

Kennedy Ratcliff

Curriculum Vitae
Sam Houston State University
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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas	Fall 2022- present <i>Expected May 2026</i>
Master of Science in Criminal Justice Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas	December 2021 GPA: 4.0
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas	December 2020 GPA: 3.923

Research Interests

Primary	Secondary
COVID-19 policies in criminal justice Women in criminal justice	Global and domestic terrorism Political and religious extremism

Current Employment

Doctoral Teaching Assistant

(Fall 2024) Introduction to Methods of Research (CRIJ 3378) Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, SHSU.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Original Manuscripts

Ratcliff, K. S. (2024). The impact COVID had on carceral institutions in the United States. *Theory in Action*, 17(1), 29-52.

Book Reviews

Ratcliff, K. S. (2023) Punishment without trial: Why plea bargaining is a bad deal. *Theory in Action*, 16(3), 102-114.

Ratcliff, K. (2022). Out-of-control criminal justice: The systems improvement solution for more safety, justice, accountability, and efficiency. *Theory in Action*, 15(3), 94–100.

Ratcliff, K. (2021). Twenty million angry men: The case for including convicted felons in our jury system. *Theory in Action*, 14(4), 154–160.

Non-Peer Reviewed Works

Ratcliff, K. (accepted). Visitation patterns and post-release offending: Exploring variations in the timing, rate, and consistency of prison visits. (Berghuis et al., 2022). *Executive Summary for Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT): Translational Criminology Project*.

Ratcliff, K. (accepted). The efficacy of physical activity interventions in reducing antisocial behavior: A meta-analytic review. (van der Sluys et al., 2022). *Executive Summary for Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT): Translational Criminology Project*.

Ratcliff, K. (accepted). Technical violations and their effects on pretrial/bond supervision outcomes. (Zettler & Martin, 2022). *Executive Summary for Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT): Translational Criminology Project*.

Ratcliff, K. (accepted). Mental health of incarcerated veterans and civilians: Latent class analysis of the 2016 survey of prison inmates. (Edwards et al., 2022). *Executive Summary for Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT): Translational Criminology Project*.

Ratcliff, K. (accepted). Unraveling the black box of prison visitation: Incarcerated individuals' and visitors' conversations and feelings during visitation hour. (de Jong et al., 2022). *Executive Summary for Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT): Translational Criminology Project*.

Teaching Experience

Doctoral Teaching Assistant

(Fall 2024) Introduction to Methods of Research (CRIJ 3378) Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, SHSU.

Graduate Assistant Work

(Fall 2022- Summer 2024) Deviant Behavior (CRIJ 6360) Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, SHSU. Professor Mitchel P. Roth.

(Fall 2022- Summer 2024) Violent Offenders (CRIJ 3363) Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, SHSU. Professor Mitchel P. Roth.

(Summer 2023 and Summer 2024) Global Organized Crime (CRIJ 4368) Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, SHSU. Professor Mitchel P. Roth.

(Fall 2022- Spring 2023) History of Criminal Justice System (CRIJ 3339) Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, SHSU. Professor Mitchel P. Roth.

Guest Lectures

(Spring 2024) Fundamentals of Criminal Law (CRIJ 2364), Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, SHSU. *Topic:* Terrorism.

Presentations

Ratcliff, K. (2023). "Revisiting the History of the Texas Death Penalty". Second Annual Conference of Center for Death Penalty Studies at Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas.

Ratcliff, K. (2022). "History of the Texas Death Penalty". First Annual Conference of Center for Death Penalty Studies at Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas.

Professional Employment

Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Dr. Mitchel P. Roth Fall 2022- present
Sam Houston State University

Orange County Adult Probation, Orange, Texas (120 Hours) Spring 2020

- Observed office visits
- Experienced various court hearings
- Witnessed pre-sentence investigative interviews at the office and at the jail
- Participated in field visits
- Completed chronological entries from office visits in CSS
- Conducted an office visit of my own with the supervision of an officer
- Motivational Interviewing

Organizations

Graduate Student Organization, Secretary and 2024-2025 School year
Head of Fundraising Committee
Sam Houston State University

Graduate Student Organization, Member Fall 2022- present
Sam Houston State University

Criminal Justice Student Association, Member
Lamar University

Fall 2019- Spring 2020

Criminal Justice Cardinal Community, Member
Lamar University

Fall 2017

Awards and Honors

John Lee McMaster CJ Scholarship SHSU

President's List

Dean's List

Academic Excellence Award, Lamar University

2024-2025 School year

Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019

Spring and Fall 2018

Peer Reviewer

Journal of School Violence

Skills and Abilities

Microsoft Word

SPSS

Microsoft PowerPoint

References

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