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EDUCATION

2024 Doctor of Philosophy, Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University.
Dissertation: *Establishing "Fat Criminology:" Assessing the Impact of Body Size on Criminal Court Outcomes*

2018 Master of Science, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Arizona State University.
Thesis: *Assessing Cumulative Disadvantage against Minority Female Defendants in State Courts*

2016 Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Minors: Sociology and Criminal Justice, Utah State University.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2026– Adjunct Instructor. Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice, Towson University.

2025– Visiting Assistant Professor. Dept. of Sociology, Bates College.

2024–2025 Adjunct Instructor. School of Public Affairs, The Pennsylvania State University.

2023–2024 Adjunct Instructor. Dept. of Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice, Towson University.

2020–2022 Doctoral Teaching Fellow. Dept. of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024–2025 Senior Research Associate. Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI), Texas A&M University. [Full Time, 06/2024–07/2025].

2022–2023 Research Analyst. Harris County Courts – Criminal Courts at Law (Misdemeanor Courts) Office of Court Management [Full Time, 06/2022–12/2023].

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Inequalities in the Criminal Legal System
- Fat Criminology
- Courts and Sentencing
- Corrections
- Discretionary Decision Making
- Methodological Issues in Research
- Policing; Police Reform
- Victimization Risk
- Health and Disability Criminology
- Feminist, Intersectional, and Critical Criminology

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Publications

5. Bostrom, S. R., **Kramer, K. L.,** & Randa, R. (2024). Identifying Risky Places on Campus: The Impact of LSC and Fear of Crime. *Crime & Delinquency*, *0*(0), 1-23. https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287241268334.

4. **Kramer, K. L.,** Zhang, Y, & Franklin, T.W. (2023). The Geography of Race and Ethnicity Effects in Federal Sentencing: A Descriptive and Spatial Analysis." *Criminal Justice and Behavior. 50*(10), 1431–1455. https://doi.org/10.1177/00938548231186160. (See Supplemental Material online)

3. **Kramer, K. L.**, & Kelley, S. M. (2022). Examining the Sentencing of American Indian Women in U.S. Federal District Courts. *Crime & Delinquency*, *70*(5), 1419-1442. https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287221137305.

2. Craig, M. O., Reid, J. C., & Kramer, K. L. (2022). Vehicle Stops and Group Position: How Missouri Agencies Use Place and Race to Explain Disparities. Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice, 38(4), 411-431. https://doi.org/10.1177/10439862221110996.

1. **Kramer, K. L.,** & Wang, X. (2019). Assessing Cumulative Disadvantage against Minority Female Defendants in State Courts. *Justice Quarterly*, 36(7), 1284-1313. https://doi.org/10.1080/07418825.2019.1685122.

Technical and Agency Reports

* Denotes graduate student author

Kramer, K. (2022). "A Response to the Houston Police Officers Union's Report: A Random Review of a Week of Dockets of the 16 Misdemeanor Criminal County Courts of Harris County." [Internal]. Houston, TX: Office of Court Management, Harris County Courts.

Wallace, D., Tyler, D. H.,* **Kramer, K.,*** Ginsburg Kempany, K.,* Louton, B., Sweeten, G., Ylang, N.,* Daniels, A.,* Gricius, M.,* & Hale, J.* (2018). Annual Report for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Years 2016-2017. Phoenix, AZ: Center for Violence Prevention & Community Safety, Arizona State University.

Wallace, D., Louton, B., Sweeten, G., Tyler, D.,* Kempany K.,* **Kramer, K.*** (2017). Quarterly Report for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016. Phoenix, AZ: Center for Violence Prevention & Community Safety, Arizona State University.

Wallace, D., Louton, B., Nelson, J.,* Gricius, M.,* Tyler, D.,* Coble, S.,* Ruffner, C.,* **Kramer, K.*** (2017). Yearly Report for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Years 2015-2016. Phoenix, AZ: Center for Violence Prevention & Community Safety, Arizona State University.

Selected Evaluation Reports

Chaudhuri, N., Chen, Z, **Kramer, K.,** & Tanabe, M. (2025) "Texas A&M International University Student Emotional and Academic Success (SEAS) Annual Report." College Station, TX: Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI), Texas A&M University.

Chaudhuri, N., **Kramer, K.,** Tanabe, M. & Chen, Z. (2025) "Texas A&M International University Academic Recovery and Data Analysis (ARDA) Annual Report." College Station, TX: Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI), Texas A&M University.

Chaudhuri, N., Tanabe, M., **Kramer, K.,** & Chen, Z. (2024) "Texas A&M International Community Mental Health Program Grant (2023-2024) Annual Report." College Station, TX: Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI), Texas A&M University.

Chaudhuri, N., Tanabe, M., **Kramer, K.,** & Brattin, Z. (2024). "Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention Simulation Education Training Program Evaluation." College Station, TX: Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI), Texas A&M University.

Book Chapters

Kramer, K.L. & Craig, M.O. (2022). Chapter 8 - End Immunity, No Qualifiers. In Miltonette Olivia Craig and Kwan-Lamar Blount-Hill (Eds.), *Justice and Legitimacy in Policing: Transforming the Institution (*1st ed.).

Newsletter Articles

Kramer, K.L. (2025). No Ramp in Sight: Accessibility for Scholars with Disabilities at ASC. *American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division of Health and Disability Criminology Newsletter.*

Waite, E. & **Kramer, K.L.** (2023). Why We Should Start Thinking Spatially About Sentencing. *American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division of Corrections and Sentencing Newsletter*, Spring 2023, 19-23.

Kramer, K.L. & Peterson, K.M. (2021). Mental Health in Graduate School: Essential Tips for Surviving (and Thriving). *American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division of Corrections and Sentencing Newsletter*, Fall 2021, 12-15.

GRANTS, SPONSORED RESEARCH, & CONTRACTS

Grants & Sponsored Research

2024–2025 Senior Research Associate. "Senior Adult Falls Education and Reduction (SAFER) Meals." PI: Nandita Chaudhuri. Funded by the National Council on Aging (NCOA). Award Amount: $75,000.

2023 Principal Investigator. "Establishing *'Fat Criminology:'* Assessing the Impact of Body Size on Criminal Court Outcomes." Submitted to the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Division on Corrections and Sentencing's Dissertation Scholarship Award. Not Funded.

2019–2020 Research Assistant. "An Evaluation of Proactive Prosecutorial Response to Domestic Violence in Montgomery County, Texas." PI: Dr. Ling Ren. Funded by Sam Houston State University's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office. Award Amount: $28,255.

2017–2019 Independent Research Consultant & On-Site Project Coordinator. "Enhancing Procedural Justice in Hot Spots Policing: A Multi-Site Randomized Control Trial." Tucson, AZ, Houston, TX, and Indianapolis, IN sites. Co-PI's: Drs. Jim Bueermann, David Weisburd, Anthony Braga, and Cody Telep. Funded by Arnold Ventures. Award Amount: $1,797,680.

Selected Contracts

2024–2025 Senior Research Associate. "Academic Recovery and Data Analysis (ARDA)." Contract with Texas A&M International University. PI: Dr. Alfredo Ramirez. Funded by the Federal Department of Education [2022–2027]. Contract Amount: $150,000.

Senior Research Associate. "Student Emotional and Academic Success (SEAS)." Contract with Texas A&M International University. PI: Dr. Edina Garcia. Funded by the Federal Department of Education [2023–2028]. Contract Amount: $150,000

Senior Research Associate. "Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention Simulation Education Training Program." Contract with Texas A&M International University. PI: Dr. Marivic Torregosa. Funded by the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration [(HRSA); 2023–2026]. Contract Amount: $75,000.

Senior Research Associate. "Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Pilot Project." Contract with Texas A&M International University. PI: Dr. Deepak Ganta. Funded by the National Science Foundation [2023–2025]. Contract Amount: $16,500.

2017–2018 Research Assistant. "Training and Technical Assistance for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office." Center for Violence Prevention & Community Safety. Arizona State University. Contract with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. PI: Dr. Danielle Wallace. Contract Amount: $276,140.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Paper and Lightening Talk Presentations

2025 **Kramer, K.L.** "The Moderating Effect of Race and Ethnicity on the Relationship Between Body Size and Criminal Sentencing." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference (ASC). Washington, D.C.

Kramer, K.L. "Fat Criminology: Challenges in Conceptualizing and Measuring Body Size." [Lightening Talk]. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference (ASC). Washington, D.C.

2024 **Kramer, K.L.** "Examining Whether Gender Moderates the Effects of Body Size on Criminal Sentencing Outcomes." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference (ASC). San Francisco, CA.

^ *Recipient of the Dr. Anat Kimchi Memorial Graduate Travel Award from the Division on Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology.*

2023 **Kramer, K.L.** "Let's Talk About Fat: How Weight Impacts Criminal Court Outcomes." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference (ASC). Philadelphia, PA.

2022 Bostrom, S., **Kramer, K.L.** & Randa, R. "Identifying Risky Places on Campus: The Impact of LSC and Fear of Crime." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference (ASC). Atlanta, GA.

2021 **Kramer, K.L.** & Kelley, S. "Examining the Treatment of American Indian Women in U.S. Federal District Courts." Paper accepted at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference (ASC). Chicago, IL.[1]

2020 **Kramer, K.L.**, Bostrom, S., & Randa, R. "Self-Control and Assessments of Risk: Exploring Elements of the Vulnerability Thesis." Paper accepted at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference (ASC). Washington. D.C. [2]

Kramer, K.L. & Toman, E. T. "Examining Community Control: Gender and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Sentencing Decisions." Paper accepted at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS). San Antonio, TX.[2]

[1] Could not attend for personal medical reasons.
[2] Cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

2019 **Kramer, K.L.** & Franklin, T. "Where is Disparity Occurring? Racial and Ethnic Sentencing Disparities across U.S. Districts." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference (ASC). San Francisco, CA.

Kramer, K.L. "Assessing Cumulative Disadvantage against Minority Female Defendants in State Courts." Presented at the Western Society of Criminology Annual Conference (WSC). Honolulu, HI.

2018 **Kramer, K.L.** "We're All Treated Equal, Right? Assessing Cumulative Disadvantage Among Female Defendants." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference (ASC). Atlanta, GA.

Kramer, K.L. "Assessing Disparity among Female Offenders: A Cumulative Disadvantage Approach." Presented at the Western Society of Criminology Annual Conference (WSC). Long Beach, CA.

Agency Research Presentations

2023 **Kramer, K.L.** "Understanding Non-Appearance across Bond Types." Presented to the Harris County Courts, Office of Court Management. Harris County, TX.

2022 **Kramer, K.L.** Examining Non-Appearance in Misdemeanor Criminal Courts. Presented to the Harris County Courts, Office of Court Management. Harris County, TX.

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Criminology
- Research Methods
- Gender, Race, and Criminal Justice
- Feminist Criminology
- Courts and Sentencing
- Policing
- Corrections
- Sociology of Body and Embodiment
- Health and Disability Criminology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Bates College
- SOC 317: Health, Disability, & the Criminal Legal System
- SOC 217: Correcting and Controlling Behavior: A Sociological Perspective on Corrections and Social Control
- SOC 206: Thinking Sociologically with Numbers
- SOC 211: Crime, Justice, & Society

The Pennsylvania State University
CRIMJ 220: Courts and the Prosecution Process (asynchronous online)
CRIMJ 230: Corrections in America (asynchronous online)

Towson University
CRMJ 356: Prisons in America (synchronous online)
CRMJ 345: Race, Crime, and Justice (synchronous online)
CRMJ 254: Introduction to Criminal Justice (synchronous online)

Sam Houston State University
- CRIJ 3378: Introduction to Methods of Research (face-to-face, hybrid, & asynchronous online)

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024	Dr. Anat Kimchi Memorial Graduate Travel Award ($540). Division on Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology (ASC).
2020	The Graduate School General Scholarship Award ($1,000). The Graduate School, Sam Houston State University.
2019	O.B. Ellis – J. Philip Gibbs Memorial Scholarship Award ($1,500). Sam Houston State University.
2018–2024	Graduate Student Travel Fund Award ($1,000). The Office of Graduate Studies, Sam Houston State University. (Awarded in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, & 2024)
2017	Individual Travel Grant Award ($475). Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA), Arizona State University.
2016	Graduate Education Fellowship ($10,000). Arizona State University.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024	"Managing Project Stakeholders" Certificate. The Project Management Institute, LinkedIn Learning.
2023	"Tables of descriptive statistics using Stata 18 dtable command" Webinar. Hosted by Mia Lv, StataCorp.
2023	"Introduction to survival analysis using Stata" Training. Stata NetCourseNow 631.
2021	"Creating an Accessible Syllabus using Microsoft Word" Training. University Information Technology Services with UITS Assistive Technology Accessibility Centers at Indiana University (IU).
	"Certificate of Professional Development." Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.
2018	"Stata Bootcamp" Workshop. Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.
2018	"Systematic Social Observation Training." The National Policing Institute. Tucson, AZ.
2018	"Journal Manuscript Reviewer Training." Sponsored by the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Division on Women and Crime. Instructors: Drs. Rosemary Barberet and Kristy Holtfreter. Atlanta, GA.
2017 & 2018	"Census and Field Survey Research Training." The National Policing Institute. Tucson, AZ.
2017	"Stata Bootcamp" Workshop. School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Arizona State University.
2016	"R - Environment for Statistical Computing Workshop." School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Arizona State University.

SERVICE

Ad-Hoc Manuscript Reviewer

- *Journal of Criminal Justice*
- *Journal of Experimental Criminology*
- *Feminist Criminology*
- *Race & Social Problems*

Discipline Service

2024 Comment solicited by the Hon. Carlton W. Reeves [Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission (USSC)] on research priorities for the USSC and on eliminating unwarranted racial disparities.

2019– Division on Corrections and Sentencing (DCS), American Society of Criminology.

- ***Mentoring For Success with DCS Program Committee***:
  - Program Co-Chair (2023–Present).
  - Program Materials Review Sub-Committee Chair (2023–Present).
  - Events Planning Sub-Committee (2022–2023).
  - Academic Student Track Mentor: Kathryn Tapp (2023–2024).
  - Alternatives to Academia Track Mentor: Emerson Waite (2022–2023); Marlana Vazquez (2024); Joanne Decaro (2025–Present).
- ***AltAc Committee***:
  - Co-Chair (2023–Present).
  - Co-author of the Alt-Ac Corner in the DCS Newsletter (published Fall/Spring; 2022–Present).
  - Organized & Facilitated Workshop (2023): "DCS's Rocking Your Resume Workshop with the Alt-Ac Team."
- Newsletter Committee (2021–2022).
- DCS Outreach Table Volunteer at Annual Conference (2019, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025).

2019– Division on Feminist Criminology (DFC), American Society of Criminology.

- ***Diversity & Inclusion Committee***:
  - Reviewer for the Aruna Jain International Travel Grant (2023).
  - Anti-Racist Action Sub-Committee (2021–2022).
    - Anti-Racism and Intersectionality in Feminist Criminology (& Academia) Virtual Forum Treasurer (2021).
    - Organized & Moderated Roundtable (2021): Transgressing Racial, Gender, Sexual Boundaries: A Discussion for LGBTQ+, BIPOC (black, indigenous, and people of color), and International Students.
- Contributor to #SayHerName Special Edition Newsletter Editorial Team (2020).
- DFC Outreach Table Volunteer at Annual Conference (2019, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025).

2018 & 2019 Facilitator. Census and Field Survey Research Training. The National Policing Institute, in Tucson, AZ, Houston, TX, and Indianapolis, IN.

Departmental and University Service

2018–2022 Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University.

- ***Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization (CJ GSO).***
  - Vice President (2020–2021).
  - Secretary (2019–2020).
  - Research and Teaching Development Committee Member (2020–2022).
  - Service Committee Member (2018–2022); Chair (2020–2021).

    - Social Planning Committee Member (2018–2020); Chair (2019–2020).
    - Fundraising Committee Member (2018–2020).
    - Peer Mentor (2019-2020).
- Faculty Job Search Committee Student Representative (2018–2022).

Community Service

2023 Back to School Fair. Victory International Church. Houston, TX.

2022–2023 Bayou City Community Court "Fresh Start" Quarterly Event. Houston, TX.
- 40+ hours; involved aspects of planning, set up, working event, and tear down.

2021–2022 Brazos Valley Vaccine Hub in partnership with the Red Cross. Bryan, TX.
- 35+ hours; involved screening community members for Covid-19 symptoms prior to receiving their vaccination.

2021 The Victim Studies Department and Crime Victims Services Alliance. Sam Houston State University. Huntsville, TX.
- Sexual Assault Aftercare Kit Making.
- Survivor and Ally Art Event.

2021 The Food Pantry. Sam Houston State University. Huntsville, TX.

2017 Arizona State University Day of Service. Phoenix, AZ

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology (ASC)
- Division on Corrections and Sentencing
- Division on Feminist Criminology (formerly Women and Crime)
- Division of Health and Disability Criminology