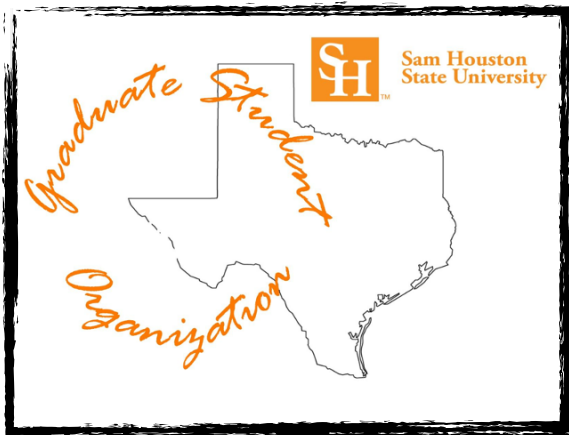


# Student Accomplishment Newsletter

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this newsletter is to highlight and amplify graduate student accomplishments from the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Sam Houston State University. This newsletter is student driven by individual submissions. We have divided the newsletter into sections including, students



that have accepted job offers, publications (accepted, R&R's, and under review works), advancement to doctoral candidacy, accepted conference presentations and professional awards, scholarships/grants/ sponsored research received, teaching and scholarly exposure, as well as GSO organizational accomplishments in order to highlight all of the amazing things our graduate

students are doing. Please welcome us in congratulating our Department's graduate students and their exemplary accomplishments! There is a lot to be proud of.

## ACCEPTED JOB OFFERS

### Eric Cooke

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Psychology, University of Alberta (starting July 1, 2021).

### Ethan Marshall

Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work, University of Houston-Downtown.

Student accomplishments were awarded, notified of, or received between May 1st, 2020 and December 31st, 2020.

Note: While other students may also appear on an accomplishment, the attributed student reflects the individual who submitted the accomplishment to the newsletter.

We'd like to extend a special thank you to the Teaching and Research Development Committee for collecting submissions and creating this newsletter!

## PUBLICATIONS

### Brittany L. Acquaviva

**Acquaviva, B.L.**, & Clevenger, S.L. (2020). Crime victims and reliving trauma in the criminal justice system. In C. Marcum, C. Blankenship, & L. Carter (Eds.), *Punishing gender past and present: Examining the criminal justice system across gender experiences*. San Diego: Cognella Publishing.

**Acquaviva, B.L.**, O'Neal, E. N., & Clevenger, S. L. (2020). Sexual assault awareness in the #metoo era: Student perceptions of victim credibility and cases in the media. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12103-020-09585-7>

Clevenger, S., & **Acquaviva, B.L.** (2020). Hulk Smash! Violence in the incredible hulk comics. *Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture*, 20(1), 28-42

Kelley, S.M., Fleming, J.C., **Acquaviva, B.L.**, Meeker, K.A., O'Neal, E. N. (2021). The Sexual Stratification Hypothesis: Are Prosecutorial Initial Filing Decisions Influenced by the Victim/Suspect Racial/Ethnic Dyad? *Crime and Delinquency*.

**Acquaviva, B.L.**, Meeker K.A., O'Neal, E. N. Blameworthy suspects and "real rape": Assessing the effects of rape culture-specific suspect culpability factors on the police decision to arrest. *Violence Against Women*. Received an R&R.

Meeker, K.A., **Acquaviva, B.L.**, Fleming, J.C., Kelley, S.M., & O'Neal, E.N. "Victim had a motive to lie": A mixed methods examination of police perceptions of sexual assault cases. *Violence Against Women*. Received an R&R.

### Beatriz Amalfi Marques

**Amalfi Marques, B.**, Blackburn, A., Fowler, S., Mullings, J., & Bitgood, M. (Forthcoming) Straight from the Source: A Gendered Examination of the Inmate Code and Strategies to Avoid Sexual Victimization. Accepted with minor revisions at the *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*.

### Ben Comer

**Comer, B. P.**, & Connolly, E. J. (2020). Correlates of school gun carrying among black, hispanic, and white male adolescents: Evidence from a nationally representative sample of youth. *Preventive Medicine*, 141, 106277.

**Comer, B.** (2020). Weapon caliber and total victims in mass shootings. Under review at *Homicide Studies*.

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**Comer, B.**, Jorgensen, C., & Carter, D. (2020). Reported crime frequencies: A statistical comparison of state annual crime reports and the UCR. Under review at *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.

Growette Bostaph, L.M., **Comer, B.**, & Ropp, J. (2020). Factors influencing graduate director recommendations to Ph.D. programs in criminal justice and criminology. Under review at *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*.

### **Eric Cooke**

**Cooke, E. M.**, Lewis, R. H., Hayes, B. E., Bouffard, L. A., Boisvert, D. L., Wells, J., Kavish, N., Woeckener, M., & Armstrong, T. (2020). Examining the relationship between victimization, psychopathy, and the acceptance of rape myths. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Ahead of Print. 0.1177/0886260520966669.

Armstrong, T. A., Boisvert, D. L., Wells, J., Lewis, R. H., & **Cooke, E. M.**, & Woeckener, M. (2020). Assessing overlap between self-control and psychopathy: A consideration of the Grasmick Self-Control Scale and the Levenson Self-Report Psychopathy Scale. *Journal of Criminal Justice*. Accepted for Publication.

Connolly, E. J., Hayes, B. E., Boisvert, D. L., & **Cooke, E. M.** (2020). Intimate partner victimization and depressive symptoms: Approaching causal inference using a longitudinal twin design. Under review.

**Cooke, E. M.**, Connolly, E. J., Boisvert, D. L., & Hayes, B. E. A systematic review of biological mechanisms and interpersonal victimization: Understanding the implications of biopsychosocial research for victimization research. Under review.

Randa, R., **Cooke, E. M.**, Boisvert, D. L., & Vaske, J. (2020). Vulnerability, risky lifestyles, and victimization: A gender based sibling differences approach. Received an R&R.

Wells, J., Armstrong, T. A., **Cooke, E. M.**, & Boisvert, D. L. (2020). Psychopathy and aggression: Dimensionality of psychopathy and reactive/proactive aggression across gender. Under review.

Woeckener, M., Lewis, R. H., Wells, J., Boisvert, D. L., Connolly, E. J., **Cooke, E. M.**, Kavish, N., & Armstrong, T. A. (2020). Does heart rate reactivity moderate the influence of emotional child abuse on violent behavior? A gender-based analysis. Received an R&R.

### **Jessica Fleming**

**Fleming, J. C.**, & Franklin, C. A. (2020). Predicting police endorsement of myths surrounding intimate partner violence. *Journal of Family Violence*, 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-020-00178-w>

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Azimi, A.M., **Fleming, J.C.**, & Hayes, B.E. (*Forthcoming*). Evaluating bystander intervention: The interconnection between sexual violence programming on college campuses and #MeToo. Accepted at *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.

### **Alondra Garza**

**Garza, A. D.** (2021). Situating Institutional Responses to Latina Intimate Partner Violence Victims: An Argument for a LatCrit Lens. *Crime & Delinquency*, 1-20, 0011128721989061.

**Garza, A. D.**, & Franklin, C. A. (2020). The effect of rape myth endorsement on police response to sexual assault survivors. *Violence against women*, 27(3-4), 552–573, 1077801220911460.

**Garza, A. D.**, Franklin, C. A., & Goodson, A. (2020). The nexus between intimate partner violence and stalking: examining the arrest decision. *Criminal justice and behavior*, 47(8), 1014-1031.

### **Chris Guerra**

**Guerra, C.**, & Ingram, J. R. (2020). Assessing the Relationship between Lifestyle Routine Activities Theory and Online Victimization Using Panel Data. *Deviant Behavior*, 1-17. doi: 10.1080/01639625.2020.1774707.

Orrick, E. A., **Guerra, C.**, & Piquero, A. R. Criminal careers and immigration: An analysis of offending over the life course among homicide inmates in Texas. Under review.

### **Leah Helfrich**

Ellis, C., Knight, Kelly E., **Helfrich, L.**, Samuel, L., Sundeen, E., Miller, T., & Loft, M. Rural Victim Service Providers' Perceived Challenges to Helping Victims of Sex Trafficking: Lessons for the Bakken Oil Field Region. In preparation for Violence Against Women. Received an R&R.

Knight, K. E., Ellis, C., Samuel, L., Szott, B., Miller, T., Hassanali, A., **Helfrich, L.**, Loft, M., Neu, J., & Zappone, S. Does Where You Work and What You Do Matter? Testing the Role of Organizational Context and Job Type for Occupation-Based Secondary Trauma Intervention Development. In preparation for Violence and Victims. Received an R&R.

### **Susan Hoppe**

**Hoppe, S. J.** (2020) Traditional values and domestic violence: an examination of older women's attitudes and the ability to care for oneself, *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*, 32(5), 471-488, DOI: 10.1080/08946566.2020.1830216

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### Shamika M. Kelley

**Kelley, S. M.,** Fleming, J. C., Acquaviva, B. L., Meeker, K. A., & O'Neal, E. N. (2021). The Sexual Stratification Hypothesis and prosecuting sexual assault: Is the decision to file charges influenced by the victim-suspect racial-ethnic dyad? *Crime & Delinquency*, 1-30. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0011128721991821>

### Ethan Marshall

**Marshall, E. A.,** Miller, H. A., Cortoni, F. A., & Helmus, L. (2020). The Static-99R is not valid for women: Predictive validity in 739 females who have sexually offended. *Sexual Abuse*. Ahead of Print.. <https://doi.org/10.1777/1079063220940303>

**Marshall, E. A.,** Bouffard, J. A., & Miller, H. A. (2020). Pornography use and sexual coercion: Examining the mediation effect of sexual arousal. *Sexual Abuse*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1777/1079063220931823>

**Marshall, E. A., & Miller, H. A.** (2020). Arbitrary decision making in the absence of evidence: An examination of factors related to treatment selection and recidivism for female sexual offenders. *The Journal of Sexual Aggression*, 26(2), 178-192. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13552600.2019.1611961>

### Katherine Meeker

**Meeker, K. A.,** Hayes, B. E., Randa, R., & Saunders, J. (2020). Examining risk factors of intimate partner violence victimization in Central America: a snapshot of Guatemala and Honduras. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 0306624X20981049.

Kelley, S. M., Fleming, J. C., Acquaviva, B. L., **Meeker, K. A.,** & O'Neal, E. N. (2021). The Sexual Stratification Hypothesis and Prosecuting Sexual Assault: Is the Decision to File Charges Influenced by the Victim-Suspect Racial-Ethnic Dyad?. *Crime & Delinquency*, 0011128721991821.

### Alexis R. Rockwell

**Rockwell, A.R.,** Bishopp, S.A. and Orrick, E.A. (2020). Do policy and training changes influence patterns of police use of force? An interrupted time-series analysis. *Policing: An International Journal*, ahead-of-print. <https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-07-2020-0128>

### Wesley Smith

**Smith, W. T.** (2020). Women with a substance use disorder: Treatment completion, pregnancy, and compulsory treatment. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 116, 108045.

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**Smith, W.T.**, Mullings, J., Blackburn, A., & Fowler, S. (2020). Examining Predictors of Differential Attitudes toward Reporting Sexual Assault among Incarcerated Women. *Corrections*, 1-23. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23774657.2020.1826369>

**Smith, W. T.**, Blackburn, A. G., Harris, J. A., & Mullings, J. L. (2021). Maintaining Connections: An Exploratory Analysis of the Predictors of Prison Visitation with Children and the Post-Release Plans of Incarcerated Mothers. *Women & Criminal Justice*, 1-19.

Fowler, S. K., Blackburn, A. G., **Smith, W. T.**, & Mullings, J. L. (2020). Prison culture as rape supportive: Applying importation and deprivation models to examine inmate beliefs. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 0886260520978184

### **Xinting Wang**

**Wang, X.**, Zhao, J., & Qu, J. (2020). The link between police cadets' field training and attitudes toward police work in China: A longitudinal study. *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*, 43 (4), 591-605.

Zhao, J., **Wang, X.**, & Zhang, H. (2020). Rational choice theory applied to the explanation of juvenile offender decision-making in China. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, doi: 10.1177/0306624X20931429.

Hayes, B. E., Connolly, E. J., **Wang, X.**, Ingham, C., & Mason, M. (2020). Prevalence of child maltreatment and the effects of the intergenerational transmission of violence on attitudes toward domestic violence in Chinese police cadets. *Journal of Family Violence*, doi: 10.1007/s10896-020-00182-0.

Qu, J., & **Wang, X.** (2020). Pre-arrest drug use and associated risk factors among incarcerated offenders in China. *China Journal of Social Work*, doi: 10.1080/17525098.2020.1774984.

## ADVANCEMENT TO DOCTORAL CANDIDACY

### **Brittany Acquaviva**

Defended portfolio titled, "Institutional Responses to Victimization: University, Community, and Criminal-legal Responses to Sexual Violence." Received a High Pass.

### **Sarah Bostrom**

Defended portfolio focusing on theory testing (RAT proximity and unemployment-crime) by community type.

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### **Shamika M. Kelley**

Defended portfolio titled, “Discretionary Decision Making in Sexual Assault Cases.”

### **Wesley Smith**

Defended portfolio titled, “Special Interest Populations in the Criminal Justice System: Veterans and Women in Correctional Settings.”

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

### **Brittany Acquaviva**

2021 ACJS Panel Presentation Abstract Acceptance.

2020 CrimCon Round Table titled “Sexual Harassment and Professional Misconduct at Academic Meetings.”

2020 ASC Panel Presentation Abstract Acceptance

Voted into the Treasurer position for the Graduate Student Organization

### **Marilyn Ee**

2020 ASC Panel Presentation Abstract Acceptance – “The Impact of Homelessness on Crime”

### **Chris Guerra**

2020 ASC Panel Presentation Abstract Acceptance

Voted into the President position for the Graduate Student Organization

### **Leah Helfrich**

2020 ASC Panel Presentation Abstract Acceptance – “Resilience and Substance Use: An application of general strain theory”

2021 ACJS Panel Presentation Abstract Acceptance – “Attachment to Parents and Substance Use in Adolescence: The Moderating Effects of Perceived Parental Approval”

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### **Susan Hoppe**

2020 ASC Panel Presentation Abstract Acceptance

2020 ACJS Panel Presentation Abstract Acceptance

### **Kelsey Kramer**

2020 ASC Panel Presentation Abstract Acceptance

2020 ACJS Panel Presentation Abstract Acceptance

Voted into the Vice President position for the Graduate Student Organization

### **Katherine A. Meeker**

2021 ACJS Victimology Section's Outstanding Graduate Student Award

This award recognizes a graduate student who has demonstrated significant promise in "making a difference" to the field of Victimology. Evidence of their commitment to the field can be illustrated through scholarship, victim advocacy, volunteer work in victim services, or other activities associated with improving the response to victimization.

### **Meghan Royle**

2020 ASC Panel Presentation Abstract Acceptance

Voted into the Secretary position for the Graduate Student Organization

## **SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND SPONSORED RESEARCH**

### **Brittany L. Acquaviva**

O.B. Ellis/Gibbs Scholarship, \$1,500 (2020-2021 academic year)

### **Matthew Bills**

John Lee McMaster Scholarship, \$2,500 (2020-2021 academic year)

### **Eric Cooke**

Co-PI, *Sexual Aggression and Biological Markers: An Investigation of Pornography Use, Sexual Aggression, and Biological Factors*. PI: Holly Miller. Internal Sam Houston State University grant. Not funded.



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PI, *Risk and Resiliency Factors for Violent Criminal Behavior across the Life Course for Males and Females*. National Institute of Justice (NIJ-2019-90134-TX-R2), \$68,991. Not funded.

PI, *Risk and Resiliency Factors for Violent Criminal Behavior across the Life Course for Males and Females*. Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS-2019-16229), \$40,000. Not funded.

Data Science: R Basics, edX: HarvardX

Introduction to Bayesian Statistics, University of Texas at Austin

### **Jessica Fleming**

John Lee McMaster Scholarship, \$2,500 (2020-2021 academic year)

### **Chris Guerra**

John Lee McMaster Scholarship, \$2,500 (2020-2021 academic year)

### **Leah Helfrich**

The Graduate School General Scholarship, \$1,000 (Spring 2021).

### **Kelsey Kramer**

The Graduate School General Scholarship, \$1,000 (Spring 2021).

### **Wesley Smith**

Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ) Student Research Award Recipient, \$1,300. (2020-2021). To be used towards STATA Structural Equation Modeling Course.

### **Xinting Wang**

GSO Scholarship for Conference Travel, \$100.

## TEACHING AND SCHOLARLY EXPOSURE

### **Jessica Fleming**

Guest on Untenured Tracks Podcast - Episode 33

E33: Eryn O'Neal Has A Posse (Sexual Assault Case Processing; with Dr. Eryn O'Neal, Brittany Acquaviva, Shamika Kelly, **Jessica Fleming**, and Katherine Meeker)

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### **Kelsey Kramer**

First Class Taught – Received Exemplary IDEA Teaching Evaluation Scores

### **Christina L. Richardson**

Successfully clinically facilitated the first Thinking for a Change 4.0 (T4C) curriculum at her place of employment. T4C is an integrated cognitive behavioral change program within the National Institute of Corrections that focuses on rehabilitation of justice-involved individuals.

## **GSO ORGANIZATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **As an Organization**

GSO Officers: Chris Guerra (President), Kelsey Kramer (Vice President), Meghan Royle (Secretary), and Brittany Acquaviva (Treasurer)

In Fall 2020, the GSO created a Blackboard page and repository for students to access information on departmental events, professional development, calls for papers, and more.

The GSO created and implemented a departmentally backed certificate for professional development (CPD) that provides students with professional learning through a series of workshops and discussions (i.e., brown bags). Each student must attend at least 4 brown bag workshops and complete 6 hours of service which will then be reviewed by the GSO officers prior to receiving the CPD.

We also created two new long-term volunteer positions under the Teaching and Research Development and Service committees. The first is a liaison position between GSO and LAE to help foster a better relationship between LAE students and our graduate students. The second is a social media specialist position, who will update and share GSO related content and amplify our graduate student's awesome accomplishments.

### **Service Committee**

Committee Chair: Kelsey Kramer

Members: Marilyn Ee, Kyleigh Gordon, Leah Helfrich, Allison Kondrat, Christina Richardson, Taylor Robinson, Davis Shelfer, and Anne Wingert

During the Fall semester the Service Committee successfully organized Adopt-a-Family through the Houston Children's Charity. We received well over \$500 in cash donations and gifts from students that we delivered to a family of four in the Houston Area. Thank you to all who contributed in this effort.

The Service Committee also helped collect donations for the SHSU food pantry. Special thanks to those that donated and helped deliver the donations.

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### Teaching and Research Development Committee

Committee Chair: Chris Guerra

Members: Kristina Block, Martha Chumchal, Ben Comer, Kelsey Kramer, Nhi Le, and Kaitlyn Pederson

The Teaching and Research Development Committee successfully created a submission process for student's to submit their accomplishments, which allowed for this committee to create and produce this newsletter.

### Fundraising Committee

Committee Chair: Brittany Acquaviva

Members: Kayla Alaniz, Matthew Bills, Julia Gernhart, Kat Meeker, and Alexis Rockwell

The fundraising committee successfully organized a profit share fundraiser with Potato Shack in September that brought in \$526.02. This money went towards supporting our graduate students. We'd like to extend a special thank you to everyone who participated in this effort as well as all of the faculty who graciously donated money for this event.

### Social Committee

Committee Chair: Meghan Royle

Members: Kiarra Fortney, Jackie Nguyen, Kaitlyn Pederson, and Amanda Rude

The social committee organized various virtual events throughout the year, including a virtual trivia night. Additionally, the social committee planned the end-of-the-year party and outdoor gatherings for the spring semester.

**Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization**

# TRIVIA NIGHT

The CJ Graduate Student Organization will soon be hosting its first inter-departmental virtual Trivia Night!

Graduate students and faculty members from the departments of **Criminal Justice & Criminology, Forensic Science, and Victim Studies** are invited to join us for a night of friendly competition and fun! If you would like to participate, sign up [here!](#)

**WHERE** Zoom! Please follow the link below:  
<https://shsu.zoom.us/j/87106487249>

**WHEN** March 10th, 2021 (Wednesday)  
6:00 PM

**Entry Fee: \$5 per person.**  
Please pay by scanning the provided QR code.

Please make the payment out to "GSO Trivia Night"



If you have any questions about the event, please contact Meghan Royle at [mlr073@shsu.edu](mailto:mlr073@shsu.edu)

Again, we'd like to thank everyone that submitted accomplishments and made this Newsletter possible.

CJGSO will solicit submissions for the next Student Accomplishment Newsletter at the beginning of the Fall 2021 Semester. Student accomplishments should be awarded, notified of, or received between January 1st, 2021 and August 1st, 2021.

**We want your feedback!** If you have suggestions for improving the Student Accomplishment Newsletter please reach out to Chris Guerra ([cxg111@shsu.edu](mailto:cxg111@shsu.edu)) or Kelsey Kramer ([klk083@shsu.edu](mailto:klk083@shsu.edu)).