

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2015- Current **Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice**
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
Dissertation Title: *Perceptions of, and Experiences with Contraband in Correctional Facilities: A Qualitative Examination.*
Chair: Dr. Willard Oliver
Committee Members: Dr. Jurg Gerber and Dr. Nathan Jones
- 2015 **Master of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology**
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
Thesis Title: *Ex-Inmates' Perceptions of Experiences in Texas Public and Private Prisons*
Chair: Dr. Jurg Gerber
- 2011 **Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice**
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Corrections- Contraband smuggling networks, private correctional agencies, and solitary confinement
Courts- Racial disparity in federal sentencing, prosecutorial discretion
Gangs and Organized Crime- Social network analysis of drug trafficking organizations, media portrayals of gangs and gang members

TEACHING

Classes Taught as Doctoral Teaching Fellow

Introduction to Methods of Research (Writing Enhanced)- CRIJ 3378. Face-to-face and online. Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University. (Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018, and Fall 2017)

Introduction to the Criminal Justice System- Course# 2361.04, online. Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University. (Summer 2018)

Correctional Systems and Practices- Course# 2365.09, online, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. (Spring 2019)

Corrections, and Juvenile Justice in the U.S. (2 week condensed course). Zhejiang Police College, Zhejiang Province, China. (Spring 2018)

Teaching Assistant

- 2017 CRIJ 6392 online, Program Evaluation in CJ, Dr. Jeff Bouffard, Sam Houston State University.
- 2016, 2017 CRIJ 6339 online, Police in Society, Dr. Willard Oliver, Sam Houston State University.
- 2016 CRIJ 2365 face-to-face, Correctional Systems and Practice, Dr. Brandy Blasko, Sam Houston State University.
- 2013, 2015 CRIJ 3378, online and face-to-face, Introduction to Methods of Research, Dr. Brandy Blasko, Dr. Yan Zhang, Sam Houston State University.
- 2013, 2014, 2017 CRIJ 3396 online, Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice, Dr. Ling Ren, Sam Houston State University.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Refereed Journals

- Jones, N.; **Dittmann, L.**; Wu, J., & Reese, T. (2018). A Mixed Methods Social Network Analysis of a Cross-Border Drug Network: The Fernando Sanchez Organization (FSO). *Trends in Organized Crime*, 1-29.
- Dittmann, L.**, & Gerber, J. (2016). Framing legitimacy: A qualitative analysis examining Texas local print media portrayals of an immigrant family detention center. *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*, 4, 217-243.
- Hu, X., & **Dittmann L.** (2016). Gangs in the print media: Description, crime, and intervention. *Journal of Gang Research*, 23, 29-50.
- Franklin, T. W., **Dittmann, L.**, & Henry, T. (2015). Extralegal disparity in the application of intermediate sanctions: An analysis of U.S. District Courts. *Crime & Delinquency*, 63, 839-874.

Book Chapters

- Dittmann, L. (2018). Exploring the Potential Benefits and Unintended Consequences of Harris County's Misdemeanor Marijuana Diversion Program (MMDP): A Cause for Concern Regarding Access. In N. Marion & J. Hill J. (Eds.), More on Legalizing Marijuana: Ongoing Shifts in American Policies. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.

Textbook Additions

Dittmann, L. In B.K., Payne, W. M., Oliver, & N.E. Marion, (2 ed.) (2017). Ethical Dilemmas in Decision-Making: Private Prisons. Introduction to Criminal Justice: A Balanced Approach, (p. 388). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Media Publications

Dittmann, L. & Henry T. (2016, October, 18). Half-Truths and False Equivalencies: Understanding the Role of Race in the Criminal Justice System. *The Houstonian*, p. 6.

Manuscripts Submitted/Under Review

Dittmann, L. A Content Analysis of Print-Media Discourse on the Use of Solitary Confinement.” Submitted for peer review. Submitted.

Hu, X.; Dittmann, L. (2018). He’s Definitely a Gangsta: Over-Identification of Gang-Membership in Print Media. Under review.

Manuscripts in Progress

Zhang, Y.; Dittmann, L.; Angulski, K. (2018). Not in My Back-Yard: Mapping the Relationship Between Methadone Treatment Centers and Drug Crimes in Houston, Texas.”

Dittmann, L.; Gerber, J.; Jones, N. (2018). From the Horse’s Mouth to the Headlines: Examining Two Prison Contraband Smuggling Processes and Networks Using Interview Data, Newspaper Articles, and Social Network Analysis.

PRESENTATIONS**Conference Presentations**

- 2018 Dittmann, L. (November, 2018). *What’s a Greendot? Examining Two Prison Contraband Smuggling Networks and Methods of Currency Transfer: Informing a Dissertation*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 Jones, N., Dittmann, L., Wu, J., Reese, T., (March, 2018). *A Mixed Methods Social Network Analysis of a Cross-Border Drug Network: The Fernando Sanchez Organization (FSO)*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 Dittmann, L. (November, 2017). *From the Horses Mouth to the Headlines: Examining Contraband Smuggling Processes and Networks in Texas Public and Private Prisons*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

- 2017 Dittmann, L. (October, 2017). *The Spatial Relationship Between Methadone Treatment Centers (MTC's) and Drug Crimes: Exploring the Not-in-My-Backyard Phenomenon (NIMBY)*. Presented at the Southwest Division of the American Association of Geographers (SWAAG), Huntsville, TX.
- 2016 Dittmann, L., Blasko, B. L., Rudes, D. S., & Magnuson, S. (November, 2016). *Measuring Neutrality in Custodial Decision-making: Prisoner Perceptions of One Procedural Justice Element*. In B. L. Blasko (Chair), *Relationships matter: Legitimacy, procedural justice, and the working alliance in prisons and jails*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 Jones, N., Dittmann, L., Wu, J., & Reese, T. (April, 2016). *Coding Operational Ties in Dark Networks from RICO Indictments: Methods for Further Social Network Analysis Research*. Poster presented at the 3rd Annual Sam Houston State University Graduate Research Symposium, The Woodlands, TX.
- 2016 Dittmann, L., Tasca, M. (March, 2016). *So Goes the Nation? U.S. Media Portrayals of the Use of Solitary Confinement*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.
- 2015 Jones, N., Dittmann, L., Wu, J., & Reese, T. (November, 2015). *Coding Operational Ties in Dark Networks from RICO Indictments: Methods for Further Social Network Analysis Research*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.
- 2015 Dittmann, L. (October, 2015). *Ex-inmates' Perceptions and Experiences in Texas Public and Private Prisons*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, South Padre Island, TX.
- 2015 Dittmann, L. (March, 2015). *Ex-inmates' Perceptions and Experiences of Safety and Security in Texas Public and Private Prisons*. Presented at the annual Sam Houston State University Graduate Research Exchange, Huntsville, TX.
- 2015 Franklin, T.W., Dittmann, L., & Henry, T. (March, 2015). *Reducing Prison Terms Through Intermediate Sanctions: Who Benefits in the Federal Courts?* Presenter and Panel Chair: Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.
- 2014 Dittmann, L., & Gerber, J. (November, 2014). *Ex-inmates' Experiences and Perceptions of Public and Private Prisons*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Guest Speaker Presentations

- 2017 "Private Immigrant Detention"
Progressives for Better Government monthly meeting, held in Woodlands, TX.

2014 “The History of Privatized Punishment”. Pasadena Rotary Club, TX.

Guest Lecturer Presentations

- 2017 “The History of Privatized Punishment from the 1700s to Modern Day”. Correctional Systems and Practices-Honors, Dr. Brandy Blasko, CRIJ 2365, Sam Houston State University.
- 2017 “Experimental and Quasi Experimental Design, Sampling in Qualitative and Quantitative Research, and Survey Research”. Introduction to Methods of Research, Professor Bill Humphrey, CRIJ 3378, Sam Houston State University.
- 2016 “Privatized Punishment and Private Prisons.” Correctional Systems and Practice, Dr. Brandy Blasko, CRIJ 2365, Sam Houston State University.
- 2016 “The History of Privatized Punishment and Private Prisons.” Introduction to Criminal Justice, Professor Angela Collins, CRIJ 2361, Sam Houston State University.
- 2016 “Privatized Punishment: History and Current Context.” Introduction to Criminal Justice, Professor Ashley Boillot-Fansher, CRIJ 2361, Sam Houston State University.
- 2015 “Privatized Punishment and the Private Prison Industry in the U.S”. Correctional Systems and Practice, Professor Jaesung Lee, CRIJ 2635, Sam Houston State University.
- 2015 “The Private Prison Industry”. Introduction to Criminal Justice, Professor Stephanie Bickley, CRIJ 2361, Sam Houston State University.
- 2014 “Privatized Punishment and the Private Prison Industry”. Introduction to Criminal Justice, Professor Stephanie Bickley, CRIJ 2361, Sam Houston State University.
- 2014 “The Police: Role and Function”. Introduction to Criminal Justice, Professor Stephanie Bickley, CRIJ 2361, Sam Houston State University.
- 2014 “Technological Innovations: Policing, Police Militarization, Use of Force, and Video Documenting Police Interactions”. Professor Stephanie Bickley, CRIJ 2361, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University.

ASSISTANTSHIPS

Research Assistant

- 2017 - 2018 Archival data collection for O.W. Wilson Biography, Dr. Willard Oliver, Sam Houston State University.

- 2017 Targeted marketing for August Vollmer Biography book promotion, Dr. Willard Oliver, Sam Houston State University.
- 2016 Data entry, data management, and library research, Dr. Willard Oliver, Sam Houston State University.
- 2015 - 2016 Project Manager of “Pennsylvania Prison Project”, data entry training, data management, and data quality assurance. Managed a 6-person research lab of undergraduates who assist with data entry. Dr. Brandy Blasko. Sam Houston State University.
- 2015 Assisted in sentencing literature collection and sentencing research. Dr. Travis Franklin, Sam Houston State University.
- 2015 Assisted in identify types of solitary confinement, policies, procedures, legislation, lawsuits, and media reports. Dr. Melinda Tasca, Sam Houston State University.
- 2015 Correctional Management Institute of Texas, assisted with preparations for class #18 of the National Jail Leadership Command Academy, Sam Houston State University.
- 2013 - 2014 Data entry, data management, and library research, Dr. Willard Oliver, Sam Houston State University.

RESEARCH TRAINING

Blasko, B.; Layne Dittmann

- 2017 Face-to-Face Interview Training, Co-facilitator.

Blasko B.; Carpenter, C.; Griffin A.; & Dittmann, L.

- 2017 Program Evaluation of Montgomery County Probation Sex Offender Unit. Survey administration and observation.

Dittmann, L.; Tasca, M.

- 2016 “Media Attitudes Towards the Use of Solitary Confinement”. Sampling, data compilation, and analyses.

Blasko, B.; Dittmann, L.

- 2015-2016 “The Prison Project”. Project Manager.

Jones, N.; Dittmann, L.; Wu, J. & Reese, T.

- 2015 “Coding Operational Ties in Dark Networks from RICO Indictments: Methods for Further Social Network Analysis Research”.

Dittmann, L.

- 2015 “Ex-inmates’ Perceptions of Experiences in Public and Private Prisons”. Principal Investigator. Original data collection for thesis.

Gerber, J.; Armstrong, G.; Hu, X.; Lee, J.; Dittmann, L. & Angulski, K.
2013-2014 "Perceptions of Family & Community Support Among Released Felons in the State of Texas". Research Assistant.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2013- Current Graduate Student Fellowship, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology and Criminal, Sam Houston State University.

2018 SHSU Graduate Studies' Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

2016 Summer Research Fellowship

2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 Summer Scholarship, Summer school tuition funded by Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Sam Houston State University.

2015 Travel Scholarship, Research Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

Peer-Reviewer for *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, and *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*.

Service to Regional and National Professional Organizations

Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

Panel Chair, 2015, Annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, held in South Padre, TX.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Panel Chair, 2015, Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.

Service to the Department

Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization, Sam Houston State University

CJGSO Member: 2013-current

CJGSO Social Events Planning Committee: 2016-2017

CJGSO Research and Development Committee: 2014-2016

CJGSO Social Events Planning Committee: 2013

Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization Presentations, Sam Houston State University

Brownbag Presenter, *Secrets of the IRB*: 2016

Brownbag Presenter, *The Thesis Process*: 2015

Sam Houston State University, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
Member, Awards Committee: 2017-2018

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

SELECTED TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2018 SHSU Be the One in the Fight Against Human Trafficking
2017 SHSU Annual Ethics Training
2017 SHSU Active Shooters and other Dangerous Things Training
2017 SHSU Blackboard Online Teaching Certification
2017 SHSU Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Compliance Training
2017 SHSU Non-Disclosure Agreement Training
2016 CAPI (Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing) Blaise v 4.8 training conducted by
Dr. David Pyrooz, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

2007-2015 **Licensed Private Investigator**, Joe Winter Investigations, Seabrook, TX.
2012-2013 **Process Server**, Atlas Pro Serve and Associates, Houston, TX.