

Curriculum Vitae
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E-mail: tamara.kang@siu.edu**Telephone:** (618) 727-3700**Education**

- 2017 **Ph.D.**, General Psychology (Concentration: Legal Psychology), The University of Texas at El Paso
Dissertation: Do Coaches Practice What They Preach? An Evaluation of the Usage of Evidence-Based Practices Among Probation Officer Coaches
- 2017 **Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods**, The University of Texas at El Paso
- 2015 **M.A.**, Clinical Psychology, The University of Texas at El Paso
Thesis: Effect of Cooperativeness of the Parent on Juvenile Probation Officer Decision-Making
- 2011 **B.A.**, Psychology / Criminal Justice, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, *Magna Cum Laude*

Professional Positions

- Aug 2019-
Present **Assistant Professor**, School of Psychological & Behavioral Sciences
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
- Feb 2017-
Jan 2020 **Postdoctoral Fellow/Grant Project Manager**
Funded By: SMART Office, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice
PI/Supervisor: Dr. Robert Prentky, Fairleigh Dickinson University
Description: Scale development, multi-site implementation, & evaluation
- 2014-15 **Research Associate, Office of the Provost**
Supervisor: Dr. Toni Blum, University of Texas at El Paso (UT El Paso)
Description: Assessment of student learning outcomes and reaffirmation of accreditation
- 2011-14 **Mental Health Evaluator & Project Manager, Juvenile Probation Department**
Supervisors: Drs. James Wood and Jennifer Eno Loudon, UT El Paso
Description: Mental health assessments & referrals for justice involved youth

Research Areas

1. Innovative strategies to communicate research on how to effectively reduce criminal behavior
2. Effective implementation of evidence-based practices
3. Translation of research into practice, science communication
4. Assessment & rehabilitation of justice-involved individuals with a mental disorder
5. The impact of stigmatization of mental disorders and sex offenders on reducing crime
6. Judgment and decision making in the criminal justice system
7. Special needs of individuals in the criminal justice system (e.g., childcare, child maltreatment)

Peer-Reviewed Publications (* denotes graduate student supervisee)

Kang, T., *Green, A., *Akamani, B., & **Pinkston, K. (in press). Rural residents' emotions, beliefs, and sources that influenced those beliefs regarding sex offender policies, practice, and the efficacy of treatment. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*.

Kang, T., *Beltrani, A., *Manheim, M., *Spriggs, S., *Nishimura, B., *Sinclair, S., *Stachniuk, M., *Pate, E., Righthand, S., Worling, J., & Prentky, R.A. (2019). Development of a risk / treatment needs & progress protocol for juveniles with sex offenses. *Translational Issues in Psychological Science*. doi:10.1037/tps0000191

Zannella, L., Eno Loudon, J., Kennealy, P., & **Kang, T.** (2018). The generalizability of the Massachusetts Youth Screening Inventory-Second Version (MAYSI-2) to Latino adolescent offenders: A confirmatory factor analysis. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*. doi:0093854818774380

Kang, T., Wood, J. M., Eno Loudon, J., & Ricks, E. P. (2017). Prevalence of internalizing, externalizing, and psychotic disorders among low-risk juvenile offenders. *Psychological Services, 14*(2). doi:10.1037/ser0000152

Eno Loudon, J., **Kang, T., Ricks, E. P., & Marquez, L.** (2017). Utility of the MAYSI-2 at identifying mental disorder among Latino juvenile offenders. *Psychological Assessment*. doi:10.1037/pas0000399

Kang, T., Eno Loudon, J., Ricks, E. P., & Jones, R. L. (2015). Aggression, substance use disorder, and presence of a prior suicide attempt among juvenile offenders with subclinical depression. *Law and Human Behavior, 39*(5), 1-9. doi:10.1037/lhb0000145

Kroner, D. G., **Kang, T., Mills, J. F., Harris, A., & Green, M. M.** (2011). Reliabilities, validities, and cutoff scores of the depression hopelessness suicide screening among women offenders. *Criminal Justice and Behavior, 38*, 779-795. doi:10.1177/0093854811409004

Manuscripts Submitted for Publication (denotes undergraduate** / graduate* student supervisee)

Kang, T., *Parker, F., *Akamani, B., & **Pinkston, K. *Misconceptions regarding mental disorders & propensity to commit crimes: Conflict between science and rural residents' reliance on personal experiences, subjective perceptions, media, and emotion*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Other Publications

Kang, T. (2021). The Lost Scrolls of the Correctional Bible: Before the Risk-Need-Responsivity Model. Invited book chapter. In P. Magaletta, M. Ternes, & M. Patry (Eds). *The History and Future of Correctional Psychology*. Springer.

Prentky, R. A., Righthand, S., Worling, J., & **Kang, T.** (2020). *Final report: Development and implementation project for the Youth Needs and Progress Scale (YNPS)*. Report prepared for Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, National Criminal Justice Reference (2016-AW-BX-K004). Retrieved from <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/smart/grants/254814.pdf>

Eno Loudon, J. Manchak, S. & **Kang, T.** (2012). Probation. In R. Cautin & S. Lilienfeld (Eds.). *The Encyclopedia of Clinical Psychology*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.

Manuscripts in Preparation (denotes undergraduate** / graduate* student supervisee)

Kang, T., Prentky, R. A., Lee, A., *Beltrani, A., Righthand, S., & Worling, J. *Tracking Dynamic*

Intervention Needs as a Vehicle for Mitigating Risk Among Juveniles with Sex Offenses. Manuscript in preparation.

Prentky, R., **Kang, T.**, Lee, A., Righthand, S., *Beltrani, A., & Worling, J. *Youth with sex offenses in juvenile court: Dialing back the clock.* Manuscript in preparation.

Avila, A., **Kang, T., **Castañeda, J., Ricks, E. P., & Eno Loudon, J. *Does Specific Responsivity uniquely contribute to recidivism reduction? A meta-analysis of the extant research.* Manuscript in preparation.

Kang, T. *Do rural residents believe scientists involved in criminal justice reform are trustworthy?.* Manuscript in preparation.

Grants

2021	American Psychology-Law Society, APA Division 41, ECP Grant-in-Aid, \$5,000 <i>Principal Investigator</i> <u>Title:</u> Peeking through the looking glass: A qualitative exploration of rural residents' beliefs regarding marginalized criminal justice populations and scientists involved in criminal justice reform
2021	College of Health & Human Sciences, \$4,000 <i>Principal Investigator</i> <u>Title:</u> How perceptions of scientists' trustworthiness affect rural residents' beliefs about criminal justice policies?
2015	University of Texas at El Paso, \$1790 <i>Principal Investigator</i> <u>Title:</u> Effect of Cooperativeness of the Parent on Juvenile Probation Officer Decision-Making

Presentations (undergraduate** / graduate* denotes student supervisee)

*Beltrani, A., **Kang, T.**, *Galeza, E., *Nation, R., McGrath, R., Lee, A., & Prentky, R. A. (2022, March) *Taxonomic differences among juvenile sex offenders.* Paper accepted to the annual conference of American Psychology-Law Society (Denver, Colorado).

Kang, T., *Green, A., *Akamani, B., *Parker, F., *Mercado, S., & **Pinkston, K. (2022, March). *The effect of distrust in scientists on rural residents' beliefs regarding marginalized groups.* Poster accepted to the annual conference of American Psychology-Law Society (Denver, Colorado).

*Akamani, B., **Pinkston, K., & **Kang, T.** (2021, March). *With understanding comes change: Examination of rural residents' attitudes and beliefs towards offenders with a mental disorder and sex offenders.* Poster presented at the annual conference of American Psychology-Law Society (Virtual).

Kang, T., *Beltrani, A., *Manheim, M., Righthand, S., Worling, J. R., Lee, A., & Prentky, R. A. (2020, March). *Development of a risk/treatment needs and progress protocol for juveniles with sex offenses.* Paper presented at the annual conference of American Psychology-Law Society (New Orleans, Louisiana).

- *Manheim, M., Prentky, R. A., Righthand, S., & **Kang, T.** (2019, May). *Addressing the treatment needs of youth with sexually abusive behavior*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science (Washington, D.C.).
- Prentky, R. A., Righthand, S., & **Kang, T.** (2018, March). *The juvenile treatment progress scale development and implementation project*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (Memphis, Tennessee).
- Eno Louden, J., **Kang, T.**, Hutchins, E., **Ortega, X., & **Leos, B. (2018, March). *Exploring the influence of mental illness on offending among women offenders*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (Memphis, Tennessee).
- Righthand, S. & **Kang, T.** (2017, October). *Assessing treatment needs and progress with youth who have sexually abused*. Invited presentation at the annual conference of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (Kansas City, Missouri).
- Kang, T.** & Lloyd, C. D. (2017, March). *Re-visiting the 'lost scrolls' of the correctional 'bible': How early writings describing the Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) rehabilitation model address contemporary RNR critiques*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (Seattle, Washington).
- Kang, T.**, Eno Louden, J., Ricks, E. P., **Avila, A., & **Castañeda, J. (2016, November). *Risk-Need-Responsivity model meta-analysis: Does the Responsivity Principle uniquely contribute to reducing recidivism and treatment attrition?* Paper presented at the annual conference of The American Society of Criminology (New Orleans, Louisiana).
- Kang, T.** & Eno Louden, J. (2016, March). *Effect of cooperativeness of the parent on juvenile probation officer decision-making*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (Atlanta, Georgia).
- Zannella, L., Eno Louden, J., Kennealy, P., & **Kang, T.** (2016, March). *Confirmatory factor analyses of the Massachusetts Youth Screening Inventory-Second Edition (MAYSI-2) among Latino adolescent offenders*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (Atlanta, Georgia).
- Kang, T.**, **Russell, C., & Eno Louden, J. (2015, March). *The social influence of crime: A exploration of women in the criminal justice system*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (San Diego, California).
- Kang, T.**, Wood, J. M., Eno Louden, J., & Ricks, E. P. (2014, March). *Prevalence of psychological disorders in a predominantly Hispanic sample of first-time juvenile offenders*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (New Orleans, Louisiana).
- Smith, B. A., Frankowski, S. D., Lupo, A. K., & **Kang, T.** (2014, February). *Developing and testing a scale to measure Need for Drama*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (Austin, Texas).

Kang, T., Perez, E., & Eno Louden, J. (2014, March). *Correlates of subclinical bipolar disorders in a juvenile justice setting*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (New Orleans, Louisiana).

Eno Louden, J., **Kang, T.,** & Ricks, E. P. (2013, March). *Utility of the MAYSI-2 at identifying Axis I disorders among Hispanic juvenile offenders*. In R. Morgan (Chair), *Mental illness in criminal justice settings: Identifying needs and custodial concerns*. Symposium presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (Portland, Oregon).

Kang, T. & Eno Louden, J. (2013, March). *Displays of aggression in juvenile offenders with subclinical depression*. In R. Morgan (Chair), *Mental illness in criminal justice settings: Identifying needs and custodial concerns*. Symposium presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (Portland, Oregon).

Kang, T., Kroner, D. G., & Eno Louden, J. (2012, March). *Which female offenders ruminate about suicide? The subclinical comorbid missing link*. Poster presented at the international conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (San Juan, Puerto Rico).

Kang, T. & Kroner, D. G. (2011, March). *Subthreshold depression and suicidality in women offenders*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (Miami, Florida).

Kang, T. & Kroner, D. G. (2010, November). *Utilizing self-report measures of negative affectivity to predict DSM-IV axis I Disorders*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Society of Criminology (San Francisco, California).

Fellowships

2016-17 Jess Hay Chancellor's Graduate Research Fellowship, \$10,000
2013 Ford Foundations Fellowship, Honorable Mention

Honors & Awards

2015 Outstanding Thesis Award, Psychology Department, University of Texas at El Paso
2015 STAR Award, President Diana Natalicio, University of Texas at El Paso
Purpose: Went above and beyond as a Research Associate who worked on the reaffirmation of accreditation
2012 Diversity Travel Award, \$500, American Psychology-Law Society, APA Division 41
2011 Robert C. Radtke Leadership Award, Southern Illinois University Foundation
2010 Renzaglia Writing Award, McNair Scholar Program, Southern Illinois University
2009 Scholastic Honors, Dean and Chancellor, Southern Illinois University

Assessment Instruments

Prentky, R. A., Righthand, S., Worling, J., & Kang, T. (2020). *Youth Needs and Progress Scale & User Guide (YNPS)*. National Center of the Sexual Behavior of Youth. Retrieved from <http://ncsby.org/sites/default/files/Youth%20Needs%20and%20Progress%20Scale-%20July%207%2C%202020.pdf>

Research Projects in Progress: Barriers to Reducing Crime Lab

2019- **Kang, T.**
Present Current Projects: Examination of methods to communicate research on mental health

and sex offender policies and practice to improve our ability to reduce crime

1. *Impact depends on reach: How do you Relay Information to get the Biggest Bang for Your Buck'*
2. *Peeking through the looking glass: A qualitative exploration of rural residents' beliefs regarding marginalized criminal justice populations and scientists involved in criminal justice reform*

2019- Present Beltrani, A., **Kang, T.** & Prentky, R. A., & Lee, A.
Current Project 1: Taxonomic Differences for Juvenile Sex Offenders
Current Project 2: Examination of Time Until First Incident for Different Clusters of Youth who Have Sexually Offended

2015- Present **Kang, T.**, Eno Loudon, J., Kennaley, P., Ricks, E. & Lloyd, C.
Current Project: Do Officers' Perceptions Towards an Implemented Intervention's Usefulness, Ease of Use, and Effectiveness Create Barriers to Successful Implementation?

Advanced Training

2009-18 Methodology & Statistics Workshops

- 1) Probabilistic reasoning, Bayes theorem, Simpson's paradox
- 2) Regression Diagnostics, Replication Crisis, Multi-Level Modeling
- 3) Multilevel Structural Equation Modeling Workshop
- 4) Mediation & Moderation Analysis Workshop
- 5) Information Security Workshop: Encryption, phishing, how to secure confidential data

Training on Scales & Assessment Instruments

- 1) Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol-II
- 2) Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV
- 3) Kiddie Schedule for Affective Disorders & Schizophrenia
- 4) Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-Revised
- 5) Million Clinical Multiaxial Inventory-II
- 6) Risk Context Scale

Teaching & Training Experience

Southern Illinois University

2019- -Psychology of Crime (237, undergraduate online course, *curriculum development*)
 2021 -Univariate Statistics (522, graduate, *curriculum development*)
 -Multivariate Methods in Psychology (524, graduate, *curriculum development*)
 -Research Methods & Statistics (211, undergraduate, *curriculum development*)
 -Psychology and Law (405/505, undergraduate, *curriculum development*)
 -Forensic Psychology (337, undergraduate, *curriculum development*)

Fairleigh Dickinson University

2018 *Teaching*

- Special Topics in Forensic Psychology (graduate)
- Theories of Personality (graduate, *curriculum development*)
- Theories of Personality (undergraduate, *curriculum development*)
- Guest Lecturer: Ethics in Forensic Psychology (graduate, *development of materials*)

2018 *Training*

- Trained >100 providers, administrators, supervisors, and probation officers in 5 states (>20 agencies) for SMART DOJ development & implementation project (2016-AW-BX-K004)
- Trained >25 faculty on utilizing Research Electronic Data Capture (REDCap)

University of Texas at El Paso (all undergraduate courses)

- 2013-17
- Introduction to Psychology (*development of materials*)
 - Statistical Methods (*curriculum development*)
 - General Experimental Laboratory (*development of material*)
 - Guest Lecturer: Motivation & Emotion, Behavior Modification, Animal Models

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Law and Human Behavior (Reviewer Mentoring Program 2020-2021)
Translational Issues in Psychological Science
Psychological Services
Criminal Justice and Behavior
International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology
PLOS ONE
Law and Human Behavior (Student Reviewer in 2013)

Indirect Teaching

2019- -Co-Chair

Present

- Christina Engelken; Applied Psychology (Fall 2021)

-Thesis committee member

- Forrest Parker; Adult Clinical Psychology (2020-2021)
- Erika Kline; Applied Psychology (2020-2021)
- Miranda Nelson; Applied Psychology
- Morgan Franklin; Adult Clinical Psychology
- Dale Brinsky; Child Clinical Psychology (2020-2021)
- Aarren Minneyfield; Applied Psychology
- Kayla Shane; Child Clinical Psychology

-Dissertation committee member

- Danielle Chambers; Child Clinical Psychology (2020-2021)
- Georgina Zhou; Applied Psychology (Spring 2021)
- Emily Galeza; Applied Psychology (Spring 2021)
- Austin Gordon; Child Clinical Psychology (Spring 2021)
- Meghan Littles; Child Clinical Psychology (Fall 2021)
- Stephen Berry; Applied Psychology (Fall 2021)
- Ian Mosier; Counseling Psychology (Fall 2021)
- Emily Galeza; Applied Psychology (Fall 2021)

-McNair Scholars

- Deidra Davis (Spring 2021)

Professional Memberships & Subcommittees

Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society

American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS, APA Division 41)

-Subcommittee: Corrections (Appointed Student Member from 2014-16)

-New Orleans High School Outreach, American Psychology-Law Society Conference (2020)

Association of Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)

Subcommittees: Public Policy & Public Communication (2018-19)

The American Society of Criminology (ASC; 2011-2012; 2016-2019)

McNair Scholars Program (2010-2011)

Psi Chi Honors Society (Vice President from 2009-10)

References

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