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## EDUCATION

- 2021 – Present      Ph.D., Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University
- 2018 – 2021      M.A., Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University  
*Thesis:* Inmate Constitutional Rights and Exposure to Extreme Heat in Correctional Facilities.  
 Committee: Drs. Michael S. Vaughn (chair); Jurg Gerber; Dennis Longmire.
- 2016 – 2018      B.A., Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, *with Honors, Summa Cum Laude*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Institutional corrections, correctional health care, and prisoner's rights.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023 – Present      *Doctoral Teaching Fellow*, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University.
- 2021 – Present      *Doctoral Research Assistant*, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University.
- 2018 – 2020      *Graduate Research Assistant*, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University.
- 2018      *Interviewer*. Measured the effects of correctional officer stress on officer well-being and the prison workplace. Developed a practical index of officer stress for use by correctional agencies. PI: John Hepburn; Co-PI/Texas Site Coordinator: Melinda Tasca; Co-PI/Texas Site Co-Coordinator: H. Daniel Butler. Funded by the National Institute of Justice (Award No. 2014-IJ-CX-0026). \$666,268.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Palacios, J. E., & Vaughn, M. S. (2023). Inmates with heat sensitive health conditions: Surveying prisoner litigation in the age of climate change. *Criminal Justice Review*.

Palacios, J. E., Butler, H. D., & Griffin III, O. H. (2020). A systematic review of Section 1983 lawsuits filed by Texas inmates. *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research*.

### *Manuscripts in Progress*

Palacios, J. E., & Vaughn, M. S. (2024). Climate change and prisoners' rights in hot prisons: How "No right to comfortable prisons" plays out in inmate litigation.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Palacios, J. E., & Vaughn, M. S. (2023, November). *Litigation in federal and state courts regarding prisoners exposed to environmental contaminants*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Palacios, J. E., & Vaughn, M. S. (2023, March). *Litigation involving prisoners exposed to environmental contaminants*. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, National Harbor, MD.

Palacios, J. E., & Vaughn, M. S. (2022, March). *Exposing inmates to extreme heat in correctional facilities as a constitutional violation: U.S. Federal District Courts Decisions*. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

Palacios, J. E., & Vaughn, M. S. (2021, November). *Exposing inmates to extreme heat in correctional facilities as a constitutional violation: U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals Decisions*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Palacios, J. E., & Vaughn, M. S. (2020, March). *Inmate constitutional rights and exposure to extreme heat in correctional facilities*. Abstract accepted for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX. [Cancelled].

Palacios, J. E., & Butler, H. D. (2018, November). *An examination of the relationship between inmate litigation and institutional characteristics*. Poster presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Palacios, J. E., Butler, H. D., & Neibuhr, N. (2017, November). *A systematic review of federal court rulings on Texas prison conditions*. Poster presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Palacios, J. E., & Butler, H. D. (2017, April). *A systematic review of federal and state court rulings on Texas prison conditions*. Poster presented at the Elliot T. Bower's Honors College Undergraduate Research Symposium, Huntsville, TX.

### **SERVICE**

2021 – Present	Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization, <i>Member</i>
2021 – 2022	Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization, <i>Teaching and Professional Development Committee Member</i>
2019 – 2021	Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization, <i>Peer Mentor</i>
2018 – 2020	Latinx Graduate Student Organization, <i>Secretary</i>
2016 – 2018	Food Pantry@SHSU, <i>Secretary/Volunteer Coordinator</i>
2016 – 2017	Kats for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), <i>Member</i>
2016 – 2017	Freshman Leadership Program, <i>Freshman Leader</i>
2016 – 2017	National Organization of Hispanics in Criminal Justice, <i>Member</i>
2016 – 2017	Student Alumni Association, <i>Member</i>
2017	SAAFE House, <i>Volunteer</i>
2016	The Good Shepherd Mission, <i>Volunteer</i>
2016	Boys and Girls Club, <i>Volunteer</i>
2016	Hospitality House, <i>Volunteer</i>

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2020 – Present	R.O.A.D. to PhD Program, <i>Scholar</i>
2023 – 2024	The Graduate and Professional School, Sam Houston State University, <i>Graduate Ambassador</i>
2023 – 2024	Rolando, Josefa, and Jocelyn del Carmen Criminal Justice Scholarship, <i>Recipient</i>
2019 – 2023	John Lee McMaster Criminal Justice Scholarship, <i>Recipient</i>
2022	Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization Travel Scholarship, <i>Recipient</i>
2018 – 2020	Graduate Studies Bridge to A.S.P.I.R.E. Program, <i>Scholar</i>
2016 – 2020	Smith-Hutson Scholarship, <i>Recipient</i>
2019 – 2020	Larry Hoover Summer Research Fellowship, <i>Recipient</i>
2018, 2019, 2020	Sam Houston State University Graduate Studies Scholarship, <i>Recipient</i>
2017 – 2018	McNair Scholars Program, <i>Scholar</i>
2017 – 2018	Raven Scholar, <i>Recipient</i>
2017 – 2018	Elliot T. Bower's Honors College, <i>Honors Student</i>
2017	Student Travel Award for Professional Presentation, <i>Recipient</i>
2016 – 2018	Sam Houston State University, College of Criminal Justice Dean's List
2016 – 2018	Sam Houston State University, President's List

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2021 – Present	Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization Workshops <i>Publishing</i> <i>Mentor and Mentee</i> <i>Navigating the Academic/Non-academic Job Market</i>
2022, 2023, 2024	Graduate/Undergraduate Instructor Academy Training, Sam Houston State University <i>FERPA</i>

*Title IX*  
*Classroom Management*

2018 CITI Research with Human Subjects Training, Sam Houston State  
University

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Society of Criminology

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

## REFERENCES

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