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Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Ph.D. Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, 2011
Juris Doctor (J.D.), The Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, Michigan, 1991
B.S. Criminal Justice, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas, 1988

Academic Experience

2023 - present: Associate Professor/Chair, Department of Sociology & Criminology, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas
2010 – 2023: Associate Professor/Associate Chair, Department of Psychology, Justice, and Society, Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Missouri
2008 – 2010: Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Houston - Downtown, Houston, Texas
2004 – 2008: Instructor, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Other Professional Experience

2000 – 2005: Director of Trial Services and Civil Commitment Services, State Counsel for Offenders - Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, Huntsville, Texas
1991 – 2000: Private practice of criminal defense and civil trial law, Victoria, Texas

Classes Taught

Introduction to Criminal Justice
Criminology
Corrections
Research Methods in Criminal Justice
Statistics
Juvenile Delinquency
Psychopathy
Sex Crimes: Theory, Practice, and Policy

Research Interests

Criminological Theory, Corrections, Correctional Programming, Crime Trends, Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL)

Scholarly Contributions

Balusek, K.W., (In progress). A test of Evolutionary Neuroandrogenic Theory using a sample of offenders.

Balusek, K. W., Russell, M., & Finnegan, S. (2018). *Using 2D:4D Digit Ratio to predict fetal testosterone exposure and criminality as predicted by the Evolutionary Neuroandrogenic Theory (ENA)*. MCJA Annual Meeting. Chicago: Midwest Criminal Justice Association.

Balusek, K. W., Oliver, J. A., & Braitman, K. (2015). *Students' understanding of critical thinking activities*. Presented at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Orlando, Florida.

Balusek, K. W. (2014). *Offender Reentry and Cognitive Intervention: Propensity Score Matching Utility for Outcome Assessment*. LFB Scholarly Publishing.

Balusek, K. W. (2014). Recidivism (Issues in Measurement). In *The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. John Wiley & Sons.

Balusek, K. W. (2013). *An outcome comparison of alternative juvenile dispositional strategies in Kansas*. Presented at the 65th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, Georgia.

Balusek, K. W. (2013). Review of the book *Parental Incarceration and the Family: Psychological and Social Effects of Imprisonment on Children, Parents, and Caregivers*. *Criminal Justice Review*, 38(3), 396-398.

Balusek, K. W., & Oliver, J. A. (2012). *An assessment of students' ability to evaluate sources using a scale*. Presented at the 9th Annual Conference of the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. Hamilton, Ontario.

Balusek, K. W. (2011). *Attitude adjustment? An outcome evaluation of the Texas cognitive intervention program on incarcerated offenders*. Presented at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C.

Balusek, K. W. (2007). Routine activities theory and white collar crime. In *Encyclopedia of White Collar Crime*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Group.

Murrie, D., & Balusek, K. W. (2007). Forensic assessment of violence risk in adversarial proceedings: Pursuing objectivity and avoiding bias. *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*, 7(4), 141–153.

Nicolai, K. M., & Balusek, K. W. (Under review). Students' beliefs about psychopaths: Correlates and educational implications.

Nicolai, K. M., & Balusek, K. W. (2017). *Students' beliefs about psychopaths and their correlates: Implications for teaching about psychopathy*. National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology. St. Petersburg, Florida.

Oliver, J. A., Balusek, K. W., & Braitman, K. (2015). *Students' understanding of critical thinking activities: Beyond "Thinking Outside the Box"*. Presented at the 37th annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology conference. St. Petersburg, FL.

Oliver, W., Swindell, S., Marks, J., & Balusek, K. W. (2009). Book 'em Danno: The Scholarly Productivity of Institutions and Their Faculty in Criminal Justice Books. *The Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice*, 6(1), 59–78.

Russell, M., Nicolai, K. M., & Balusek, K. W. (2018). *What do laypersons believe about psychopathy? Implications for cases involving psychopathic defendants*. *Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting*. Chicago, IL.

Service Activities (all at Rockhurst University unless otherwise noted)

2010 – Present: Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) Registered Prelaw Advisor
2010 - 2012: Program Director, Criminal Justice
2010 – Present: Academic Advising, current advising load consists of approximately 43 students
2010 – Present: Participation in numerous university and departmental student recruiting events
2011 – 2011: College of Graduate and Professional Studies Associate Dean Search Committee
2011 – 2015: Student Retention Committee
2012 – 2015: Faculty Welfare Committee
2012 – Present: Phi Alpha Delta Prelaw Fraternity, Faculty Advisor
2013 – 2018: Faculty Advisor, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity
2013 – 2019: Chair, Department of Politics, Justice, & Society
2015 – Present: Peer Reviewer, *Criminal Justice Review*
2016 – 2016: Graduate Academic Review Board
2016 – 2022: Faculty Senate Representative for College of Arts & Sciences
2016 – Present: Chillicothe Prison Project Advisory Committee
2017 – 2017: Undergraduate Academic Review Board
2017 - 2022: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UGCC)
2017 – 2022: Science Relational Modal Representative, Core Implementation Committee (CIC)
2019 – 2021: Chair, College of Arts & Sciences Roles and Responsibilities Revision Task Force
2019 – 2022: Chair, Core Implementation Committee (CIC)
2020 – 2020: Search Committee member for Director of Doctorate of Education (Ed.D.) search
2020 – 2021: Evaluation of Teaching Task Force
2020 – 2022: Co-Chair, Wisdom Core Implementation Task Force
2020 – Present: Associate Chair, Department of Psychology, Justice, & Society