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## POSITIONS & APPOINTMENTS

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- July 2017 – Present      **Assistant Professor**  
Department of Psychology, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Lincoln, NE  
Courtesy Assistant Professor of Law, Nebraska College of Law, Lincoln, NE
- 2015 – 2016              **Law Clerk**  
Justice Robert M. Brutinel, Arizona Supreme Court, Phoenix, AZ

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## EDUCATION

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- 2017                      **SANDRA DAY O’CONNOR COLLEGE OF LAW, ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, Tempe, AZ**  
J.D., *Cum Laude*
- 2017                      **ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, Tempe, AZ**  
Ph.D. in Social Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*
- 2013                      **ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, Tempe, AZ**  
M.A. in Psychology, *Summa Cum Laude*
- 2009                      **ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, Tempe, AZ**  
B.S. in Psychology with Honors, *Summa Cum Laude*

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## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- 2023                      *New Voices in Dispute Resolution Scholar* (inaugural scholar); Award from the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Alternative Dispute Resolution
- 2023                      *Faculty Fellow*; Forsythe Family Program on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
- 2022 – Present              *Faculty Fellow*, National Strategic Research Institute (NSRI)
- 2021                      *Research Paper Award*; National Parents Organization (NPO) Ned Holstein Shared Parenting Research Award for the paper *Does Shared Parenting “Cause” Children’s Better Outcomes*
- 2019 – 2020              *Grant Finalist & Winner*, Nebraska EPSCoR FIRST Award
- 2018 – 2019              *Faculty Fellow*; Peer Review of Teaching Project at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln
- 2017 – 2018              *Faculty Fellow*; Research Development Program at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln

2017	<i>Outstanding Graduate Award</i> ; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University
2014 – 2015	<i>Center Scholar</i> ; Center for Law, Science, & Innovation at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University
2014 – 2015	<i>Graduate Student Fellow</i> ; Darwyn and Marie Linder Graduate Fellowship in Social Psychology, Arizona State University
2010 – 2014	<i>CALI Award Recipient</i> ; Five-time recipient of the CALI Excellence for the Future Award

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## GRANTS & FUNDING

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### Awarded Grants

2024 – 2029	<p><u>Project Title</u>: Equitable Access to Justice: Determinants of Engagement with the Civil Justice System</p> <p><i>Agency</i>: National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER Award (Law &amp; Sciences Program)</p> <p><i>Role</i>: Principal Investigator</p> <p><i>Effort</i>: 100%; 1.0 summer months per project year</p> <p><i>Amount</i>: \$660,000</p>
2023 – 2025	<p><u>Project Title</u>: Equitable Access to Civil Justice: Uniting an Interdisciplinary Team to Develop an Open-Access Knowledge Hub</p> <p><i>Agency</i>: Univ. of Nebraska Grand Challenges Catalyst Competition - Planning Grants</p> <p><i>Role</i>: Principal Investigator (Co-PIs: Leen-Kiat Soh &amp; Ryan Sullivan; Co-Is: Ashok Samal &amp; Lisa PytlikZillig)</p> <p><i>Effort</i>: 60%; 0.75 summer months per project year</p> <p><i>Amount</i>: \$149,602</p>
2023-2025	<p><u>Project Title</u>: When and Why Do People Choose to Engage with the Civil Justice System Through Litigation or Alternative Processes?</p> <p><i>Agency</i>: Negotiation and Team Resources – Stephen B. Goldberg ADR Scholar Award</p> <p><i>Role</i>: Principal Investigator</p> <p><i>Effort</i>: 100%</p> <p><i>Amount</i>: \$1,500</p>
2022 – 2023	<p><u>Project Title</u>: Considering the Effects of Variation in Configurations of Trust</p> <p><i>Agency</i>: Univ. of Nebraska Collaboration Initiative: Preliminary Data and Application Preparation Grants</p> <p><i>Role</i>: Co-Principal Investigator (Lead PI: Lisa PytlikZillig; Other Co-PI: Joocho Lee; Co-I: Changsoo Song)</p> <p><i>Effort</i>: 0.5 summer months</p> <p><i>Amount</i>: \$38,156</p>

- 2021-2025 Project Title: Nebraska Administrative Office of the Court and Probation Juvenile Restorative Justice and Family Intervention Initiative  
*Agency:* Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (Sub-award through Nebraska Judicial Branch)  
*Role:* Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PIs for the subaward: Lisa PytlikZillig & Kristen Blankley)  
*Effort:* 33%; 0.2 summer months per project year  
*Amount:* \$94,138 (subaward); \$999,663 (total award to Nebraska Judicial Branch)
- 2020 – 2021 Project Title: Dispute Resolution: Psychological Determinants of Resolution Preferences  
*Agency:* Nebraska EPSCoR FIRST Award Grant Program (Funded by the National Science Foundation's infrastructure grant to Nebraska EPSCoR)  
*Role:* Principal Investigator  
*Effort:* 100%  
*Amount:* \$25,000 (with additional \$25,000 department match)
- 2020 – 2021 Project Title: Workplace Conflict: Dispute Resolution in Organizational Settings  
*Agency:* University of Nebraska Collaboration Initiative: Planning Grant  
*Role:* Lead Principal Investigator (Co-PIs: Lisa PytlikZillig, Kristen Blankley, Lisa Scherer, Shereen Bingham, Michelle Fleig-Palmer)  
*Effort:* 40%  
*Amount:* \$19,984
- 2020 – 2021 Project Title: Dispute Resolution Preferences in the United States: The Person in Context  
*Agency:* Revision Award Program (Office of Research and Economic Development, University of Nebraska - Lincoln)  
*Role:* Lead Principal Investigator (Co-PIs: Lisa PytlikZillig & Kristen Blankley)  
*Effort:* 60%  
*Amount:* \$24,910
- 2019 Project Title: Water Quality: Is an Ambiguous Definition Hindering Our Ability to Effectively Manage Lakes and Streams?  
*Agency:* University of Nebraska Core Facility Grant Program for New Users  
*Role:* Principal Investigator (Co-PI: Jessica Corman)  
*Effort:* 50%  
*Amount:* \$4,896
- 2017 – 2018 Project Title: Academic Perspectives on Perception Resistance in the Decision Calculus Assessment Methodology and Deterrence/Assurance Decision Calculus Assessment Tool (PRDA-DCAT)  
*Agency:* National Strategic Research Institute (NSRI)  
*Role:* Co-Investigator (PI: Mario Scalora)  
*Effort:* 25%; 0.92 summer months  
*Amount:* \$55,592

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## PUBLICATIONS

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**Note:** First authorship denotes main contributor status; subsequent authorship listed in order of scope of contribution

\* Graduate student co-author ♦ Undergraduate student co-author

### Peer Reviewed & Law Review Publications

**Note:** As an interdisciplinary law-psychology researcher, my collaborations prioritize publishing in both peer review and law review journals. Both types of journals publish original academic scholarship for an academic audience.

1. **Votruba, A. M.**, PytlikZillig, L. M., & Blankley, K. M. (2024, online). Barriers and facilitators to implementing restorative justice in Nebraska. *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/crq.21451>
2. \*Duryea, P. R., \*Tisdale, C. N., \*Barrett, A. J., **Votruba, A. M.**, & McChargue, D. E. (2024). The role of perceived restorative justice understanding and sympathy in a brief restorative justice intervention in prison. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, 30(4), 409-420. <https://doi.org/10.1037/law0000425>
  - Link to open science materials: <https://osf.io/nxjcg/>
3. **Votruba, A. M.**, & Finch, J. E. (2024, online). Trends and considerations in teaching introductory quantitative coursework in psychology doctoral programs. *Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/stl0000399>
4. PytlikZillig, L. M., **Votruba, A. M.**, Fleig-Palmer, M. M., Lee, J., & Kappmeier, M. (2024). The perceived influence model of trust: Toward a multi-trustee theory. *Group & Organization Management*, 49(2), 395-428. <https://doi-org.libproxy.unl.edu/10.1177/10596011241235248>
5. \*Tisdale, C. N., & **Votruba, A. M.** (2024). Prosecutors' considerations when initiating plea bargaining. *Analysis of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 24(1), 192-214. <https://doi-org.libproxy.unl.edu/10.1111/asap.12374>
  - Link to open science materials: <https://osf.io/9qbvc/>
6. Blankley, K. M., & **Votruba, A. M.** (2023). Discussing race in rural and non-diverse communities. *Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution*, 38, 371-421.
7. **Votruba, A. M.**, ♦Noetzel, J., & \*Herzfeld, A. L. (2023). Pathways to preferences for collaborative conflict resolution: Disputants' process goals drive preferences. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, 29(3), 364-382. <https://doi.org/10.1037/law0000377>
  - Link to open science materials: <https://osf.io/zren6/>
8. **Votruba, A. M.**, & \*Tisdale, C. N. (2021). Examining prosecutorial decision-making in plea bargaining: An experimental paradigm in a community sample. *Analysis of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 21(1), 595-620. <https://doi.org/10.1111/asap.12234>
9. Blankley, K. M., **Votruba, A. M.**, \*Bartz, L., & PytlikZillig, L. M. (2021). ADR is not a household term: Considering the ethical and practical consequences of the public's lack of understanding of mediation and arbitration. *Nebraska Law Review*, 99(4), 797-847.

10. **Votruba, A. M.**, & Corman, J. R. (2020). Definitions of water quality: A survey of lake-users of water quality-compromised lakes. *Water*, 12(8), 1-17.
  - Link to open science materials: <https://osf.io/7f3ce/>
11. **Votruba, A. M.** (2020). Dividing responsibility: The role of the psychology of attribution. *DePaul Law Review*, 69(2), 721-756.
  - Invited paper presentation at the 2019 Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy at DePaul Law School (Theme – Rising Stars: A New Generation of Scholars Looks at Civil Justice)
12. Williams, K. E. G., **Votruba, A. M.**, Neuberg, S. L., & Saks, M. J. (2019). Capital and punishment: Resource scarcity increases endorsement of the death penalty. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, 40(1), 65-73.
13. Braver, S. L., & **Votruba, A. M.** (2018). Does joint physical custody “cause” children’s better outcome? *Journal of Divorce & Remarriage*, 59(5), 452-468.
  - This article was selected for another appearance as: Braver, S. L., & **Votruba, A. M.** (2021). Does joint physical custody “cause” children’s better outcome? *Routledge International Handbook on Shared Parenting and Best Interest of the Child*. Editors Torres Perea, J. M, Kruk, E., & Ortiz-Tallo, M. Taylor & Francis Routledge.
  - Paper awarded the National Parents Organization (NPO) Ned Holstein Shared Parenting Research Award (awarded for the 2021 reprint version).
14. Saks, M. J., Danvers, A., Wissler, R. L., Voytyuk, M., Williams, K., Baker, D. A., & **Votruba, A. M.** (2016). Psychological aspects of food biodesign. *Jurimetrics Journal*, 56(2), 165-181.
15. **Votruba, A. M.**, & Kwan, V. S. Y. (2015). Disagreeing on whether agreement is persuasive: perceptions of expert group decisions. *PLoS ONE*, 10(3), 1-9.
16. **Votruba, A. M.**, Sng, O., & Kwan, V. S. Y. (2015). Adopting a group attention perspective: An exploration of moderators and future directions. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, 46(10), 1324-1327.
17. **Votruba, A. M.**, Braver, S. L., Ellman, I. M., & Fabricius, W. V. (2014). Moral intuitions about fault, parenting, and child custody after divorce. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, 20(3), 251-262.
18. **Votruba, A. M.**, & Saks, M. J. (2013). Medical adverse events and malpractice litigation in Arizona: By-the-numbers. *Arizona State Law Journal*, 45(4), 1537-1561.
  - Cited by legislation in Arizona (Annotations of 11 Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 12, Chapter 5.1)
19. **Votruba, A. M.** (2013). With the real reasonable person please stand up? Using psychology to determine how juries actually understand and apply the reasonable person standard. *Arizona State Law Journal*, 45(2), 703-732.
20. Kwan, V. S. Y., Wojcik, S. P., Miron-shatz, T., **Votruba, A. M.**, & Olivola, C. Y. (2012). Effects of symptom presentation order on perceived disease risk. *Psychological Science*, 23(4), 381-385.
21. Braver, S. L., Ellman, I. M., **Votruba, A. M.**, & Fabricius, W. V. (2011). Lay judgments about child custody after divorce. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, 17(2), 212-240.

#### **Editorial Review Only Publications (e.g., book chapters, professional magazines)**

1. Blankley, K. M., **Votruba, A. M.**, \*Bartz, L., & PytlikZillig, L. M. (2022). Never assume what your clients know about mediation and arbitration. *Alternatives to the High Cost of Litigation*, 40(5), 73-85.

2. **Votruba, A. M.**, & Kwan, V. S. Y. (2018). When in Rome think like a Roman: Empirical evidence and implications of temporarily adopting dialectical thinking. In J. Spencer-Rodgers, & K. Peng (Eds.), *The psychological and cultural foundations of dialectical thinking*. Oxford University Press.
3. Saks, M. J., & **Votruba, A. M.** (2015). “. . . and the courts have been utterly ineffective”. *Judges Journal*, 54(3), 28-31.
4. Stevenson, M., Braver, S., **Votruba, A. M.**, & Ellman, I. M. (2012). Fathers, divorce, child custody. In N. J. Cabrera & C. S. Tamis-LeMonda (Eds.) *Handbook of father involvement: Multidisciplinary perspectives* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition). Routledge Taylor & Francis Group.
5. Saks, M. J., & **Votruba, A. M.** (2012). Significance and implications of “Quantifying the weight of evidence from a forensic fingerprint comparison: a new paradigm.” *Proceedings of the Royal Statistical Society*, 175, 408.

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### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW & IN REVISIONS

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**Note:** First authorship denotes main contributor status; subsequent authorship listed in order of scope of contribution

\* Graduate student co-author ♦ Undergraduate student co-author  
 ^ shared first authorship

1. \*Herzfeld, A., & **Votruba, A. M.** (2024). Trust impacts client engagement with prospective attorney: Implications for rural legal deserts. (under review at *Law and Human Behavior*)
2. **Votruba, A. M.**, PytlikZillig, L. M., Fleig-Palmer, M. M., Kappmeier, M., Lee, J., & \*Herzfeld, A. L. (*under review*). How does trust in multiple trustees influence disclosure of workplace conflict? Testing the Perceived Influence Model of trust. (revise and resubmit; under review at *Journal of Trust Research*)
3. \*Tisdale, C. N., & **Votruba, A. M.** (*under review*). The impact of defendants’ criminal history on prosecutor plea decision-making. (revise and resubmit; under review at *Psychology, Crime, and Law*)
4. ^Folberg, A. M., ^**Votruba, A. M.**, ^Marshurn, C. K., \*Swanson, M., \*Crawford, D., & Kaiser, C. R. Reimagining resolution: Addressing racism in academic institutions with conflict resolution. (in revisions)
5. **Votruba, A. M.**, Robbennolt, J. K., & Saks, M. J. Moral perceptions of tortious behavior. (in revisions)

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### MANUSCRIPTS ADVANCED IN PREPARATION

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**Advanced in preparation:** Listed below are research projects that are advanced in preparation and the manuscripts are currently being drafted. The data for empirical manuscripts has been collected and analyzed. Less advanced projects are not listed.

**Note:** First authorship denotes main contributor status; subsequent authorship listed in order of scope of contribution

\* Graduate student co-author ♦ Undergraduate student co-author

1. **Votruba, A. M.**, Brummond, M., & \*Burkhardt, C. (2024). Secrets to success: Understanding why women lawyers thrive in the legal profession.

2. \*Tisdale, C. N., & **Votruba, A. M.** (2024). Disentangling empathy from sympathy in the context of criminal punishment.
3. **Votruba, A. M.**, \*Bartz, L., PytlikZillig, L. M., & Blankley, K. M. (2024). Breaking up is hard to do: Distinguishing ADR processes by their features.
4. **Votruba, A. M.**, \*Bartz, L., & \*Herzfeld, A. (2024). Motivations for resolving civil justice problems: Looking beyond traditional legal remedies.
5. **Votruba, A. M.**, \*Bartz, L., & ♦Bertin, A. (2024). Victims' willingness to participate in victim-offender mediation.
6. **Votruba, A. M.** (2024). Seeking civil justice in an era of alternative dispute resolution.
7. Varley, A. H., **Votruba, A. M.**, & Shiota, M. N. (2024). Not all who follow are blind: The structure of individual differences in attitudes toward authority.

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## PRESENTATIONS

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\* Graduate student co-author ♦ Undergraduate student co-author

### Peer Reviewed Conference Submissions

1. Blankley, K. M., **Votruba, A. M.**, & PytlikZillig, L. M. (November 2024). *Emerging Research on Public Perceptions of Restorative Justice Programs*. Talk presented at the Association for Conflict Resolution Conference, Omaha, NE.
2. **Votruba, A. M.** (June 2024). *Identifying barriers to accessing civil justice in an era of alternative dispute resolution: A multidisciplinary approach*. Talk presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
3. \*Bartz, L. M., & **Votruba, A. M.** (April 2024). *Examining the relationship between knowledge and perceptions of dispute resolution mechanisms*. Poster presented at the 2024 Nebraska Symposium on Motivation: Legal Judgment and the Motivation for Justice, Lincoln, NE.
4. \*Herzfeld, A., & **Votruba, A. M.** (March 2024). *Trust in legal institutions and legal actors influence engagement with the legal system*. Poster presented at the 2024 Nebraska Symposium on Motivation: Legal Judgment and the Motivation for Justice, Lincoln, NE.
5. \*Tisdale, C. N., & **Votruba, A. M.** (April 2024). *The influence of perceived similarity on cognitive empathy, attribution, and sentencing decisions*. Poster presentation at the 2024 Nebraska Symposium on Motivation: Legal Judgment and the Motivation for Justice, Lincoln, NE.
6. ♦Bloemker, M. A., **Votruba, A. M.**, Finch, J. E., & ♦Parolek, G. E. (April 2024). *Parent-child conflict resolution: The role of parents' conflict styles and active listening*. Poster presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association 2024 Convention, Chicago, IL.
7. ♦Parolek, G. E., Finch, J. E., **Votruba, A. M.**, & ♦Bloemker, M. A. (April 2024). *Intergenerational executive function transmission: The role of parenting behaviors during everyday conflict resolution discussions*. Poster presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association 2024 Convention, Chicago, IL.
8. **Votruba, A. M.**, \*Bartz, L., PytlikZillig, L. M., & Blankley, K. M. (March 2024). *Breaking up is hard to do: Distinguishing alternative dispute resolution processes by their features*. Datablitz presented at the 2024 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

9. \*Herzfeld, A., & **Votruba, A. M.** (March 2024). *Understanding civil rural legal deserts through urban and rural social identity*. Paper presented at the 2024 American Psychology and Law Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
10. \*Tisdale, C. N., & **Votruba, A. M.** (March 2024). *Impact of empathy and sympathy on sentencing decisions for crimes of need*. Datablitz presented at the 2024 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
11. \*Bartz, L. M., & **Votruba, A. M.** (March 2024). *Increasing ecological validity in experimental restorative justice studies using a “choose your own adventure” paradigm*. Talk presented at the 2024 American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
12. Folberg, A. M., **Votruba, A. M.**, Marshburn, C. K., \*Swanson, M., \*Crawford, D., & Kaiser, C. R. (June 2023). *Reimagining resolution: Addressing racism in academic institutions with conflict resolution*. Interactive discussion presented at the 2023 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference, Denver, CO.
13. \*Tisdale, C. N., & **Votruba, A. M.** (June 2023). *Empathy versus sympathy in criminal punishment of theft*. Talk presented at the 2023 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference, Denver, CO.
14. PytlikZillig, L. M., Fleig-Palmer, M., Kappmeier, M., Lee, J., & **Votruba, A. M.** (June 2023). *Configurations of trust: How does trust in multiple trustees combine to influence trust-relevant outcomes?* Talk presented at the 2023 FINT: Trust within and between Organizations Conference, Helsinki, Finland.
15. **Votruba, A. M.**, Robbennolt, J. K., & Saks, M. J. (July 2022). *Does negligent harm (such as medical malpractice) arouse moral outrage?* Talk presented at the 2022 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal.
16. **Votruba, A. M.**, PytlikZillig, L. M., Mancoll, S., & \*Lee, T. (June 2022). *SPSSI members engaging in social justice in local communities*. Interactive discussion presented at the 2022 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
17. \*Tisdale, C. N., & **Votruba, A. M.** (June 2022). *What do prosecutors consider in plea bargains?* Poster presented at the 2022 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
18. PytlikZillig, L. M., Blankley, K. M., & **Votruba, A. M.** (June 2022). *Opportunities for family restoration through new alternative dispute resolution processes*. Talk presented at the 2022 Association for Conflict Resolution Greater New York Chapter Annual Conference, Virtual.
19. \*Tisdale, C. N., & **Votruba, A. M.** (March 2022). *Empathy and punishment: The mediative role of attributions*. Talk presented at the 2022 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Denver, CO.
20. \*Tisdale, C. N., & **Votruba, A. M.** (March 2022). *Pleas in the shadow of the trial: Prosecutor discretion in plea bargaining*. Talk presented at the 2022 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Denver, CO.
21. \*Herzfeld, A., & **Votruba, A. M.** (March 2022). *The influence of social class on criminal punishment attitudes*. Poster presented at the 2022 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Denver, CO.
22. **Votruba, A. M.**, \*Bartz, L. M., PytlikZillig, L. M., & Blankley, K. M. (May 2021). *Distinguishing between dispute resolution processes by disentangling process characteristics: A step toward understand and reimagining civil dispute resolution*. Talk presented at the 2021 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Virtual.



23. Blankley, K. M., Abramowitz, A. J., **Votruba, A. M.**, & Stienstra, D. (April 2021). *The today and tomorrow of ADR research*. Talk presented at the 2021 American Bar Association: Dispute Resolution Conference, Virtual.
24. \*Tisdale, C. N., & **Votruba, A. M.** (April 2021). *What's in a plea?: An experimental paradigm to understand prosecutor discretion*. Talk presented at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Virtual.
25. \*Bartz, L. M., ♦Bertin, A., & **Votruba, A. M.** (April 2021). *Exploring the role of attribution in victims' willingness to participate in victim-offender mediation*. Talk presented at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Virtual.
26. \*Herzfeld, A., & **Votruba, A. M.** (April 2021). *The impact of ecology on punishment attitudes*. Talk presented at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Virtual.
27. **Votruba, A. M.**, \*Herzfeld, A., & ♦Noetzel, J. S. (April 2021). *Preferences for collaborative conflict resolution features: Outcome motivations drive preferences*. Talk presented at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Virtual.
28. \*Herzfeld, A., & **Votruba, A. M.** (March 2021). *What's place got to do with it?: Ecological influences on criminal punishment attitudes*. Poster presented at the 2021 Poster Session of the American Psychology-Law Society, Virtual.
29. \*Bartz, L. M., ♦Bertin, A., & **Votruba, A. M.** (June 2020). *Victim-offender mediation: Exploring victim's willingness to participate*. Talk accepted for the 2020 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference, Denver, CO. (conference cancelled due to COVID-19)
30. \*Herzfeld, A., & **Votruba, A. M.** (June 2020). *Ecology, culture, and punishment preferences*. Talk accepted for the 2020 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference, Denver, CO. (conference cancelled due to COVID-19)
31. \*Tisdale, C. N., & **Votruba, A. M.** (June 2020). *Plea bargaining: Factors guiding prosecutorial discretion*. Talk accepted for the 2020 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference, Denver, CO. (conference cancelled due to COVID-19)
32. **Votruba, A. M.**, PytlikZillig, L. M., & Blankley, K. M. (June 2020). *Dispute resolution preferences: The person in context*. Talk accepted for the 2020 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference, Denver, CO. (conference cancelled due to COVID-19)
33. ♦Noetzel, J. S., \*Herzfeld, A., & **Votruba, A. M.** (April 2020). *The Effect of self-construal on dispute resolution method preference*. Poster presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting 2020, Virtual.
34. **Votruba, A. M.**, Robbennolt, J. K., & Saks, M. J. (March 2020). *Moral perceptions of tortious behavior*. Talk presented at the 2020 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, New Orleans, LA.
35. ♦Uhl, H., ♦Meyer, K., Corman, J., & **Votruba, A. M.** (August 2019). *Definitions of water quality: Does ambiguity impact lake management?* Poster presented at the Nebraska Summer Research Symposium, Lincoln, NE.

36. **Votruba, A. M.**, & \*Tisdale, C. N. (June 2019). *Mass shooting motives: Public perception when motive is unclear*. Talk presented at the 2019 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference, San Diego, CA.
37. \*Tisdale, C. N., & **Votruba, A. M.** (February 2019). *Mass shooting motives: Public perception when motive is unclear*. Talk presented at the 2019 Social Psychology and Law Preconference at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Portland, OR.
38. Williams, K E. G., **Votruba, A. M.**, Neuberg, S. L., & Saks, M. J. (March 2018). *Capital & punishment*. Talk presented at the 2018 American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Memphis, TN.
39. **Votruba, A. M.** (March 2018). *The influence of social attributions on juror perceptions*. Talk presented at the 2018 Social Psychology and Law Preconference: In the Courtroom and Beyond at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Atlanta, GA.
40. **Votruba, A. M.** (February 2017). *Partitioning responsibility: The influence of cultural differences in social attributions on jurors' division of responsibility in a negligent tort context*. Talk presented at the 2017 QuantLaw Conference, Tucson, AZ.
41. Williams, K E. G., **Votruba, A. M.**, Neuberg, S. L., & Saks, M. J. (January 2016). *Capital & punishment*. Talk presented at the 2016 Evolutionary Psychology Preconference at the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, San Diego, CA.
42. **Votruba, A. M.**, Saks, M. J., & Kwan, V. S. Y. (March 2015). *The influence of attributional focus and past history on assessing liability*. Poster presented at the 2015 Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Long Beach, CA.
43. Williams, K E. G., **Votruba, A. M.**, Neuberg, S. L., & Saks, M. J. (May 2014). *Capital & punishment: The influence of resource scarcity on endorsement of the death penalty*. Talk presented at the 2014 Association of Psychological Science Convention, San Francisco, CA.
44. **Votruba, A. M.**, & Kwan, V. S. Y. (February 2014). *Interpreting expert disagreement: The influence of decisional cohesion on the persuasiveness of expert group recommendations*. Poster presented at the 2014 Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Austin, TX.
45. Williams, K E. G., **Votruba, A. M.**, Neuberg, S. L., & Saks, M. J. (February 2014). *Capital & punishment: The influence of resource scarcity on endorsement of the death penalty*. Poster presented at the 2014 Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Austin, TX.
46. **Votruba, A. M.**, ♦Patel, H., & Kwan, V. S. Y. (March 2013). *The influence of decisional cohesion on the persuasiveness of expert group recommendations*. Talk presented at the 2013 Social Psychologists of Arizona Conference, Tucson, AZ.
47. **Votruba, A. M.**, & Kwan, V. S. Y. (January 2013). *The authority heuristic: The influence of trust and expertise on persuasiveness*. Poster presented at the 2013 Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, New Orleans, LA.
48. Williams, K E. G., **Votruba, A. M.**, Neuberg, S. L., & Saks, M. J. (January 2013). *Capital and punishment: Resource scarcity and the death penalty*. Poster presented at the 2013 Social Psychology and Law Preconference to the Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, New Orleans, LA.

49. **Votruba, A. M.**, & Kwan, V. S. Y. (January 2012). *Authority heuristics on perceived efficacy in pharmaceutical advertisements*. Poster presented at the 2012 Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, San Diego, CA.
50. **Votruba, A. M.**, & Kwan, V. S. Y. (October 2011). *The role of authority on perceived efficacy in direct-to-consumer pharmaceutical advertisements*. Poster presented at the first annual Social Psychology of Arizona Conference, Tempe, AZ.

### Invited Presentations

1. **Votruba, A. M.** (March 2024). *Understanding the public's engagement with the civil justice system: A social psychological lens*. Keynote address presented at the 42nd Annual Research Conference of the Oklahoma Psychological Society, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK.
2. **Votruba, A. M.** (March 2024). *Access to civil justice and trust in the legal system: Trust in multiple trustees*. Talk presented as part of the Social Psychology Program Colloquium, at the University of California, Santa Cruz, Virtual.
3. **Votruba, A. M.** (February 2024). *When and why do people choose to engage with the civil justice system through litigation or alternative processes?* Talk presented as part of the New Voices in Dispute Resolution Scholars Award (AALS Section on ADR), at UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, NV.
4. Blankley, K. M., **Votruba, A. M.**, PytlikZillig, L. M., (August 2023). *Barriers and facilitators to implementing restorative justice in Nebraska: Pilot study results*. Talk presented at the Nebraska Supreme Court Dispute Resolution Advisory Council Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE.
5. Brummond, M., & **Votruba, A. M.** (March 2022). *Why women lawyers thrive in Nebraska*. Talk presented at the Women Lead Conference, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE.
6. Blankley, K. M., & **Votruba, A. M.** (February 2022). *Discussing race in rural and non-diverse communities*. Talk presented at the Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution Symposium Series on Collaborative Race Equity Initiatives, Stanford, CA.
7. Blankley, K. M., **Votruba, A. M.**, PytlikZillig, L. M., (October 2021). *What the public's lack of understanding of ADR means for practice and ethics*. Talk presented at the ACR-GNY & CUNY Dispute Resolution Center at John Jay College Roundtable Breakfast, Virtual.
8. Blankley, K. M., **Votruba, A. M.**, PytlikZillig, L. M., (October 2021). *What the public's lack of understanding of ADR means for practice and ethics*. Talk presented to the American Bar Association Committee on Dispute Resolution – Ethics, Virtual.
9. **Votruba, A. M.** (April 2019). *Dividing responsibility: The role of the psychology of attribution*. Talk presented at the 2019 Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy at DePaul Law School, Chicago, IL.
10. **Votruba, A. M.** (October 2016). *The court of public opinion: Lay judgments about fault, parenting, and child custody after divorce*. Talk presented at the October Better Options Initiative Luncheon, Lafayette, LA.
11. Hinshaw, A., & **Votruba, A. M.** (April 2015). *Managing third party conflict: Legal negotiation ethics*. Talk presented at the 2015 Arizona Conflict Summit, Tempe, AZ.

12. **Votruba, A. M.** (January 2014). *Does a bottom-up approach work? The Ramsar Convention and Desertification Convention*. Talk presented at the “Is there any chance? The future of International Climate Change Negotiations” Real Life Ethics Seminar Dinner, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.
13. **Votruba, A. M.** (June 2013). *Does a bottom-up approach work? The Ramsar Convention and Desertification Convention*. Talk presented at the Bonn Climate Change Conference, Bonn, Germany.

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## ORGANIZED CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIUM, & PRECONFERENCES

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| 2023 | <i>Justice Reimagined</i> . The 2023 Court Improvement Project Regional Conference in Sydney, NE (September 8, 2023) and Norfolk, NE (September 15, 2023). (co-organizer)   |
| 2021 | <i>Social Psychology Engaging with the Legal System: Current Directions</i> . Symposium organized for the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Virtual.   |
| 2020 | <i>Psychology, Law, and Public Policy: Examining the Relationships Among Psychology, Law, and Public Policy at the Local, National, and International Levels</i> . Preconference at the 2020 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Conference, Denver, CO. (co-organizer) (conference cancelled) |
| 2020 | <i>Justice Beyond the Courtroom: Engaging with the Legal System in Alternative Contexts</i> . Symposium organized for the 2020 Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Conference, Denver, CO. (conference cancelled due to COVID-19)  |
| 2019 | <i>Social Psychology and Law Preconference: An International Perspective</i> . Preconference at Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Portland, OR. (co-organizer)   |
| 2018 | <i>Social Psychology and Law Preconference: In Court &amp; Beyond</i> . Preconference at Society of Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Atlanta, GA. (co-organizer)   |
| 2013 | Social Psychologists of Arizona Conference, Tucson, AZ. (co-organizer)  |

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## TEACHING

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### Courses taught at University of Nebraska – Lincoln

- PSYC 288: Psychology of Social Behavior (4x ~ 250 students)  
(Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2019, Spring 2019)
- PSYC 288: Psychology of Social Behavior (Online) (4x ~ 250 students)  
(Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2021)
- PSYC 989/LAW 764: Topics in Law & Psychology: Conflict and Dispute Resolution (2x ~ 10 students)  
(Spring, 2024, Spring 2020)
- PSYC 931: Quantitative Methods for the Behavioral Sciences I (3x ~ 10 students)  
(Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022)
- PSYC 991: Research Methods in Social and Personality Psychology (2x ~ 10 students)  
(Spring 2021, Spring 2018)

## Scholarship of Teaching Publications

Votruba, A. M. (2019). Peer review of teaching portfolio: Psychology of social behavior (PSYC 288). <https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1151&context=prtunl>.

## Invited Lectures

- Spring 2023 Attorney's Self Serving Bias: Empirical Research  
*Psychology and Law*, 688 (University of Nevada-Las Vegas Boyd School of Law)
- Fall 2022 Correlation Does Not Imply Causation  
*Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)* (University of Nebraska – Lincoln)
- Fall 2019 Inquiry and Discovery: Faculty Perspective on Research Session  
*Career Planning for Psychology Majors, PSYC: 100* (University of Nebraska – Lincoln)
- Fall 2017 Inquiry and Discovery: Faculty Perspective on Research Session  
*Career Planning for Psychology Majors, PSYC: 100* (University of Nebraska – Lincoln)
- Fall 2013 Psychology and Law  
*Social Psychology, PGS 350* (Arizona State University)
- Spring 2013 Friendship and Affiliation  
*Social Psychology, PGS 350* (Arizona State University)
- Fall 2010 Psychology and Law  
*Social Psychology, PGS 350* (Arizona State University)

## Supervision of Teaching

### Supervised Graduate Student Instructors

- Spring 2025 Casey Tisdale (PSYC 288: Psychology of Social Behavior)
- Fall 2024 Logen Bartz (PSYC 401: Psychology and Law)
- Summer 2024 Logen Bartz (PSYC 401: Psychology and Law)
- Spring 2024 Logen Bartz (PSYC 401: Psychology and Law)
- Fall 2023 Logen Bartz (PSYC 401: Psychology and Law)
- Summer 2023 Logen Bartz (PSYC 401: Psychology and Law)  
Abigail Herzfeld (PSYC 288: Psychology of Social Behavior)
- Spring 2023 Logen Bartz (PSYC 401: Psychology and Law)
- Fall 2022 Logen Bartz (PSYC 401: Psychology and Law)
- Summer 2022 Logen Bartz (PSYC 401: Psychology and Law)
- Summer 2021 Casey Tisdale (PSYC 288: Psychology of Social Behavior)  
Logen Bartz (PSYC 181: Introduction to Psychology)  
Abigail Herzfeld (PSYC 401: Psychology and Law)
- Summer 2020 Casey Tisdale (PSYC 288: Psychology of Social Behavior)

### Supervised Teaching Assistants

- Fall 2024 Jaimie Elowsky (Graduate TA for PSYC 288: Psychology of Social Behavior)
- Fall 2023 Joshua Zosky (Graduate TA for PSYC 288: Psychology of Social Behavior)
- Fall 2022 Emily Goldberg (Graduate TA for PSYC 288: Psychology of Social Behavior)

Fall 2021	Casey Tisdale (Graduate TA for PSYC 288: Psychology of Social Behavior)
Spring 2021	Casey Tisdale (Graduate TA for PSYC 288: Psychology of Social Behavior)
Fall 2019	Hannah Uhl (Undergraduate TA for PSYC 288: Psychology of Social Behavior)
Fall 2019	Francine Goh (Graduate TA for PSYC 288: Psychology of Social Behavior)
Spring 2019	Abigail Riemer (Graduate TA for PSYC 288: Psychology of Social Behavior)

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## ADVISING, MENTORSHIP, & COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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### Primary Research Supervision – Graduate Students

2024 – Present	Abigail (Abbey) Rode (MLS/Ph.D.)
2019 – Present	Logen Bartz (J.D./Ph.D.) Masters Equivalency Research Project proposed 2024
2018 – Present	Casey Tisdale (MLS/Ph.D.) Comprehensive Exams Project proposed 2023 Masters Equivalency Research Project passed 2023
2018 – Present	Abigail (Abby) Herzfeld (J.D./Ph.D.) Comprehensive Exams Project proposed 2024 Masters Equivalency Research Project passed 2023

### Dissertation Committee Membership

2024 – Present	Jared Noetzel (Chair: Dr. Susan Swearer; Dept. of Educational Psychology)
2024 – Present	Alexa Berrett (Chair: Dr. Dennis McChargue)
2024 – 2024	Ana Cienfuegos-Silvera (Chair: Dr. Eve Brank)
2022 – 2023	Julie Wertheimer-Meier (Chair: Dr. Rich Wiener)
2022 – 2023	Evan McCracken (Chair: Dr. Sarah Gervais)
2021 – 2024	Rachel Rogers (Chair: Dr. Susan VanderPlas; Dept. of Statistics)
2019 – Present	Alisha Caldwell Jimenez (Chair: Dr. Rich Wiener)
2020 – 2021	Trace Vardsveen (Chair: Dr. Rich Wiener)
2020 – 2021	Katherine Hazen (Chair: Dr. Eve Brank)

### Comprehensive Exam Committee Membership

2024 – Present	Brittany Erskine (Chair: Dr. Dave Hansen)
2024 – Present	Seima Al-Momani (Chair: Dr. Kathy Chiou)
2023 – 2024	Jared Noetzel (Chair: Dr. Susan Swearer; Dept. of Educational Psychology)
2023 – 2024	Alexa Berrett (Chair: Dr. Dennis McChargue)
2023 – Present	Emma Marshall (Chair: Dr. Eve Brank)
2022 – 2024	Ana Cienfuegos-Silvera (Chair: Dr. Eve Brank)
2021 – 2022	Julie Wertheimer-Meier (Chair: Dr. Rich Wiener)
2020 – 2020	Trace Vardsveen (Chair: Dr. Rich Wiener)
2020 – 2020	Evan McCracken (Chair: Dr. Sarah Gervais)
2018 – 2019	Alisha Caldwell Jimenez (Chair: Dr. Rich Wiener)
2018 – 2020	Katherine Hazen (Chair: Dr. Eve Brank)

### **Master's Thesis Committees Membership**

2025 – Present	Yanelli Guzman (Chair: Dr. Eve Brank)
2024 – 2024	Kayla Sircy (Chair: Dr. Eve Brank)
2023 – Present	Brooke McBride (Chair: Dr. Rich Wiener)
2022 – 2022	Ana Cienfuegos-Silvera (Chair: Dr. Eve Brank)
2020 – Present	Ryan Thompson (Chair: Dr. Rich Wiener)
2020 – 2021	Julie Wertheimer (Chair: Dr. Rich Wiener)
2019 – 2020	Taylor Petty (Chair: Dr. Rich Wiener)
2018 – 2020	Trace Vardsveen (Chair: Dr. Rich Wiener)

### **Undergraduate Creative Activity and Research (UCARE) Program Mentorship**

2024 – 2025	Kaleigh Costerisan
2024 – 2025	Lauren Fleenor
2024 – 2025	Alaa Ismail
2024 – 2025	Ayden Topping
2023 – 2024	Grace Parolek
2023 – 2024	Malia Bloemker
2019 – 2020	Jared Noetzel
2019, Summer	Hannah Uhl
2019, Summer	Kaela Meyer

### **Undergraduate First Year Research Experience (FYRE) Program Mentorship**

2023 – 2024	Alejandra Moreno Guerrero
2023 – 2024	Ayden Topping
2022 – 2023	Kaleigh Costerisan
2022 – 2023	Summer Dryden
2021 – 2022	Kylee (KJ) Ellison
2020 – 2021	Katelyn Rossell

### **Undergraduate Thesis/Honors Thesis**

2024 – 2025	Kaleigh Costerisan ( <i>chair</i> )
2023 – 2024	Malia Bloemker ( <i>chair</i> )
2022 – 2023	Dawson Eccles ( <i>chair</i> )
2021 – 2022	Sydney Miller ( <i>chair</i> )
2019 – 2020	Rachel Sisley ( <i>chair</i> )
2019 – 2020	Jared Noetzel ( <i>chair</i> )

### **Undergraduate Thesis/Honors Thesis Reader**

2024 – 2025	Ellie Reznicek (Chair: Dr. Dennis McChargue)
2023 – 2024	Julie Stephenson (Chair: Dr. Eve Brank)
2023 – 2024	Grace Parolek (Chair: Dr. Jenna Finch)
2020 – 2021	Nathaniel Sheeley (Chair: Dr. Rich Wiener)
2018 – 2019	Kiley Gilbert (Chair: Dr. Cynthia Willis-Esqueda)

### **SPSP Summer Program for Undergraduate Research (SPUR) Internship Supervision**

2019, Summer	Jeannine (Alana) Bertin
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## Undergraduate or Post-baccalaureate Research Mentorship

Pawsbeh Moo	Rachel Sisley	Grace Theodor	Emily Hess
Brooke Rubin	Melissa Hall	Mona Javidi	Zach Kneale
Ian Goheen	Reed Tiwald	Jeannine (Alana) Bertin	Hannah Uhl
Kaela Meyer	Kiley Gilbert	Sydney Aistrope	Haley Storovich
Katelyn Rossell	Sarah Erdmann	Alexander Vrana	Kylee (KJ) Ellison
Dawson Eccles	Peyton Taylor	Malia Bloemker	Summer Dryden
Kaleigh Costerisan	Ayden Topping	Jessa Alspaugh	Alejandra Moreno Guerrero
Lauren Fleenor	Che Rodriguez	Alaa Ismail	Symone Parent

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## SERVICE

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### Ad Hoc Peer Reviewing

2024 – Present	Psychology, Crime and Law
2024 – Present	Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research
2023 – Present	Psychology, Public Policy, and Law
2022 – Present	TESS (Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences)
2022 – Present	Family Relations
2022 – Present	Law and Human Behavior
2021 – Present	Conflict Resolution Quarterly
2020	Social Cognition Journal, reviewed for the special issue on <i>Morality as a hub: Connections within and beyond social cognition</i>
2018	Book Review: <i>Psychological Problems, Social Issues and the Law</i>
2018 – Present	National Science Foundation: Law and Social Sciences (LSS) Program, expert reviewer
2018	American Psychology Law Society Conference submission reviewer
2017	Law and Society Review
2013	Social Cognition Journal, reviewed for the special issue on <i>Global modern disasters</i>

### Professional & National

2022 – Present	Blog Editor for <i>Sound Science, Sound Policy</i> , The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
2021 – Present	Communication Committee Chair, The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
2017 – 2021	Communication Committee Member, The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
2017 – 2020	Newsletter Editor for <i>The Forward</i> , The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)

### University of Nebraska – Lincoln

2022	NRI and Collaboration Initiative Meeting Small Group Facilitator
2019	New Faculty Development Program Workshop: Panelist for “Thoughts from the Faculty Redux”
2018	New Faculty Orientation: Panelist for “Thoughts from the Faculty: Tales from the Other Side of the First Year”



## Department of Psychology

2023 – 2024	Faculty Search Review Committee, Law-Psychology Director Search
2022 – Present	Department Conflict Management Procedure Facilitator <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Develop and facilitate trainings on the conflict management procedures available to graduate students</li><li>▪ Consults with faculty and students on the department conflict management procedures</li></ul>
2021	Member of the Working Group for updating the department Conflict Management Procedures
2020 – 2021	Psychology Department Executive Committee
2018 – 2021	Law-Psychology Distinguished Alumni Award Committee member
2018 – 2021	Psychology Department Awards Committee member
2017 – Present	Law-Psychology Program and Social Program Brownbag Coordinator

## Community

2020 – 2021	Member of the Restorative Justice Training and Approval Policy Workgroup <i>Assist in developing the training and approval policy authorized by the Office of Dispute Resolution Restorative Justice Bill (LB 595).</i>
2019 – Present	Volunteer Affiliate Mediator with The Mediation Center, Lincoln, NE <i>Mediate small claims and other civil cases.</i>

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Law and Society  
American Psychology – Law Society  
The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues

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## MEDIATION EXPERIENCE & CREDENTIALS

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2019 – Present	Credentialed Mediator with the Nebraska Mediation Association
2014	Completed the <i>Mediation Skills Training</i> with the Lodestar Dispute Resolution Program at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Tempe, AZ