

Jose Antonio Sanchez

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

2024	Ph.D. University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Sociology
2018	M.S. California State University, Los Angeles, School of Criminal Justice and Criminalistics
2016	B.S. California State University, Los Angeles, School of Criminal Justice and Criminalistics

Professional Appointments

2024 - Current	Assistant Professor Texas Christian University, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
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Research & Teaching Interests

Community Violence	Gangs and Criminal Networks	Criminological Theory
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency	Program Evaluation	Research Design

Refereed Articles

Pyrooz, D. C., Densley, J. A., & **Sanchez, J. A.** (2024). Does the public support anti-gang policies and practices and can opinions be swayed? Experimental evidence from a National Survey of Americans. *Journal of Criminal Justice* [Article Link](#)

Densley, JA., Pyrooz, D.C., & **Sanchez, J.A.** (2024) Public Perceptions of Gangs: An Experimental Test of Nomenclature, Race/Ethnicity, Violence, and Organization. *Justice Quarterly*. [Online First](#)

Pyrooz, D. C., Leverso, J., **Sanchez, J. A.**, & Densley, J. A. (2024). History, Linked Lives, Timing, and Agency: New Directions in Developmental and Life-Course Perspective on Gangs. *Annual Review of Criminology*, 7(1). [Online First](#)

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Novisky, M. A., Tostlebe, J., Pyrooz, D., & **Sanchez, J. A.** (2023). The COVID-19 pandemic and operational challenges, impacts, and lessons learned: a multi-methods study of US prison systems. *Health & Justice*, 11(1), 1-20. [Article Link](#)

Sanchez, J. A., & Pyrooz, D. C. (2023). Gang intervention during COVID-19: A qualitative study of multidisciplinary teams and street outreach in Denver. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 84(102030). [Article Link](#)

Sanchez, J. A., Decker, S. H., & Pyrooz, D. C. (2021). Gang homicide: The road so far and a map for the future. *Homicide studies*, 26(1), 68-90. [Article Link](#)

Dierkhising, C. B., **Sanchez, J. A.**, & Gutierrez, L. (2019). "It Changed My Life": Traumatic Loss, Behavioral Health, and Turning Points Among Gang-Involved and Justice-Involved Youth. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 36(17-18), 8027-8049. [Article Link](#)

Pyrooz, D.C., Weltman, E., & **Sanchez, J.** (2019) Intervening in the Lives of Gang Members in Denver: A Pilot Evaluation of the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver. *Justice Evaluation Journal*, 2(2), 139-163. [Article Link](#)

Book Chapters and Other Publications

Tostlebe, J.J., & **Sanchez, J.A.** "Birds of a feather? Individual differences and gang membership." In *The Oxford Handbook of Gangs and Society*, eds. David C. Pyrooz, James Densley, and John Liverso. Oxford University Press.
(Forthcoming) [Pre-Print Link](#)

Sanchez, J.A. & Pyrooz, D.C. Gang Homicide in the United States. In *Taking Stock of Homicide: Trends, Emerging Themes, and the Challenges*, eds. Karen F. Parker and Ashley Mancik. Temple University Press. (Forthcoming)

Tostlebe, J.J. & **Sanchez, J.A.** (2021) "The Criminology Academy: Two doctoral students' foray into the world of podcasting." *The Criminologist* (September/October issue). [Newsletter Link](#)

Sanchez, J.A. (2020) Book Review: Robert Duran, *The Gang Paradox: Inequalities and Miracles on the U.S.-Mexico Border*, Rutgers University, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Book Reviews. [Book Review Link](#)

Research Experience

1/2019 - 12/2022

Research Assistant

University of Colorado Boulder, *Leaving gangs and desisting from crime using a multidisciplinary team approach: A randomized control trial evaluation of the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver* (NIJ Grant: 2018-75-CX-0028, \$600,797)

- Aided in survey development
- Led qualitative data collection
- Conducted phone survey interviews with participants
- Assisted with data cleaning
- Assisted in writing up a final report for the NIJ and other stakeholders

10/2020 - 5/2021

Research Assistant

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Harvard University, *Applying a Developmental Evaluation Approach to Address Community Safety and Health Challenges of Reintegration Programs in the USA* (NIJ Grant: 2019-ZA-CX-0001, \$1,114,933)

- Conducted a scoping review of the gang intervention literature
- Aided in developing a presentation for stakeholders

6/2018-9/2018

Research Assistant

University of Colorado Boulder, *Continuity and change in protective and risk factors among participants in the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver: A pilot project*

- Conducted phone survey interviews with participants

06/2016 - 06/2018

Research Assistant

California State University, Los Angeles, *Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development*

- Responsible for cleaning data in the Efforts-to-Outcomes database
- Developed weekly and monthly reports for contracted agencies and administrators
- Trained contracted agencies in data collection

Presentations

Sanchez, J.A., Pyrooz, D. C. (2023) Intervening in the lives of gang members: Findings from a randomized controlled trial of multidisciplinary teams and street outreach workers in Denver, Colorado. Presented at the 21st Eurogang Workshop in Les Avellanes, Spain.

Sanchez, J.A., Pyrooz, D. C., & Weltman, E. (2022). Examining how the Gang Reduction Initiative of Denver's outreach workers perceive their mission and deliver services. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA.

Sanchez, J.A., Pyrooz, D.C., & Weltman, E. (2021) Gang Intervention and Multidisciplinary Teams: A Qualitative Study in the Age of COVID-19. Presented at the *American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL.

Sanchez, J.A. & Pyrooz, D.C., (2021) Gang Intervention in the COVID-19 Era: A Qualitative Study of Multidisciplinary Teams and Gang Outreach in Denver. Presented virtually at the *Institute of Behavioral Science 8th Annual Poster Symposium*, Boulder, CO.

Sanchez, J.A., Tostlebe J.J., Pyrooz D.C. & Decker S.H. (2019) Where colors collide: Do race and gang membership moderate inmate misconduct? Presented at the *American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA.

Densley, J., Pyrooz, D., & **Sanchez, J.** (2019) The Matrix in Context: Taking Stock of Police Gang Databases in London and Beyond. Presented at *Eurogang XIX*, Canterbury, England.

Sanchez, J.A. & Dierkhising, C.B. (2017) A Comparative study of youth gang affiliation across the world. Presented as a poster at the *American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.

Invited Talks

Gang Intervention During COVID-19. Given to University of Kent Centre of Research and Education in Forensic Psychology Lab Group. (May 2022).

Teaching Experience

University of Colorado Boulder - Department of Sociology

Instructor

SOCY 2044: Crime and Society (Undergraduate; Summer 2022, 2023; Fall 2023)

SOCY 4014: Criminology (Undergraduate; Fall 2023)

Teaching Assistant

SOCY 4004: Special Topics in Criminology: Gangs: Causes and Consequences (Undergraduate; Spring 2020, 2022, 2023)

SOCY 6111: Data 2 (Graduate; Fall 2021)

SOCY 1004: Deviance in U.S. Society (Undergraduate; Fall 2018)

Honors, Awards and Fellowships

Ralph and Barbara Dakin Award, UCB Department of Sociology, \$2,000 (2023)

American Society of Criminology's Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship, \$6,000 (2022)

Dakin Research Award, UCB Department of Sociology: \$1,000 (2022)

Emerald Literati Awards: Outstanding Reviewer (Policing: An International Journal; 2021)

Racial/Ethnic Inequalities Research Award: \$3,000 (2020, 2021); \$1,700 (2022)

Travel Grant, UCB Department of Sociology: \$500 (2019); \$750 (2021, 2022)

Summer Research Funding, UCB Department of Sociology: \$2,500 (2019); \$750 (2020); \$2,500 (2021); \$4,000 (2022)

Graduate School Diversity Recruitment Fellowship: \$2,500 (2018)

Office of Diversity, Equity, and Community Engagement Graduate Top-Up Funding program: \$2,000 (2018)

Service

Professional Service

The Criminology Academy Podcast, Co-Host

- 2023 Popcon Award for Best Science, Medicine, and Education podcast

University of Colorado Boulder Departmental Service

Student Coordinator, Criminology and Criminal Justice Working Group (2020-2021)

Student Representative, Faculty Hire (2020)

Committee Member, Open House Committee (2020; 2022)

Mentor, Graduate Student Mentor Program (2019-2023)

Manuscript Reviewer

Science Advances; Justice Quarterly; Policing: An International Journal; Journal of Criminal Justice; Journal of Youth Studies; International Criminology

Skills, Certifications, and Comprehensive Exam Areas

Languages: Spanish (native); English

Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods for Behavioral Science (Spring 2022)

Comprehensive exam areas: Gangs, criminological theory, and quantitative methods

Software Proficiencies: Stata, Mplus, ArcGIS, MaxQDA

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Criminology

- Division of International Criminology; Developmental and Life-Course Criminology; Public Opinion & Policy

American Sociological Association

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Eurogang Research Program