

**Curriculum Vitae  
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[ResearchGate](#)

**Professional Positions**

2025 – present Assistant professor, School of Criminal Justice  
Michigan State University

2023 – 2025 Co-Lead Doctoral Research Assistant. Office on Violence Against  
Women Grant #O-OVW-2023-171728: Language Access Barriers to  
Justice Among Victims of Violence Against Women. Principal  
Investigators: Drs. Brittany E. Hayes, Ráchael Powers, and Amanda  
Simmons. Co-Lead Doctoral Research Assistant: Jacquelyn Burckley

2023 – 2024 Adjunct Instructor, School of Criminal Justice  
University of Cincinnati

2021 – present Graduate Assistant, School of and Criminal Justice  
University of Cincinnati

**Education**

2025 Ph.D., Criminal Justice  
University of Cincinnati  
Dissertation: *Forget Everything You Learned in the Academy:  
Police Training and Response to Cybercrime*  
Dissertation chair: Brittany E. Hayes

2019 Master of Science, Criminal Justice  
Weber State University

2017 Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice  
Weber State University

## Research Areas of Interest

Cybercrime and cybervictimization	Fear of crime
Criminal justice response to cybercrime	Victim decision making
Fraud and Identity theft	Research methods in victimology
Victim service provider organizations	Disability and victimization

## Publications

### *Peer-Reviewed Publications (\* denotes undergraduate student)*

- In press      **Maher, C. A.**, Burckley, J., Hayes, B. E., Powers, R. A., Simmons, A. K., & McKingsley, L. A. (In press). Correlates of police policies for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD): An organizational analysis. *Police Quarterly*.
- Maher, C. A.**, Hayes, B. E., & Liebreich, H. A. (In press). Collegiate lifestyle-routine activities and cybervictimization. *Journal of School Violence*.
- Pyo, J., & **Maher, C. A.** (In press). Perceptions of crime and criminal justice institutions: Effects on mock jurors' sentencing decisions in capital trials. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.
- 2025            **Maher, C. A.** (2025). To Shred or Not to Shred: Victims' decisions to engage in protective behaviors following identity theft victimization. *Crime & Delinquency*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287251363965>
- Hayes, B. E., Burckley, J., **Maher, C. A.**, Powers, R. A., Simmons, A. K., & McKingsley, L. A. (2025). Accessibility of victim service agencies' websites for individuals with disabilities. *Crime & Delinquency*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287251359202>
- Powers, R. A., Simmons, A. K., Hayes, B. E., Weller, K., McKingsley, L. A., **Maher, C. A.**, & Burckley, J. (2025). Building inclusive academic and disability community research partnerships: Methodological insights for engaging victims with intellectual and developmental disabilities. *British Journal of Learning Disabilities*. <http://doi.org/10.1111/bld.70000>
- Maher, C. A.** & Hayes, B. E. (2025). Privacy please: The presence of others and disclosure of identity theft victimization. *Deviant Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2025.2492710>
- DiRienzo, F. P., **Maher, C. A.**, Hayes, B. E., & Daigle, L. E. (2025). (Cyber)bullying victimization of autistic college students. *Journal of School Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15388220.2025.2478065>
- Engle, T. A., **Maher, C. A.**, & Jones, M. (2025). Afraid of the unknown:

Crypto literacy and fear of online fraud. *Journal of Economic Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeconc.2025.100135>

**Maher, C. A., & Holt, T. J. (2025).** Stolen valor? Examining the Associations between military service, data breach victimization, and identity theft Victimization. *Crime & Delinquency*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287241313345>

**Maher, C. A., Hayes, B. E., & Powers, R. A. (2025).** Vulnerable identities? Examining the association between disability with risk and consequences of identity theft. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 96. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2024.102333>

2024

**Maher, C. A., Corsello, R. M., Engle, T. A., Kuhlman, J. D.,\* & Nedelec, J. L. (2024).** The correlates of victim services for fraud and identity theft among victim service providers. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 95. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2024.102318>

**Maher, C. A., & Engle, T. (2024).** Knowing is half the battle: Examining the association between acknowledgement of victimization and reporting of Fraud. *Journal of Economic Criminology*, 5. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeconc.2024.100092>

**Maher, C. A. (2024).** Online and terrestrial identity theft: A comparison of victims and examination of reporting decisions across modalities. *Crime & Delinquency*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287241258660>

**Maher, C. A., Pyo, J., & Hayes, B. E. (2024).** The shadow of sexual assault revisited: An extension and test of the Shadow of Sexual Assault Hypothesis among LGBTQ persons. *Violence Against Women*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10778012241234896>

**Maher, C. A. (2024).** Examining the association between citizenship and ethnicity on identity theft risk: Findings from the National Crime Victimization Survey. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 49(3), 400-421. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12103-024-09759-7>

*\*Recipient of the American Society of Criminology Division of Victimology 2024 Graduate Student Paper of the Year award*

**Maher, C. A., & Hayes, B. E. (2024).** Nonfinancial consequences of identity theft revisited: Examining the influence of out-of-pocket losses on physical and emotional distress. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 51(3), 459-481. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00938548231223166>

2023

Daigle, L. E., **Maher, C. A.,** Hayes, B. E. & Muñoz, R. (2023). Victimization, disability status, and fear among US college students.

*Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 39(7-8), 1519-1542.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605231207621>

**Maier, C. A.** (2023). Buyer beware, or buyer unaware? Examining the correlates of consumer fraud victimization acknowledgement among a nationally representative sample. *Crime & Delinquency*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287231197422>

Pinchevsky, G. M., **Maier, C. A.**, & Hayes, B. E. (2023). Using routine activity theory to better understand college students' experiences with reproductive coercion. *Violence Against Women*, 29(12-13), 2486-2507.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/10778012231186813>

van Baak, C., **Maier, C. A.**, & Hayes, B. E. (2023). Persons sentenced to death and their last statement: Presence and absence of techniques of neutralization. *Homicide Studies*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/10887679231179889>

**Maier, C. A.**, & Hayes, B. E. (2023). Shadow of personal fear? An analysis of personal and altruistic fear of cyberharassment. *Crime & Delinquency*, 70(9), 2532-2558.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287231180108>

*\*Recipient of the American Society of Criminology Division of Cybercrime 2023 Best Peer-Reviewed Publication award*

Hayes, B. E., & **Maier, C. A.** (2023) A systematic review of routine activities and sexual assault victimization. *Trauma, Violence, and Abuse*. 25(1), 369-392. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15248380231153864>

2022

**Maier, C. A.**, & Hayes, B. E. (2022). Examining personal and altruistic fear of ransomware. *Victims & Offenders*. 18(7), 1236–1258.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2022.2159597>

**Maier, C. A.**, & Hayes, B. E. (2022). Association between disabilities, educational attainment, literacy, and intimate partner violence: Findings from the Indian National Family Health Surveys. *Asian Journal of Criminology*, 18(1), 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11417-022-09389-0>

van Baak, C., **Maier, C. A.**, Protas, M. E., & Hayes, B. E. (2022). Victims and perpetrators of cyber harassment: The role of power and control and the use of techniques of neutralization. *Deviant Behavior*, 44(5), 690-707. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2022.2088317>

Lee, H. D., Reynolds, B. W., **Maier, C.** & Kim, D. (2022). Fear of sexual assault for oneself and others: A gendered perspective from five states. *International Journal of Law, Crime, and Justice*, 68.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijlcej.2021.100521>

Lee, H. D., Boateng, F. D., Kim, D., & **Maher, C.** (2022). Residential stability and fear of crime: Examining the impact of homeownership and length of residence on citizens' fear of crime. *Social Science Quarterly*, 103(1), 141–154. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13108>

2020

Lee, H. D., Reyns, B. W., Kim, D., & **Maher, C.** (2020). Fear of crime out west: Determinants of fear of property and violent crime in five states. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 64(12), 1299–1316. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0306624X20909238>

Under Review

Ferraresso, R., **Maher, C. A.**, & Kim, C. (Under review). Cybervictimization among Female Korean Adolescents: An Online Routine Activity Perspective.

**Maher, C. A.**, Engle, T. A., McGrath, M., & Nedelec, J. L. (Under review). Fraud in the Buckeye State: A geospatial and temporal analysis fraud victimization reports in Ohio, 2024.

Engle, T. A., **Maher, C. A.**, & Nedelec, J. L. (Under review). Sellin and Wolfgang Revisited: A partial replication and expansion considering Cybercrime.

**Maher, C. A.** (Under review). The Role of Interviewer Sex on Fear of Violent Crime: A Research Note.

Engle, T., **Maher, C. A.**, Caudill, C., Coe, K., Corsello, R., Joo, S. H., & Nedelec, J. (Under review). Cybercrime trends in The United States: Findings from the Internet Crime Complaint Center, 2015-2024.

Burckley, J. B., **Maher, C. A.**, & Hayes, B. E. (Under review). Stalking risk, reporting, and consequences among persons with disabilities: Findings from the National Crime Victimization Survey.

McNealey, R., Figueroa, C., & **Maher, C. A.** (Under review). “Police Can’t help you”: Exploring influences on perceptions of the police as a response to cybercrime.

Corsello, R. M., Engle, T. A., & **Maher, C. A.** (Under review). Correlates of service provision to victims of labor and sex trafficking: Findings from the National Survey of Victim Service Providers.

### ***Book Chapters***

In press

**Maher, C. A.**, & Cross, C. (In press). Supporting victims of fraud.

- 2024 **Maher, C. A., & Hayes, B. E.** (2024). Examining personal and altruistic fear of ransomware. In S. Byrne & J. M. Byrne (Eds.) *Scams, cons, frauds, and deceptions: Online and in-person victimization schemes*. Taylor & Francis.

## Awards

- 2025 Winner of Academic Poster Presentation. Conference on Crimes Against Women 2025 conference. Hayes, B. E., Powers, R. A., **Maher, C. A.**, Burckley, J., McKingsley, L. A., & Simmons, A. (2025). Law Enforcement and Victim Service Agencies' Policies on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Benjamin Steiner Outstanding Graduate Student Award. University of Cincinnati School of Criminal Justice.

- 2024 Graduate Student Paper of the Year Award. American Society of Criminology Division of Victimology. **Maher, C. A.** Examining the association between citizenship and ethnicity on identity theft risk: Findings from the National Crime Victimization Survey. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12103-024-09759-7>

Victimology Section Outstanding Graduate Student Award – Honorable Mention. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Victimology Section

- 2023 Best Peer-Reviewed Publication. American Society of Criminology Division of Cybercrime. **Maher, C. A., & Hayes, B. E.** Shadow of personal fear? An analysis of personal and altruistic fear of cyberharassment. *Crime & Delinquency*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287231180108>

- 2019 **Maher, C. A., Lee, H. D., & Kim, D.** Factors of residential stability on fear of crime. Western Association of Criminal Justice student poster competition. First place overall

- 2018 **Maher, C. A., Lee, H. D., & Kim, D.** Perceived incivilities on fear of sexual assault. Western Association of Criminal Justice student poster competition. First place overall

## Grants and Funding

- 2024 **Maher, C. A. & Hayes, B. E.** Center for Criminal Justice Research Student Research Support Award. (\$2,000).

**Maher, C. A., & Hayes, B. E.** Correlates of Police Policies for Persons

with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities. College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services 2023-2024 Graduate Student and Faculty Research Mentoring Grant (\$1,000).

Doctoral Summit scholarship. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2024 Doctoral Summit.

2022 **Maier, C. A., & Hayes, B. E.** Testing the shadow of sexual assault hypothesis among LGBTQ populations. College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services 2022-2023 Graduate Student and Faculty Research Mentoring Grant (\$1,000).

**Maier, C. A., & Hayes, B. E.** Fear of cybercrime: An examination of crime-specific altruistic and personal fearfulness. College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services 2021-2022 Graduate Student and Faculty Research Mentoring Grant (\$1,000).

2019 Master of Criminal Justice Civilian Merit Scholarship. Weber State University Department of Criminal Justice, Spring 2019 semester (\$1,000).

Research Travel Grant. Weber State University Department of Criminal Justice (\$400).

2018 **Maier, C. A.** Research Travel Grant. Weber State University Office of Undergraduate Research (\$373).

#### ***Unfunded Grants***

2025 Nedelec, J. L., **Maier, C. A.,** Engle, T., & McGrath, M. Scams in the Buckeye State: A geospatial analysis of fraud victimization reports in Ohio, 2024. American Certified Fraud Examiners Research Institute. (\$15,000).

2022 Maier, C. A., & Hayes, B. E. Fear, consequences, and routines: An examination of the potentially prosocial outcomes of fear. College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services URC Graduate stipend for behavioral and social sciences (\$3,000).

#### **Conference Presentations (\* denotes undergraduate student)**

##### ***Panel Presentations***

2025 McGrath, M., **Maier, C.,** Engle, T., & Nedelec, J. (2025). Fraud in the Buckeye State: A geospatial and temporal analysis of fraud victimization reports in Ohio, 2024. Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, September 2025.

**Maier, C. A., & Hayes, B. E. (2025).** Privacy please: The presence of others and disclosure of identity theft victimization. Michigan State University 2025 Interdisciplinary Conference on Cybercrime, East Lansing, Michigan, May 2025.

Kuhlman,\* J. D. & **Maier, C. A. (2025).** Correlates of victim services for fraud and identity theft among victim service providers. 2025 Spring Research Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, March 2025.

2024

Pyo, J., & **Maier, C. A. (2024).** Perceptions of crime and criminal justice institutions. Effects on mock jurors' sentencing decisions in capital trials. American Society of Criminology annual conference, San Francisco, California, November 2024.

**Maier, C. A. (2024).** Law enforcement response to cybercrime: An examination of organizational and state-level correlates of cybercrime response. American Society of Criminology annual conference, San Francisco, California, November 2024.

Hayes, B. E., Powers, R. A., **Maier, C. A.**, Burckley, J., McKingsley, L. A., Simmons, A. K., & Burckley, J. (2024). Law enforcement policies on intellectual and development disabilities (IDD). American Society of Criminology annual conference, San Francisco, California, November 2024.

Hayes, B. E., Powers, R. A., **Maier, C. A.**, McKingsley, L. A., Simmons, A. K., & Burckley, J. (2024). Law enforcement policies on intellectual and developmental disabilities. National Institute of Justice annual conference. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 2024.

2023

Engle, T., **Maier, C. A.**, Caudill, C., Coe, K., Corsello, R., Joo, S. H., Protas, M. E., & Nedelec, J. Cybercrime trends in The United States: Findings from the Internet Crime Complaint Center, 2016-2022. American Society of Criminology annual conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2023.

**Maier, C. A. (2023).** Examining the association between law enforcement academy curricula and cybervictimization: A preliminary analysis. American Society of Criminology annual conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2023.

**Maier, C. A. (2023).** Correlates of differentiated identity theft: Examining the association between citizenship, race, and ethnicity with offense specific risk among a nationally representative sample. 2023 Spring Research Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 2023.



**MaHER, C. A., & Hayes, B. E. (2023).** Examining personal and altruistic fear of ransomware. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, National Harbor, Maryland, March, 2023. **Panel chair.**

2022 **MaHER, C. A., & Hayes, B. E. (2022).** Systematic review of routine activity theory and sexual victimization. American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2022. **Panel chair.**

***Poster Presentations***

2025 Hayes, B. E., Powers, R. A., **MaHER, C. A.,** Burckley, J., McKingsley, L. A., & Simmons, A. (2025). Law Enforcement and Victim Service Agencies' Policies on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Conference on Crimes Against Women, Dallas, Texas, May 2025.

*\*Winner of the Academic Poster Presentation Award at 2025 Conference on Crimes Against Women*

2024 Simmons, A., Hayes, B., Powers, R., **MaHER, C. A.,** Burckley, J., & McKingsley, L. E. (2024). Support for Communication Differences? Law Enforcement Policies on Intellectual Developmental Disabilities [Virtual poster]. American Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Convention 2024, Seattle, Washington, December 2024.

Hayes, B.E., Powers, R.A., McKingsley, L.A., Simmons, A.K., **MaHER, C. A.,** & Burckley, J. (2024). Law enforcement policies on intellectual and development disabilities (IDD). American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities annual conference, Columbus, Ohio, October 2024.

2019 **MaHER, C. A.,** Lee, H. D., & Kim, D. (2019). Residential Stability and Fear of Crime. Western Association of Criminal Justice Annual Conference, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, October 2019.

*\*Recipient of first place overall award at 2019 Western Association of Criminal Justice student poster competition*

**MaHER, C. A.,** Lee, H. D., & Kim, D. (2019). Perceptions of Neighborhood Disorder on Fear of Sexual Assault. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, March 2019.

**MaHER, C. A.,** Lee, H. D., & Kim, D. (2019). Perceived Incivilities on Fear of Sexual Assault. Office of Undergraduate Research Annual Symposium, Ogden, Utah, March 2019.

2018 **MaHER, C. A.,** Lee, H. D., & Kim, D. (2018). Perceived Incivilities on Fear of Sexual Assault. Western Association of Criminal Justice Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 2018.

*\*Recipient of first place overall award at 2018 Western Association of Criminal Justice student poster competition*

### **Roundtable Presentations**

2024                      **Maher, C. A.,** Holt, T. J., Cross, C., Lee, J. R., & Eaton, A. (2024). Charting the future for cybercrime research. American Society of Criminology annual conference, San Francisco, California, November 2024.

### **Research Assistantships/Affiliations**

2025 – present              Faculty Research Affiliate; The University of Cincinnati Cybercrime and Behavior Online Research Group. College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services, and Information Technology.

2023 – 2025                Associate Director of Research; University of Cincinnati Cybercrime and Behavior Online Research Group. College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services, and Information Technology

2022 – 2023                Graduate Research Associate; The University of Cincinnati Cybercrime and Behavior Online Research Group. College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services, and Information Technology.

2021 – present              Research affiliate; Kautz-Uible Cryptoeconomics Lab. University of Cincinnati Digital Futures.

2021 – present              Research assistant for Dr. Brittany Hayes, University of Cincinnati College of Criminal Justice

2021 – 2022                Research team member; Bias Homicide Database, overseen by Dr. Jeff Gruenwald, University of Arkansas

2017 – 2019                Research assistant for Dr. Heeuk Dennis Lee, Weber State University School of Criminal Justice

### **Teaching Experience**

Fall 2024                      CJ4079: Special Topics in Crime Prevention – Scams and frauds  
Undergraduate  
In-person  
University of Cincinnati  
*\*New course development*

Spring 2024                      CJ1002: Introduction to Criminology  
Undergraduate  
In-person

University of Cincinnati

***Teaching Assistant Experience***

- 2023 CJ1001: Introduction to Criminal Justice  
Online  
Instructor: Brittany E. Hayes
- 2021 – present CJ 4074: Victimology  
In-person & Online  
Instructor: Brittany E. Hayes

**Service to the profession**

***Committee membership***

- 2025 – present Constitution and Bylaws committee member  
American Society of Criminology Division of Cybercrime

***Conference Panel Chair Experience***

- 2023 New directions in cybercrime victimization research. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, National Harbor, Maryland. March 17, 2023.
- 2022 Using theory to understand risk of victimization. American Society of Criminology annual conference. Atlanta, Georgia. November 16, 2022.

***Ad hoc reviewer:***

*American Journal of Criminal Justice*  
*Cogent Social Sciences*  
*Criminal Justice Studies*  
*Deviant Behavior*  
*International Journal of Human-Computer Interaction*  
*International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice*  
*International Review of Victimology*  
*Journal of Crime and Justice*  
*Journal of Criminal Justice*  
*Journal of Economic Criminology*  
*Journal of Experimental Criminology*  
*Journal of School Violence*  
*Legal and Criminological Psychology*  
*Race and Justice*  
*Sociological Spectrum*  
*Victims & Offenders*  
*Violence Against Women*

**Professional Affiliations**

2021 – present      American Society of Criminology  
Division memberships:  
    Division of Cybercrime  
    Division of Health and Disability Criminology  
    Division of Victimology  
    Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime

2022 – present      Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
Section memberships:  
    Victimology Section

**Professional Development Seminars and Workshops**

2025      University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice, Human Services, and Information Technology ETD digital accessibility workshop.

2024      Sonoran Center for Excellence in Disabilities. “Accessible Communications: Digital Accessibility 101.” June 14, 2024.

2024 Doctoral Summit. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. March 19 – 22, 2024.

University of Cincinnati Center for Criminal Justice Research Workshop. “Data visualization.” March 7, 2024.

University of Cincinnati Criminal Justice Society and Center for Criminal Justice Research Panel. “Current Challenges in Recruitment and Retention of Law Enforcement.” February 21, 2024.

University of Cincinnati Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Workgroup. “Trauma in Academic Research.” February 21, 2024.

University of Cincinnati Brown Bag Development Workshop Series. “Virtual Roundtable: Discussion with CJ Assistant Directors of Advising.” January 24, 2024.

2023      Bureau of Justice Statistics. “Analyzing Data from the National Crime Victimization Survey: A Virtual Workshop for Data Users.” December 5, 2023.

University of Cincinnati Brown Bag Development Workshop Series. “Academic Job Market Panel.” October 13, 2023.

University of Cincinnati Brown Bag Development Workshop Series. “Peer Review Process Workshop.” March 31, 2023.

- 2022 Graduate Student Research Group. "Roundtable: Discussion of Academic Publication Process." April 1, 2022.
- 2021 University of Cincinnati Brown Bag Development Workshop Series. "Roundtable: Discussion of Recommended Academic Publications." December 6, 2021.
- University of Cincinnati Brown Bag Development Workshop Series. "Chinese Police Cadets' Attitudes Toward Domestic Violence: A Pretest/Posttest Design." November 3, 2021.
- University of Cincinnati Brown Bag Development Workshop Series. "Demonstrating the Validity of Twin Research in Criminology." September 16, 2021.