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Positions

2023 - Associate Professor, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University
2017 - 2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Sam Houston State University
2013 - 2017 Graduate Assistant, Department of Criminology, University of South Florida
2012 - 2013 Graduate Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Central Florida

Education

2017 Ph.D. University of South Florida, Department of Criminology
Dissertation: *Female Incarceration and Prison Social Order: An Examination of Gender Differences in Prison Misconduct and In-Prison Punishments*
^Winner of the USF Office of Graduate Studies Dissertation Fellowship
2013 M.S. University of Central Florida, Department of Criminal Justice
2012 B.A. University of Miami

Areas of Interest

Theories of formal social control; incarceration; criminal sentencing; gender; green criminology

Peer-Reviewed Publications

*denotes graduate student

Miller, Holly, **Elisa L. Toman**, & Kaitlin Pederson*. (Accepted August 8, 2023) "Examining the Utility of the Texas Risk Assessment System (TRAS) to Predict Community Supervision Compliance and Recidivism." Criminal Justice and Behavior.

Toman, Elisa L. (Forthcoming) "Something in the Air: Toxic Pollution in and Around U.S. Prisons." Punishment and Society.

Pederson, Kaitlyn*, **Elisa L. Toman**, & Holly Miller. (Forthcoming) "The Relationship Between Mental Health, Risk, and Community Supervision Outcomes." Journal of Criminal Justice.

Anderson, Claudia*, Joshua C. Cochran, **Elisa L. Toman**. 2022 “Social Capital and Its Impacts on Prison Life: Is Visitation a Conduit?” Crime and Delinquency 68(4): 644-683.

Toman, Elisa L. 2021 “Disciplinary Confinement and Misconduct Patterns: An Examination of Gendered Effects.” Crime and Delinquency 68(6-7): 945-974.

Rubenstein, Batya Y.*, **Elisa L. Toman**, & Joshua C. Cochran. 2021 “Socioeconomic Barriers to Child Contact with Incarcerated Parents.” Justice Quarterly 38(4): 725-751.

Cochran, J.C., **Elisa L. Toman**, Daniel P. Mears, & Ryan T. Shields. 2021 “A Uniquely Punitive Turn? Sex Offenders and the Persistence of Punitive Sanctioning.” Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency 58(1): 74-118.

Severson, Rachel E.*, **Elisa L. Toman**, & Micaela Alvarado*. 2020 “Mental Health Service Utilization: General and Gendered Consequences for Prison Strains.” Crime and Delinquency 66(12): 1754-1786.

Toman, Elisa L. 2019 “The Victim-Offender Overlap Behind Bars: Linking Prison Misconduct and Victimization.” Justice Quarterly 36(2): 350-382.

^Winner of the ASC/Division of Corrections and Sentencing Student Paper Award, 2016

Toman, Elisa L., Joshua C. Cochran, & John K. Cochran. 2018. “Jailhouse Blues? The Adverse Effects of Pretrial Detention for Prison Social Order.” Criminal Justice and Behavior 45(3): 316-339.

Cochran, Joshua, C., **Elisa L. Toman**, Daniel P. Mears, & William D. Bales. 2018. “Solitary Confinement as Punishment: Examining In-Prison Sanctioning Disparities.” Justice Quarterly 35(3): 381-411.

^Winner of the ACJS Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award, 2017

Cochran, Joshua C., Michael J. Lynch, **Elisa L. Toman**, & Ryan Shields. 2018. “Court Sentencing Patterns for Environmental Crimes: Is There a Green Gap in Sentencing?” Journal of Quantitative Criminology 34(1): 37-66.

Toman, Elisa L., Joshua C. Cochran, John K. Cochran, & William D. Bales. 2015. “The Implications of Sentence Length on Inmate Adjustment to Prison Life.” Journal of Criminal Justice 43(6): 510-521.

Peck, Jennifer H., Michael J. Leiber, Maude Beaudry-Cyr, & **Elisa L. Toman**. 2015. “The Conditioning Effect of Race and Gender on the Juvenile Court Outcomes of Delinquent and Neglected Types of Offenders.” Justice Quarterly 33(7): 1210-1236.

Other Publications

Toman, Elisa L. (2022). “Environmental Victimization: The Expansion of Prisons and the Land of Choice.” Crime Victims’ Institute, Research Brief, Report No. 2022-11, p. 1-8.

Toman, Elisa L. (2021). “Polluted Confinement: A Nationwide Analysis of Toxic Releases Near Prisons.” Crime Victims’ Institute, Research Brief, Report No. 2021-09, p. 1-6.

Cochran, Joshua C. & **Elisa L. Toman**. "Mass Jail Incarceration and Its Consequences." In Beth M. Huebner & Natasha Frost (Eds.), Handbook of Consequences of Sentencing Decisions, The ASC Division on Corrections & Sentencing Handbook Series, Volume 3, p. 245-270.

Toman, Elisa L. "Drug Crime." In Wesley G. Jennings, George Higgins, David Khey, & Mildred Maldonado-Molina (Eds.), The Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment, p. 521-529.

Funded Research

Funded research and consulting

- 2023 "Enhancing Corrections Spaces and Cultures," Bureau of Justice Assistance. Role: Data consultant (Principal investigator: Danielle Rudes).
- 2019 "Correctional Officer Retention: Examining Avenues for Improvement," Pilot Study for Future Funding Program, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Sam Houston State University (\$15,000). Role: Principal investigator (Co-principal investigators: Erin Orrick, H. Daniel Butler).

Proposals submitted

- 2023 "Everyone's on their Own: Examining Workforce Shortages in Jails and Areas for Improvement." National Institute of Justice (\$499,564). Role: Principal Investigator (Co-principal investigator: Wyatt Brown)

Presentations

*denotes graduate student

- 2023 Wingert, Anne*, Andia Azimi, & Elisa L. Toman. "Examining the Intergenerational Transmission of Criminal Justice System Involvement: Does Child Maltreatment Matter?" *Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.*
- 2022 Rude, Amanda*, & Elisa L. Toman. "Pollution in and Around U.S. Prisons." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.*
- Ee, Marilyn*, Taylor Robinson*, & Elisa L. Toman. "Environmental Injustice: Proximity to Oil Refineries." *Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.*
- Rude, Amanda*, & Elisa L. Toman. "Individual Perceptions of Job Training Programs and Institutional Behavior." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Las Vegas, NV.*
- Robinson, Taylor*, & Elisa L. Toman. "Domestic Violence and Sentencing: Do Racial Disparities Exist?" *Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Las Vegas, NV.*

- 2021 Rude, Amanda*, & Elisa L. Toman. "Gendered Strain Theory and Institutional Behavior." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.*
- 2020 Rude, Amanda*, Elisa L. Toman, & Rachel E. Severson. "Exploring the Effects of Pre-Trial Detention on Prison Strain for Individuals with Mental Health Problems." *Paper to have been presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Antonio, TX. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)*
- Kramer, Kelsey*, & Elisa L. Toman. "Examining Community Control: Gender and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Sentencing Decisions." *Paper to have been presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Antonio, TX. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)*
- 2019 Toman, Elisa L., Claudia Anderson*, & Joshua C. Cochran. "Social Resources and Inmate Health." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.*
- Griffin, Amber*, & Elisa L. Toman. "Substance Use and Prison Misconduct: The Gendered Effect of Treatment Availability." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.*
- Butler, H. Daniel, & Elisa L. Toman. "An Examination of Inmate Misconduct: Versatility or Specialization?" *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD.*
- Griffin, Amber*, & Elisa L. Toman. "Using Race, Class, and Gender to Predict Probation Revocation for Drug Users." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD.*
- Alvarado, Micaela*, Elisa L. Toman, & H. Daniel Butler. "Exploring the Time-Varying Effects of Common Predictors of Misconduct." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD.*
- 2018 Alvarado, Micaela*, Rachel Severson*, & Elisa L. Toman. "Exploring Mental Health Service Utilization: Insights from a Nationally Representative State Prison Sample." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.*
- Toman, Elisa L., Joshua C. Cochran, Ryan T. Shields, & Daniel P. Mears. "Longitudinal Trends in Sex Offender Sentencing." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.*
- Anderson, Claudia*, Joshua C. Cochran, & Elisa L. Toman. "Disparities in Social Support and the Implications for Prison Life." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.*
- 2017 Toman, Elisa L. "Gender and Race Differences in the Impact of In-Prison Punishments on Future Misconduct." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.*

Toman, Elisa L. "Gender Differences in Prisons' Responses to Inmate Misconduct." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO.*

2016 Toman, Elisa L., Joshua C. Cochran, & John K. Cochran. "Pre-trial Detention and the Adverse Impacts for At-Risk Inmates." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.*

Cochran, Joshua C., Elisa L. Toman, Daniel P. Mears, & William D. Bales. "Prison Punishment and Solitary Confinement." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.*

Toman, Elisa L. "Extending Research on the Victim-Offender Overlap: Linking Prison Misconduct and Victimization." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.*

2015 Toman, Elisa L., Joshua C. Cochran, John K. Cochran, & Daniel P. Mears. "Assessing the Link Between Prior Record and In-Prison Offending." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.*

Toman, Elisa L., Joshua C. Cochran, & John K. Cochran. "Time Spent in Jail and the Implications for Misconduct." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.*

2014 Toman, Elisa L., Joshua C. Cochran, & John K. Cochran. "Prison Sentence Length and the Implications for Inmate Adjustment to the Prison Environment." *Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.*

Peck, Jennifer H., Michael J. Leiber, Maude Beaudry-Cyr, & Elisa L. Toman. "Comparisons of Offender Types and Juvenile Court Outcomes Differentiated by Race and Gender." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.*

Camacho, Joy, Wyatt D. Brown, and Elisa L. Toman. "Mainstream Prisonization: Implications of the Dominant Perspectives." *Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.*

Teaching & advising

Courses Designed and Taught

Undergraduate

Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

Correctional Systems and Practices

Criminology

Masters

Community Based Corrections (online)

Doctoral

Pro Seminar in C.J. Issues

Seminar in American Corrections
Seminar in Green Criminology

Doctoral Student Committees

Amanda Rude	Dissertation, Sam Houston State University (in progress, chair)
Katherine Meeker	Dissertation, Sam Houston State University (in progress, chair)
Beatriz Wronski	Dissertation, Sam Houston State University (in progress, member)
Matthew Caines	Portfolio, Sam Houston State University (in progress, member)
Kaitlyn Pederson	Portfolio, Sam Houston State University (completed, Fall 2022, chair)
Shamika Kelley	Dissertation, Sam Houston State University (completed, Spring 2022, chair)
Amanda Rude	Portfolio, Sam Houston State University (completed, Spring 2022, chair)
Taylor Robinson	Portfolio, Sam Houston State University (completed, Spring 2022, member)
Kelsey Kramer	Portfolio, Sam Houston State University (completed, Spring 2022, member)
Amber Griffin	Dissertation, Sam Houston State University (completed, Summer 2021, chair)
Tri Keah Henry	Dissertation, Sam Houston State University (completed, Spring 2020, member)
Amber Griffin	Portfolio, Sam Houston State University (completed, Spring 2020, member)
Kallee McCullough	Dissertation, Sam Houston State University (completed, Spring 2018, member)

Masters Student Committees

Andrew Martone	Thesis, Sam Houston State University (in progress, member)
Nhi Le	Thesis, Sam Houston State University (completed, Spring 2022, member)
Matthew Caines	Thesis, Sam Houston State University (completed, Summer 2021, member)
Addison Kobie	Thesis, Sam Houston State University (completed, Fall 2020, member)
Shelby Dietrich	Thesis, Sam Houston State University (completed, Spring 2020, member)
Micaela Alvarado	Thesis, Sam Houston State University (completed, Fall 2019, chair)
Channing Carpenter	Thesis, Sam Houston State University (completed, Summer 2018, member)

University and Professional Service

Sam Houston State University

Faculty Teaching Award Committee, Member (Current)
Distinguished Lecturer Series Committee, Member (2019-2021)

Sam Houston State University, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology

Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee, Member (Current)
Faculty Recruitment Committee, Member (2018-2019; 2021-2022)
Graduate Student Development and Assessment Committee, Member (2017-2018)

University of South Florida, Department of Criminology

Criminology Graduate Student Organization (CGSO), Search Committee (2016)
Peer Mentor (2014)
CGSO Vice President (2014)

Awards

2022	Summer Research Fellowship (\$3,000) Crime Victims Institute Sam Houston State University
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- 2021 Summer Research Fellowship (\$3,000)
Crime Victims Institute
Sam Houston State University
- 2019 Teaching Award (\$1,000)
College of Criminal Justice
Sam Houston State University
- 2018 Certificate in Effective College Instruction (\$1,000)
Association of College and University Educators
Sam Houston State University
- 2017 Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$5,000)
Office of Graduate Studies
University of South Florida
- ACJS Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- Doctoral Student Summit Scholarship
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- 2016 Student Paper Award (\$500)
American Society of Criminology — Division on Corrections and Sentencing
- Student Scholarship Award (\$600)
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- 2015 Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,850)
Assessing the Use of Formal Social Control in Prison
(with Joshua C. Cochran, P.I.)
- Annual Research Symposium, 1st Place
Department of Criminology
University of South Florida

Professional Memberships

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
American Society of Criminology (Section: Division on Corrections and Sentencing)