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Positions

2017 - Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University
2013 - 2017 Graduate Assistant, Department of Criminology, University of South Florida
2012 - 2013 Graduate Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Central Florida

Education

2017 Ph.D. University of South Florida, Department of Criminology
Dissertation: *Female Incarceration and Prison Social Order: An Examination of Gender Differences in Prison Misconduct and In-Prison Punishments*
^Winner of the USF Office of Graduate Studies Dissertation Fellowship, 2017
2013 M.S. University of Central Florida, Department of Criminal Justice
2012 B.A. University of Miami

Areas of Interest

Theories of formal social control; incarceration; criminal sentencing; gender

Peer-Reviewed Publications

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Toman, Elisa L. (Forthcoming) "Disciplinary Confinement and Misconduct Patterns: An Examination of Gendered Effects." Crime and Delinquency.

Anderson, Claudia*, Joshua C. Cochran, **Elisa L. Toman**. (Forthcoming) "Social Capital and Its Impacts on Prison Life: Is Visitation a Conduit?" Crime and Delinquency.

Rubenstein, Batya Y.*, **Elisa L. Toman**, & Joshua C. Cochran. (Forthcoming) "Socioeconomic Barriers to Child Contact with Incarcerated Parents." Justice Quarterly.

Cochran, J.C., **Elisa L. Toman**, Daniel P. Mears, & Ryan T. Shields. 2021 "A Uniquely Punitive Turn? Sex Offenders and the Persistence of Punitive Sanctioning." Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency 58(1): 74-118.

Severson, Rachel E.*, **Elisa L. Toman**, & Micaela Alvarado*. 2020 “Mental Health Service Utilization: General and Gendered Consequences for Prison Strains.” Crime and Delinquency 66(12): 1754-1786.

Toman, Elisa L. 2019 “The Victim-Offender Overlap Behind Bars: Linking Prison Misconduct and Victimization.” Justice Quarterly 36(2): 350-382.

^Winner of the ASC/Division of Corrections and Sentencing Student Paper Award, 2016

Toman, Elisa L., Joshua C. Cochran, & John K. Cochran. 2018. “Jailhouse Blues? The Adverse Effects of Pretrial Detention for Prison Social Order.” Criminal Justice and Behavior 45(3): 316-339.

Cochran, Joshua, C., **Elisa L. Toman**, Daniel P. Mears, & William D. Bales. 2018. “Solitary Confinement as Punishment: Examining In-Prison Sanctioning Disparities.” Justice Quarterly 35(3): 381-411.

^Winner of the ACJS Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award, 2017

Cochran, Joshua C., Michael J. Lynch, **Elisa L. Toman**, & Ryan Shields. 2018. “Court Sentencing Patterns for Environmental Crimes: Is There a Green Gap in Sentencing?” Journal of Quantitative Criminology 34(1): 37-66.

Toman, Elisa L., Joshua C. Cochran, John K. Cochran, & William D. Bales. 2015. “The Implications of Sentence Length on Inmate Adjustment to Prison Life.” Journal of Criminal Justice 43(6): 510-521.

Peck, Jennifer H., Michael J. Leiber, Maude Beaudry-Cyr, & **Elisa L. Toman**. 2015. “The Conditioning Effect of Race and Gender on the Juvenile Court Outcomes of Delinquent and Neglected Types of Offenders.” Justice Quarterly 33(7): 1210-1236.

Funded Research

2019 “Correctional Officer Retention: Examining Avenues for Improvement,” Pilot Study for Future Funding Program, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Sam Houston State University (\$15,000). Role: Principal investigator.

Other Publications

Cochran, Joshua C. & **Elisa L. Toman**. “Mass Jail Incarceration and Its Consequences.” In Beth M. Huebner & Natasha Frost (Eds.), Handbook of Consequences of Sentencing Decisions, The ASC Division on Corrections & Sentencing Handbook Series, Volume 3.

Toman, Elisa L. “Drug Crime.” In Wesley G. Jennings, George Higgins, David Khey, & Mildred Maldonado-Molina (Eds.), The Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.

Presentations

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2020 Rude, Amanda*, Elisa L. Toman, & Rachel E. Severson. “Exploring the Effects of Pre-Trial Detention on Prison Strain for Individuals with Mental Health Problems.” *Paper to be*

presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Antonio, TX. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

Kramer, Kelsey*, & Elisa L. Toman. "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. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)*

2019 Toman, Elisa L., Claudia Anderson*, & Joshua C. Cochran. "Social Resources and Inmate Health." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.*

Griffin, Amber*, & Elisa L. Toman. "Substance Use and Prison Misconduct: The Gendered Effect of Treatment Availability." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.*

Butler, H. Daniel, & Elisa L. Toman. "An Examination of Inmate Misconduct: Versatility or Specialization?" *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD.*

Griffin, Amber*, & Elisa L. Toman. "Using Race, Class, and Gender to Predict Probation Revocation for Drug Users." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD.*

Alvarado, Micaela*, Elisa L. Toman, & H. Daniel Butler. "Exploring the Time-Varying Effects of Common Predictors of Misconduct." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD.*

2018 Alvarado, Micaela*, Rachel Severson*, & Elisa L. Toman. "Exploring Mental Health Service Utilization: Insights from a Nationally Representative State Prison Sample." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.*

Toman, Elisa L., Joshua C. Cochran, Ryan T. Shields, & Daniel P. Mears. "Longitudinal Trends in Sex Offender Sentencing." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.*

Anderson, Claudia*, Joshua C. Cochran, & Elisa L. Toman. "Disparities in Social Support and the Implications for Prison Life." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.*

2017 Toman, Elisa L. "Gender and Race Differences in the Impact of In-Prison Punishments on Future Misconduct." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.*

Toman, Elisa L. "Gender Differences in Prisons' Responses to Inmate Misconduct." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO.*

- 2016 Toman, Elisa L., Joshua C. Cochran, & John K. Cochran. "Pre-trial Detention and the Adverse Impacts for At-Risk Inmates." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.*
- Cochran, Joshua C., Elisa L. Toman, Daniel P. Mears, & William D. Bales. "Prison Punishment and Solitary Confinement." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.*
- Toman, Elisa L. "Extending Research on the Victim-Offender Overlap: Linking Prison Misconduct and Victimization." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.*
- 2015 Toman, Elisa L., Joshua C. Cochran, John K. Cochran, & Daniel P. Mears. "Assessing the Link Between Prior Record and In-Prison Offending." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.*
- Toman, Elisa L., Joshua C. Cochran, & John K. Cochran. "Time Spent in Jail and the Implications for Misconduct." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.*
- 2014 Toman, Elisa L., Joshua C. Cochran, & John K. Cochran. "Prison Sentence Length and the Implications for Inmate Adjustment to the Prison Environment." *Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.*
- Peck, Jennifer H., Michael J. Leiber, Maude Beaudry-Cyr, & Elisa L. Toman. "Comparisons of Offender Types and Juvenile Court Outcomes Differentiated by Race and Gender." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.*
- Camacho, Joy, Wyatt D. Brown, and Elisa L. Toman. "Mainstream Prisonization: Implications of the Dominant Perspectives." *Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.*

Teaching & advising

Courses designed and taught

Correctional Systems and Practices (undergraduate)
 Theories of Criminal Behavior (undergraduate)
 Pro Seminar in C.J. Issues (graduate)
 Seminar in American Correction (graduate)
 Corrections in the Community (graduate, online)

Courses taught

Seminar in Criminology and Corrections (graduate, online)

Doctoral Student Committees

Amanda Rude Portfolio, Sam Houston State University (in progress, chair)
 Shamika Kelley Dissertation, Sam Houston State University (in progress, chair)

Kaitlyn Pederson Portfolio, Sam Houston State University (in progress, member)
Amber Griffin Dissertation, Sam Houston State University (completed, Summer 2021, chair)
Tri Keah Henry Dissertation, Sam Houston State University (completed, Spring 2020, member)
Amber Griffin Portfolio, Sam Houston State University (completed, Spring 2020, member)
Kallee McCullough Dissertation, Sam Houston State University (completed, Spring 2018, member)

Masters Student Committees

Matthew Caines Thesis, Sam Houston State University (completed, Summer 2021, member)
Addison Kobie Thesis, Sam Houston State University (completed, Fall 2020, member)
Shelby Dietrich Thesis, Sam Houston State University (completed, Spring 2020, member)
Micaela Alvarado Thesis, Sam Houston State University (completed, Fall 2019, chair)
Channing Carpenter Thesis, Sam Houston State University (completed, Summer 2018, member)

University and Professional Service

Sam Houston State University, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology

Distinguished Lecturer Series Committee (2019-2022)
Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee (2019-2020)
Graduate Student Development and Assessment Committee (2017-2018)

University of South Florida, Department of Criminology

Criminology Graduate Student Organization (CGSO), Search Committee (2016)
Peer Mentor (2014)
CGSO Vice President (2014)

Awards

2019 Teaching Award (\$1,000)
College of Criminal Justice
Sam Houston State University

2018 Certificate in Effective College Instruction (\$1,000)
Association of College and University Educators
Sam Houston State University

2017 Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$5,000)
Office of Graduate Studies
University of South Florida

ACJS Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Doctoral Student Summit Scholarship
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

2016 Student Paper Award (\$500)
American Society of Criminology — Division on Corrections and Sentencing

Student Scholarship Award (\$600)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

2015 Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,850)
Assessing the Use of Formal Social Control in Prison
(with Joshua C. Cochran, P.I.)

Annual Research Symposium, 1st Place
Department of Criminology
University of South Florida

Journal Manuscript Peer Reviewer

American Journal of Criminal Justice
Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research
Criminal Justice and Behavior
Criminology
Criminology & Public Policy
International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology
Journal of Criminal Justice
Journal of Experimental Criminology
Journal of Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology
Journal of Offender Rehabilitation
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
Journal of Quantitative Criminology
Justice Quarterly
Victims & Offenders

Professional Memberships

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
American Society of Criminology (Section: Division on Corrections and Sentencing)