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## **Education**

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*University of Minnesota* 2005-2012  
Ph.D. Sociology  
Dissertation Title: "Iraq and the Centrality of Policing to State Formation"  
Advisor: Christopher Uggen

*University of Northern Iowa* 2004  
B.A., Summa Cum Laude, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Honors Program

## **Employment**

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Associate Professor 2019-Present  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
West Virginia University

Assistant Professor 2013-2019  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
West Virginia University

## **Research Interests**

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Policing, State Power, Political Sociology, Criminology, Transnational Sociology, Social Theory, Qualitative Methods

## **Books**

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Wozniak, Jesse. "*We're Going To Prove We're A Civil and Developed Country*": *Police, Legitimacy, and Democracy in the Iraqi State* Forthcoming from University of California Press (Spring 2021)

## **Refereed Publications**

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Wozniak, Jesse, Joshua Woods, and Yan Song Lee. 2020. "The Evolving Self-Presentation of the Islamic State, From *Dabiq* to *Rumiyah*" Forthcoming at *The Social Science Journal*

Conti, Norman, Adam Burston, and Jesse Wozniak. 2019. "'The blackness that incriminated me': Stigma and Normalization among Brothers and Keepers" Forthcoming at *Kalfou*

- Wozniak, Jesse. 2019. "Iraq's Neoliberal Reconstruction and the Continued Relevance of the State" *Sociological Focus* 52(4): 359-376.
- Wozniak, Jesse. 2019. "From the Point of a Gun to the Point of Starvation: Economic Conscription in Post Conflict Policing" *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice* 43(4): 341-355.
- Burston, Adam, Norman Conti, Jesse Wozniak, and Elaine Frantz. 2019. "An Initial Case Study in Education Among Police and Incarcerated Men" *The Police Journal: Theory, Practice and Principles* DOI: 10.1177/0032258X19860421
- Wozniak, Jesse. 2018. "From Chi-Raq to Iraq: The Retreat of the State and the Rise of Violent Organizations" *International Sociology* 33(4): 473-485.
- Wozniak, Jesse. 2018. "Post Conflict Police Reconstruction: Major Trends and Developments" *Sociological Compass* 12(6): doi.org/10.1111/soc4.12588
- Contessa, Jason and Jesse Wozniak. 2018. "Attitudes of Rural Law Enforcement Toward Proposed Changes in Policing" *The International Journal of Rural Criminology* 4(1): 108-132.
- Wozniak, Jesse, Josh Woods, and Quenton King. 2018. "Unpredictable Chaos and Institutional Management: The Self Presentation of the Islamic State in *Dabiq* Magazine" Forthcoming at *Social Science Quarterly*.
- Wozniak, Jesse. 2017. "'We are Going to Prove That We Are a Civil and Developed Country': The Cultural Performance of Police Legitimacy and Empire in the Iraqi State" *The British Journal of Criminology* 57(4):906-923.
- Wozniak, Jesse. 2017. "Iraq and the Material Basis of Post-Conflict Police Reconstruction" *The Journal of Peace Research* 54(6): 806-818.
- Wozniak, Jesse. 2016. "Missing the Moral: Excited Delirium as a Negative Case of a Moral Panic" *Punishment and Society* 18(2): 198-219.
- Wozniak, Jesse. 2014. "When the Going Gets Weird: A Call to Gonzo Sociology" *The American Sociologist* 45(4): 453-473.
- Wozniak, Jesse and Christopher Uggen. 2009. "Real Men Use Non-Lethals: Appeals to Masculinity in the Marketing of Police Weaponry" *Feminist Criminology* 4(3): 275-293.
- Wozniak, Jesse. 2005. "Winning the Battle of Seattle: State Response to Perceived Crisis" *Illness, Crisis, & Loss* 13(2): 129-145.

## **Other Scholarly Publications**

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Wozniak, Jesse. 2016. "Book Review: *Police, Race, and Culture in the 'New Ireland'* by Sam O'Brien-Olinger New York, NY: Palgrave, 2016". *The American Journal of Sociology* 122(3): 980-982.

Wozniak, Jesse. 2012. "Interview with Award Recipients: Gregory Hooks and Brian McQueen" *States, Power, and Societies* 17(1): 8-11.

Wozniak, Jesse. 2011. "A National Ceremony" *Contexts* 10(1): 12-18.

Wozniak, Jesse. 2007-2009. "Contexts Discoveries" *Contexts* 8(1) – 9(4).

## **Manuscripts Under Review**

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### **Manuscripts in Progress**

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Wozniak, Jesse, Gabrielle Ferrales, and Wenjie Liao. "Legal Decision-Making in Iraqi Kurdistan" (first draft)

Ferrales, Gabrielle, Jesse Wozniak, and Wenjie Liao. "Factorial Survey Analysis of Iraqi Kurdistan" (data analysis)

Wozniak, Jesse and Gabrielle Ferrales. "Interview and Ethnographic Data Analysis" (data analysis)

Jesse Wozniak, Patrick Doreian, and Norm Conti, and. "Network Analysis of Police Recruit Narratives" (data analysis)

Wozniak, Jesse and Vivian Guettler. "Discourse Analysis of Terror Organization Messaging in Public Outreach Media" (data collection)

### **External Funding**

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Conti, Norm (co-PI), Jesse Wozniak (co-PI), and Amy Luginbuhl Phelps (co-PI) "Police Training Inside-Out: Further Development and Expansion" Department of Justice COPS Office. (\$292,545). *Not Funded*.

Wozniak, Jesse (co-PI) and Gabrielle Ferrales (co-PI) with John Hagan and Guillermina Jasso "Collaborative Research: Legal Decision-Making in Iraqi Kurdistan" National Science Foundation (\$292,846) *Not Funded*.

Humanities Grant, *West Virginia Humanities Council*. (\$2500) *Funded*.

### **Invited Talks**

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"Qualitative Methodologies"

October 30, 2019

*Guest Lecture, Heather McLaughlin's Criminology course  
Oklahoma State University*

“Birthing Democracy: Iraq and Criminal Justice” <i>Mary F. Shipper Library</i> <i>Potomac State University</i>	October 9, 2018
“American Gangs and the Islamic State” <i>Guest Lecture, Wenjie Liao’s Criminology course</i> <i>North Carolina State University</i>	October 31, 2018
“Police Legitimacy and Marginalized Populations” <i>Pittsburgh Police Department Training Session</i> <i>Pittsburgh Holocaust Center</i>	December 6, 2017
“Gramsci and State Reconstruction” <i>Sulaimaniyah (Iraq) Philosophers Club</i>	July 6, 2017
“Doing Discourse Analysis” <i>Guest Lecture, Martina Caretta’s Qualitative Methods Course</i> <i>West Virginia University</i>	March 17, 2017

## **Professional Associations**

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American Sociological Association Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance Webmaster and Publicans Committee (2017-Present) Section on Marxism	2008-Present
American Society of Criminology	2012-Present
North Central Sociological Association	2013-Present

## **Courses Taught**

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### *West Virginia University*

Qualitative Methods (Graduate), Advanced General Sociology (Graduate), Race Crime and Community (Graduate), Police Culture and Socialization, Punishment and Social Control, Capstone: Law Politics and Inequality, Introduction to the American Criminal Justice System

### *University of Minnesota*

Policing American Society, Law Politics and Inequality, Introduction to Sociology, Race and Ethnicity, Introduction to Deviant Behavior

## **Awards and Internal Grants**

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Faculty Travel Grant (\$700) <i>West Virginia University, Senate Research Committee</i>	2018
Faculty Travel Grant (\$900)	2017

*West Virginia University, Senate Research Committee*

Faculty Development Award (\$1200) 2017  
*West Virginia University, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences*

Research Travel Award (\$1200) 2017  
*West Virginia University, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences*

Summer Research Funding (\$3800) 2016  
*West Virginia University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology*

Faculty Travel Grant (\$800) 2015  
*West Virginia University, Senate Research Committee*

Faculty Travel Grant (\$800) 2014  
*West Virginia University, Senate Research Committee*

Outstanding Graduate Instructor 2011  
*University of Minnesota, Sociology Department*

Engaged Scholar Public Sociology Award 2011  
*University of Minnesota, Sociology Research Institute*

Travel Award (\$500) 2011  
*University of Minnesota, Council of Graduate Students*

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (\$4,000) 2010  
*University of Minnesota, Department of Global Studies*

Humane Studies Fellowship (Finalist) 2010  
*Institute for Humane Studies*

“Stewey Award” Chair’s Recognition for Service to the Department 2007  
*University of Minnesota, Sociology Department*

Summer Research Grant (\$6,000) 2007  
*University of Minnesota, Sociology Department*

Graduate Research Partnership Project Award (\$5,948) 2006  
*University of Minnesota, College of Liberal Arts*

Recruitment Fellowship (\$20,000) 2005-2006  
*University of Minnesota, College of Liberal Arts*

Human Rights Leadership Award 2004  
*University of Northern Iowa, Amnesty International Chapter*

Program Scholarship 2000-2004  
*University of Northern Iowa, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences*  
*Honors Program*

## **Professional Meetings**

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“Ethnicity and Punishment: Legal Decision-making in Iraqi Kurdistan,” *Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting* August 9, 2019. New York, NY.

“Positionality, Power, and Fear: Legal Decision-Making in Iraqi Kurdistan” *Law and Society Association* May 30, 2019. Washington, D.C.

“Legal Decision-Making in Iraqi Kurdistan” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting* August 12, 2018. Philadelphia, PA.

“Legal Decision-Making in Iraqi Kurdistan” *Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting* August 10, 2018. Philadelphia, PA.

“Criminal Punishment in Iraqi Kurdistan,” *Interdisciplinary Conference on Kurdish Politics and Societies*, Yale University Macmillan Center, April 8, 2018. New Haven, CN.

“Iraqi Police Reconstruction and the Centrality of the State to Capitalist Imperialism,” *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, November 18, 2017. Philadelphia, PA.

“Iraq and the Material Basis of Post-Conflict Police Reconstruction,” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, August 15, 2017. Montreal, Quebec.

“Selling D’aesh to the World: Dabiq Magazine and the Framing of a Terrorist Organization,” *Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting*. August 20, 2016.

“From Iraq to Chi-raq: The Construction of Social Problems and State Legitimacy” *North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. March 24, 2016. Chicago, IL.

“Iraqi Police Reconstruction and the Centrality of the State to Capitalist Imperialism” *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*. November 19, 2015. Washington, D.C.

“Toward an Islamic Policing Model: Community Policing in the United Arab Emirates” *Law and Society Association Annual Meeting*. May 30, 2015. Seattle, WA.

“It’s The Money Stupid: The Material Basis of Post-Conflict Police Reconstruction” *North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. April 10, 2015. Cleveland, OH.

“The Iraqi Police Values Survey, Final Results” *Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting*. August 15, 2014. San Francisco, CA.

“Critical Dialogue: Poverty, Sexuality, and Institutions” *Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting*. August 16, 2014. San Francisco, CA.

“The Iraqi Police Values Survey” *Law and Society Association of America Annual Meeting*. May 31, 2014. Minneapolis, MN.

“The Iraqi Police Values Survey, Preliminary Results” *North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. April 11, 2014. Cincinnati, OH.

“Critical Dialogue: New Media and Sociology” Organizer and discussant. *Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting*. August 9, 2013. New York, NY.

“Policing the Imperial Line” *Law and Society Association of America Annual Meeting* June 1, 2013. Boston, MA.

“(re)Creating the Iraqi National Police: Policing as State Power.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting* November 18, 2011. Washington, D.C.

“Missing The Moral: Excited Delirium as a Negative Case Study of a Moral Panic.” Roundtable Discussion, *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting* August 22, 2011. Las Vegas, NV.

“Crime and Deviant Behavior.” Discussant. *Sociology Research Institute*. April 17, 2009. Minneapolis, MN.

“Contexts Comes to Minnesota: What Its About and How You Can Contribute.” Roundtable Discussion, *Sociologists of Minnesota Annual Conference* October 5, 2007. Minneapolis, MN.

“The Carla B. Howery Session on Undergraduate Education – Pedagogical Impacts and Considerations on Student Learning Outcomes.” *Sociologists of Minnesota Annual Meeting* October 4, 2007. Minneapolis, MN.

“Real Men Use Non-Lethals: Hegemonic Masculinity and the Framing of Police Weaponry.” Roundtable Discussion, *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting* August 11, 2007. New York, NY.

“Attitudes About Crime and Deviant Behavior.” Discussant. *Sociology Research Institute*. April 21, 2007. Minneapolis, MN.

“Real Men Use Non-Lethals: Hegemonic Masculinity and the Framing of Police Weaponry.” Paper Presentation, *Sociologists of Minnesota & Wisconsin Sociologists Association Joint Meeting*. October 5, 2006. River Falls, WI.

“They Gotta Make the Bosses’ Money Increase: How the War on Drugs is Used to Increase Policing Forces and Control the Underclass.” Paper Presentation, *Midwest Sociological Society* March 31, 2005. Omaha, NE.

## **Student Mentoring**

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\*Vivian Guettler

*Ph.D. Committee Chair, Defense Anticipated 2022*

\*Mikaela Zimmerman

*Ph.D. Committee Chair, Defense Anticipated 2023*

Yan Song Lee

*MA Committee Member, Successful Defense Spring 2018*

\*Jacqueline Fowler

*McNair Advisor, 2014-2015*

*MA Thesis Chair, Successful Defense Spring 2017*

\*Jason Contessa

*MA Thesis Chair, Successful Defense Spring 2016*

\*Ahniefah Porter

*MA Thesis Chair, Successful Defense Spring 2016*

Theodore Malone

*MA Thesis Committee Member, Successful Defense Spring 2015*

Erin Bixler

*MA Thesis Committee Member, Successful Defense Spring 2015*

Kent Hastings

*MA Thesis Committee Member, Successful Defense Spring 2015*

Delia Trickett

*MA Thesis Committee Member, Successful Defense Spring 2015*

## **Academic and Community Service**

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Reviewed submissions for *Law & Society Review*, *Social Problems*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Focus*, *Feminist Criminology*, *Journal of Human Security*, *Palgrave Books*, and *Bristol University Press*

Marxist Sociology Section Membership Committee  
*ASA Section on Marxist Sociology*

2019-Present



CLD Section Student Paper Awards Committee 2019-Present  
*ASA Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance*

CLD Section Committee on Publications 2017-2019  
*Webmaster*  
*ASA Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance*

Leadership Team 2014-Present  
*Alliance for Police Accountability*  
*Pittsburgh, PA*

Scholarly Awards Committee 2017-2020  
*North Central Sociological Association*

Research Intern 2011  
*International Human Rights Law Institute*  
*Sulaimaniyah, Iraq*

Host and Producer 2008-2011  
*Contexts and Office Hours Podcasts*

Department Service:

West Virginia University

Graduate Committee 2016-2019  
Graduate Awards Committee 2019  
Promotion and Tenure Review Committee 2015-2016  
Graduate Committee 2015-2016  
Chair's Advisory Committee 2014-2015  
Search Committee 2013-2015

University of Minnesota

Council of Graduate Students Sociology Department Representative 2011-2012  
Graduate Student Mentor, First Year Graduate Student Mentorship Program 2009-2011  
Graduate Committee 2009-10  
Graduate Student Editorial Board, *Contexts Magazine* 2007-2009  
Senior Search Committee 2007-2009

## References

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Martindale Chair in Sociology and Law  
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