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Education:

- 2012 Doctor of Philosophy: Criminal Justice
 Dissertation - The "worst of both worlds": Increased law enforcement presence, reasonable suspicion, and searches of students in public schools.
 Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
- 2008 Master of Arts: Criminal Justice
 Thesis - The legality and liability of school searches in a post-*T.L.O.* world.
 Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
- 2003 Bachelor of Science: Criminal Justice, Minor in Biology
 University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, LA

Related Positions to the Field of Criminal Justice:

Associate Professor

University of Houston – Downtown, Fall 2018 to Present

Assistant Professor

University of Houston – Downtown, Fall 2012 to Spring 2018

Classroom Instructor

Sam Houston State University, Summer 2009 and 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011

Research Assistant

Sam Houston State University, Dr. Larry Hoover, Fall 2011 to Spring 2012
 Sam Houston State University, Dr. Jeffrey Bouffard, Fall 2009 to Spring 2010
 Sam Houston State University, Dr. Melissa Tackett-Gibson, Spring 2008
 Sam Houston State University, Survey Research Program, Fall 2006 to Summer 2007

Teacher Assistant

Sam Houston State University, Dr. Howard Henderson, Spring 2009
 Sam Houston State University, Dr. Jennifer Schulenberg, Fall 2007

Intern

Louisiana State Probation and Parole, Fall 2002 to Spring 2003

Publications:

Bouffard, J. A., Nobles, M. R., Wells, W., & **Cavanaugh, M. R.** (2012). How many more guns? Estimating the effect of allowing concealed handgun licenses on college campuses. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 27(2), 316-343.

Cavanaugh, M. R. & Franklin, T.W. (2012). Do DWI courts work? An empirical evaluation of a Texas-based DWI court. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*. 51, 257-274.

Wells, W., **Cavanaugh, M. R.**, Bouffard, J. A., & Nobles, M. R. (2012). Non-response bias with web-based surveys of college students. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 28, 455-476.

Cavanaugh, M. R., Bouffard, J. A., Wells, W., & Nobles, M. R. (2012). Student attitudes toward concealed handguns on campus at two universities. *American Journal of Public Health*. 102(12), 2245-2247.

Cavanaugh, M. R., McShane, M., & Williams, F. P. (2014). Confronting the demons of future dangerousness. *Journal of Law and Criminal Justice*, 2(2), 47-66.

*Laosunthorn, C. **Cavanaugh, M. R.**, & Wang, H. (2015). War on drugs in Thailand: With a focus on methamphetamine. *The 2015 AAPS Annual Conference and the Police and Science International Forum Proceedings*, 16, 34-48.

Cavanaugh, M. R., Pfeffer, R., & Ahmad, J. (2016). Undergraduate student participation in an evaluation of a police program: A high-impact practice. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 27(3), 324-339.

Buckler, K. G., Gilmore, E. L., **Cavanaugh, M. R.**, & Fowler, S. K. (2016). Ideological divisiveness in criminal procedure cases: Measuring variability in US Supreme Court outcomes. *Criminal Justice Review*, 41(4), 409-426.

Reprinted in – Spohn, C., Hemmens, C. T., & McCann, W. S. (Eds.) (2018). *Courts / A Text Reader* (3rd Ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Matusiak, M. C., **Cavanaugh, M. R.**, & Stephenson, M.* (2020). An assessment of officer-involved shooting data transparency in the United States. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 0886260520913646 Online First.

* Denotes work with a student

Books:

Belbot, B., Hemmens, C., & **Cavanaugh, M. R.** (2015). *The legal rights of the convicted* (2nd Ed.). El Paso, TX: LFB Publishing.

McShane, M. & **Cavanaugh, M. R.**, (Eds.) (2015). *Understanding juvenile justice and delinquency*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.

Book Chapters:

Belbot, B. & **Cavanaugh, M. R.** (2014). Inmate litigation and the Constitution. In Hemmens, C. *Current legal issues in criminal justice*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Cavanaugh, M. R. (2015). School searches: Balancing delinquency and privacy. In McShane M. and Cavanaugh M. R. (2015). *Understanding juvenile justice and delinquency*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.

Technical Reports:

Longmire, D. R. & **Cavanaugh, M. R.** (2007). *Texans' Confidence in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems in Texas 2007 Texas Crime Poll*. Huntsville, TX: College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University
<http://www.cjcenter/research/srp/cparchive/2007/Results.pdf>.

Cavanaugh, M. R. (2010). Long Term Consequences of Substance Use from Young Adulthood to Middle Adulthood. In S. Menard with C. Bergeron, L. Bowman, M. R. Cavanaugh, Jr., R. Embry, H. Esparza, T. Guclu, E. Gulen, Y. Jo, S. Keller, S. Kruakham, J. Lee, W. Pollock, and P. M. Rivolta (Eds.), *Inhalant Abuse and Related Problem Behaviors Across Generations in a National Sample* (pp. 199-219). National Youth Survey Family Study Project Report Number 2/National Youth Survey Report Number 61, Final Report to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Ahmad, J., **Cavanaugh, M. R.**, Pfeffer, R., Carreno, Y.*, Green, D.*, Lamberton, R.*, & Nelson, J.* (2014). *Evaluating Houston Police Department's Gang Resistance Education and Training Program: Preliminary Findings*. Houston, TX: Department of Criminal Justice, University of Houston-Downtown.

Developing Research:

Long term consequences of substance use from adolescence to middle adulthood: Results from a national sample. (Cavanaugh, M. R., Johnson, M., & Menard, S.).

Faculty and staff attitudes for guns on campus (*Brown, J. M., Nobles, M. R., & Cavanaugh, M. R.).

Black and Blue: An examination of police shootings (Cavanaugh, M. R., Matusiak, M. C., & *Taylor, Z. E.).

Police searches in schools (Cavanaugh, M. R.).

Use of Force in the New Orleans Police Department (Cavanaugh, M. R.).

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Conference Presentations:

Cavanaugh, M. R.
School Searches and Liability Under Section 1983
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Boston, MA. March 2009.

Cavanaugh, M. R.
Law Enforcement Participation in School Searches: An Examination of State Criminal Court Cases
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Diego, CA. March 2010.

Bouffard, J. A., Wells, W., Nobles, M., & Cavanaugh, M. R.
How Many More Guns? Estimating the Effect of Allowing Concealed Handgun Licenses on a College Campus
American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. November 2010.

Cavanaugh, M. R. & Franklin, T. W.
Do DWI Courts Work? An Empirical Evaluation of a Texas-Based DWI Court
American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. November 2010.

Cavanaugh, M. R., Bouffard, J., Wells, W., & Nobles, M.
Student Attitudes about Concealed Handguns on Campus at Two Universities
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Toronto, ON. March 2011.

Wells, W., Cavanaugh, M. R., Bouffard, J., & Nobles, M.
Non-Response Bias in Web-base Surveys of College Students: A Comparison of Results Across In-class and Web-based Surveys
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Toronto, ON. March 2011.

Cavanaugh, M. R. & Vaughn, M. S.
Drug Testing in Public Schools: How Far Will the Lower Courts Extend Vernonia and Earls?
American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL. November 2012.

Cavanaugh, M. R. & Vaughn, M. S.
Strip Searches in Schools: Before and after Safford Unified School District No. 1 v. Redding (2009)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Dallas, TX. March 2013.

Cavanaugh, M. R., McShane, M., & Williams, F. P.
 Extending Baldus: A Commentary on Racial Bias in Predictions of Future Dangerousness
 Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, San Antonio, TX. September 2013.

*Cavanaugh, M. R.
 The Supreme Court and Habeas Corpus
 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA. February 2014

Snell, C., & Cavanaugh, M. R.
 Process and Outcome Evaluation of a Veterans Court Evaluation (*Poster*)
 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA. February 2014

Cavanaugh, M. R.
 The Supreme Court and Criminal Justice: Significant Cases from the 2013 Term
 Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, South Padre, TX. October 2014.

Cavanaugh, M. R.
 Engaging Undergraduates in Research-Based Service Learning Projects: A Student and Faculty
 Discussion of an Evaluation of the Houston Police Department's G.R.E.A.T. Program
 Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, South Padre, TX. October 2014.

Johnson, M. & Cavanaugh, M. R.
 Long Term Consequences of Substance Use for Young Adulthood to Middle Adulthood
 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL. March 2015

Cavanaugh, M. R. (Moderator)
 2014-2015 Supreme Court Term and Policing
 Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, South Padre, TX. October 2015.

Cavanaugh, M. R. (Discussant)
 Roundtable: The Journal of Criminal Justice and Law: A Discussion of Need, Direction, and
 Submission Guidelines.
 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, Colorado. March 2016.

Cavanaugh, M. R.
 Making sausage: A faculty perspective of serving on a campus carry committee
 Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. October 2016.

Cavanaugh, M. R., Matusiak, M. C., & Taylor, Z. E.
 Black and Blue: An Analysis of Police Involved Shootings in Houston
 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO. March 2017

Cavanaugh, M. R., & Matusiak, M. C.
Officer-Involved Shootings: The State of Publicly Available Police Data in the United States.
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, LA. February 2018

Cavanaugh, M. R. (Discussant)
Managing Student Demand, Student Success, and Faculty Perceptions in Scheduling Online,
Face to Face, and Hybrid Courses
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, LA. February 2018

Cavanaugh, M. R. (Organizer and Discussant)
6 years of fun: Navigating the tenure process from appointment until portfolio submission.
Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, San Antonio, TX. October 2018.

Cavanaugh, M. R.
An Examination of the Use of Force in the New Orleans Police Department 2016-2018.
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD. March 2019.

Cavanaugh, M. R.
Master of Ceremonies – SWACJ Luncheon and Keynote Speech (Alberto Gonzales)
Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, Houston, TX. October 2019.

Canceled by Global Pandemic - COVID-19

Cavanaugh, M. R. (Roundtable Discussant)
Autism and Criminal Justice: High Risk, Low Priority
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Antonio, TX. March 2020.

* *Featured Panel*

Journal Editor:

Journal of Criminal Justice and Law, Fall 2015 to Fall 2016

Invited Manuscript Reviews:

American Journal of Criminal Justice
American Journal of Public Health
Criminal Justice Review
Health and Justice
International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology
Journal of Criminal Justice
Journal of Criminal Justice and Behavior
Journal of Criminal Justice and Law
Journal of Family Strengths
Journal of Offender Rehabilitation
Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology
Journal of School Violence

Justice Quarterly
Psychology of Violence
Women and Criminal Justice

Service:

Sam Houston State University

The Student Development Committee, College of Criminal Justice. Fall 2009 to Spring 2010

Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ)

Audit Review Committee. Fall 2014 to Fall 2016

Second Vice President. Fall 2016 to Fall 2017

Search Committee (Co-Chair) for JQCJC editor. Summer 2017 to Fall 2017.

Vice President. Fall 2017 to Fall 2018

President. Fall 2018 to Fall 2019.

Past President. Fall 2019 to Fall 2020.

Constitution Review Committee (Chair). Spring 2021 to Present.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

Topic Chair for 2020 conference. *Constitutional and Legal Issues*. Fall 2019 to Spring 2020.

University of Houston – Downtown

Department

Adjunct Review Committee, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2012 to Spring 2013.

Assessment Committee, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2012 to Spring 2013.

Curriculum Committee, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2013 to Spring 2014.

Awards and Scholarship Committee, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2013 to Spring 2014.

Faculty Advisor for Alpha Phi Sigma, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2013 to Summer 2015.

MSCJ Admissions Committee, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2014 to Summer 2015.

Awards and Scholarship Committee (Chair), Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2014 to Spring 2016.

Graduate Travel Committee, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2015 to Spring 2016.

CJ 1301 Student Success Committee, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2015 to Spring 2016.

Department Chair Search (Elected Member), Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2016 to Spring 2017.

Annual Evaluation Teaching Sub-committee - Ad Hoc, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Spring 2016 to Fall 2017.

MSCJ Handbook Revision Committee- Ad Hoc (Chair), Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2017 to Spring 2018.

Department Chair Search (Elected Member), Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Spring 2018.

Rank and Tenure Committee, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2018 to Present.

MSCJ Review and Handbook Committee (*Ad hoc*), Administrative Liaison, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2018 to Spring 2019.

Graduate Certificate Committee (*Ad hoc*), Administrative Liaison, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2018 to Spring 2020.

Department Curriculum Committee, Administrative Liaison, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2018 to Present.

Northwest Campus Task Force (*Ad hoc*), Administrative Liaison, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2019 to Spring 2020.

CJ Assistant Professor Search, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2020 to Present.

CJ Student Awards and Scholarships Committee, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2020 to Present.

Rank and Tenure Committee (Chair), Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2020 to Present.

College

Advising, Recruiting, and Retention Committee, College (MSCJ Representative). Spring 2016 to Summer 2017.

College Graduate Council, College (MSCJ Representative). Fall 2016 to Spring 2018.

Assistant Director of Graduate Program in CPS Search, College (MSCJ Representative). Summer 2017 to Fall 2017.

University

40th Anniversary Committee, University (CJ Representative). Spring 2014 to Spring 2015.

Campus Carry Task Force, University (CPS Representative). Fall 2015 to Spring 2016.

Student Discipline Committee, University (CPS Representative). Fall 2015 to Spring 2017.

Graduate Council, University (MSCJ Representative). Spring 2016 to Spring 2018

Campus Carry Safety Committee, University (CPS Representative). Fall 2016 to Spring 2018

Parking and Transportation Committee, University (Commerce St Building Representative). Fall 2017 to Spring 2019.

Faculty Senate Secretary-Treasurer (Elected), University of Houston-Downtown. Fall 2018 to Summer 2020.

Faculty Senate Executive Council, University of Houston-Downtown. Fall 2018 to Summer 2020.

Bridge Plan Administration & Infrastructure Work Group (Strategic Planning), University of Houston-Downtown. Fall 2019 to Present.

Administrative Positions

MSCJ Program Director, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Spring 2016 to Spring 2018.

Duties: Recruited students for MSCJ program. Advised current and prospective students. Appointed to and attended Graduate Council. Created and ran MSCJ information sessions. Attended recruiting events. Monitored students' progress in the program including placing students on probation and sending out dismissal letters. Worked on graduating and retaining current students. Monitored enrollment at the class and program level. Issued course waivers when needed. Created application packets so that MSCJ review committee could review candidates. Sent out letters of acceptance and rejection to applicants. Was instrumental in the creation of the position of Assistant Director of Graduate Studies in CPS. Hooded MSCJ graduates during the hooding ceremonies. Ran graduate faculty meetings. Confirmed the MSCJ graduation list with the registrar each semester. Dealt with dismissal appeals under PS 03.B.07. Worked with Graduate Admissions to streamline the process for students. Created an MSCJ essay and rubric for applicants. Scheduled MSCJ classes each semester. Assigned instructors to courses. Monitored dismissal rates and trends among students. Helped create recruiting materials for MSCJ program. Worked on MSCJ curriculum issues. Approved students for capstone course (project or thesis). Corresponded with current MSCJ students and kept them up to date on events and important dates. Worked hand in hand with the department chair and faculty to manage the program and increase enrollment. Helped onboard new Assistant Director of Graduate Studies for CPS. Served as point person for catalog changes for MSCJ program.

Assistant Chair, Department of Criminal Justice & Social Work. Fall 2018 to Present.

Duties: Manage the adjunct faculty. Correspond with adjuncts to keep them abreast of important deadlines, events, and priorities for the university, college, and department. Organize adjunct appreciation reception. Identify candidates from the applicant pool to bring forward to the adjunct committee for review. Move candidates through the hiring process. Onboard CJ adjuncts into CJSW department. Compile course schedules for each semester (around 200 classes a year). Assign faculty to classes. Serve as administrative liaison to departmental committees. Work with chair and curriculum committee to reformulate prerequisites. Monitor DFW rates for CJ majors/courses. Recruit students for all three CJ programs in the department. Advise students on occasion. Assign waivers in Peoplesoft and Banner systems for students. Monitor and fix prerequisite (PERC) issues in PeopleSoft for CJ. Utilize signature authority when chair unavailable. Handle some student complaints. Handle some faculty issues. Attend leadership meetings both as Assistant Chair and filling in for Chair. Manage enrollment. Increase/decrease course caps to maximize student spread and give plenty of options for students. Analyze course offerings to maximize student retention, persistence, and graduation while maximizing enrollment. Work with department and college business administrators to credential new faculty. Work with department and college business administrators to complete accurate workload tables for adjuncts and full-

time faculty for payroll purposes. Attend recruiting events both in person and online.

Awards:

Nominated, Excellence in Writing, Sam Houston State University. 2007, 2008, and 2009

Awarded, Donald J. Weisenhorn Criminal Justice Scholarship, Sam Houston State University.
Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 (\$2,000 per semester)

Awarded, Sam Houston State University Research Fellowship for Doctoral Students.
Summer 2009 (\$6,000)

Awarded, Sam Houston State University Research Fellowship for Doctoral Students.
Summer 2010 (\$6,000)

Awarded, Outstanding Leadership Award. Sam Houston State University.
Spring 2010

Awarded, Faculty Development Award. University of Houston – Downtown.
Spring 2014 (\$6,920)

Awarded, Sage Junior Faculty Professional Development Teaching Award. ACJS. Spring 2016
(\$750)

Nominated, 2016 UHD Excellence in Scholarship/Creative Activity Award. University of
Houston – Downtown. Spring 2016.

Nominated, 2019 UHD Excellence in Service Award, University of Houston – Downtown.
Spring 2019 – **Finalist**.

Nominated, 2020 UHD Excellence in Service Award, University of Houston – Downtown.
Spring 2020.

Nominated, 2021 UHD Excellence in Service Award, University of Houston – Downtown.
Spring 2021 – **Finalist and 2021 UHD Excellence in Service Award Winner**.

Courses Taught:

Sam Houston State University

CJ 261 - Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

CJ 262 - Criminology (Writing Enhanced)

CJ 430 - Law and Society

CJ 430 - Law and Society (Writing Enhanced)

CJ 432 - Legal Aspects of Corrections

University of Houston-Downtown

CJ 1301 – Crime, Law, and Society
 CJ 1301 – Crime, Law, and Society (Online)
 CJ 1301 – Crime, Law, and Society (Hybrid)
 CJ 2302 – Criminal Courts (Hybrid)
 CJ 2302 – Criminal Courts (Online)
 CJ 3301 – Criminology (Online and Writing Enhanced)
 CJ 4307 – Legal Rights of the Convicted
 CJ 4312 – Research Topics (GREAT Evaluation)
 CJ 6301 – Criminal Justice Project
 CJ 6311 – Legal Liabilities in Criminal Justice (Masters)
 CJ 6311 – Legal Liabilities in Criminal Justice (Masters and Online)
 CJ 6312 – Law and Society (Masters and Online)
 CJ 6312 – Law and Society (Masters)
 CJ 6324 – Justice Policy Process and Analysis (Masters and Online)
 CJ 6350 – Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation (Masters)
 CJ 6350 – Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation (Masters and Online)
 CJ 6360 – Special Topics: Guns in America (Masters)
 CJ 6360 – Special Topics: Guns in America (Masters and Online)
 CJ 6370 – Independent Study
 CJ 6390 – Thesis I
 CJ 6391 – Thesis II
 UHD 1308 – Freshman Seminar: Guns in America (Synchronous Online)

Student Research:

Greg Fremin (Book Review*). Holloway, Pippa, *Living in Infamy: Felon disfranchisement and the history of American Citizenship*. *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*, 2(2), 305-308.

Melisa Jaris (Book Review*). Oselin, Sharon, *Leaving Prostitution: Getting out and Staying out of Sex Work*. *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*, 3(1), 124-126.

* *Based on work from class*

Graduate Capstone Projects:

Zohaib Lakhani – Sexual assault and its consequences on adolescents and teens. Fall 2014.

John Brown – Faculty and staff attitudes of concealed carry on campus. Spring 2015.

Leonard Kubiak – Evaluation of Harris County’s First Offender (marijuana) program. Fall 2015.

Patrick Morrissey – Best Practices to Fight Environmental Crime in Houston. Spring 2016.

Joshua Mungia – Peer Mentoring for Police. Spring 2016.

Ginea Pride – Race and Sentencing. Spring 2017.

Ana Ochoa – Handbook for Community Resources for Reentry in Travis County. Spring 2017.

Adriana Perez - The Obstacles Surrounding Community Supervision of DWI offenders in Harris County: The Effectiveness and Barriers Regarding Community Supervision Stipulations. Fall 2017.

Ikechukwu Nnali - Constitutional Carry: The Future of Gun Laws in Texas. Fall 2017.

Michael Copley - Overcrowded Specialty Courts: Moving Forward. Spring 2018.

Kwanhatai Tong - Aging Inmates and Health Care Costs. Spring 2018.

Nathanael Ortiz – Environmental Complexities in Policing. Fall 2018.

Ketrial Rose – Evaluation of Female Pregnancy while Incarcerated and Contributing Factors in the Criminal Justice System. Fall 2018.

Kelley Hudson. The Crisis Control Diversion Program for the Harris County Sheriff's Office. Spring 2019.

Oscar DeLeon. Influence the Opportunity by Taking Action: A Safety and Security Analysis. Spring 2020.

Jessie Stubblefield. Increasing the Age that an Individual can be Charged as an Adult. Spring 2020.

David Franklin. Terrorism in the Age of COVID-19: How the Pandemic has Influenced Foreign/Domestic Terrorism and Counterterrorism Response. Spring 2021.

Alfredo Martinez. Providing Public Education that Effectively Raises Awareness and Improves Community Safety. Spring 2021.

Theses:

Chawan Laosunthorn – War on drugs policy in Thailand. Summer 2015. (Chair)

Renee Lamberton – Investigating Whether Houston Police Department's G.R.E.A.T. Program Impacts Police-Community Relations. Spring 2017. (Committee Member)

Bethany Leon – Reported Arson Compared Between Fire Departments and Law Enforcement Agencies. Spring 2018. (Chair)

Bertha Narvaez – Does racial and ethnic disparity exist in the Harris County S.T.A.R. drug court program? Fall 2019. (Chair)

Beatriz Amalfi Marques – A Model of Correctional Reform? An Examination of Corrections-Related Legislation Proposed, Passed, Signed, and Vetoed in Texas. Fall 2019. (Committee Member).

Zamir Yassin. The immigration climate, the Department of Homeland Security, and Customs and Border Protection. Spring 2020. (Committee Member).

Julie Wyble. Implicit Bias Training: Using What We Know From Neuro Psychology To Be Better People. Current. (Committee Member).

Rosana Gomez. Combat Experience and Justice-Involved Veterans: Are they Successful in a Veterans' Court Program? Current. (Committee Member).

Research Interests:

Criminal Law
Civil Liability under Section 1983
Death Penalty
Drug Use and Abuse
Juvenile Delinquency
Public Policy
Police Use of Force

Professional Membership:

Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences