

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- Exp. 2024 Doctor of Philosophy, Criminal Justice
Sam Houston State University
Dissertation: *Establishing “Fat Criminology:” Assessing the Impact of Body Size on Criminal Court Outcomes*
Chair: Dr. Ryan Randa; Committee Members: Drs. Shelly Clevenger and Miltonette Craig
- 2018 Master of Science, Criminology & Criminal Justice
Arizona State University
Thesis: *Assessing Cumulative Disadvantage against Minority Female Defendants in State Courts*
- 2016 Bachelor of Science, Psychology
Minors: Sociology and Criminal Justice
Utah State University

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2023 – Adjunct Instructor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice, Towson University.
- 2022 – Research Analyst [Full Time], Harris County Courts, Office of Court Management.
- 2020 – 2022 Doctoral Teaching Fellow, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.
- 2018 – 2022 Doctoral Research & Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.
- 2016 – 2018 Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Arizona State University.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Inequalities in the Criminal Legal System
- Fat Criminology
- Courts and Sentencing
- Policing + Police Reform
- Discretionary Decision Making
- Methodological Issues in Research
- Feminist + Critical Criminology
- Victimization Risk

PUBLICATIONS

Referred Publications

Kramer, K.L., Zhang, Y., & Franklin, T.W. (2023). The Geography of Race and Ethnicity Effects in Federal Sentencing: A Descriptive and Spatial Analysis.” *Criminal Justice and Behavior*. 50(10), 1431–1455. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00938548231186160>.

Kramer, K.L., & Kelley, S.M. (2022). Examining the Sentencing of American Indian Women in US Federal District Courts. *Crime & Delinquency*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287221137305>

Craig, M. O., Reid, J. C., & **Kramer, K.L.** (2022). Vehicle Stops and Group Position: How Missouri Agencies Use Place and Race to Explain Disparities. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 38(4), 411-431. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10439862221110996>

Kramer, K.L., & Wang, X. (2019). Assessing Cumulative Disadvantage against Minority Female Defendants in State Courts. *Justice Quarterly*, 36(7), 1284-1313. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07418825.2019.1685122>

Manuscripts in Preparation

Bostrom, S.R., **Kramer, K.L.**, & Randa, R. “Identifying Risky Places on Campus: The Impact of LSC and Fear of Crime”

Acquaviva, B., Bostrom, S.R., **Kramer, K.L.**, & Randa, R. “Examining Students’ Perceptions of Place-Based Risk on Campus”

Kramer, K.L., & Wallace, D. “Officer Decision Making during Traffic Stops: Examining Driver-Passenger Gender Dyads”

Technical Reports

Wallace, D., Tyler, D. H.,* **Kramer, K.*** Ginsburg Kempany, K.,* Louton, B., Sweeten, G., Ylang, N.,* Daniels, A.,* Gricius, M.,* & Hale, J.* (2018). Annual Report for the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office, Years 2016-2017. Phoenix, AZ: Center for Violence Prevention & Community Safety, Arizona State University.

Wallace, D., Louton, B., Sweeten, G., Tyler, D.,* Kempany K.,* **Kramer, K.*** (2017). Quarterly Report for the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office, July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016. Phoenix, AZ: Center for Violence Prevention & Community Safety, Arizona State University.

Wallace, D., Louton, B., Nelson, J.,* Gricius, M.,* Tyler, D.,* Coble, S.,* Ruffner, C.,* **Kramer, K.*** (2017). Yearly Report for the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office, Years 2015-2016. Phoenix, AZ: Center for Violence Prevention & Community Safety, Arizona State University.

Book Chapters and Other Publications

Waite, E., & **Kramer, K.L.** (2023). Why We Should Start Thinking Spatially About Sentencing. *ASC Division of Corrections and Sentencing Newsletter*, Spring 2023, 19-23.

Kramer, K.L. & Craig, M.O. (2022). Chapter 8 - End Immunity, No Qualifiers. In Miltonette Olivia Craig and Kwan-Lamar Blount-Hill (Eds.), *Justice and Legitimacy in Policing: Transforming the Institution* (1st ed.).

Kramer, K.L. and Peterson, K.M. (2021). Mental Health in Graduate School: Essential Tips for Surviving (and Thriving). *ASC Division of Corrections and Sentencing Newsletter*, Fall 2021, 12-15.

GRANTS AND SPONSORED RESEARCH

2023 Principle Investigator. “Establishing *Fat Criminology*: Assessing the Impact of Body Size on Criminal Court Outcomes.” The American Society of Criminology’s Division of Feminist Criminology, The Larry J. Siegel Graduate Fellowship. Award: \$5,000. Status: *Under Review*.

2023 Principle Investigator. “Establishing *Fat Criminology*: Assessing the Impact of Body Size on Criminal Court Outcomes.” The American Society of Criminology’s Division of Feminist Criminology, The Feminist Criminology Graduate Research Scholarship. Award: \$5,000. Status: *Under Review*.

2023 Principle Investigator. “Establishing *Fat Criminology*: Assessing the Impact of Body Size on Criminal Court Outcomes” The American Society of Criminology’s Division on Corrections and Sentencing, Dissertation Scholarship. Award: \$3,000. Status: *Under Review*.

Research Assistantships

2019 – 2020 “An Evaluation of Proactive Prosecutorial Response to Domestic Violence in Montgomery County, Texas.” Sam Houston State University. Jointly funded by the SHSU’s Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office. PI: Dr. Ling Ren. Award: \$28,255.

2017 – 2018 “Training and Technical Assistance for the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office.” Center for Violence Prevention & Community Safety, Arizona State University. Contract from the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office. PI: Dr. Danielle Wallace. Award: \$276,140 (Year 3).

Consultancies and Additional Research Experience

2023 Research Consultant. “An Intersectional Examination of Campus Sexual Victimization at Minority Serving Institutions.” National Institute of Justice, Violence against Women Solicitation: O-NIJ-2023-171586. Status: *Not Funded*.

2017 – 2019 Research Consultant & On-Site Project Manager. “Enhancing Procedural Justice in Hot Spots Policing: A Multi-Site Randomized Control Trial.” Tucson, AZ, Houston, TX, and Indianapolis, IN sites. Funded by the Arnold Foundation, Subcontract from the National Policing Institute [\$1,797,680]. Co-PI’s: Drs. Jim Bueermann, David Weisburd, Anthony Braga, and Cody Telep.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Paper Presentations

- 2023 **Kramer, K.L.** “Let’s Talk About Fat: How Weight Impacts Criminal Court Outcomes” Abstract accepted for the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2022 Bostrom, S., **Kramer, K.L.** & Randa, R. “Identifying Risky Places on Campus: The Impact of LSC and Fear of Crime” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2021 **Kramer, K.L.** & Kelley, S. “Examining the Treatment of American Indian Women in U.S. Federal District Courts” Abstract accepted for the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.¹
- 2020 **Kramer, K.L.**, Bostrom, S., & Randa, R. “Self-Control and Assessments of Risk: Exploring Elements of the Vulnerability Thesis” Paper to be presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.²
- 2019 **Kramer, K.L.** & Toman, E. T. “Examining Community Control: Gender and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Sentencing Decisions” Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Antonio, TX.²
- 2019 **Kramer, K.L.** & Franklin, T. “Where is Disparity Occurring? Racial and Ethnic Sentencing Disparities across U.S. Districts” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 **Kramer, K.L.** “Assessing Cumulative Disadvantage against Minority Female Defendants in State Courts” Presented at the Western Society of Criminology Conference, Honolulu, HI.
- 2018 **Kramer, K.L.** “We’re All Treated Equal, Right? Assessing Cumulative Disadvantage Among Female Defendants” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 **Kramer, K.L.** “Assessing Disparity among Female Offenders: A Cumulative Disadvantage Approach.” Presented at the Western Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Long Beach, CA.

¹ Unable to attend due to medical reasons.

² Canceled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Conference Roundtable Presentations

- 2023 **Kramer, K.L.**, Randa, R., Antunes, M., & Coghill, K. “Fat Criminology: An Emerging Subfield in Criminological Theory” Abstract accepted to the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 **Kramer, K.L.**, Balavender, A., Magnunson, S., Kras, K., Laskorunsky, J., Kempny, K. & Corradi, A., “DCS’s Rocking Your Resume Workshop with the AltAc Team.” Abstract accepted to the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2021 Ee, M. and **Kramer, K.L.** “Advice for New Doctoral Students.” Presented at the Texas Association for Criminal Justice Educators (TACJE) Conference. Virtual.
- 2021 Guerra, C., Ingham, C., Johnson, C. L., Knapp, K., **Kramer, K.L.**, and Mills, J. “Navigating Graduate School.” Sponsored by the Division on Women and Crime. Accepted for the American Society of Criminology Conference, Chicago, IL.²

Agency Research Presentations

- 2023 **Kramer, K.L.** “Understanding Non-Appearance across Bond Types.” Presented to the Court Manager and Court Services Director in the Harris County Criminal Courts at Law, Office of Court Management, Harris County, TX.
- 2022 **Kramer, K.L.** “Examining Non-Appearance in Misdemeanor Criminal Courts.” Presented to the Court Manager and Court Services Director in the Harris County Criminal Courts at Law, Office of Court Management, Harris County, TX.

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Criminology
- Research Methods
- Gender & Crime
- Race/Ethnicity & Crime
- Feminist Criminology
- Courts and Sentencing
- Victimology
- Policing

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Towson University

- CRMJ 254: Introduction to Criminal Justice (Synchronous Online)

Sam Houston State University

- CRIJ 3378: Introduction to Methods of Research
- CRIJ 3378: Introduction to Methods of Research (Online & Hybrid)

Teaching Assistant

Sam Houston State University

- CRIJ 2394: Courts and Criminal Procedure
- CRIJ 2394: Courts and Criminal Procedure (Online)
- CRIJ 4385: Criminal Justice and Social Diversity (Online)
- CRIJ 2364: Fundamentals of Criminal Law
- CRIJ 2364: Fundamentals of Criminal Law (Online)

Arizona State University

- CRJ 302: Research Methods
- CRJ 303: Statistical Analysis
- CRJ 303: Statistical Analysis (Online)

Invited Guest Lectures

- “Experimental Design,” Introduction to Research Methods (CRIJ 3378), Sam Houston State University.
- “Sampling,” Research Methods (CRJ 302), Arizona State University.

PODCASTS, WEBINARS, AND OTHER MEDIA

Craig, S., **Kramer, K.** (Moderator), and McCarthy, B. (2021, September 14). *My Top 3 Fears When Adopting Packback* [Webinar]. Packback.
<https://www.packback.co/webinars/on-demand-webinar-my-top-3-fears-when-adopting-packback/>

Sanchez, J and Tostlebe, J. (Co-hosts). (2021, July). The Criminology Academy. *Episode 26 – Mental Health and Work-Life Balance with Kelsey Kramer and Kathleen Padilla*. [Audio Podcast].
<https://thecrimacademy.podbean.com/e/ep-26-grad-life-mental-health-and-work-life-balance-with-kelsey-kramer-and-kathleen-padilla/>

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2023 | Graduate Student Travel Fund Award (\$1,200). The Office of Graduate Studies, Sam Houston State University. |
| 2021 | Graduate Student Travel Fund Award (\$1,000). The Office of Graduate Studies, Sam Houston State University. |
| 2020 | Graduate Student Travel Fund Award (\$1,000). The Office of Graduate Studies, Sam Houston State University. |
| 2020 | The Graduate School General Scholarship (\$1,000). The Graduate School, Sam Houston State University. |
| 2019 | Graduate Student Travel Fund Award (\$1,000). The Office of Graduate Studies, Sam Houston State University. |

- 2019 O.B. Ellis – J. Philip Gibbs Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)
- 2018 Graduate Student Travel Fund Award (\$1,000). The Office of Graduate Studies, Sam Houston State University.
- 2017 Individual Travel Grant (\$475). Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA). Arizona State University.
- 2016 – 2017 Graduate Education Fellowship (\$10,000). Arizona State University.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Trainings and Workshops

- 2023 “Introduction to survival analysis using Stata.” Stata NetCourseNow 631.
- 2021 “Creating an Accessible Syllabus using Microsoft Word” Training. University Information Technology Services with UTTS Assistive Technology Accessibility Centers at Indiana University (IU).
- 2018 “Stata Bootcamp.” Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.
- 2018 “Systematic Social Observation Training.” The National Policing Institute, Tucson, AZ.
- 2017 & 2018 “Census and Field Survey Research Training.” The National Policing Institute, Tucson, AZ.
- 2017 “Stata Bootcamp.” School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Arizona State University.
- 2016 “R - Environment for Statistical Computing Workshop.” School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Arizona State University.

Certifications

- 2021 “Certificate of Professional Development.” Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.
- 2018 “Journal Manuscript Reviewer Training.” Sponsored by the ASC Division on Women and Crime, Instructors: Drs. Rosemary Barberet and Kristy Holtfreter. Atlanta, GA.

SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer

Journal of Criminal Justice

Discipline Service

- 2023 – Diversity & Inclusion Committee Member. Division of Feminist Criminology, American Society of Criminology.
- 2023 – AltAc Team Member. Division of Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology.
- 2022 – Mentoring Match Program Committee Co-Chair (2023-Present); Member (2022-2023). Division of Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology.
- Academic Student Track Mentor to Kathryn Tapp (2023-present)
 - Alternatives to Academia Track Mentor to Emerson Waite (2022-2023)
- 2022 Outreach Table Volunteer. Division of Corrections and Sentencing and Division on Women and Crime, American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2021 – 2022 Newsletter Committee Member. Division of Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology.
- 2021 – 2022 Anti-Racist Action Sub-Committee Member. Division on Women and Crime, American Society of Criminology.
- Treasurer. Anti-Racism and Intersectionality in Feminist Criminology (& Academia) Virtual Forum. Co-sponsored by American University Anti-Racism Research and Policy Center and the American Society of Criminology, Division on Women and Crime.
 - Moderator. “Transgressing Racial, Gender, Sexual Boundaries: A Discussion for LGBTQ+, BIPOC (black, indigenous, and people of color), and International Students.” Anti-Racism and Intersectionality in Feminist Criminology (& Academia) Virtual Forum.
- 2020 Contributor to #SayHerName Special Edition Newsletter Editorial Team. Division on Women and Crime, American Society of Criminology.
- 2019 Panel Chair. “Race and Ethnicity in the Courts.” American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 Outreach Table Volunteer. American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Division of Corrections and Sentencing and Division on Women and Crime, San Francisco, CA.
- 2018 & 2019 Facilitator. Census and Field Survey Research Training. The National Policing Institute, Tucson, AZ, Houston, TX, and Indianapolis, IN.
- 2017 Outreach Table Volunteer. American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Division of Victimology, Philadelphia, PA.

2017 Volunteer. American Society of Evidence-Based Policing (ASEBP) Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

Departmental and University Service

2020 – 2022 Research and Teaching Development Committee Member. Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

2020 – 2021 Vice President. Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

2019 – 2020 Secretary. Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

2019 – 2020 Peer Mentor. Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

2019 Walk-a-Mile Volunteer. Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

2018 – 2022 Service Committee Chair (2020-2021), Member (2018-2019 & 2021-2022). Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

2018 – 2022 Faculty Search Committee Student Representative. Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

2018 – 2020 Social Planning Committee Chair (2019-2020), Member (2018-2019). Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

2018 – 2020 Fundraising Committee Member. Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

Community Service

2022 – Quarterly Volunteer. Bayou City Community Court “Fresh Start” Event. Houston, TX.

2021 – 2022 Red Cross Volunteer. Bryan, TX.

2021 Volunteer. Sexual Assault Aftercare Kit Making. Sponsored by the Victim Studies Department and the Crime Victims Services Alliance. Huntsville, TX.

2021 Long-Term Volunteer. Brazos Valley Vaccine Hub. Bryan, TX.

2021 Volunteer. Survivor and Ally Art Event. Sponsored by the Victim Studies Department and the Crime Victims Services Alliance. Huntsville, TX.

- 2021 Volunteer. The Food Pantry. Sam Houston State University. Huntsville, TX.
- 2017 Volunteer. Arizona State University Day of Service. Phoenix, AZ.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

- Division of Feminist Criminology
- Division of People of Color & Crime
- Division of Corrections and Sentencing
- Division of Victimology

American Sociological Association

- Crime, Law, and Deviance Section
- Race, Class, and Gender Section
- Sociology of Body and Embodiment Section
- Sociology of Law Section

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)