

## **CURRICULUM VITA**

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## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

- B.A. Political Science, 1996, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas.
- M.A. Sociology, 2001, University of Texas at San Antonio.
- Ph.D. Sociology, 2008, The Ohio State University.

## **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

- Assistant & Associate Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, August 2021 - current.
- State of New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD), Adult Probation and Parole September 2020- May 2021.
- Assistant & Associate Professor, Criminal Justice Dept., New Mexico State University (NMSU) August 2015 – August 2020.
- Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice Dept., Univ. of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) August 2008 – May 2015.
- Lecturer, Criminal Justice Dept., University of Texas at San Antonio August 2003 – July 2007
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Sociology Dept., The Ohio State University Sept 2001 – May 2003
- Caseworker, Youth Gang Intervention, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Irving Spergel (PI), University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Jan. 1997- Dec. 2000.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- Nominated to College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Research Award, Jan. 2020 (NMSU)
- College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Achievement in Outreach, 2019 (NMSU)
- Nominated to the University's "Truly Innovative" teaching award, Dec. 2019 (NMSU)
- Nominated for University Research Council's Exceptional Achievements in Creative Scholarly Activity, October 2019. (NMSU)
- Dean's Summer Research Stipend, 2018 (NMSU)

- Executive Board, American Society of Criminology, Division of People of Color and Crime. October 2016 – 2018.
- Outstanding Community Partnership Award, College of Arts & Sciences, Community Partner: 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court of NM, Juvenile Drug Court Program, April 2016.
- Honorary Member, Alpha-Phi Sigma Honor's Society of NMSU 2016 – 2020.
- Dean's Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching, College of Public Policy, UTSA, 2013.
- Research Fellow, UTSA Child & Adolescent Policy Research Institute (CAPRI), 2011-2012.
- Faculty Mentor, 2011 Provost's Summer Research Mentorship Program, UTSA
- Summer Research Institute Fellowship. Ohio State University, Race, Crime, & Democracy Network. July 11-29, 2011
- Faculty Mentor, 2009 Provost's Summer Research Mentorship Program, UTSA
- Ohio State University College of Social & Behavioral Sciences Graduate Research Assistantship, Summer 2007
- Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) *Center for Human Resource Research* scholarship for users of the National Longitudinal Surveys. Summer, 2004.
- Graduate School Fellow, Sociology Dept., The Ohio State University 2001 – 2002

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Mike Tapia, Erika Ochoa, & Kelsey Cundiff. Under Review, "Social Disorganization and the College Campus Periphery". *Social Science Quarterly*.

Mike Tapia, Deborah Blalock, JoAnne Choi, & Erika Ochoa. 2021. "Dropout & Incarceration: Extending the School to Prison Pipeline (STPP) Construct in Texas". *Justice Policy Journal*, 17 (2): 1-24.

Mike Tapia. 2020. "Gangs of the El Paso-Juarez Borderland: The Role of History and Geography in shaping Criminal Subcultures." *Trends in Organized Crime*, 23(1): 367-384.

Mike Tapia. 2019. "Modern Chicano Street Gangs: Ethnic Pride Versus 'Gangsta' Subculture". *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, 41(3): 1-25.

Mike Tapia. 2018. "Barrio Criminal Networks and Prison Gang Formation in Texas" *Journal of Gang Research*, 25(4): 45-63.

Mike Tapia, Leanne Alarid, & Courtney Clare. 2018. "Parenting Styles and Juvenile Delinquency: Exploring Gendered Relationships". *Juvenile & Family Court Journal*, 69 (2): 1-25.

- Mike Tapia, Nicholas Natividad & Crystal Vasquez. 2017. "The Effects of Restorative Justice Programming On Juvenile Offender Empathy". *Journal of Knowledge and Best Practices in Juvenile Justice and Psychology* 10(1): 7 -16.
- Mike Tapia & Ruben O. Martinez. 2017. "Ethics Review and the Minority Ethnographer: A Case Study in Racialized Invalidation". *Race & Justice*, 7(2): 127 – 143.
- Mike Tapia & Carlos Posadas. 2017. "Revisiting the Community Gang Intervention Model" *Journal of Gang Research*, 24 (3): 1-16.
- Mike Tapia, Henrika McCoy, & Lynsey Tucker. 2015. "Suicidal Ideation in Juvenile Arrestees: Exploring Legal and Temporal Factors". *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*, 14 (4): 468-483.
- Mike Tapia. 2015 "San Antonio's Barrio Gangs: Size, Scope, and Other Characteristics". *Deviant Behavior*, 36 (9): 691-701.
- Mike Tapia, Leanne Alarid, & Donald Hutcherson. 2015. "Youthful Arrest and Parental Support: Gendered Effects In Straining The Parent-Child Relationship" *Deviant Behavior*. 36 (8): 674-690
- Mike Tapia. 2015. "U.S. Latino Arrest: An Analysis Of Risk By Nativity And Origin". *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*. 37 (1): 37-58.
- Mike Tapia, Corey Sparks, & J. Mitchell Miller. 2014. "Texas Latino Prison Gangs: An Exploration of Generational Shift and Rebellion" *The Prison Journal*. 94(2): 159 - 179.
- Mike Tapia. 2014. "Latino Street Gang Emergence in The Midwest: Strategic Franchising or Natural Migration?" *Crime and Delinquency*, 60(4): 592-618.
- Mike Tapia, 2013. "Texas Latino Gangs and Large Urban Jails: Intergenerational Conflict and Issues in Management." *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 37(2): 256-274.
- Mike Tapia, Leanne Alarid, & Arturo Enriquez. 2013. "Court-Ordered Mentoring Programs for Adjudicated Juveniles" *Justice Policy Journal*. 10(2): 1-18.
- Mike Tapia 2011. "Gang Membership and Race as Risk Factors for Juvenile Arrest" *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 48(3): 364-395.
- Mike Tapia 2011. "U.S. Juvenile Arrests: Gang Membership, Social Class, and Labeling Effects." *Youth and Society*, 43(4):1407-1432.
- Mike Tapia 2010. "Untangling race and class effects on juvenile arrests". *Journal of Criminal Justice*. 38(3): 255-265.

Michael Tapia & Patricia M. Harris 2006. "Race and Revocation: Is There a Penalty for Young, Minority Males?" *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*, 4(3): 1-25.

### **Books**

Mike Tapia 2020. *Gangs of the El Paso-Juárez Borderland*. University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, NM.

Mike Tapia 2017. *The Barrio Gangs of San Antonio, Texas, 1915-2015*. Texas Christian University Press, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mike Tapia. 2012. *Juvenile Arrest in America: Race, Social Class, and Gang Membership*. New York: LFB Scholarly.

### **Book Chapters, Reviews, & Encyclopedia Entries**

Mike Tapia & E. Mark Moreno. Forthcoming. "Diego 'El Padrino' Vigil: A Pioneer of Chicana/o Gang Studies and Issues in Stratification" in *The Handbook of Gangs and Society*, (Oxford University Press), D. Pyrooz, J. Laverso & J. Densley (Eds.).

Mike Tapia. 2023 "Gang Violence in Texas: Urban Dynamics over Time". *Steeped in a Culture of Violence: Murder, Racial Injustice, and Other Violent Crimes in Texas, 1965-2020* (Texas A&M Press), B.T. Jett and K.W. Howell (Eds.).

Mike Tapia. 2020. Book Review, *Gang Paradox: Miracles and Inequality in the Borderland* by Robert Duran. *American Journal of Sociology*, 125(5).

Mike Tapia 2015. Book Review, *Looking Beyond Suppression: Community Strategies to Reduce Gang Violence* by Erika Gebo & Brenda J. Bond (Eds). *Contemporary Sociology* 44 (2): 201-202.

Mike Tapia & J. Mitchell Miller 2014. "Crime Ethnography" in *The Encyclopedia of Theoretical Criminology*, J.M. Miller (Ed.), Wiley-Blackwell.

Kate Ellis, Leanne Alarid, and Mike Tapia. 2013. "Mental Health Court Goals and Practices: A Staff Perspective" Chapter 12 in *Annual Review of Addictions and Offender Counseling*, Stephen Southern (ed.) Eugene, OR: Resource Publications.

Mike Tapia and Patricia Harris 2012. "Hispanic Arrest: Current Barriers and Prospects for Research". Chapter 6 in *Hispanics in the U.S. Criminal Justice System: The New American Demography*, Martin Urbina (ed.) Springfield, IL: Thomas, Ltd.

Mike Tapia, Donald Hutcherson, and Ana Campos-Holland. 2011. "Latino Ethnicity as a Risk Factor for Arrest: U.S. Minority and Regional Effects." Chapter 7 in *Latinos in the Midwest*. Ruben Martinez, (ed.) Michigan State University Press.

## PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS & INVITED TALKS

Mike Tapia & Johanna Delgado-Acevedo. “Gun Violence in Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico: Media versus Official Depictions” *The American Society of Criminology* (ASC), Annual Conference, Nov. 2023, Philadelphia.

Mike Tapia. “Gang Violence in Texas, 1950-2020”. *East Texas Historical Association*, Annual Conference, Oct. 2023, Nacogdoches, Texas.

Roberto Velasquez and Mike Tapia. “MMPI-3 and Mexican Americans (Chicanos/as): Validation Data From Two Independent Studies On Adults” *American Psychological Association*, Annual Meeting, Division 45. August 2023, Washington, D.C.

Mike Tapia & Kendra Gentry, “Mapping Media Coverage of Narco-Related Violence in Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico ” *The American Society of Criminology* (ASC), Annual Conference, Nov. 2022, Atlanta.

Authors Meet Critics Panelist (for Pyrooz and Decker (2020)). *Competing for Control: Gangs and Social Order of Prisons*. Cambridge University Press. *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*, Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, March 2022.

Mike Tapia “Community Corrections and the Pandemic: Lessons from Adaptations in Practice”. *American Society of Criminology*, Chicago, November 2021.

Erika Ochoa & Mike Tapia, “Social Disorganization and the College Campus Periphery”. *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, November 2019.

Deborah Blalock, Mike Tapia, & Joanne Choi. “A Test of the School-to-Prison-Pipeline Concept in Texas”. *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, November 2018.

Adriana Chavez and Mike Tapia. “A Case Study of the El Paso-Juarez Prison Gang, The Barrio Azteca”. *South Western Association of Criminal Justice*, San Antonio, Oct. 2018.

“Author (Tapia) Meets Critics”. For *Barrio Gangs.... American Society of Criminology*, Philadelphia, November 2017.

Mike Tapia & Carlos Posadas. “Revisiting the Community Gang Intervention Model” *American Society of Criminology*, New Orleans, November 2016.

Crystal Vasquez & Mike Tapia “The Effects of Restorative Justice Programming On Juvenile Offender Empathy”. *American Society of Criminology*. Nov. 19, 2015, Washington D.C.

Courtney Clare, Mike Tapia, and Leanne Alarid. “Parenting Style and Delinquency” *American Society of Criminology*, November 21, 2014, San Francisco.

Mike Tapia “S.A.’s Barrio Gangs of the 1950s: Size, Scope, & Other Characteristics” *National Assoc. of Hispanic & Latino Studies*, Eastern Regional, Tampa, FL, July 31 2014.

Mike Tapia “Chicano Gangs and the Urban Landscape” *Urban Affairs Assoc.* March 21, 2014, San Antonio, Texas.

Mike Tapia & Henrika McCoy. “Suicidal Ideation in Detained Youth” *American Society of Criminology*, November 21, 2013, Atlanta.

Mike Tapia. “San Antonio’s Barrio Gangs of the 1950s”. *American Society of Criminology*, November 20, 2013, Atlanta.

Mike Tapia, David Montejano, Martin Sanchez-Jankowski, and Avelardo Valdez. “Chicano Barrio Gangs: Permanency and Change Over Time” March 23, 2013, *The National Association of Chicano Studies*, San Antonio, Texas.

Mike Tapia and Holly V. Miller. “Latino Ethnicity, and Arrest” *American Society of Criminology*, November, 2012, Chicago.

Mike Tapia, *Texas Community Service Association*. “Conducting Juvenile Justice Research in a Changing Policy Environment”, November, 2012.

Mike Tapia. UT-Dallas Criminology Program, Brownbag Lecture “Latino Nativity, Ethnicity, and Arrest” September 2012.

Mike Tapia. College of Public Policy & The Prem Rawat Foundation: Inner Peace at Dominguez State Jail & UTSA: January 2012.

Mike Tapia and Corey Sparks. “Texas Latino Prison Gangs: Toward a Demographic Framework for Understanding Recent Changes in Social Dynamics” *American Society of Criminology*, November, 2011, Washington, D.C.

Mike Tapia “Changes in Adult Chicano Gang Structure in Texas” *American Society of Criminology*, November, 2010, San Francisco, CA.

Mike Tapia, Patricia Harris, and Donald Hutcherson. “The Effects of Repeat Offending on Social Capital” *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*, February 25, 2010, San Diego, CA.

Mike Tapia “New Latino Street Gangs in the Midwest: Migration or Emulation?” *American Society of Criminology*, November 5, 2009, Philadelphia, PA.

Mike Tapia “Evaluating the Federal Youth Gang Intervention Model in San Antonio, Texas.” *American Society of Criminology* Nov. 6, 2009, Philadelphia.

Mike Tapia and Donald Hutcherson “U.S. Minorities, Crime, and Justice Processing: Comparisons by Race, Ethnicity, Nativity, and Region.” *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*, Boston, March 13, 2009.

Mike Tapia “Youth Gang Delinquency and Arrest” *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, November 1, 2006.

Mike Tapia “Latino Gang Migration to the Midwest”. *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Michael Tapia and Patricia M. Harris. 2004. “Race, Ethnicity, and Felony Probation in Texas.” *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences* Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Michael A. Tapia and Juanita M. Firestone. 2001. “Changes in the Sex Composition and Gender Based Wage Gap of Seven Occupations over Time.” *Southwest Social Science Association* Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, Texas, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **GRANTING ACTIVITIES**

### **Under Review**

2023-24. Fulbright Scholar Awards, Garcia-Robles Border Scholar. “*Narco Violence in Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico*”.

2023-24. Guggenheim Fellow Awards. “*Gun Violence in Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico*”

### **Awarded**

Fall 2022. Kendra Gentry & Mike Tapia, “Presidential Undergraduate Research Application” TAMUC VP for Research and Economic Development, (\$4,500)

Nov. 2021 TAMUC College of Humanities, Social Sciences and Arts (CHSSA) Research Support grant (\$5,341).

Nov. 2019. New Mexico Women.org “Mentoring Girls in the Juvenile Justice System”. (\$5000) with Rory Rank.

October 2018. NMSU College of Arts & Sciences Travel Grant (\$1000)

August 2018. New Mexico Women.org “Mentoring Girls in the Juvenile Justice System”. (\$5000) with Rory Rank.

April 2017. NMSU College of Arts & Sciences Research Mini-Grant Award (\$1000)

April 2017. New Mexico Women.org “Mentoring Girls in the Juvenile Justice System”. (\$5000) with Rory Rank and Morgan Beasley.

November 2017. NMSU Criminal Justice Dept. Travel Award. (\$1000)

February 2017. NMSU Criminal Justice Dept. Travel Award. (\$675)

November 2015. NMSU College of Arts & Sciences Research Mini-Grant Award (\$500)

November 2013. UTSA College of Public Policy Individual Research Grant. (\$750)

October 2012. Texas Bar Foundation “Mentoring Delinquent Foster Youth Pilot Program” Mike Tapia, PI. (\$30,000).

February 2012. UTSA College of Public Policy Individual Research Grant. (\$1,200)

July 2011: The Children’s Shelter of San Antonio, Community Youth Development Grant. With Harriett Romo of UTSA (\$7,500).

March 2010. UTSA College of Public Policy Individual Research Grant (\$2,000)

December 2009. National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences Division. “The Spread of Latino Street Gangs to the Midwest.” (\$82,731)

Certificate of Confidentiality, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH. 2009 - 2012.

May 2009. Field Research Contract (\$2,000), *Julian Samora Research Institute*. Michigan State University.

January 2009. UTSA College of Public Policy Small Research Grant (\$2,000)

### **Not Awarded**

2021. Fulbright, Garcia-Robles Border Scholar (Finalist). “*Ataques Armados en Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico*”.

2020. U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Reentry Grant

2018. “Mentoring Delinquent Girls in Las Cruces” Weissberg Foundation (\$25,000)

2017. “The Effects of *Rock Steady Boxing* Training on Parkinson’s Disease Symptoms.” NMSU Community Partnerships. For the PAL Boxing Gym, with the NMSU Kinesiology Department and the Parkinson’s Support Group of Southern NM. (\$7500)

2017. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. “Trauma Healing with Boxing and Mentoring” (\$200,000).

2017 Lawrence Foundation. “NMSU Juvenile Justice Mentoring Program”, (\$113,000).

2016. Wal Mart Foundation. “NMSU Juvenile Justice Mentoring Program”, (\$113,000).

2016. OJJDP Improving Community-Based Responses for Girls in the Juvenile Justice System. (\$745,664)



2016. OJJDP Mentoring Opportunities. “Dona Ana County Juvenile Justice Mentoring Collaborative” (\$913,000).

2016. National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Children, Youth and Families at Risk (CYFAR) Sustainable Community Project (SCP) Grant Program. “University-Community Partnership in Juvenile Justice Mentoring” (\$480,000).

2015. Independent Television Service (ITVS), Diversity Development Fund. “San Antonio’s Klikas: 100 Years of Barrio Gang History”. (\$15,000) for documentary film proposal, with Daniel Gonzales.

2013. “San Antonio’s Barrio Gangs of the 1950s”. National Endowment for the Humanities. (\$6,000)

2013 “Mentoring Crossover Youth”, San Antonio Area Foundation. (\$35,000)

2013. National Institute of Justice (NIJ) “Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships” Mike Tapia, PI, Michael Gilbert, Co-PI. (\$86,500)

2013. “Exploring Latino Gangs in the Midwest: A Case Study of Columbus Ohio”, National Science Foundation, Law & Social Sciences program, with Jeffrey Cohen (Co-PI), Professor of Anthropology, Ohio State University. (\$106,000)

2012. With BCFS Health & Human Services. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). “Local Mentoring Coordinator Program”

2012. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). “Mentoring Best Practices” Leanne Alarid, PI.

2011. With Michigan State University’s Julian Samora Research Institute. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Field Initiated Gang Intervention Demonstration.

## **RESEARCH & GRANT REPORTS**

Mike Tapia & Rory Rank. “Mentoring Delinquent Girls in Dona Ana County”. Final Reports (2018 and 2019) to the New Mexico Women.org Foundation.

Mike Tapia. 2014., “Mentoring Crossover Youth”, January: 1-20. Final Report to the Texas Bar Foundation.

Mike Tapia and Corey Sparks. 2012. “Latino Gang Activity in Texas' Large County Jails: Detention Officer Perceptions.” Report to Sheriffs of Bexar, Dallas, & Harris Counties (TX) June: 1-17.

Mike Tapia. 2011. "The Emergence of Latino Street Gangs in Indianapolis: Migration or Emulation?" Final Report to the National Science Foundation Division of Social and Economic Sciences, Law & Social Science and Sociology Programs.

Michael A. Tapia and Juanita M. Firestone. 2001. "Changes in the Sex Composition and Gender Based Wage Gap of Seven Occupations over Time." College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, UTSA.

## **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Criminal Justice  
Sociology of Deviance  
Criminology (Undergrad & Graduate) (Lecture & Online)  
Juvenile Justice & Corrections (Undergrad & Graduate)  
Juvenile Delinquency  
American Corrections  
Community Supervision & Intermediate Sanctions  
Women, Minorities, and Crime  
Race, Ethnicity, and Crime (Undergrad & Graduate) (Lecture & Online)  
Street Subcultures & the Underclass (Undergrad & Graduate) (Lecture & Online)  
Seminar in Corrections (Graduate)  
Justice Policy (Graduate)

### **THESIS CHAIR**

Roberto Velasquez. 2020. NMSU. "The Relationship Between Acculturative Stress and the MMPI-2 Rf Scale Scores of Latina/o Criminal Justice Students."

Adriana Chavez. 2019. NMSU. "A Profile of El Paso/Juarez's Prison Gang: The Barrio Azteca".

Erika Ochoa. 2019. NMSU. "Social Disorganization and University area neighborhoods".

Erica Arispe 2019. NMSU "Modeling the Influence of Peers on Delinquency"

Deborah Blalock, 2017. NMSU. "A Test of the School-to-Prison-Pipeline Concept in Texas".

Crystal Vasquez, Spring 2013. UTSA. "The Effects of Restorative Justice Programming on Juvenile Offender Empathy: A Demonstration in Bexar County"

Arturo Enriquez, Spring 2011. UTSA. "Effects of Mentoring on Recidivism: A Quasi-Experimental Design in Bexar County"

### **STUDENT SERVICE and ADVISING**

Honor's Thesis Chair (Undergraduate, UTSA): Courtney Clare. Spring 2014.

Supervising Professor for Erin Wit, UTSA Provost's Summer Mentorship Program, 2011.

Thesis Committee Member for Rebecca Eichelberger, UTSA, May 2010.

Thesis Committee Member for Katie Ellis, UTSA, April 2010.

Supervising Professor for Kayli Hoffer, UTSA Provost's Summer Mentorship Program, 2009.

Thesis Committee member for Hector Medina, UTSA, Summer 2008.

14 Undergraduate Independent Studies, UTSA, Fall 2009 – Fall 2013.

## **SERVICE**

### *University*

-TAMUC, Chair, Strategic Planning Updating Committee, March 2023 – current

-TAMUC, CHSSA Dean's Search Committee 2023-24.

-TAMUC Point of Contact/Official Representative, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), SP 24 – current.

-Achievement Assessment Committee for academic program and support unit assessment FA 23 – current

-TAMUC Faculty Senate's Academic Practices Committee, 2021 – current

-Co-Chair (Faculty President), TAMUC Latin@ Staff and Faculty Association (LSFA). FA 23 – SU 25

-Faculty Search Committee Member for the Competency Based BS in CJ program, TAMUC, 2022

-NMSU Annual Academic Departmental Assessment (AADA) Committee. 2016-2020.

### *Department*

TAMUC CJ Graduate Program Coordinator, Fall 2022 – current

TAMUC CJ Faculty Search Committee Chair 2023-24

TAMUC Tenure & Promotion Review Committee, (FA 23)

TAMUC CJ Graduate Program Steering Committee 2021-current

TAMUC CJ Faculty Search Committee 2021-current

TAMUC Sociology/CJ Dept. Scholarship Committee 2022-23

Guest Speaker recruitment & set-up: April Zamora, Division Director, Reentry and Re-Integration, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, November 15, 2021. (Postponed)

NMSU CJ Graduate Program Coordinator, Spring 2018 - 2020

NMSU CJ Dept., Chair, Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee, 2016-2018.

NMSU CJ Library Liaison 2016 – 2020.

Liaison, Southwest Gang Information Center, 2016 - 2020.

Liaison, Mexican Federal Police in Juarez, Chihuahua, 2016 – 2020.

### *Professional*

-Dual Site Liaison (Commerce & Greenville), Rotary Satellite Club to End Human Trafficking 2021-2023.

-External Reviewer, Vista College, El Paso, Texas, Hybrid Criminal Justice Program proposal to TX Higher Education Coordinating Board, Fall 2021.

-Expert Testimony: USA v Gomez, 1:19-cr-03726-JB, U.S. District Court of New Mexico, Albuquerque. Fall 2020.

-External Reviewer, University of Texas Permian Basin Graduate CJ Admin. Program (CJAD), Summer 2020.

-Dona Ana Community College, Justice Education Grant Advisory Board. 2019-2020.

-Review Panel, Dona Ana County Detention Center Director Search. 2019.

-Vice Chair, Dona Ana County Detention Center Advisory Board. 2016 – 2018.

-Exec. Counselor, American Society of Criminology, Div. of People of Color & Crime (DPCC), Fall 2016 – Fall 2018.

-Chair: 2018 Awards Committee

-Board Member, Dona Ana County (Las Cruces), NM, Juvenile Justice Continuum Board, 2016 – current.

-Director, NMSU Juvenile Justice Mentoring Group, 2016 – 2020.

-Exec. Director, Police Athletic League (PAL) Youth Boxing Gym, Las Cruces, NM. 2016 – current.

-Board Member, Youth Research and Resource Center Inc., Las Cruces, NM. 2017 – current.

### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, 2008-2015

#### *University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA)*

2013-15 Core Curriculum Assessment

2013-15 Male Student Success

2012-14 Academic Inquiry, Downtown Campus

2012-14 Affirmative Action Advocate: School of Architecture Faculty Search

2011-2013 *Freshmen Focus*, Block Scheduling

2011-2013 Faculty Senate Research Advisory

2010 UT Regent's Teaching Award Committee

*UTSA College of Public Policy*

- 2011-13 Community Education
- SA2020
  - MLK *Dreamweek*
  - *Inner Peace* with The Prem Rawat Foundation
  - National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day

*UTSA Department of Criminal Justice*

- 2013-15 Program Evaluation  
2013-15 Graduate Program  
2013-15 Faculty Merit Review  
2013-14 Library Liaison  
2012-13 Faculty Search  
2009-13 Academic Policy and Curriculum  
2009-13 Strategic Planning  
2008-13 Learning Assessment  
2009-11 Brownbag Colloquium Chair

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Peer Reviewer:

*Race & Justice* (2016) (2023)  
University of New Mexico Press (2022)  
*Journal of Family Strengths* (2022)  
University of Texas Press (2020)  
*Behavioral Sciences and the Law* (2019)  
*American Journal of Sociology* (2019)  
*Criminal Justice Policy Review* (2018)  
*Social Science Quarterly* (2018)  
*Rutgers University Press* (2018)  
*Texas Christian University Press* (2018)  
*Crime and Delinquency* (2008; 2015; 2018)  
*Trends in Organized Crime* (2017)  
*Oxford Encyclopedia of Latina/o Literature* (2017)  
*Journal of Youth Studies* (2017)  
*Contemporary Journal of Ethnography* (2017)  
*Adolescent Psychiatry* (2016)  
*International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice* (2016)  
*Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* (2016)  
*Sociological Inquiry* (2016)  
*Columbia University Press* (2016)  
*Youth & Society* (2016; 2012; 2011)

*Contemporary Sociology*  
*Journal of Criminal Justice*  
*Justice Quarterly*  
*Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*  
*Criminal Justice and Behavior*  
*Intl. Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*  
*Violence and Victims*  
*International Migration*  
Michigan State University Press  
National Science Foundation

Session Chair: “New Extensions of Social Disorganization Theory” *American Society of Criminology*. Nov. 14, 2019.

Session Chair: “Examining Perceptions of the Hispanic Community: Correlates of Crime and Perceptions of Legal Authorities.” *American Society of Criminology*. Nov. 20, 2013.

Session Chair (#572): “Race, Ethnicity, Crime, and Justice”, *American Society of Criminology*. Nov. 19, 2010.

Contributor: National Science Foundation 2020 White Paper Series on Future Research in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences. 2010. [http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/sbe\\_2020/](http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/sbe_2020/)

### **Equity and Diversity Training:**

National Association of System Heads (NASH), *Transfer Through the Equity Lens*, “Taking Student Success To Scale TS<sup>3</sup>”, Oct. 21, 2021

University of North Texas *Men of Color Summit*. Aug. 16, 2021.

### **Other Training**

TAMUC Office of Academic Technology:

“Content & Accessibility Tools”, “Grading Assignments in Different Tools”, “Gradebook Setup”, “Quiz Tool”, “YouSeeU Virtual Classroom”, “Course Design Basics” Summer 2021.

“Zoom Basics and D2L Integration”, Oct. 28, 2021.

“Panopto Basics”, Nov. 4, 2021

TAMUC Library:

“Understanding Copyright and Fair Use”, April 7, 2022.

### **Talks, Presentations, & Press:**

ABC News Affiliate in El Paso, Texas, KVIA, Channel 7. Interview on El Paso County Jail Annex Homicide. Wed. 11/29/23.

University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley, 2023. Department of Sociology. "Gun Violence in Cd. Juarez, Mexico: Media Representations vs. Official Counts." February 9.

Western NM University: 2022. Department of Criminal Justice. "Juvenile Corrections". Nov. 2.

Apple Podcast: "Standoff: Fred Gomez Carrasco & The 1974 Huntsville, TX Prison Siege". March 2022. Produced by Wes Ferguson for *Imperative Entertainment*. Mike Tapia interviewed in Episodes 2 and 10. <https://link.chtbl.com/standoff?fbclid=IwAR2vltKjvhP-Ft31Ds97noWnVtYjITWQbvffotjimuNlcpCi7mKuuwq1g88>.

University of New Mexico (UNM) Center for Southwest Research and Special Collections (CSWR), *People and Places* lecture series. November 16, 2021. "[Gangs of the El Paso-Juárez Borderland](#)" by [Michael Tapia \(unm.edu\)](#)

Guest Lecture. Northern New Mexico College, Dept. of Humanities & Social Sciences, CJUS 4499: Culture & Crime, for Dr. Tara Martin-Lopez, Sept. 13, 2021.

Presenter. Librarian Educator Networking and Development (LEND) Annual Conference. June 17, 2021., El Paso, Texas. <https://eplend1.weebly.com/authors--lend.html>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MH0n9LX8N9c&list=PLsfzBZn11AuLGd4agIImcNy19Q6zqaCY&index=14>

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Mesilla Valley Rotary Club. “PAL Youth Boxing Gym”. January 12, 2017.

Mexican Federal Police in Juarez, Chihuahua. “*Tecnicas Para Entrevistar a Sospechosos*” Sept. 7, 2016. With Joe Kolb & Carlos Posadas.

Panel Moderator, NMSU Alpha Phi Sigma Juvenile Justice Conference, April 15, 2016.

Presentation to the Dona Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board “NMSU Juvenile Justice Mentoring Group”. April 7, 2016.

Guest Lecture. CAST 301, “Introduction to Child Advocacy” taught by Merranda Marin. Feb. 2, 2016, NMSU

San Antonio College. *Hispanic Heritage Month, 2014* Guest Lecture. 9/29/14.

Interview for KVDA *Telemundo* news affiliate on Gangs in San Antonio, February 7, 2014.

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Guest Lecture, PAD 3133 “Public Policy in South Texas” taught by Patricia Jaramillo, May 22, 2013, UTSA.

UTSA Office of Advising. Summer Admit Orientation, College of Public Policy. May 14, 2013.

UTSA Office of P-20 Initiatives. South Texas High-schools Student Recruitment Day. April 12, 2013.

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Kennedy High School (Edgewood ISD, San Antonio). National Honor Society Induction. March 3, 2011.

Guest Lecture SOC 4383 “Sociological Research Methods”, taught by Dr. Armando Abney, St. Mary’s University, San Antonio. October 15, 2010.

UTSA Institutional Review Board (IRB), “Ethical issues and regulatory procedures related to human subjects research with prisoners and other legally at risk populations.” August 18, 2010.

Guest Lecture HTH 3563 “Child and Adolescent Health Promotion”, taught by Dr. Leslie Biediger-Friedman, July 1, 2010, UTSA.

*Law and Criminology Without Borders* with the UTSA Mexico Center & Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon, Monterrey, “Pandillas Latinas en el Medioeste” May 28, 2010.

UTSA Graduate School Recruitment & Retention, Spring 2010 New Admit Information Session.

Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) School of Education, Latino Youth Conference “Youth at Promise.” May 17, 2009.

UTSA College of Public Policy Freshmen Orientation 2008.

Alamo Community College District (ACCD), St. Phillip’s College, Southwest Campus High School Dual Credit Program in Fall 2008.

#### Memberships & Volunteer Activities:

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

ASC Division of People of Color in Criminology (DPCC) 2011 – current.

TAMUC Latina/o Staff and Faculty Association

NMSU Hispanic Faculty and Staff Caucus (HFSC), Secretary 2018- 2020

National Association of Chicana/Chicano Studies (NAACS)

Executive Council (Faculty Governance Rep), UTSA *La Raza* Faculty and Administrators Association (LRFAA). March 2011- 2015.

Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education (TACHE)

*Los Barrios Viejos de San Antonio.*

San Antonio River Authority (SARA), River South Subcommittee, Mission Reach Improvements Project. March 2011- 2015.

Bexar County Juvenile Community Service Restitution/Roosevelt Neighborhood Association Community Justice Garden, 2009-2015.

Vice-President, Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association. 2012-15.

City of San Antonio Planning & Development Services Department, Neighborhoods & Urban Design Section: Roosevelt Avenue Corridor Planning Team, Short-term Reinvestment Strategies Committee. 2008-11.