

**Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Present	Ph.D., Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University
2023	M.A., Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University
2018	B.A., Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University
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Research Interests

Child Maltreatment	Sex Crimes
Adverse Childhood Experiences	Well-being & Identity Outcomes
Childhood Sexual Abuse	Court Outcomes/Re-entry

Publications & Working Papers

Davis, Sarah Henry, and Sarah A. Font. 2025. “Do Children Receive Equal Justice Under the Law? A Comparison of Sentence Severity for Crimes with Child and Adult Victims.” *International Journal on Child Maltreatment: Research, Policy and Practice*. doi:[10.1007/s42448-025-00234-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s42448-025-00234-2).

Davis, Sarah. “Appraisals of Cumulative Childhood Adversity and the Importance of Familial Childhood Sexual Abuse” – Submitting to *Children and Youth Review*

Davis, Sarah, Megan Kurlychek, and Abenaa Jones. “Extra-Legal Contextual Factors, Judge Demographic Characteristics, and the Sentencing of Drug Crimes: Using Pennsylvania Commission of Sentencing Data to Examine Drug Sentencing Severity, 2014-2019” –Under review at *American Journal of Criminal Justice*

Felson, Richard, Jacob Felson, and **Sarah Davis**. “Getting Busted: Formal and Informal Social Control of Delinquency” – Under review at *Criminology*

Davis, Sarah. “The Differing Risk Factors and Characteristics of Intrafamilial and Extrafamilial Child Sexual Abuse”- working paper

Honors and Awards

- 2025 ACJS Doctoral Summit Scholarship
- 2024 CSUA Best Poster Award
- 2018 Women’s Honors Society
- 2016 Schreyer Honors Society
- 2014 Paterno Fellow

Conference Presentations

- 2024 Davis, Sarah, Megan Kurlychek, and Abenaa Jones. “Extra-Legal Contextual Factors, Judge Demographic Characteristics, and the Sentencing of Drug Crimes: Using Pennsylvania Commission of Sentencing Data to Examine Drug Sentencing Severity, 2014-2019” Paper Presented at the Lisbon Addictions Conference, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2024 Davis, Sarah, Megan Kurlychek, and Abenaa Jones. “Extra-Legal Contextual Factors, Judge Demographic Characteristics, and the Sentencing of Drug Crimes: Using Pennsylvania Commission of Sentencing Data to Examine Drug Sentencing Severity, 2014-2019” Poster Presented at the Consortium on Substance Use and Addiction, University Park, PA
- 2024 Davis, Sarah and Sarah Font. “Do Children Receive Equal Justice Under the Law? A Comparison of Sentence Severity for Crimes with Child and Adult Victims.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Chicago, IL
- 2023 Davis, Sarah. “Appraisals of Cumulative Childhood Adversity and the Importance of Familial Childhood Sexual Abuse.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA

2022 Davis, Sarah. "The Differing Risk Factors and Characteristics of Intrafamilial and Extrafamilial Child Sexual Abuse." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA

Teaching Experience

Independent Instructor

Introduction to the Criminal Justice System
Women and the Criminal Justice System

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Criminological Theory
Sociology of Deviance
Criminological Theory
Violent Crime
Sexual and Domestic Violence

Study Abroad Instructor

Race, Crime, and Justice
Organized Crime

Guest Instructor

Sexual and Domestic Violence
Women and the Criminal Justice System
Criminological Theory
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency

Middle School Instructor

6th, 7th, and 8th grade (Lakeside Charter Academy)

Departmental & Professional Service

2023-2025 Undergraduate Student Committee, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Pennsylvania State University

2021-2023 Graduate Student Travel Committee, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Pennsylvania State University