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## Education

<b>Ph.D.</b> Criminal Justice and Criminology Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX	May 2018 (Expected)
<b>M.A.</b> Criminal Justice and Criminology Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX Thesis: <i>Sentencing juvenile homicide offenders to life without parole: A comparative legal analysis</i> Chair: Dr. Michael S. Vaughn	May 2014
<b>B.S.</b> Criminal Justice, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA	May 2012

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## Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Jia, D., **Spooner, K.**, & del Carmen, R. V. (2016). An analysis and categorization of U.S. Supreme Court cases under the exigent circumstances exception to the warrant requirement. *George Mason University Civil Rights Law Journal*, 27(1), 37–76.
- Mitchell, M., **Spooner, K.**, Jia, D., & Zhang, Y. (2016). The effect of prison visitation on reentry success: A meta-analysis. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 47, 74–83. doi:10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2016.07.006
- Spooner, K.**, & Vaughn, M. S. (2016). Youth sexting: A legislative and constitutional analysis. *Journal of School Violence*, 15(2), 213–233. doi:10.1080/15388220.2014.974245
- Spooner, K. A.** (2012). Juvenile life without parole. *Undergraduate Review*, 8, 74–80.
- Spooner, K. A.** (2011). The Adam Walsh Act: Juveniles and sex offender registration and notification. *Undergraduate Review*, 7, 126–130.

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## Technical Reports

- Pyrooz, D. C., **Spooner, K.**, & Webb, V. J. (2014). *Gang Intervention Treatment Reentry Development for Youth (GitRedy): A Report on the Third Year of Implementation*. Huntsville, TX: Sam Houston State University.

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## Book Chapters

- Spooner, K. A.**, & Wright, R. G. (2014). The criminalization of adolescent sexuality. In R. G. Wright (Ed.), *Sex offender laws: Failed policies, new directions* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., pp. 256–276). New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company.

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## Book Reviews

- Spooner, K. A.** (2013). Book review: Jamie J. Fader, *Falling back: Incarceration and transitions to adulthood among urban youth*. *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology*, 1(2), 372–373.

## Manuscripts in Progress

**Spooner, K.**, Pyrooz, D. C., Webb, V. J., & Fox, K. A. (Submitted for initial review). Findings from an evaluation of the Gang Intervention Treatment Reentry Development for Youth (GitRedy) program. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*.

**Spooner, K.**, & Vaughn, M. S. (Submitted for initial review). Sentencing juvenile homicide offenders: A 50-state survey. *Virginia Journal of Criminal Law*.

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## National Conference Presentations

Mitchell, M., **Spooner, K.**, Wu, J., Pyrooz, D., & Decker, S. (2017, March). *Interviewing gang members in prison: Operational lessons from the LoneStar project*. Paper will be presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting, Kansas City, MO.

**Spooner, K.**, Pyrooz, D., & Webb, V. (2015, March). *Findings from an evaluation of the gang intervention treatment reentry development for youth (GitRedy) program in Harris County*. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting, Orlando, FL.

**Spooner, K. A.**, & Vaughn, M. S. (2014, November). *Sentencing juvenile homicide offenders to life without parole: A comparative legal analysis*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology conference, San Francisco, CA.

**Spooner, K. A.**, & Vaughn, M. S. (2013, November). *A legislative and constitutional analysis of youth sexting statutes*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology conference, Atlanta, GA.

**Spooner, K. A.** (2013, March). *Life without the possibility of parole for juvenile homicide offenders: Miller v. Alabama (2012)*. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting, Dallas, TX.

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## University-Sponsored Presentations

**Spooner, K. A.**, & Vaughn, M. S. (2015, February). *Sentencing juvenile homicide offenders to life imprisonment without parole: A comparative legal analysis*. Paper presented at the SHSU Graduate Research Exchange, Huntsville, TX.

**Spooner, K. A.** (2014, April). *Sentencing juvenile homicide offenders to life without parole post-Miller*. Paper presented at the Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center Research Symposium, Prairie View, TX.

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## Research Experience & Grants

**Platinum Tier Interviewer** | April 2016 – Present

*LoneStar Project: Study of Offender Trajectories, Associations, and Reentry* (National Institute of Justice funded)  
Conducted 77 prison interviews and 7 follow up telephone interviews  
Certified trainer in computer assisted personal and telephone interviewing

**Graduate Research Assistant** | September 2014 – Present

National Institute of Justice Grant

*Gangs on the Street, Gangs in Prison: Their Nature, Interrelationship, Control, and Re-Entry*

Principal Investigator: Dr. David Pyrooz, University of Colorado, Boulder

**Graduate Research Assistant** | May 2014 – December 2014

Correctional Management Institute of Texas

& Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections Department

Advisor: Dr. Gaylene Armstrong, Sam Houston State University

**Graduate Research Assistant** | September 2012 – December 2014

Advisor: Dr. Michael Vaughn, Sam Houston State University

**Undergraduate Research Assistant** | August 2011 – May 2012

Faculty and Librarian Research Grant (FLRG)

*Unwanted Sexual Experiences of Bridgewater State University Students*

Advisor: Dr. Richard Wright, Bridgewater State University

**Undergraduate Research Assistant** | Summer 2011

Adrian Tinsley Program (ATP) Summer Research Grant

*The Meaning of Redemption: Why is America Sentencing Juveniles to Life Without Parole?*

Advisor: Dr. Richard Wright, Bridgewater State University

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## Research Interests

Procedural Justice and Legitimacy

Legal Issues in Criminal Justice

Sentencing and Corrections

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## Teaching Experience

**Doctoral Teaching Fellow** | Spring 2017

CRIJ 2364 Fundamentals of Criminal Law

*Sam Houston State University*

**Teaching Assistant** | Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

CRIJ 6392 Program Evaluation in Criminal Justice

*Dr. Jeffrey Bouffard, Sam Houston State University*

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## Service to the Department

Graduate Peer Mentor | 2013 – Present

*Sam Houston State University*

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## Awards, Scholarships, & Fellowships

Doctoral Teaching Fellow in SHSU CJC Dept. | 2017

SHSU Excellence in Writing Award | 2016  
Rolando, Josefa, and Jocelyn del Carmen Criminal Justice Scholarship | 2015 – 2016; 2016 – 2017  
SHSU Outstanding Thesis Award | 2014  
Rolando V. del Carmen Student Endowed Criminal Justice Scholarship | 2013 – 2014  
CJC Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship | 2013  
SHSU Excellence in Writing Award | 2013

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## Training & Certification

SHSU Professional & Academic Center for Excellence Teaching Assistant Certification Series | 2017 (Expected)  
ACJS Doctoral Fellow | 2017  
Blaise Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) | 2016  
Teaching Online with Blackboard Certification Series | 2016  
Blaise Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) | 2016  
Security Awareness Annual Refresher | 2014; 2016  
Title IX, Campus SaVE, and VAWA: Preventing and Reporting Gender-Based Misconduct | 2014  
Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance | 2013; 2015  
Security Awareness Training | 2013  
Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse | 2013  
Distance Education and Learning Technologies for Academics (DELTA) Blackboard | 2013  
Institutional Equal Employment Opportunity Training (EEO) | 2012

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## Professional Affiliations

American Society of Criminology  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

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## References

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