

Kathleen Ratajczak
Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University of Kentucky: Lexington, KY

PhD in Sociology, August 2020;

Dissertation- "Help Seeking after Campus Sexual Assault: From Title IX to Victims"

University of Cincinnati: Cincinnati, OH

Master of Arts in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies – May 2015

John Carroll University: University Heights, OH

Bachelor of Arts in English - May 2012 *Magna Cum Laude*

Research Areas

Gender-Based & Sexual Violence | Help Seeking & Disclosure | Law & Policy | Social Inequalities

Professional Experience

Sam Houston State University, Department of Victim Studies

- Assistant Professor, August 2020-current
- Undergraduate Program Coordinator in Victim Studies, January 2021-current
- Research Coordinator, Crime Victims' Institute, August 2021-August 2022

University of Kentucky, Department of Sociology

- Graduate Instructor, August 2015-August 2020

University of Kentucky, Committee on Social Theory

- Research Assistant, KY, August 2016-July 2017

Gateway Community and Technical College:

- Adjunct Instructor, Fall 2016-Spring 2019

University of Cincinnati, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies:

- Graduate Instructor, August 2013-April 2015

Publications

*Indicates student co-author

Journal Articles

In Press

2023 Ratajczak, K and Teut, J. "Queering Title IX: Protecting Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Students from Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence." *Victims & Offenders*, 18(1), 101-121. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2022.2138665>

- 2022 Ratajczak, Kathleen. "Small Social Networks and Help Seeking after Campus Sexual Assault: The Importance of Race and School Size." *Crime & Delinquency*. Online First, November 11, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287221134918>
- 2022 Navarro, J.C. and Ratajczak, K. "Rape Myth Acceptance and General Self-Efficacy: Gender, Race, and Ethnic Differences of Knowing a Sexual Assault Victim Among University Students." *Violence Against Women*, 28(15-16), 3762-3784. Online First, January 25, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10778012211068056>
- 2020 Stamatel, J.S., Ratajczak, K., and Hoekstra, R. "Do Gun Policies Really Protect Women? A Cross-national Test of the Relationship between Gun Regulations and Female Homicide Victimization". *Journal of Mediterranean Knowledge*, 5(1), 19–46.
- 2019 ^Morris, E. and Ratajczak, K. "Critical Masculinity Studies and Research on Violence Against Women: An Assessment of Past Scholarship and Future Directions." *Violence Against Women*. 25(16). ^Shared Authorship
- 2017 Liberato, A.SQ, and Ratajczak, K. "The Feminist Debate on Prostitution and Trafficking: Reflections for a Unified and Theory-Driven Approach." *The International Review of Modern Sociology*. 43(1).

Under Review

Ratajczak, Kathleen. "Due Process, Institutional Logics, and Unintended Consequences: Contradictions Between Campus Sexual Assault Support Services Create Barriers for Service Delivery."

Ratajczak, K., and Wingert, A*. "“I know that they can’t always have the survivors’ wishes 100% honored’: Survivor-Centered vs. Constrained Trauma-Informed Care.”

Ratajczak, K. and Wingert, A.* "“It’s not like I wanted him kicked off the football team’: Alternative Approaches to Justice and Campus Sexual Assault.”

Works in Progress

Pettus, Z. and Ratajczak, K. Sexual Scripts, Victim Blaming, and other Stereotypes as Barriers to Helping After Campus Sexual Assault.

Ratajczak, K. Success and Burnout: Utilizing Conceptualization of Success as a Measure to Battle Turnover and Compassion Fatigue for Victim Service Providers.

Stamatel, J.S. and Ratajczak, K. Examining the Interplay of Gun Control, Gender Equality, and Homicide across Countries.

Ratajczak, K., Forcelini, J., Haase, T., and Austin, T. Meta-Analysis on Barriers to Student Access to Online Learning.

Books

Under Contract

Clevenger, S., Kelley, S., Ratajczak, K. Queer Victimology. Routledge. Under Contract –

Due to publisher Feb 2023. Anticipated 2023.

Book Chapters

In Press

2020 Ratajczak, K. "Violence Against Women." In *Examining Crime and Justice around the World*, Janet P. Stamatel. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2020.

Technical Reports

2023 *Wingert, A., and Ratajczak, K. *Trauma-Informed Care and Campus Sexual Assault Helping Professionals*. Crime Victims' Institute.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

- 2022 New Faculty Program, Internal Grant Program, ORSP, Sam Houston State University. *Sexual- and Gender-based Victimization and Geographic Environments*. \$4,880.
- 2021 Campe, Margaret and Kathleen Ratajczak. Submitted to Office of Violence Against Women. *Assessing Needs, Barriers, and Opportunities for College Campus Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Intervention at Three Minority Serving Institutions*. \$450,000. Not awarded.
- 2020 John A. O'Donnell Award for Outstanding Graduate Student, University of Kentucky
- 2019 Larry J. Siegel Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Gender and Crime, American Society of Criminology Division on Women and Crime, \$5,000
- 2019 Dean's Competitive Graduate Fellowship, University of Kentucky's College of Arts and Sciences, \$10,000
- 2019 Professional Development Grant, Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Initiatives, University of Kentucky, \$750
- 2018 Beers Graduate Student Summer Fellowship, Department of Sociology at the University of Kentucky \$1,000
- 2014 Taft Research Center Graduate Summer Fellowship, University of Cincinnati, \$3,000
- 2014 Taft Research Center Graduate Enrichment Award, University of Cincinnati, \$1,162
- 2014 Commission on the Status of University of Cincinnati Women, \$500

Teaching Experience

Sam Houston State University

CRIJ/VCST3350: Victimology (in-person, online asynchronous, & online synchronous)

CRIJ/VCST4383: Family Violence (online, in-person, & ACE)

CRIJ 4377: Special Topics, Vulnerable Victimization (online)

VCST 6330: Neurobiology of Trauma (online)

University of Kentucky

SOC101: Introduction to Sociology (online asynchronous)
SOC304: Classical Sociological Theory
SOC335: Sociology of Gender
SOC339: Introduction to Criminology (online asynchronous)
SOC439: Topics In Crime, Law and Deviance: Victimology (co-taught)
SOC339: Introduction to Criminology (TA)
SOC338: Family Violence (hybrid)
SOC350: Topics in Sociology: Social Movements (TA)
SOC350: Topics in Sociology: Victimology (online asynchronous)
SOC432: Race and Ethnic Relations (TA)
SOC435: Topics in Inequality: Masculinities (TA)
SOC437: Sociology of Law (TA)

Gateway – Kentucky Community and Technical College System

WGS57009: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies in the Social Sciences (online asynchronous & in- person)

University of Cincinnati

WGS 2001-001: Women, Culture, and Power
WGS 2010: Human Sexuality (TA)

Professional Presentations

Invited Presentations & Talks

- 2023 “Sexual Assault Awareness Panel.” Hosted by SHSU Student Government. Huntsville, TX, May 2.
- 2023 “Stereotypes & Victim-Blaming.” Hosted by SHSU Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega. Huntsville, TX, March 27.
- 2023 “Taylor Swift and Feminism and Sexuality.” Honors Seminar on Taylor Swift, Sam Houston State University. Huntsville, TX, March 22.
- 2022 “Trauma-Informed Care on College Campuses.” 3rd Annual Campus Advocacy Conference, University of Texas at El Paso, August 16-17.
- 2022 “Trauma-Informed Care on College Campuses.” Six hour training for University of Texas at El Paso Staff and Faculty. August 15.
- 2022 Take Back the Night Speaker. Sam Houston State University, Sexual Assault Awareness Month event. Huntsville, TX, April 27.
- 2022 Panel on Campus Sexual Assault. Sam Houston State University, Sexual Assault Awareness Month event. Huntsville, TX, April 6.
- 2022 “Trauma-Informed Care with Victims.” Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Victim Services Division Webinar, March 23.

- 2021 “Credit for Invisible Emotional Labor: Preventing Burnout Among BIPOC and LGBTQ+ Faculty.” Virtual Forum on Anti-Racism & Intersectionality in Feminist Criminology, June 4.
- 2021 Panel on Male Sexual Assault Victimization. Sam Houston State University, Sexual Assault Awareness Month event. April 21.
- 2019 “Social Movements and Campus Sexual Assault.” Talk given at Center College, January 2.

Organized and Facilitated Talks & Panels^

^the following were all facilitated and/or organized by myself

- 2020 “Careers in Victim Studies,” with the Victim Studies Department & Crime Victims’ Institute, Organized and Facilitated

Conference Presentations

- 2023 Ratajczak, K. “Stereotypes & Representation: Research on Barriers to Help Seeking for Victims of Sexual Assault.” Texas Victim Services Association Biennial Training Conference. South Padre Island, May 9-12.
- 2023 *Pettus, Z., & Ratajczak, K. “Sexual Scripts.” Undergraduate Research Symposium, Sam Houston State University. Huntsville, TX, April 22.
- 2023 Dmello, J., Kokkalera, S., Ratajczak, K., Leal, W. “Instructional Technology as a Pedagogical Tool.” Doctoral Summit Workshop, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. Washington DC, March 13-18.
- 2022 *Patil A., & Ratajczak K. “Overturning of Roe v. Wade & Social Movement Response.” Poster presentation. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA, November 16-19.
- 2022 Ratajczak, K. “Success and Burnout: Utilizing conceptualizations of success as a measure to battle turnover and compassion fatigue for victim service professionals.” Plenary Presentation, Texas Victim Services Association Research Symposium - From Theory to Practice: Victimization, Justice and Healing. College Station, TX, October 27-28.
- 2021 Ratajczak, K. “Title IX and the Shadow of the Law.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 17-20.
- 2021 Ratajczak, K., Boyle, K., Gilliam, M., Henson, B. Roundtable: “Shining a Light on Hidden Victims Part 1: Discussing Society’s Misaligned View of Victims.” Organized by the Division of Victimology. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 17-20.
- 2021 *Wingert, A., Ratajczak, K. Poster Presentation: “Trauma-Informed Care in Helping Professionals on Campus.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 17-20.

- 2021 Henson, B., Navarro, J., Ratajczak, K. Roundtable: "Teaching Campus Sexual Misconduct Legislation: Best Practices & Approaches in the Classroom." Organized by the Division of Victimology. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 17-20.
- 2021 Ratajczak, K., Martin, B., McCauley, H., Novick, R., Antunes, MJL., Slakoff, D. Roundtable: "Creating academic networks for Early Career Researchers and Graduate Students dedicated to Feminist Criminology." Organized by Division on Women and Crime. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 17-20.
- 2021 Ratajczak, K., Worthen, M., and Frederick, B. Roundtable: "Queer Pedagogy." Organized by the Division of Queer Criminology. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 17-20.
- 2021 Ratajczak, K. "Trauma-Informed Practice: A Bridge Between Victim Service Professionals, Organizations, and Victims." Texas Victim Services Association Biennial Training Conference, Virtual, August 17-18, 24-25.
- 2021 Ratajczak, K. "Institutional Logics, Title IX, and Trauma-Informed Practice." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. Virtual, April 13-14.
- 2021 Ratajczak, K. "Small Social Networks and Help Seeking after Campus Sexual Assault: The Importance of Race and School Size." UN Women, March 16.
- 2020 Ratajczak, K. "Professionals' Implementation of Title IX: 'It's not super relevant to the work that we do.'" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington DC. Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- 2020 Stamatel, J., Ratajczak, K., Hoekstra, R. "Examining the Interplay of Gun Control, Gender Equality, and Homicide across Countries." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington DC. Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- 2019 Ratajczak, K. "Disclosure's Impact on Formal Help-Seeking: Testing Mediation and Moderation," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 13-16.
- 2019 Ratajczak, K. "Help-Seeking and Disclosure after Cases of Campus Sexual Assault," Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Summer Meeting, New York, NY, August 10-12.
- 2019 Ratajczak, K. "Victim, Survivor, or Other? Labels and their Effects After Experiences of Sexual Assault," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, August 10-13.
- 2019 Ratajczak, K. "Disclosure and Help-Seeking Behaviors among Victims of Campus Sexual Assault," Beers Summer Fellowship Presentations, Lexington, KY, April 25.

- 2018 Ratajczak, K. "Problematizing Criminological Approaches to Help-Seeking Research," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 14-17.
- 2017 Ratajczak, K. "Replication and Testing of The Campus Sexual Assault Survey (2007)," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 15-18.
- 2017 Ratajczak, K. "Critical Masculinity Studies and Its Effect on Violence Against Women Research," Kentucky Gender and Women Studies Conference, Lexington, KY, September 16.
- 2017 Ratajczak, K., & Motl, K. ""Push YourSELFIE": The Not-So-Secret Post-Feminist Discourses of Victoria's Secret," Southern Sociological Society annual meeting, Greenville, SC, March 30-April 1
- 2016 Ratajczak, K. "Querying the Usage of Trigger Warnings in the University Classroom," QueerCon, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, February 26.
- 2016 Ratajczak, K. "What do you do when the university is the perpetrator?: An examination of everyday violence committed by universities," QueerCon, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, February 26.
- 2015 Ratajczak, K. "Creating Victims, Creating Survivors: The Criminal Justice System's Influence of Rape Survivors' Narratives," National Women's Studies Association annual meeting, Milwaukee, WI, November 12-15.
- 2015 Ratajczak, K., & Teut, J. "Sexual Desires, Desire for Sex: Queering the Models of Consent," Ohio University's 3rd Annual Queer Studies Conference, Athens, Ohio, April 9-10.
- 2015 Ratajczak, K., & Teut, J. "How to be Inclusive: Conversations on Consent," 7th Annual University of Cincinnati Diversity Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 1.
- 2014 Rouster, R., & Ratajczak, K. "The Stories We Are Told to Tell," Kentucky Domestic Violence Association's 16th Annual Ending Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, December 10-12.
- 2014 Currier, A., & Ratajczak, K. "Invisible Injustices in Postcolonial African Contexts," National Women's Studies Association annual meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 13-16.

Professional Development

- 2023 Engaging Explorations Workshop, PACE Center, Sam Houston State University
- 2023 Pathfinders Mentorship Program, Sam Houston State University
- 2022 SHSU CJ Diversity Forum, Sam Houston State University, College of Criminal Justice
- 2022 Getting Your Course Ultra Ready, Sam Houston State University
- 2022 Faculty Learning Community, Online Education, Sam Houston University

- 2021 Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity
- 2021 Faculty Learning Community, Online Education, Sam Houston University
- 2020 Academic Impressions Workshop, “Perspectives from Underrepresented Women in Higher Education Leadership”
- 2020 Online Course Redesign and Faculty Certification Program
- 2020 Digital Education Summit, workshop on Accessible Online Courses
- 2020 Mentoring Graduate Students Workshop, SHSU
- 2020 Coffee Talk, Event with SAAFE House & local stakeholders
- 2014 PACT Symposium training participant at Duke University
- 2014 “Holistic Representation of Survivors: Asserting Victims’ Rights in Criminal Proceedings,” Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence and National Crime Victim Law Institute workshop
- 2014 Participation in Accelerating Racial Justice retreat, University of Cincinnati

Professional Service

Sam Houston State University

Department of Victim Studies Service

- 2020-2023 Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Chair of the Undergraduate Committee
- 2020-2023 Department representative for College Curriculum Committee
- 2022-2023 Member, Policy Review Committee
- 2021 Member, Faculty Search Committee
- 2020 Promotion and Tenure Evaluation Committee
- 2020 Member, Faculty Search Committee

College of Criminal Justice Service

- 2020-2022 Member, College Curriculum Committee, College of Criminal Justice
- 2021-2022 Member, College Scholarship Committee
- 2020-2022 Faculty Advisor to Crime Victim Services Alliance, student organization

University Service

- 2021-2022 Member, Sexual Assault Awareness Month Committee
- 2021-2022 Member, Engaging Spaces Committee

Student Mentorship

- 2023 Member, Dissertation Committee for Kelsey Priebe, proposal defended Spring 2023 – “Associations Between Personality Psychopathology and Risk within Intimate Partner Violence.”
- 2023 Advisor, McNair Student, Zariah Pettus
- 2023 Advisor, Undergraduate Research Symposium Presentation, Zariah Pettus – “Sexual Scripts”
- 2023 Completed Honors Contracts in Victimology & Family Violence (6)
- 2022 Summer Research Assistant, Ashely Coomes, MSVSM - *Sexual- and Gender-based Victimization and Geographic Environments* project on New Faculty Grant.
- 2022 Independent Study, Zariah Pettus
- 2021-2022 Advisor, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, CJC, Aditi Patil – “Social Movements,

- Abortion, and Reproductive Health Care”, completed December 2022
- 2021-2022 Member, Thesis Committee for Anne Wingert, CJC, successfully defended Spring 2022 – “Examining the Mediating Effect of Parental Attachment Between Child Maltreatment and Juvenile Delinquency”
- 2022 Completed Honors Contracts in Victimology (10)
- 2021 Completed Honors Contract in Victimology (6)
- 2021-2021 Member, Thesis Committee for Julia Gernhart, CJC, successfully defended Spring “Intimate Partner Violence Portrayal in Popular Culture: Content Analysis of Batman and Suicide Squad”
- 2020 Completed Honors Contract in Victimology (1)

University of Kentucky

Department of Sociology Service

- 2019 Graduate Student Congress Representative for UK’s Sociology Graduate Student Association

University Service

- 2017 Member, Search Committee for Director of the VIP (Violence, Intervention, and Prevention) Center
- 2017 Organization of Trump Teach-In at the University of Kentucky, January 18
- 2015 University of Kentucky Police Training on Campus Sexual Assault, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

Community Service

- 2019 Organized Refugee Family Sponsor with SWS-Bluegrass, Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Summer 2019

University of Cincinnati

University Service

- 2014 Development of Consent Culture Campaign, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 2014 Direct and organize *The Vagina Monologues*, University of Cincinnati

Community Service

- 2015 Volunteer Rape Crisis Advocate at Women Helping Women, Cincinnati, Ohio

To Profession

American Society of Criminology Service

- 2021-2022 Division of Queer Criminology, Awards Committee, Member
- 2021-2022 Division of Victimology, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Member
- 2021-2022 Division of Victimology, Teaching Committee, Member

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

- 2022-2023 ACJS William L. Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award

Journals

Reviewer

Violence Against Women

Crime and Delinquency

Social Problems

Victims & Offenders

The Journal of Men's Studies

Healthcare

International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

Ethical Education (Edukacja Etyczna)

Editorial

Staff, graduate student lead journal *disclosure* (2017)

Professional Memberships

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Division of Victimology

Division of Queer Criminology

Division of Women and Crime

Division of Rural Criminology

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)

Texas Victim Services Association (TVSA)

Campus Advocates and Prevention Professionals Association (CAPPA)