

Curriculum Vitae
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- 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. Assessment & rehabilitation of individuals in the criminal justice system with a mental disorder
3. The impact of stigmatization of mental disorders and sex offenders on reducing crime
4. Judgment and decision making in the criminal justice system
5. Special needs of individuals in the criminal justice system (e.g., childcare, child maltreatment)
6. Effective implementation of evidence-based practices

Scholarly Publications (undergraduate* / graduate** denotes student supervisee)

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- 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>
- 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
- Eno Loudon, J. Manchak, S. & **Kang, T.** (2012). Probation. In R. Cautin & S. Lilienfeld (Eds.). *The Encyclopedia of Clinical Psychology*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 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 in Preparation (undergraduate* / graduate** denotes student supervisee)

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- Kang, T.**, Jones, R. L., & Manheim, M. ** *Revitalizing lessons from the lost scrolls of the correctional bible to improve implementation fidelity.*
- Kang, T.**, Eno Loudon, J., Ricks, E. P., Castañeda, J.*, & Avila, A.* *Does Specific Responsivity uniquely contribute to recidivism reduction? A meta-analysis of the extant research.*
- Kang, T.** & Eno Loudon, J. *The effect of cooperativeness of the parent on juvenile probation officer decision-making using a randomized controlled design.*

Honors & Awards

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- 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

- 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

Grants / Fellowships

- 2016-17 Jess Hay Chancellor's Graduate Research Fellowship, \$10,000
 2015 University of Texas at El Paso, \$1790, Principal Investigator
 2013 Ford Foundations Fellowship, Honorable Mention
 2012 Diversity Travel Award, \$500, American Psychology-Law Society

Research Projects in Progress: Barriers to Reducing Crime Lab

- 2019- **Kang, T.**
 Present Current Project: Examination of methods to communicate research on mental health and sex offender policies and practice to improve our ability to reduce crime
-Impact depends on reach: How do you Relay Information to get the Biggest Bang for Your Buck
- 2019- Beltrani, A., Prentky, R. A., Lee, A., & **Kang, T.**
 Present 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- **Kang, T.**, Eno Louden, J., Kennaley, P., Ricks, E. & Lloyd, C.
 Present 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*)
 2020 -Univariate Statistics (522, graduate, *curriculum development*)
 -Multivariate Methods in Psychology (524, graduate, *curriculum development*)
 -Research Methods & Statistics (211, undergraduate, *curriculum development*)

Fairleigh Dickinson University2018 *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

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

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- 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 Loudon, 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 Loudon, 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 Loudon, 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 Loudon, 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 Loudon, 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 Loudon, 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 Loudon, 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 Loudon, 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 Loudon, 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 Loudon, 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).

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- **-Thesis committee member** (Clinical Psychology, Ph.D. program; Forrest Parker)
 2020 **-Thesis committee member** (Applied Psychology, Ph.D. program; Miranda Nelson);
-Dissertation committee member (Clinical Psychology, Ph.D. program; Danielle Chambers)
-Faculty sponsor for student project (Applied Psychology, Ph.D. program; Adam Green)

Professional Memberships & Subcommittees

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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