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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018 – **Assistant Professor**, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
University of Texas at San Antonio

EDUCATION

2018 **Ph.D., Criminology & Criminal Justice**, University of Maryland, College Park
2015 **M.A., Criminology & Criminal Justice**, University of Maryland, College Park
2013 **M.P.P., Public Policy**, American University
2011 **B.A., Criminal Justice**, (*summa cum laude*) University at Albany, SUNY
2009 **A.S., Criminal Justice**, Dutchess Community College, SUNY

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Incarceration | Consequences of Criminal Justice Contact | Criminal Justice Decision-Making |
Impact of Social Structure on Crime and Punishment | Social Determinants of Health

PUBLICATIONS

* indicates equal authorship

† indicates student co-author

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Forthcoming **Testa, Alexander** and Dylan B. Jackson. Parental Incarceration and School Readiness: Findings from the 2016-2018 National Survey of Children's Health. *Academic Pediatrics*

Testa, Alexander and Dylan B. Jackson. Incarceration Exposure During Pregnancy and Infant Health: Moderation by Public Assistance. *The Journal of Pediatrics*

Testa, Alexander and Richard Hartley. Financial Dependents and Sentencing Outcomes in Federal District Courts: Variation by Race/Ethnicity and Sex. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*

Testa, Alexander, Dylan B. Jackson, Daniel Semenza, and Michael G. Vaughn. Food Deserts and Cardiovascular Health Among Young Adults. *Public Health Nutrition*

Semenza, Daniel, **Alexander Testa**, Dylan B. Jackson, Michael G. Vaughn, and †Nicholas C. Semenza. Criminal Offending Trajectories from Adolescence through Young Adulthood and the Risk of Food Insecurity: Evidence from the Add Health Study. *Annals of Epidemiology*

Jackson, Dylan B., **Alexander Testa**, Michael G. Vaughn, and Daniel Semenza. Police Stops and Sleep Behaviors Among At-Risk Youth. *Sleep Health*

Testa, Alexander and Dylan B. Jackson. Family Member Death Among Formerly Incarcerated Persons. *Death Studies*

Jackson, Dylan B., Kellie R. Lynch, and **Alexander Testa**. Intimate Partner Violence, Firearms, and Sleep Disturbances: The Influence of Coercive Control and Partner Firearm Ownership. *Sleep Health*

2020 *Weiss, Douglas B., **Alexander Testa**, and Mateus Rennó Santos. Institutional Anomie and Cross-National Differences in Incarceration. *Criminology*, 58(3): 454-484.

Jackson, Dylan B., **Alexander Testa**, and Michael G. Vaughn. Low Self-Control and Legal Cynicism Among At-Risk Youth: An Investigation into Direct and Vicarious Police Contact. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 57(6): 741-783.

Testa, Alexander and Dylan B. Jackson. Adverse Childhood Experiences and Food Insecurity in Adulthood: Evidence from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 67(2): 218-224.

***Testa, Alexander**, Mateus Rennó Santos, and Douglas B. Weiss. Incarceration Rates and Hospital Beds Per Capita: A Cross-National Study of 36 Countries, 1971-2015. *Social Science & Medicine*, 263: 113262.

Testa, Alexander and Daniel Semenza. Investigating the Offending-Health Link: A Dual Trajectory Modeling Approach. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 68: 101691.

Testa, Alexander and Brian D. Johnson. Paying the Trial Tax: Race, Guilty Pleas, and Disparity in Prosecution. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 31(4): 500-531.

Testa, Alexander, Dylan B. Jackson, Michael G. Vaughn, and Jennifer K. Bello. Incarceration as a Unique Social Stressor During Pregnancy: Implications for Maternal and Newborn Health. *Social Science & Medicine*, 246: 112777.

Testa, Alexander and Chantal Fahmy. Oral Health Status and Oral Health Care Use Among Formerly Incarcerated People. *Journal of the American Dental Association*, 151(3): 164-173.

Meldrum, Ryan C., Dylan B. Jackson, Kristen Zgoba, and **Alexander Testa**. Sleep Duration, Handgun Carrying, and Taking a Handgun to School: An Analysis of Statewide Sample of Florida Youth. *Sleep Health*, 6(2): 153-158.

Lee, Jacqueline and **Alexander Testa**. Evidence, Arrest Circumstances, and Felony Cocaine Case Processing. *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society*, 21(1): 39-59.

Testa, Alexander and Dylan B. Jackson. Incarceration Exposure and Maternal Food Insecurity During Pregnancy: Findings from the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), 2004-2015. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 24(1): 54-61.

Jackson, Dylan B., **Alexander Testa**, and Michael G. Vaughn. Low-Self Control and the Adolescent Police Stop: Intrusiveness, Emotional Response, and Psychological Well-Being. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 66: 101635.

2019 Rennó Santos, Mateus, **Alexander Testa**, Lauren C. Porter, and James P. Lynch. The Contribution of Age Structure to the International Homicide Decline. *PLOS ONE*, 14(10): e0222996.

Jackson, Dylan B., Chantal Fahmy, Michael G. Vaughn, and **Alexander Testa**. Police Stops Among At-Risk Youth: Repercussions for Mental Health. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 65(5): 627-632.

Testa, Alexander and Dylan B. Jackson. Food Insecurity Among Formerly Incarcerated Adults. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 46(10): 1493-1511.

***Testa, Alexander**, Douglas B. Weiss, and Mateus Rennó Santos. A Cross-National Analysis of Alcohol Consumption and Suicide Rates: Variations by Population-Level Drinking Patterns. *Journal of Drug Issues*, 49(4): 625-642.

Testa, Alexander and Dylan B. Jackson. Food Insecurity, Food Deserts, and Waist-to-Height Ratio: Variation by Sex and Race/Ethnicity. *Journal of Community Health*, 44(3): 444-450.

Testa, Alexander. Examining Federal Criminal Sentencing of White-Collar and Common Property Offenders: The Case of Embezzlement and Larceny. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 30(5): 681-707.

Testa, Alexander. The Association Between Food Deserts and Short Sleep Duration Among Young Adults in the United States: Variation by Race and Ethnicity. *Sleep Health*, 5(2): 128-134.

Testa, Alexander. Access to Healthy Food Retailers Among Formerly Incarcerated Individuals. *Public Health Nutrition*, 22(4): 672-680.

2018 **Testa, Alexander,** Lauren C. Porter, and Kiminori Nakamura. Examining All-Cause and Cause-Specific Mortality Among Former Prisoners in Pennsylvania. *Justice Quarterly*, 35(5): 782-815.

***Testa, Alexander,** Mateus Rennó Santos, and Douglas B. Weiss. Does Socioeconomic Development Explain the Association Between Seafood Consumption and Cross-National Homicide? *Homicide Studies*, 22(3): 256-276.

*Weiss, Douglas B., **Testa, Alexander,** and Mateus Rennó Santos. Heavy Alcohol Drinking and Cross-National Homicide Rates: The Role of Demographic, Political, and Cultural Context. *Journal of Drug Issues*, 48(2): 246-268.

*Rennó Santos, Mateus, **Alexander Testa,** and Douglas B. Weiss. Where Poverty Matters: Examining the Cross-National Relationship Between Economic Deprivation and Homicide. *British Journal of Criminology*, 58(2): 372-393.

2017 Asal, Victor, **Alexander Testa,** and Joseph K. Young. Occupy This: Why Some Colleges Had Occupy Wall Street Protests. *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*, 10(2-3): 81-103.

Testa, Alexander, David Maimon, Michel Cukier, and Bertrand Sobesto. Illegal Roaming and File Manipulation on Target Computers: Assessing the Effect of Sanction Threats on System Trespassers Online Behaviors. *Criminology & Public Policy*, 16(3): 689-726.

Testa, Alexander and Lauren C. Porter. No Rest for the Wicked? The Consequences of Incarceration for Sleep Problems. *Society and Mental Health*, 7(3): 196-208.

Testa, Alexander, Joseph K. Young, and Christopher Mullins. Does Democracy Enhance or Reduce Lethal Violence? Examining the Role of the Rule of Law. *Homicide Studies*, 21(3): 219-239.

- 2016 *Weiss, Douglas B., Mateus Rennó Santos, **Alexander Testa**, and Sumit Kumar. The 1990s Homicide Decline: A Western World or International Phenomenon? A Research Note. *Homicide Studies*, 20(4): 321-334.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2019 Maimon, David, **Alexander Testa**, Bertrand Sobesto, Michel Cukier, and Wuling Ren. Predictably Deterrable? The Case of System Trespassers. *Security, Privacy, and Anonymity in Computation, Communication, and Storage*, (eds.) Guojun Wang, Jun Feng, Md Zakirul Alam Bhuiyan, and Rongxing Lu.
- 2018 Rennó Santos, Mateus and **Alexander Testa**. Global Trends in Homicide. *Sociology of Crime, Law, and Deviance, Vol. 23*, (ed.) Mathieu Deflem.
- 2017 Maimon, David and **Alexander Testa**. On the Relevance of Cyber Criminological Research in the Design of Policies and Sophisticated Security Solutions against Cyber-Terrorism Events. *Handbook of the Criminology of Terrorism*, (eds.) Gary LaFree and Joshua Freilich.

OP-EDS & EDITORIALS

- 2020 Vaughn, Michael G., Dylan B. Jackson, **Alexander Testa**, Katie Holzer, Lisa Jaegers, and Daniel Semenza. Health Criminology: New Developments in an Emerging Paradigm. *The Criminologist*, 45(3): 9-14.
- 2019 Rennó Santos, Mateus and **Alexander Testa**. Homicide is Declining Around the World – But Why? *The Conversation*

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2016 University of Maryland Graduate Summer Research Fellowship
- 2013 Pi Alpha Alpha Honors Society for Public Affairs and Administration
- 2011 American University Graduate Merit Award
- University at Albany School of Criminal Justice Valedictorian Award
- University at Albany Stanley Fink Scholarship
- 2009 University at Albany Transfer Presidential Scholarship

GRANT ACTIVITY

EXTERNAL

Funded

- 2020 – 2021 **Principal Investigator.** (Co-PI: Chantal Fahmy)
Health Among Older Adults with Incarcerated Family Members
Funding Institution: Aging Research in Criminal Justice & Health (ARCH)
Network .
Amount: \$14,998
- 2019 – 2020 **Co-Principal Investigator.** (PI: Robert Tillyer; Co-PI: Michael Smith)
Project Safe Neighborhoods PY20: Violent Crime Response Effort for West
Texas (VCREWT).
Funding Institution: Bureau of Justice Assistance
Amount: \$66,037
- 2016 **Principal Investigator.**
Incarceration and Nutritional Hardship: Considering the Link to Food Insecurity
and Healthful Food Access.
Funding Institution: Charles Koch Foundation
Amount: \$5,000

INTERNAL

Funded

- 2017 **Principal Investigator.**
Incarceration and Nutritional Hardship: Considering the Link to Food Insecurity
and Healthful Food Access.
Funding Institution: Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship, University of
Maryland
Amount: \$15,000

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Parental Incarceration and Household Food Insecurity: The Moderating Role of Race and Nutrition Assistance (with Kecia Johnson and Dylan B. Jackson), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, San Francisco, CA.
- Incarceration Exposure During Pregnancy: Consequences for Maternal and Perinatal Health (with Dylan B. Jackson), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, San Francisco, CA.
- Irony of Mass (Re)incarceration? Examining Return to Prison as a Potential Protective Factor of Mortality (with Kiminori Nakamura and Lauren C. Porter), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, San Francisco, CA.
- The Legacy of Slavery and Mass Incarceration in the American South (with Mateus Rennó Santos and Douglas B. Weiss), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, San Francisco, CA.
- How Population Age Explains the International Homicide Decline (with Mateus Rennó Santos and Lauren C. Porter), *European Society of Criminology Conference*, Ghent, Belgium.
- 2018 Parental Incarceration and Premature Mortality in the United States, *American Society of Criminology Conference*, Atlanta, GA.
- International Migration and Cross-National Homicide: Considering the Role of Economic Development (with Mateus Rennó Santos and Douglas B. Weiss), *Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX.
- Incarceration and Nutritional Hardship: Considering the Link to Food Insecurity and Healthful Food Access, *APPAM DC Regional Student Conference*, Washington, DC.
- 2017 Examining the Role of Incarceration on Food Insecurity and Access to Healthy Foods, *American Society of Criminology Conference*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Homicides, Migration, and Economic Development in a Cross-National Perspective: A Longitudinal Analysis (with Mateus Rennó Santos and Douglas B. Weiss), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, Philadelphia, PA.
- Predictably Deterrable? The Case of System Trespassers (with David Maimon, Michel Cukier, Bertrand Sobesto, and Wuiling Ren), *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Greenville, SC.
- 2016 Who Pays the Trial Tax? Guilty Pleas and Disparity in Prosecution (with Brian D. Johnson), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, New Orleans, LA.

The Effect of Computing Environments and Network Configurations on Hackers' Illegitimate Online Behaviors During the Progression of System Trespassing Events (with David Maimon, Michel Cukier, Bertrand Sobesto, and Wuiling Ren), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, New Orleans, LA.

2015 Risk, Ambiguity, and Restrictive Deterrent Effects in Cyberspace (with David Maimon, Michel Cukier, and Bertrand Sobesto), *American Society of Criminology Conference*, Washington, DC.

2014 A Tale of Two Crimes: An Analysis of Criminal Sentencing of White-Collar and Street Offenders, *American Society of Criminology Conference*, San Francisco, CA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2020 Criminal Justice and Policing in the United States. *San Antonio Council for International Visitors*, San Antonio, TX.

2019 Incarceration as a Risk Factor for Cardiovascular Health. *Health Criminology Research Consortium*, Saint Louis University.

Criminal Justice and Policing in the United States. *San Antonio Council for International Visitors*, San Antonio, TX.

The Consequences of Incarceration Exposure for Maternal and Perinatal Health. *College of Public Policy Research Series*, University of Texas at San Antonio.

2013 Collateral Damage and the War on Drugs: Estimating the Effect of Zero Tolerance Policies on Drug Arrest Rates, 1975-2002 (with Suhaib Kebhaj, Nima Shahidinia, and Justin Williams), *Capitol Hill Policy Reception*, Washington, DC.

NEWS MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

2020 The Counter—Released early to thwart Covid-19, ex-offenders confront hunger outside

2020 PBS Affiliate KLRN, SciTech Now—Lack of sleep, guns and teens

2019 Rivard Report—Healthy Corner Stores Initiative to Bring Low-Cost Produce to District 3

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Texas at San Antonio

CRJ 2153: Criminological Theory
CRJ 3013: Research Design and Analysis in Criminal Justice
CRJ 4663: Causes & Consequences of Incarceration
CRJ 4913: Independent Study (5 Completed)

University of Maryland

CCJS 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice

ADVISING

Master's Thesis

2020 Jonathan Leos-Martinez, Committee Member

CONSULTING

2019 **Consultant.**
Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice in the United States.
Global Ties U.S. Washington, DC.

2014 **External Project Consultant.**
Policing Protest: The Role of Community Policing in the Occupy Movement.
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.
(Principal Investigator: Edward R. Maguire)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

COLLEGE

2020 **College for Health, Community & Policy New Faculty Mentor, UTSA**

2019 **College of Public Policy Student Scholarship Committee, UTSA**

DEPARTMENTAL

2020 – Present **Comprehensive Exam Committee, UTSA**

2020 – Present **Faculty Merit Review Committee, UTSA**

2019 **Criminal Justice Summer Camp, UTSA**

- 2018 **Explore Your Major, UTSA**
- 2016 – 2017 **Department Chair Search Committee, University of Maryland**
- 2014 – 2018 **Graduate Professional Development Coordinator, University of Maryland**

DISCIPLINE

- 2020 – Present **Review Editor, *International Journal of Public Health***
- 2019 – Present **Reviewer Board, *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health***

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2019 – Present Health Criminology Research Consortium
- 2013 – Present American Society of Criminology

JOURNAL REFEREE

Aging & Mental Health, American Journal of Public Health, American Journal of Criminal Justice, Asian Journal of Criminology, Child and Youth Services Review, Criminal Justice & Behavior, Criminal Justice Policy Review, Criminology, Criminology & Public Policy, Death Studies, Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict, Homicide Studies, Journal of Clinical Medicine, Journal of Criminal Justice, Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, International Journal of Mental Health Systems, International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology, International Journal of Public Health, Security Journal, Social Currents, Sociology Compass, Nutrients, The Sociological Quarterly, World Medical & Health Policy

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2019 **Multilevel/Mixed Models Using Stata, Stata Corp**