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### Education

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| Present | Ph.D., Criminal Justice & Criminology<br>Sam Houston State University<br>Faculty Mentors: Jurg Gerber and Erin Orrick   |
| 2021    | M.S., Criminal Justice<br>University of Alabama at Birmingham<br>Faculty Mentor: Heith Copes<br>Master's Thesis: "Cultural narratives of methamphetamine using parents and children"<br>Graduated Summa Cum Laude |
| 2019    | B.S., Criminal Justice<br>University of Alabama at Birmingham<br>Honors Thesis: "Accounting for microdosing classic psychedelics"<br>Graduated Cum Laude  |

### Current Research Interests

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| • Drug Use/Drug Abuse           | • Qualitative Methodology |
| • Offender Motivations/Accounts | • Narrative Criminology   |

### Peer Reviewed Publications

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**Beaton, B. & Gerber, J. (2024).** From outsider to insider: A look at the subculture of microdosing. *Deviant Behavior*.

**Beaton, B., & Gerber, J. (2023).** Drug addiction and incarceration: A call for research and transparency among prison-based substance abuse treatment programs. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.

**Beaton, B., & Copes, H. (2023).** Parenting Narratives Among Methamphetamine Using Mothers and Fathers. *Crime & Delinquency*, 69(6-7), 1236-1255.

**Beaton, B., Todak, N., & Shjarback, J. A. (2022).** The benefits and supervisory styles of women police leaders. *Feminist Criminology*, 17(5), 619-640.

Copes, H., Brookman, F., Ragland, J., & **Beaton, B.** (2022). Sex, drugs, and coercive control: Gendered narratives of methamphetamine use, relationships, and violence. *Criminology*, 60(1), 187-218.

Copes, H., **Beaton, B.**, Ayeni, D., Dabney, D., & Tewksbury, R. (2020). A content analysis of qualitative research published in top criminology and criminal justice journals from 2010 to 2019. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 45, 1060-1079.

**Beaton, B.**, Copes, H., Webb, M., Hochstetler, A., & Hendricks, P. S. (2020). "Accounting for Microdosing Classic Psychedelics." *Journal of Drug Issues*, 50 (1): 3-14

## Manuscripts Under Review

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**Beaton, B.**, & Gerber, J. (2023). A dark figure of corrections: What we know about prison-based substance abuse treatment program participation and success. *Journal of Drug Issues*.

## Manuscripts In Progress

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**Beaton, B.**, Orrick, E. (2024). Accounting for deviant behaviors among marathon runners

Hbeilini, G., **Beaton, B.** (2024). Different strokes for different folks: An analysis of drug use through a racialized lens

**Beaton, B.** (2024). Unobtainable justice: A review of monetary sanctions as punishment

## Professional Presentations

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**Beaton, B.**, Copes, H., Webb, M., Hochstetler, A., & Hendricks, P. S. (2019). "Accounting for Microdosing Classic Psychedelics." Poster presented at the Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA) annual meeting, Nashville, TN. 2019.

**Beaton, B.**, & Copes, H. (2022). Parenting Narratives Among Methamphetamine Using Mothers and Fathers. *Crime & Delinquency*, 0011287211073675. Presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) annual meeting, Las Vegas, NM. 2022.

**Beaton, B.**, & Gerber, J. (2023). A dark figure of corrections: What we know about prison-based substance abuse treatment program participation and success. Presentation at The Western Society of Criminology (WSC) annual meeting, Vancouver, B.C. 2023.

**Beaton, B.**, & Orrick, E. (2024). Accounting for deviant behaviors among marathon runners. Presentation at The American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA 2023

## Honors and Awards

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2023	Recipient of the 2023 Hoover Summer Research Fellowship, Sam Houston State University
2022	Recipient of the 2022 Hoover Summer Research Fellowship, Sam Houston State University
2022	Recipient of the Rolando, Josefa, and Jocelyn del Carmen Criminal Justice Scholarship
2021	Recipient of the 2021 UAB Samuel B. Barker Award for Excellence in Graduate Studies at the Master's Level
2020	Recipient of the 2020 UAB Graduate School Dean's Scholarship
2019	"Accounting for Microdosing Classic Psychedelics." Winner, Student Poster Competition, Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference in Nashville, TN.

## Research Experience

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2022-Present	Research Assistant. Advisor: Erin Orrick Responsibilities: Obtaining data from marathon runners to construct theory-driven scholarship on the motives and accounts of marathon runners who engage in deviance
2021-Present	Research Assistant. Advisor: Jurg Gerber Responsibilities: Compiling prison data from all 50 states pertaining to in-house substance abuse treatment programs as well as data from online forums to enhance the understanding of those who microdose classic psychedelic substances
2021	Interviews with women who used illicit drugs while pregnant enrolled in UAB CAPP
2021	Research Assistant. Advisor: Heith Copes Responsibilities: Paper editing, data collection, and transcribed qualitative interviews with people involved in the Church of the Inner Light.
2021	Research Assistant.

Advisor: Hyeyoung Lim

Responsibilities: Gathered and coded quantitative studies pertaining to law enforcement responses to domestic violence.

2019-2021      Research Assistant. “Promoting and retaining women police leaders.”  
Advisor: Natalie Todak  
Responsibilities: Transcribed qualitative interviews with women police officers from across the United States. Analyzed interview data to understand the unique supervisory styles of women police leaders.

2018-2019      Criminal Justice Undergraduate Honors Program  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Advisor: Heith Copes  
Honor’s Thesis Title: “Accounting for microdosing classic psychedelics.”

- Selected as one of six students from a competitive pool of applicants to participate in a two-semester research course with capstone thesis project

## Teaching Experience

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2023            Introduction to Methods of Research. Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

2022            Introduction to Methods of Research. Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

## Academic Employment

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2021-Present    Doctoral Assistant (10 hours weekly)  
Doctoral Teaching Assistant (10 hours weekly)  
Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology  
Sam Houston State University  
Director: Wanda Leal

2019-2021      Graduate Research Assistant (20 hours weekly)  
Department of Criminal Justice  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Director: Tara Warner

2019            Intern,  
TASC Treatment Alternatives  
Jefferson County (AL) Jail  
Responsibilities: Assessed inmates via qualitative interviews to determine programming needs

## **Journals Reviewed For**

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*Crime & Delinquency*

*Deviant Behavior*

## **Professional Memberships**

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American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

Western Society of Criminology (WSC)

## **Service**

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2022-Present    Member, Fundraising Committee, Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Sam Houston State University

2021-Present    Member, Service Committee, Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Sam Houston State University

## **Professional Development**

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Spring 2023    *Guest Speaker Presentation:* “Disrupting Illicit Networks Using Social Network Analysis” presented by Dr. Sean Everton

Fall 2023        *Guest Speaker Presentation:* “Tacit Racism: Finding the systemic racism in social interaction and implications for social justice” presented by Dr. Anne Rawls

Spring 2022    *Publishing Workshop* held by Dr. Mitchel Roth, Dr. Mike Vaughn, and Dr. Jihong (Solomon) Zhao

Spring 2022    *Navigating the Non-Academic Job Market Workshop* held by Dr. Kyleigh Clark-Moorman, Dr. Alicia Jurek, and Dr. Vickie Mitchell

Spring 2022    *Interdisciplinary/Interdepartmental Networking* held by Dr. Shelly Clevenger

Spring 2022    *Yay! You Got a Job, Now What?* held by Dr. Jonathan Reid, Dr. Javier Ramos, and Dr. Peter Lehmann

Spring 2022    *Teaching, Research, and Service* with Dr. Jason Ingram and Dr. Ryan Randa

Spring 2022    *Grant Writing Workshop* held by Dr. Erin Orrick

Fall 2021        *Mental Health and Burnout, Time Management, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion* Workshops held by Sam Houston State University Faculty

## Professional References

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