

Amanda Heitkamp
Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2023 (Expected) PhD in Sociology at Bowling Green State University
Comprehensive Areas: Criminology and Social Psychology

Dissertation: “Theorizing and Developing a Non-Criminal Deviance Victimization Scale and Exploring Its Impact on Substance Use”

2021 MA in Sociology at Bowling Green State University

2017 BA in Sociology at Minnesota State University Moorhead

Areas of Research Interest

Criminological Theory
Deviance
Substance Use
Offending
Stigma
Identity Formation
Meaning-Making
Victimization

Areas of Teaching Interest

Criminology
Deviance
Juvenile Delinquency
Introduction to Sociology
Sociological Theory
Social Psychology
Social Inequality
Research Methods

Current Positions

2022-current Researcher for an NSF granted project assessing risk assessment scores.

2019-current Graduate Assistant, Department of Sociology at Bowling Green State University.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Amanda Heitkamp and Thomas J. Mowen. Forthcoming. “The Label of Looks: Physical Attractiveness, Stigma, and Deviant Behavior” *Sociological Focus*.

Amanda Heitkamp and Thomas J. Mowen. 2022. "Substance Use on Campus: Exploring the Implications of Paranormal Beliefs." *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 47: 330-351.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s1210302209671-y>

Mowen, Thomas J., **Amanda Heitkamp**, and John H. Boman, IV. 2021. "Paranormal Activity: Self- Control Theory and Belief in the Paranormal." *Deviant Behavior* 43: 728-742.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2021.1915723>

Mowen, Thomas J. and **Amanda Heitkamp**. 2021. "The Anxiety of the Pandemic: Binge-Watching, Splurging, Sexting, Hooking Up, and Masturbating Among College Students." *Deviant Behavior* Online First: <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2021.1982658>

Vigilant, Lee, Ashley Heitkamp, and **Amanda Heitkamp**. 2021. "'If it Does Turn Out to be Herpes, Try Not to Stress too Much': The Contours of Emotional Support and Peer Diagnosis in an Online Sexual Health Community." *Sociological Inquiry* 92: 200-224.
<https://doi.org.10.1111/soin.12424>

Manuscripts Under Review and In Progress

Heitkamp, Amanda. "Self-Control and Belief in Conspiracy Theories." Under Review at *Media, Culture, & Society*.

Heitkamp, Amanda. "The Influence of Formal and Informal Sanctions on Offending: The Moderating Role of Legal Cynicism." Under Review at *Crime & Delinquency*.

Heitkamp, Amanda and Adam Smith. "Climate Change Denial Among College Students" In progress.

Heitkamp, Amanda and Thomas J. Mowen. "Understanding Paranormal Experiences through Criminological Theories." In progress.

Other Research Experience

- 2022 Co-Principal Investigator: Original data collection assessing climate change denial (forthcoming).
- 2022 Principal Investigator: Original data collection exploring non-criminal deviance victimization and its association with substance use among young people (forthcoming).
- 2022 Co-Principal Investigator: Original data collection aimed at the development of a non-criminal deviance scale (in progress).
- 2022 Principal Investigator: Original data collection assessing conspiracy beliefs of college

Students (1,772 responses).

- 2021 Co-Principal Investigator: Original data collection exploring perceptions of attractiveness and deviance among college students (2,010 respondents).
- 2020 Principal Investigator: Ethnographic research on paranormal investigation teams. Completed qualitative data collection across multiple research locations.
- 2020 Principal Investigator: Original data collection assessing the impacts of COVID-19 on college student behavior (1,288 responses).
- 2020 Co-Principal Investigator: Original data collection exploring paranormal beliefs and antisocial outcomes among college students (441 respondents).
- 2019 Research Assistant: Qualitative project aimed at understanding the significance of horse-riding for members of the Women's Equestrian Team at Bowling Green State University (22 students, 1 faculty member).
- 2018 Research Assistant: Content analysis of r/STD subreddit aimed at understanding the experience of individuals who think they have an STD (211 user-generated inquires and accompanying messages).

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

- Spring 2022 Principles of Sociology (SOC 1010) at Bowling Green State University
- Fall 2021 Principles of Sociology (SOC 1010) at Bowling Green State University

Instructor Aide

- Fall 2021 Deviance and Social Control (SOC 3400) at Bowling Green State University

Teaching Assistant

- Spring 2020 Principles of Sociology (SOC 1010) at Bowling Green State University
- Fall 2019 Principles of Sociology (SOC 1010) at Bowling Green State University

Guest Lecturer

- Fall 2022 Introduction to Research Methods (SOC 2680) at Bowling Green State University. On survey methods and the IRB process.
- Fall 2022 Alcohol, Drugs, and Society (SOC 2680) at Bowling Green State University. On substance use among young adults.

- Fall 2022 Professional Development (SOC 6610) at Bowling Green State University. On the process of publishing peer-reviewed articles.
- Fall 2022 Principles of Sociology (SOC 1010) at Bowling Green State University. On crime and deviance.
- Spring 2022 Principles of Sociology (SOC 1010) at Bowling Green State University. On criminological theory and deviant beliefs.
- Spring 2021 Research Methods (SOC 3410) at Bowling Green State University. On primary data collection.
- Spring 2021 Deviance and Social Control (SOC 3400) at Bowling Green State University. On the sociology of deviance.

Conference Presentations

[2020-2022 Conference Presentations Limited due to COVID-19]

- 2021 **Amanda Heitkamp.** “Anxiety of the Pandemic: Binge-Watching, Splurging, Sexting, Hooking Up, and Masturbating Among College Students.” Presenter at the Ohio State University (OSU)/BGSU Graduate Student Conference. October 29.
- 2020 **Amanda Heitkamp.** “Things That Go Bump in the Night: Applying Labeling Theory to Paranormal Beliefs and Substance Use.” Presenter at the American Society of Criminology (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2020 **Amanda Heitkamp.** “Things That Go Bump in the Night: Applying Labeling Theory to Paranormal Beliefs and Substance Use.” Presenter at the Ohio State University (OSU)/BGSU Graduate Student Conference. October 30 (virtual).
- 2019 **Amanda Heitkamp** and Ashley Heitkamp. ““First off, take a breath and relax. I’m about 99% positive you don’t have HIV”: The Contours of Emotional Support and Peer-Diagnosis in an N-Adic Online Sexual Health Community.” Presenter at the Midwestern Sociological Conference. April 20.

Service

- 2022 Manuscript Peer-Reviewer: *Child & Youth Services*
- 2022 Co-Founder and Chair, Undergraduate Mentorship Program, Sociology Student Association at Bowling Green State University
- 2022 Participated in and helped with the Sociology Honors Banquet through the Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society, Bowling Green State University

- 2021 Vice President, Sociology Graduate Student Association at Bowling Green State University
- 2021 Chair, Mentorship Program, Sociology Graduate Student Association at Bowling Green State University
- 2021 Member, Women and Non-Binary Committee, Bowling Green State University
- 2020 Member, Mentorship Program, Sociology Graduate Student Association at Bowling Green State University
- 2020 Faculty Representative, Sociology Graduate Student Association, Bowling Green State University
- 2017 Participated in and helped with the Sociology Honors Banquet through the Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society, Minnesota State University Moorhead

Honors and Awards

- 2022 Department of Sociology **Nomination for the Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Instructor award** from Bowling Green State University. This university-wide award acknowledges teaching excellence.
- 2017 Member, Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society
- 2017 **C. Wright. Mills Sociological Imagination Award** from the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Minnesota State University Moorhead. The highest accolade within the department recognizing outstanding sociological skill.