**Jacob Otis**

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**Education**

PhD University of Minnesota - St. Paul, Minnesota

Doctorate of Philosophy in Social Work **–** ExpectedMay 2024

Advisors: Amy Krentzman & Jessica Toft

MSW University of Minnesota - St. Paul, Minnesota

Master of Social Work– Expected May 2022

Advisors: Elizabeth Lightfoot

BA University of Minnesota - Duluth, Minnesota

Bachelor of Arts - December 2016

Major: Criminology

Minor: Deaf Studies (American Sign Language)

Advisor: Scott Vollum

**Research Interests**

Restorative Justice (RJ), RJ & Policing, Mindfulness, Criminology, Community Corrections, Domestic Violence, Community Conflict, Forgiveness and Reconciliation, Technology & RJ, RJ Policy, Disability

**Juried Publications**

Lightfoot, E., Heejung, Y., Moone, R.P., **Otis, J**., Suleiman, K., Turck, K., & Kutzler, C. (2020). Changes to family caregiving of older adults and adults with disabilities during COVID-19. *Gerontology and Geriatrics Medicine.*

Moone, R., Lightfoot, E, Suleiman, K.A., Kutzler, C., **Otis, J**., Turck, K., & Yun, H. (2020). Change in family caregiver roles and interactions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Innovations in Aging, 4, (S1), 935-938.

**Manuscripts Under Review**

**Otis, J.** (In review). Transforming Community Policing: A Restorative Approach to Police Complaints. *Policing and Society.*

Umbreit, M. *&* **Otis, J.**(In review). Lawyers as Healers: Following the Path of the Spirit. *Marquette Law Review.*

Moone, R.P., Lightfoot, E, Suleiman, K.A., Kutzler, C., **Otis, J**., Turck, K., & Yun, H. (In review). Friend and family caregiver perceptions of loosening COVID-19 restrictions.

**Manuscripts in Process**

**Otis, J**. Social Work and McCarthyism.

**Training Modules**

Umbreit, M., & **Otis, J**. (2021). Mindfulness, Deep Listening, and Stories: The Spiritual Core of Restorative Practices. *Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking.*

**Program Modules**

**Otis, J**. & **McNiff-Kirby, E.** (2021). SAIF Program: Stop Abuse for Individuals and Families, Facilitator Guide. *St. Croix Valley Restorative Services.*

**Otis, J.**(2021). SAIF Program: Stop Abuse for Individuals and Families, Intimate Partner Domestic Violence Risk Assessment. *St. Croix Valley Restorative Services.*

**Presentations**

Umbreit, M., & **Otis, J.** (2021, September). *Victim-Offender Mediation Programs*. Global Conflict & Dispute Resolution Workshop. New Delhi, India.

**Otis, J.** (2021, August). *Restorative Practices & Schools*. River Falls Public Montessori Elementary. River Falls, WI.

**Otis, J**. (2021, January). *Rural Restorative Justice.* 2021 Restorative Justice Summit. University of Wisconsin Madison. Madison, WI.

Umbreit, M., Friesz, J., & **Otis, J**. *Campus Based Restorative Practices – NDSU.* (2021, July).

Moone, R., Lightfoot, E., Abdi Suleiman, K., Kutzler, C., **Otis, J**., Turk, K., & Yun, H. (2020, November). Changes in Family Caregiver Roles and Interactions During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Annual Conference of the Gerontological Society of America.

Lightfoot, E., Moone, R., Yun, H., Kutzler, C., **Otis, J**. Suleiman, K., & Turck, K. (2021, March). Family Caregiving during COVID-19: Concerns & Silver Linings. CEHD Research Day 2021.

**Research Experience**

06/2020 – Present Primary Investigator

School of Social Work, University of Minnesota

*Restorative Justice Circles in Schools*

08/2021 – Present Research Assistant

School of Social Work, University of Minnesota

*Evaluating Innovative Treatment Programs for Males who Perpetrated Intimate Partner Violence*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Lynette Renner

12/2020 - Present Research Assistant

School of Social Work, University of Minnesota

*COVID-19 & Social Work Education*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Wendy Haight

06/2020 – Present Research Assistant

School of Social Work, University of Minnesota

*Neoliberal Managerialism in Social Work*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Jessica Toft

06/2021 – Present Researcher

College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota – Duluth

*Domestic Violence Program Evaluation*

Principal Investigator: Emily Gaarder & Scott Vollum

01/2020 – Present Primary Investigator

School of Social Work, University of Minnesota

*McCarthyism and Social Work*

08/2020 – Present Research Assistant

School of Social Work, University of Minnesota

*School Resource Officers in Minnesota*

Principal Investigator: Ceema Samimi

06/2020 – 06/2021 Research Assistant

School of Social Work, University of Minnesota

*Positive Peer Journaling with Substance Use Disorder*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Amy Krentzman

05/2020 – 06/2021 Research Assistant

School of Social Work, University of Minnesota

*COVID-19 Caregiving*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Elizabeth Lightfoot & Rajean Moone

08/2016 – 08/2018 Undergraduate Research Assistant

Department of Anthropology, Sociology, & Criminology, University of Minnesota, Duluth

*Freshmen Move in Week*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Scott Vollum

08/2016 – 01/2017 Primary Investigator

Department of Anthropology, Sociology, & Criminology, University of Minnesota, Duluth

*Moral Disengagement in Hunters*

**Grants and Scholarships**

2021-2022 Umbreit Scholarship for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking Fellowship, $800

2020-2021 School of Social Travel Award, University of Minnesota, $1250

2020-2021 Umbreit Scholarship for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking Fellowship, $600

2020-2021 David and Georgiana Hollsiter Fellowship, $650

2016 -2017 Arthur Pulford Scholarship, $1650

2016 – 2017 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Project Grant, $1500

**Awards**

Spring 2020 Outstanding Teaching Award

**Higher Education Teaching Experience**

09/2020 – Present Teaching Assistant

*Forgiveness and Healing*

Center for Spirituality & Healing

University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN

01/2020 – Present Teaching Assistant

*Facilitation and Conflict Management*

School of Social Work

University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN

01/2020 – Present Teaching Assistant

*Peacebuilding Through Mindfulness*

Center for Spirituality & Healing

University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN

01/16 – 05/16 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

*Introduction to Criminology*

Department of Anthropology, Sociology, & Criminology

University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN

01/15 – 05/15 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

*Genetics Laboratory*

Department of Biology

University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN

**Professional Experience**

01/21 – Present Intern

Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking, Duluth, MN

01/20 – Present Director of Restorative Programming

St. Croix Valley Restorative Services, River Falls, WI.

08/20 – Present Consultant

Mediation and Restorative Services, Blaine, MN.

09/18 – 09/19 Court Operations Associate

Minnesota Judicial Branch (1st Judicial District), West Saint Paul, MN.

07/17 – 08/18 Special Education Teacher

Rochester Beacon Academy, Rochester, MN.

06/16 – 01/17 Treatment/Problem Solving Court Coordinator Intern

Minnesota Judicial Branch (6th Judicial District), Duluth, MN.

**Service**

2020 – Present PhD Student Representative, School of Social Work Council, University of Minnesota, School of Social Work

2020 – Present WI Restorative Justice Summit Planning Committee

2021 – Present Social Welfare History Group

2020 – Present St. Croix County Domestic Violence/Family Issues Subcommittee

**Professional Associations**

NASW

National Association for Community and RestorativeJustice

Social Welfare History Group

The American Society of Criminology

**Technologies**

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| * Microsoft Word | * Zoom/Zoom Webinar | * YouTube Production | |
| * Microsoft PowerPoint | * Google Hangouts | * Social Media | |
| * Canvas | * Microsoft Teams | * Windows/Mac | |
| * Moodle | * Qualtrics | * My Circles |
| * Blackboard * Film Editing | * Survey Monkey * MNCIS | * Red Cap * NVivo |
| * Adobe Acrobat | * Excel, SPSS, and R |
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**Technical Assistance**

Umbreit, M. **Otis, J.** (April, 2021). *Mindfulness, Deep Listening, and Stories: The Spiritual Core of Restorative Practices.*  Duluth, MN.

Umbreit, M., Lewis, T. **Otis, J.** (May, 2021) *Has Restorative Justice Served Victims of Crime Well? A Critical Analysis of a Promising Partnership.* 2021 Office of Justice Programs Conference on Crime and Victimization. Virtual: Minneapolis, Minnesota.