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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2024 - Present Faculty Fellow
Vice-Provost of Faculty Affairs
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
- 2023 - Present Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice (Tenure track)
Department of Criminal Justice
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
- 2021 - 2023 Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice (Tenure track)
Department of Criminal Justice, Political Science, and History
University of Houston, Victoria, TX
- 2018 - 2021 Assistant Professor (Tenure track)
Department of Criminology and Justice Studies
Avila University, Kansas City, MO
- 2017 - 2018 Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of Law and Justice Studies
Avila University, Kansas City, MO

EDUCATION

- 2013 - 2017 Doctor of Philosophy, Criminal Justice
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas
Dissertation Topic: "Risky Dating Behaviors in the Technological Age:
Consideration of a New Pathway to Victimization"
Advisor: Dr. Ryan Randa
- 2009 - 2011 Master of Science, Criminology
Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri
Practicum Topic: "Perceptions of Team Members in Cases of Child
Abuse and Neglect"
Advisor: Dr. Brett Garland
- 2010 - 2011 Graduate Certificate, Forensic Child Psychology
Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri
Advisor: Dr. Matthew Fanetti
- 2006 - 2009 Bachelor of Science, Criminology
Missouri State University (Honors College), Springfield, Missouri

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Fansher, A. K., Fleming, J., & Zedaker, S. (2026). Investigating resilience, burnout, and empathy: An exploratory study of small city police officers. Accepted to *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*. doi.org/10.1007/s11896-026-09806-5

Randa, R., **Fansher, A. K.,** & Reynolds, B. W. (2025). Cyberstalking perpetration by college students: The effects of low self-control and prior victimization. *Journal of Criminal Justice, 102*, 102556.

Fansher, A. K., Wells, J., & Zedaker, S. (2025). A geo-spatial analysis of reported sexual assault incidents in a metropolitan city. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, doi.org/10.1177/08862605251372558

Fansher, A. K. & Cox, C. (2025). Rationalizing rape: How military appellate courts get to yes. *The Journal of Gender, Race, & Justice, 28*(2), 419-458.

Fleming, J., **Fansher A.K.,** & Randa, R. (2025). From policy reform to public reckoning: Exploring shifts in reporting of sexual-violence-against-women crimes between 1992 and 2021. *Behavioral Sciences, 15*(5), 701-721.

Zedaker, S., **Fansher, A.,** & Goodson, A. (2024). Sex differences in the influence of relationships on adolescent offending. *Social Sciences, 13*, 270-291.

Fansher, A., Self, M. **, & Zedaker, S. (2023). Sexual assault reporting trends during CoVID-19 quarantine: Results from a Metropolitan city. *Violence and Gender, 10*(3), 128-135.

Fleming, J. *, **Fansher, A.,** Randa, R., & Reynolds, B. (2023). Reporting and help-seeking among sexual minority and heterosexual victims of stalking. *Social Sciences, 12*(8), 424.

Fansher, A. & Welsh, B. * (2023). A decade of decision making: Prosecutorial decision making in sexual assault cases. *Social Sciences, 12*(6), 348.

- Cited in “Framework for prosecutors to strengthen our national response to sexual assault & domestic violence involving adult victims” (United States Department of Justice, May 2024)
- Interview for Law360 (May 2024, <https://www.law360.com/articles/1840717/doj-looks-to-end-a-legacy-of-bias-in-sex-assault-cases>)

Zedaker, S., **Fansher, A.,** & Jin, H. (2023). Adolescent romance or partners in crime? The influence of romantic relationships and peers on criminal behavior in adolescence. *Journal of School Violence, 22*(2), 215-228.

Fansher, A., Musamali, T., ** & Self, M. ** (2023). Fear and consent: An exploratory study of fear of false accusations of sexual assault and consent-seeking practices. *Journal of School Violence, 22*(1), 75-88.

Randa, R. Reynolds, B.W., **Fansher, A.** (2022). Victim reactions to being stalked: Examining the effects of perceived offender characteristics and motivations. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law, 40*(5), 715-731.

Brady, P., **Fansher, A.,** & Zedaker, S. (2022). How victims of strangulation survived: Enhancing the admissibility of victim statements to the police when survivors are reluctant to cooperate. *Violence Against Women, 28*(5), 1098-1123.

Fansher, A. & Zedaker, S. (2022). The relationship between rape myth acceptance and sexual behaviors. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 37*(1-2), NP903-NP924.

Fansher, A. & Eckinger, S. (2021). Tinder tales: An exploratory study of online dating users and their most interesting stories. *Deviant Behavior, 42*(9), 1194-1208.

- Featured in Hender, R. (2020 December 1). 7 differences between dating app users and non-users: Research shows that dating app users are more likely to use sexual deception. *Psychology Today* online.

Fansher, A., Zedaker, S., & Brady, P. (2020). Burnout among forensic interviewers: How they cope and what agencies can do to help. *Child Maltreatment, 25*(1), 117-128.

Brady, P. **Fansher, A. & Zedaker, S. (2019).** Are parents at a higher risk for secondary traumatic stress?: How interviewing child victims impacts relationships with forensic interviewer's friends and family. *Child Abuse & Neglect, 88*, 275-287.

Fansher, A. & Randa, R. (2019). Social media and pathways to victimization: A descriptive look at college students victimized by someone met online. *Violence and Gender, 6*(2), 115-123.

Wells, W., **Fansher, A., & Campbell, B. A. (2019).** The effects of CODIS in a sample of unsubmitted sexual assault kits. *Crime & Delinquency, 65*(1), 122-148.

Muftić, L. R., Deljkić, I., & **Fansher, A. (2019).** A nationwide evaluation of services provided to domestic violence survivors in Bosnia and Herzegovina. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 34*(4), 667-690. (Accepted and online 2016)

Fansher, A., Brinser, K., & Randa, R. (2016). Perceptions, profiles, and reality of kidnapping: An analysis of victim-offender characteristics. *Law Enforcement Executive Forum, 16*(3), 76-86.

Fansher, A. & Del Carmen, R. (2016). "The child as witness": Evaluating state statutes on the court's most vulnerable population. *Children's Legal Rights Journal, 36*(1), 1-45.

- Radio interview with Houston Public Radio (2016), press release published by Forensic Magazine, Science Newline, and Phys.org.
- Cited in legislative history for **West's Ann.Cal.C.C.P §2032.020 and §2032.340 (2018)**

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Anderson, R., **Fansher, A. K.,** Chiu, T. *, Pagel, N. *, & Minnich, A. Demographic, violence exposure, parenting, and mental health differences between dyadic and non-dyadic sample mothers and daughters.

Fansher, A. K., & Franklin, C. A. Police forwarding in reported sexual assaults.

** Indicates undergraduate student, * Indicates graduate student

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Matz, A. K., **Fansher, A.,** Mayzer, R., Archbold, J., Stephenson, K., & Schartz, S. (2025). *UND CONNECT: A preliminary overview of courtroom observations and interviews with GFDVC professionals and representatives.* University of North Dakota, College of Arts & Sciences, Department of Criminal Justice. <https://commons.und.edu/cj-fac/10>

Fleming, J.C., Fansher, A.K., Randa, R., & Reynolds, B.W. (2023, August 11). Sexual minority and heterosexual victims of stalking. In Encyclopedia. <https://encyclopedia.pub/entry/47984>

Fansher, A. & Brady, P. (2021). 13 Reasons Why and the importance of social bonds. In Grubb, J. A. & Posick, C (Eds.), *Crime TV: Streaming criminology in popular culture*. New York: NYU Press.

Fansher, A. & McCarns, K. ** (2019). *Risky online dating behaviors and their potential for victimization*. Hunstville, TX: Crime Victims' Institute.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2025 - 2026 *Principal Investigator*
Sanford Hospital Health & Experience Survey: Exploring physical and mental health effects of victimization among residents of North Dakota
Overview: Explore differences in victimization and health among rural versus non-rural residents of North Dakota.
Duties: Survey creation, IRB process, data collection, analysis, management of graduate research assistant
Funded by TRANSCEND NIH Grant (\$56,332)
- 2022 *Principal Investigator*
Sexual Assault Reporting Trends in Victoria, Texas
Overview: Review/audit of adult and juvenile sexual assault cases reported to Victoria Police Department from 2014-2021.
Duties: First researcher to gain access to Victoria Police Department, meet with city officials, design of codebook, data entry, manage relationship with agency
- 2020 - 2021 *Principal Investigator*
Sexual Assault Reporting Trends in Kansas City
Overview: Review/audit of adult sexual assault cases reported to Kansas City Police Department from 2012-2018.
Duties: Supervise multiple student assistants, design of codebook, data entry, manage relationship with agency, present findings to managerial law enforcement, discuss potential policy changes
- 2015 - 2016 *Advanced Interviewer: The Lone Star Project*
Study of Offender Trajectories, Associations, and Reentry
Funded by the National Institute of Justice
Principle Investigators: Dr. Scott H. Decker & Dr. David Pyrooz
Duties: Certified trained in Blaise computer assisted personal interviewing, conducted 70 baseline in-person prison interviews
- 2014 - 2015 *Graduate Research Assistant: Sam Houston State University*
Domestic Violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Supervisor: Dr. Lisa Muftić
Duties: Data entry and translation of Bosnian survey instruments, contributed to literature review and results section
- 2014 *Graduate Research Assistant: Sam Houston State University*

Houston Police Department Unsubmitted Sexual Assault Action Research Grant

Supervisor: Dr. William Wells

Duties: Met with task force members, conducted interviews and qualitative data collection from HPD Sex Crimes investigators, contributed to report and peer-reviewed publication writing

2011

Master's Practicum: Missouri State University

Perceptions of Team Members in Cases of Child Abuse and Neglect

Advisors: Dr. Matthew Fanetti, Dr. Brett Garland, and Kyle Collins

Created survey instrument and completed an original quantitative study with the Greene County Juvenile Office

2011

Graduate Research Assistant: Missouri State University

Effectiveness of Greene County's Evening Reporting Center

Principle Investigator: Dr. Brett Garland

Duties: Observational data collection, instrument creation for future evaluation of similar programs

PRESENTATIONS

Hancock, K. P., **Fansher, A.**, & Harris, M. (2026). Emerging trends in the field of victimology: Navigating new and old challenges. Roundtable at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Philadelphia, PA.

Fansher, A., & Jeeshan, T. H. (2026). Exploring physical and mental health effects of victimization: Preliminary findings. Presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Philadelphia, PA.

Matz, A., **Fansher, A.**, & Jeeshan, T. H. (2026). Supporting the Grand Forks Domestic Violence Court and engaging with undergraduate students through action research. Presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Philadelphia, PA.

Fansher, A. & Herting, N. (2025). Exploring physical and mental health effects of victimization among woman of North Dakota (Grant proposal). Presented at TRANSCEND Symposium: Grand Forks, ND.

Fansher, A. & Anderson, R. (2025). An analysis of small-city child sexual abuse case processing. Presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Denver, CO.

Miller, S., Hancock, K., **Fansher, A.**, Azimi, A., Bhat, M., & Harris, M. (2025). The future of victimology: Examining the past and ways to move forward. Roundtable at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Denver, CO.

Matz, A., Mayzer, R., **Fansher, A.**, Schartz, S., Archbold, J., Stephenson, K., Buntrock, A.J., & Alarid, L. (2025). Evaluation of a newly formed domestic violence court in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Denver, CO.

Fansher, A. & Jin, H. R. (2024). Police decision-making in sexual assault cases: A rural vs. urban comparison. Presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Chicago, IL.

Fansher, A. (2023). Sexual assault trends in Victoria, Texas 2014-2021. Presented to command staff, detectives, and Victoria city manager. Presented at 2nd CJ in a Day Crimestoppers Conference: Victoria, TX.

Fansher, A. (2022). Sexual assault trends in Victoria, Texas 2014-2021. Presented to command staff, detectives, and Victoria city manager.

Fansher, A. (2021). Sexual assault trends in Kansas City 2012-2020. Presented to command staff of Kansas City Police Department Sex Crimes Unit.

Fansher, A. & Randa, R. (2019). Dimensions of vulnerability: How the domains of the vulnerability thesis impact risk and victimization among college students. Presented at the American Society of Criminology: San Francisco, CA.

Fansher, A. & Zedaker, S. (2019). The relationship between rape myth acceptance and sexual behaviors. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Baltimore, MD.

Fansher, A. (2018). Swiping safely: Risky online dating practices and safety strategies. Presented at Avila University for students and faculty.

Randa, R., Reyns, B.W., & Fansher, A. (2018). Exploring the roles of vulnerability, exposure, and state dependence on stalking victimization. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology: Atlanta, GA.

Brady, P. Q., Fansher, A., & Zedaker, S. (2018). Burnout among professionals investigating crimes against children: How they cope and what agencies can do to help. Paper presented at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association: Chicago, IL.

Fansher, A. & Randa, R. (2018). Risky social media behaviors and their potential for victimization. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: New Orleans, LA.

Fansher, A. & Randa, R. (2017). Dating in the age of technology: Online risky behaviors and their potential for offline victimization. Paper presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Kansas City, MO.

Fansher, A. (2017). Online dating and offline victimization: Risky lifestyles, mobile applications, and the potential for victimization. Paper presented at SHSU 3-Minute Thesis competition: Huntsville, TX.

Fansher, A. & Randa, R. (2016). Exploring the relationship between spirituality and victimization: Coping and resiliency. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology: New Orleans, LA.

Fansher, A. & Randa, R. (2015). The effect of spirituality on recidivism. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology: Washington, DC.

Also presented at SHSU Woodlands Research Exchange (2016) and at Zhejiang Police College (2016)

Boillot-Fansher, A. (2015). A comparative analysis of state statutes for child witnesses in cases of abuse and neglect. Paper presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: Orlando, FL.

Also presented at SHSU Woodlands Graduate Research Exchange

Boillot-Fansher, A. (2011). Perceptions of team members in cases of child abuse and neglect. Paper presented at quarterly meeting of Greene County Child Welfare Agencies: Springfield, MO.

Boillot-Fansher, A. (2011). An introduction into the American foster care system. Paper presented at the Missouri State University 2nd Annual Criminal Justice Conference: Springfield, MO.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2026	<i>The Chronicle's</i> Academic Leadership Crash Course (3 hours)
2026	ACJS Leadership Summit (8 hours)
2025	Green Dot for Communities (20 hours)
2024	Structural Equation Modeling, presented by Stata Statistics (14 hours)
2023-2024	Alice T. Clark Mentorship Program (30+ hours), Graduate Mentor Training (6 hours)
2022	Cybersecurity training (1 hour), Inclusive Leadership training (1 hour), LGBTQ+ Ally training (3 hours), Mental Health First-Aid training (6 hours)
2021	Stalking training (5 hours), Texas Campus Crime Stoppers conference (16 hours), Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training (1 hour)
2020 - 2021	Title IX Investigation Training (8 hours)
2019 - 2020	KS Coalition against Sexual and Domestic Violence Conference (16 hours) IPV in the black community at PWIs (2 hours)
2018 - 2019	Repeat rapists, false accusations, and the neurobiology of trauma (8 hours) Strangulation: A hidden danger (9 hours) Title IX Investigation Training (8 hours) Assorted SHARP Military Trainings (12 hours total)
2017 - 2018	Step up! Bystander intervention (2 hours) Human trafficking presentation (2 hours) SHARP Military Training (3 hours) Sexual violence in communities of color (1 hour)
2016 - 2017	SHSU Teaching Assistant Certification Series (12 hours)
2015	Journal Reviewer Training Conducted by Rosemary Barberet and Claire Renzetti
2015	Blackboard Learn Training Series (8 weeks)
2015	SHSU Teaching Conference - Attended multiple panels on teaching strategies and tools for success (6 hours)

2014-2015 SHSU Graduate Studies Leadership Training – Networked and trained with officers from all graduate organizations on campus (16 hours)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2026 - Present Editor, *Journal of School Violence*

2024 - 2026 Associate Editor, *Journal of School Violence*; Secretary/Treasurer of ACJS Victimology Section

2023 Guest Editor, *Social Sciences* special edition, Gendered violence: Victim perceptions and system responses

2021 - 2023 Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission, Criminal Justice Sub-Committee (Vice-Chair/Chair), GCRPC Sexual Assault Response Task Force, Victoria Crime Stoppers, Golden Crescent Court-Appointed Special Advocates

2017 - 2023 Editorial Board Member for *Journal of School Violence*

2014 Panel Chair – Sam Houston Graduate Research Exchange

2013 - 2017 Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization
Served as organization President from 2014 - 2016

2009 - 2011 Alpha Phi Sigma - National Criminal Justice Honor Society
Chapter President

Peer-review assignments
Adolescent Health, Medicine, and Therapeutics
Behaviour & Information Technology
Behavioral Sciences
Children
Crime & Delinquency
Criminal Justice Review
Deviant Behavior
Heliyon
International Criminal Justice Review
International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health
Investigative Interviewing: Research and Practice
Journal of Child Sexual Abuse
Journal of Criminal Justice
Journal of Criminal Justice Education
Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology
Journal of School Violence
Journal of Sexual Aggression
Personal Relationships
SAGE Open Nursing
Social Sciences
Trauma, Violence, and Abuse
Victims and Offenders
Violence Against Women

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2023-Present Committee: Committee on Sexual Violence Prevention & Response: Awareness, Prevention, and Education; Recruiting events of Criminal Justice Studies program; Criminal Justice Association, Advisor
- 2021 - 2023 Committees: Jaguar Days (student recruitment); Undergraduate Affairs Council, member; University events, volunteer
- 2020 - 2021 ***Interim Director*** - Avila Honors Program
Committees: Community Coordinated Response, Faculty Representative; Women & Gender Studies, Executive Member; Scholarship Committee, ***Elected Chair***; Student Scholar Day Committee, ***Elected Chair***; Title IX Investigation Team, Member/Investigator
Advisor to all Criminology majors and minors (50+ students)
Faculty sponsor for Avila University Student Scholar Day
 “The commonality of ‘date rape’ drugs in sexual assault cases” (2nd place)
 “Victim cooperation and victim-offender relationship in sexual assault cases”
- 2019 - 2020 Committees: Community Coordinated Response, Faculty Representative; Women & Gender Studies, Executive Member; Scholarship Committee, Elected Chair; Student Scholar Day Committee, Elected Chair; Title IX Investigation Team, Member/Investigator; Honors Program Task Force, Chair
Advisor to all Criminology majors and minors (50+ students)
- 2018 - 2019 Committees: Community Coordinated Response, Faculty Representative; Women & Gender Studies, Executive Member; Scholarship Committee, Elected Representative; Title IX Investigation Team, Member/Investigator; Honors Program Task Force, Member; Thrive Team, Member
Advisor to 30+ undergraduate majors/minors
- 2017 - 2018 Committees: Community Coordinated Response, Faculty Representative; Women & Gender Studies, Member; Honors College Task Force, Member

Faculty sponsor for campus-wide events: “I am Evidence” Documentary and Panel (Speaker) and Walk-a-Mile in Her Shoes
- 2017 Faculty Sponsor for SHSU Undergraduate Research Exchange
 “Self-esteem, self-control, and substance use among a college population” - **Winning presentation**
- 2016 Faculty Sponsor for SHSU Undergraduate Research Exchange
 “The link between the usage of alcohol or opioids and mental health among recently released inmates”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Criminal Justice

- Introduction to Criminology
- Social Statistics (Interdisciplinary)
- The Police
- Courts & Law
- Criminal Law
- Corrections
- Gender and Crime
- Pop Culture, Media, and Crime
- Victimology
- Law and Society
- Social Diversity & Criminal Justice
- Internship/Practicum
- Independent Research
- Research Methods in Social Work
- Gender & Crime (Graduate)
- Race, Gender, Class, & Crime (Graduate)
- Criminological Theory (Graduate)

AWARDS

2022	Junior Faculty Summer Research Grant sponsored by UHV (\$10000)
2020	Travel/Scholarship from Avila University to present at ASC 2020 (\$1500)
2019	Travel/Scholarship from Avila University to present at ACJS 2019 (\$1500)
2017	Advisor for winning project at SHSU Undergraduate Research Symposium (Campus Wide)
2017	SHSU Outstanding Teaching Assistant (Campus Wide)
2015	Sam Houston State University Summer Research Fellowship (\$6,000)
2014	Sam Houston State University Summer Research Fellowship (\$6,000)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Midwest Criminal Justice Association

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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