

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D. Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
Cognate Area: *Ecological & Community Psychology*
Dissertation Title: *Pathways to School Shootings: Toward a Dual-Process
Developmental-Situational Model of Choice*
Chair: *Dr. Steven M. Chermak*
Members: *Dr. Merry Morash; Dr. Edmund McGarrell; Dr. Rebecca Campbell*
- 2015 M.A. Sociology, University of Arkansas.
Concentration: *Criminology*
Thesis Title: *Opportunity, Group Structure, Temporal Patterns and Successful
Outcomes of Far-right Terrorism Incidents in the United States*
Chair: *Dr. Jeff Gruenewald*
Members: *Dr. Brent L. Smith; Dr. Christopher Shields*
- 2013 B.A. Sociology & Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.

SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Social Development; Decision-Making; Motivation; Criminology; Analytic Criminology;
Crime Science; Violent Behavior; Homicide; Firearms Violence; Gun Policy; Violence
Prevention; Quantitative Methods; Policy Analysis

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2021 – Assistant Professor. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of South Carolina – Columbia.
- 2020, Fall Instructor. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of South Carolina – Columbia.
- 2015 – 2020 Graduate Research Assistant. School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University.
- 2013 – 2015 Graduate Research Assistant. Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.

Awards & Honors

- 2024 Career Influencer Award. University of South Carolina.
- 2024 Outstanding Faculty Article of the Year. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of South Carolina.
- 2023 Peter and Bonnie McCausland Fellow for Scholarly and Teaching Excellence. University of South Carolina.
- 2023 Distinguished Undergraduate Research Mentor Award. University of South Carolina.
- 2022 Thank a Teacher Award. University of South Carolina.

Scholarly Affiliations

- 2023 – Affiliate Scholar. Rockefeller Institute of Government's Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium (RGVRC).
- 2023 – Affiliate Scholar. The American Terrorism Study (ATS). Terrorism Research Center (TRC), Fulbright College, University of Arkansas.
- 2015 – Affiliate Scholar. U.S. Extremist Crime Database (ECDB).

RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS

External Awards (total amount as PI/Co-PI: \$2,759,514)

- 2025 Principal Investigator. From Perceptions to Practice: Connecting Firearm Behaviors and Implementation to the Effectiveness of New Jersey's Child Access Prevention (CAP) Laws. *New Jersey Gun Violence Research Center (GVRC)*, Newark, NJ. (\$184,471 awarded).
- 2023 Principal Investigator (with Emily Greene-Colozzi). Extreme Risk Protection Orders, Leakage, and Social Networks: The Legislative, Behavioral, and Social Contexts Surrounding Mass Public Shooting Incidents and Plots. *National Institute of Justice (NIJ)*, Award no. 15PNIJ-23-GG-02408-BSCI, Washington, D.C. (\$985,776 awarded).
- 2023 Principal Investigator (with Jeff Gruenewald). Trajectories of Targeted Violence: Mobilization Trends and Interdiction Opportunities. *U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science & Technology Directorate*, Award No. 23-STFRG-00026-01-00 (\$751,842 awarded).
- 2020 Principal Investigator (with Josh Freilich & Steve Chermak). Investigating Root Causes of School Violence: A Case Control Study of School Violent Offenders, Non-School Youth Violence Offenders, and Non-Offending Youths. *National Institute of Justice (NIJ)*, Award no. 2020-CK-BX-0003, Washington, D.C. (\$797,256 awarded).
- 2019 Principal Investigator. Pathways to school shootings: An integrated developmental and life course criminological approach. *National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF)*, Award no. 2018-R2-CX-0002, Washington, D.C. (\$32,000 awarded).
- 2018 Principal Investigator. Issues in school violence research and prevention. *Department of Michigan State Police*. Dimondale, MI. (\$2,169 awarded).
- 2012 – 2013 Student Investigator (with Dr. Brent Smith – Advisor). Analyzing the temporal patterns of American terrorists' precursor activity. Undergraduate Research Fellowship, *Nat. Consortium for the Study of Terrorism & Responses to Terrorism*. College Park, MD. (\$1,500 awarded).

Other Research Awards

- 2019 Dissertation Completion Fellowship. Graduate School, Michigan State University (\$7,000).

- 2018 1st Place Winner (with Kayla Allison) – ASC Division on Terrorism and Bias Crimes (DTBC) student paper award. (\$500 awarded).
- 2018 College of Social Science Summer Research Fellowship. Michigan State University. (\$3,000 awarded).
- 2018 Doctoral Summit Fellow. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS). (room and conference registration paid).

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Accepted Manuscripts

**Denotes student co-author upon publication*

- 2025 Greene-Colozzi, E.A., Schildkraut, S. Arrigo, L., Krebs, L., & **Klein, B.R.** Social network analysis as a tool for understanding mass shooting prevention: A case study of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school shooting. *Journal of Criminal Justice* (in press).
- 2025 **Klein, B.R.**, Greene-Colozzi, E., Chermak, S.M., & Freilich, J.D. A comparative study of mass and non-mass school shootings in the United States. *Journal of School Violence* (in press).
- 2025 Plakas, C.*, **Klein, B.R.**, Jones, T.*, Rath, H.*, Weber, L*. Criminal court case outcomes of American school shooters. *Journal of School Violence* (in press).
- 2025 **Klein, B.R.**, Schnell, C., Chermak, S.M., & Freilich, J.D. Examining the effects of firearm lethality and aggressors' intentions to kill on injurious firearm violence at American schools. *Criminology*, 63(3), 673-686. [Link](#)
- 2025 Boehme, H. M., **Klein, B. R.**, Spencer, M. D., Jones, A.*, McMains-Nurisio, M. *, Morgan, K. *, & Trowbridge, J. * (2025). Social determinants of health, driving time to trauma hospitals, racial composition, and firearm violence in South Carolina. Online first at *Injury Prevention*. [Link](#)
- 2025 Chermak, S.M., Freilich, J.D., Greene-Colozzi, E., & **Klein, B.R.** Open-Source Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice. *Annual Review of Criminology* 8, 141–170. [Link](#)
- **All authors contributed equally. Authorship order is alphabetical**
- 2024 Sanders., K.*, Chermak, S.M., Freilich, J.D., & **Klein, B.R.** School Shootings and Suicide: A Comparison of School Shooters Who Die by

Suicide and Non-Suicide School Shooters. Online first at *Crime & Delinquency* [Link](#)

- 2024 **Klein, B.R.**, Trowbridge, J.,* Schnell, C., Lewis, K.*. Characteristics and obtainment methods of firearms used in adolescent school shootings. *JAMA pediatrics*, 178(1), 73-79. [Link](#)
- Featured story in 38 news outlets within the first week of publication
 - Featured in global news coverage (6 countries total)
 - Featured in *Advances in Pediatrics* as a significant contribution to injury prevention research
 - In the top 5% of all research outputs scored by Altmetric within the first week of publication
 - Winner: Outstanding Faculty Article of the Year. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of South Carolina
- 2023 Turner, N.T.*, & **Klein, B.R.** A mixed methods exploration of the relationship between target hardening and differential terrorist attack outcomes. Online first at *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* [Link](#)
- 2022 Morgan, S.*, Allison, K., **Klein, B.R.** Strained masculinity and mass shootings: Toward a theoretically integrated approach to assessing the gender gap in mass violence. *Homicide Studies*, 28(4), 441-467 [Link](#)
- 2022 Gruenewald, J., **Klein, B.R.**, Hayes, B., Parkin, W., & June, T.* Examining Disparities in Case Dispositions and Sentencing Outcomes for Domestic Violent Extremists in the United States. *Crime & Delinquency*, 70(1), 126-156 [Link](#)
- 2022 Freilich, J.D., Chermak, S.M., Connell, N.D., **Klein, B.R.**, & Greene-Colozzi, E*. Using open-source data to better understand and respond to American school shootings: Introducing and Exploring the American School Shooting Study (TASSS). *Journal of School Violence* 21,(2), 93-118. [Link](#)
- Featured story on the National Institute of Justice website [Link](#)
 - Reprinted policy brief for the Rockefeller Institute of Government's Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium website [Link](#)
 - Reprinted policy brief for the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services [Link](#)

- 2021 Allison, K.*, & **Klein, B.R.** Pursuing hegemonic masculinity through violence: An examination of anti-homeless bias homicides. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 36(13-14), 6859-6882. [Article Link](#)
- 2020 Freilich, J.D., Chermak, S.M., & **Klein, B.R.** Investigating the applicability of situational crime prevention to the public mass violence context. *Criminology & Public Policy*, 19(1), 271-293. [Article Link](#)
- Featured story on MSU's College of Social Science, School of Criminal Justice Webpage [Link](#)
- 2019 **Klein, B.R.**, Gruenewald, J., Chermak, S.M., & Freilich, J. A mixed method examination of law enforcement investigatory strategies used in jihadi and far-right foiled terrorist plots before and after 9/11. *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology* 7(2), 29-58. [Article Link](#)
- 2019 Gruenewald, J., **Klein, B.R.**, Drawve, G., Smith, B.L., & Ratcliff, K*. An empirical examination of “suspicious” preoperational activities and successful terrorist outcomes using data from the American Terrorism Study (ATS). *Policing: An International Journal* 42(1), 89-107. [Article Link](#)
- 2018 Freilich, J., Chermak, S.M., Gruenewald, J., Parkin, W.S., & **Klein, B.R.** Patterns of fatal extreme-right crime in the United States. *Perspectives on Terrorism* 12(6), 38-51. [Link](#)
- 2018 **Klein, B.R.**, & Allison, K*. Accomplishing difference: How do anti-race/ethnicity bias homicides compare to average homicides in the United States. *Justice Quarterly* 35(6), 977-1003. [Link](#)
- 2018 Gruenewald, J., **Klein, B.R.**, Parkin, W.S., Freilich, J., & Chermak, S. A situated comparison of suicide and non-suicide terrorist plots and homicides in the United States, 1990-2014. *Crime & Delinquency* 65(9), 1187-1217. [Link](#)
- 2017 **Klein, B.R.**, Allison, K*. & Harris, C. Immigration and violence in rural communities, 1990-2010. *Sociological Quarterly* 58(2), 229-253. [Link](#)
- 2016 Gruenewald, J., **Klein, B.R.**, Chermak, S., & Freilich, J. American jihadi terrorism: A comparison of homicides and unsuccessful plots. *Terrorism & Political Violence* 31(3), 516-535. [Link](#)
- 2016 **Klein, B.R.**, Gruenewald, J., & Smith, B.L. Opportunity, group structure, temporal patterns, and successful outcomes of far-right terrorism incidents in the United States. *Crime & Delinquency* 63(10), 1224-1249. [Link](#)

- Featured on London School of Economics' U.S. Centre American Politics and Policy Blog. [Link](#)

2015 Gruenewald, J., Allison-Gruenewald, K.*, & **Klein, B. R.** Assessing the attractiveness and vulnerability of eco-terrorism targets: A situational crime prevention approach. *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 38(6), 433-455. [Link](#)

Manuscripts Under Revise & Resubmit

**Denotes student co-author upon submission*

2025 **Klein, B.R.**, Greene-Colozzi, E., Chermak, S.M., & Freilich, J.D. Distinctive characteristics of mass school shooting events.

2025 **Klein, B.R.** U.S. School Shootings Characteristics in Rural and Metropolitan Counties.

- Note: 2nd submission (under review 9 months total)

2025 Jung, S.* & **Klein, B.R.** Extending General Strain Theory to Explain Gendered Pathways to Suicidal Ideation Among Korean Youth.

Manuscripts Under Review

**Denotes student co-author*

2025 **Klein, B.R.** Estimating the causal effects of Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) on reducing firearms violence in the U.S.

2025 **Klein, B.R.**, Greene-Colozzi, E., Schildkraut, J., Schuetter, B*. Can ERPOs reduce mass public shootings? Evidence from a Difference-in-Differences Experiment.

Book Chapters

**Denotes student co-author*

2025 **Klein, B.R.** K-12 School Shootings. In J.S. Schildkraut (Ed). *School Shootings: A Reference Handbook*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO (available upon request)

2021 Chermak, S., Freilich, J.D., Parkin., W., Gruenewald., J., Mills, C., **Klein, B.R.**, Dillion, L*. Far-right Extremist Violence in the United States. In B. Perry. J. Gruenewald, & R. Scrivens (Eds.), *Right-wing extremism in Canada and the United States*. Palgrave Macmillan (available upon request)

- 2017 Gruenewald, J., & **Klein, B.R.** Studying extremist homicide in the United States. In G. LaFree & J.D. Freilich (Eds). *The handbook of the criminology of terrorism*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons Inc.
DOI: 10.1002/9781118923986.ch26 (available upon request)
- 2016 **Klein, B.R.** The Montana Freeman (1996). In S. M. Chermak & F. Bailey (Eds). *Crimes of the centuries: An encyclopedia of notorious crimes, criminals, and criminal trials in American history*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO. (available upon request)

External Grant Reports

**Denotes student co-author*

- 2023 Freilich, J.F., Chermak, S.M., & **Klein, B.R.** *Investigating Root Causes of School Violence: A Case Control Study of School Violent Offenders, Non-School Youth Violence Offenders, and Non-Offending Youths*. (NIJ 2020-CK-BX-0003). Final report for the U.S. Department of Justice National Institute of Justice (NIJ). Washington, DC.
- 2020 Freilich, J.F., Chermak, S.M., Connell, N.D., **Klein, B.**, & Greene-Colozzi, E*. *Understanding the causes of school violence using open-source data* (NIJ 2016-CX-BX-0013). Final report for the U.S. Department of Justice National Institute of Justice (NIJ). Washington, DC.
- 2016 Smith, B.L., Snow, D.A., Fitzpatrick, K., Damphousse, K.R., Roberts, P., Tan, A.*, Brooks, A.*, & **Klein, B.** *Identify and framing theory, precursor activity, and the radicalization process* (NIJ 2012-ZA-BX-0003). Final report for the U.S. Department of Justice National Institute of Justice (NIJ). Washington, DC. [Article Link](#)
- 2015 Gruenewald, J., Parkin, W.S., Smith, B.L., Chermak, S.M., Freilich, J.D., Roberts, P.*, & **Klein, B.** *Validation of the nationwide suspicious activity reporting (SAR) initiative*. Report to the U. S. Department of Homeland Security. College Park, MD: START. [Article Link](#)

Public Scholarship & Other Publications

**Denotes student co-author*

- 2025 **Klein, B.R.** Beyond intent: How firearm power shapes school shootings. Rockefeller Institute of Government. [Article Link](#).
- 2025 **Klein, B.R.** & Gruenewald, J. Research brief: Two trajectories of targeted violence. Department of Homeland Security. (available upon request)

- 2024 **Klein, B.R.** Enhancing school safety: How adolescents obtain firearms. Public Health Post. [Article Link](#)
- 2023 **Klein, B.R.**, Freilich, J.D., & Chermak, S.M. K-12 School Shootings in Context: New Findings from The American School Shooting Study (TASSS). Rockefeller Institute of Government. [Article Link](#).
- 2022 Freilich, J.D., Chermak, S.M., Connell, N.D., **Klein, B.R.**, & Greene-Colozzi, E*. Overview of the American school shooting study (TASSS). Rockefeller Institute of Government. [Article Link](#).
- 2020 Gruenewald, J., Freilich, J.D., Chermak, S., Parkin, W. & **Klein, B.** *19 years after 9/11, Americans continue to fear foreign extremists and underplay the dangers of domestic terrorism.* The Conversation. [Article link](#)
- 2018 Freilich, J.D., Parkin, W.S., Mills, C.E., Chermak, S.M., Gruenewald, J., & **Klein, B.R.** *Fact sheet: Far-right fatal ideological violence against religious institutions and individuals in the United States: 1990-2018.* National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism. College Park, MD: START. [Article Link](#)
- 2017 **Klein, B.R.**, Gruenewald, J., Smith, B. *Vulnerable targets, lone actors, and unsophisticated weaponry are increasingly common trends of U.S. far-right domestic terrorist attacks.* London School of Economics' U.S. Centre American Politics and Policy Blog. [Article Link](#)
- 2017 Parkin, W., **Klein, B.**, Gruenewald, J., Freilich, J., Chermak, S. *Threats of violent Islamist and far-right extremism: What does the research say?.* The Conversation. [Article Link](#)
- Republished by PBS; Salon.com; and the Associated Press
 - Featured story on MSU's College of Social Science, School of Criminal Justice [webpage](#)
- 2017 Parkin, W., Gruenewald, J., **Klein, B.**, Freilich, J., & Chermak, S. *Infographic: Islamist and far-right homicides in the United States.* National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism. College Park, MD: START. [Article Link](#)
- 2016 Gruenewald, J., Smith, B.L., Ratcliff, K.,* Jackson, S., Brecht, I.*, & **Klein, B.** *Infographic: temporal sequencing, incident sophistication, and terrorist outcomes.* National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism. College Park, MD: START. [Article Link](#)

- 2016 Smith, B.L., Gruenewald, J., **Klein, B.**, Ratcliff, K.*, Jackson, S., & Brecht, I*. *Research Brief: Temporal sequencing, incident sophistication, and terrorist outcomes*. National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism. College Park, MD: START. [Article Link](#)
- 2015 Gruenewald, J., Parkin, W.S., Smith, B.L., Chermak, S.M., Freilich, J.D., Roberts, P.*, & **Klein, B.** *Research Brief: Validation of the nationwide suspicious activity reporting (SAR) initiative*. National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism. College Park, MD: START. [Article Link](#)
- 2014 Smith, B.L., Roberts, P.*, Gruenewald, J., & **Klein, B.** *Research Brief: Patterns of lone actor terrorism in the United States*. National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism. College Park, MD: START. [Article Link](#)

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

Courses Taught

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Course	Sections Taught	Modality
<u>Undergraduate (n=5)</u>		
CRJU 323 “Violence in America”	7 Sections Taught	In Person & Online (synchronous & asynchronous)
CRJU 341 & SOCY 353 “Sociology of Crime”	4 Sections Taught	Online (synchronous and asynchronous)
SCHC 497 “Honors Independent Research”	2 Sections Taught	In Person & Online (synchronous)
CRJU 440 “Homeland Security & Terrorism”	1 Section Taught	In Person
CRJU 491 (Study Abroad) “Crim. Just. in London”	1 Section Co-Taught	In Person & Online (synchronous)
<u>Master’s (n=1)</u>		
CRJU 703 “Research Methods in Crim. Just.”	4 Sections Taught	In Person & Hybrid

<u>Doctoral (n=1)</u> CRJU 814 “Research Design in Crim. & CJ”	1 Section Taught	In Person
<u>Independent Studies (n=3)</u> <i>Master’s</i> “Research on School Shootings” <i>Doctoral</i> “Analyzing Firearm Markets” “Research on School Shootings”	2 Sections Taught 1 Section Taught 1 Section Taught	In Person In Person In Person

Theses & Dissertations

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Student	Role & Level	Status
Brynn Schuetter	Chair. (Ph.D. Dissertation & Comprehensive Exams)	In Progress
Sohee Jung	Co-Chair. (Ph.D. Dissertation & Comprehensive Exams)	In Progress
Hannah Sedlacek	Co-Chair. (Ph.D. Dissertation & Comprehensive Exams)	In Progress
Christina Plakas	Co-Chair. (Ph.D. Dissertation & Comprehensive Exams)	In Progress
Jeff Trowbridge	Co-Chair. (Ph.D. Dissertation & Comprehensive Exams)	Defended (2024) Employment: Assistant Professor at Lander University
Savanna Bizzarro	Committee Member. (Ph.D. Dissertation & Comprehensive Exams)	In Progress

Sarah Franklin	Committee Member. (Ph.D. Dissertation & Comprehensive Exams)	In Progress
Albina Laskovtsov	Committee Member. (Ph.D. Dissertation & Comprehensive Exams)	Defended (2024) Employment: Assistant Professor at Shepherd University
Anna Deschamp	Chair. (Honor's Thesis)	Defended (2023)
Emma Dutton	Chair. (Honor's Thesis)	Defended (2022)

Mentorship in Research

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Project	Term	Students Mentored
“The American School Shooting Study”	Spring 2025	4 undergrads; 2 graduate students
	Fall 2024	2 undergraduate students
	Spring 2024	2 undergrads; 2 graduate students
	Fall 2023	2 undergrads; 3 graduate students
	Spring 2023	6 undergrads; 4 graduate students
	Fall 2022	15 undergraduate students
	Spring 2022	3 undergrads; 2 graduate students
	Fall 2021	4 undergrads; 2 graduate students
“Pathways to School Shootings”	Spring 2021	4 undergraduate students
	Spring 2022	3 undergrads; 2 graduate students
	Fall 2021	4 undergrads; 2 graduate students
“National Science Foundation REU”	Spring 2021	4 undergraduate students
“Trajectories of Targeted Violence”	Spring 2022	3 undergrads; 1 graduate student
	Spring 2025	4 undergrads; 2 graduate students
	Fall 2024	6 undergrads; 3 graduate students
“Comparative Gun Violence Project”	Spring 2024	16 undergrads; 5 graduate students
	Fall 2023	4 graduate students
“Extreme Risk Protective Orders”	Spring 2023	4 graduate students
	Fall 2023	4 graduate students
“Extreme Risk Protective Orders”	Spring 2025	2 graduate students
	Fall 2024	2 graduate students

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Project	Term	Students
“The American School Shooting Study”	Spring 2020	4 undergraduate students
	Fall 2019	8 undergrads; 1 law student
	Spring 2019	10 undergrads; 1 law student
“U.S. Extremist Crime Database”	Spring 2019	3 undergrads
	Fall 2018	2 undergrads; 1 law student
	Spring 2018	3 undergrads
	Fall 2017	11 undergraduate students
	Spring 2017	2 undergraduate students
	Fall 2016	2 undergraduate students
“BIG 10 Summer Research Opportunities Program”	Spring 2019	1 undergraduate student

Mentorship in Teaching

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2024, Fall	Teaching mentor to Savanna Bizzarro (doctoral level)
2024, Fall	Teaching mentor to Hannah Sedlacek (doctoral level)
2023, Fall	Teaching mentor to Jeff Trowbridge (doctoral level)
2022, Fall	Teaching mentor to Jeff Trowbridge (doctoral level)
2021, Fall	Teaching mentor to Avery Worrall (doctoral level)

Professional Development in Teaching

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2019, Spring	Two-day Workshop in College Teaching. Certification in College Teaching Institute, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. • Understanding the University Context • Creating Effective Learning Environments • Incorporating Technology in Teaching • Assessing Student Learning
2012 – 2013	Academic Tutor. Bogle Academic Center, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.

SCHOLARLY & PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaking & Lectures

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| 2025, Fall | Invited Speaker. Survey of Criminal Justice Course. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of South Carolina. |
| 2025, Fall | Invited Speaker. ERPOs, Leakage, and Social Networks: The Legislative, Behavioral, and Social Contexts Surrounding Mass Public Shooting Incidents and Plots. Presentation for the National Consortium for Gun Violence Research annual meeting RAND Corporation. Online. |
| 2025, Spring | Invited Speaker. Graduate Seminar Course. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of South Carolina. |
| 2024, Fall | Invited Speaker. ERPOs, Leakage, and Social Networks: The Legislative, Behavioral, and Social Contexts Surrounding Mass Public Shooting Incidents and Plots. Presentation for the National Consortium for Gun Violence Research annual meeting RAND Corporation. Arlington, VA. |
| 2023, Summer | Invited Speaker. Homeland Security and Terrorism Course. Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Arkansas. |
| 2023, Spring | Invited Speaker. American school shooting research. University of South Carolina's Juvenile Delinquency Course. |
| 2021, Spring | Invited Speaker. Patterns and Trends in American School Shootings. Presentation for Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society. |
| 2021, Spring | Invited Speaker. Securing External Funding as a Graduate Student. Presentation for the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice's Graduate Student Association. |
| 2020, Fall | Invited Speaker (<i>with: Freilich, J.D., Chermak, S.M., Connell, N., & Greene-Colozzi, E*</i>). Understanding school shootings in the U.S.A., 1990-2016. Presentation for the National Institute of Justice's (NIJ) Advancing Understanding and Informing Prevention of Public Mass Shootings Webinar. |
| 2019, Spring | Invited Participant (<i>with: Freilich, J.D., & Chermak, S.M.</i>). Environmental criminology and public mass violence. Presentation for the National Science Foundation (NSF) workshop on preventing mass violence. George Mason University, Arlington, VA. |

- 2018, Summer Invited Speaker (*with: Gruenewald, J.*) Far-right extremist violence in the 21st Century: A conjunctive analysis of case configurations. Paper presented at the International Network for Hate Studies Biennial Conference. Oshawa, ON (Canada).
- 2017, Summer Invited Speaker (*with: Chermak, S.M., & Freilich, J.D.*). Open-source information and the study of extremism: Correlates for gang crime. Presentation for Eurogang XVII. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 2014, Summer Invited Lecture. Introduction to the American Terrorism Study (ATS). Presentation for the Terrorism Research Center's (TRC) summer training series.
- 2014, Fall Invited Lecture. Crime in context: choices, settings, and opportunities for crime. Presentation for introduction to criminology class.
- 2012, Spring Invited Speaker. Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) campus recruiting event. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.

Conference Presentations

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- 2025, Fall **Klein, B.R.**, Schnell, C., Chermak, S.M., & Freilich, J.D. Examining the effects of firearm lethality and aggressors' intentions to kill on injurious firearm violence at American schools. European Society of Criminology (EUROCRIM) annual meeting.
- 2024, Fall **Klein, B.R.**, Greene-Colozzi, E., & Shildkraut, J. An Impact Evaluation of Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) on Mass Public Shootings in the United States. Poster presented at the National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms annual meeting.
- 2023, Fall **Klein, B.R.** School Shooters in the Making: Charting the Longitudinal Trajectories of American School Shooters' Antisocial Behavior. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting.
- 2023, Fall **Klein, B.R.**, Plakas, C.,* Jones, T.,* Rath, H.* & Weber, L.* Criminal Court Case Processing of American School Shooters. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting.

- 2022, Spring **Klein, B.R.**, Allison, K.A., Gruenewald, J. Distinctive characteristics of racial bias homicides and interracial homicides in the United States. Paper presented at the Western Society of Criminology (WSC) annual meeting.
- 2022, Spring **Klein, B.R.** & Schnell, C., Chermak, S.M., Freilich, J.D. Investigating divergent explanations of gunshot mortality during school shootings in the United States. Paper presented at the Western Society of Criminology (WSC) annual meeting.
- 2021, Fall **Klein, B.R.** Firearm Acquisition and Carrying Behavior in a Sample of Adolescent U.S. School Shooters. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting.
- 2021, Fall Brackett, D.*, **Klein, B.R.**, Chermak, S.M., Freilich, J.D. Perpetrator and Event Characteristics of Mass School Shootings. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting.
- 2019, Fall Kochanek, J.*, **Klein, B.R.**, Chermak, S.M., Freilich, J.D. An Empirical Examination of American Terrorists' Targeting Decisions. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting.
- 2019, Fall **Klein, B.R.**, Chermak, S.M., Freilich, J.D., Connell, N. Correlates of school shooting severity: Evidence from the U.S. School Shooting Database (SSDB). Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting.
- 2018, Fall **Klein, B.R.**, Gruenewald, J., Smith, B., Drawve, G., & Ratcliff, K*. An empirical examination of "suspicious" preoperational activities and successful terrorist outcomes using data from the American terrorism study (ATS). Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting.
- 2017, Fall **Klein, B.R.**, Gruenewald, J., Parkin, W., Freilich, J.D., & Chermak, S.M. A situated comparison of suicide and non-suicide terrorist plots and homicides in the United States, 1990-2014. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016, Fall **Klein, B.R.**, Gruenewald, J., & Chermak, S.M. An examination of successful and unsuccessful terrorist attacks in the United States perpetrated by far-right extremists and al-Qaeda and associated

movements. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting. New Orleans, LA.

- 2015, Fall **Klein, B.R.**, Allison-Gruenewald, K.*, & Harris, C.T. Immigration and crime in the heartland: Are there differences in immigration's effect on violence across urban and non-urban communities? Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting. Washington D.C.
- 2015, Fall Gruenewald, J., & **Klein, B.R.** Examining fatal and non-fatal terrorist attacks using the ATS and ECDB. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting. Washington D.C.
- 2015, Fall Smith, B., Gruenewald, J., Roberts, P.*, & **Klein, B.R.** Studying suspicious activities and terrorism using the American Terrorism Study and Extremist Crime Database. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting. Washington D.C.
- 2014, Fall **Klein, B.R.**, Gruenewald, J., & Smith, B. Examining the preparatory behaviors of lone wolf and group based terrorists. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2014, Spring **Klein, B.R.**, Gruenewald, J., & Shields, C. An examination of domestic terrorist attack characteristics and successful outcomes. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) annual meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2014, Spring Allison, K., **Klein, B.R.**, Schneider, N.*, & Gruenewald, J*. Assessing the attractiveness and vulnerability of eco-terrorism targets in the United States. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) annual meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2013, Fall Gruenewald, J., Smith, B., Roberts, P.*, & **Klein, B.R.** The impact of terrorist group size and structure on precursor behavior. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2013, Summer **Klein, B.R.** The temporal distribution of terrorist precursor behaviors: a crime specific analysis. Poster Presented for the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) annual meeting. Washington D.C.
- 2013, Spring

Klein, B.R. Terrorist attack complexity: a look at complexity on incident success rates. Paper Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) annual meeting. Dallas, TX.

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT & UNIVERSITY

Departmental Service

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

2025, Fall	Member. PhD Curriculum and Selection Committee.
2025, Spring	Member. PhD Curriculum and Selection Committee.
2024, Fall	Peer Reviewer. Ph.D. Student Teaching Observations. Member. Search Committee. Member. PhD Curriculum and Selection Committee. Member. Comprehensive Exam Committee (Masters Level). Peer Reviewer. Ph.D. Student Teaching Observations.
2024, Spring	Member. Graduate Curriculum and Selection Committee. Member. Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Faculty Review and Promotion Standards Member. Ad Hoc Committee on Retirement Planning
2023, Fall	Member. Graduate Curriculum and Selection Committee. Member. Comprehensive Exam Committee (Masters Level). Panelist. ASC Presentation Feedback to Graduate Students
2023, Spring	Member. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. Member. Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Faculty Review and Promotion Standards Peer Reviewer. Faculty Teaching Observations. Peer Reviewer. Ph.D. Student Teaching Observations.

- 2022, Fall Member. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.
- 2022, Spring Member. Awards Committee, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.
- Member. Targeted Assistant Professor Search, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.
- Peer Reviewer. Faculty Teaching Observations.
- Peer Reviewer. Ph.D. Student Teaching Observations.
- 2021, Fall Member. Comprehensive Exam Committee (Masters Level).
- Member. Awards Committee.
- 2021, Spring Member. Ph.D. Preview Day Planning Committee, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

- 2018, Fall Graduate Student Panelist. Doctoral program question and answer session, School of Criminal Justice Pro Seminar class.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

- 2014, Spring Graduate Student Panelist. Sociology as a career path question and answer session. Fayetteville High School's Introduction to Sociology class.
- 2014, Spring Graduate Student Panelist. Graduate school question and answer session. Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice Pro Seminar class.
- 2014, Spring Graduate student panelist. University Perspectives Class.
- 2014 – 2015 Vice President. Alpha Phi Sigma Iota Rho chapter, National Criminal Justice Honor Society. Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.
- Co-created first annual sociology and criminal justice internship and career fair
 - Co-hosted first-ever guest lecture series
 - Served as finance committee chair
 - Co-led efforts to increase organizational membership by over 100%

- 2012 – 2014 President. Alpha Phi Sigma Iota Rho chapter, National Criminal Justice Honor Society. Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas.
- Led efforts to fund three undergraduates to present original research at the 2012 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Annual Meeting
 - Presided over first-ever research paper competition series
 - Hosted the first annual joint University of Arkansas – Washington County Sheriff's Office shooting competition to promote academic and law enforcement partnerships
 - Hosted the third and fourth annual Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice vs. Fayetteville Police Department softball game to promote academic and law enforcement partnerships
 - Served as finance committee chair
 - Increased organizational funds by over 100%
 - Raised over \$2,000 to promote undergraduate research

Internal Departmental/College Awards

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

- 2023, Fall College of Social Sciences Faculty Travel Initiative. University of South Carolina. (\$1,500 awarded).

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

- 2019, Summer School of Criminal Justice Summer Fellowship. Michigan State University. (\$2,000 awarded).
- 2018, Summer School of Criminal Justice Summer Fellowship. Michigan State University. (\$3,000 awarded).
- 2017, Fall Warren & Mary Huff Travel Endowment. School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University. (\$495 awarded).
- 2017, Fall School of Criminal Justice Summer Fellowship. Michigan State University. (\$3,150 awarded).
- 2016, Fall Warren & Mary Huff Travel Endowment. School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University. (\$489 awarded).
- 2016, Fall School of Criminal Justice Summer Fellowship. Michigan State University. (\$3,894 awarded).

2015, Fall Warren & Mary Huff Travel Endowment. School of Criminal Justice,
Michigan State University. (\$578 awarded).

University Service

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

2024 Judge. Discover USC.

2023 USC Move-in Ambassador.

2023 Member. Top Scholar Selection Committee.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION & COMMUNITY

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Criminology

Journal of Quantitative Criminology
Criminology & Public Policy

Journal of Criminal Justice
Crime & Delinquency

Social Problems

Journal of Experimental Criminology

Homicide Studies

Australian Institute of Criminology

Social Science Research

Terrorism & Political Violence

Asian Journal of Criminology

Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology
Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice

Deviant Behavior

Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency

Social Sciences

Service to the Discipline

2025, Fall Panel Chair. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.
Washington, DC.

2025, Fall New York Firearm Legislation Review – Background Checks. Rockefeller
Institute of Government.

2025, Fall New York Firearm Legislation Review – State Disclosures. Rockefeller
Institute of Government.

2023, Fall	Panel Chair. Explaining School Shootings. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
2023, Fall	Discussant. Examining Risk and Protective Factors Associated with Mass Shootings and Domestic Violent Extremism. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
2022, Spring	Panel Chair. Race, Ethnicity, Crime, and (In)justice. Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Honolulu, Hawaii.
2021, Fall	Panel Chair. School Shootings. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
2017 – 2018	Student Board Member. Division on Terrorism and Bias Crimes, American Society of Criminology. • First-ever student elected to serve on the executive board • Member of recruitment and membership committee • Member of social media committee
2017, Fall	Panel Chair. Modern Terrorism. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
2014, Spring	Panel Chair. New Research from the American Terrorism Study, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

Service to the Community

2025, Fall	Media Interviews: The New York Times (online/print) WIS News Columbia, SC (TV/Online)
2025, Fall	Consultation. Firearm obtainment by youth. Lexington-Richland School District Five.
2025, Spring	Career Day Speaker. Crossroads Middle School.
2024, Spring	Media Interviews: Politifact (online/print)
2023, Fall	Media Interviews: American Academy of Pediatrics (online/print) Bloomberg (online/print) Healio (online/print)

CNN (online/print)
Med Page Today (online/print)

- 2023, Spring Consultation. Threat Assessment in Schools, Saugerties Central School District in the Hudson Valley of New York State.
- 2018, Summer Research Consultant. Michigan State Police (MSP) Task Force on School Safety. Dimondale, MI.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2021 – Western Society of Criminology (WSC)
- 2017 – Phi Kappa Phi – (National Academic Honor Society)
- 2014 – American Society of Criminology
- 2013 – Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- 2011 – 2015 Alpha Phi Sigma – Iota Rho (Criminal Justice Honor Society)

ADVANCED TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Advanced Coursework on Statistics, Research Design & Analysis

- 2019, Summer Group-based Trajectory Modeling for the Medical and Social Sciences. ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research. Dr. Daniel Nagin and Dr. Thomas Loughran. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2017, Spring Interrupted Time Series Design and Analysis (CJ 890 – Independent Study). Dr. Edmund McGarrell. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 2017, Spring Program Evaluation (CJ 907). Dr. Jeremy Wilson. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 2016, Fall Ecological and Community Psychology Research Methods (PSY 870). Dr. Rebecca Campbell. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- 2015, Fall

Mixed Methods Research (CJ 907). Dr. Merry Morash. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

Responsible Conduct for Research

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| 2017, Fall | Rigor and Reproducibility. Responsible Conduct for Research (RCR), Graduate School, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. |
| 2016, Spring | Plagiarism. Responsible Conduct for Research (RCR), Graduate School, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. |
| 2016, Fall | Misconduct in Research & Creative Activities. Responsible Conduct for Research (RCR), Graduate School, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. |
| 2015, Fall | Overview of Human Subjects Research Requirements. Responsible Conduct for Research (RCR), Graduate School, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. |
| 2015, Spring | Conducting Criminal Justice Research in a Political Environment. Graduate workshop by Dr. David Carter, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. |
| 2015, Spring | Institutional Review Board (IRB). Responsible Conduct for Research presentation by Dr. Chris Maxwell, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. |
| 2013, Spring | Responsible Conduct for Research Seminar Series. Graduate School, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. |

Other Relevant Professional Development

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| 2018, Spring | Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Doctoral Summit Professional Development Sessions, New Orleans, LA. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roundtable – Addressing Race, Ethnicity, & Gender Barriers in Academia• ACJS Networking Breakfast• Open Seminar – Experiential & Service Learning Opportunities• Open Seminar – Tips to Writing a Successful Grant Proposal |
| 2016, Spring | Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct (RVSM) Policy Training. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. |

- 2014, Summer HOPE 2014. Annual Census of the Northwest Arkansas Homeless Population. Participated in Field Survey Research. Community and Family Institute, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.
- 2013, Summer HOPE 2013. Annual Census of the Northwest Arkansas Homeless Population. Participated in Field Survey Research. Community and Family Institute, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.
- 2011 – 2013 Intern. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Little Rock, AR.