduate Research Experiences (Mid-SURE)

Office of Undergraduate Research, Michigan State University

Graduate Student Network Co-Coordinator & Mentor

School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2024 – 2025 Mentee: Ellen M. McLeod, MA

Events Coordinator & Head of Fundraising Committee

Graduate Student Association, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2023

Graduate Student Co-Founder

Terrorism, Extremism, and Cybercrime (TEC) Laboratory

School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University

2020 – 2022

Student Ambassador

Recruitment and Yield Committee
College of Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University

Educational Ambassador

Center for Advocacy, Response, and Education, Purdue University

Tutor

PSY 20300: *Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology*, Purdue University

Volunteer

ACE Campus Food Pantry, Purdue University

PEER-REVIEW/REFEREE ACTIVITIES

Deviant Behavior

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2023 –

American Society of Criminology

Divisions of Cybercrime, Terrorism & Bias Crime, Victimology, & Feminist Criminology