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## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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**Sam Houston State University:** Assistant Professor 2022-Present

## EDUCATION

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**University of Arizona:** Ph.D. in Sociology, 2022.

**University of Arizona:** M.A. in Sociology, 2016.

**Pennsylvania State University  
-Altoona Campus:** B.A. in Letters, Arts, and Sciences, 2013.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Deviance & Social Control, Law & Society, Institutional Theory, Gray Markets, Political Violence, Prison Commodification, Qualitative Methods, Formal Models of Cultural Analysis.

## PEER- REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**Kinney, Alexander B.** 2023. ““Cannabis Businesses Are Being Good Contributors to the Community”: The Regulated Cannabis Industry and Cannabis Normalization in the United States.” *Crime & Delinquency* (Online first).

**Kinney, Alexander B.** 2023. “Sumptuary administration: how contested market Actors shape the trajectory of policy when regulated under fragmented governance.” *Law & Policy* 45(4):507–29.

**Kinney, Alexander B.** 2022. “Surveillance, Social Control, and Managing Semi-Legality in U.S. Commercial Cannabis.” *Social Problems* (Online first).

- Winner of the Pennsylvania Sociological Society Graduate Student Paper Award.
- Winner of the Raymond V. Bowers Award, School of Sociology, University of Arizona

Davis, Andrew P., Thomas Leppard, and **Alexander B. Kinney**. 2022. "A Shame of Inches? Are Teams with Black Head Coaches more heavily penalized in Division 1 college football?" *Social Science Quarterly* 103(2), 259-273

Puetz, Kyle, Andrew P. Davis, and **Alexander B. Kinney**. 2021. "Meaning Structures in the World Polity: A Semantic Network Analysis of Human Rights Terminology in the World's Peace Agreements." *Poetics* 88:101598.

**Kinney, Alexander B.**, and Nicholas J. Rowland. 2021. "Making the Grade During Pandemic: Early-Stage and Late-Stage Provisional Institutions." *Sociological Perspectives* 64(4):1012-1031

Pfaffendorf, Jessica, Andrew P. Davis, and **Alexander B. Kinney**. 2021. "Masculinity, Ritual, and Racialized Status Threat: Examining Mass Shooter Manifestos Using Structural Topic Models." *Sociological Inquiry* 91(2):287–312.

**Kinney, Alexander B.** 2021. "Embedding into an Emerging Money System: The Case of Bitcoin." *Sociological Focus* 54(1):77–92.

**Kinney, Alexander B.** 2020. "The Extra-Institutional Logics of an Emerging Market Field: Values and Practice in the Bitcoin Experience." *Social Currents* 7(2):109–130.

**Kinney, Alexander B.**, Andrew P. Davis, and Yongjun Zhang. 2018. "Theming for terror: Organizational adornment in terrorist propaganda." *Poetics* 69:27–40.

- Winner of the Raymond V. Bowers Award, School of Sociology, University of Arizona.

## **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND WORKING PAPERS**

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Available Upon Request

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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\* = Denotes graduate student collaborator

† = Denotes undergraduate student collaborator

### *Encyclopedia Entries*

**Kinney, Alexander B.**, Nathan E. Krus, †Jenae McGill, †Mykala McGill, and Nicholas J. Rowland "Mental Illness and The Criminal Justice System" in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*. (Forthcoming).

*Book Reviews*

†Glunt, Nicholas B., \*Rae V. Griffith, Christopher D. Lehman, Hailley Fargo, **Alexander B. Kinney**, Nicholas J. Rowland, and Nathan E. Kruis. 2023. “The cultural embeddedness of academic books about knowing, feeling, and archiving video games.” *The Information Society: An International Journal*

**Kinney, Alexander B.** 2021. “Craft Weed: Family Farming and the Future of the Marijuana Industry. Ryan Stoa. 2018. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. 256 Pages. ISBN: 9780262038867 (Hrbk \$27.95).” *FUTURES & FORESIGHT SCIENCE*.

**Kinney, Alexander B.** and Nicholas J. Rowland. 2017. “Fabian Muniesa, Liliana Doganova, Horacio Ortiz, Álvaro Pina-Stranger, Florence Paterson, Alaric Bourgoïn, Véra Ehrenstein, Pierre-André Juven, David Pontille, Başak Saraç-Lesavre and Guillaume Yon (2017) Capitalization: A Cultural Guide. Paris: Presses Des Mines. 167 Pages. ISBN: 9782356714220.” *Science & Technology Studies* 30(3):73.

Rowland, Nicholas J., Jan-Hendrick Passoth, and **Alexander B. Kinney**. 2011. “Bruno Latour. Reassembling the Social: An introduction to actor-network theory.” *Spontaneous Generations: A Journal for the History and Philosophy of Science* 5: 95-99.

*Technical Reports*

**Kinney, Alexander B.**, & Peter S. Lehmann. 2023. “Toward a more effective policy model for responding to workplace violence in the Texas healthcare system.” Institute for Homeland Security, Sam Houston State University.

Lehmann, Peter S., and **Alexander B. Kinney**. 2023. “Mitigating cybersecurity threats to hospitals and healthcare facilities.” Institute for Homeland Security, Sam Houston State University.

†Barnhart, Lacey., †Rachel Kosaka., †Z. Lin., †Jazzmine McCauley, **Alexander B. Kinney**, Nicholas J. Rowland & Nathan E. Kruis. 2022. “Results from the 2022 NEACJS Conference Exit Survey.” Report prepared for the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences’ (ACJS) Executive Board.

*Editorial Pieces*

**Kinney, Alexander B.** 2018. “A Brief Introduction to the Sociology of Cannabis.” for [www.growersnetwork.org](http://www.growersnetwork.org)

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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### *External*

Dissertation Research Improvement Award, National Science Foundation. \$12,977 (2019)

### *Internal*

Frederick A. and Margaret S. Conrad Scholarship, University of Arizona \$4200 (2021)

SBS Graduate Fellowship, University of Arizona. \$10,245 (2021)

SBS Summer Dissertation Fellowship, University of Arizona. \$6000 (2020)

Graduate Student and Professional Council Travel Grant, University of Arizona. \$750 (2020)

Graduate Student and Professional Council Travel Grant, University of Arizona. \$750 (2019)

Social and Behavioral Sciences Institute Research Grant, University of Arizona. \$1,980 (2018)

Graduate Student and Professional Council Research Grant, University of Arizona. \$960 (2018)

## **PROFESSIONAL TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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**Kinney, Alexander B.** and Michael Gibson-Light., Theorizing “The Prison” as an Institution (2023) Roundtable presentation at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting, November 15-18, Philadelphia, PA

Davis, Andrew P., Terrence Hill, and **Alexander B. Kinney.**, “Homicide and Sleep Disturbance: A Multi-Level Analysis of 29 European Countries” (2023) Paper presentation at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting, November 15-18, Philadelphia, PA.

\*Koza, Meghan, †Marianna Di Balsamo, †Jazzmine McCauley, †Mykala McGill, **Alexander B. Kinney**, Nathan Kruis, and Nicholas J. Rowland., “Commodifying Carceral Connection: A Visual Criminology Analysis of Private Telecommunication Service Provider Tactics.” (2023) Poster presentation at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting, November 15-18, Philadelphia, PA.

**Kinney, Alexander B.**, “Cannabis Businesses Are Being Good Contributors to The Community”: The Regulated Cannabis Industry, Strategies of Norm Adjustment, and Cannabis

Normalization in the United States.” (2022) Paper Presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 16-19, Atlanta, GA

Rowland, Nicholas J., Nathan Krus, and **Alexander B. Kinney**, “Incorporating Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Research Experiences into Undergraduate Criminal Justice Curriculum: Application and Analysis.” (2022) Panel Presentation at the North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, April 1-2, Indianapolis, IN

**Kinney, Alexander B.**, “Surveillance, Social Control, and Managing Semi-Legality in the U.S. Cannabis Industry.” (2021) Paper Presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 17-20, Chicago, IL

Rowland, Nicholas J., Nathan Krus, and **Alexander B. Kinney**, “Incorporating Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Research Experiences into Undergraduate Criminal Justice Curriculum: Application and Analysis.” (2021) Panel Presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 17-20, Chicago, IL

Davis, Andrew P., Tom Leppard, and **Alexander B. Kinney**, “A Shame of Inches? Black Leadership and Racial Bias in On-Field Penalties in Major College Football, 2014-2019.” (2021) Paper Presentation at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 8, 2021, Virtual Conference.

**Kinney, Alexander B.**, “Surveillance Regimes, Social Control, and Managing Semi-Legitimacy in the U.S. Cannabis Industry.” (2020) Paper Presentation at the Pennsylvania Sociological Society Annual Meeting, November 7, 2020, Virtual Conference.

**Kinney, Alexander B.**, “Sumptuary Administration, Logics of Accountability, and the Subnational Policy Domain for Commercial Cannabis in the United States.” (2020) Roundtable presentation at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, Virtual Conference.

**Kinney, Alexander B.**, “Which Came First, Institutions or Action? Provisional Institutions in the Transforming Cannabis Industry Field.” (2019) Roundtable presentation at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, August 10-13, New York, NY

**Kinney, Alexander B.**, “Which Came First, Institutions or Action? Provisional Institutions in the Transforming Cannabis Industry Field.” (2019) Paper presentation at the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction annual meeting, August 9-10, New York, NY

**Kinney, Alexander B.**, Andrew P. Davis, and Yongjun Zhang “Theming for Terror: Organizational Adornment in Terrorist Propaganda.” (2018) Paper presentation at the Southern Sociological Society annual meeting, April 4-7, New Orleans, LA.

**Kinney, Alexander B.**, “The Institutional Logics of Non-Institutional Economies: Value Identities in the Bitcoin Experience.” (2017) Paper presentation at the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) annual meeting, August 30-Sept 2, Boston, MA.

**Kinney, Alexander B.**, Jeff A. Knapp, and Nicholas J. Rowland “Black Studies at Penn State: A Case Study,” Presentation at the Diversity Research and Programming Colloquium, Pennsylvania State University (2013) State College, PA University Libraries Diversity Committee, University Park (PA)

Rowland, Nicholas J. and **Alexander B. Kinney** “The role of Gap-Analysis in the Software Procurement Process,” (2011) Project presentation at the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) annual meeting, November 2-5, Cleveland, OH

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Raymond V. Bowers Paper Award, School of Sociology, University of Arizona. (2021)

Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Pennsylvania Sociological Society Annual Meeting (2020)

Raymond V. Bowers Paper Award, School of Sociology, University of Arizona. (2020)

Raymond V. Bowers Paper Award, School of Sociology, University of Arizona. (2018)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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*Courses Taught as Instructor of Record (Syllabi Available by Request)*

### In-Person Format

CRIJ 2362: Criminology

CRIJ 4382: Social Deviance

CRIJ 4377: Drugs & Society

SOC 394: Research Practicum

UNIV 1101: First-Year Experience

### Web-Based Format

CRIJ 4382: Social Deviance

SOC 343: Criminology

SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology

## **SERVICE**

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*Service to the University*

Department-Level Service

Member, Policy Committee, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University. (2023-Present)

Member, M.S. in Criminal Justice Degree Committee, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Sam Houston State University. (2022-2023)

Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Recruitment Committee, School of Sociology, University of Arizona. (2018-2019)

Co-Chair, Graduate Studies Association, School of Sociology, University of Arizona. (2016-2017)

### University-Level Service

Member, Commencement Committee, Sam Houston State University (2023-Present)

### *Service to the Discipline*

### Journal Manuscript Reviewer

*American Sociological Review, Law & Society Review, Crime & Delinquency, PLOS One, Poetics, Sociological Forum, Sociological Focus, Chinese Sociological Review, Aggression and Violent Behavior*

## **CRIMINAL-LEGAL PRACTITIONER EXPERIENCE**

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**Pima County Superior Court:** Research & Evaluation Specialist 2021-2022

*Role:* Program evaluation for the Safety & Justice Challenge (STEP's Pre-Indictment) and Probation Drug Court expansion projects.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Society of Criminology (ASC)

- Division of Convict Criminology
- Division of Corrections and Sentencing

Southern Sociological Association (SSS)

**PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

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Available upon request.