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EDUCATION

Fall 2022 – Present
Expected graduation: May 2024

Sam Houston State University

Master of Arts, Criminal Justice & Criminology
Cumulative GPA: 4.0

Fall 2019 – Spring 2022

Sam Houston State University

Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice
Minor: Sociology

Summa Cum Laude
Cumulative GPA: 3.96
Major GPA: 4.0

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Alternative justice mechanisms, criminal policy, prison reformation

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Koza, M. (2022). Restorative justice in practice: Does it have a future in criminology? *The Measure: A Journal of Undergraduate Research*, 6(1), 69-83.

In-progress

Koza, M., Kokkalera, S. S., & Navarro, J. C. (2022). *Alternative consequences for youth crimes: An analysis of restorative justice practices for youth in America.*

Laugalis, V., **Koza, M.**, Kokkalera, S. S., & Vaughn, M. S. (2022) *Technically not life: How “de facto life” sentences condemn juveniles to die in prison.*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Laugalis, V. & **Koza, M.** (2022, November 16-19). *Technically not life: How “de facto life” sentences condemn juveniles to die in prison.* Presented at the 78th annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, United States.

Koza, M. (2022, April 23). *Alternative consequences for youth crimes: An analysis of restorative justice practices for youth in America.* Presented at the 15th annual Sam Houston State University Undergraduate Research Symposium, Huntsville, TX, United States.

Koza, M. (2022, March 14-18). *Alternative consequences for youth crimes: An analysis of restorative justice practices for youth in America.* Presented at the 59th annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Las Vegas, NV, United States.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Fall 2022 – Present	Criminal Justice and Criminology Masters Scholarship
April 2022	The Honors College Award for Most Outstanding Senior-Oral-Media-Panel Presentation
March 2022	Student Travel Awards for Professional Presentation - \$400.00
Spring 2020 – Spring 2022	President’s List
Fall 2019 – Spring 2022	Dean’s List

CERTIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Fall 2022 – Present	American Society of Criminology
Spring 2022 – Present	Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Spring 2021 – Present	Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Society
Spring 2021 – Present	Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society
Spring 2021 – Spring 2026	CITI Program Social-Behavioral-Educational Researchers Certification

Fall 2021 – Present National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice – Treasurer; SHSU Chapter

Fall 2019 – Present National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fall 2022 – Present *Graduate Research Assistant*

Sam Houston State University -
Department of Criminal Justice &
Criminology

Supervisors: Drs. Stuti S. Kokkalera and
John C. Navarro

Summer 2021 – Spring 2022 *Undergraduate Student Researcher*

Sam Houston State University -
Department of Criminal Justice &
Criminology

Supervisors: Drs. Stuti S. Kokkalera and
John C. Navarro

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2022 – Present *Graduate Teaching Assistant*

Sam Houston State University - Department of
Criminal Justice & Criminology

Supervisors: Drs. Stuti S. Kokkalera, John C.
Navarro, and Alexander Kinney

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

August 2022 Graduate/Undergraduate Instructor
Academy

Fall 2022 – Present Criminal Justice Graduate Student
Organization (GSO) workshops