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### EDUCATION

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#### **The Pennsylvania State University**

PhD in Criminology

*Expected August 2022*

*Dissertation: Proximal Predictors of Prison Program Completion*

MA in Criminology

*Thesis: Juvenile Incarceration and Bonds to Education*

*May 2019*

#### **University of California, Irvine**

BA in Psychology & Social Behavior

*Magna Cum Laude*

*June 2017*

BA in Criminology, Law & Society

*June 2017*

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Prison and Jail Programming; Juvenile Justice; Community Reentry; Human Capital Development

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2021 "Proximal Predictors of Prison Program Completion" (forthcoming)  
*American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL*
- 2021 "Educational Aspirations and Juvenile Incarceration"  
*PSU/UMD/UPENN Virtual Conference, The Pennsylvania State University*
- 2020 "Criminal Justice Contact Severity and Occupational Attainment"  
*American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C. (canceled due to COVID-19)*
- 2019 "Changing Bonds and Juvenile Incarceration"  
*American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA*
- 2018 "Juvenile Incarceration and Bonds to Education"  
*American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA*
- 2016 "Self-Alienation: A Potential Mediator between Trauma and Recovery"  
*Undergraduate Research Opportunity Symposium, Irvine, CA*

### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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**Nur, Alexandra,** and Holly Nguyen. "Prison Employment and Vocational Programs: A Qualitative and Quantitative Synthesis."

**Nur, Alexandra,** and Holly Nguyen. "Getting By: Low Wages and Income Supplementation"

**Nur, Alexandra,** and Rory Monaghan. "Occupational Attainment and Criminal Justice Contact: Does Severity of Contact Matter?"

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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**Nur, Alexandra.** “An Examination of Racial Disparity in Prison Misconduct: Receiving Tickets and Subsequent Sanctions.”

**Nur, Alexandra.** “Assessing Change in Educational Aspirations and Expectations After Juvenile Incarceration.”

Nguyen, Holly, **Alexandra Nur**, Brandy Parker, and Thomas Loughran. “Expectations, Worker Discouragement, and Criminal Justice Contact.”

## RESEARCH POSITIONS

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### **Statewide Drug Take Back Study**

November 2018

*Supervisor: Dr. Derek Kreager*

Responsibilities: Administered surveys and incentive raffle tickets at a drug take back event in southern Pennsylvania. Wrote qualitative descriptive notes about drug take back location and staff. Assisted in spreading knowledge about the purpose of drug take back events to local townspeople.

### **Women’s-Prison Inmate Network Study II**

May 2018-June 2018

*Supervisor: Dr. Derek Kreager*

Responsibilities: Attended a conference to discuss potential items of interest for data collection. Assisted in creation of CAPI instrument for data collection. Administered 15 CAPI interviews inside of a women’s prison in central Pennsylvania.

### **Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant**

August 2017-Present

*Supervisor: Dr. Holly Nguyen*

Responsibilities: Conducting extensive literature reviews on research topics of interest. Working with Dr. Nguyen to generate potential research questions and papers for publication. Conducting data-cleaning for large datasets of adult prison residents in Pennsylvania. Assisting in grading of multiple-choice and written tests for undergraduate students.

### **Paternal Incarceration Study**

January 2016- March 2016

*Supervisor: Dr. Kristen Turney*

Responsibilities: Conducted in depth interviews with incarcerated men to gather data. Recreated interview information directly after interview to create a recording for later transcription and coding. Interacted with criminal justice actors to receive training through PA Department of Corrections. Transcribed previous interview data into usable professional documents for coding. Met once a week with study coordinator to update her on data collection status and to discuss common themes among interviews.

### **Curriculum Development**

June 2015-September 2016

*Supervisor: Ellen Schlosser*

Responsibilities: Oversaw development of two new global studies teaching units (nationalistic leaders and climate change). Guided four undergraduate research assistants in research and class activity development. Edited and formatted a text book for internal publication. Distributed materials to four Orange County-based high schools for curriculum use.

**Social Cognition & Intergroup Processes (SCIP) Lab**

March 2015 – June 2016

*Supervisor: Dr. Jacqueline Chen*

Responsibilities: Effectively relayed instructions to participants to ensure informed consent and successful completion of experiments. Accumulated and stored data for future coding and analyzing. Arrived early to lab to set up equipment necessary for experiment. Read and reported on current and past literature related to lab hypotheses. Met with lead researchers to receive instructions and report on experiment progression

**FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

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**Dean's Distinguished Fellowship, PSU** August 2017  
**Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Grant, UCI (\$1,000)** August 2016

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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**Recognition for Multidisciplinary Achievement, UCI** June 2017  
**Exceptional Achievement in Undergraduate Research, UCI** June 2017  
**Dean's Scholar Award for Excellence in Research, UCI** June 2017  
**Dean's Honors List, UCI** 12 Quarters

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT & SERVICE**

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**Undergraduate Exhibition for Research, Inquiry, or Creative Activity** April 2021  
*Judge – Social & Behavioral Sciences*

**Graduate Travel Committee, PSU** August 2017-Present  
*Committee Chair* August 2019-Present

**Graduate Recruitment Committee, PSU** August 2017-Present  
*Committee Chair* August 2019-Present

**Graduate Community Service Committee, PSU** August 2017-August 2020  
*Committee Co-Chair* August 2019-August 2020

**Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, UCI** June 2016-June 2017

**Psychology Student Association, UCI** October 2014-June 2015

**CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

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**Prison Inmate Network Study Annual Conference** March 2018  
*The City University of New York*

**All University Leadership Conference** October 2015  
*University of California, Irvine*

**Students of Color Conference** November 2013  
*University of California, Los Angeles*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Instructor**

June 2021-August 2021

*CRIM/SOC 12: Introduction to Criminology*

- Researched, condensed and taught an undergraduate-level course about basic theory and research in the field of criminology.

### **Instructor**

March 2021

*Population Research Institute Coding Workshop: Working with Time and Date-Coded Data*

- Led a one-hour graduate-level workshop on working with date/time operators in Stata.

### **Instructor**

May 2020-June 2020

*CRIM 441: The Juvenile Justice System*

- Researched, condensed and taught an upper-level undergraduate course about the juvenile justice system in the United States and the consequences of juvenile incarceration.

### **Instructor**

May 2019-June 2019

*CRIM/SOC 12: Introduction to Criminology*

- Researched, condensed and taught an undergraduate-level course about basic theory and research in the field of criminology.

### **Guest Lecture**

March 2019

*CRIM 441: Juvenile Justice*

- Guest lecture for an upper-level undergraduate course about the school-to-prison pipeline.

### **Guest Lecture**

October 2018

*Honors Criminological Theory*

- Constructed a guest lecture based on master's thesis materials to instruct students on theory formation and application to research.
- Used interactive PowerPoint presentation methods to relay the importance of scale item measurement and their relation to theory use.

### **Global Connect at UCI**

October 2014-June 2017

*Three Positions (See Below)*

- Classroom intern (October 2014-June 2015): Worked on a team of 3 interns and 1 classroom supervisor to lecture a class of 25 high school students on topics related to global policy and international relations.
- Classroom supervisor (September 2015-June 2016): Managed a team of 3 interns to effectively teach two high school classes of 25 students each in topics related to global policy and international relations.
- Undergraduate Executive (June 2016-June 2017): Worked with Orange County middle schools and high schools to introduce accredited curricula into county-wide classrooms. Managed a team of 9 classroom supervisors to effectively relay curriculum information to their intern team. Oversaw 3 classroom interns and briefed them on weekly curriculum plans. Instructed 1 year-long 9th/10th grade class in global policy and international relations.

## REFERENCES

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**Dr. Holly Nguyen**

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