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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2025- **Assistant Professor**

Northern Illinois University, Department of Sociology & Criminology

2022 - 2025 **Instructor**

Old Dominion University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

**EDUCATION**

2025 **Ph.D.,** **Criminology and Criminal Justice**

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

2021 **M.S.,** **Criminology and Criminal Justice**

Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY

2018 **B.A.,** **Criminology**

University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

Incarceration and Family Dynamics; Intersectionality and the Criminal Justice System; Reentry

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Peer Reviewed**

Haakmat, N., & Matthews, B. (2024). “I chose motherhood first”: Salvaging the maternal identity in resource-starved jails. *The Prison Journal*, *104*(5), 571-593. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00328855241278255>

Haakmat, N., & Ruffin, J. (2024). “As a Black woman, there’s no winning in law enforcement”: An intersectional analysis of Black women’s experiences in policing. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice,* *18*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/police/paae008>

Paige, B., Askew, L., Haakmat, N., Otañez, L., & Monk-Turner, E. (2024). Public perceptions of justification in the deadly police shootings of Black men: A content analysis of social media posts in 2016 and 2020. *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*, *22*(2), 140-162. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15377938.2024.2342796>

**Government & Technical Reports**

Haakmat, N., Triplett, R., & Gainey, R. (2022). Prosecutorial discretion in domestic violence cases. Norfolk Commonwealth Attorney, Norfolk, VA.

**Manuscripts Under Review**

Gainey, R. R., Haakmat, N., Kang, J., & Triplett, R. Criminal justice system processing of domestic violence misdemeanor cases: Examining the effects of race. *Current Issues in Criminal Justice*.

**Manuscripts in Progress**

Arriagada, I., & Haakmat, N. The digital dilemma: Balancing connection and strain in the use of new technologies in prisoner-family relationships. (Plan to submit to *Criminology*)

*Funded by the Old Dominion University Summer Research Fellowship Program (SRFP)*

Haakmat, N. Navigating parenthood behind bars: Coping mechanisms in local jail contexts. (Plan to submit to *Criminal Justice & Behavior*)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Professor***,* Northern Illinois University, Department of Sociology and Criminology (2025-)

CRIM 301 Criminological Theory (Face-to-face)

CRIM 303 Crime & Social Diversity (Face-to-face)

**Instructor of Record***,* Old Dominion University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (2022-2025)

CRJS 222 The Criminal Justice System (Face-to-face)

CRJS 318 Community-Based Corrections (Face-to-face, online)

CRJS 325 Women and Crime (Face-to-face)

**GRANTS & AWARDS** \* **=** awarded

2025 Old Dominion University Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice Doctoral Student Research Assistance Award\*

2025 Old Dominion University Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice Excellence in Teaching Award\*

2025 Old Dominion University Sue Doviak Graduate Teaching Award in Liberal Arts\*

2024 Old Dominion University Summer Research Fellowship

2024 Old Dominion University Graduate Student Travel Award\*

2024 NIJ FY24 Field-Initiated Action Research Partnerships Award

2024 Old Dominion University Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice Doctoral Student Research Assistance Award\*

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2023        Graduate Research Assistant, Norfolk Family Justice Center, Norfolk, VA

Prosecution of domestic violence in Norfolk project

2022 – 2023 Interviewer, Old Dominion University, Social Science Research Center, Norfolk, VA

Life in Hampton Roads project

2022 Graduate Research Assistant, Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Norfolk, VA

Prosecutorial discretion in domestic violence cases project

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Conferences**

2024 Jackey, H., Howard, N., & Haakmat, N. Silenced behind bars: A critical discourse analysis of media’s depiction of death in jails. American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

2024 Triplett, R. & Haakmat, N. Is punishment in the processing in misdemeanor court cases? A state-wide analysis. American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

2023     Triplett, R., Haakmat, N., & Gainey, R. Understanding prosecutorial decision-making in domestic violence cases: A focus on context as a preliminary step. Hampton Roads Social Justice Conference, Newport News, VA

2023 Haakmat, N. & Ruffin, J. “As a Black woman, there’s no winning in law enforcement”: An intersectional analysis of Black women’s experiences in policing. American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

2022     Kibler, M., Askew, L., Vonderhaar, R., Avalos, S., & Haakmat, N. Perceptions of homelessness, mental illness, and attitudes towards the police: An analysis of citizen perceptions across Hampton Roads. Hampton Roads Social Justice Conference, Newport News, VA.

2022     Haakmat, N. “There is somebody else taking care of our kids”: The effects of

              confinement on the mother-child relationship and maternal identity. Hampton Roads Social Justice Conference, Newport News, VA.

2022     Haakmat, N. Challenges formerly incarcerated mothers face during the reentry phase. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Lightening Talk)

2022     Avalos, S., Askew, L., & Haakmat, N. The revolving door of victimization: The failure of reentry policies for LGBTQ+ people. Hampton Roads Social Justice Conference, Newport News, VA. (Roundtable)

2022     Askew, L., Haakmat, N., Paige, B., & Kibler, M. The experiences of black women in the criminal legal system. American Criminal Justice Society, Las Vegas, NV. (Roundtable)

2019      Haakmat, N. Three-Strikes law and its unintended consequences for the

prison population and community. American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

2018      Haakmat, N. Deprivation and overcrowding: An examination of prison suicide,

               homicide, and overall violence. Arkansas Sociological Anthropological Association Conference, Fayetteville, AR.

**Campus or Departmental Talks**

2023 Panelist, Graduates in PhD programs, School of Justice Studies, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY.

2021 Panelist, In her shoes: A sole sisters film art project, College of Arts & Letters, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2023 Safe Space Ally Training, Old Dominion University

2023 Focus Group Training, Old Dominion University

2022 Title IX and Sexual Harassment Training, Old Dominion University

2021 Graduate Teaching Assistantship Institute, Old Dominion University

**SERVICE**

**Discipline**

2025 - Mentoring for Success Program Committee, Division on Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology (ASC)

2022 - 2024   Student Executive Counselor, Division on People of Color and Crime, American Society of Criminology (ASC)

**University**

2023 - 2025 F1rst-Gen Faculty Mentor, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

2021 - 2024 Secretary, Graduate Student Organization of Criminology and Sociology (GSOCS), Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Criminal Justice Society

American Society of Criminology

Division on Corrections and Sentencing

Division on Feminist Criminology

Division on People of Color and Crime

**REFERENCES**

**Vanessa Panfil, Ph.D.** **Randy Gainey, Ph.D.**

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