

Shaina Herman

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2024 – present	Assistant Professor Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology Sam Houston State University
2024 – present	Research Affiliate Department of Criminology Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law
2023 – 2024	Post-Doctoral Researcher Department of Criminology Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law
2020 – 2023	Researcher Department of Criminology Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law
2016 – 2023	Graduate Assistant and Instructor University at Albany, State University of New York

EDUCATION

2016 – 2023	University at Albany, State University of New York Ph.D. Criminal Justice <i>Dissertation:</i> Morality, Context, and Criminal Choice <i>Committee:</i> Greg Pogarsky (Chair), Justin T. Pickett, Theodore Wilson, David McDowall, and Kyle J. Thomas *2020 Recipient of the Eliot H. Lumbard Award for Academic Excellence
2014 – 2015	University at Albany, State University of New York M.A. Criminal Justice
2010 – 2014	Indiana University of Pennsylvania <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> B.A. Criminology; Pre-Law; minor in Philosophy

- Crime decision-making
- Morality and criminal choice
- Context and criminal choice
- Criminological theory
- Guardianship and Bystander Intervention
- Survey research methods
- Novel methodologies for testing criminological theory

Refereed Publications

- 2024 **Herman, S.** & Pogarsky, G. Moral Salience, Situational Moral Evaluations, and Criminal Choice. *Crime & Delinquency*.
- 2024 Van Gelder, J. L., Barnum, T. C., **Herman, S.**, & Wozniak, P. The MAXLab aggression and bystander intervention scenario set (MAXLab_ABISS): A modular scenario set for studying decision making in situations of interpersonal violence in virtual reality. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 1-21.
- 2024 Barnum, T. C., **Herman, S.**, van Gelder, J. L., Ribeaud, D., Eisner, M., & Nagin, D. S. (2024). Reactive guardianship: Who intervenes? How? And why?. *Criminology*, 62(3), 587-618.
*Shared first authorship.
- 2024 **Herman, S.**, Barnum, T. C., Minà, P. E., Wozniak, P., & van Gelder, J. L. Affect, emotions, and crime decision-making: emerging insights from immersive 360° video experiments. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*.
- Featured in: [*Scientific American*](#)
- 2023 **Herman, S.**, & Pogarsky, G. Situational Moral Evaluations: The Role of Rationalizations & Moral Identity. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 60(4), 493-538.
- 2023 Nagin, D. S., **Herman, S.**, & Barnum, T. C. Collective Guardianship, Reactive and Proactive. *Crime and Justice* 52, 487-523.
- 2022 **Herman, S.**, & Pogarsky, G. Morality, Deterrability, and Offender Decision Making. *Justice Quarterly*, 39(1), 1-25. Published online first (2020).
- 2019 Pogarsky, G., & **Herman, S.** Nudging and the Choice Architecture of Offending Decisions. *Criminology & Public Policy*, 18(4), 823-839.

Collaborative Projects and Ongoing Data Collection

- [Use of 360° Virtual Reality](#) to examine the effects of emotions on cognition and willingness to act in risky situations. Data collection includes perceptual and physiobiological measures. Conducted with Timothy C. Barnum, Jean-Louis van Gelder, & Peter Wozniak.
- Incorporating a video vignette into the [Zurich Project on the Social Development from Childhood to Adulthood](#). With Daniel S. Nagin, Timothy C. Barnum, Jean-Louis van Gelder, Manuel Eisner, & Denis Ribeaud.
- Incorporating virtual reality experiments into the Quebec Newborn Twin Study. With Daniel S. Nagin, Timothy C. Barnum, Jean-Louis van Gelder, & Mara Brendgen.

GRANTS

2024	SHSU Internal Grant Program: New Faculty “Framing Effects and Moral Evaluations of Crime: A Two-Part Experimental Study.” Awarded: \$4,760.
2024	SHSU Internal Grant Program: New Faculty “Reactive Guardianship and Fear of Police: Unpacking Racial Dynamics in the Willingness to Intervene.” Awarded: \$4,993.
2023	Russell Sage Foundation <i>Program on Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration</i> Budgeted Request: \$100,000 – unfunded
2023	Nominated for Max Planck Partner Groups Worldwide <i>Max Planck Society, Munich, Germany</i> €20,000 annually / 5 years – unfunded

PROFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023 – present	Collaboration Partner Jacobs Center for Productive Youth Development <i>University of Zurich</i>
2019 – 2023 2017 – 2019	Managing Editor for Review, <i>Criminology</i> Managing Editor for Production, <i>Criminology</i> Supervised by David McDowall, Lead Co-Editor (Co-Editors: Janet Lauritsen, Charis E. Kubrin, Jody Miller, Brian D. Johnson, Carter Hay)
8/2015 – 8/2016	Graduate Intern , Office of the District Attorney, Indiana, PA
5/2015 – 9/2015	Researcher , Citizen Police Review Board, Pittsburgh, PA

9/2014 – 5/2015 **Graduate Intern**, NYS Office of Mental Health, Risk Assessment and Record Review, Albany, NY

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(# of sections taught)

2025	Introduction to Research Methods (1) Instructor of Record <i>Sam Houston State University</i>
2024 - 2025	Criminology (4) Instructor of Record <i>Sam Houston State University</i>
2018 – 2023	Introduction to Criminology (8) Instructor of Record <i>University at Albany, State University of New York</i>
2016 – 2017	Introduction to Criminology (2) Teaching Assistant & Discussion Leader Supervised by Justin T. Pickett <i>University at Albany, State University of New York</i>

INVITED TALKS

Herman, Shaina (2024). Examining the Efficacy of the 360° Virtual Reality Method for Capturing Criminogenic Emotions and Decision-Making Processes: An Experimental Test of Anger and Arousal. University of Cambridge - Nigel Walker Symposium, Cambridge, UK.

Herman, Shaina (2023). Conducting Research Using Virtual Reality with Shaina Herman. [The Criminology Academy](#) Podcast.

Herman, Shaina (2023). Moral Salience, Context, and Criminal Choice. Workshop on Choice, Structure, and Crime. Max Planck Institute for Crime, Security & Law. Freiburg, Germany.

Herman, Shaina (2022). A Decision Making Theory of Intervention. zIReN Workshop, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Herman, Shaina (2021). Rationalizations, Moral Evaluations, and Criminal Decision Making. Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law Symposium on Offender Decision Making. Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany.

Herman, Shaina (2020). Morality and Offender Decision Making: Future Directions. Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany.

Herman, Shaina (2018). Exploration of the Moral Underpinnings of Acute Conformity. University at Albany's 50th Anniversary Event, Albany, NY.

Herman, Shaina (2018). Exploration of the Moral Underpinnings of Acute Conformity. Criminal Justice Decision Making in Social and Legal Context Symposium. Laboratory for Decision Making in Criminal Justice, Albany, NY.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Herman, Shaina (2025). Examining the Role of Emotional Experiences and Moral Evaluations in the Decision to Engage in Violence. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.

Herman, Shaina (2024). Examining the Role of Emotional Experiences and Moral Evaluations in the Decision to Engage in Violence. American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Herman, Shaina (2024). The Influence of Emotions on Crime Decision-Making: Using Virtual Reality Technology. American Association for the Advancement of Science, Denver, CO.

Herman, Shaina & Jean-Louis van Gelder (2023). Situational Moral Evaluations, Emotions, and Crime Decisions: A Virtual Reality Experiment. American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Herman, Shaina, Timothy C. Barnum, & Jean-Louis van Gelder (2023). Examining the Efficacy of the 360° Virtual Reality Method for Capturing Criminogenic Emotions: An Experimental Test of Anger and Arousal. European Society of Criminology, Florence, Italy.

Herman, Shaina, & Greg Pogarsky (2022). Moral Salience, Context, and Criminal Choice. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

Herman, Shaina & Greg Pogarsky (2022). Moral Salience, Context, and Criminal Choice. ComplianceNet, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Herman, Shaina, & Greg Pogarsky (2021). Rationalizations, Moral Evaluations, and Criminal Decision Making. American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

Herman, Shaina, Theodore Wilson, & Justin T. Pickett (2019). A Longitudinal Examination of Remorselessness and Offending. American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Herman, Shaina, Theodore Wilson, & Justin T. Pickett (2019). Remorselessness and Offending: A Longitudinal Study of Remorselessness and Instrumental Calculation. Western Society of Criminology, Honolulu, HI.

Herman, Shaina & Greg Pogarsky (2018). Choice Architecture & Offending Decisions. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta GA.

Herman, Shaina. (2018). Deterrability: Deterrables and their Non-deterrable Counterparts. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, LA.

Herman, Shaina, (2017). The intersection of Morality and Deterrence: Modeling Acute Conformity. American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

Herman, Shaina. (2015). Police Pursuits: Risks and rewards. Presented to: Citizen Police Review Board, Pittsburgh, PA.

Herman, Shaina. (2015). Police Surveillance and Privacy Concerns. Presented to: Citizen Police Review Board, Pittsburgh, PA.

SERVICE

8/2024 – present	Undergraduate Curriculum and Assessment Committee Member <i>Sam Houston State University</i>
9/2021 – 8/2024	Lab Meeting Director <i>Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law</i>
6/2019 – 6/2020	Graduate Student Association Advanced Representative <i>University at Albany, School of Criminal Justice</i>
6/2019 – 6/2020	Graduate Committee - Student Representative <i>University at Albany, School of Criminal Justice</i>
6/2018 – 6/2019	Graduate Student Association Vice President <i>University at Albany, School of Criminal Justice</i>
5/2018	Promotion Committee - Graduate Student Representative <i>University at Albany, School of Criminal Justice</i>
4/2018	Organizing Committee Member Criminal Justice Decision Making Symposium <i>Laboratory for Decision Making, University at Albany</i>
6/2017 – 6/2018	Graduate Student Association Treasurer <i>University at Albany, School of Criminal Justice</i>

Graduate Student Committees:

Max Knabe
Master's Thesis Committee Member
Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich

Editorial Board Member:

Criminology

Ad-Hoc Manuscript Reviewer:

Criminology

Crime & Delinquency

Deviant Behavior

International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology

Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency

Justice Quarterly

Sociological Inquiry

Victims & Offenders

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

European Society of Criminology

Max Planck Society

Western Society of Criminology

zIReN: z-proso International Research Network

REFERENCES

Available upon request.