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## EDUCATION

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2025	Ph.D.	Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University
2020	M.A.	Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University
2018	B.S.	Victim Studies, Sam Houston State University

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2023 – Present	Graduate Research Assistant, Crime Victims' Institute Sam Houston State University
2018 – 2023	Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology Sam Houston State University

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Victimology	Carceral Studies
Sexual/Gender-based Violence	Special Populations

## PUBLICATIONS

### REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Hernandez, C. N.,** Clevenger, S., & Backes, B. (2024). Examining Latina IPV Survivors' Help-Seeking Experiences: Unmet Needs and Lack of Culturally Competent Services. *Crime & Delinquency*, 00111287241252372.
- Ramos, J., **Hernandez, C.,** & Shelfer, D. (2023). Illuminating the Immigration-Crime Nexus: A Test of the Immigration Revitalization Perspective. *Societies*, 13(6), 137. <https://doi.org/10.3390/soc13060137>
- Ramos, J., Piatkowska, S. J., & **Hernandez, C. N.** (2023). An Empirical Examination of the In-Prison Behaviors of Foreign-Born Individuals: Does Nationality Predict Misconduct? *Race and Justice*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/21533687231202051>
- Hayes, B. E., O'Neal, E. N., & **Hernandez, C. N.** (2021). The Sexual Victimization of College Students: A Test of Routine Activity Theory. *Crime & Delinquency*, 67(12), 2043–2068. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0011128720954347>

### NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Hernandez, C.N.** (2023). Mass Violence Victimization: The Facts. *Crime Victims' Institute*. <http://www.crimevictimsinstitute.org/pubs/?mode=view&input=210>
- Hernandez, C.N.** (2023). Victimization Among the Latinx Population: The Facts. *Crime Victims' Institute*. <http://www.crimevictimsinstitute.org/pubs/?mode=view&input=213>
- Hernandez, C.N.** (2023). Substance Abuse Among Indigenous Peoples: The Facts. *Crime Victims' Institute*. <http://www.crimevictimsinstitute.org/pubs/?mode=view&input=215>
- Hernandez, C.N.** (2023). Medical-Error Victimization: The Facts. *Crime Victims' Institute*. <http://www.crimevictimsinstitute.org/pubs/?mode=view&input=218>
- Hernandez, C.N.** (2024). The Intersection Between Human Trafficking and Stalking: The Facts. *Crime Victims' Institute*. <http://www.crimevictimsinstitute.org/pubs/?mode=view&input=220>
- Hernandez, C.N.** (2024). Secondary Prisonization: The Facts. *Crime Victims' Institute*. <http://www.crimevictimsinstitute.org/pubs/?mode=view&input=223>
- Hernandez, C.N.** (2024). Image-based Sexual Abuse: The Facts. *Crime Victims' Institute*. <http://www.crimevictimsinstitute.org/pubs/?mode=view&input=227>
- Hernandez, C.N.** (2024). Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy: The Facts. *Crime Victims' Institute*. <http://www.crimevictimsinstitute.org/pubs/?mode=view&input=230>
- Hernandez, C.N.** (2024). Elder Financial Abuse and Exploitation: The Facts. *Crime Victims' Institute*. <http://www.crimevictimsinstitute.org/pubs/?mode=view&input=233>
- Hernandez, C.N.** (2024). The Impact of Wrongful Convictions: The Facts. *Crime Victims' Institute*. <http://www.crimevictimsinstitute.org/pubs/?mode=view&input=234>

### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

**Hernandez, C.N.**, Craig, M. *Deadly Force by U.S. Customs and Border Protection: An Analysis of Fatal Encounters with Latinxs. Sociology of Race and Ethnicity.*

### MANUSCRIPTS IN-PROGRESS

**Hernandez, C.N.** Reporting Sexual Victimization and Use of Services: An Examination of College Students' Help-Seeking Behaviors.

**Hernandez, C.N.**, Palacios, J., Zhang, Y. Examining Changes in Prostitution Arrests Following the Start of COVID-19 and Implementation of Texas H.B. 1540: An Interrupted Time Series Analysis.

Hbeilini, G., Kondrat, A., **Hernandez, C.N.** Determining Domestic Terrorist Attacks: A County-level Comparison of Sociopolitical Factors

Young, C.M.F., **Hernandez, C.N.**, Raza, A. "They Do Not Have the Benefit of Being Viewed as Victims": An Intersectional Examination of Barriers to Human Trafficking Victim Designation.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2018 – 2023 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology  
Sam Houston State University

- Introduction to the Criminal Justice System
- Criminal Justice & Social Diversity
- Victimology
- Aging, Crime, and Victimization
- Gender and Crime

### INVITED GUEST LECTURES

Spring 2023 "Qualitative Research Methods: Interviewing" – Introduction to Methods of Research

### FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & HONORS

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2023 – 2024 Rolando, Josefa, and Jocelyn del Carmen Criminal Justice Scholarship

Summer 2023 Larry Hoover Summer Research Fellowship

Fall 2022 American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division of Victimology (DOV) Travel Scholarship. Student winner.

2021 – 2023 Resource & Outreach for Academic Diversity (ROAD) to Ph.D. Program.

Fall 2019 American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division of Victimology (DOV) Graduate Student Paper of the Year Award – "*The Victimization of College Students and Perceptions of Campus Safety: A Test of Routine Activity Theory.*"

Fall 2019 Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ) Graduate Student Paper Competition (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) – "*The Victimization of College Students and Perceptions of Campus Safety: A Test of Routine Activity Theory.*"

Summer 2019 Larry Hoover Summer Research Fellowship.

2018 – 2020 Academic Success Program in Research Empowerment (ASPIRE).

Summer 2017 Scholarship to Study Abroad in Australia

2016 – 2017 Student Travel Award for Professional Presentation (STAPP)

2016 – 2018 McNair Scholars Program, Cohort XIV.

2015 – 2018 Elliot T. Bowers Honors College

### GRANTS & CONTRACTS

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May 2023 – August 2023 Pilot Study Grant. "*An Intersectional Criminological Investigation into Racial Barriers of Human Trafficking Identification and Designation.*"  
Sam Houston State University

- PI: Dr. Cassandra Gonzalez
- Research Assistant to PI: Cristal Hernandez

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2024 **Hernandez, C.N.**, Craig, M. "*Deadly Force by U.S. Customs and Border Protection: An Analysis of Fatal Encounters with Latinxs.*" To be presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2024 Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

- 2023 **Hernandez, C.N.**, Ramos, J., & Piatkowska, S. “*An Empirical Examination of the In-Prison Behaviors of Foreign-Born Individuals: Does Nationality Predict Misconduct?*” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. National Harbor, MD.
- 2022 **Hernandez, C.N.**, Clevenger, S., Wood, L., & Backes, B. “*Examining Barriers to Seeking Help Among Latina Survivors of IPV.*” Poster presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 **Hernandez, C.N.** “*Reporting Sexual Victimization and Use of Services: An Examination of College Students’ Help-Seeking Behaviors.*” Poster presented at the Texas Victim Services Association Research Symposium. College Station, TX.

## SERVICE

### *SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, & DEPARTMENT*

- 2022 – 2023 Graduate School Ambassador
- 2018 – Present Criminal Justice (CJ) Graduate Student Organization (GSO) Member
- Service, Fundraising, Social Committees
- 2018 – 2019 Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) Committee Volunteer
- 2018 – 2019 Women’s History Month Committee Volunteer

### *SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY*

- 2022 – Present Hospitality House Volunteer, Huntsville, TX.
- 2020 – Present Houston Food Bank Volunteer, Houston, TX.
- 2018 – 2020 SAAFE House Volunteer, Huntsville, TX.

### *SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE*

- 2023 ACJS Annual Meeting Volunteer (Session Counter). National Harbor, MD.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Spring 2023 Faculty Certification for Online Instruction, SHSU Online.
- 2022 – 2023 Diversity Education, Engagement, Development, and Support (DEEDS) Certification Program, Cohort II.
- 2021 – 2022 Graduate/Undergraduate Instructor Academy (GUIA)
- 2021 – Present CJ GSO Workshops

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2023 – Present Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- 2017 – Present National Society of Collegiate Scholars. SHSU Chapter.
- 2016 – Present American Society of Criminology
- Division of Victimology (DOV)
  - Division of Feminist Criminology (DFC)