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EDUCATION

- Present** **Sam Houston State University**, Huntsville, TX
Ph.D. Criminal Justice and Criminology
Expected Graduation: May 2024
- 2020** **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA
M.S. Criminology
Thesis: Professional Sports and Crime: Do NHL Hockey Games Increase City-Level Crime Rates?
- 2019** **Chatham University**, Pittsburgh, PA
B.A. Psychology and Criminology
Magna Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 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*.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2022.101995>
- 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>
- Block, K.**, & Kaplan, J. (2022). An analysis of National Hockey League playoff games and city-level crime counts. *Crime & Delinquency*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287221118879>
- 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. *Encyclopedia of Child and Adolescent Health*. Forthcoming.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020-2022 **Sam Houston State University**, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
Doctoral Research Assistant
- 2020 **University of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office**
Research Assistant.
 Collected and organized juvenile justice cases into a comprehensive dataset. Assessed the effectiveness of U.S. juvenile diversion programs through a comprehensive literature review.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses as the Instructor

- 2022 Introduction to Methods of Research, Sam Houston State University (Fall)

Courses as the Teaching Assistant

- 2022 Victimology, Sam Houston State University (Summer I)
 2022 Transformative Justice, Sam Houston State University (Spring)
 2020 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System Sam Houston State University (Fall)
 2019 Biopsychosocial Criminology, University of Pennsylvania (Fall)
 2018 Foundations of Behavioral Research, Chatham University (Spring)

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- 2022 **Block, K.**, Abderhalden, F., & Ling, S. “How political ideology and importance of religion relate to perceptions of the morality of suicide. Panel Paper, Western Society of Criminology, 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. Panel Paper, American Society of Criminology (canceled due to COVID-19).

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Crime & Delinquency

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2022 **The Graduate School General Scholarship**, Sam Houston State University
- 2022 **Graduate Annual Survey Manager Scholarship**, Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ)

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| 2021-2022 | Rolando, Josefa, and Jocelyn del Carmen Criminal Justice Scholarship , Sam Houston State University |
| 2021 | Student Paper Award , American Society of Criminology: Division of Experimental Criminology |
| 2021 | Sumer Research Fellowship , Sam Houston State University |
| 2020 | Leadership in Criminology Award , University of Pennsylvania |
| 2019 | Academic Honors in Psychology and Criminology , Chatham University |
| 2019 | Scholars Program Achievement Award , Chatham University |
| 2015-2019 | Merit Scholarship Recipient , Chatham University |

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

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| 2022 | 3 Minute Thesis Competition Participant , Sam Houston State University |
| 2020-2022 | Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization , Sam Houston State University |
| 2019-2020 | Graduate Student Government - Criminology Representative , University of Pennsylvania |

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

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| 2022 | Interview with Scripps National News, " Sports events' impact on local crime ". Available online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeHPjCER8Dc |
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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| 2022 | Blackboard Ultra Workshop , Sam Houston State University |
| 2022 | R Workshop , Sam Houston State University, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology |
| 2022 | Grant Writing Workshop , Sam Houston State University, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology |
| 2021 | Virtual Forum on the Job Market , Division of Policing – American Society of Criminology |
| 2021 | CV Workshop , Sam Houston State University, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology |

2021 **Mentoring and Collaboration Brownbag**, Sam Houston State University, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology

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