

Crime Victims' Institute

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Our Mission

Prison Victimization Webinar

The mission of the Crime Victims' Institute is to :

- Conduct research to examine the impact of crime on victims of all ages in order to promote a better understanding of victimization
- Improve services to victims
- Assist victims of crime by giving them a voice
- Inform victim-related policymaking at the state and local levels.

On March 30, 2022, the Crime Victims' Institute and Department of Victim Studies at Sam Houston State University (SHSU) hosted a free webinar to discuss victimization in prisons. Mark Holmes, a representative of the Texas Restorative Justice Ministry Network, spoke on areas of sexual victimization within the criminal justice correctional system, methods that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) utilizes to treat prison victimization inflicted on correctional clients, and incarcerated persons who were victimized before entering the correctional system. Kelli Wright-Nelson, Director of the Crisis Center of Matagorda and Wharton Counties, explained the types of advocacy services offered to people who are incarcerated, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards, and how crisis centers can help prisons meet PREA standards. Dr. Breanna Boppre, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Victim Studies at SHSU, discussed the victimization of women, youth, and LGBTQ+ individuals. Dr. Jared Dmello, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at SHSU, covered gang victimization and the overlap between prison gangs and street gangs. Each of our speakers were well-versed and knowledgeable in their areas of study and practice. The webinar was attended by students, professors, victim service professionals, and law enforcement officers, and we received fantastic feedback! We are grateful to all who took their time to attend and appreciative of those who presented! A recording of this webinar and our previous webinar will be available on our website <http://www.crimevictimsinstitute.org/>, as well as on the [SHSU CJ YouTube channel](#).

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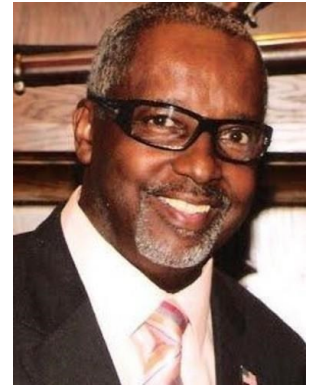
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In Memory of Gene Pack

The CVI values our advisory board members. We were deeply saddened to be informed that Gene Pack passed away in January of this year. Gene Pack, CEO and Director of Pack Power Productions, was a supportive and enthusiastic member of our board and genuinely supported efforts to assist crime survivors. For years, he was a dedicated member of the CVI team. Our deepest condolences are sent to his family and friends.



CVI Advisory Board Appointments

We are excited for the appointment of several new board members: Emmitt Jackson, Jr., Hillary England, and Andrew Kahan. Emmitt Jackson, Jr. is the Chief of Police for the Argyle Police Department. Hillary England is the Director of Trafficking and Sexual Violence and Prevention Programs in the Office of the Governor. Andrew Kahan is the Director of Victim Services for Crime Stoppers-Houston. We welcome the opportunity to work with you all in our research efforts to raise awareness for crime survivors.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Events

In recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), the Department of Victim Studies at Sam Houston State University (SHSU), the CVI, and various student and community organizations will host community-engaging events to assist survivors. It is our hope that these events raise awareness for sexual violence victimization and the diversity in survivors. First, on April 6, 2022, there will be a Campus Sexual Assault Panel at 2:00pm in the Courtroom of the College of Criminal Justice at SHSU. Speakers will include our Research Coordinator, Dr. Katie Ratajczak, representatives from Montgomery County Women's Center, Harris County Sheriff's Office, SAAFE House, and a doctoral candidate from the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at SHSU. On April 11, 2022, we will host Painting with a Purpose, an event in which the community, students, and survivors will be invited to paint. The artwork can be kept by the artist or sold as a fundraiser for SAAFE House, a local sexual assault and domestic violence resource center. From April 27 to April 29, 2022, the Crime Victim Services Alliance at SHSU will host Denim Days to exhibit jeans with messages and stories of sexual assault survivors. These jeans will be displayed on the Lowman Student Center Yard at SHSU.¹ We are grateful for everyone who has come together to make these events possible!



¹ Sam Houston State University. (n.d.). *Sexual assault awareness month*. <https://www.shsu.edu/events/saam/>

Look for upcoming publications, CVI Talks episodes, and fact sheets from the Crime Victims' Institute:

- Texas Youth Camps' Response to Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting Standards by Bailey Vautrain
- Sexual Violence Victimization Fact Sheet
- Missing Person Victimization Fact Sheet
- Asian/Pacific Islander Victimization Fact Sheet
- Male Sexual Victimization on College Campuses by Dr. John Navarro and Christina Richardson

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Upcoming Events



Sexual Assault Awareness Month	April
Child Abuse Prevention Month	April
International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Reimaging Justice Virtual or San Francisco, CA	April 19-21, 2022
National Crime Victims' Rights Week	April 24-30, 2022
National Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference Las Vegas, NV	April 25-27, 2022
Conference on Crimes Against Women Dallas, Texas	May 23-26, 2022
Creating a Culture of Wellness: Increase Retention, Morale, and Employee Health by Infusing Wellness into Your Agency Online	June 9, 2022

Resources

- Texas Abuse Hotline (suspicions of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children, adults with disabilities, or people 65 years or older) 800-252-5400
- Texas Council on Family Violence <https://tcfv.org/survivor-resources/>
- Texas Association Against Sexual Assault <https://taasa.org/get-help/>
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233
- National Sexual Assault Hotline 800-656-4673
- National Human Trafficking Hotline 888-373-7888
- National Child Abuse Hotline 800-422-4453
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving 877-623-3435
- Cyber Civil Rights Initiative (revenge/ nonconsensual porn) 844-878-2274

