Zena Rossouw

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EDUCATION

2027 (Exp.)	**Doctor of Philosophy,** Criminal Justice, Texas State University.
2024	**Master of Arts, Criminology. Simon Fraser University**
2014	**Bachelor of Arts**, Double Major in Criminology and Psychology (Distinction)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Texas State University
Web Design & Content Development: Center for Geospatial Intelligence and Investigation (GII) — **Jun - Aug 2025**

BC Hydro
Senior Key Account Manager, Commercial New Construction and Development — **Apr 2021 – Present (LOA)**
Manager, Revenue Assurance Analysis — **Feb 2017 - Apr 2021**
Manager, Design Services (Rotation) — **Jun 2019 - Jul 2020**
Electricity Theft Analyst — **Jul 2015 - Feb 2017**
Security Analyst — **Dec 2012 - Jul 2015**
Analyst / Coordinator — **Jan 2012 – Dec 2012**
Field Services Administrator, Contracts — **2011 - 2012**

TEACHING

Serial Murder (CJ-4331), Texas State University — **Summer, 2026**
Research Methods in Criminal Justice and Criminology (CJ-3346), Texas State University — **Spring, 2026**
Research Methods in Criminal Justice and Criminology (CJ-3346), Texas State University — **Fall, 2025**

GUEST LECTURES AND TRAINING

Unsolved & Historical Death Investigation Course (UHI 25-01), Canadian Police College — **Jun 26, 2025**
Cold Case Investigations (CJ-7350), Unboxing Cold Cases, Texas State University — **Apr 22, 2025**
Sex Offences (CJ-4338), Investigations, Texas State University — **Apr 1, 2025**

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Cold Case Investigations (CJ 7350N), Texas State University — **Spring 2026**
Sex Offences (CJ-4338), Texas State University — **Spring 2025**

PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH

2026 **Rossouw, Z.**, Beauregard, E., & Chopin, J. (2026). The stranger you know: predicting victim-offender relationships in sexual homicides by comparing offender behaviors by crime location. *Journal of Criminal Psychology*, *16*(7), 1-19.

2025 Rossmo, D.K., Anderson, E. & **Rossouw, Z.** (2026). The "Rainey Street Ripper": Social Media Apophenia and Linkage Illusions. *Homicide Studies*, 10887679261421922.

2024 **Rossouw, Z.,** Beauregard, E., & Chopin, J. (2024). Stranger Danger: Analyzing Offender Behaviors Based on Victim Approach Tactics in Sexual Homicide. *Behavioral sciences & the law*, 10.1002/bsl.2708. Advance online publication.

2024 **Rossouw, Z.,** & Palys, T. (2024). "Baggage in the business": The investigative challenges of serial homicide. The Police Journal, 0(0).

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Rossouw, Z, Beauregard, E. & Chopin, J. (November 13, 2025). *The Stranger You Know: Predicting Victim-Offender Relationships in Sexual Homicides by Comparing Offender Behaviors by Crime Location.* Oral presentation given at the 2025 annual American Society of Criminology meeting in Washington, DC.

Rossouw, Z, Rossmo, K, Summers, L. (February 7, 2025). *Unlocking Cold Cases: Lessons from Unsolved Crimes Resurrected with DNA*. Oral presentation given at the 2025 annual Western Society of Criminology meeting in Seattle, WA.

Rossouw, Z & Palys, T. (March 21, 2024). *"Baggage in the Business": The Investigative Challenges of Serial Homicide.* Oral presentation given at the 2024 annual Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences meeting in Chicago, IL.

Rossouw, Z, Beauregard, E. & Chopin, J. (February 9, 2024). *Stranger Danger: Analyzing Offender Behaviours Based on Victim Approach Tactics in Sexual Homicide.* Oral presentation given at the 2024 annual Western Society of Criminology meeting in Long Beach, CA.

Rossouw, Z. (March 24th, 2022). Presented BC Hydro's electrification plan at BUILDEX Vancouver 2022 Building Electrification in BC Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, Canada.

Rossouw, Z & Johnson, T. (April 25, 2019). *Crime Stoppers Conference: Building a Stronger Network to Fight Crime*. Invited and presented at the annual meeting in Kelowna, Canada.

Rossouw, Z (June 4, 2011). *Connecting Minds.* Presented criminology prospectus at the undergraduate conference in Psychology held at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Richmond, Canada.

Rossouw, Z (May 18, 2011). *Engaged Learning Symposium.* Presented criminology prospectus at learning symposium for students held at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey, Canada.

Rossouw, Z. (March 28, 2011). *Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Student Conference: Change*. Invited and presented criminology prospectus as a PechaKucha held at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Surrey, Canada.

MEDIA

Why Do 'Random,' Untargeted Murders Occur? *A&E*. Interview by Sanjana Bhambhani regarding research on sexual homicide committed by strangers. February 18, 2026. A&E Crime + Investigation.

AWARDS & FUNDING

2024 - 2029	**54. 213 Competitive Scholarship,** Texas State University ($2460 USD/semester)
2026 - 2028	**Tuition Scholarship,** Texas State University ($3216.24USD/semester)
2026	**School of Criminal Justice and Criminology,** Texas State University ($1324 USD)
2026	**Grad Merit Fellowship,** Texas State University ($1000 USD)
2025	**Grad Merit Fellowship,** Texas State University ($964.87 USD)
2024	**Grad Merit Fellowship,** Texas State University ($964.87 USD)
2024	**Travel & Research Award,** Simon Fraser University ($4000 CAD)
2023	**Graduate Fellowship Award,** Simon Fraser University ($7000 CAD)
2023	**Graduate Fellowship Award,** Simon Fraser University ($3500 CAD)