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Education

University of Minnesota 2012
Ph.D. Sociology (Advisor: Christopher Uggen)

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

Employment

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

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

Books

Wozniak, Jesse. 2021. *Policing Iraq: Legitimacy, Democracy, and Empire in a Developing State* Berkley, CA: University of California Press
*Reviewed in the *American Journal of Sociology* 127(6): 1946-1948.

Refereed Publications

Wozniak, Jesse. 2024. "A Community Vision on Police Abolition: Lessons on Theorizing from Below" Forthcoming at *Social Justice*

Wozniak, Jesse, Norm Conti, and Patrick Doreian. 2023. "Police Recruit Narratives and Publicly Oriented Vocabularies of Motive" *International Journal of Police Science and Management* 25(4): 448-458.

Wozniak, Jesse, Joshua Woods, and Yan Song Lee. 2022. "The Evolving Self-Presentation of the Islamic State, From *Dabiq* to *Rumiyah*" *The Social Science Journal* 59(4): 588-600.

- Burston, Adam, Jesse Wozniak, Jacqueline Roebuck Sakho, and Norman Conti. 2020. "The blackness that incriminated me': Stigma and Normalization among Brothers and Keepers" *Kalfou* 7(2): 330-351.
- 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 Constriction 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* 93(3): 248-264.
- 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 Publications

Wozniak, Jesse. 2023. "Book Review: *Policing for Peace* by Matthew Nanes, London: Cambridge University Press, 2021." Forthcoming at *Mediterranean Politics*

Wozniak, Jesse. 2022. "Book Review: *Chemical Heroes: Pharmacological Supersoldiers in the US Military* by Andrew Bickford Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2021." *Contemporary Sociology* 51(3): 189-190.

Wozniak, Jesse. 2022. "Book Review: *A City Divided*" *Kalfou: A Journal of Comparative and Relational Ethnic Studies* 9(1): 220-224.

Wozniak, Jesse, Justin Laing, Brandi Fisher, Jasiri X, Allyce Pinchback-Johnson, Leon Ford, Michelle Kenney, Miracle Jones, and Ashley Comans. 2021. *Reimagining Public Safety in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County: A Community Vision for Lasting Health and Safety* Available at: https://apa-pgh.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Digital_CRPS_Report_2021_APA.pdf

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

Guetler, Vivian, and Jesse Wozniak. "Hirschi's Social Bond Theory: Radicalization, Violent Extremism, and Social Bonds" Revise and Resubmit at *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*

Wozniak, Jesse, Gabrielle Ferrales, and Wenjie Liao. "Legal Decision-Making in Iraqi Kurdistan" under review at *Criminology*

Wozniak, Jesse. "Shaping the State and its People: What Early US and Contemporary Iraqi Police Reveal About the Centrality of Policing to the Modern Capitalist State" book chapter under review at *Duke University Press*

Manuscripts in Progress

Wozniak, Jesse. "A Century of Policing Recommendations: Change and Continuity in Official Response to Civil Disorders and the Role Police Played" (data collection and analysis)

Wozniak, Jesse. "Qualitative Analysis of PTI-O Reflections and Coursework" Chapter in *Police Training Inside-Out* Routledge. Forthcoming, 2025.

Conti, Norm and Jesse Wozniak. "Sixty Years of Police Socialization: A review of the literature on police socialization from the 1960's to today." Chapter in *Police Training Inside-Out* Routledge. Forthcoming, 2025.

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

External Funding

Conti, Norm (co-PI) and Jesse Wozniak (co-PI). 2022. "Police Training Inside-Out for the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police" Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, October 2022. (\$150,000). *Funded*.

Fisher, Brandi, Jasiri X, Jesse Wozniak, Leon Ford, Michelle Kenney, Miracle Jones, and Ashley Comans. 2021. "Reimagining Public Safety" *Pittsburgh Foundation*. (\$50,000) *Funded*.

Wozniak, Jesse. 2017. Humanities Grant, *West Virginia Humanities Council*. (\$2500) *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*.

Invited Talks

"Qualitative Research of Social Security Institutions" November 28, 2022
Institute of Political Studies
Polish Academy of Sciences

"The Power of Community and Creating Long Lasting Change" January 22, 2022
Presentation with Kyna James, Brandi Fisher, and Alexis Mighty
Pittsburgh Racial Justice Summit

"Qualitative Methodologies" October 30, 2019
Guest Lecture, Heather McLaughlin's Criminology course
Oklahoma State University

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

Professional Associations

<p>American Sociological Association Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance Section on Marxism</p>	<p>2008-Present</p>
<p>American Society of Criminology</p>	<p>2012-Present</p>
<p>North Central Sociological Association</p>	<p>2013-Present</p>

Courses Taught

West Virginia University

Qualitative Methods (Graduate), Advanced General Sociology (Graduate), Race Crime and Community (Graduate), Police Culture and Socialization, Policing American Society, Punishment and Social Control, Capstone: Law Politics and Inequality, Introduction to the American Criminal Justice System, How to be Antiracist, Introduction to Sociology, Race and Ethnicity, Introduction to Deviant Behavior

Awards and Internal Grants

<p>Faculty Travel Grant (\$700) <i>West Virginia University, Senate Research Committee</i></p>	<p>2022</p>
<p>Faculty Travel Grant (\$700) <i>West Virginia University, Senate Research Committee</i></p>	<p>2018</p>
<p>Faculty Travel Grant (\$900) <i>West Virginia University, Senate Research Committee</i></p>	<p>2017</p>

Faculty Development Award (\$1200) <i>West Virginia University, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences</i>	2017
Research Travel Award (\$1200) <i>West Virginia University, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences</i>	2017
Summer Research Funding (\$3800) <i>West Virginia University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology</i>	2016
Faculty Travel Grant (\$800) <i>West Virginia University, Senate Research Committee</i>	2015
Faculty Travel Grant (\$800) <i>West Virginia University, Senate Research Committee</i>	2014
Outstanding Graduate Instructor <i>University of Minnesota, Sociology Department</i>	2011
Engaged Scholar Public Sociology Award <i>University of Minnesota, Sociology Research Institute</i>	2011
Travel Award (\$500) <i>University of Minnesota, Council of Graduate Students</i>	2011
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (\$4,000) <i>University of Minnesota, Department of Global Studies</i>	2010
Humane Studies Fellowship (Finalist) <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i>	2010
“Stewey Award” Chair’s Recognition for Service to the Department <i>University of Minnesota, Sociology Department</i>	2007
Summer Research Grant (\$6,000) <i>University of Minnesota, Sociology Department</i>	2007
Graduate Research Partnership Project Award (\$5,948) <i>University of Minnesota, College of Liberal Arts</i>	2006
Recruitment Fellowship (\$20,000) <i>University of Minnesota, College of Liberal Arts</i>	2005-2006
Human Rights Leadership Award <i>University of Northern Iowa, Amnesty International Chapter</i>	2004

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

Professional Meetings

“A Community Vision on Police Abolition: Lessons on Theorizing from Below,”
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting August 21, 2023. Philadelphia, PA.

“A Community Vision on Police Abolition: Lessons on Theorizing from Below,” *Law and Society Association Annual Meeting* June 2, 2023. San Juan, PR.

“Shaping the State and its People: What Early US and Contemporary Iraqi Police Reveal About the Centrality of Policing to the Modern Capitalist State,” “*Policing the World: Entanglements and Convergences across the North-South Divide*” workshop at the *University of Chicago*, 24-25 March 2023. Chicago, Illinois.

“Ethnicity and Punishment: Legal Decision-making in Iraqi Kurdistan,” *Law and Society Association Annual Meeting* July 15, 2022. Lisbon, Portugal.

“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

Current

*Marina Mohd Hamdan

Ph.D. Committee Chair, Defense Anticipated 2026

*Danielle Stoneberg

Ph.D. Committee Chair, Defense Anticipated 2026

Carina Perrone

Ph.D. Committee Member, Defense Anticipated 2026

Gulzar Jalal

Ph.D. Committee Member, Defense Anticipated 2025

Nora Radway

Ph.D. Committee Member, Defense Anticipated 2024

Rachael Green

Ph.D. Committee Member, Defense Anticipated 2025

*Whitney Tyree

MA Thesis Chair, Defense Anticipated 2023

*Jill Sturges

MA Thesis Chair, Defense Anticipated 2023

Former

Hemin Aziz
(University of Cincinnati)
Ph.D. Committee Member, Successful Defense 2023

*Vivian Guettler
Ph.D. Committee Chair, Successful Defense 2022
Currently Assistant Professor at University of Northern Colorado

*Mikaela Zimmerman
Ph.D. Committee Chair, Successful Defense 2022
Currently Racial Equity Impact Policy Analyst for Maryland General Assembly

Alecsandra Vac
MA Thesis Committee Member, Successful Defense 2022

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

Reviewed submissions for *Law & Society Review*, *Social Problems*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Sociological Forum*, *Feminist Criminology*, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, *Policing: An International Journal*, *Sociological Focus*, *Journal of Human Security*, *Palgrave Books*, *Routledge*, and *Bristol University Press*

Leadership Team <i>Alliance for Police Accountability</i> <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>	2014-Present
Institutional Review Board for the Human Research Protection Program <i>West Virginia University</i>	2021-Present
Scholarly Awards Committee <i>North Central Sociological Association</i>	2017-Present
Reimagining Public Safety <i>Steering Committee</i>	2020-2021
Marxist Sociology Section Membership Committee <i>ASA Section on Marxist Sociology</i>	2019-2021
CLD Section Student Paper Awards Committee <i>ASA Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance</i>	2019-2021
CLD Section Committee on Publications <i>Webmaster</i> <i>ASA Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance</i>	2017-2019
Research Intern <i>International Human Rights Law Institute</i> <i>Sulaimaniyah, Iraq</i>	2011
Host and Producer <i>Contexts and Office Hours Podcasts</i>	2008-2011
Graduate Student Editorial Board <i>Contexts Magazine</i>	2007-2009
Department Service: Anti-Racism Committee 2019-Present Co-chair, 2020-Present Graduate Committee 2015-Present Graduate Awards Committee 2019-Present Promotion and Tenure Review Committee 2015-2016 Chair's Advisory Committee 2014-2015 Search Committee 2013-2015	

References

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