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### EDUCATION

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*University of New Haven, West Haven, CT*

**Ph.D. student in Criminal Justice**

**Expected Graduation 2026**

*University of New Haven, West Haven, CT*

**M.S. Criminal Justice**

**2017**

Concentration: Criminal Justice Management

*Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT*

**B.S. Health Science**

**2015**

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Cyber Forensics and Cybersecurity
- Cybercrime
- Evidence-based Policing
- Policing
- Police-community relationships
- Secondary Traumatic Stress

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### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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- **Cusano, J.**, DeCarlo, J., Bleakley, P. (in progress). Combatting secondary traumatic stress in law enforcement who investigate crimes against children.
- Morgan\*, J., **Cusano\*, J.**, Das\*, S., Miller\*, J., Wadsworth\*, G., & Tcherni-Buzzeo, M. (in progress). Student and faculty perceptions and use of artificial intelligence tools.

\* *Graduate student*

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### PUBLISHED RESEARCH

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- **Cusano, J.** (2023) How to reduce secondary trauma for law enforcement who investigate crimes against children. *Evidence-Based Practices Quarterly*, 8(1)

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### SCHOLARLY CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

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#### Lightning Talk

- Morgan\*, J., **Cusano\*, J.**, Das\*, S., Miller\*, J., Wadsworth\*, G., & Tcherni-Buzzeo, M. (2023). Student and faculty perceptions and use of artificial intelligence tools like ChatGPT. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. (Moderated by Dodge, C)

#### Roundtable

- Bleakley, P, Popham, J., Dodge, C., Navarro, J., Parti, K., Colliver, S., **Cusano, J.**, Bradbury, P., (2023). Everything in moderation: Responding to cyberdeviance in the digital landscape. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

#### INVITED LECTURES/TRAINING

- Stein, R., DuBois, J., **Cusano, J.** (2023). Navigating professional quality of life: Compassion, satisfaction, and fatigue consideration for providers/investigators. Manchester, CT.

#### AWARDS

- The top graduate of the Tactical Medical Class, Darien Police Dept. **2019**
- Departmental Commendation, Darien Police Dept. **2018**
- Honorable Discharge, United States Navy **2011**
- Blue Jacket of the year, Unites States Navy **2007**

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Darien Police Department, Darien, CT* **2019**  
**Active Shooter Instructor** – Supervised police tactics and response to an active shooter scenario
- United States Navy, Quantico, VA* **2009 - 2011**  
**Basic Life Saving Instructor** – Marine Corps Base. Instructed classes and taught skill performance in basic lifesaving needs for Infantry Marine Officers, and civilian staff members.

#### POLICING EXPERIENCE

- Darien Police Department, Darien, CT* **2023 - Present**  
**Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Affiliate**  
 Investigate crimes against children.
- Darien Police Department, Darien, CT* **2023 - Present**  
**Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Specialist**  
 Inspect structures then utilize urban and architectural design to deter criminal activity.
- Darien Police Department, Darien, CT* **2022 - Present**  
**Spring Grove Veteran Cemetery Liaison**  
 Coordinate services and maintenance as needed with CT Department of Veteran Affairs
- Darien Police Department, Darien, CT* **2022 - Present**  
**Radio Operations Manager**  
 Maintain, service and program radio equipment for the department.
- Darien Police Department, Darien, CT* **2018 - 2019**  
**South West Regional Emergency Response Team (SWRERT)**  
 Served in a part-time capacity as an operator/medic for the SWRERT. Responsibilities include working in an urban, commercial and residential environment dealing with high-risk specializing in close quarters combat.

*Darien Police Department, Darien, CT*

**Marine Division**

**2018 - 2019**

Served in a part-time capacity for the community of watercraft users on the Long Island Sound. The division is a regional asset working with the U.S. Coast Guard and surrounding police agencies.

*Darien Police Department, Darien, CT*

**Selective Enforcement Unit**

**2017 - 2018**

Served in a part-time capacity assisting local Narcotics unit with undercover operations.

*Darien Police Department, Darien, CT*

**School Liaison Officer (SLO)**

**2017 - Present**

Acting liaison between Tokeneke Elementary School and the Police Department.

*Darien Police Department, Darien, CT*

**Patrol Officer**

**2016 - Present**

Serve a community of approximately 20,000 residents by responding to calls for service to investigative a wide range of criminal and motor vehicle offenses. Instill confidence in the public of a Police Officer's capacity by participating in community-based programs such as Coffee with a Cop, Cops and Kids, and the School Liaison Officer program.  
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POLICE DEPARTMENT PRODUCTIVE SERVICE

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*Radio Operation Management*

- Organized and presented the initial proposal for the department to go encrypted to the administration and the police commission (2023)

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ADVANCED POLICE TRAINING

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- Cyber investigator certificate program (CICP)
- First responders & digital evidence (NWC3)
- Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response (ASHER) & Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- EMT – Tactical Certification & Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC)
- Basic Interviewing and Interrogation Techniques
- Crisis intervention team (CIT)
- Valor (Officer safety and wellness program)
- State's Attorney's Legal Seminar
- Graduate of class 26 of the Milford, Connecticut Police Regional Academy

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MEMBERSHIPS

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- University of New Haven – Alpha Tau Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma (Honor Society)
- American Society of Criminology (ASC)
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
- Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP)

- National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C)
- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

RELATED EXPERIENCE

*University of New Haven*

**United States Court Probation Internship**

2016

Comprehensive view of the federal probation system. Learn many of the duties of a probation officer and assist the supervision officer by maintaining personal contact with offenders through office and community visits; seeking information from organizations and others by telephone and written correspondence; investigating an offender’s employment, sources of income, lifestyle, and criminal associations; record keeping; preparing non court-related reports; and attending court proceedings.

*University of New Haven*

**Graduate Research Assistant**

2015-2016

Assisted Dr. David Schroeder with coding and data entry using Microsoft excel for his National Institute of Justice funded research study regarding the opinions of detectives of the usefulness of the Forensics Analysis of Physical Evidence (FAPE) in making arrests and securing convictions.

*United States Navy*

**Hospital Corpsman (Active duty/Reserves/IRR)**

2006-2015

Performed duties as assistants in the prevention and treatment of disease and injury. Assist health care professionals in providing medical care to Naval members and their families. They may function as clinical or specialty technicians, medical administrative personnel, and health care providers at medical treatment facilities. They also serve as battlefield corpsman with the Marine Corps, rendering emergency medical treatment to include initial treatment in a combat environment and educating Marines on public health and combat lifesaving skills

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

**Coffee with a Cop (2018 – Present)**

- Participated in the event where the community of Darien can interact and engage with police officers in a relaxed environment

**Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run (2017- Present)**

- Participated in the annual torch run to support and raise awareness for the Special Olympics

**Cops and Kids (2017 – Present)**

- Participated in the program coordinated through The Depot to help the youth of Darien interact with police officers through fun activities helping them gain self-confidence and personal growth

SERVICE TO THE DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Military Appreciation Month Patch (2023)**

- Designed and coordinated the manufacturing of a custom patch to be worn by Officers during the month of May to show the department's appreciation for members of the military

**Darien Police Officer Military Veterans Plaque (2022)**

- Organized and coordinated the establishment of a plaque that is in the lobby of the department honoring all officers current and former who served in the military