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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Colorado State University

August 2023 - Current Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Administration

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

University of California, Berkeley – Goldman School of Public Policy

2019-2023 PhD in Public Policy

2017-2019 Master of Public Policy

Washington University in St. Louis, School of Medicine

2013-2014 Master of Science in Biostatistics

Truman State University

2010-2013 Bachelor of Science in Psychology

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Published

Harney, J., Nascimbeni, C., Sanders, L., & Kuhn, N. (2025). A clarity conundrum: Impacts of recipient perspectives and eligibility language on perceptions of safety net access for system-involved populations. *Public Performance & Management Review*, 1-37.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15309576.2025.2560620>

Harney, J. (2025). The impact of correctional officer counter-stereotypes on the U.S. public's perceptions of dynamic security. *Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/23774657.2025.2542952>

Harney, J. (2024). Expanding perceived capacity of public sector workers: Experimental evidence on the impact of a counter-stereotypical narrative on public perceptions of correctional officers. *Social Policy & Administration*. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/spol.13118>

Harney, J. (2024). Rethinking our approach to understanding violence in carceral institutions: A call for incorporating public management perspectives. *Crime & Delinquency*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287241285406>

Harney, J. (2023). The power of empathy: Experimental evidence of perspective-focused interventions' impact on support for prison reform. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 34(1), 20-42.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/08874034211061326>

Lerman, A. E., Harney, J., & Sadin, M. (2022). Prisons and mental health: Violence, organizational support, and the effects of correctional work. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 49(2), 181-199.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00938548211037718>

Harney, J., & Lerman, A.E. (2021). Clarifying the role of officer coping on desire to leave corrections: An application of structural equation modeling. *Criminal Justice Studies*, 34(4), 397-422. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1478601X.2021.1999117>

Lerman, A. E., & Harney, J. (2020). The pandemic in prison: Implications for California politics and policymaking. *California Journal of Politics and Policy*, 1(1).
<https://escholarship.org/content/qt14p2v75w/qt14p2v75w.pdf>

Lerman, A. E., & Harney, J. (2019). Feedback effects and the criminal justice bureaucracy: Officer attitudes and the future of correctional reform. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 685(1), 227-249.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0002716219869907>

Cicero, T. J., Ellis, M. S., & Harney, J. (2015). Shifting patterns of prescription opioid and heroin abuse in the United States. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 373(18), 1789-1790.
<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc1505541>

IN-PROGRESS MANUSCRIPTS

Under Review

Harney, J. Lose the label: Experimental evidence of messaging effects on Democrats' perceptions of individuals with criminal records & representation.

Harney, J., & Woods, L. Public opinion and prosecutor-initiated resentencing in California: Can a racial equity norms message increase support?

Harney, J. & Lacey, K. The importance of collective- & self-efficacy for policy implementation: A study of street-level bureaucrats in a carceral context.

Harney, J., Davis, S., & Lacey, K. The prison penalty: Carceral employment's impact on perceptions of public sector workers.

Harney, J., Linos, E., Wallace, H., McDade, Z., & Desmond, K. Better together: The causal impact of a peer- vs individual-focused workplace wellness program.

In-Progress

Harney, J. & McDade, Z. Utilizing public sector capacity to invest in frontline workers: A text classification task on jail incident involvement to improve officer well-being.

ONGOING PROJECTS (SUBSET)

Barries to the social safety net for system-involved individuals

Access to and impact of the safety net for system-involved individuals (with Raheem Chaudhry)

Violence in prison (with Nicole Gandre)

Pathways to prison building (with Allison White)

BOOK CHAPTERS

Harney, J., & Lerman, A.E. Clarifying the role of officer coping on desire to leave corrections: An application of structural equation modeling. (2022). In [Promoting Wellness and Resiliency in Correctional Officers](#), ed. Hayden Smith, London: Routledge. (Previously published in *Criminal Justice Studies*)

GRANTS

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| 2025 | Awarded: Arnold Ventures Planning Grant (PI, Primary Applicant, \$99,334) |
| 2025 | Under review: Spencer Foundation, Research-Practice Partnerships (PI) |
| 2025 | Applied, not awarded: William T. Grant Scholars Program |
| 2025 | Applied, not awarded: Washington Center for Equitable Growth |
| 2024 | Applied, not awarded (at full proposal): Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Grant |
| 2024 | Applied, not awarded: RRF Foundation for Aging |
| 2024 | Applied, not awarded: NIJ FY24: Research and Evaluation on Corrections |
| 2024 | Awarded: Arnold Ventures Innovation Day Funding (Non-Research) |
| 2023 | Awarded: Institute for Humane Studies Expense Support Award (\$5,000) |
| 2023 | Awarded: California Community Foundation (PI, Sub-Award) |
| 2022 | Awarded: UC Berkeley XLab Research Grant |

TEACHING

Graduate

Data Cleaning & Management in R (Special Topics)

Fall 2024 (remote & in-person)

Evidence-Based Decision-Making

Spring 2024 (remote), Spring 2025 (remote & in-person)

Health and Justice

Spring 2024 (in-person)

MPPA Internship

Spring 2025 (remote)

Program Evaluation and Quantitative Methods

Fall 2023 (remote & in-person), Summer 2024 (remote), Fall 2024 (remote & in-person)

Public Policy Analysis

Summer 2023 (remote), Summer 2025 (remote)

Undergraduate (in-person only)

Introduction to Criminology & Criminal Justice

Fall 2025

Politics of Power, Justice, and Democracy

Spring 2026

Program Evaluation for Public Administrators

Fall 2025

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AFFILIATED NETWORKS, & TRAINING PROGRAMS

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| Dec 2025-Current | J-PAL Invited Researcher |
| 2025 | 2025 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (Open Pool) |
| 2024 | Maxwell School's E-PARCC Competition |
| 2021-2022 | Dissertation Completion Fellowship |
| 2021-2022 | Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies (BELS) Graduate Fellow |
| 2021-2022 | Greater Good Science Center (GGSC) Fellowship |
| 2020-2021 | Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) Award |
| 2020-2022 | Computational Social Science Training Program (CSSTP) Fellowship |

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| 2020 | Graduate Remote Instruction Innovation Fellowship (Certificate Program) |
| 2019-2020 | GSPP Departmental PhD Fellowship |

INVITED TALKS

2025

November 2025: Criminal Justice & Victimization Institute at Colorado State University

- “RCT Responsibly: Practical Ethics for Testing What Matters”

October 2025: Sociology in Progress at Colorado State University

- “Investing in Correctional Officer Well-Being & Implications for System Change”

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2025

- November 2025: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
- November 2025: American Society of Criminology (ASC)

2024

- November 2024: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
- June 2024: Public Management Research Conference – Panel Presentation
- June 2024: NAMICOn 2024: Elevating Mental Health – Impact Session

2023

- November 2023: American Society of Criminology (ASC)
- June 2023: Public Management Research Conference (PMRC) – Study Design Presentation
- May 2023: Mini Conference on Methodological Pluralism in Public Management
- March 2023: Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior Scholars

2022

- November 2022: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
- April 2022: International Research Society for Public Management (IRSPM)

2021

- (March 2022, rescheduled): Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
- November 2021: American Society of Criminology (ASC)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Reviewing (Academic Manuscripts)

- Public Administration Review
- Criminal Justice and Behavior
- Journal of Experimental Criminology
- PLOS One
- International Criminal Justice Review
- Punishment & Society
- Scientific Reports
- Discover Public Health
- Justice Quarterly
- Journal of Criminological Research, Policy and Practice
- Journal of Criminal Justice
- Journal of Crime and Justice
- International Journal of Law
- Crime and Justice
- Criminal Behaviour & Mental Health

Reviewing (Grant)

- Reviewer Pool for the National Institute of Justice (2023-current)

Advisory Boards

- Larimer County Community Corrections Advisory Board (Term: July 2025 – June 2027)
- [Criminal Justice & Victimization Institute](#) at Colorado State University (May 2025 – Current)

Society Member

- American Society of Criminology
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- Public Management Research Association
- Society for Causal Inference
