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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 | Cross-National Criminology | Health | Public Policy

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Forthcoming **Testa, Alexander**, Lauren C. Porter, and Kiminori Nakamura. Examining All-Cause and Cause-Specific Mortality among Former Prisoners in Pennsylvania. *Justice Quarterly*

Forthcoming **Testa, Alexander**. Examining Federal Criminal Sentencing of White-collar and Common Property Offenders: The Case of Embezzlement and Larceny. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*

- 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

- 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.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Testa, Alexander. Access to Healthy Food Retailers Among Formerly Incarcerated Individuals. Revise & Resubmit at *Public Health Nutrition*

Testa, Alexander. Food Deserts Are Associated with Short Sleep Duration Among Young Adults in the United States. Under Review at *Sleep Health*

Testa, Alexander and Dylan B. Jackson. Food Insecurity, Food Deserts, and Waist-to-Height Ratio: Variation by Sex and Race/Ethnicity. Under Review at *Public Health Nutrition*

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. Under Review at *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*

Santos, Mateus Rennó Douglas B. Weiss, and **Alexander Testa**. International Migration and Cross-National Homicide: Considering the Role of Economic Development. Under Review at *Justice Quarterly*

Testa, Alexander and Brian D. Johnson. Paying the Trail Tax: Race, Guilty Pleas, and Disparity in Prosecution. Under Review at *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*

AWARDS & HONORS (with financial amount)

2017	Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship (\$15,000)
2016	University of Maryland Graduate Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,000)
2013	Pi Alpha Alpha - National Honors Society for Public Affairs and Administration
2011 - 2013	American University Graduate Merit Award (Full Tuition Scholarship)
2011	University at Albany School of Criminal Justice Valedictorian Award
2011	University at Albany Stanley Fink Scholarship (\$1,000)
2010	Tau Sigma - National Honors Society for Transfer Students
2009	University at Albany Transfer Presidential Scholarship (\$2,000)
2009	New York State Sheriffs' Association Criminal Justice Scholarship (\$500)
2008	Phi Theta Kappa – National Honors Society of Two-Year Colleges

GRANTS RECEIVED

EXTERNAL

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

INTERNAL

2018 UTSA Department of Criminal Justice Research Grant (\$5,000)

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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*, 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

- 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, April 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016 University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
CCJS 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice
- 2013 - 2014 University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
CCJS 105: Introduction to Criminology (Teaching Assistant)

CONSULTING

- 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)

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2016-2017 **Department Chair Search Committee**, University of Maryland
- 2014-2018 **Graduate Professional Development Coordinator**, University of Maryland

PEER REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS

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