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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology  
*University of South Carolina Aiken*

August 2023-Present

## EDUCATION

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**Doctor of Philosophy**, Psychology  
*University of Wyoming*  
Concentration: Psychology and Law  
Minor: Statistics

May 2023

**Master of Science**, Psychological Science  
*Arkansas State University*  
Concentration: Forensic and Applied Cognition

May 2018

**Bachelor of Science**, Psychology  
*Arkansas State University*  
Minor: Criminology

December 2015

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Smith, O. K. H., & Nuñez, N. (2024). Counterfactuals in mainstream media: A pathway for blame attribution and policy endorsement in police lethal force incidents. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 38(3), e4219. <https://doi.org/10.1002/acp.4219>

Dahl, E., Sturges, H. A., Smith, O. K. H., Hardesty, C., & Root-Elledge, S. (2023). Changing the approach to educator professional development: The ECHO Model for education. *Frontiers in Education* 4. <https://doi.org/10.3389/feduc.2023.1151915>

Binnall, J. M., Smith, O. K. H., & Flick, C. (2022). Is the taint argument real: Evaluating the public's perceptions of juries that include felon-jurors. *Psychology, Crime, & Law*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1068316X.2022.2157415>

Smith, O. K. H. & Peters, C. (2022). Gruesome evidence and juror decisions: The impact of auditory vs. visual presentation. *American Journal of Forensic Psychology*, 40(3), 21-33.

Nuñez, N., Flick, C., Sturges, H. A., Smith, O. K. H., & Schweitzer, K. (2022). COVID-19 in the courtroom: The role of mask mandates and source of exposure on negligence and

- recklessness decisions. *Psychological Injury and Law*, 15(4), 341-356  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12207-022-09464-y>
- Bitter, A. N., **Smith, O. K. H.**, Michalski, N. D., & Freng, S. (2022). Testing the robustness of the race-crime congruency effect: A systematic review. *Race and Social Problems*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12552-022-09376-1>
- Smith, O. K. H.** (2022). The beyond a reasonable doubt standard of proof: Juror understanding and reform. *The International Journal of Evidence & Proof*, 26(4), 291–308. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13657127221114498>
- Flick, C., **Smith, O. K. H.**, & Schweitzer, K. (2022). Influence of expert degree and scientific validity of testimony on mock jurors' perceptions of credibility. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 36(3), 494–507. <https://doi.org/10.1002/acp.3935>
- Weatherford, D. R., Esparza, L. V., Tedder, L. J., & **Smith, O. K. H.** (2020). Using a fork as a hairbrush: Investigating dual routes to release from functional fixedness. *The Journal of Creative Behavior*, 55(1), 154-167. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jocb.442>

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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- Smith, O. K. H.**, Flick, C., & Michalski, N. D. Perceptions of defund the police. *Frontiers in Cognition*.
- Flick, C., **Smith, O. K. H.**, Bitter, A., & Nuñez, N. L. Lay conceptions of procedural and distributive justice in plea bargains: Do they align with theory? *Social Justice Research*.
- Schweitzer, K., Flick, C., & **Smith, O. K. H.** (*revise & resubmit*) Comparative negligence laws: Do different thresholds and instructions alter jurors' negligence attributions? *Psychology, Crime, & Law*.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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- Sturges, H. A., **Smith, O. K. H.**, & Nuñez, N. L. Public Perceptions of Exonerees: A Brief Report.
- Binnall, J. M., **Smith, O. K. H.**, & Flick, C. (*in preparation*). Does Carceral Status Signal Juror Fitness? An Exploratory Study on the Public's Views of Felon-Juror *Inclusion* in Iowa.
- Burd, K., Schweitzer, K., Flick, C., **Smith, O. K. H.**, & Sturges, H. A. Police on trial: Grand jury indictment decisions and attitudes towards police legitimacy.

## MEDIA PUBLICATIONS & TECHNICAL REPORTS

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**Smith, O. K. H.** & Hannaford-Agor, P. (2022, November). Delivering the jury summons to the correct address: Benefits and costs of NCOA processing. *National Center for State Courts*. [https://www.ncsc-jurystudies.org/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0028/85573/REPORT-NCOA\\_P3.pdf](https://www.ncsc-jurystudies.org/_data/assets/pdf_file/0028/85573/REPORT-NCOA_P3.pdf)

Burd, K., **Smith, O. K. H.**, & Cangialosi, B. (2021, October 15). The Wyoming Youth Justice Coalition calls for improved data reporting: Better data would improve policy, bolster equity and save taxpayers millions of dollars. *WyoFile*. <https://wyofile.com/the-wyoming-youth-justice-coalition-calls-for-improved-data-reporting/>

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS

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\* indicates undergraduate student

\*Dillivan, G.L., Burd, K., Nunez, N., **Smith, O. K. H.** (2024, April 7). Public Perceptions of Private Prisons. Paper presented at the Wyoming Psychological Association (WPA) 2024 Conference, Laramie, WY.

**Smith, O. K. H.** & Nuñez, N. (2024, March). *Counterfactuals in Mainstream Media: A Pathway for Blame Attribution and Policy Endorsement in Police Lethal Force Incidents*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Los Angeles, California.

Flick, C., **Smith, O. K. H.**, & Binnall, J. M. (2024, March). *Does carceral status signal juror fitness? An exploratory study on the public's views of felon-juror inclusion in Iowa*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Los Angeles, California.

\*Dillivan, G. L., **Smith, O. K. H.**, Nuñez, N., & Burd, K. (2024, March). *Public Perceptions of Private Prisons*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Los Angeles, California.

**Smith, O. K. H.**, Flick, C., Sturges, H. A., Anzovino, A. & Nuñez, N. L. (2023, April). *Belief in Misinformation: Influence of Correction Type and Timing of Correction*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Albuquerque, NM.

**Smith, O. K. H.**, Flick, C., & Michalski, N. (2023, March). *Defund the Police: Does Framing Impact Support for the Movement?* Paper presented (data blitz) at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, PA.

**Smith, O. K. H.**, Flick, C., & Schweitzer, K. (2023, March). *Comparative negligence laws: Do jurors alter liability assignments to compensate for "unfair" laws?* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, PA.

- Sturges, H. A., **Smith, O. K. H.**, & Nuñez, N. L. (2023, March) *Is it ignorance or bias? Public perceptions of exonerees*. Paper presented (data blitz) at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Burd, K., Schweitzer, K., **Smith, O. K. H.**, Flick, C., & Sturges, H. A. (2023, March) Predicting indictment and charging decisions in lethal use-of-force cases. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Smith, O. K. H.**, Flick, C., & Michalski, N. (2022, March). *Public perceptions of “defund the police.”* Paper presented (data blitz) at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Denver, CO.
- Nunez, N., Sturges, H. A., Flick, C., **Smith, O. K. H.**, & Schweitzer, K. (2022, March). *COVID-19 in the courtroom: The role of mask mandates and source of exposure on negligence and recklessness decisions*. Paper presented (data blitz) at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Denver, CO.
- Binnall, J. M., **Smith, O. K. H.**, & Flick, C. (2022, March). *Is the taint argument real: Evaluating the public’s perceptions of juries that include felon-jurors*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Denver, CO.
- Burd, K., Schweitzer, K., **Smith, O. K. H.**, Flick, C., & Sturges, H. (2022, March). *Police on trial: Grand jury indictment decisions and attitudes towards police legitimacy*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Denver, CO.
- Bitter, A. N., **Smith, O. K. H.**, Michalski, N., & Freng, S. (2022, March). *A systematic review of the cross-over effect of race-crime congruency*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Denver, CO.
- Schweitzer, K., Nunez, N., Cassandra, F., & **Smith, O. K. H.** (2020, March). *Judicial fairness: The role of political ideology, campaign donors, and recusal*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Provenza, K., Choi, S., Nunez, N., & **Smith, O. K. H.** (2020, March). *When grand juries won’t indict: The influence of victim race in police use of force cases*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Hopper, J., Stowers, S., Brinkley, C., **Smith, O. K. H.**, & Saarnio, D. (2019, March). *Developing civic-mindedness in middle- and high-school students using service-learning*. Paper presented at the Interdisciplinary STEM Teaching & Learning Conference, Savannah, GA.
- Smith, O. K. H.** (2018, April). *Jury decision making and graphic evidence: The effects of auditory vs. visual presentation*. Paper presented at the meeting of Create at State Conference, Jonesboro, AR.

- \*Jackson, M., Peters, C., & **Smith, O. K. H.** (2018, March). *How many witnesses are sufficient?* Paper presented (data blitz) at the Annual Meeting of American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, TN.

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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\* indicates undergraduate student

- \*Dillivan, G.L., Burd, K., Nunez, N., **Smith, O. K. H.** (2024, April 13). *Public Perceptions of Private Prisons*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association (RMPA) 2024 Conference, Denver, CO.
- Smith, O. K. H.** & Nuñez, N. (2024, March). *Counterfactual Thoughts in the Aftermath of Police Lethal Force Incidents*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Miami, Florida.
- Moody, E. J., Bares, K., **Smith, O. K. H.**, Root-Elledge, S., & Hardesty, C. (2022, November). *COVID vaccine hesitancy in Wyoming individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, Washington DC.
- Flick, C., Bitter, A., **Smith, O. K. H.**, & Nunez, N. (2022, March). *Lay conceptions of procedural and distributive justice in plea bargains: Do they align with theory?* Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Denver, CO.
- Flick, C., **Smith, O. K. H.**, & Schweitzer, K. (2021, March). *Influence of expert degree and scientific validity of expert evidence on mock jurors' perceptions of credibility*. Virtual poster presented at the Annual Meeting of American Psychology-Law Society.
- Smith, O. K. H.** & Peters, C. (2019, March). *Juror decisions and need for affect: What happens when graphic evidence is presented?* Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.
- Brinkley, C., **Smith, O. K. H.**, Stowers, S., & Saarnio, D. (2019, March). *Increasing social support for new parents: A preliminary look at one program's effectiveness*. Poster presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL.
- Saarnio, D., Stowers, S., **Smith, O. K. H.**, & Brinkley, C. (2019, February). *Using the self-assessment survey (SAS) for needs across schools*. Poster presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Positive Behavioral Support, Washington, D.C.
- Stowers, S., Hopper, J., Saarnio, D., **Smith, O. K. H.**, & Brinkley, C. (2019, February). *Developing soft skills through project-based learning: A case study from Arkansas*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Educational Research Association, Myrtle Beach, SC.

**Smith, O. K. H.** & Peters, C. (2018, March). *Jury decision making and graphic evidence: The effects of auditory vs. visual presentation*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, TN.

\*Warford, K., Weatherford, D. R., \*Lazo, K., \*Tedder, L., **Smith, O. K. H.**, & \*Esparza, L. (2017, October). *The right frame of mind: Overcoming functional fixedness in problem solving*. Poster presented at the ARMADILLO: The Southwest Cognition Conference, College Station, TX.

Peters, C., Strait, G., & **Smith, O. K. H.** (2017, March). *The impact of Rosa's law on jury decision making*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.

Weatherford, D., \*Tedder, L., **Hitchcock, O.**, & \*Lane, L. (2016, November). *Using a fork as a hairbrush: Parts-based processing promotes release from functional fixedness*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Psychonomic Society, Boston, MA.

\*Tedder, L., \*Lane, L. & **Hitchcock, O.** (2016, April). *Using a fork as a hairbrush: Increasing creative problem solving*. Poster presented at the meeting of Arkansas Symposium of Psychological Students, Conway, AR.

## HONORS, AWARDS, & RESEARCH SUPPORT

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<b>Rise Grant (\$6,000)</b> , <i>University of South Carolina</i>	2024
<b>Paul Stock Foundation Travel Fund (\$500)</b> , <i>University of Wyoming</i>	2023
<b>AP-LS Student Travel Award (\$500)</b> , <i>American Psychology-Law Society</i>	2023
<b>Richard Pasewark Excellence Fund (\$8,919)</b> , <i>University of Wyoming</i>	2023
<b>Dean's Graduate Scholars Award (\$3,000)</b> , <i>University of Wyoming</i>	2022
<b>Dissertation Augmentation (\$2,000)</b> , <i>University of Wyoming</i>	2022
<b>Lillian Portenier Psychology Scholarship (\$500)</b> , <i>University of Wyoming</i>	2022
<b>Lillian Portenier Psychology Scholarship (\$300)</b> , <i>University of Wyoming</i>	2021; 2020; 2019
<b>Dean's Graduate Scholars Award (\$3,000)</b> , <i>University of Wyoming</i>	2021
<b>Dean's Graduate Scholars Award (\$2,000)</b> , <i>University of Wyoming</i>	2020
<b>Outstanding Graduate Student Award</b> , <i>Arkansas State University</i>	2018
<b>Undergraduate Student Research</b> , First place poster, <i>Arkansas State University</i>	2016

## PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH POSITIONS

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<b>National Center for State Courts (NCSC)</b>	June 2022-December 2022
<i>Research Intern, Virginia</i>	
Supervisor: Lindsey Wylie, PhD	

**Wyoming Institute for Disabilities**  
*Research Assistant, University of Wyoming*  
 Supervisor: Eric Moody, PhD

January 2022-December 2022

**Office of Behavioral Research & Evaluation**  
*Evaluation Specialist*  
 Supervisor: Christy Brinkley, Ed.S.

June 2018-July 2019

**Office of Behavioral Research & Evaluation**  
*Research Assistant*  
 Supervisor: David Saarnio, PhD

January 2017-May 2018

## RESEARCH LABS

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**Psychology & Law Lab**  
*Research Assistant, University of Wyoming*  
 Supervisor: Narina Nuñez, PhD

August 2019-May 2023

**Forensic & Applied Cognition in Society Lab**  
*Research Assistant, Arkansas State University*  
 Supervisor: Christopher Peters, PhD

January 2017-May 2019

**Memory, Attention, & Perception Lab**  
*Research Assistant, Arkansas State University*  
 Supervisor: Dawn Weatherford, PhD

January 2016-July 2016

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**University of South Carolina Aiken**  
 Instructor: Legal Psychology Lab  
 Instructor: Criminal Psychopathology  
 Instructor: Psychology & Law  
 Instructor: Method & Design in the Behavioral Sciences  
 Instructor: Psychological Statistics-Online  
 Instructor: Social Psychology  
 Instructor: Social Psychology Laboratory  
 Instructor: Psychological Statistics

Fall 2024  
 Summer 2024  
 Fall 2024; Spring 2024  
 Fall 2024; Spring 2024  
 Spring 2024; Fall 2023  
 Fall 2023  
 Fall 2023  
 Fall 2023

**University of Wyoming**  
 Co-Instructor: Psychology and Law  
 Guest Lecturer: Courts  
 Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Psychology  
 Instructor: Criminal Psychopathology  
 Teaching Assistant: Criminal Psychopathology  
 Teaching Assistant: Abnormal Psychology  
 Teaching Assistant: Developmental Psychology

Fall 2022  
 Fall 2022  
 Fall 2021  
 Spring & Summer 2021  
 Fall 2020  
 Spring 2020  
 Fall 2019

**Arkansas State University**

Guest Lecturer: Applied Psychological Analysis I

Fall 2017

Guest Lecturer: Psychology as a Science &amp; Profession

Fall 2017

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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<b>HAS Scholarly Activity Award Committee</b> , <i>University of South Carolina Aiken</i>	2024
<b>Conference Reviewer</b> , <i>American Psychology-Law Society</i>	2023-2024
<b>Graduate Student Application Committee</b> , <i>University of South Carolina Aiken</i>	2023-2024
<b>Faculty Search Committee</b> , <i>University of South Carolina Aiken</i>	2023-2024
<b>Ad Hoc Reviewer</b> , <i>Psychology, Crime, &amp; Law</i>	2023
<b>Brown Bag Presentation Coordinator</b> , <i>University of Wyoming</i>	2022-2023
<b>Ad Hoc Reviewer (co-reviewed)</b> , <i>Criminal Justice Review</i>	2022
<b>Conference Reviewer</b> , <i>American Psychology-Law Society</i>	2021-2022
<b>SONA Coordinator</b> , <i>University of Wyoming Psychology Department</i>	2021-2022
<b>Member</b> , <i>Wyoming Youth Justice Coalition</i>	2020-2022
<b>Co-Secretary</b> , <i>University of Wyoming Diversity, Equity, &amp; Inclusion Committee</i>	2020-2022
<b>Professional Development Workgroup</b> , <i>University of Wyoming Diversity</i>	2020-2022
<b>Member</b> , <i>Diversity, Equity, &amp; Inclusion Committee, University of Wyoming</i>	2020-2022
<b>Graduate Representative</b> , <i>University of Wyoming Visiting Day Committee</i>	2020-2021
<b>Campus Representative</b> , <i>American Psychology-Law Society</i>	2020-2021
<b>Research Ambassador</b> , <i>Arkansas State University Student Research Council</i>	2017-2018
<b>Board of Advisors</b> , <i>Arkansas State University Dean's Student Advisory Council</i>	2017-2018
<b>Student Representative</b> , <i>Master of Science in Psychological Science Committee</i>	2017-2018

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Psychology-Law Society

Southeastern Psychological Association

Psi-Chi International Honor Society in Psychology