

Curriculum Vitae
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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, School of Psychology
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

Peer-Reviewed Publications (denotes undergraduate** / graduate* student supervisee)

7. **Kang, T.**, *Green, A., *Akamani, B., & **Pinkston, K. (2022). Rural residents' emotions, beliefs, and sources that influenced those beliefs regarding sex offender policies, practice, and the efficacy of treatment. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, 1-24. <https://doi.org/10.1002/bsl.2562>
6. **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*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/tps0000191>

5. 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*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0093854818774380>
4. **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).
<https://doi.org/10.1037/ser0000152>
3. 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*.
<https://doi.org/10.1037/pas0000399>
2. **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. <https://doi.org/10.1037/lhb0000145>
1. 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. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0093854811409004>

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

4. **Kang, T.**, Lee, A., Beltrani, A.*, & Prentky, R. A. *Tracking Dynamic Intervention Needs as a Vehicle for Mitigating Risk Among Juveniles with Sex Offenses*. Manuscript submitted for publication.
3. **Kang, T.** *Peeking through the looking glass: Rural residents' perceptions of trustworthiness for scientists involved in criminal justice reform*. Manuscript submitted for publication.
2. Adair, R., **Kang, T.**, Eno Loudon, J., & Perez, E. *Pathways to crime: The voices of Latina women living on the U.S.--Mexico Border*. Manuscript submitted for publication.
1. Beltrani, A.*, **Kang, T.**, Lee, A., McGrath, R., & Prentky, R. A. *Taxonomic Differences Among Juveniles Who Have Engaged in Abusive Sexual Behavior*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Book Chapters & Final Reports

3. **Kang, T.** (in press). The Lost Scrolls of the Correctional Bible: Before the Risk-Need-Responsivity Model. In P. Magaletta, M. Ternes, & M. Patry (Eds.). *The History and Future of Correctional Psychology*. Springer.
2. 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>
1. 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.** & Kroner, D. *Exploration of the sources and characteristics of those sources that influenced rural*

residents' beliefs regarding justice-involved individuals with a mental illness. Manuscript in preparation.

Grants

- 2022 Funding organization: College of Health & Human Sciences
Total funding: \$8,120
Title: Peeking through the looking glass: A qualitative exploration of rural residents' beliefs regarding marginalized criminal justice populations and scientists involved in criminal justice reform
Role: Principal Investigator
Status: Funded
- 2021 Funding organization: American Psychology-Law Society, APA Division 41, ECP Grant-in-Aid
Total Funding: \$5,000
Title: Peeking through the looking glass: A qualitative exploration of rural residents' beliefs regarding marginalized criminal justice populations and scientists involved in criminal justice reform
Role: Principal Investigator
Status: Funded
- 2021 Funding organization: College of Health & Human Sciences
Total Funding: \$4,000
Title: How perceptions of scientists' trustworthiness affect rural residents' beliefs about criminal justice policies?
Role: Principal Investigator
Status: Funded
- 2015 Funding organization: University of Texas at El Paso
Total Funding: \$1,790
Title: Effect of Cooperativeness of the Parent on Juvenile Probation Officer Decision-Making
Role: Principal Investigator
Status: Funded
- 2020 Funding Organization: American Psychology-Law Society Interdisciplinary Grant
Total Funding: \$50,000
Title: Development and examination of assessment-driven interventions designed to eliminate stigma toward mental health and sex offenders
Role: Principal Investigator
Status: Not funded
- 2020 Funding Organization: American Psychology Foundation (APF) Visionary Grant
Total Funding: \$20,000
Title: Development and examination of assessment-driven interventions designed to eliminate stigma toward mental health and sex offenders
Role: Principal Investigator
Status: Not funded
- 2019 Funding Organization: American Psychology-Law Society Interdisciplinary Grant

Total Funding: \$5,000

Title: Impact depends on reach: How do you Relay Information to get the Biggest Bang for Your Buck

Role: Principal Investigator

Status: Not funded

2017 Funding Organization: American Psychology-Law Society Interdisciplinary Grant

Total Funding: \$50,000

Title: Nothing in Life is to be Feared, it is only to be Understood: With Understanding Comes Change

Role: Principal Investigator

Status: Not funded

2016 Funding Organization: American Psychology-Law Society Interdisciplinary Grant

Total Funding: \$3,285

Title: Do Probation Officers' Perceptions of the Organizational Climate, Concerns for Personal Safety, and Job Satisfaction Affect the Officer's Role Orientation and Success of Implementation?

Role: Principal Investigator

Status: Not funded

2016 Funding Organization: Paso del Norte Health Foundation

Total Funding: \$67,346

Title: Increasing community support for justice-involved adults with mental illness: A stigma reduction initiative

Role: Co-principal Investigator

Status: Not funded

2015 Funding Organization: National Institute of Justice

Total Funding: \$29,560

Title: Do Officers' Perceptions Towards an Implemented Intervention's Usefulness, Ease of Use, and Effectiveness Create Barriers to Successful Implementation?

Role: Principal Investigator

Status: Not funded

2014 Funding Organization: Diversity in Psychology & Law, American Psychology-Law Society

Total Funding: \$1,790

Title: Effect of an Uncooperative Parent on Juvenile Probation Officer Decision-Making

Role: Principal Investigator

Status: Not funded

2012 Funding Organization: National Science Foundation

Total Funding:

Title: Identification of Effective Probation Strategies for Juvenile Offenders

Role: Principal Investigator

Status: Not funded

Fellowships & Travel Awards

2016-17 **Jess Hay Chancellor's Graduate Research Fellowship, \$10,000**

- 2012 **Diversity Travel Award, American Psychology-Law Society, APA Division 41, \$500**
 2012-17 **Dodson Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Six \$500 awards**
- 2015 **Dodson Travel Grant, College of Liberal Arts, \$400**

Honors & Awards

- 2022 Influential Faculty Member, Women's Recognition Ceremony, Southern Illinois University
 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
- 2013 Honorable Mention, Ford Foundations Fellowship
 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

Peer-Reviewed Presentations & Posters (undergraduate** / graduate* denotes student supervisee)

21. *Beltrani, A., **Kang, T.**, *Galeza, E., *Nation, R., McGrath, R., Lee, A., & Prentky, R. A. (2022, March) *Taxonomic differences among juvenile sex offenders*. Paper presented at the annual conference of American Psychology-Law Society (Denver, Colorado).
20. **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 presented at the annual conference of American Psychology-Law Society (Denver, Colorado).
19. *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).
18. **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).
17. *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.).
16. 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).
15. 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).
14. 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).

13. **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).
12. **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).
11. **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).
10. 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).
9. **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).
8. **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).
7. 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).
6. **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).
5. 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).
4. **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).

3. **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).
2. **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).
1. **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).

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 criminal justice reform 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*

2015- **Kang, T.**, Eno Loudon, 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 Multi-axial Inventory-II
- 6) Risk Context Scale

Teaching & Training Experience

Southern Illinois University

- 2019- Present
- Multivariate Methods in Psychology (524, graduate)
 - Forensic Psychology (337, undergraduate)
 - Psychology and Law (405/505, undergraduate)
 - Psychology of Crime (237, undergraduate online course)
 - Univariate Statistics (522, graduate)
- 2019-2020
- Research Methods & Statistics (211, undergraduate)

Fairleigh Dickinson University

2018 *Teaching*

- Special Topics in Forensic Psychology (graduate)
- Theories of Personality (graduate)
- Theories of Personality (undergraduate)
- Guest Lecturer: Ethics in Forensic Psychology (graduate)

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
 - Statistical Methods
 - General Experimental Laboratory
 - Guest Lecturer: Motivation & Emotion, Behavior Modification, Animal Models

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Psychological Services

Criminal Justice and Behavior

Law and Human Behavior

Psychology of Popular Media

Translational Issues in Psychological Science

International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology

PLOS ONE

Law and Human Behavior (Reviewer Mentoring Program, 2020-2021)

Law and Human Behavior (Student Reviewer, 2013)

Indirect Teaching

2019- -Chair

Present

- Christina Engelken; Applied Psychology (present)
- Ryan Nation, Applied Psychology (present)

-Thesis committee member

- Andy Wall; Adult Clinical Psychology (2022)
- Jessica Mattera; Adult Clinical Psychology (2022)
- Katie Hnetkovsky; Child Clinical Psychology (2022)
- 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

- Caleb Fogle; Adult Clinical Psychology (2022)
- Millicent Weber; Applied Psychology (2022)
- Ruchi Bradmachari; Child Clinical Psychology (2022)
- Riley Marshall; Child Clinical Psychology
- 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, & Service

Let's Talk: Accountability Session Series (AP-LS, APA Division 41)

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committees (Departmental & College levels)

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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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