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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

2026 – Blair Justice, Ph.D. Professorship in Mind-Body Medicine and Public Health  
2025 – Associate Professor, Department of Management, Policy & Community Health  
2022 – 2025 Assistant Professor, Department of Management, Policy & Community Health

### University of Texas at San Antonio

2018 – 2022 Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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2024 – **Texas Violence Injury Research Prevention Center**  
Core Faculty

2024 – **University of Texas at Austin Population Research Center**  
External Faculty Affiliate

2023 – **Urban Institute**  
Affiliated Scholar, Justice Policy Center

2023 – **UTHealth Houston Institute on Aging**  
Full Associate Member

2022 – **UTHealth Houston Health Systems Center**  
Faculty Affiliate

2022 – **UTSA Institute for Health Disparities Research**  
External Faculty Affiliate

## EDUCATION

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2018 **Ph.D., Criminology & Criminal Justice**, University of Maryland, College Park  
2015 **M.A., Criminology & Criminal Justice**, University of Maryland, College Park  
2013 **M.P.P., Public Policy**, American University  
2011 **B.A., Criminal Justice**, (*summa cum laude*) University at Albany, SUNY  
2009 **A.S., Criminal Justice**, Dutchess Community College, SUNY

## GRANT ACTIVITY

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### *Principal Investigator*

- 2025 – 2028     **Principal Investigator.** (MPI: Sandra McKay)  
Launching the Houston-HVIP: Developing and Evaluating a Hospital-Based Intervention to Reduce Recurrent Violence (UH3NR021232)  
Funding Institution: National Institute of Nursing Research  
Amount: \$4,592,238  
Effort: 20%
- 2026 – 2027     **Principal Investigator.**  
Feasibility Study of the Bexar County Diversion Center  
Funding Institution: Center for Health Care Services  
Amount: \$99,996  
Effort: 20%
- 2024 – 2026     **Principal Investigator.** (MPI: Rahma Mungia – UT Health San Antonio)  
Violence Exposure and Dental Care Utilization Over the Lifespan (R03DE034009)  
Funding Institution: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research  
Amount: \$355,490  
Effort: 20%
- 2026 – 2029     **Principal Investigator.**  
Preventing Firearm Theft from Automobiles: Co-Creating and Advancing Public Health and Safety Solutions with Impacted Communities  
Funding Institution: Fund for a Safer Future  
Amount: \$249,982  
Effort: 12.5%
- 2024 – 2026     **Principal Investigator.**  
Project Safe Neighborhoods: Reducing Firearm Theft and Promoting Safe Storage in the Western District of Texas  
Funding Institution: Office of the Texas Governor  
Amount: \$198,315  
Effort: 12%
- 2025 – 2026     **Co-Principal Investigator.** (Co-PI: Rahma Mungia – UT Health San Antonio)  
Building Oral and Nutritional Health: A Pilot Food Insecurity Initiative in Dental Clinics  
Funding Institution: University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Dentistry  
Amount: \$25,000  
Effort: In-Kind Support

*Co-Investigator*

- 2025 – 2028 **Co-Investigator/Site PI.** (PI: Thomas Oates – University of Maryland, Baltimore).  
Developing a Dental School Practice-Based Research Network Model through Collaborative Oral Health Research & Education (U01DE33228)  
Funding Institution: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research  
Amount: \$2,166,030  
Effort: 4%
- 2024 – 2026 **Co-Investigator/Site PI.** (MPIs: Dylan Jackson and Alison Gemmill – Johns Hopkins University).  
Understanding the Complex Reproductive Health Needs of Formerly Incarcerated Young Men (R21HD114341)  
Funding Institution: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development  
Amount: \$484,647  
Effort: 9%
- 2023 – 2025 **Co-Investigator/Site PI.** (PI: Dina Hooshyar – U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs)  
Research Panel of Veterans with History of Incarceration and Other Poverty Experiences (NV-HOPE)  
Funding Institution: United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
Amount: \$176,224  
Effort: 10%
- 2024 – 2029 **Co-Investigator.** (MPIs: Jeff R. Temple, Melissa Peskin, and Christopher Greeley).  
Violence and Injury Prevention Research (VIPR) Center: A Texas Medical Center Collaborative (R49CE003712)  
Funding Institution: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (R49)  
Amount: \$4,250,000  
Effort: 5%

*Consultant*

- 2024 – 2027 **Consultant/Core Faculty.** (PI: Abigail M. Hatcher – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill).  
Restoring Equity to Measuring and Preventing Perinatal Intimate Partner Violence (Remap-IPV) (R25)  
Funding Institution: National Institute of Nursing Research  
Amount: \$428,270

*Completed Principal Investigator*

- 2024 – 2026     **Principal Investigator.**  
Oral Health and Dental Care Utilization Among Formerly Incarcerated Older Adults in the United States (R03DE033486)  
Funding Institution: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research  
Amount: \$329,100  
Effort: 20%
- 2023 – 2025     **Principal Investigator.** (MPI: Sandra McKay)  
Incorporation of a Health Equity Approach to Hospital Violence Intervention Programs: The Integration of a Community and Hospital Based Initiatives to Reduce Gun Violence in a Large Metropolitan Area (UG3NR021232)  
Funding Institution: National Institute of Nursing Research  
Amount: \$1,555,426  
Effort: 25%
- 2023 – 2024     **Principal Investigator.**  
Evaluating the Justice Intake & Assessment Annex in Bexar County, Texas  
Funding Institution: Bexar County Office of Criminal Justice Policy, Planning & Programs  
Amount: \$100,000  
Effort: 16%
- 2023 – 2024     **Principal Investigator.**  
Historical Redlining, Race, Violent Victimization, and Health over the Lifespan.  
Funding Institution: Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America  
Amount: \$40,000  
Effort: 16%
- 2021 – 2022     **Principal Investigator.** (Co-PI: Robert Tillyer; Co-PI: Michael Smith)  
Project Safe Neighborhoods PY21: Violent Crime Response Effort for West Texas (VCREWT-II), Phase II.  
Funding Institution: Office of the Texas Governor  
Amount: \$34,119  
Effort: 5%
- 2020 – 2021     **Principal Investigator.** (Co-PI: Chantal Fahmy)  
Health Among Older Adults with Incarcerated Family Members  
Funding Institution: Aging Research in Criminal Justice & Health (ARCH) Network  
Amount: \$14,998  
Effort: 2.5%

2019 – 2020 **Co-Principal Investigator.** (PI: Robert Tillyer; Co-PI: Michael Smith)  
Project Safe Neighborhoods PY20: Violent Crime Response Effort for West Texas (VCREWT).  
Funding Institution: Office of the Texas Governor  
Amount: \$66,037  
Effort: 10%

2016 **Principal Investigator.**  
Incarceration and Nutritional Hardship: Considering the Link to Food Insecurity and Healthful Food Access.  
Funding Institution: Charles Koch Foundation  
Amount: \$5,000

2017 **Principal Investigator.**  
Incarceration and Nutritional Hardship: Considering the Link to Food Insecurity and Healthful Food Access.  
Funding Institution: Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship, University of Maryland  
Amount: \$15,000

*Completed Co-Investigator*

2024 – 2025 **Co-Investigator.** (PI: Dylan B. Jackson – Johns Hopkins University).  
Do Community Assets Buffer the Health Impacts of Crime a Residence in a Historically Redlined Community?  
Funding Institution: The Johns Hopkins Structural Racial Discrimination and Resilience Collaborative  
Amount: \$33,000  
Effort: In-Kind Support

*Completed Consultant*

2022 – 2023 **Statistical Consultant.** (PI: Chantal Fahmy)  
The Long-Term Impact of Traumatic Brain Injury on Reentry after Incarceration: A Vulnerability Assessment.  
Funding Institution: The University of Texas at San Antonio Brain Health Consortium  
Amount: \$15,000

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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† indicates student co-author

## **PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**

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### **Forthcoming**

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1. **Testa, Alexander**, †Luis Mijares, Dylan B. Jackson, Vahed Maroufy, Rafael Samper-Ternent, Ana C. Neumann, Rahma Mungia, Kyle T. Ganson, Jason M. Nagata, and Thomas Oates. Prior Incarceration and Dental Insurance Trajectories Throughout Older Adulthood. *JDR Clinical & Translational Research*
2. **Testa, Alexander**, †Ratnasree Vaddepalli, †Luis Mijares, Jiaming Liang, Chantal Fahmy, Dylan B. Jackson, Meghan Novisky, Carmen Gutierrez, Louisa Holaday, and Jack Tsai. Prior Incarceration and Functional Limitations Trajectories in Older Adulthood. *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*
3. **Testa, Alexander**, Daniel C. Semenza, Dylan B. Jackson, Sandra McKay, and †Aisha Khemani. Author's Reply: Firearm Policy Environments, Storage Practices, and the Need for Sustained Data Investment. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*
4. **Testa, Alexander**, †Jennifer Thompson, †Chelsea Carriker, Dylan B. Jackson, Daniel C. Semenza, and Jack Tsai. Prevalence, Correlates, and Patterns of Leaving Firearms Unattended in Vehicles Among US Firearm Owners. *Injury Epidemiology*
5. †Rippey, Emily, Lauren Caton, †Samantha Simon, **Alexander Testa**, Dylan B. Jackson, and Carmen Gutierrez. Intersecting Masculinity, Race, and Health Policy: Medicaid Expansion and Firearm Suicide Mortality Among U.S. Men. *American Journal of Public Health*
6. Nagata, Jason M., †Felicia Yen, †Angel Paul, †Kristen E. Kim, Iris Yuefan Shao, Abubakr A.A. Al-shoaibi, Kyle T. Ganson, **Alexander Testa**, Orsolya Kiss, Jinbo He, Allison K. Groves, Sarah Baird, and Fiona C. Baker. Media Parenting Practices and Early Adolescent Cyberbullying: Findings from the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) Study. *Journal of Adolescent Health*
7. Boccio, Cashen, Dylan B. Jackson, **Alexander Testa**, Daniel C. Semenza, and Melissa S. Jones. Handgun Carrying and Suicidality: An Analysis of Florida Adolescents. *Injury Prevention*
8. †Patel, Manali, †Luis Mijares, **Alexander Testa**, Dylan B. Jackson, Kyle T. Ganson, Vahed Maroufy, Rafael Samper-Ternent, Ana C. Neumann, and Jason M. Nagata. Prior Incarceration and Out-of-Pocket Dental Care Expenditures Among Older Adults in the United States. *BMC Oral Health*

9. Nagata, Jason M., †Jennifer H. Wong, †Omar Sajjad, Derek Sportsman, Kyle T. Ganson, Timothy Piatkowsky, Jinbo He, Sameer Hinduja, Fiona C. Baker, and **Alexander Testa**. The Prospective Association Between Cyberbullying Trajectories and Poorer Academic Outcomes in Adolescents. *Academic Pediatrics*
10. Nagata, Jason, M., †Jennifer H. Wong, †Samuel Benabou, †Elizabeth J. Li, Kyle T. Ganson, **Alexander Testa**, Glenn-Milo Santos, Claire D. Brindis, and Fiona C. Baker. Social Media Use Trajectories and Substance Use Experimentation: A Prospective Cohort Study. *American Journal of Psychiatry*
11. Nagata, Jason M., †Hasan Alsamman, †Zain Memon, †Christiane K. Helmer, Kyle T. Ganson, **Alexander Testa**, Jinbo He, Claire D. Brindis, and Julia H. Raney. Recent Studies Concerning Adverse Childhood Experiences and Physical Activity in Adolescents. *Academic Pediatrics*
12. Ganson, Kyle T., **Alexander Testa**, Timothy Piatkowski, Jinbo, and Jason M. Nagata. Selfie Behaviors among Boys and Men: Exploring Associations with Intentions to Use Anabolic-Androgenic Steroids. *Substance Use & Misuse*
13. Liang, Jiaming, Min Ji Kwak, †Mona Shirvani, **Alexander Testa**, Rafael Samper-Ternent, Zhigang Xie, and Jack Tsai. Latent Class Patterns of Medication Attitudes and Their Correlates Among Older Adults in the United States. *BMC Geriatrics*
14. Nagata, Jason M., Andrew Caffrey, Alexander Heuer, Keira Beltran Murillo, Christiane K. Helmer, Issac Frimpong, Colbey Ricklefs, Abubakr A. Al-Shoaibi, **Alexander Testa**, Claire D. Brindis, and Glenn-Milo Santos. Social Media Use, Smoking Expectancies, and Nicotine Experimentation in Early Adolescents: A Prospective Cohort Study. *American Journal on Addictions*
15. Nagata, Jason M., Christiane K. Helmer, Isaac Frimpong, Keira Beltran Murillo, Alexander Heuer, Oliver Huang, Elizabeth J. Li, Colbey Ricklefs, Orsolya Kiss, Kyle T. Ganson, **Alexander Testa**, Jinbo He, and Fiona C. Baker. Social Epidemiology of Multidimensional Sleep Health in Early Adolescence. *Pediatric Research*
16. Santos, Mateus, Yunmei Lu, and **Alexander Testa**. How Much Lifetime is Lost Due to Homicides: A Cross-National Comparison. *Homicide Studies*
17. Ganson, Kyle T., Jason Lavender, Rachel Rodgers, **Alexander Testa**, and Jason M. Nagata. Associations Between Eating Disorders and Difficulties with Emotion Regulation in a Sample of Adolescent Boys and Young Adult Men. *Eating Disorders*
18. Nagata, Jason M., †Shirley S. Sui, †Karen Li, †Patrick Low, †Jonanne Talebloo, Iris Yuefan Shao, Christopher Otmar, Kyle T. Ganson, **Alexander Testa**, Jinbo He, Orsolya Kiss, Claire Brindis, and Fiona C. Baker. Social Epidemiology of Gender Diversity in Early Adolescents. *Pediatric Research*

19. Ganson, Kyle T., **Alexander Testa**, Rachel F Rodgers, Stuart B Murray, and Jason M. Nagata. Self-Stigma of Seeking Psychological Help and Mental Health Treatment Utilization Among Boys and Men with Possible Muscle Dysmorphia. *Stigma and Health*

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20. **Testa, Alexander**, Luis Mijares, Daniel Semenza, Richard Stansfield, Ian Silver, Dylan B. Jackson, Ana Neumann, Jeff Temple, and Rahma Mungia. Community Firearm Violence and Dental Care Use in Middle Adulthood. *Journal of Urban Health*, 102: 1047-1056.
21. **Testa, Alexander**, Daniel C. Semenza, Dylan B. Jackson, †Karyn Fu, Sandra McKay, Kyle T. Ganson, Jason M. Nagata, and Jack Tsai. Social Isolation and Firearm Secure Storage in the United States: Results from the 2022 BRFSS. *Injury Prevention*, 32: 344-347.
22. **Testa, Alexander**, †Karyn Fu, †Muhammed Ahmed, Daniel C. Semenza, Dylan B. Jackson, Sandra McKay, Kyle T. Ganson, and Jason M. Nagata. Perceived Neighborhood Safety and Firearm Secure Storage: Findings from the 2024 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. *Injury Epidemiology*, 13: 16.
23. **Testa, Alexander**, Rafael Samper-Ternent, Dylan B. Jackson, Kyle T. Ganson, Vahed Maroufy, Jason M. Nagata, and Ana C. Neumann. Dental Insurance Among Formerly Incarcerated Older Adults: Findings from the Health and Retirement Study. *Family & Community Health*, 49(2): 116-121.
24. **Testa, Alexander** and Rahma Mungia. Assessing Firearm Ownership and Storage Among Recent Dental Care Users in the United States. *Health Behavior Research*, 9: 1.
25. Nagata, Jason M., †Jennifer Wong, †Kristen Kim, †Racquel Richardson, †Sahana Nayak, Char Potes, Andreas Rauschecker, Aaron Scheffler, Leo Sugrue, Fiona Baker, and **Alexander Testa**. Social Media Use Trajectories and Cognitive Performance in Adolescents. *JAMA*, 334(21): 1948-1950.
26. †Khemani, Aisha, Daniel C. Semenza, Dylan B. Jackson, Sandra McKay, and **Alexander Testa**. State Firearm Policy Context and Household Firearm Storage in 13 US States: Findings from the 2023 BRFSS. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 71(1): 108339.
27. †Vijay Trilochan Reddy Tadi, Sai, CeCe Cheng, **Alexander Testa**, John J. Bryne, and Carolina Vivas-Valencia. Impact of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs on Postpartum Opioid Prescribing Practices. *Health Services Research*, 61(3): e70123.
28. Nagata, Jason, M., Abubakr A. Al-Shoaibi, †Shayna Weinstein, †Zain Memon, †Elizabeth J. Li, †Wesley R. Barnhart, †Christiane K. Helmer, Kyle T. Ganson, **Alexander Testa**, Jinbo He, Fiona C. Baker, and Jason M. Lavender. Eating Disorder Symptoms Are Prospectively Associated with Higher BMI Percentile in Male Early Adolescents. *Eating and Weight Disorders*, 31: 21.

29. Nagata, Jason, M., †Christiane K. Helmer, †Zain Memon, †Sapna Ramappa, †Jennifer Wong, †Thang Diep, Abubakr A. Al-Shoaibi, Kyle T. Ganson, **Alexander Testa**, †Fiona C. Baker, Kelley Pettee Gabriel, and Erin E. Dooley. Longitudinal Changes in Screen Time, Sleep, and Sports/Exercise Activity in Early Adolescence. *BMC Pediatrics*, 26: 109.
30. Fahmy, Chantal, **Alexander Testa**, and Travis J. Meyers. Physical and Mental Health Upon Reentry: The Importance of Social Contact in Prison for Wellbeing During Reintegration. *Public Health*, 252: 106158.
31. Nagata, Jason M., †Joan Shim, †Priyadharshini Balasubramanian, †Chole Cheng, Abubakr A.A. Al-shoaibi, Iris Yuefan Shao Kyle T. Ganson, **Alexander Testa**, Orsolya Kiss, Jinbo He, and Fiona C. Baker. Prospective Associations Between Early Adolescent Problematic Screen Use, Mental Health, Sleep, and Substance Use. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 70(4): 108248.
32. Silver, Ian, Daniel Semenza, and **Alexander Testa**. Pediatric Criminal Legal System Involvement and Functional Limitations in Early Adulthood. *Academic Pediatrics*, 26(3): 103241.
33. Nagata, Jason M., Nathan D. Nguyen, Issac Frimpong, Alexander Heuer, Christiane K. Helmer, Abubakr A. Al-Shoaibi, Kyle T. Ganson, **Alexander Testa**, Erin E. Dooley, Thomas P. Le., Kelley Pettee Gabriel, Fiona C. Baker, and Holly C. Gooding. Higher Recreational Screen Time and Lower Step Count Are Associated with Higher Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Early Adolescence. *BMC Public Health*, 26: 1133.
34. Raney, Julia H., Zain Memon, Christopher D. Otmar, Kyle T. Ganson, **Alexander Testa**, Fiona C. Baker, Claire D. Brindis, and Jason M. Nagata. Sexual Minority Adolescents and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Examining School and Coping Factors to Promote Well-Being. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 78(1): 119-125.
35. Nagata, Jason M., Isaac Frimpong, †Nathan D. Nguyen, †Alexander Geuer, †Christiane K. Helmer, Abubakr A. Al-Shoaibi, Kyle T. Ganson, **Alexander Testa**, Erin E. Dooley, Kelley Pattee Gabriel, Fiona C. Baker, and Holly C. Gooding. Associations of Screen Time and Physical Activity with Body Mass Index in Early Adolescence: A Prospective Cohort Study. *Obesity*, 34(5): 1092-1100.
36. †Thompson, Anne Marie, Sandra McKay, **Alexander Testa**, Eresha Bluth, Karlton Harris, Asa Singleton, Heidi McPherson, Mary E. Aitken, Sarah Beth Abbot, Marisol Nieves, Latanya Monroe, †Carlie Stratemann, †Hema Sarvani Jalaparathi, and Shreela Sharma. Framework, Development, and Creation of a Community Advisory Board to Guide the Formation and Oversee the Implementation of the Houston Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program. *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science*, 9(1): e271.
37. Nagata, Jason M., †Sydney K. Domingue, †Thang Diep, †Christiane G. Helmer. Abubakr A.A. Al-Shoaibi, Kyle T. Ganson, **Alexander Testa**, Jinbo He, Fiona C. Baker, and Jason

- M. Lavender. Dating App Use and Depression Symptoms in Adolescents. *BMC Research Notes*, 19: 69.
38. Ganson, Kyle T., Timothy Piatkowski, **Alexander Testa**, Jinbo He, and Jason M. Nagata. Social Media Engagement and Anabolic-Androgenic Steroid Use Intentions Among Boys and Men in Canada and the United States. *Body Image*, 57: 102057.
  39. Nagata, Jason M., †Christiane K. Helmer, †Zain Memon, †Jonanne Talebloo, Kyle T. Ganson; **Alexander Testa**, Jinbo He, Hoda S. Abdel Magid, Holly C. Gooding, and Fiona C. Baker. Neighborhood Quality and Screen Use: Findings from the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development Study. *Academic Pediatrics*, 26(2): 103164.
  40. Nagata, Jason M., †Jennifer H. Wong, †Kristen E. Kim, †Sahana Nayak, †Elizabeth J. Li, †Racquel A. Richardson, Andreas Rauschecker, Leo Sugrue, Kyle T. Ganson, Timothy Piatowski, Jinbo He, and **Alexander Testa**. Associations of Adolescent Social Media Use Trajectories with Spatial and Verbal Memory: A Prospective Cohort Study. *The Lancet Regional Health – Americas*, 57: 101454.
  41. Nagata, Jason M., Al-Shoaibi, Abubakr, †Christiane K Helmer, Kyle T. Ganson, **Alexander Testa**, Jason M. Lavender, Erin E. Dooley, Kelley Pettee Gabriel, Orsolya Kiss, and Fiona C. Baker. Prospective Associations of Sleep Duration and Screen Time with Transition from Overweight/Obesity to Normal BMI in U.S. Adolescents. *International Journal of Obesity*, 50: 723-730.
  42. Nagata, Jason M., Derek Sportsman, Jennifer H. Wong, Sahana Nayak, Elizabeth J. Li, Kyle T. Ganson, Timothy Piatkowski, Jinbo He, **Alexander Testa**, Fiona C. Baker. Prospective Associations Between Media Parenting Practices and Adolescent Video Game Use. *World Journal of Pediatrics*, 22: 225-233.
  43. Nagata, Jason M., †Elizabeth J. Li, †Oliver Huang, Colbey Ricklefs, Kyle T. Ganson, **Alexander Testa**, Andreas M. Rauschecker, Aaron Scheffler, Leo Sugrue, and Fiona C. Baker. Cyberbullying and Sleep Disturbances in Adolescents: An Updated Evidence Review. *Academic Pediatrics*, 26(1): 103149.

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44. **Testa, Alexander**, Eresha Bluth, Latanya Monroe, Karlton Harris, Sarah Beth Abbott, Mary Aitken, Erin Fox, †Brian Heckler, Lillian Kao, Ruosha Li, Susannah Michael, †Heidi McPherson, Marisol Nieves, Christian Owen, Kevin Rix, Vanessa Schick, †Hema Sarvani Jalaparathi, Shreela Sharma, †Carlie Stratemann, †Anne Marie Thompson, Jack Tsai, †Zixi Yang, and Sandra McKay. Protocol for the Houston Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program. *PLOS ONE*, 20(7): e0325569
45. **Testa, Alexander**, †Karyn Fu, Dylan B. Jackson, Daniel C. Semenza, and Sandra McKay. Adverse Childhood Experiences and Firearm Storage Patterns. *Annals of Epidemiology*, 103: 16-20.

46. **Testa, Alexander**, †Benjamin Jacobs, †Jennifer Thompson, †Nelson Pang, Dylan B. Jackson, Jason M. Nagata, and Kyle T. Ganson. Adverse Childhood Experiences and Police Contact in Canada. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 40(9-10): 2188-2204.
47. **Testa, Alexander** and Rahma Mungia. Integrating Firearm Secure Storage Counseling into Dental Practice: Opportunities for Dental Practice Based Research. *Journal of the American Dental Association*, 156(5): 420-423.
48. **Testa, Alexander**, †Luis Mijares, Dylan B. Jackson, Daniel Semenza, Richard Stansfield, Ian Silver, and Rahma Mungia. Violent Victimization Trajectories Over the Life Course and Past Year Dental Care Use in Adulthood. *Public Health*, 243: 105725.
49. **Testa, Alexander**, †Luis Mijares, †Karyn Fu, †Ava Yoder, Louisa Holaday, Carmen Gutierrez, Dylan B. Jackson, Kyle T. Ganson, Jason M. Nagata, and Daphne C. Hernandez. Prior Incarceration and Food Insecurity Trajectories Through Older Adulthood: Findings from the Health and Retirement Study. *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*, 79: 907-912.
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51. **Testa, Alexander**, Luis Mijares, and Jack Tsai. Family Incarceration and Barriers to Mental Health Care Among Low-Income US Veterans. *Annals of Epidemiology*, 110: 89-94.
52. **Testa, Alexander**, Luis Mijares, †Karyn Fu, Dylan B. Jackson, Carmen Gutierrez, Reed T. DeAngelis, Kyle T. Ganson, Jason M. Nagata, and Rahma Mungia. Race Disparities in Dental Care Use from Adolescence to Middle Adulthood in the United States. *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*, 76(6): 404-409.
53. **Testa, Alexander**, Luis Mijares, Mateus Renno Santos, Vahed Maroufy, Dylan B. Jackson, Ana C. Neumann, Rafael Samper-Ternent, and Rahma Mungia. Dental Care Trajectories Among Formerly Incarcerated Older Adults in the United States. *PLOS ONE*, 20(4): e0320658.
54. **Testa, Alexander**, Luis Mijares, Dylan B. Jackson, Daniel Semenza, Richard Stansfield, Ian Silver, and Rahma Mungia. Early Life Violent Victimization and Dental Care Use from Adolescence through Adulthood. *Community Dentistry & Oral Epidemiology*, 56(3): 676-684.
55. **Testa, Alexander**, †Jennifer Thompson, †Luis Mijares, Ryan Ramphul, Dylan B. Jackson, and Jack Tsai. Patterns and Characteristics of Firearm Thefts from Vehicles in San Antonio, Texas. *Injury Epidemiology*, 12: 72.

56. **Testa, Alexander**, †Karyn Fu, and Rahma Mungia. Food Insecurity and Past-Year Dental Care Use in Texas: Findings from the 2022 Texas BRFSS. *Texas Public Health Journal*, 77(4): 31-36.
57. **Testa, Alexander**, †Karyn Fu, Dylan B. Jackson, Rahma Mungia, Thomas W. Oates, Jason M. Nagata, and Kyle T. Ganson. Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adult Dental Care Utilization in the United States: Variation by Race and Ethnicity. *PLOS ONE*, 20(9): e0332880.
58. Nagata, Jason M., Christopher D. Otmar, †Joan Shim, †Priyadharshini Balasubramanian, †Chloe M. Cheng, †Elizabeth Li, Abubakr A.A. Al-Shoaibi, Iris Y. Shao, Kyle T. Ganson, **Alexander Testa**, Orsolya Kiss, Jinbo He, and Fiona C. Baker. Social Media Use and Depressive Symptoms among Early Adolescents. *JAMA Network Open*, 2025;8;(5):e2511704.
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61. Jackson, Dylan B., Rebecca L. Fix, **Alexander Testa**, Lindsey Webb, Laura K. Clary, Tamar Mendelson, and Kristen Turney. Disclosure of Direct and Witnessed Police Stops Among Black Youth in Baltimore City, Maryland: Implications for Post-Traumatic Stress Symptoms. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 35(4): e70081.
62. Jackson, Dylan B., Rebecca L. Fix, **Alexander Testa**, J'Mag Karbeah, Parvati Singh, Elizabeth I. Johnson, and Rebecca J. Shlafer. Parental Incarceration and Mental Health Among Black Youth: Do Neighborhood and School Assets Mitigate Harms? *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 34(12): 3228-3241.
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64. Ganson, Kyle T., **Alexander Testa**, Rachel Rodgers, Stuart Murray, and Jason M. Nagata. Muscle Dysmorphia and Emotion Regulation: Findings from the Study of Boys and Men. *The Journal of Men's Studies*, 33(3): 613-626.

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## **AWARDS & HONORS**

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- 2026      Blair Justice, Ph.D. Professorship in Mind-Body Medicine and Public Health
- 2025 Jess Kraus Award in Injury Epidemiology (Injury Epidemiology. 2025;12:74).
- 2023      National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program, *National Institute on Aging*
- 2021      UTSA President's Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching Excellence
- Outstanding Reviewer Award, *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*
- 2016      University of Maryland Graduate Summer Research Fellowship
- 2013      Pi Alpha Alpha Honors Society for Public Affairs and Administration
- 2011      American University Graduate Merit Award
- University at Albany School of Criminal Justice Valedictorian Award
- University at Albany Stanley Fink Scholarship

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## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS & ROUNDTABLES**

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- 2026 Federal-Local-Academic Partnership to Reduce Firearm Thefts from Vehicles. *National Public Safety Partnership*. (Virtual).
- Loneliness and Firearm Acquisition Among Low-Income US Veterans. *Penn Injury Science Center Trainee Lab*. (Virtual).
- 2025 Incarceration and Epidemic Public Health. *Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute*. (Virtual).
- UTHealth Houston Programs to Reduce Firearm Violence. *Texas Gun Sense*, Austin, TX.
- Pilot Study Findings from the Houston Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program. *The Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University*, Houston, TX.
- Prison Conditions Innovation Day. *Urban Institute*, Washington, DC.
- A Data Informed Approach to Preventing Firearm Thefts from Vehicles in San Antonio, Texas. *United States Department of Justice*. (Virtual).
- Bexar County Justice Intake and Assessment Annex Evaluation. *Bexar County Commissioner's Court*, San Antonio, TX.
- The Houston-Hospital Based Violence Intervention Program. *Texas Injury & Violence Prevention Showcase*, Austin, TX.
- Mental Health Screening and Diversion of Arrested Persons in Texas. *Health Equity and Justice Collaborative, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*, San Antonio, TX.
- 2024 The Houston-Hospital Based Violence Intervention Program. *Memorial Herman -Texas Medical Center*, Houston, TX.
- Using the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System for Injury Research. *Rhode Island Hospital Injury Control Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE), Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University* (Virtual).
- Promoting Secure Storage to Reduce Firearm Thefts. *The Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University*, Houston, TX.

Criminal Justice System Involvement and Health Among Older Adults in the United States. *National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine*, Washington, DC.

The Legacy of Redlining: The Impact of Historical Redlining on Violent Victimization Over the Life Course. *University of Texas at San Antonio, Institute for Health Disparities Research*, San Antonio, TX.

2023 An Overview of the Houston Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program. *Mayor's Commission Against Gun Violence*, Houston, TX.

Intimate Partner Violence and Oral Health. *Health Systems Center Research Seminar Series, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston*.

A Conversation on Community Reentry Hub at Baylor University (Roundtable). *Baylor University* (Virtual).

2022 The Role of Food Insecurity and Food Access on Dental Care and Oral Health. *Oregon Health Sciences University School of Dentistry* (Virtual).

Maternal Disability and Prenatal Oral Health in the United States. *Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Research Seminar Series, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston*.

Police Contact and Sleep Patterns During Adolescence and Adulthood. *Annual Meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies* (Virtual).

Criminal Justice and Missing Health: The Missing Conversation. *University of Incarnate Word*, San Antonio, TX.

The Consequences of Police Contact for Sleep Problems (with Dylan B. Jackson), *The Providence Sleep Research Interest Group, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University* (Virtual).

2021 Investigating Youth Mental Well-Being Following Witnessed Police Stops, (with Dylan B. Jackson), *Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Working Group, Princeton University* (Virtual).

Race, Ethnicity, WIC Participation, and Infant Health Disparities in the United States. *Division of Neonatal & Developmental Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine* (Virtual).

Health Among Older Adults with Incarcerated Family Members (with Chantal Fahmy). *Aging Research in Criminal Justice Network*. (Virtual).

- 2020 Criminal Justice and Policing in the United States. *San Antonio Council for International Visitors*. San Antonio, TX.
- 2019 Incarceration as a Risk Factor for Cardiovascular Health. *Health Criminology Research Consortium, Saint Louis University*. Saint Louis, MO.
- Criminal Justice and Policing in the United States. *San Antonio Council for International Visitors*. San Antonio, TX.
- The Consequences of Incarceration Exposure for Maternal and Perinatal Health. *College of Public Policy Research Series, University of Texas at San Antonio*. San Antonio, TX.
- 2013 Collateral Damage and the War on Drugs: Estimating the Effect of Zero Tolerance Policies on Drug Arrest Rates, 1975-2002 (with Suhaib Kebhaj, Nima Shahidinia, and Justin Williams), *Capitol Hill Policy Reception*. Washington, DC.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2026 Protocol for the Houston Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program. *American Academy of Health Behavior*, Austin, TX.
- Community Firearm Violence and Dental Care Use in Middle Adulthood. *American Academy of Health Behavior*, Austin, TX.
- Hospital Trauma Registries to Identify Patients for a Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program. *UT System Trauma Research Symposium*, Austin, TX.
- 2025 Dental Care Trajectories Among Formerly Incarcerated Older Adults in the United States. *American Society of Criminology*, Washington, DC.
- Dental Care Use Trajectories Among Formerly Incarcerated Individuals. *Annual Academic Consortium on Criminal Justice Health*, Austin, TX.
- Links of Previous Incarceration with Geriatric Syndromes and Chronic Conditions Among Older Adults in the United States. *Gerontological Society of America*, Boston, MA.
- Violent Victimization Trajectories Over the Life Course and Past Year Dental Care Use in Adulthood, *TEXPOP Conference*, Austin, TX
- Pilot Phase Results of the Houston Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program. *Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research*, New York, NY.

- Vehicle Firearm Storage Perceptions Among Victims of Firearm Theft. *Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research*, New York, NY.
- 2024      Incarceration and Performance on Immediate and Delayed Verbal Recall Tests: Results from National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health – Parent Study. *Society for Epidemiological Research Annual Meeting*, Austin, TX.
- Reducing Firearm Violence with the Houston Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program. *Mindful Justice: Exploring Health Disparities and Inequities in the Justice System*, Houston, TX.
- 2023      Sexual Orientation and Experiences with Police Contact in Canada, *American Society of Criminology Conference*, Philadelphia, PA.
- The Affordable Care Act Promotes Equity in Dental Care Utilization for Formerly Incarcerated Persons in the United States, *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science*, Baltimore, MD.
- 2019      Incarceration Exposure During Pregnancy: Consequences for Maternal and Perinatal Health (with Dylan B. Jackson), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, San Francisco, CA.
- 2018      Parental Incarceration and Premature Mortality in the United States, *American Society of Criminology Conference*, Atlanta, GA.
- International Migration and Cross-National Homicide: Considering the Role of Economic Development (with Mateus Rennó Santos and Douglas B. Weiss), *Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX.
- Incarceration and Nutritional Hardship: Considering the Link to Food Insecurity and Healthful Food Access, *APPAM DC Regional Student Conference*, Washington, DC.
- 2017      Examining the Role of Incarceration on Food Insecurity and Access to Healthy Foods, *American Society of Criminology Conference*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Homicides, Migration, and Economic Development in a Cross-National Perspective: A Longitudinal Analysis (with Mateus Rennó Santos and Douglas B. Weiss), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Predictably Deterable? The Case of System Trespassers (with David Maimon, Michel Cukier, Bertrand Sobesto, and Wuiling Ren), *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Greenville, SC.

- 2016 Who Pays the Trial Tax? Guilty Pleas and Disparity in Prosecution (with Brian D. Johnson), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, New Orleans, LA.
- The Effect of Computing Environments and Network Configurations on Hackers' Illegitimate Online Behaviors During the Progression of System Trespassing Events (with David Maimon, Michel Cukier, Bertrand Sobesto, and Wuiling Ren), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 Risk, Ambiguity, and Restrictive Deterrent Effects in Cyberspace (with David Maimon, Michel Cukier, and Bertrand Sobesto), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, Washington, DC.
- 2014 A Tale of Two Crimes: An Analysis of Criminal Sentencing of White-Collar and Street Offenders, *American Society of Criminology Conference*, San Francisco, CA.

## **NEWS MEDIA AND PODCAST CONTRIBUTIONS**

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- 2026 San Antonio Express-News—[Bexar County Inmates Are Caught in a Deadly Crisis. A Diversion Center Could Change This](#)
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- San Antonio Express-News—Take a Look Inside the Bexar County Jail
- San Antonio Report—Bexar County Shifts Jail Mental Health Intake Screenings to University Health
- 2024 United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas—U.S. Attorney, Law Enforcement Officials Urge Residents to Help Prevent Gun Thefts From Vehicles During Holiday Season
- Kesn5—San Antonio is 'one of the Leading Cities in Firearm Theft from Automobiles, According to Researchers.
- News4SA—San Antonio Ranks Fifth in the Nation for Gun Thefts from Cars, Research Reveals
- More Life: The Reentry Podcast—Just Released from Prison, Am I still Eligible for Public Assistance?
- Texas Tribune—San Antonio Plans to Tackle Violence with a Public Health Approach. Here's What That Looks Like
- 2023 San Antonio Report—Bexar County Hires UTHealth to Look for Improvements to Jail Intake, Bond Systems
- News4 San Antonio—Bexar County Commissioners Invest \$100,000 in Study to Enhance Criminal Justice System
- Verite News—Proactive Policing in New Orleans Linked to Racial Inequities in Preterm Births
- 2022 Sleep.com—How Food Deserts Impact Wellbeing, Including Sleep
- 2021 Fox San Antonio—Crime in Texas: Report Shows Rise in Murders, Overall Decrease in Crime
- 2020 The Counter—Released Early to Thwart Covid-19, Ex-Offenders Confront Hunger Outside

- 2020            PBS Affiliate KLRN, SciTech Now—Lack of Sleep, Guns and Teens
- 2019            Rivard Report—Healthy Corner Stores Initiative to Bring Low-Cost Produce to District 3

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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### **University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston**

- PH 3715: Management & Policy Concepts in Public Health  
 PH 3642: Community Violence in Public Health

### **University of Texas at San Antonio**

- CRJ 2153: Criminological Theory  
 CRJ 3013: Research Design and Analysis in Criminal Justice  
 CRJ 4663: Causes & Consequences of Incarceration  
 CRJ 4913: Independent Study (5 Completed)  
 CRJ 5083: Quantitative Analysis

### **University of Maryland**

- CCJS 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice

## **GUEST LECTURES**

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### *Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health*

- 380.742.01: Family – Health, Public Health, and Policy (Spring 2026)
- Social and Health Consequences of Family Member Incarceration

### *University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio*

- TSCI 6001: Introduction to Translational Science (Fall 2023; Fall 2024; Fall 2025)
- Sexually Transmitted Infections: Messaging and Policy

### *University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston*

- PH 2998: Gun Violence and Public Health in the United States (Fall 2022)
- Placed-Based Interventions to Gun Violence
  - Future Directions in Firearms Policy in the United States

## **ADVISING**

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### **Doctoral Dissertation**

- In Progress     Michelle Pennington, (UTHealth Houston), Chair  
                          Rebecca Burgess, (UTHealth Houston), Chair

Aro Choi, (UTHealth Houston), Committee Member  
Katherine Budolfson (UTHealth Houston), Committee Member  
Crystal Costa (UTHealth Houston), Committee Member

2026 Jennifer Thompson (UTHealth Houston), Chair  
Valerie Valenzuela (UTHealth Houston), Committee Member  
Frederique Corcoran, (University of Minnesota), Committee Member

2025 Mike Garcia (UTHealth Houston), Committee Member  
Alexander Devora, (UTHealth Houston), Committee Member

### **Master's Thesis**

2025 Anita Aimufia (UTHealth Houston), Committee Member  
2020 Jonathan Leos-Martinez (UTSA), Committee Member

### **Independent Study**

2024 Alexander Devora, Graduate Student, (UTHealth Houston), Chair  
2023 Benjamin Jacobs, Medical Student (Burnett School of Medicine at TCU), Chair  
2019 Caleb Marr, Undergraduate Student (UTSA), Chair  
Veronica Castro, Undergraduate Student (UTSA), Chair  
Gerardo Garant, Undergraduate Student (UTSA), Chair

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### **GUEST EDITOR**

2022 **Guest Editor**, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, Special Issue: Health, Crime, and Criminal Justice

**Guest Editor**, *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, Special Issue: Adverse Childhood Experiences and The Life Course Consequences

### **EDITORIAL BOARDS**

2022 – Present **Editorial Board**, *Annals of Epidemiology*

2021 – Present **Editorial Board**, *Journal of Criminal Justice*

2020 – 2022 **Editorial Board**, *BMC Public Health*

2019 – 2022 **Reviewer Board**, *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*

## COMMUNITY

2026 – Present **Member**, Bexar County-City of San Antonio Ad-Hoc Diversion Center Committee

2024 – Present **Member**, Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Science Mentoring Committee

**Doctoral Student Mentor**, Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Science Mentoring Program (Kendall Riley – University of Iowa)

**Member**, UCSF Wraparound Project Risk Assessment Advisory Board

**Member**, Bexar County Jail Population Working Group

**Member**, San Antonio Public Safety Partnership Council

**Member**, Integration of Medicine and Science Community Health Advisory Board

2023 – 2024 **Member**, Bexar County-City of San Antonio Public Safety Action Plan Working Group

## PROFESSION

2026 **Subject Matter Expert Reviewer**, American Public Health Association

2025 **Member**, Fund for a Safer Future Research Committee

**Member**, National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms Science Committee

## UNIVERSITY

2022 – Present **University of Texas Police at Houston Community Partnership Council**, UT-Health

2020 **Faculty Peer Reviewer for UTSA Journal of Undergraduate Research & Scholarly Works**, UTSA

2020 **New Peer Faculty Mentor**, UTSA

## **COLLEGE**

- 2024 – Present **Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) Steering Committee, UTHealth**
- 2022 – 2025 **Faculty Council, UTHealth**
- 2022 **Center for Health Care Data Research Pilot Award Review Committee, UTHealth**
- 2021 **Faculty Search Committee, College for Health, Community and Policy and College of Business, UTSA**
- 2019 **College of Public Policy Student Scholarship Committee, UTSA**

## **DEPARTMENTAL**

- 2024 – 2025 **MPACH Faculty Search Committee, UTHealth**
- 2023 – Present **Community Health Practice MPH Admissions Committee, UTHealth**  
**MPACH Research Committee, UTHealth**
- 2021 **Faculty Search Committee, UTSA**
- 2020 – 2022 **Comprehensive Exam Committee, UTSA**
- 2020 – 2022 **Faculty Merit Review Committee, UTSA**
- 2019 **Criminal Justice Summer Camp, UTSA**
- 2018 **Explore Your Major, UTSA**
- 2016 – 2017 **Department Chair Search Committee, University of Maryland**
- 2014 – 2018 **Graduate Professional Development Coordinator, University of Maryland**

## **GRANT REVIEWER**

Aging Research in Criminal Justice Network, Fund for a Safer Future, Huo Family Foundation, Stanford Impact Labs

## **CONFERENCE ABSTRACT REVIEWER**

Research Society for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms, Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research

## **JOURNAL REVIEWER**

**Criminology & Criminal Justice:** *American Journal of Criminal Justice, Asian Journal of Criminology, Crime & Delinquency, Criminal Justice & Behavior, Criminal Justice Policy Review, Criminal Justice Review, Criminology, Criminology & Public Policy, Deviant Behavior, Health & Justice, Homicide Studies, Journal of Crime and Justice, Journal of Criminal Justice, Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Justice Quarterly, International Criminal Justice Review, International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology, International Journal of Prisoner Health, Police Practice and Research: An International Journal, Race and Justice, Security Journal, Victims & Offenders*

**Dentistry:** *Acta Odontologica Scandinavica, BMC Oral Health, JDR Clinical & Translational Research, Journal of the American Dental Association, Journal of Public Health Dentistry*

**Pediatrics:** *Academic Pediatrics, Journal of Adolescent Health, Pediatrics*

**Psychology:** *Developmental Psychology, Development and Psychopathology, Frontiers in Psychology, Journal of Community Psychology*

**Public Health/Medicine:** *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research, Aging & Mental Health, American Journal of Preventive Medicine, American Journal of Public Health, Annals of Epidemiology, BMJ Open, BMC Public Health, Health Security, Injury Prevention, JAMA Health Forum, JAMA Neurology, Journal of Clinical and Translational Science, Journal of Clinical Medicine, Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health, Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, Journal of Urban Health, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, International Journal of Mental Health Systems, International Journal of Public Health, Lancet Public Health, Maternal and Child Health Journal, npj Mental Health Research, Nutrients, Preventive Medicine Reports, Public Health, Public Health Nutrition, Public Health Reports, Sleep Health, Social Science & Medicine, SSM – Mental Health, SSM – Population Health, Stigma and Health, Texas Journal of Public Health, The Lancet Regional Health – Americas, Women’s Health, World Medical & Health Policy*

**Social Work:** *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, Child and Youth Services Review*

**Sociology:** *American Sociological Review, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Population Research and Policy Review, Social Currents, Social Science Research, Sociology Compass, The Sociological Quarterly*

**Substance Use:** *Drug and Alcohol Dependence, Journal of Drug Issues, Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs, Substance Use & Misuse*

**Other Disciplines:** *Advances in Life Course Research, Death Studies, Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict, Injury Epidemiology, Journal of Clinical and Translational Science, Journal of Applied Gerontology, Journal of Family Violence, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, Journal of*

*Religion and Health, Journal of Research on Adolescence, Journal of Social Distress and Homelessness, JMIR Research Protocols, PLOS ONE, Political Research Quarterly, Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology, Vaccine, Youth & Society*

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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- 2024      **Survival Analysis**, Statistical Horizons (Paul Allison)
- 2023      **Introduction to the Health and Retirement Study**, University of Michigan  
(Amanda Sonnega)
- Power Analysis and Sample Size Planning**, Statistical Horizons (Christopher  
Aberson)
- 2022      **Propensity Score Analysis: Advanced**, Statistical Horizons (Shenyang Guo)
- Propensity Score Analysis: Basics**, Statistical Horizons (Shenyang Guo)
- Longitudinal Data Analysis Using Stata**, Statistical Horizons (Stephen Vaisey)
- 2019      **Multilevel/Mixed Models Using Stata**, Stata Corp (Rose Medeiros)