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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

2020-2024	Ph.D. Criminal Justice Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX <i>Dissertation:</i> 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

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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 San Antonio Spurs Games. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*. OnlineFirst. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11292-023-09605-6>

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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

2025-Current Director of Research. 1930 Research LLC

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

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

Survey of Criminal Justice
Research Methods

Graduate

Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice
Health Criminology

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Research Methods I

Courses as a Teaching Assistant

Biosocial Criminology

Biopsychosocial Criminology

Foundations of Behavioral Research

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Transformative Justice

Victimology

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- 2025 Invited Participant, Criminal Justice Open Data Summit, held at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. Funded by Arnold Ventures. Invitation-only summit on “The Future of Open Criminal Justice Data.”
- 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

Deviant 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

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	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

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Rowan University

Academic Integrity Workshop

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