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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018 - **Assistant Professor**, Department of 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

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

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

In Press 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*

In Press **Testa, Alexander** and Dylan B. Jackson. Food Insecurity Among Formerly
Incarcerated Adults. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*

In Press ***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*

- In Press* **Testa, Alexander** and Dylan B. Jackson. Family Member Death Among Formerly Incarcerated Persons. *Death Studies*
- In Press* **Testa, Alexander** and Brian D. Johnson. Paying the Trail Tax: Race, Guilty Pleas, and Disparity in Prosecution. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*
- 2019 **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.
- 2019 **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.
- 2019 **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.
- 2019 **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.
- 2018 ***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.
- 2018 *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.
- 2018 *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.
- 2017 **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.

- 2017 **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.
- 2017 **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.

AWARDS & HONORS

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

GRANTS ACTIVITY

EXTERNAL

2016 Charles Koch Foundation Dissertation Grant (\$5,000)

INTERNAL

2017 University of Maryland Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship (\$15,000)

2016 University of Maryland Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant (\$400)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019 How Population Age Explains the International Homicide Decline (with Mateus Rennó Santos and Lauren C. Porter), To be presented at *European Society of Criminology Conference*, Ghent, Belgium.

2019 Parental Incarceration and Household Food Insecurity: The Moderating Role of Race and Nutrition Assistance (with Kecia Johnson and Dylan B. Jackson), To be presented at *American Society of Criminology Conference*, San Francisco, CA.

2019 Incarceration Exposure During Pregnancy: Consequences for Maternal and Perinatal Health (with Dylan B. Jackson), To be presented at *American Society of Criminology Conference*, San Francisco, CA.

2019 Irony of Mass (Re)incarceration? Examining Return to Prison as a Potential Protective Factor of Mortality (with Kiminori Nakamura and Lauren C. Porter), To be presented at *American Society of Criminology Conference*, San Francisco, CA.

2019 The Legacy of Slavery and Mass Incarceration in the American South (with Mateus Rennó Santos and Douglas B. Weiss), To be presented at *American Society of Criminology Conference*, San Francisco, CA.

2018 Parental Incarceration and Premature Mortality in the United States, *American Society of Criminology Conference*, Atlanta, GA.

2018 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.

- 2018 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.
- 2017 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.
- 2017 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.
- 2016 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

- 2019 Incarceration as a Risk Factor for Cardiovascular Health. To be presented at *Health Criminology Research Consortium*, Saint Louis University.
- 2019 Criminal Justice and Policing in the United States. *San Antonio Council for International Visitors*, San Antonio, TX.
- 2019 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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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 (3 Students)

University of Maryland

CCJS 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice
CCJS 105: Introduction to Criminology (Teaching Assistant)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

DEPARTMENTAL

2019 **Criminal Justice Summer Camp, UTSA**
2019 **College of Public Policy Student Scholarship Committee, 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

2019-Present **Reviewer Board, *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health***

JOURNAL REFEREE

Asian Journal of Criminology, Criminology, Criminal Justice Policy Review, Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict, Homicide Studies, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, International Journal of Public Health, Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, The Sociological Quarterly

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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