Grace Phelps

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Education

Doctoral Student Present
Criminology and Criminal Justice | *University of Maryland*
Master of Arts Expected Dec. 2025
Criminology and Criminal Justice | *University of Maryland*
Bachelor of Arts 2023
Neuroscience, Minor in Psychology | *Smith College*

Research Experience

Maryland Crime and Research Innovation Center (MCRIC)
with Dr. Bianca Bersani at the University of Maryland 2025-Present

- Review and clean public safety, security, and health related data

Racial Disparities in Incarceration and Health Insurance
with Dr. Lauren Porter at the University of Maryland 2025-Present

- Clean and analyze county level incarceration and insurance data
- Assist in preparation of manuscript

School Shootings & Environmental Design
with Dr. Emily Greene-Colozzi 2023-Present

- Review school shooting after action reports and police reports
- Design and create a school shooting database

California Cannabis Legalization
with Dr. Greg Midgette at the University of Maryland 2024-2025

- Review, organize, and clean data regarding California Cannabis Industry
- Assist in preparation of report

Legacies of Lynching on City Spending & Health
with Dr. Demar Lewis at the University of Maryland   2024- 2025

- Review and clean public health and financial expenditure data
- Create city and county level spatial databases (1967-2022)

Effects of School-Based Police Presence
with Dr. Yael Granot at Smith College   2022-2023

- Troubleshoot eye tracking software
- Code & analyze data regarding school-based police officers

Public Health Research Intern
with Dr. Barbara Colombo at Champlain College   2022

- Conduct interviews and develop app based on study findings
- Prepare meta-analysis

Presentations

Phelps, G. (November, 2025). How Close is Close to Home: An Analysis of The Uvalde Shooting and Emergency Preparedness. Paper Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

Phelps, G., & Greene-Colozzi, E. (November, 2025). Exploring Environmental Constraints on Evasion During Mass School Shootings: An Interactions Based Approach. Paper Presented at the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

Porter, L.C. & **Phelps, G.** (October, 2025). Incarceration, Racial/Ethnic Disparities and Health Insurance. Paper Presented at the Incarceration and Inequality Vera Institute of Justice Research Symposium, Brooklyn, NY.

Xu, J., **Phelps, G.**, & Granot, Y. (2023, April). How Policy Language in Agreements About School-based Police Affect Student Outcomes. Poster presented at Celebrating Collaborations Research Conference, Smith College.

Teaching Experience

Intro to Criminal Justice Teaching Assistant | *University of Maryland*   2023-2024
- Lead four discussion sections for Dr. Justine Madoo's CCJS 100 course

Intro to Statistics & Data Sciences Teaching Assistant | *Smith College*   2021-2022
  - Grade weekly statistics assignments
  - Offer feedback regarding assignments

Psychopharmacology Colloquium Teaching Assistant | *Smith College*   2023
  - Grade unit exams
  - Offer feedback regarding assignments

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Criminology | Maryland Population Research Center Student Affiliate

Skills

Software - Stata, R, Microsoft Suite, Google Suite, Power BI
Other Skills - Data entry, Quantitative methods, Interviews