

Jessica Phelps

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EDUCATION

Masters of Arts

August 2024-present

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

Major: Sociology

GPA: 3.9

Advisor: Dr. Kimberly Tyler

Bachelors of Arts

December, 2019

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

Major: Psychology

Major GPA: 4.0

Bachelors of Sciences

December, 2019

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

Major: Biology

Cumulative GPA: 3.6

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Traumatic Brain Injury, Substance Use, Addiction, Indigenous Populations, Intimate Partner Violence, Criminal Justice Involvement

PUBLISHED PAPERS

Kort-Butler, Lisa A., Trenton M. Haltom and **Jessica Phelps**. 2024. "Head Injury and Aggressive Behavior: Examining Sex Differences and the Role of Related Risk Factors." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 95: 102317.

McChargue, Dennis E., Bilal Khan, **Jessica Phelps**, Patrick Duryea, Kimberly A. Tyler, Arthur R. Andrews, Ellie Reznicek, Lucy Napper, Mohamed Saad and Hsuan-Wei Lee. 2025. "The Feasibility of Utilizing the Open Dynamic Interaction Network (ODIN) App to Assess rEMA Data across 30 Days among those Recovering from Alcohol Use Disorders." *Drug and Alcohol Dependence Reports* 14:100305.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Tyler, Kimberly A., Kristen Olson, Anika Eisenbraun and **Jessica Phelps**. "Daily Service Use and Social Support among Youth Experiencing Homelessness: The Influence of Youth Characteristics." Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 13-16th, 2025.

Phelps, Jessica, Dennis E. McChargue, Bilal Khan, Kimberly A. Tyler and Arthur R. Andrews. *“Perceived Stress and Lifetime Alcohol Consumption among Unhoused Individuals Residing in a Transitional Substance Treatment Facility.”* Minority Health Disparities Initiative Health Equity Conference, Lincoln, NE, February 23rd, 2024.

Barrett, Alexa J., **Jessica Phelps** and Dennis E. McChargue. *“PTSD and Emotion Regulation among Unhoused Veterans Recovering from Substance Use Disorders.”* Collaborative Perspectives On Addiction Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, April 11-13th, 2024.

Phelps, Jessica, Trenton M. Haltom and Lisa A. Kort-Butler. *“Gender, Head Injury, and Aggressive Behavior: The Role of Related Risk Factors.”* Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Des Moines, IA, April 4-7th, 2024.

Tyler, Kimberly A. and **Jessica Phelps**. *“Risks Associated with Negative and Positive Coping among Youth Experiencing Homelessness.”* Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Des Moines, IA, April 4-7th, 2024.

Stump, Jessica L., Jeremy A. Feiger, **Jessica Phelps**, Drake Reinke and Kathy S. Chiou. *“Trait Anxiety, Executive Function, and Quality of Life in Traumatic Brain Injury.”* International Neuropsychological Society 52nd North American Annual Meeting, New York City, NY, February 14-17th, 2024.

Phelps, Jessica, Dennis E. McChargue, Bilal Khan, Patrick Duryea, Arthur R. Andrews and Kimberly A. Tyler. *“The Feasibility of Utilizing the Open Dynamic Interaction Network (ODIN) App to Assess rEMA Data across 30 Days among those Recovering from Alcoholism.”* Central IDEa States Regional Meeting, Kansas City, KS June 7-9th, 2023.

Tibbs, Jessie J., **Jessica Phelps**, Irene Soetjoadi and Dennis E. McChargue, *“Traumatic Brain Injury, Executive Functioning, and Alcohol Use: A Preliminary Analysis of College Binge Drinkers.”* Research Society on Alcoholism Scientific Annual Meeting and International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism Congress, New Orleans, LA. (Meeting canceled due to COVID but abstracts published in *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research* Volume 44, Special Edition 1: 43rd Annual Poster Abstracts of the Research Society on Alcoholism jointly with the International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism, June 2020).

Phelps, Jessica A., Jessie J. Tibbs and Dennis E. McChargue. *“Emotion Regulation in a Residential Treatment Facility: The Role of Substance, Age, and Depression.”* Nebraska Psychological Society Undergraduate Conference, Hastings, NE, November 9th, 2019.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

August 2025-present

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Sociology

Project: NIDA funded project: Street Experiences, Affect, and Coping: Harnessing Computational Models for the Development of a Cellphone-Based Intervention to Prevent Drug Use among Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Project PI: Kimberly Tyler, Ph.D.

- Responsibilities:
 - Assist in setting up Qualtrics surveys, preparing project materials for next phase of data collection, and creating training materials for and training undergraduate research assistants assisted
 - Help responsive ecological momentary assessment (rEMA) app programmers to troubleshoot and launch the app for the current study phase
 - Perform literature reviews for publications of the data from previous phases of the project and assist in creating tables for publication

Research Assistant

October 2022-August 2024

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Psychology

Project: Biocognitive Correlates in Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Physical/Mental Health

Supervisor: Jeremy Feiger, M.A.

- Responsibilities:
 - Administered neuropsychological tests assessing the cognitive function of those with and without traumatic brain injuries, administered questionnaires to participants assessing their physical and mental health, and assisted in study recruitment
 - Scored neuropsychological assessments and study questionnaires, entered those scores and other interview data into study databases, and assisted in managing those study databases

Research Assistant

October 2022-August 2024

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Psychology

Project: ENIGMA Cultural Considerations in Intimate Partner Violence and Traumatic Brain Injury

Supervisors: Jain, Divya, M.A., Kathy Chiou, Ph.D.

- Responsibilities:
 - Review articles for the systematic review of literature, and assist in data analysis

Research Assistant

September 2020-May 2021

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Psychology

Project: Biopsychosocial Study

Supervisor: Rebecca Wolfe, M.A.

- Responsibilities:
 - Performed preliminary literature reviews, and helped edit study documents for Institutional Review Board approval
 - Timed and tested Qualtrics questionnaires prior to their launch

Research Assistant**February 2020 –May 2020**

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Psychology

Project: Long-term effectiveness of a brief restorative justice intervention**Supervisor:** Dennis E. McChargue, Ph.D.

- Responsibilities:
 - Created a database to evaluate recidivism rates among community justice involved participants who had previously taken a restorative justice class between 2000 and 2016
 - Ran preliminary data analyses based on demographic information and number of incidences of recidivism since taking the class

Research Assistant**September 2019-December 2019**

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Psychology

Project: Emotion Regulation in a Residential Treatment Facility: The role of substance, age, and depression**Supervisor:** Jessie Tibbs, Ph.D

- Responsibilities:
 - Performed ANOVA data analysis of a residential treatment population dataset to determine which factors affected emotion regulation in those diagnosed with alcohol and/or substance use disorders
 - Used these analyses to generate a poster presentation

Research Intern**February 2019–February 2022**

The Community Justice Center

Supervisor: Dennis E. McChargue, Ph.D.

Lincoln, NE

- Responsibilities:
 - Entered demographic information questionnaires, empathy evaluations, restorative justice knowledge assessments, and class evaluations generated in a restorative justice program by participants at both an initial and final class from 2018 to 2022
 - Managed the study database and data dictionary, and checked recidivism rates for previous participants of the class

Lead Research Assistant**January 2019-May 2020**

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Psychology

Project: Alcohol, Brain, Body & Behavior (AB3) Study**Supervisor:** Jessie Tibbs, Ph.D.

- Responsibilities:
 - Administered survey interviews to college students both with and without traumatic brain injuries which included computer tasks assessing impulsivity and

- substance use, neuropsychological assessments assessing cognitive function, and administered a screening for past traumatic brain injuries
- Data entered interview data including scores from neuropsychological assessments, managed materials and study databases, and supervised undergraduate research assistants

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2024 – May 2025

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Sociology, Introductory Sociology

Overseeing Supervisor: Julia McQuillan, Ph.D.

- Held student help hours weekly
- Graded assignments for two sections of Sociology 101
- Led in-class activities as needed
- Attended weekly meetings

Teaching Assistant

August 2018 – May 2019

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Psychology, General Psychology

Overseeing Supervisor: Manda Williamson, Ph.D.

- Hold office hours to answer student questions and tutor
- Grade assignments and participation for three sections of PSYC 181
- Proctor exams

SOCIOLOGY EVENTS ATTENDED

Rural Drug Addiction Research Center Annual Symposium, November 6th to 7th, 2024.

Sociology Winter Warm Up – November 10th, 2023

NUSS Conference, November 3rd, 2023

SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT COLLOQUIUM

Dr. Nicole Bedera “Setting the Record Straight on Campus Sexual Violence” Thursday, October 30th, 2025.

Dr. Rory McVeigh “Topic: Ask a Scholar! Q&A with graduate students and Dr. McVeigh” Friday, September 26, 2025.

Dr. Galia Chimiak “Private Citizens’ Initiatives Supporting Ukraine” February 7th, 2025.

Dr. Aaron PeeksMease “The Weekend Effect: When Good Pedagogical Intentions Miss the Mark” December 6th, 2024.

Dr. Galia Chimiak “Choosing a Journal and Preparing Your Research for Publication”
November 15th, 2024.

Dr. Jae-woo Kim “Two Faces of Fairness in the Eyes of Korean Young Adults: How Justice
Perception Shapes Affirmative Action Attitudes” November 1st, 2024.

Dr. Phil Schwadel “Religious Bulling in Youth: Who is Most Likely to be a Victim?” October
27th, 2023.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Alice Frost Howard Fellowship University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Fall 2025-Spring 2026
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Ogle Fellowship University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Fall 2024-Spring 2025
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College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s List University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Spring 2010; Fall 2017; Spring 2018
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George Beadle Tuition Scholarship	Fall 2009 – Spring 2011
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Secretary/Treasurer of NE Association of Sociology Grad Students (NASGS)	2025-2026
External Graduate Committee Representative for NASGS	2025-2026
Member of Midwest Sociological Society	2023-Present
Member of Psi Chi	2018-2019