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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2024-Current Assistant Professor, Department of Law and Justice Studies
Rowan University

EDUCATION

2020-2024 Ph.D. Criminal Justice
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Dissertation: Sex differences in risk factors for reoffending among previously adjudicated youth

2019-2020 M.S. Criminology
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Thesis: Professional sports and crime: Do NHL hockey games increase city-level crime rates?

2015-2019 B.A. Psychology and Criminology
Chatham University, Pittsburgh, PA
Magna Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Biopsychosocial Criminology
Developmental/Life-Course Criminology
Health Criminology
Sports and Crime
Quantitative Methods

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. **Block, K.**, & Connolly, E. J. (2024). Sports involvement, head injury, and delinquency: Results from a longitudinal sample of juvenile justice involved youth. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 51(8), 1219-1236. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00938548241238351>
2. Bagwell, R., Leal, W. E., Sen Roy, S., Flanagan, H., Britton, L., Piquero, A.R., & **Block, K.** The geospatial distribution of crime against persons calls for service on days with Sam Antonio Spurs Games. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*. OnlineFirst. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11292-023-09605-6>
3. **Block, K.** (2024). Examining PM_{2.5} concentrations in counties with and without state-run correctional facilities in Texas. *Punishment & Society*, 26(1), 32-52. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14624745231178906>

4. **Block, K., & Connolly, E. J.** (2023). Frequency of adequate sleep and different forms of delinquency across adolescence: Evidence from nationally representative samples of youth. *Youth & Society*, 56(3), 622-646. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X231190665>
5. Bagwell, R., **Block, K.**, Leal, W. E., & Piquero, A. (2023). The association between professional sporting events and police calls for service in San Antonio, Texas. *Journal of Crime & Justice*. 46(5), 579-592. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0735648X.2023.2201891>
6. **Block, K., & Kaplan, J.** (2023). An analysis of National Hockey League playoff games and city-level crime counts. *Crime & Delinquency*, 69(11), 2194-2217. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287221118879>
7. Connolly, E. J., Schwartz, J. A., & **Block, K.** (2022). The role of changes in sleep on the development of self-control and antisocial behavior from adolescence to adulthood. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 82. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2022.101995>
8. **Block, K., & Kaplan, J.** (2022). A test of the Cinderella effect: Measuring victim injury in child abuse cases. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 82. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2022.101987>
9. **Block, K.** (2021). Professional sports and crime: Do professional hockey games increase city-level crime rates? *Crime & Delinquency*, 67(12), 2069–2087. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287211010491>

BOOK CHAPTERS

Connolly, E. J., **Block, K.**, & Royle, M. (2023). Adolescent delinquency. In P. Cabral and A.V. Song (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Child and Adolescent Health*. Elsevier.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020-2024 Doctoral Research Assistant. Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University

2020 Research Assistant. University of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia District Attorney's Office

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses as the Instructor

Rowan University

Survey of Criminal Justice

Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice (Graduate)

Sam Houston State University

Introduction to Methods of Research (In-Person)

Introduction to Methods of Research (Online)

Courses as a Teaching Assistant

Sam Houston State University

Biosocial Criminology (Instructor of Record: Dr. Eric Connolly)

Victimology (Instructor of Record: Dr. Kathleen Ratajczak)

Transformative Justice (Instructor of Record: Dr. Breanna Boppre)

Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (Instructor of Record: Dr. Peter Lehmann)

University of Pennsylvania

Biopsychosocial Criminology (Instructor of Record: Dr. Adrian Raine)

Chatham University

Foundations of Behavioral Research (Instructor of Record: Dr. Monica Riordan)

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- 2023 **Block, K.,** & Connolly, E. J. Latent classes of mental health symptomatology and delinquent behaviors in a longitudinal sample of juvenile detainees. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, held in Philadelphia, PA.
- 2022 **Block, K.,** & Connolly, E. J. Changes in head injury and gun use from adolescence to early adulthood: Evidence from a longitudinal sample of juvenile youth.
Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, held in Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 **Block, K.,** Abderhalden, F., & Ling, S. How political ideology and importance of religion relate to perceptions of the morality of suicide. Paper presented at the Western Society of Criminology Conference, held in Honolulu, HI.
- 2020 **Block, K.,** & Connolly, E.J. Does sports involvement diminish the influence of impulsivity and sensation seeking on delinquency and criminal behavior? A longitudinal examination. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference (canceled due to COVID-19).

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Crime & Delinquency

Criminal Justice and Behavior

International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology

Journal of Criminal Justice

Punishment & Society

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023 Rolf Loeber Student Innovation Award
American Society of Criminology, Division of Biopsychosocial Criminology
- 2022 Graduate Assistant Fellowship Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ).
- 2021 Rolando, Josefa, and Jocelyn del Carmen Criminal Justice Scholarship
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University
- 2021 Student Paper Award
American Society of Criminology, Division of Experimental Criminology
- 2021 Summer Research Fellowship
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University

- 2020 Leadership in Criminology Award
Department of Criminology, University of Pennsylvania
- 2019 Academic Honors in Psychology
Department of Psychology, Chatham University
- 2019 Academic Honors in Criminology
Department of Criminology, Chatham University
- 2019 Scholars Program Achievement Award
Chatham University
- 2015-2019 Merit Scholarship
Chatham University

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- 2020-2024 Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization, Member.
Sam Houston State University
- 2019-2020 University of Pennsylvania
Graduate Student Government, Criminology Department Representative

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2024 Research cited in New York Times article, “Kansas City Shooting is Latest Violence to Mar a Sports Celebration”. Available online [here](#)
- 2022 Interview with Scripps National News, “Sports events’ impact on local crime”. Available online [here](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2023 Inclusive Teaching Strategies
Rowan University
- 2023 Academic Interviews: Preparing for Teaching vs. Research-Focused Institutions
Division of Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology
- 2023 Teaching and Learning Conference
Sam Houston State University
- 2023 3 Minute Thesis Competition Finalist
Graduate School, Sam Houston State University
- 2022 3 Minute Thesis Competition Participant
Graduate School, Sam Houston State University
- 2022 Professional Coaching Workshop
The Graduate School, Sam Houston State University

- 2022 Demystifying the Campus Interview Panel
Division of Corrections and Sentencing, American Society of Criminology
- 2022 Blackboard Ultra Workshop
IT @ Sam, Sam Houston State University
- 2022 R Workshop
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University
- 2022 Grant Writing Workshop
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University
- 2021 Virtual Forum on the Job Market
Division of Policing, American Society of Criminology
- 2021 CV Workshop
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University
- 2021 Mentoring and Collaboration Brownbag
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Criminology
Division of Biopsychosocial Criminology
Division of Developmental/Life-Course Criminology
Division of Experimental Criminology
Division on Corrections and Sentencing

Western Society of Criminology

SKILLS

R, Stata, SPSS, Mplus, Amos