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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Criminal Justice <i>Sam Houston State University</i> Expected graduation: May 2026	Present
MA	Criminal Justice and Criminology <i>Sam Houston State University</i> Thesis: <i>The Influence of Teacher Psychological Climate of Prevention on Active Shooter Crisis Preparedness</i> Chair: Dr. Jason R. Ingram	2022
BS	Criminal Justice <i>Sam Houston State University</i>	2020

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Policing, Organizational Climate and Culture, and School Violence

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

Widdowson, A. O., Ramos, J., **Alaniz, K.**, & Swartz, K. (2023). The within-individual effects of US immigration on individual-level offending during adolescence and early adulthood. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 00224278231161028.

Ramos, J. & **Alaniz, K.** (2022). Is legal status a marker for recidivism? Examining the reoffending patterns of previously incarcerated immigrants. *Crime & Delinquency*, 00111287221111781.

Lehmann, P. S., Azimi, A. M., Fortney, K., & **Alaniz, K.** (2021). Racial and ethnic disparities in school discipline: The interactive effects of gender and parental educational attainment. *Crime & Delinquency*, 00111287211029879.

Manuscripts and Works in Progress (working titles):

Alaniz, K., Lin, C.H., Wingert, A., & Zhang, Y. Mapping neighborhood-level crime: Examining the effects of high schools and police station presence.

Alaniz, K. School Climate: The missing link in understanding school delinquency. *Using Organizational Theory to Study, Explain, and Understand Criminal Legal Organizations.*

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications:

Executive Summary for Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT): Translational Criminology Project.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Doctoral Research Assistant, 2022-
Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT)
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Bill Wells

Graduate Research Assistant, 2020-2023
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, SHSU
Faculty Advisors: Dr. Jason Ingram, Dr. Javier Ramos, and Dr. Peter Lehmann

Undergraduate Research Assistant 2019-2020
Center for Assessment, Research, and Educational Safety
SHSU
Director and Principal Investigator: Dr. Matthew Fuller
Funded by the Office of the Governor of Texas, \$583,000.00
Project: 2020 Texas Statewide Needs' Assessment

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Alaniz, K., Lin, C.H., Wingert, A., & Zhang, Y. "Mapping Neighborhood-Level Crime: Examining the Effects of High Schools and Police Station Presence" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. 2024

3 Minute Thesis Competition-SHSU 2024
"Teacher Climate Configurations and School Crisis Preparedness"

Alaniz, K., Ingram, J.R., & Fuller, M. B. "Teacher Climate Configurations and School Crisis Preparedness" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. 2023

Alaniz, K., Ingram, J.R., & Fuller, M. B. "Examining K-12 Educator Response Preparedness to School Crisis Events" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 2022

Alaniz, K. “The Influence of Teacher Climate of Prevention on Active Shooter Crisis Preparedness.” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV. 2022

3 Minute Thesis Competition-SHSU 2022
 “The Influence of Teacher Climate of Prevention on Active Shooter Crisis Preparedness”

Alaniz, K., Ingram, J.R., & Fuller, M. B. “Correlates of Teacher Active Shooter Crisis Preparedness.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lecturer, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, *SHSU* 2024
 Instructor: Dr. Victoria Laugalis
 Course: Introduction to Research Methods (CRIJ 3378)
 Topic: Sampling

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, *SHSU*, Faculty Advisor: Dr. Breanna Boppre 2022
 Courses: Family Violence and Violence Against Women

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, *SHSU*, Faculty Advisor: Dr. Janet Mullings 2020
 Courses: Victimology, Family Violence, and Problem Analysis in Victim Studies

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, *SHSU*, Faculty Advisor: Dr. Javier Ramos 2020
 Courses: Criminal Justice and Social Diversity

SERVICE

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion College Working Group 2022
 Collaborate with faculty and staff from the College of Criminal Justice at SHSU to promote diversity and inclusion by creating a repository of teach-ins/lectures, constructing college statement of diversity and inclusion, and generating survey to evaluate faculty needs/wants.

Peer Mentor 2021-2024
 Student mentor for incoming students. CJGSO. Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. SHSU.

American Criminal Justice Association-Lambda Alpha Epsilon 2017-2020

Goal in leadership and/or membership is to improve the field of criminal justice through education and to foster professionalism and support through the organization.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Resource & Outreach for Academic Diversity (R.O.A.D. to PhD) Program	Present
Provides qualified students with the tools to adjust smoothly to the academic rigor of doctoral education.	
Rolando del Carmen Scholarship Recipient, \$1000	2021
Provides financial assistance to academically deserving students pursuing degrees in criminal justice.	
Dean's List, SHSU	2018-2020

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization (CJGSO)	2020-2021
<i>Sam Houston State University</i>	
Positions: Secretary and GSO-LAE Liaison	
American Criminal Justice Association-Lambda Alpha Epsilon, Delta Chi Chapter	2018-2020
<i>Sam Houston State University</i>	
Positions: President, Fundraising Committee Chairperson, and Historian	

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

<u>Workshops</u>	
"Mplus, SNA, and R Workshop"	2024
"CV Workshop"	2023
"R&Rs & Authorship Workshop"	
"Conference Brown Bag"	
"Team Building Brown Bag"	
"Thesis Bootcamp," Hosted by The Graduate School at SHSU	2022
"Portfolio Workshop," CJGSO, SHSU	
"Publishing," CJGSO, SHSU	
"Navigating the Non-Academic Job Market," CJGSO, SHSU	
"Teaching, Research, and Service," CJGSO, SHSU	
"Yay, You Got a Job! Now What?" CJGSO, SHSU	
"Choosing a Career Path, Navigating Academia, & Mentorship, CJGSO SHSU.	2021
"Thesis, Portfolio, & Dissertation Workshop," CJGSO, SHSU	
"Mentoring, Collaboration, & Publishing," CJGSO, SHSU	
"Navigating Academia" CJGSO, SHSU	

“Mental Health, Burnout, & Time Management,” CJGSO, SHSU 2020
“Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion with Students,” CJGSO, SHSU

Professional Development Training

Teaching Roundtable with Dean of The Graduate and Professional School 2024
Doctoral Teaching Assistant Lunch Forum with Dean of Students
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) 2021

Academic and Professional Memberships

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
American Society of Criminology (ASC)

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCIES

Proficient in Microsoft Office Applications and SPSS
Familiar with Qualtrics and Stata