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Education

- December 2021 Ph.D., Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University.
Dissertation: An analysis of state hate crime legislation: Do legislative history documents hold the key to hate crime law reform? Chair: Dr. Erin Orrick
- August 2017 M.A., Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University.
Thesis: The impact of low self-control and risky lifestyles on juvenile victimization. Chair: Dr. Ling Ren
- May 2015 B.S., Criminal Justice. Minor, Psychology, Sam Houston State University. (Summa Cum Laude with Honors)

Current Position

January 2022-present Research Associate, Correctional Management Institute of Texas

Academic Positions

- 2021 Graduate Research Assistant in the Correctional Management Institute of Texas
- 2019-2021 Doctoral Teaching Fellow in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at SHSU
- 2019-2021 Doctoral Research Assistant in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at SHSU for Drs. Danielle Boisvert, Brittany Hayes, Eryn O’Neal, & Erin Orrick
- 2017-2019 Doctoral Research Assistant: Crime Victims’ Institute at SHSU; Director: Dr. Courtney Franklin
- 2015-2017 Teaching and Research Assistant in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at SHSU for Drs. Randy Garner, Brittany Hayes, Kathy Latz, Eryn O’Neal, Ryan Randa, Ling Ren, Victoria Titterington, & Jihong Zhao.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Bills, M.A., Hayes, B.E., & Vaughn, M.S. (Accepted). A snapshot of hate crime legislation in the United States and its territories. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*.

Bills, M.A., & Hayes, B.E. (2022). The association between adherence to sexist beliefs and traditional family norms, religion, and attitudes toward sexual minorities. *Journal of Homosexuality*, 69(3), 499-524. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00918369.2020.1826836>

Hoppe, S., Zhang, Y., Hayes, B.E., & **Bills, M.A.** (2020). Mandatory arrest and recidivism: A meta-analysis of domestic violence literature. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 53. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.avb.2020.101430>

Bills, M.A., O'Neal, E.N., Hayes, B.E., & Meeker, K.A. (2019). Writing between the lines: Examining unprompted handwritten student comments on a campus climate survey. *Journal of School Violence*, 19(2), 205-218. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15388220.2019.1607745>

Hayes, B.E., O'Neal, E.N., Meeker, K.A., Steele, S.A., Brady, P.Q., & **Bills, M.A.** (2018). Assessing online strategies aimed at enhancing campus safety. *Journal of Aggression, Conflict, and Peace Research*, 10(2), 112-122. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JACPR-05-2017-0293>

He, N., Ren, L., Zhao, J., & **Bills, M.A.** (2018). Public attitudes toward the police: Findings from a dual-frame telephone survey. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 62(7), 1992-2015. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0306624X17690722>

Manuscripts in Progress

Bills, M.A., & Orrick, E.A. (Revise and Resubmit, August 2022). Assessing the impact and outcomes of the National Jail Leadership Command Academy on its graduates and their agencies. *Justice Evaluation Journal*.

Technical Reports

Bills, M.A., & Hayes, B.E. (2019). *Legislation and prosecution of hate crime*. Hate Crime Series, Vol. 1, Iss. 4, Crime Victims' Institute.

Bills, M.A., O'Neal, E.N., Hayes, B.E., & Meeker, K.A. (2019). *Writing between the lines: Examining unprompted handwritten student comments on a campus climate survey*. Campus Sexual Assault Series, Vol. 3., Iss. 1, Crime Victims' Institute.

Bills, M.A., & Franklin, C. (2018). *Hate crime: An overview*. Hate Crimes Series, Vol. 1, Iss. 1, Crime Victims' Institute, 2018.

Hayes, B.E., O'Neal, E.N., Meeker, K.A., Steele, S.A., Brady, P.Q., & **Bills, M.A.** (2018). *Assessing online strategies aimed at enhancing campus safety*. Campus Sexual Assault Series, Vol. 2, Iss. 2, Crime Victims' Institute.

Grant Work

2018-2019 Research Assistant: *Research and evaluation of Houston Police Department's response to sexual assault and domestic violence survivors.*

PI: Dr. Cortney Franklin. Funded by the Office of Violence Against Women.

2017 Interviewer: *Measuring the effects of correctional officer stress on the well-being of the officer and the prison workplace and developing a practical index of officer stress for use by correctional agencies*. PI: Dr. John Hepburn; Texas Site Coordinator: Dr. Melinda Tasca; Texas Site Co-Coordinator: Dr. H. Daniel Butler. Funded by the National Institute of Justice (Award No. 2014-IJ-CX-0026). SHSU Subcontract: \$127,194.

Conference Presentations

Bills, M.A., Hayes, B.E., & Vaughn, M.S. (2019). A snapshot of hate crime legislation in the United States and its territories. Presentation at the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, California.

Bills, M.A., & Hayes, B.E. (2018). Examining the effect of adherence to sexist attitudes and traditional family/gender roles on attitudes toward sexual minorities. Presentation at the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, Georgia.

Bills, M.A., O'Neal, E.N, Hayes, B.E., & Meeker, K.A. (2017). Writing between the lines: Examining unprompted handwritten student comments on a campus safety survey. Presentation at the American Society of Criminology in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Bills, M.A., & Ren, L. (2017). The impact of low self-control and risky lifestyles on juvenile victimization. Presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Kansas City, Missouri.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Workshops and Conferences Attended

2022	Completed Qualtrics Introduction Training at Sam Houston State
2022	Completed P-Card Training for Sam Houston State
2022	Sam Houston State Staff Senate Professional Development Conference
2020	Sam Houston State's 16 th Annual Diversity Leadership Conference
2019	Sam Houston State's Annual Teaching and Learning Conference

SERVICE

College and University

2020	Speaker, Teaching Tips and Tricks Presentation to SHSU Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization
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- 2019-2020 Coordinator, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. An event sponsored by SHSU, as a part of their Sexual Assault Awareness Month
2020 Walk a Mile was canceled due to COVID-19 concerns
- 2018 Co-Coordinator, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. An event sponsored by SHSU, as a part of their Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- 2018-2020 Member, Sam Houston State Sexual Assault Awareness Month Committee
- 2017-2018 Volunteer, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. An event sponsored by SHSU, as a part of their Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- 2016-2021 Peer Mentor, for fellow criminal justice and criminology graduate students.
- 2015-2021 Member, SHSU Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology Graduate Student Organization.

Profession

- 2020 Manuscript Reviewer: *Journal of School Violence*, *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*
- 2019 Lightning Talk Discussant, American Society of Criminology: San Francisco, California. Disproportionate representation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system: Is race and unconscious bias the root cause or is access to services by no other means?
- 2017 Panel Chair, ACJS Conference: Kansas City, Missouri. Victimization and offending: Exploring the roles of control and financial well-being.

Honors and Awards

- 2018-2021 John Lee McMaster Criminal Justice Scholarship, SHSU.
- 2018 Raven Scholar, SHSU.
- 2017-2021 Doctoral Scholarship, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, SHSU.
- 2016-2021 Graduate Bearkat Grant, SHSU.
- 2015-2017 Graduate Fellowship Scholarship, SHSU.
- 2015 Graduated Summa Cum Laude with Honors, SHSU.
- 2012 Assam Scholarship in Honors Research, SHSU.

- 2012-2015 President's List, SHSU.
- 2011-2015 Dean's List, College of Criminal Justice, SHSU.
- 2011-2015 Elliot T. Bowers Honors Scholarship, SHSU.
- 2011-2012 High School Relations Scholarship, Liberal Arts and Science Academy of Austin.

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Criminology (ASC), member, Student Division of Victimology
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), member, Student Division of Victimology

References

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