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He has worked on dozens of research and evaluation projects that focused on spouse abuse and homicide, reducing harms associated with prostitution, community policing in small cities and towns, managing the growth of police agencies, and drug and violent crime relationships. In 2006, in conjunction with the Center for Problem Oriented Policing, he wrote a publication on "Development of a Model Academic Curriculum in Problem-Oriented Policing."

From 2005-2009, he worked with a number of scholars and with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Services to help to reduce violent crime and improve law enforcement services in that developing country. He recently edited a book about police use of force, firearms, and non-lethal weapons in various countries around the world. Kuhns continues to explore the relationship between drug use and violent behavior by analyzing toxicology data within and outside of the United States.

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