

JALENA WILLIAMS

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Michigan State University <i>Doctor of Philosophy (Criminal Justice)</i>	2026
M.S.	Wayne State University <i>Accelerated Master of Science (Criminal Justice)</i>	2021
B.S.	Wayne State University <i>Bachelor of Science (Criminal Justice)</i> Minor: Sociology	2019

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
- Juvenile Delinquency and Justice
- Targeted Violence (School Shootings)
- School-to-Prison Pipeline
- School Resource Officers
- Human Trafficking
- Policing in Schools
- Program Evaluation
- Youth & Gangs
- Restorative Justice
- Trust

SPECIALIZED COURSES

- HDFS 982 Qualitative Research Methods
- PSY 883 Statistics for Evaluators I
- CJ 802 Proseminar Law Enforcement Intelligence Operations
- CJ 906 Advanced Quantitative Methods: Logistic Regression
- CJ 809 Communities, Crime, and Crime Prevention
- CJ 909 Advanced Research Methods
- CJ 910 Qualitative Research Methods
- Inside Out Prison Exchange Program

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Ethan M. Rogers, Ph.D.a,*, Chris Melde, Ph.D.b , **Jalena Williams**, M.S.b, Justin Heinze, Ph.D.c, Edmund McGarrell, Ph.D.b. *Adolescent Mental Health and Resilience Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, One Detroit Prevention Subcommittee

Michigan State University, *School of Criminal Justice* 2023

Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Julie Krupa

- Assist with tasks pertaining to program evaluation

Graduate Research Assistant, Long-Term Follow-Up of the National Evaluation of Gang Resistance Education and Training Project

Michigan State University, *School of Criminal Justice* 2023-2024

Faculty Supervisors: Dr. Chris Melde & Dr. Steven Chermak

- Assist with locating research participants and open-source coding

Graduate Research Assistant, *Comprehensive Approaches to Addressing Mental Health Needs and Enhancing School Security: A Clustered Randomized Control Trial*

Michigan State University, *School of Criminal Justice* 2021- 2022

Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Chris Melde

- Assisted with the creation of school reports based on data findings.

Early Start Program Participant, *Safe School Transitions Study*

Michigan State University, *School of Criminal Justice* 2021

Faculty Supervisor: Dr. Chris Melde

- Produced an annotated bibliography on relevant studies of polyvictimized youth
- Drafted a literature review setting up the research questions and analysis
- Supported the development of a discussion and policy implications section of the paper

Undergraduate Research Assistant, *Neighborhoods, Stress, and Police Behavior: Understanding the Relationships*

Wayne State University, *Dept. of Criminology/Criminal Justice* 2018

Co-Principal Investigators: Dr. Brad Smith, Dr. Malcolm Cutchin, Dr. Charles Klahm, and

Dr. Sam Zilioli Funding: National Institute of Justice

- Assisted with checking-in/checking-out of research participants
- Set-up online surveys for gathering on data on the computer
- Observed/participated in the debriefing process after police officers completed the surveys

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

2018-2019

Peer Mentor, *Justice & Society Learning Community*

- Led/facilitated discussions covering introductory criminal justice course material with students, graded papers, and assisted with other miscellaneous tasks related to the role.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Michigan State University

Graduate Research Assistantship, *School of Criminal Justice* 2021-2024
Early Start Fellowship, *College of Social Science* 2021-2022
Recruitment Top Off Award, *College of Social Science* 2021

Wayne State University, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice

Graduate Recruitment Award 2020-2021
AGRADE: Accelerated Graduate Student Enrollment Award 2019-2021

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Graduate Student Association, *Secretary* 2022-2024

Michigan State University

- Record, maintain, forward minutes/agenda to GSA Executive Board

Department Chair Search Advisory Committee, Graduate Student Representative

Wayne State University, Department of Criminal Justice 2020

- Assist with the planning and selection process for new department chair.

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

- *Justice Society, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice*
President/Vice President 2020-2021
Vice President 2019-2020
General Member 2018-2019

Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI

- *Peer Mentor, Office of Diversity & Inclusion* 2015-2017

