

Alexandra Nur

Department of Sociology and Criminology
The Pennsylvania State University

904 Oswald Tower
University Park, PA 16802

aur441@psu.edu
Phone: 916.969.7950

EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University

Ph.D. in Criminology

Expected August 2022

Dissertation: Proximal Predictors of Prison Program Completion

M.A. in Criminology

May 2019

Thesis: Juvenile Incarceration and Bonds to Education

University of California, Irvine

Magna Cum Laude

B.A. in Criminology, Law & Society

June 2017

B.A. in Psychology & Social Behavior

June 2017

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Corrections and Rehabilitation; Juvenile Justice; Community Reentry; Human Capital Development

PEER REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS

Nur, Alexandra, and Holly Nguyen. 2022. "Prison Employment and Vocational Programs: A Qualitative and Quantitative Synthesis." *Justice Quarterly*

Nur, Alexandra, and Holly Nguyen. 2022. "Getting By: Low Wages and Income Supplementation" *Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice*

Nur, Alexandra, and Rory Monaghan. 2022. "Occupational Attainment and Criminal Justice Contact: Does Severity of Contact Matter?" *Crime & Delinquency*

WORKING MANUSCRIPTS (drafts available of all working manuscripts)

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. "Criminal Justice Contact and Labor Market (Non)Participation." (*Under review at the American Sociological Review*)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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. Coordinated with local police administrators and police officers to determine time, location, and survey administration procedures. 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.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE, CONTINUED

Women's-Prison Inmate Network Study II May 2018-June 2018

Supervisor: Dr. Derek Kreager

Responsibilities: Administered 15 CAPI interviews inside of a women's prison in central Pennsylvania. Assisted in creation of CAPI instrument for data collection. Interacted with criminal justice actors to receive training through PA Department of Corrections.

Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant August 2017-Present

Supervisor: Dr. Holly Nguyen

Responsibilities: Conducting quantitative and qualitative collaborative projects and publications on research topics of interest. Conducting data-cleaning for various public, restricted, and self-collected datasets. 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 in Southern California jails. Collaborated with graduate students to combine notes and transcribe interviews. Met once a week with primary investigator to discuss and create qualitative coding schemes.

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

Dean's Distinguished Graduate Fellowship, PSU August 2017

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Grant, UCI (\$1,000) August 2016

HONORS AND AWARDS

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lecture

March 2022

CRIM 12H: Honors Criminological Theory

- Provided a guest lecture on Differential Association and Social Learning theories to an upper level undergraduate honors courses.

Instructor

June 2021-August 2021

CRIM/SOC 12: Introduction to Criminology

- Researched, condensed and taught an introductory undergraduate-level course about criminological theories, historical and modern research on offending, the basic structure of the criminal justice system, and criminal justice and corrections policies implemented from theory and research.
- Instructed via remote technologies with the use of live and recorded Zoom lecture and complementary online, Canvas-based activities.

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, instructed via remote technologies.
- Provided accompanying Stata DO file for upload to a department drop box.

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, predictors of involvement in delinquency and status offenses, and the consequences of juvenile contact with justice systems.
- Instructed via remote technologies with the use of live and recorded Zoom lecture and complementary online, Canvas-based activities.

Instructor

May 2019-June 2019

CRIM/SOC 12: Introduction to Criminology

- Researched, condensed and taught an introductory undergraduate-level course about criminological theories, historical and modern research on offending, the basic structure of the criminal justice system, and criminal justice and corrections policies implemented from theory and research.

Guest Lecture

March 2019

CRIM 441: The Juvenile Justice System

- Constructed a guest lecture about the school-to-prison pipeline and correlates of education and delinquency for an upper-level undergraduate course.

Guest Lecture

October 2018

CRIM 12H: 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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE, CONTINUED

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 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 on 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 in a primarily first-generation and 1.5-generation immigrant student classroom.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- | | |
|------|--|
| 2022 | “Proximal Predictors of Prison Program Completion” (forthcoming)
<i>American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA</i> |
| 2021 | “Racial Disparity in Misconduct: Receiving Tickets and Subsequent Punishments”
<i>American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL</i> |
| 2021 | “Educational Aspirations and Juvenile Incarceration”
<i>PSU/UMD/UPENN Virtual Conference, The Pennsylvania State University</i> |
| 2020 | “Criminal Justice Contact Severity and Occupational Attainment”
<i>American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C. (canceled due to COVID-19)</i> |
| 2019 | “Changing Bonds and Juvenile Incarceration”
<i>American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA</i> |
| 2018 | “Juvenile Incarceration and Bonds to Education”
<i>American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA</i> |
| 2016 | “Self-Alienation: A Potential Mediator between Trauma and Recovery”
<i>Undergraduate Research Opportunity Symposium, Irvine, CA</i> |

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- | | |
|--|---------------|
| <i>Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency</i> Graduate Publishing Workshop
<i>University of Maryland</i> | July 2019 |
| Prison Inmate Network Study Annual Conference
<i>The City University of New York</i> | March 2018 |
| All University Leadership Conference
<i>University of California, Irvine</i> | October 2015 |
| Students of Color Conference
<i>University of California, Los Angeles</i> | November 2013 |

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT & SERVICE

Undergraduate Exhibition for Research, Inquiry, or Creative Activity, PSU <i>Judge – Social & Behavioral Sciences</i>	April 2021
Graduate Travel Committee, PSU <i>Committee Chair</i>	August 2017-Present August 2019-August 2022
Graduate Recruitment Committee, PSU <i>Committee Chair</i>	August 2017-Present August 2019-August 2022
Graduate Community Service Committee, PSU <i>Committee Co-Chair</i>	August 2017-August 2020 August 2019-August 2020
Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, UCI	June 2016-June 2017
Psychology Student Association, UCI	October 2014-June 2015

MEDIA

Kizielewicz, Caitlin. 2022. "Studies of prison work, vocational programs lean positive, but several issues require further research." *Crime and Justice Research Alliance*.

Tostlebe, Jennifer, Jose Sanchez, **Alexandra Nur**, Kristin Lloyd, and Vivian Aranda-Hughes. "Ep. 31 Grad Life: Do you wish you knew more people? We got you! Networking with Kristin Lloyd, Vivian Aranda-Hughes, and Alex Nur." *The Criminology Academy Podcast*.

REFERENCES

Dr. Holly Nguyen (Dissertation Chair)

Associate Professor of Sociology, Criminology, and Public Policy

E-Mail: hollynguyen@psu.edu

Office Phone: 814.863.5404

Dr. Derek Kreager

Professor of Sociology and Criminology

E-Mail: dak27@psu.edu

Office Phone: 814.867.0217

Dr. Thomas Loughran

Professor of Sociology, Criminology, and Public Policy

E-Mail: tal47@psu.edu

Office Phone: 814.865.8668