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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

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

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

1. **Block, K.** & Connolly, E. J. (2024). Head Injury, Sleep Disturbance, and Delinquent Offending: Evidence from a Longitudinal Sample of Juvenile Detainees. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 95. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2024.102310>
2. **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>
3. 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>

4. **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>
5. **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>
6. 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>
7. **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>
8. 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>
9. **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>
10. **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

- Block, K., Narvey, C. S., Leal, W.E., & Formaro, H.** (2024). It's all in your head: Unpacking what's known about head injuries in correctional settings. In N. Link, M. Novisky, & C. Fahmy (Eds.), *Handbook on contemporary issues in health, crime, and punishment* (pp. 274-288). Routledge.
- 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

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| 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
- Criminal Justice Research Methods
- Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice (Graduate)
- Health Criminology (Graduate)

Sam Houston State University

- Introduction to Methods of Research

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

- 2024 **Block, K.,** & Connolly, E. Mental health Symptomatology and delinquent reoffending: Exploring the presence of a ‘p factor’ in a sample of juvenile detainees. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, held in San Francisco, CA
- 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

Journal of Experimental Criminology

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

- 2024-2025 Member of the Strategic Planning Committee
Rowan University, Department of Law and Justice Studies
- 2024-2025 Member of the Student Awards Committee
Rowan University, Department of Law and Justice Studies
- 2020-2024 Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization, Member.
Sam Houston State University
- 2019-2020 Graduate Student Government, Criminology Department Representative
University of Pennsylvania

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

Rowan University

Managing Research Data
Inclusive Teaching Strategies

Sam Houston State University

Teaching and Learning Conference
3 Minute Thesis Competition Finalist (2023)
3 Minute Thesis Competition Participant (2022)
Professional Coaching Workshop
Blackboard Ultra Workshop
R Workshop
Grant Writing Workshop
CV Workshop
Mentoring and Collaboration Brownbag

American Society of Criminology

Academic Interviews: Preparing for Teaching vs. Research-Focused Institutions
Demystifying the Campus Interview Panel
Virtual Forum on the Job Market

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