Crime Victims' Institute



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Our Mission

The mission of the Crime Victims' Institute is to:

- Conduct research to examine the impact of crime on victims of all ages in order to promote a better understanding of victimization
- Improve services to victims
- Assist victims of crime by giving them a voice
- Inform victim-related policymaking at the state and local levels.

CVI's Community Outreach

- Texas Victim Services Association Board Member
- Victim Services Coalition Member



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Congratulations to CVI-affiliated faculty and students on their recent research that is forthcoming in reputable referred journals. Their important work continues to reach a wide audience across the discipline!

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Goodson, A.G., & Hayes, B.E. (Forthcoming). Help-seeking behaviors of intimate partner violence victims: A cross-national analysis in developing nations. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence.*

Grubb, J.A., & **Muftić**, **L.R.** (2017). A comparative analysis of domestic violence shelter staff perceptions regarding barriers to service in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the United States. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.

Hayes, B.E., & O'Neal, E.N. (Forthcoming). Effects of individual – and national-level factors on attitudes towards child maltreatment. *Child Abuse & Neglect.*

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Henry, T.K., Franklin, T.W., & **Franklin, C.A.** (Forthcoming). Facilitating sexual assault reporting on the college campus: The role of procedural justice in bystander decisions to provide police referrals following a hypothetical disclosure. *Violence Against Women.*

Menaker, T.A. & **Franklin, C.A.**, (2018). Prostitution myth endorsement: Assessing the effects of sexism, sexual victimization history, pornography, and self control. *Psychology of Women Quarterly*.

Zedaker, S.B., & **Muftić**, **L.R.** (2017). A safe place to go? A descriptive study of safety strategies among college female students. *Criminal Justice Review*, 42(2), 188-205.

Dr. Andia Azimi joins Sam Houston State University



Dr. Andia M. Azimi is an assistant professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Sam Houston State University. Dr. Azimi joined the faculty at Sam Houston State University in 2018 after completing her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Criminal Justice at Georgia State University. Her research centers around victimization, with a focus on children and adolescents. She is especially interested in victimization that occurs early in life and examining the role social support plays in ameliorating or preventing negative outcomes associated with victimization. Her research also focuses on violent victimization that occurs on college campuses or among college students. Her scholarly work has been published in peer-reviewed journals, including the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Deviant Behavior, Drug and Alcohol Review, Violence and Victims,* and the *Journal of School Violence*. In addition to her scholarly research, Dr. Azimi has taught undergraduate courses on ethics in criminal justice and corrections. We are excited to welcome her to SHSU and the CVI-affiliated faculty team.

Crime Victims' Institute Agency Partnership Updates

The Crime Victims' Institute has recently established multiple partnerships with municipal police agencies. One existing direction the Institute is pursuing has been the facilitation of victim-centered responses by criminal justice agencies.

One partnership involves assisting survivors of domestic violence by examining risk factors for predicting repeat domestic violence incidents. Our agency partner has developed and implemented a screening tool administered by responding officers during domestic violence calls for service that do not end in arrest. Incorporating these assessments as routine practice in the police response to domestic calls for service has the potential to identify those individuals at high risk for repeat victimization. Doing so will improve service delivery and intervention efforts. In addition, data collected will inform future law enforcement responses to calls for service made from the same location, which ultimately should improve police investigation of domestic incidents. These endeavors will produce translational research that may be used to benefit other municipal police agencies across the state of Texas.



This is the second project in recent years in which the Institute has collaborated with a Law Enforcement agency. CVI is delighted to extend the impact of the Crime Victims' Institute by working closely with criminal justice agencies.



Texas Victim Services Association
Save the Date

2018 Research Symposium:

Victimization, Justice and Healing From Theory to Practice October 25-26, 2018 Embassy Suites San Marcos Conference Center



In the Works...

- Hate Crime: Consequences of Victimization
- Legislation and Prosecution of Hate Crimes
- Intimate Partner Violence Strangulation: Officer Training and Supplemental Strangulation Form
 University. In May 2018, she graduated with a Master of So
- College Student's Responses to Sexual Assault Disclosure







Focus On: *Brittany Acquaviva*

CVI Graduate Research Assistant

Brittany will begin the Ph.D. program in criminal justice in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Sam Houston State University in the Fall of 2018

In May of 2016, she earned a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice Sciences, with a minor in Psychology from Illinois State University. In May 2018, she graduated with a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice Sciences from Illinois State University. Her Master's thesis explored the perceptions of sexual assault that Illinois State University students embodied.

To gain more holistic knowledge pertaining to the criminal justice system, Brittany worked as a legal and medical advocate for sexual assault and domestic violence survivors while completing her graduate program. Brittany also spent time observing juveniles with problematic sexual behaviors at their court mandated treatment counseling sessions. She is passionate about advocating for those most vulnerable. Her broad research interests include sexual assault, sex offenders, and human trafficking.

Brittany will be joining the research team that is evaluating a mandatory sexual and family violence training for law enforcement—a grant awarded by the Office of Violence Against Women.



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ideas:

We welcome your input.

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conduct re-

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Upcoming Events...



Crimes Against Children Conference Dallas, TX

August 13-16, 2018

National Organization for Victim Assistance– Annual Training Jacksonville, FL August 20-23, 2018

National Sexual Assault Conference Anaheim, CA

August 29-31, 2018

The National Center for Victims of Crime: National Training Orlando, FL September 5-7, 2018

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