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Academic Position:

Associate Professor, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Missouri - St. Louis 2020-Current
Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Missouri - St. Louis 2014-2020

Education:

University of California - Irvine

- Ph.D. in Criminology, Law and Society, 2014
- M.A. in Social Ecology, 2009

University of Missouri - Columbia

- B.A. in Sociology, 2007
- B.A. in Psychology, 2007
- General Honors College Certificate, 2007
- Missouri London Program, Imperial College, London, UK, 2005

Journal Publications:

- Hipp, J. R., **A. Boessen**, C. T. Butts, N. N. Nagle, and E. J. Smith. (2025). The spatial distribution of neighborhood safety ties: Consequences for perceived collective efficacy? *Journal of Urban Affairs*. Forthcoming.
- Luo, X. I., J. R. Hipp, and **A. Boessen**. (2024). Parolee concentration, parolee embeddedness, and the reciprocal relationship with crime rates: A longitudinal study of neighborhoods and reentry. *Journal of Criminology*. Forthcoming.
- **Boessen, A.**, M. Omori, and C. Greene. (2023). Long-term dynamics of neighborhoods and crime: The role of education over 40 years. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 39: 187-249.
- **Boessen, A.** and J. R. Hipp. (2022). The network of neighborhoods and geographic space: Implications for joblessness while on parole. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 38: 597-636.
- **Boessen, A.** and J. R. Hipp. (2018). Parks as crime inhibitors or generators: Examining parks and the role of their nearby context. *Social Science Research*, 76: 186-201.
- Hipp, J. R., S. Williams, and **A. Boessen**. (2018). Disagreement in assessing neighboring and collective efficacy: The role of social distance. *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*, 4: 1-16.
- **Boessen, A.**, J. R. Hipp, C. T. Butts, N. N. Nagle, and E. J. Smith. (2018). The built environment, spatial scale, and social networks: Do land uses matter for personal network structure? *Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science*, 45: 400-416.
- **Boessen, A.**, J. R. Hipp, C. T. Butts, N. N. Nagle, and E. J. Smith. (2017). Social fabric and fear of crime: Considering spatial location and time of day. *Social Networks*, 51: 60-72.
- **Boessen, A.** and A. W. Chamberlain. (2017). Neighborhood crime, the housing crisis, and geographic space: Disentangling the effects of foreclosure and vacancy. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 39: 1122-1137.

- Hipp, J. R. and **A. Boessen**. (2017). The shape of mobility: Measuring the distance decay function of household mobility. *The Professional Geographer*, 69: 32-44.
- Wo, J., J. R. Hipp, and **A. Boessen**. (2016). Voluntary organizations and neighborhood crime: A dynamic perspective. *Criminology*, 54: 212-241.
- **Boessen, A.** and E. Cauffman. (2016). Moving from the neighborhood to the cellblock: The impact of youth's neighborhoods on prison misconduct. *Crime and Delinquency*, 62: 200-228.
- **Boessen, A.** and J. R. Hipp. (2015). Close-ups and the scale of ecology: Land uses and the geography of social context and crime. *Criminology*, 53: 399-426.
- Smith, E. J., C. S. Marcum, **A. Boessen**, Z. Almquist, J. R. Hipp, N. N. Nagle, C. T. Butts. (2015). The relationship of age to personal networks size, relational multiplexity and proximity to alters in the Western United States. *The Journals of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*, 70: 91-99.
- **Boessen, A.**, J. R. Hipp, E. J. Smith, C. T. Butts, N. N. Nagle, and Z. Almquist. (2014). Networks, space, and residents' perception of cohesion. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 53: 447-461.
- Hipp, J. R. and **A. Boessen**. (2013). *Egohoods* as waves washing across the city: A new measure of "neighborhoods". *Criminology*, 51: 287-327.
- Hipp, J. R., C. T. Butts, R. M. Acton, N. N. Nagle, and **A. Boessen**. (2013). Extrapolative simulation of neighborhood networks based on population spatial distribution: Do they predict crime? *Social Networks*, 35: 614-625.
- Hipp, J. R. and **A. Boessen**. (2012). Immigrants and social distance: Examining the social consequences of immigration for Southern California neighborhoods over 50 years. *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 641: 192-219.
- Hipp, J. R., R. W. Faris, and **A. Boessen**. (2012). Measuring "neighborhood": Constructing network neighborhoods. *Social Networks*, 34: 128-140.

Book Chapters and Other Writing:

- **Boessen, A.** and A. Gatens. (2016). *Collective efficacy*. Ed. Beth Huebner. *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Criminology*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Hipp, J. R. and **A. Boessen**. (2015). Neighborhoods, social networks, and crime. Eds. Francis T. Cullen, Pamela Wilcox, Robert J. Sampson, and Brendan Dooley, *Challenging Criminological Theory: The Legacy of Ruth Kornhauser*. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers.
- Tita, G. E. and **A. Boessen**. (2011). Social networks and the ecology of crime: Using social network data to understand the spatial distribution of crime. Eds. David Gadd, Susanne Karstedt, Steven F. Messner, *The SAGE Handbook of Criminological Research Methods*. SAGE Publications Ltd., Thousand Oaks.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards:

- Mid-Career Research & Creative Works Seed Grant (CO-PI), 2023, UMSL: \$24,475.
- Office of Research Award, 2018, UMSL: \$4,000.
- Whole Communities Research Faculty Fellow, 2017, UMSL: \$5,000
- College of Arts and Sciences Research Grant, 2016, UMSL: \$10,221.
- Junior Faculty Travel Award, 2015-2016, UMSL: \$2,500.
- American Society of Criminology's 2014 Gene Carte Student Paper Award for "The Spatial Footprint and Daily Crime Patterns: Situating Guardianship in 23 Cities", second place.
- Gil Geis Award for Excellence in Research, 2014, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, UCI.
- Professional Development Fellowship, 2014, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, UCI: \$11,000.
- Dean's Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 2014, School of Social Ecology, UCI: \$11,000

- Public Impact Fellowship, 2013-2014, Graduate Division, UCI: \$1,000
- Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, 2013, Graduate Division, UCI: \$10,000
- Michelle Smith Pontell Award (for outstanding accomplishments in graduate study), 2013, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, UCI: \$2,250
- Graduate Student Mentoring Award, 2012 and 2013, School of Social Ecology, UCI.
- Travel Stipend for Network Perspectives on Criminology and Criminal Justice Symposium, 2013, Arizona State University.
- Social Ecology Alumni Fellowship, 2012, School of Social Ecology, UCI: \$900.
- Arnold Binder Graduate Student Service Award, 2009, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, UCI.
- Hans O. Mausch Student Paper Award for "The Influence of Weak Ties on an Inmate's Pathway to Prison", 2007, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri-Columbia.
- Undergraduate Research Scholar, 2006-2007. University of Missouri-Columbia: \$3,500.
- Undergraduate Research Mentorship, 2006-2007. University of Missouri-Columbia: \$3,000.

Presentations (Last Few Years):

- *Communities, measurement, and crime: What's zero population got to do with it?*. To be presented at the 2024 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- *Local investments in punishment and racial inequalities in mass (de)carceration* (with M. Omori and K. Nowotny). Presented at the 2023 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- *Local spending and racial inequalities in mass (de)carceration* (with M. Omori and K. Nowotny). Presented at the 2023 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- *Vacancy and crime in St. Louis: Temporal dynamics over 20 Years*. Presented at the 2022 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- *Neighborhoods, the built environment, and crime: Examining the digital divide and network structure*. (with Zack Almqvist). Presented at the 2021 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- *Long-term dynamics of neighborhoods and crime: The role of education over 40 years*. (with Marisa Omori and Claire Greene). Presented at the 2021 Population Association of America Annual Meeting, virtual.
- *Overlapping network ties and the consequences for collective efficacy*(with J. R. Hipp, C. T. Butts, N. N. Nagle, and E. J. Smith). Scheduled for the 2020 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. Cancelled because of COVID 19.
- *The local context of the shifting welfare state* (with M. Omori and K. Nowotny). Scheduled for the 2020 In Our Backyards Vera Symposium, New York, NY. Cancelled because of COVID 19.
- *The network of neighborhoods and spatial scale: Implications for joblessness for people on parole* (with John Hipp). Presented at the 2019 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- *How do returning parolees affect neighborhood crime rates in Texas?: A longitudinal study of prisoner reentry* (with Xiaoshuang Luo and John Hipp). Presented at the 2019 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- *Educational attainment and crime in neighborhoods over 40 Years* (with Marisa Omori and Claire Greene). Presented at the 2018 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- *Measuring the consequences of concentrated enforcement activity on communities* (with Lee Slocum). Presented at the 2018 European Society of Criminology, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- *Crime and the life course of neighborhoods: A change would do you good?* (with Marisa Omori). Presented at the 2017 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

- *Neighborhoods and crime over time: Nothing endures but change?* Presented at the 2016 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- *Large-scale geographical structure in interpersonal networks within the Western United States* (with E.J. Smith, C.M. Marcum, Z. Almquist, N. Nagle, C. T. Butts, and J. R. Hipp). Presented at the 2016 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- *Social fabric, time of day, and fear of Crime.* (with J. R. Hipp, C. T. Butts, N. N. Nagle, and E. J. Smith). Presented at the 2016 International Sunbelt Social Network Meeting, Newport Beach, California.
- *Neighborhoods and crime over time: Spatializing the housing crisis* (with Alyssa W. Chamberlain). Presented at the 2015 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- *Close-ups and the scale of ecology: Land uses and neighborhood crime.* Invited presentation in 2015 for the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
- *The spatial footprint and neighborhood crime: Is the night time the right time?* Presented at the 2014 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- *The Relationship of Age to Network Size, Multiplexity, and Proximity to Alters in the Western U.S.* (with E.J. Smith, C.M. Marcum, Z. Almquist, N. Nagle, C. T. Butts, and J. R. Hipp). Presented at the 2014 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- *Large Scale, Spatial Structure in Personal Networks across the Western United States: Evidence from a Geocoded, Randomized Survey* (with N. Nagle, C. T. Butts, and J. R. Hipp). Presented at the 2014 Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- *A Longitudinal Evaluation of Voluntary Organizations and Crime* (with J. C. Wo and J. R. Hipp). Presented at the 2014 Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Teaching Experience:

Teaching at UMSL:

- Quantitative Research Design (graduate - last course in statistics sequence - in person & online) W21, W23, F24
- Research Methods (graduate - in person & online) F19, F20, F21, F22, W24, W25
- Introduction to Criminology and CJ (in person & online) F18, W19, F19, W20, F20, F21, W22, F22, F23, F24
- Communities and Crime (graduate - in person) F17, W19, F23
- Geographic Information Systems (graduate - in person) W16, W18, W20
- Statistical Analysis in Criminology and Criminal Justice (in person) F15, W15, W16, F16, W17, F18
- Communities and Crime (in person) F14, W15, F16, W17, F17, W18, W22, W23, W25

Workshops

- *Data Management with Stata:* UMSL Summer 2015
- *Introduction to GIS:* UMSL W15

Workshop Teaching Assistant:

- *ERGM:* Political Networks, Boulder, CO S12
- *Relevant:* INSNA, Redondo Beach, CA W12
- *ERGM:* INSNA, Redondo Beach, CA W12

Teaching Assistant at UCI:

- Statistical Analysis S11
- Statistical Data Analysis (Econometrics - graduate) S09; W11
- Statistical Data Analysis (Introductory Course - graduate) W09; F10
- Introduction to Criminology, Law and Society S10
- Research Design W10
- Geographic Information Systems (undergraduate and graduate) F08; F09
- Naturalistic Field Research Summer 2008
- International Law and Conflict S08
- Community Context of Crime W08
- Crime and Public Policy F07

Service:

Service to the Department:

- Executive Committee, 2022-present, CCJ, UMSL
- Qualifying Paper Committee, 2018-2022, chair 2022-present, CCJ, UMSL.
- Equity Committee, 2020-2021, CCJ, UMSL.
- Undergraduate Committee, 2017-2018, CCJ, UMSL.
- Job Market Panel, 2015, 2016 and 2019, CCJ, UMSL.
- From Student to Professor Brown Bag, 2015, CCJ, UMSL.
- Director of graduate student recruitment, 2009 and 2010, CLS, UCI.
- Director of graduate student mentorship program, 2009 and 2010, CLS, UCI.

Service to the College and University:

- Fall Research Panel Committee, 2024 and 2025, UMSL
- Faculty Senate, 2023-present, UMSL.
- Institutional Review Board, 2020-2022, UMSL.
- Strategic Investment Program Tier 3 Research Board, 2020, UM System.
- Member of the Regional Data Alliance Steering Committee with UMSL Public Policy Center, 2019 UMSL.
- Early Career Research Symposium, 2018 and 2019 UMSL.
- Curriculum Grant Committee, 2017, UMSL.
- Undergraduate Research Fair Judge, 2016, UMSL.
- UMSL Anchor Institution Committee, 2015-2019, UMSL.

Service to the Community:

- *Neighborhoods and Crime in St. Louis*. Invited presentation at St. Louis University School of Law. 2018.
- *St. Louis Byrne Community Crime Reduction Project*, 2018-2019.
- *Geographic Information Systems*. Presented to the St. Louis County Department of Public Health. 2016.
- *Missouri Human Trafficking Study*. Missouri Highway Parol. 2015-2016.
- Data consultant and analysis of *immigration and deportation for the Department of Homeland Security*. The National Academy of Sciences. 2010-2011.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters, Columbia, Missouri. 2005-2007.

Service to the Profession:

- **Funding Agencies and Foundation Referee Activities:**
 - National Science Foundation: 2015, 2017, 2022
 - European Research Council Reviewer: 2021
 - University of Missouri Research Board - Tier 3 Panel: 2020
- **Journal Referee Activities:** *Acta Sociologica, American Journal of Community Psychology, American Journal of Criminal Justice, American Sociological Review, Applied Geography, Annals of the American Association of Geography, Applied Spatial Analysis and Policy, Asian Journal of Criminology, Canadian Public Policy, Cities, City and Community, Crime Science, Crime and Delinquency, Criminal Justice Studies, Criminology, 'Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society', Criminology & Public Policy, Demography, Environment and Behavior, Environment and Planning B: Planning and Design, European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research, Deviant Behavior, European Journal of Criminology, Homicide Studies, Housing Studies, International Journal of Geographic Information Science, International Journal of Security and Development, Journal of Crime and Justice, Journal of Criminal Justice, Journal of Criminology, Journal of Environmental Psychology, Journal of Experimental Criminology, Journal of Mathematical Sociology, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Journal of Urban Affairs, Journal of Urban Health, Justice Quarterly, Landscape and Urban Planning, Leisure Studies, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Punishment and Society, Remote Sensing, Science of the Total Environment, Social Currents, Social Forces, Social Networks, Social Problems, Social Science Quarterly, Social Science Research, Sociological Focus, Sociological Forum, Sociological Inquiry, Sociology Compass, Socius, Sustainable Cities and Society, Sustainability, Transport Reviews, Urban Affairs Review, Urban Geography, Urban Studies*

- **Professional Development:**

- American Society of Criminology, Executive Counselor of the Division of Communities and Place, 2023-present.
- American Society of Criminology, Neighborhoods and Communities Program Committee, 2020 and 2021.
- American Society of Criminology, Pre-Meeting Methodological Workshops Committee, 2017.
- *Use of Non-traditional Data Sources and Early Career Success*. 2016. Invited participant at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

- **Current Professional Memberships:**

- American Society of Criminology (ASC)
- International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA)
- Law and Society Association (LSA)
- Population Association of America (PAA)

Membership in Research Groups and Labs:

- Irvine Laboratory for the Study of Space and Crime (2011-2014): faculty.sites.uci.edu/ilssc/
- Graduate Student Fellow in the Center for Networks and Relational Analysis (2011-2014): www.relationalanalysis.org
- Metropolitan Futures Initiative (2010-2014): socialecology.uci.edu/mfi
- UCI Social Network Research Group (2009-2014)
- Development, Disorder, and Delinquency Lab (2008-2014): <http://3dlab.psychology.uci.edu>
- Networks, Computation and Social Dynamics Lab (2011-2012): www.ncasd.org

Graduate Student Advising:

- Ph.D. Committee
 - Faraneh Shamsrad, Chair, 2022-2024
 - Saundra Trujillo, Co-Chair, 2016-2019
 - Bobby Boxerman, Committee Member, 2022-present
 - Ernesto Lopez, Committee Member, 2021-present
 - Sherri Schaefer, Committee Member, 2016-withdrawn
 - Thomas Butler, Committee Member, 2020-2021
 - Kristina Garrity, Committee Member, 2018-2020
 - Ted Lentz, Committee Member, 2019-2020
 - Aaron Levin, Committee Member, 2017-2018
- Qualifying Exams
 - Ashley Cox, 2022-withdrawn
 - Kristina Garrity, 2016-2018
 - Claire Greene, 2018-2019
 - Victoria Inzana, 2022-2023
 - Ted Lentz, 2018-2019
 - Ernesto Lopez, 2021
 - Lauren Morgan, 2021-2022
 - Faraneh Shamsrad, 2021-2022
 - Paige Vaughn, 2018-2019

- Master's Thesis
 - Chris Cassity, Chair, 2019-2020
 - Alysson Gatons, Chair, 2014-2016
 - Claire Greene, Chair, 2016-2017
 - Bobby Boxerman, Committee Member, 2019-2020
 - Abby Orscheln, Committee Member, 2016-2017