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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. (2018-present) Department of Sociology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.
I am currently a doctoral candidate researching the area of college hazing. Specifically, I use mixed methods to understand the challenges and barriers that university administrators face as they work on hazing prevention at their institutions of higher education. Committee members: T. Opsal (chair), N.P. Unnithan, J. Nowacki, & J. Donovan (Student Affairs).

M.A. (2018) 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 (Student Affairs).

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

Academic Positions

Teaching Assistant Professor (2024-present) Department of Sociology & Criminology, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

Publications

Journal Articles

Alexander, K., Opsal, T., & Nowacki, J., & S. Sims. (2023). "Agency Directors' Reflections on "Success" in Community Corrections: The Role of Traditional and Alternative Measures," *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, Online First.

Alexander, K. D., & J.S. Nowacki (2021). "Women in Power? Examining Gender and Promotion in Policing Through an Organizational Perspective," *Feminist Criminology*, 17(2):293-311. DOI: [10.1177/15570851211061744](https://doi.org/10.1177/15570851211061744)

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*, 42(10): 1295-1312.
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.

Technical Reports

Terranova, V., Alexander, K., & Piper, D. 2022. Bexar County Reentry Evaluation – Programs and Services. Report for Bexar County Reentry Center, pp. 1-64.

Alexander, K., Nowacki, J., Opsal, T., & Sims, S. 2022. Community Corrections in Colorado: Critical Examination of Success Measures. Report for the Colorado Community Corrections Coalition, pp. 1-25.

Awards, Honors, & Grants

2024: Graduate Student Research Excellence Award – Dept. of Sociology, CSU

2023: Professional Development & Supply Grant - Graduate Student Council, CSU

2021-2022: Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award - Dept. of Sociology, CSU

2019-2020: College of Liberal Arts Alumni Scholarship Recipient – CSU

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

2016-2017: Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award – Dept. of Sociology, CSU

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant Professor

Current Social Problems

Understanding Social Life

Graduate Teaching Instructor

Intro. to Criminal Justice

Correctional Organizations

Intro. to Sociology*

Quantitative Sociological Analysis/The Power of Numbers - Statistics in Sociology

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Sociology

Quantitative Research Methods

Development of Classical Sociological Thought

Social Problems

* Includes Credit Recovery sections

Contemporary Race & Ethnic Relations
Introduction to Criminal Justice
Law Enforcement & Society
Criminology
Punishment & Society
Women, Crime, and Criminal Justice
Green Criminology

Research Experience

Assessment Subcommittee Chair

2017 – 2022: 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.

Conference Participation

2017: Hazed Understandings: An analysis of collegiate hazing behaviors and college students' perceptions and attitudes related to hazing activities. 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. 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, Fort Collins, CO.

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, Fort Collins, CO.

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

2017: Hazing Prevention Retreat facilitation and presentation to campus stakeholders, Vice President's Office for Student Affairs, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.

Department & University Service

2023: Department Hire Search Committee, Graduate Student Representative, Dept. of Sociology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.

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

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

2016-present: Campus-Wide Hazing Prevention Workgroup, Vice President's Office for Student Affairs, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.

Professional Development & Training Activities

2024: "Teaching with AI: Building Rubrics and Grading," Office of Teaching and Learning, University of Denver

2023: "Conducting Research in a Post-Pandemic World," LinkedIn Learning Course.

2022: "A Framework for Analyzing Public Policies," NCCHPP, Colorado State University.

2021: "Student Motivation: Best Practices in Teaching, The Institute for Learning and Teaching (TILT), Colorado State University.

2021: "Incorporating Best Practices in Remote and Hybrid Teaching," The Institute for Learning and Teaching (TILT), Colorado State University.

2020: "Introduction to Lecture Capture with Echo 360," The Institute for Learning and Teaching (TILT), Colorado State University.

Areas of Interest

Victimization

Corrections & Reentry

Policing

Program Evaluation

Green Criminology

Professional Affiliations and Memberships

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences	2016-2019
American Society of Criminology	2016-2018
Midwest Sociological Society	2015-2016
Alpha Kappa Delta	2011-2014

References

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