

# Katlyn M. Casagrande

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D. in Criminal Justice**, December 2024

Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

Dissertation: *Who's Got It Worse? Comparing Incarcerated Persons' Experiences of Psychological Distress Symptoms in Jails and Prisons*

**M.S. in Criminal Justice**, May 2020

Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

Thesis: *Understanding Barriers to Whole-Body Donation to Forensic Anthropology Facilities: Implications for Criminal Investigations*

**B.S. in Anthropology**, with Departmental Honors in Anthropology, May 2017

Utah State University, Logan, UT

Honor's Thesis: *Testing the Accuracy of Determining Sex from the Calcaneus, Talus, and Metacarpals on Individuals of Known Sex*

## EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice**, August 2024 – Present

Colorado Mesa University, *Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences*

Grand Junction, CO

Courses taught:

- CRMJ 110 – Orientation to Criminal Justice Inquiry (in-person, Fall 2024, Spring 2025)
- CRMJ 201 – Introduction to Criminal Justice (in-person, Fall 2024)
- CRMJ 315 – Research Methods in Criminal Justice (in-person, Fall 2024, Spring 2025)
- CRMJ 320 – Corrections (hybrid, Fall 2024, Spring 2025)
- CRMJ 396 – Topics: CJ Career Challenges & Insights (online, Fall 2024)
- CRMJ 396 – Topics: Incarceration in U.S. (in-person, Spring 2025)
- CRMJ 465 – Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice (online, Spring 2025)

**Program Director for the Austin Pivot Project**, August 2023 – March 2024

Austin Police Department, Austin, TX

**Doctoral Teaching Assistant**, August 2020 – December 2021, January 2023 – August 2023

Texas State University, *School of Criminal Justice and Criminology*

Courses taught:

- CJ 3325 – Incarceration in America (in-person, Spring 2023)
- CJ 4340 – Crime Theory and Victimization (online and in-person, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Summer 2023)

**Managing Editor**, August 2021 – March 2023

Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency (JRCD)

## PUBLICATIONS

- Vaughan, A. D., Poorboy, D. A., & **Casagrande, K. C.** (2024). Shifting patterns for police service during the 2021 Texas ice storm: Implications for policy and practice. In G. Cordner & M. Wright (Eds.), *Policing within a crisis* (pp. 87-100). Routledge.  
<https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003265214>
- Casagrande, K.** (2023). An assessment of psychological distress symptoms and accessing mental health treatment among aging incarcerated persons. *Corrections*, 9(3), 409–426.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/23774657.2023.2206587>
- Casagrande, K.** & Vaughan, A. D. (2023). Differential use of mental health services by race and ethnicity in prison. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 50(7), 996-1015.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00938548231165530>
- Casagrande, K.** (2023). Prevalence of psychiatric disorders by demographics in jail populations. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 1-17.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0306624X231170124>
- Casagrande, K.** (2023). Student research note: Assessment of mental health treatment in state prisons by race/ethnicity and age. *ASC: Division on Corrections and Sentencing Spring 2023 Newsletter*, 5-8. <http://ascdcs.org/newsletters/>

## PRESENTATIONS

### American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meetings

1. *Who's got it worse? Comparing incarcerated persons' experiences of psychological distress symptoms in jails and prisons.* (November 2023, Philadelphia, PA)
2. *Use of mental health treatment services and the aging prison population.* (November 2022, Atlanta, GA)
3. *Differential use of mental health treatment by race and ethnicity in prison.* (November 2021, Chicago, IL)
4. *Postmortem altruism: Understanding barriers to whole-body donation.* (November 2019, San Francisco, CA)

### Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Annual Meetings

5. *Public spaces, private struggles: Examining homeless deaths and previous police contacts.* (March 2025, Denver, CO)
6. *Prevalence of psychiatric disorders by demographics in jail populations.* (March 2023, National Harbor, MD)

### American Association of Biological Anthropologists (AABA) Annual Meeting

7. *Testing the accuracy of determining sex from the calcaneus, talus, and metacarpals on individuals of known sex.* (April 2018, Austin, TX)

## **AWARDS & FUNDING**

### **Doctoral Research Fellowship, August 2024**

Awarded by The Graduate College at Texas State University for \$2,298.50

### **Graduate College Doctoral Retention Scholarship, July 2024**

Awarded by The Graduate College at Texas State University for \$2,144.16

### **Statistical Horizons – Propensity Score Analysis (Basic & Advanced Courses), June 2023**

Awarded by Texas State University School of Criminal Justice and Criminology for \$2,000.00

### **Graduate Research Fellowship, submitted May 2023 (*not awarded*)**

National Institute of Justice, applied for \$16,650.00

### **Doctoral Student Summit, March 2023**

Awarded by Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences for \$1,200.00

### **Love of Learning Scholarship, September 2022**

Awarded by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi for \$500.00

### **Outstanding Master's Student, May 2020**

Awarded by Texas State University School of Criminal Justice and Criminology