

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2024

Sam Houston State University

Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology

Ph.D. in Criminology & Criminal Justice

Dissertation: Smart-on-Crime: Predicting Parole Outcomes in Texas

Committee Chair: Dr. Stuti Kokkalera

2019

University of Houston – Downtown

Department of Criminal Justice

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Thesis: A Model of Reform? An Examination of Corrections-Related Legislation Proposed, Passed, Signed, and Vetoed in Texas.

Committee Chair: Dr. Kevin Buckler

2017

University of St. Thomas – Houston

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, Law, and Society

Summa Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Corrections, Age, Parole, Recidivism & Desistance.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Tyler (Present)

CRIJ 4322 Criminal Justice Research Methods (F2F)

CRIJ/PADM 5396 Research Methods (Graduate-level course; *online*)

CRIJ 5397 Advanced Social Science Analysis (Graduate-level course; *online*)

University of North Texas (AY 24-25)

CJUS 2100 Crime and Justice in the United States (*online*)

CJUS 4700 Research Methods in Criminal Justice (F2F)

CJUS 3600 Criminology (F2F)

CJUS 2400 Correctional Systems (*online*)

Sam Houston State University (AY 23-24)

CRIJ 3378 Introduction to Methods of Research (F2F)

PUBLICATIONS

Amalfi Wronski, B., & Narvey, C. (2025). Patterns of mis(behavior): An Assessment of Predictors of Institutional Misconduct Among Elderly Incarcerated Individuals. *Crime & Delinquency*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287241311024>

Rivera Laugalis, V., Kokkalera, S.S., **Amalfi Wronski, B.** (2024). Examining Parole Decision-Making Pre- and Post-COVID-19: Does Elderly Status Matter? *Criminal Justice and Behavior*. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/00938548241267307>

Kokkalera, S. S., Smith, W. T., & **Amalfi Wronski, B.** (2023). Analyzing the Release of Juvenile Lifers: Is There a Miller Effect? *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, online first. DOI: 15412040231222425.

Amalfi Wronski, B., & Kokkalera, S. (2023). Who gets to go home? Examining the correlates of parole for the elderly versus the non-elderly. *Journal of Crime and Justice*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/0735648X.2023.2205162>

Amalfi Wronski, B. & Brusman-Lovins, L. (2023) The use of video-visitation in community correctional facility for women: Lessons Learned. *Perspectives - The Journal of the American Probation and Parole Associations*, 46(4), pp. 28-37

Kokkalera, S. & **Amalfi Marques, B.** (2022). Parole revoked: An examination of justifications to grant or deny re-release to juvenile lifers. *Criminal Justice & Behavior*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00938548221079254>

Abderhalden, F., **Amalfi Marques, B.**, & Baker, T. (2022). Futurelessness and commitment to institutional rules among people in jail. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.

Amalfi Marques, B., Blackburn, A. G., Fowler, S. K., Mullings, J. L., & Lecuna, M. L. (2021). Straight from the source: Examining gender differences in inmate advice for avoiding prison sexual victimization. *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology*.
<https://doi.org/10.21428/88de04a1.d90e74b7>

Queiroz, O., Silva, A., **Amalfi Marques, B.**, Pimentel, C., Santos, E., Burger, L., & Ferreira, L. (2013). Fontes do direito tributário: Novos rumos e velhos dilemas. In Queiroz, O. (Editor), *Um Novo Olhar Para As Teorias Jurídicas*, RG Publisher, São Paulo, Brazil.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Kokkalera, S., Osborne, J., **Amalfi Wronski, B.** *Rhetoric for release: Racialized dynamics in parole board hearings.*

Laugalis, V., Kokkalera, S., Ramos, J., & **Amalfi Wronski, B.** *Repeat Players: An analysis of parole decision-making.*

MANUSCRIPTS IN-PROGRESS

Amalfi Wronski, B. Smart-on-Crime: The Importance of Variable Operationalization in Parole Research.

PEER-REVIEWED CHAPTERS

Amalfi Wronski, B., Kokkalera, S., & Alvin, P. (2023) Understanding the Physical Prison: The Emergence and Evolution of Prison Design. *American Society of Criminology, Division of Sentencing and Corrections Handbook Volume 9 – Handbook on Prisons and Jails.*

Amalfi Marques, B., Kokkalera, S., Vaughn, M. (2022) Aging in prison: Understanding the needs of elderly incarcerated populations. *American Society of Criminology, Division of Sentencing and Corrections Handbook Volume 8 - Inequalities in Sentencing and Corrections among Marginalized Populations.*

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Laugalis, V., Kokkalera, S., **Amalfi Wronski, B.**, Examining the role of age on parole decision-making pre- and post-COVID-19. Presented at the American Society of Criminology 2023 in Philadelphia, PA.

Kokkalera, S., **Amalfi Wronski, B.** (2022). Release deferred: **Examining Interval Terms for Elderly Parole Candidates.** Presented at the American Society of Criminology 2022 in Atlanta, GA.

Kokkalera, S., Osborne, J., **Amalfi Marques, B.**, & Pederson, K. (2021). Rhetoric for release: racialized dynamics in parole board hearings. Presented at the American Society of Criminology 2021 in Chicago, IL.

DeLateur, M., Kokkalera, S., & **Amalfi Marques, B.** (2021). Examining the use of social science research in judicial opinions. Presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2021 – ACJS (virtual).

Brusman-Lovins, L., Pfeffer, R., & **Amalfi Marques, B.** (2020). Implementation of facetime as a family visitation opportunity in the face of COVID-19. Presented at CrimCon 2020 (virtual).

Brusman-Lovins, L., Pfeffer, R., & **Amalfi Marques, B.** (2019). Implementation of facetime as a family visitation opportunity: Leveraging technology to increase family connectedness. Presented at the 2019 American Society of Criminology meeting in San Francisco, CA.

GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020 -2024 Sam Houston State University
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Doctoral Research Assistant. Supervised by: Dr. Stuti Kokkalera
Responsibilities: Data collection, quantitative and qualitative coding, development of virtual conference/workshop, and development of manuscripts for publication.
- 2019-2020 University of Houston-Downtown, Houston, Texas
Department of Criminal Justice
Graduate Research Assistant. Supervised by: Dr. Lori Lovins-Brusman
Responsibilities: Assisted with the design and implementation of a correctional intervention focused on women residing in the WHO-A, a community-based and substance-abuse focused facility in Atascocita, Texas. Conducted and assisted clients in weekly video visitation with their families and support groups. Collected and analyzed data on over 350 clients.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Internship
- 2022 – 2023 **Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Research and Development Division**, Huntsville, Texas
Responsibilities: Data analyst. Responsible for the management and analysis of data on the impact of COVID-19 on TDCJ inmates and staff.

Responsible for conducting a comprehensive study of parole in the state of Texas.

Internship

Fall 2017 **Harris County Sheriff's Office**, Houston, Texas

Responsibilities: Planned, organized, and executed three community crime prevention-related events for more than 150 attendees and developed the 2017 National Night Out portfolio. Administrative and clerical work.

Internship – Student Worker

2016-2017 **University of St. Thomas, Criminology, Law and Society Department**, Houston, Texas

Responsibilities: Supported office with clerical functions, event coordination, development of tenure portfolios, and criminal justice research for journal publications

SKILLS AND TRAINING

Stata, SPSS, MAXQDA, NVivo, Microsoft Office

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2020 -present Peer Reviewer for academic journals in criminal justice (*Journal of Criminal Justice Education and Crime & Delinquency*)

HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2021 Larry Hoover Summer Research Fellowship – Sam Houston State University

2019 Outstanding Graduate Student Criminal Justice Program – University of Houston Downtown

2016 Mitsui USA's Sons' & Daughters' Scholarship Programs

2015-2017 Dean's list – University of St. Thomas

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2021- American Society of Criminology – Division of Corrections and Sentencing

2022-2022 American Society of Criminology – Division of Convict Criminology

2021-2022 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences – Division of Corrections