

Kellie D. Alexander

Curriculum Vitae

Dept. of Sociology, Colorado State University, Clark – A14A, Fort Collins, Colorado
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Education

Ph.D. (2017-present) Department of Sociology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.
Doctoral student with a focus on deviance, victimization, and green criminology. I am currently researching hazing in student organizations in the development of a dissertation topic.

M.A. (2017) Department of Sociology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.
Thesis Title: *Hazed Perceptions: A Qualitative Analysis of College Students' Definitions and Perceptions of Hazing in Student Organizations*. Committee members: T. Opsal (chair), N.P. Unnithan, J. Donovan.

B.A. (2014) Department of Sociology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

Publications

Journal Articles

Alexander, K. (2020). "It's Just a Prank, Bro!": Examining College Hazing with Constructivist Grounded Theory and Qualitative Research Methods," *The Qualitative Report*, 25(10): 3641-3656.

Alexander, K. & T. Opsal (2020). "That's Just What You Do?": Applying the Techniques of Neutralization to College Hazing," *Deviant Behavior*, Online First.
DOI: [10.1080/01639625.2020.1738649](https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2020.1738649)

Book Chapters

Alexander, K., O'Connor Shelley, T., & T. Opsal. 2020. "Fracking the Rockies: The Production of Harm," in *Routledge International Handbook of Green Criminology*, 2nd ed. A. Brisman & N. South (Eds).

Book Reviews

Alexander, K. 2019. Book Review of *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life*, by E. Klinenberg. *Acta Sociologica*, 63(1):126-127. DOI: [10.1177/0001699319878098](https://doi.org/10.1177/0001699319878098)

Encyclopedia Entries

Alexander, K. & T. Opsal. (2019). Incarcerated Women and Their Families. *Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*, 2nd ed. Francis P. Bernat and Kelly Frailing (Eds). Wiley-Blackwell.

Opsal, T. & K. Alexander. (2019). Gender and Community Corrections Experience. *Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*, 2nd ed. Francis P. Bernat and Kelly Frailing (Eds). Wiley-Blackwell.

Awards and Honors

2019-2020: College of Liberal Arts Alumni Scholarship Recipient – Colorado State University

2017: Doctoral Student Summit Scholarship - Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

2017: Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award – Dept. of Sociology, Colorado State University

Conference Participation

Papers Presented

2017: Hazed Understandings: An analysis of collegiate hazing behaviors and college students' perceptions and attitudes related to hazing activities. Paper presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MO.

2016: Hazy Perceptions: Understanding differences in defining hazing activities among college students and their implications utilizing survey data. Paper presented at the American Criminological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Campus and Departmental Talks

2020: Sport Clubs Officer Hazing Prevention Presentation, Sport Clubs Officer Meeting, Colorado State University.

2019: Using multi-level assessment to gain understanding, educate, and transform: End Hazing@CSU. Research & Assessment Dialogues, Vice President's Office for Student Affairs, Colorado State University.

2017: Annual Sociology Graduate Student Symposium, Department of Sociology, Colorado State University.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Instructor

Introduction to Criminal Justice (Summer 2020)

Correctional Organizations (Fall 2020)

Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2020)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Quantitative Research Methods (Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020)

Development of Classical Sociological Thought (Fall 2019)

Social Problems (Fall 2016)

Contemporary Race and Ethnic Relations (Fall 2015, Spring 2020)

Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2015, Spring 2018, Fall 2018)

Law Enforcement & Society (Spring 2019)

Criminology (Fall 2018)

Introduction to Criminal Justice (Fall 2017)

Correctional Organizations (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)

Green Criminology (Spring 2015)

Women, Crime, and Criminal Justice (Fall 2015)

Guest Lectures

2019: "Durkheim: Anomie and Four Forms of Suicide." Development of Classical Sociological Thought, Colorado State University

2018: "Measurements of Crime & Types of Crime." Criminology, Colorado State University

2018: "Criminological Theories." Criminology, Colorado State University

2015: "Climate Change and Social Transformation." Green Criminology, Colorado State University

2015: "Incarcerated Mothers and Maintaining Ties with Children." Women, Crime, & Criminal Justice, Colorado State University

Research Experience

Assessment Subcommittee Chair

2016 – Present: Colorado State University Campus-Wide Hazing Prevention Workgroup
Data collection and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data to understand and influence the state of hazing on CSU’s Fort Collins campus.

Research Assistant

2019: CSU Dept. of Sociology Undergraduate Self-Study: Supervisors T. Opsal & O. Hastings
Internal study of undergraduate sociology program to improve undergraduate experience and increase retention. Lead and trained team of graduate student researchers in qualitative research, recruitment and scheduling of interviews and focus groups, data analysis, final report.

2016-2017: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Regulatory Response Project:
Supervisors T. Opsal & T. O’Connor-Shelley
Investigating citizens’ experiences with COGCC regulatory response regarding spills related to hydraulic fracturing and oil and gas extraction. Data compilation, content analysis.

2016: Women and Their Children’s Health (WATCH) Gulf Coast Research Consortium Child Impact Study: Supervisor L. Peek.
Five year NIEHS grant study on the health effects of the BP Oil Spill – Transcription work and data compilation.

Departmental and University Service

2019-2020: Graduate Student Body President, Dept. of Sociology, Colorado State University

2018-2019: Department Council Ph.D. Student Representative, Dept. of Sociology, Colorado State University

2017: Hazing Prevention Workshop Retreat to Stakeholders on Campus based on the Novak Institute for Hazing Prevention Curriculum, Vice President’s Office for Student Affairs, Colorado State University.

Professional Affiliations and Memberships

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences	Oct. 2016-present
American Society of Criminology	Mar. 2016-May 2018
Midwest Sociological Society	Oct. 2015-Mar. 2016
Alpha Kappa Delta	Sept. 2011-May 2014

References

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