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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Colorado State University

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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

Harney, J. (2026). Lose the label: Messaging effects on Democrats' perceptions of individuals with criminal records & representation. *PLOS One.* https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0355933

Harney, J., & Woods, L. (2026). Public opinion and prosecutor-initiated resentencing in California: Can a racial equity norms message increase support? *Criminal Justice & Behavior.* https://doi.org/10.1177/00938548261451889

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

Harney, J., Wallace, H., McDade, Z., & Desmond, K. Better together: Experimental evidence of a peer- vs individual-focused well-being program for correctional workers.

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

In-Progress

Harney, J., Graham, T., Seipel, J, Wiliams, S., & Schaffer, M. Does the messenger matter? A field experiment on gendered peer endorsements in training invitations to correctional leaders.

Harney, J. When assumptions mislead policy: System impact, administrative burdens, and applying for public benefits.

Harney, J., & McDade, Z. The underrecognized work of boundary spanners: Experiences, barriers, and belonging amongst government researchers.

Harney, J. The efficacy of coproduction: Exploring participatory processes' influence on correctional workers in an online experiment.

McDade, Z., Harney, J. Langford, K., Lwango, K., & Rodriquez, A. When program experts define client success: A local government case study.

ONGOING PROJECTS (SUBSET)

Support for individuals navigating re-entry (with Victoria Terranova)

Violence in prison (with Nicole Gandre)

Addressing pathways to carceral expansion (with Allison White)

UNDER-REVIEW BOOK CHAPTERS

Under-Review

Harney, J. & McDade, Z. Building infrastructure for ethical evaluations in correctional spaces: The importance of boundary-spanning.

Forthcoming

Yogev, D., Harney, J., & Martone, A. The politics of perceived risk: Methodological innovations in the study of parole.

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*)

EXTERNAL AWARDS

2025 **Arnold Ventures ($99,334)**
Award Type: Planning Grant
Collaborating Organization: Just Detention International
Role: Principal Investigator

2024 **Arnold Ventures (Non-Research, $89,665)**
Type: Innovation Day
Role: Workshop Organizer, Fostering Public Safety (Workshop Webpage; Q&A)

2023 **Institute for Humane Studies Expense Support Award ($5,000)**
Role: Principal Investigator

2023 **California Community Foundation (Sub-Award, $21,210)**
Role: Principal Investigator (Sub-Award)

UNFUNDED PROPOSALS / ONGOING WORK

2026

Correctional officers, crisis response training, & jail outcomes (RCT)
Submitted to: Arnold Ventures (rejected at board review stage)
Next Planned Submission: BJA, October 2026
Role: Principal Investigator (Co-PI: Tara Opsal)
Design: Field experiment

2025

Academic incentives & addressing barriers to research-practice partnerships
Submitted to: William T. Grant Scholars Program; Spencer Foundation – RPPs (PI)
Role: Principal Investigator
Design: Field experiment

2024

Understanding & alleviating administrative burden in public program access: Widening the net for system-impacted communities
Submitted to: Russell Sage Foundation (Presidential Grant; rejected after reaching invited proposal stage)
Role: Principal Investigator
Design: Survey (conjoint) experiment

Correctional officers, participatory research, & well-being (RCT)
Submitted to: National Institute of Justice FY24: Research and Evaluation on Corrections; RRF Foundation for Aging
Role: Principal Investigator (Co-PI: Tara Opsal)
Design: Field experiment

TEACHING

GRADUATE

Data Cleaning & Management in R (Special Topics)
Fall 2024 (online & in-person)

Evidence-Based Decision-Making
Spring 2024 (online), Spring 2025 (online & in-person)

Health and Justice
Spring 2024 (in-person), Summer 2026 (online)

MPPA Internship
Spring 2025 (online)

Program Evaluation and Quantitative Methods
Fall 2023 (online & in-person), Summer 2024 (online), Fall 2024 (online & in-person)

Public Policy Analysis
Summer 2023 (online), Summer 2025 (online)

UNDERGRADUATE (IN-PERSON ONLY)

Introduction to Criminology & Criminal Justice
Fall 2025, Fall 2026

Politics of Power, Justice, and Democracy
Spring 2026

Program Evaluation for Public Administrators
Fall 2025, Fall 2026

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AFFILIATED NETWORKS, & TRAINING PROGRAMS

2026-2027	Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (IRISS) Nexus Network (CSU)
Spring 2026	Policy and Media Engagement Institute (CSU)
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
2022	UC Berkeley XLab Research Grant
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
2020	Graduate Online 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

2026

- November 2026: American Society of Criminology (ASC)
- November 2026: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
- June 2026: Western Economic Association International Conference
- May 2026: American Causal Inference Conference (ACIC) (Poster Session)

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

2021-2022

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

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

REVIEWING (MANUSCRIPTS)

Calendar Year Review Count

- 2026 (running total): 29
- 2025: 22
- 2023-2024: ~8-12 per year

Criminology & Criminal Justice Journals

- Crime & Delinquency
- Crime and Justice
- Criminal Behaviour & Mental Health
- Criminal Justice and Behavior
- Criminal Justice Policy Review
- International Criminal Justice Review
- International Journal of Law
- Journal of Crime and Justice
- Journal of Criminal Justice
- Journal of Criminological Research, Policy and Practice
- Journal of Experimental Criminology
- Journal of Police & Criminal Psychology
- Justice Quarterly
- Punishment & Society

Other Disciplines/Fields & Interdisciplinary Journals

- Cogent Psychology
- Community Mental Health Journal
- Discover Public Health
- Frontiers in Psychology
- PLOS One
- Public Administration Review
- Scientific Reports
- Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy

REVIEWING (GRANTS)

2023-Current/2026 **National Institute of Justice**
Reviewer Pool, Reviewer

ADVISORY BOARDS

2025-Current **Criminal Justice & Victimization Institute (CJVI)**
Colorado State University, Advisory Board Member

2025-2027 **Larimer County Community Corrections Advisory Board**
Advisory Board Member

2023-Current **San Quentin SkunkWorks (SQSW)**
Board Secretary

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

- American Society of Criminology (ASC)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
- Public Management Research Association (PMRC)
- Society for Causal Inference (SCI)
- Western Economic Association International (WEAI)