

## Outstanding MSCJ Student Bio

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Erika received her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Kennesaw State University in 2008 and started the MSCJ program at Kennesaw in 2014. She worked as a Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Sutham Cobkit, Dr. Heidi Scherer, and Dr. Sam Abaidoo. As a research assistant for Dr. Cobkit, Erika presented their work on Police Officer Suicides in Thailand at the Southern Criminal Justice Association in September 2015. In her capacity as research assistant for Drs. Abaidoo and Scherer, Erika worked on a SIG grant from KSU's Division of Global Affairs. She contributed to the development of a survey instrument, administration of the survey, and the data analysis. In spring 2017, Erika defended her thesis entitled "Perceptions of Justice and Motivations for Becoming a Police Officer: Differences Across Recruits and Law Enforcement Officers" and will graduate from the MSCJ program.