

# Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- In Progress      **Doctor of Philosophy**  
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX  
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
- 2015      **Master of Arts**  
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX  
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology  
Thesis: *Ex-inmates' Perceptions of Experiences in Texas Public and Private Prisons*  
Chair: Jurg Gerber
- 2011      **Bachelor of Arts**  
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX  
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology  
Major: Criminal Justice
- 2009      **Associate of Arts**  
San Jacinto College South, Houston, TX  
Major: Music

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Corrections- misconduct, prison experiences, qualities of confinement in private and public prisons, contraband, procedural justice, offender reentry and reintegration  
Media portrayals- private correctional agencies, solitary confinement, gangs  
Social network analysis- drug trafficking organizations, prison contraband networks

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *Articles in Refereed Journals*

**Dittmann, L., & Gerber, J.** (2016). Framing legitimacy: A qualitative analysis examining Texas local print media portrayals of an immigrant family detention center. *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*, 4, 217-243.

Hu, X., & **Dittmann L.** (2016). Gangs in the print media: Description, crime, and intervention. *Journal of Gang Research*, 23, 29-50.

Franklin, T. W., **Dittmann, L.**, & Henry, T. (2015). Extralegal disparity in the application of intermediate sanctions: An analysis of U.S. District Courts. *Crime & Delinquency*, 63, 839-874.

### ***Book Chapters and Textbook Additions***

#### **Dittmann, Layne**

2017 Marion, N., Hill J. (2018). *Legalizing Marijuana: A Shift in Policies Across America* (ed. 2). Chapter Title: Maximum Discretion: A Case of Study of Harris County's Efforts at Circumventing State Marihuana Laws Through the Use of Prosecutorial Discretion. In Progress.

#### **Dittmann, Layne**

2017 Payne, B. K., Oliver, W. M., & Marion, N. E. (2 ed.) (2017). *Introduction to criminal justice: A balanced approach*, SAGE Publications. Textbox Title: Ethical Dilemmas in Decision-Making: Private Prisons.

### ***Manuscripts Under Review***

#### **Dittmann, Layne**

2016 "So Goes the Nation? U.S. Media Portrayals of the Use of Solitary Confinement." Under review at: *Criminal Justice Policy Review*.

#### **Hu, Xiaochen; Dittmann, Layne**

2017 "He's Definitely a Gangsta: Over-identification of Gang-Membership in Print Media". Co-author. Under review at: *Criminal Justice and Popular Culture*.

#### **Jones, Nathan; Dittmann, Layne; Wu, Jun; Reese, Tyler**

2017 "Coding Operational Ties in Dark Networks from RICO Indictments: Methods for Further Social Network Analysis Research". Co-author and Co-Investigator. Under Review at: *Trends in Organized Crime*.

### ***Manuscripts in Progress***

#### **Dittmann, Layne; Angulski, Kate; Dr. Yan Zhang**

2017 "Not in My Back-Yard: Mapping the Relationship Between Methadone Treatment Centers and Drug Crimes in Houston, Texas". Co-author.

#### **Dittmann, Layne; Dr. Jurg Gerber; Dr. Nathan Jones**

2017 "From the Horse's Mouth to the Headlines: Examining Contraband Smuggling Processes and Networks in Texas Public and Private Prisons Using Interview Data and Social Network Analysis. Principal Investigator.

#### **Dittmann, Layne; Blasko, Brandy**

2016 "Understanding Neutrality in Custodial Decision-making: Prisoner Perceptions of a Key Procedural Justice Element." Co-author. Journal to be

decided.

Dr. Erin Orrick; Dittmann, Layne

2016 “Apples to Apples: A Multi-level Analysis of Inmate Misconduct Rates in Texas Public and Private State Jail Facilities.” Co-author. Awaiting data approval.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### ***Conference Presentations***

- 2016 Dittmann, L., Blasko, B. L., Rudes, D. S., & Magnuson, S. (2016, November). Measuring neutrality in custodial decisionmaking: Prisoner perceptions of one procedural justice element. In B. L. Blasko (Chair), *Relationships matter: Legitimacy, procedural justice, and the working alliance in prisons and jails*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 Jones, N., Dittmann, L., Wu, J., & Reese, T. (2016, April). *Coding Operational Ties in Dark Networks from RICO Indictments: Methods for Further Social Network Analysis Research*. Poster presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sam Houston State University Graduate Research Symposium, Woodlands, TX.
- 2016 Dittmann, L., Tasca, M. (2016, March). *So Goes the Nation? U.S. Media Portrayals of the Use of Solitary Confinement*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.
- 2015 Jones, N., Dittmann, L., Wu, J., & Reese, T. (2015, November). *Coding Operational Ties in Dark Networks from RICO Indictments: Methods for Further Social Network Analysis Research*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.
- 2015 Dittmann, L. (2015, October). *Ex-inmates' Perceptions and Experiences in Texas Public and Private Prisons*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, South Padre, TX.
- 2015 Dittmann, L. (2015, March). *Ex-inmates' Perceptions and Experiences of Safety and Security in Texas Public and Private Prisons*. Presented at the annual Sam Houston State University Graduate Research Exchange, Huntsville, TX.
- 2015 Franklin, T.W., Dittmann, L., & Henry, T. (2015, March). *Reducing Prison Terms Through Intermediate Sanctions: Who Benefits in the Federal Courts?* Presenter and Panel Chair: Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.

2014 Dittmann, L., Gerber, J. (2014, November).  
*Ex-inmates' Experiences and Perceptions of Public and Private Prisons.*  
Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of  
Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

### ***Invited Presentations***

Dittmann, Layne Invited Guest

Speaker

2017 "Private Immigrant Detention"  
Progressives for Better Government monthly meeting, Woodlands, TX.

Dittmann, Layne

Invited Guest Lecturer

2017 "The History of Privatized Punishment from the 1700s to Modern Day".  
Correctional Systems and Practices-Honors, Dr. Brandy Blasko, CRIJ  
2365, Sam Houston State University, TX.

Dittmann, Layne

Invited Guest Lecturer

2017 "Experimental and Quasi Experimental Design, Sampling in Qualitative  
and Quantitative Research, and Survey Research". Introduction to  
Methods of Research, Professor Bill Humphrey, CRIJ 3378.4, Sam  
Houston State University, TX.

Dittmann, Layne

Invited Guest Lecturer

2016 "Privatized Punishment and Private Prisons." Correctional Systems  
and Practice, Dr. Blasko, CRIJ 2365, Sam Houston State University, TX.

Dittmann, Layne

Invited Guest Lecturer

2016 "Privatized Punishment and Private Prisons." Correctional Systems and  
Practice, Dr. Blasko, CRIJ 2365, Sam Houston State University, TX.

Dittmann, Layne

Invited Guest Lecturer

2016 "The History of Privatized Punishment and Private Prisons."  
Introduction to Criminal Justice, Professor Angela Collins, CRIJ  
2361, Sam Houston State University, TX.

Dittmann, Layne

Invited Guest Speaker

2016 "Privatized Punishment: History and Current Context." Introduction to  
Criminal Justice, Professor Ashley Boillot-Fansher, CRIJ 2361, Sam Houston  
State University, TX.

Dittmann, Layne Invited Guest

Speaker  
2015 "The Private Prison Industry". Introduction to Criminal Justice, Professor Bickley, CRIJ 2361, Sam Houston State University, TX.

Dittmann, Layne Invited Guest  
Lecturer  
2015 "Privatized Punishment and the Private Prison Industry in the U.S". Correctional Systems and Practice, Professor Jaesung Lee, CRIJ 2635, Sam Houston State University, TX.

Dittmann, Layne Invited Guest  
Speaker  
2014 "The History of Privatized Punishment". Pasadena Rotary Club, TX.

Dittmann, Layne Invited Guest  
Speaker  
2014 "Privatized Punishment and the Private Prison Industry". Introduction to Criminal Justice, Professor Stephanie Bickley, CRIJ 2361, Sam Houston State University, TX.

Dittmann, Layne Invited Guest  
Lecturer  
2014 "The Police: Role and Function". Introduction to Criminal Justice, Professor Stephanie Bickley, CRIJ 2361, Sam Houston State University, TX.

Dittmann, Layne Invited Guest  
Lecturer  
2014 "Technological Innovations: Policing, Police Militarization, Use of Force, and Video Documenting Police Interactions". Professor Bickley, CRIJ 2361, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, TX.

## **ASSISTANTSHIPS**

### ***Graduate Assistant***

2017 Targeted marketing for August Vollmer Biography book promotion, Dr. Willard Oliver, Sam Houston State University, TX.

2016 Data entry, data management, and library research, Dr. Oliver, Sam Houston State University, TX.

2016 Assisted in "Pennsylvania Prison Project" data management and data quality assurance. Teaching Assistant for CRIJ 3378 Introduction to Methods of Research. Dr. Brandy Blasko, Sam Houston State University, TX.

2015-2016 Project Manager of "Pennsylvania Prison Project", data management and data quality assurance. Manages a 6-person research lab of undergraduates who assist with data entry. Dr. Brandy Blasko. Sam Houston State University, TX.

- 2015 Assisted in sentencing literature collection and sentencing research. Dr. Travis Franklin, Sam Houston State University, TX.
- 2015 Assisted in identify types of solitary confinement, policies, procedures, legislation, lawsuits, and media reports. Dr. Melinda Tasca, Sam Houston State University, TX.
- 2015 Correctional Management Institute of Texas, Assisted with Preparation for Class #18 of the National Jail Leadership Command Academy, Sam Houston State University, TX.
- 2014 Data entry, data management, and library research, Dr. Oliver, Sam Houston State University, TX.
- 2013 Data entry, data management, and library research, Dr. Oliver, Sam Houston State University, TX.

### ***Teaching Assistant***

- 2017 CRIJ 6392, Program Evaluation in CJ, Dr. Jeff Bouffard, Sam Houston State University, TX.
- 2016, 2017 CRIJ 6339, Police in Society, Dr. Willard Oliver, Sam Houston State University, TX.
- 2016 CRIJ 2365, Correctional Systems and Practice, Dr. Brandy Blasko, Sam Houston State University, TX.
- 2013, 2015 CRIJ 3378, Introduction to Methods of Research, Dr. Brandy Blasko, Dr. Yan Zhang, Sam Houston State University, TX.
- 2013, 2014, 2017 CRIJ 3396, Online, Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice, Dr. Ling Ren, Sam Houston State University, TX.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2016 Summer Fellowship, \$6000
- 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 Summer Scholarship, \$1000- Summer school tuition funded by Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas.
- 2015 Travel Scholarship, \$200- Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.

### **RESEARCH TRAINING**

Brandy Blasko, Channing Carpenter; Amber Griffin; Dittmann, Layne:  
2017 Program Evaluation of Montgomery County Probation Sex Offender Unit. Survey administration and observation.

Dittmann, Layne; Tasca, Melinda  
2016 "Media Attitudes Towards the Use of Solitary Confinement". Sampling, data compilation, and analyses.

Blasko, Brandy, Dittmann, Layne  
2015-2016 "The Prison Project". Project Manager.

Jones, Nathan, Dittmann, Layne, Wu, Jun, & Reese, Tyler  
2015 "Coding Operational Ties in Dark Networks from RICO Indictments: Methods for Further Social Network Analysis Research". Co-Investigator.

Dittmann, Layne  
2015 "Ex-inmates' Perceptions of Experiences in Public and Private Prisons". Principal Investigator. Original data collection for thesis.

Gerber, J., Armstrong, G., Hu, Xiaochen, Lee, Jae, Dittmann, Layne & Angulski, Kate  
2013-2014 "Perceptions of Family & Community Support Among Released Felons in the State of Texas". Research Assistant.

Franklin, Travis W., Dittmann, Layne & Henry, Tri-Keah  
2014 "The Use of Intermediate Sanctions in the Federal Courts: Examining Legal and Extralegal influences". Co-Author.

## **SERVICE**

### **Service to the Profession**

Peer-Reviewer: *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*.

### **Service to Regional and National Professional Organizations**

*Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice*

Panel Chair, 2015, Annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, South Padre, TX.

*Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*

Panel Chair, 2015, Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.

### **Service to the University**

*Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization, Sam Houston State University*

Member, Social Events Planning Committee,: 2016-2017, 2017-2018

Member, Research and Development Committee: 2014-2015, 2015-2016

Chair, Social Events Planning Committee: 2013

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Society of Criminology  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

## **SELECTED TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2016	CAP (Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing) Blaise v 4.8 training conducted by David Pyrooz Ph.D. through the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. (8 hours)
2017	SHSU Annual Ethics Training
2017	SHSU Active Shooters and other Dangerous Things Training
2017	SHSU Blackboard Online Teaching Certification
2017	SHSU Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Compliance Training

## **RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

2007-2015	<b>Licensed Private Investigator</b> , Joe Winter Investigations, Seabrook, TX
2012-2013	<b>Process Server</b> , Atlas Pro Serve and Associates, Houston, TX.