

Summer 2026

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EDUCATION:

2023	Ph.D.	Texas A&M University Sociology (Crime, Law, and Deviance)
2016	M.S.	Sam Houston State University Criminal Justice
2008	J.D.	University of Kansas School of Law Law
2004	B.A.	Baylor University Political Science (IR)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2024-Present	Assistant Professor, Sociology and Criminal Justice East Texas A&M University Commerce, Texas
2023-2024	Assistant Professor, Sociology and Criminology Assumption University Worcester, Massachusetts
2022-2023	Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology and Criminology Assumption University Worcester, Massachusetts
2019-2022	Graduate Instructor, Sociology Texas A&M University College Station, Texas
2013-2017	Professional Assistant Professor, Dept. of Undergraduate Studies Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi Corpus Christi, Texas
2011-2013	Full-time Instructor, Political Science West Texas A&M University Canyon, Texas

COURSES TAUGHT:*East Texas A&M University*

SOC320 Deviant Behavior
 CJ1306 Courts and Criminal Procedure
 CJ431 Law and the Courts
 CJ360 Mass Media and Crime
 CJ469 Victimology

CJ531 Issues in Criminal Law and Courts
 CJ575 Research Methods in Criminal Justice
 CJ576 Data Analysis and Interpretation

Assumption University

CRM390 Sociological Research Methods
 CRM275 Sociology of Law
 CRM272 Deviance
 CRM160 Criminology
 CRM130 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

Texas A&M University-College Station

SOCI 314: Social Problems
 SOCI 211: Sociology of Deviance
 SOCI 205: Intro to Sociology
 SOCI 304: Criminology

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

CRIJ 4335: Criminology
 UCCP 1101/2: First Year Seminar I & II

West Texas A&M University

POSC 2305: American National Government
 POSC 2306: American State and Local Government
 POSC 4374: International Law and Organization
 LEGL 1373: Introduction to Legal Research
 IDS 1071: Elementary Group Dynamics
 COMM 1315: Introduction to Public Speaking

SEMESTER TAUGHT:

FA24-Present
 SU26
 SP26
 SP25, FA26
 SU25

SP26, FA26
 FA25
 FA25

SP23, SP24
 SP23, SP24
 FA22, FA23
 FA22, SP23, FA23, SP24
 FA22, FA23

SU21
 SP21
 FA20, SP21
 SU19, SU20, SU22

SP17, SU17
 FA/SP 2013-2016

SP11, FA11, SP12, FA12
 FA11, SP12, FA12
 FA11
 SP12
 FA10
 FA09, SP10

GRANTS AND SPONSORED RESEARCH**Funded Projects****CHSSA Research Grant Program Co-PI, \$8,000, 2024-2025**

- *Each One Teach One: A Near-Peer Mentorship Program for East Texas Foster Youth*
- Awarding Institution: East Texas A&M University

Pending Support

Texas A&M System Research Excellence Fund Co-Investigator, \$100,000, 2026

- *EmpowerVR: A bio-adaptive virtual reality system to support courtroom testimony preparation for survivors of sexual violence*
- PI: A. Lippert; Co-Is: D. Song, **A. Garcia**, R. Zinko
- Submitted: March 2026 (Early-Stage Research Development Program)

AWARDS

ETAMU Faculty Senate Award for Professional Excellence (Teaching)	2024-2025
Howard B. Kaplan Memorial Assistantship	2021-2022
Murray and Celeste Fasken Distinguished Graduate Teaching Award	2021
Texas A&M Graduate Diversity Excellence Fellow	2017-2019

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

East Texas A&M University

CHSSA Pre-Law Advisor	FA24-SP26
Department of Social Sciences Faculty Search Committees (CJ, PA)	AY25-26
Founding Faculty Sponsor, Lions Protecting Against Child Abuse (LPACA)	FA24-Present
Dr. Jiaming Sun Scholarship Committee	SP25-Present
Graduate Comprehensive Exam Grader (CJ)	FA24-Present
Graduate Comprehensive Exam Grader (SOC)	FA25-Present
Graduate Admissions Committee (CJ)	FA24-Present
Member, Student Ready CHSSA Inaugural Cohort	SP25-Present

Assumption University

Faculty Advocate, Women's Lacrosse Team	FA23
Teaching for AU: New Faculty Discussion Community	FA23

Texas A&M University- College Station

Committee Member, SOCI Graduate Mentorship Program	2020-2023
Member, Curriculum Committee for Virtual Teaching Assistant Institute (vTAI)	SU20
Grad Student Representative, Undergraduate Curriculum and Programs	FA19, SP20
Member, SOCI Hospitality and Welcoming Committee	FA19, SP20, FA20

Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi

Teaching Faculty, Islanders in Scotland Study Abroad Program	SU17
Official Pre-Law Advisor, Department of Undergraduate Studies	FA16-SU17
Hiring Committee, First-Year Programs	SP17
Founding Faculty Sponsor, Pre-Law Society	2015-2017
Founding Faculty Sponsor, Men's Soccer Club	2015-2017
New Faculty Mentor, First-Year Programs	2014-2017
Program Assessment Committee, First-Year Programs	2014-2016
Committee Chair, Learning Communities Research Group	2015
Member, Exploratory Common Reader Committee	2015

University Hiring Committee, First-Year Programs	2014
University Hiring Committee, English	2014
National Learning Communities Conference Organizing Committee	2013

West Texas A&M University

Student Success Center Committee Member	2009-2011
First Year Experience (FYE) Committee Member	2009-2011

ACADEMIC SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Ad hoc reviewer, *Partner Abuse* (Springer)

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Under review

Garcia, Andrew M. 2026. "Manipulation is Different: An Ethnographic Content Analysis of Media Framing and Coercive Control in the Gabby Petito Case." Submitted to *Violence Against Women* (Sage)

Glomb, Kaja, Sekulak, Martyna, and **Andrew M. Garcia**. 2026. "Love Hurts, Love scars, Love Wounds and Marks any Heart: Narratives That Normalize and Legitimize Intimate Partner Violence Through Moral Disengagement Mechanisms." Submitted to *Perspectives on Psychological Science* (Sage)

In preparation

Azimi, Andia, **Andrew M. Garcia**, Nhi Li, Krystlelynn Caraballo, and Jane Daquin. 2026. "The State of the Union: Child Marriage in the United States."

Garcia, Andrew M. and Jess Garcia. "Black Box Criminology: Analyzing the Potential Effects of Generative AI and Large Language Models (LLMs) on Public Understanding of Criminal Behavior."

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Google AI Professional Certificate, Google (via Coursera)	SP26
Investing in Us: Pedagogical Collaboration	SU25
ACUE Certification, Effective Online Teaching Practices (26-week)	SP25
ACUE Certification, Effective College Teaching Instruction	FA24
CIRTL Associate, Graduate Teaching Consulting Program	SP21
Multilevel Modeling, ICPSR Summer Workshop	SU20
"Green Zone" Certification for Veteran Safe Spaces, SVO	FA15
Certificate of Best Practices for Online Course Design, ODELT	SP15
Community of Practice, Center for Faculty Excellence	SP14

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Crime and Deviance, Social Psychology, Child Abuse, Psychological and Emotional Abuse, Quantitative Research Methods

RELATED ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**Consultant, Piper Editorial**

2020-2022

- Editor and author of online learning materials for undergraduate textbooks in the social sciences
- Publishing companies worked with include both McGraw-Hill and Pearson
- Representative example of textbooks worked on:
 - Gibson, L. Tucker, Clay Robison, and Joanne Connor Greene. 2021. *Government and Politics in the Lone Star State, 11th Edition*. (London, UK: Pearson).
 - McDonald, Patrick J., Terrence L. Chapman, and Robert G. Moser. 2021. *An Introduction to International Relations: Opening the Global System* (London. UK: Pearson).
 - Benson, Paul and Anthony Giardino. 2022. *The Texas Experience: Lone Star Politics, Policy, and Participation, 2nd Edition* (London, UK: Pearson).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, American Society of Criminologists (ASC)

Member, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

Member, Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ)

Member, American Sociological Association (ASA)

CONFERENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Speaker/ Facilitator, Northwest Vista College (San Antonio, TX) "Love Shouldn't Hurt"	SP26
Panel Chair and Presenter, ASC National Conference (Washington, DC) "Hidden Meaning: A Comparative Legal Analysis of State Statutory Definitions of Child Abuse and Neglect"	FA25
Guest Lecture, CRJS3344, Bemidji State University (Bemidji, MN) "Mass Media and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)"	SP25
Panel Chair and Presenter, ACJS National Conference (Denver, CO) 'Manipulation is Different': Media Framing of Emotional IPV and Coercive Control in the Gabby Petito Case	SP25
Panel Chair and Presenter, SWACJ Annual Conference (Fort Worth, TX) "The Hidden Cycle of Violence: Childhood Emotional Abuse (CEA) and Future Victimization in Young Adult Romantic Relationships"	FA24
Panel Chair and Presenter, ACJS National Conference (Las Vegas NV) "The Parent Trap: Exploring Relationships Between Childhood Emotional Abuse (CEA) and Adult Deviant Behavior" (with Jess L. Garcia)	SP22
Invited Speaker, Liberal Arts Student Council, Texas A&M University "What's Going on in Northgate? An Invitation to Criminology"	FA21
Guest Lecture, Northwest Vista College (San Antonio, TX) "A Discussion with a Criminologist"	FA20
Guest Lecture, SOCI304, Texas A&M University "Masculinity and Crime"	SP20
Guest Lecture, SOCI205, Texas A&M University "Criminology and Criminal Justice Theory"	FA19
Guest Lecture, SOCI/WGST 421, Texas A&M University "Public Order Crimes"	FA18, SP19
First Year Learning Communities Teaching Roundtable, TAMUCC "Role Playing with Students in Learning Communities"	SP15

Center for Faculty Excellence, TAMUCC

SU14

“Taking the Foreign Out of Policy: Pedagogical Strategies to Help Students Acculturate Specialized Language in Political Science Seminar Classes”

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Director, Summer Bridge Program

March 2009-August 2011

- Designed and directed academic program for incoming first-year students with developmental academic needs or designated as academically at-risk under the purview and grant funding of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
- Developed program content specifically geared toward underrepresented populations, including cultural heritage and social-awareness initiatives. Crafted recruitment strategies geared towards Hispanic and African American students in the Texas panhandle.
- Served as a student services liaison, working with students on financial literacy, enrollment counseling, career advancement, and study skills; serviced over 180 students who met or exceeded target retention and first-year persistence rates.

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Child Welfare Volunteer

Scotty's House, College Station, TX

2021-2022

- Serve as family care volunteer for local child advocacy center, assisting children (and family) during forensic interview and/or forensic medical exam.
- Serve as individual mentor for youth that were victims of physical, emotional, and/or sexual abuse.

Cross-Examination Debate Coach

W. B. Ray High School, Corpus Christi, Texas

2014-2019

Served as the policy debate coach for 10-12 secondary students at W.B. Ray High School. In this capacity, I taught policy analysis, critical thinking, and public speaking under the auspices of the Texas Forensics Association, National Speech and Debate Association, and University Interscholastic League.

REFERENCES

Dr. Mary Campbell

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