Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

May 2026 *(Anticipated)*
Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice
Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

Dissertation: Armed school personnel: A thematic analysis of Texas law enforcement regarding the Texas School Guardian Program

Committee: Jeffrey B. Bumgarner *(Co-Chair)*, Scott Wm. Bowman (*Co-Chair)*, Amanda Graham, and Cheryl Lero Jonson

July 2023
Master of Arts in Criminal Justice
Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

Thesis: Behind the blue line: An ethnographic study of police culture in rural Kansas law enforcement

May 2008
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

December 2005
Associate of Arts
Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

CERTIFICATIONS

November 2011 Kansas Full-time Law Enforcement Officer #26391

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023–Present
Doctoral Teaching & Research Assistant
Texas State University, School of Criminal Justice & Criminology, San Marcos, TX

2022–2023
Graduate Teaching Assistant
Wichita State University, School of Criminal Justice, Wichita, KS

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Policing
- Rural Law Enforcement
- Federal Law Enforcement
- Police Culture
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Police & K-12 School Safety Options
- Police Training
- Serial Killers

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Hopkins, J. R., Jarzombek-Torralva, A., Scogin, S. C., Barnes, V. R., Martinez-Parther, K. E., Price, J. R., **Davis, J. J.**, Bowman, S. Wm., May, M. (2025). Armed personnel in educational settings: Bridging policy and communication for safer schools. *Policing: An International Journal.* Vol. ahead-of-print No. ahead-of-print. https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-08-2025-0156.

Davis, J. J., & Birzer, M. L. (2024). An ethnographic study of police culture in a rural Kansas police agency. *Policing: An International Journal, 47*(3), 353-366. https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-11-2023-0156.

RESEARCH GRANTS

2024 Armed personnel in educational settings: A statewide study of guardian plans in Texas schools. A National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Grant for Research and Evaluation on School Safety. Texas School Safety Center & Texas State University. Principal Investigators: Kathy Martinez-Parther and Scott Wm. Bowman. ($1,805,491) *Status:* Not Funded.
Role: Co-Investigator and designer of the grant's methodology.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2025–Present **Co-Investigator:** A phenomenological examination of the Texas Guardian Program. Texas State University. Principal Investigator: Scott Wm. Bowman

2025–Present **Co-Investigator:** Armed School Employees in Educational Settings
Texas School Safety Center & Texas State University.
Principal Investigators: Kathy Martinez-Parther & Scott Wm. Bowman

2023–Present **Research Assistant:** Local peace officer perceptions of American federal law enforcement. Texas State University. Principal Investigator: Jeffery B. Bumgarner

2024–2025 **Co-Investigator:** Armed Personnel in Educational Settings: A Statewide Study of Guardian Plans in Texas Schools. Texas School Safety Center & Texas State University. Principal Investigators: Kathy Martinez-Parther & Scott W. Bowman

2023–2024 **Co-Investigator:** Examining guardian plans in Texas public K-12 school districts: A mixed methods approach. Texas School Safety Center & Texas State University. Principal Investigators: Kathy Martinez-Parther & Scott Wm. Bowman

2023 **Research Assistant:** Differential police response strategies to low harm and low risk calls for service: A randomized control trial. Wichita State University. Principal Investigator: Michael L. Birzer

COLLEGIATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023–Present **Texas State University**, School of Criminal Justice & Criminology, San Marcos, TX

Instructor of Record

- **CJ 1310** – Introduction to Criminal Justice *(Summer 2024, online, 34 students)*
- **CJ 2310** – Police System & Practices *(Scheduled – Spring 2026, in-person, 60 students)*
- **CJ 3446** – Research in Criminal Justice *(Fall 2025, in-person, 32 students)*
- **CJ 4331** – Serial Murder *(Spring 2024, in-person, 61 students; Fall 2024, in-person, 50 students; Summer 2025, online, 48 students; Scheduled – Spring 2026, in-person, 80 students)*

Doctoral Teaching Assistant

- **CJ 1310** – Introduction to Criminal Justice *(Fall 2024)*
- **CJ 2350** – The Courts & Criminal Procedure *(Fall 2024)*
- **CJ 4335** – Psychology of Antisocial Behavior *(Fall 2023)*

2022–2023 **Wichita State University**, School of Criminal Justice, Wichita, KS

Instructor of Record

- **CJ 191** – Introduction to Criminal Justice *(Fall 2022, in-person, 60 students; Spring 2023, hybrid, 25 students)*

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- **CJ 341** – Criminalistics & Scientific Crime Detection *(Fall 2022)*
- **CJ 392** – Law Enforcement *(Spring 2023)*
- **CJ 581I** – Forensic Photography *(Spring 2022)*
- **CJ 581K** – Crime Scene Reconstruction *(Spring 2022)*
- **CJ 593** – Crime Causation & Criminal Justice Policy *(Spring 2023)*
- **CJ 598** – Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice *(Summer 2023)*
- **FS 498** – Seminar in Forensic Science Techniques I *(Fall 2023)*
- **FS 499** – Seminar in Forensic Science Techniques II *(Spring 2022)*
- **WSUA 102Q** – First Year Seminar - Criminalist Methods: What Would Sherlock Holmes Do? *(Spring 2022; Fall 2022)*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS, & POSTERS

(*Denotes Presenters, **Denotes Under Review)

Davis, J. J.* (Accepted). Texas law enforcement's perspectives and beliefs on armed teachers in Texas schools [Poster]. 63rd Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Philadelphia, PA.

Davis, J. J.* (2025, August 28). *Grad school 101* (University Discussion Panel). Texas State University, San Marcos, TX. **[Invited]**

Jarzombek-Torralva, A.,* Scogin, S. C., Hopkins, J. R., Price, J. R., Barnes, V., **Davis, J. J.**, Bowman, S. Wm., Klepac, K. A., May, M., Martinez-Prather, K. (2025, April 26). *Expanding safety options: Understanding the expectations for non-law enforcement security in Texas schools*. 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association. Denver, CO.

Hopkins, J. R., Jarzombek-Torralva, A., Scogin, S. C., Price, J. R.*, **Davis, J.J.** (2025, March 14). *Investigating relationships: Law enforcement agencies' involvement with armed personnel in school* [Poster]. 62nd Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Denver, CO.

Davis, J. J.*, Bowman, S. Wm., Jarzombek-Torralva, A. (2024, November 14). *A content analysis of guardian training in rural Texas school districts*. 79th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Hopkins, J. R.*, Jarzombek-Torralva, A.*, Scogin, S. C.*, Barnes, V. R., Martinez-Parther, K., Price, J. R., **Davis, J. J.**, Bowman, S.Wm., May, M. (2024, November 14). *Employing mixed methods to understand the relationship between schools, law enforcement agencies, and non-law enforcement personnel*. 79th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Davis, J. J.* (2024, November 13). *Critical issues in policing* [Roundtable]. 79th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA. **[Invited]**

Davis, J. J.,* & Birzer, M. L. (2023, November 17). *Behind the blue line: An ethnographic study of police culture in rural Kansas law enforcement*. 78th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Davis, J. J.* (2023, November 17). *Research design in criminal justice and criminology: Opportunities and challenges* (Roundtable). 78th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA. **[Invited]**

Davis, J. J.* (2022, November 9). *Campus safety issues* (University Discussion Panel). Wichita State University, Wichita, KS. **[Invited]**

GUEST LECTURES

Davis, J. J.* (2025, October 9). *Police Ethics.* Guest Lecture for CJ 1310: Introduction to Criminal Justice. Texas State University, San Marcos, TX. **[Invited]**

Davis, J. J.* (2025, October 7). *Police Use of Force.* Guest Lecture for CJ 1310: Introduction to Criminal Justice. Texas State University, San Marcos, TX. **[Invited]**

K-12 TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2021 **History Teacher**
Curtis Middle School, Wichita Public Schools, Wichita, KS

2020–2021 **History and Government Teacher**
Hodgeman County High School, Hodgeman County Schools, Jetmore, KS

Spring 2020 **Math Teacher**
Ersilia Cruz Middle School, Chávez/Huerta K-12 Preparatory Academy, Pueblo, CO

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2022–2023 **Armed Security Officer**
WSU Tech, Wichita, KS

2021–2022 **Guest Instructor & Role Player**
Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, Hutchinson, KS

2019 **Truancy Officer**
Garden City Public Schools, Garden City, KS

2015–2018 **Director of Religious Education**
Saint Patrick Catholic Church, Fayetteville, NC

2015 **Deputy Sheriff**
Smith County Sheriff's Office, Smith Center, KS

2011–2013 **Police Officer**
Holcomb Police Department**,** Holcomb, KS

AWARDS & HONORS

Spring 2026 **Graduate Scholarship**, Texas State University
Award Amount: $1,000

Spring 2026 **Doctoral Summit Fellowship,** Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Fall 2025 **Graduate Scholarship**, Texas State University
Award Amount: $1,000

2023–2026 **Run to R1 Fellowship**, Texas State University
Award Amount: $50,777 per academic year

Spring 2023 **Jayne & Glenn Milburn Fellow**, Wichita State University
Award Amount: $725

Fall 2022 **Ollie A. & J.O. Heskett Graduate Fellowship**, Wichita State University
Award Amount: $1,200

August 2022 **WSU Tech Challenge Coin for Exemplary Service**
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences & Technology

Spring 2022 **Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year Nominee**
School of Criminal Justice, Wichita State University

Spring 2022 **Jayne & Glenn Milburn Fellow**, Wichita State University
Award Amount: $550

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

2024–Present **First Year Student Mentor,** School of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

2024–2025 **Vice President,** Criminal Justice and Criminology Graduate Student Association (GradCATS), Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

Spring 2022 **Treasurer**, Criminal Justice Student Association, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

2024–Present **Student Representative & Social Media Chair**, Police Section Executive Board, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

2023 **Reviewer**, U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics Federal Criminal Case Processing Statistics Dashboard

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Journal of Criminal Justice Education
Journal of School Violence

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

2024–2025 **Graduate Student Ambassador**, The Graduate College, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

2007–2008 **Member**, Liberal Arts & Science College Dean Re-Appointment Committee, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

Fall 2007 **Member**, Student Advisory Committee to the Kansas Board of Regents, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

Fall 2007 **Director of Governmental Relations**, Student Government Association, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

2005–2007 **Student Member,** University Publications Board, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

2005–2006 **Holdover Senator**, Student Government Association, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

2004–2008 **Student Member**, Rhatigan Student Center Board of Directors, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

2004–2007	**Student Member**, University Traffic Court, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS
2004–2006	**Student Member**, Student Fees Committee, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS
2004–2006	**Student Member**, Heskett Center Board of Directors, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS
2004–2006	**Director of Records**, Student Government Association, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS
2004–2005	**At-Large Senator**, Student Government Association, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS
2004–2006	**Student Member**, Educational Opportunity Fund Committee, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS
2004	**Liberal Arts & Science Senator**, Student Government Association, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2021–Present	**At-Large Board Member**, Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni Volunteer Corporation, Wichita, KS
2022–2023	**Member**, Juvenile Field Services Success Panel, Sedgwick County Department of Corrections, Wichita, KS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

May 2025	**Graduate & Career Professional Development: Shop Talk Series 2024-2025**, The Graduate College, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
March 2025	**Academic Writing Workshop with Dr. John Eck**, School of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
May 2024	**Graduate & Career Professional Development: Shop Talk Series 2023-2024**, The Graduate College, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
October 2023	**Kognito Student At-Risk Mental Health Training**, The Counseling Center, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
August 2023	**Teaching Online Training Course,** Office of Online & Extended Programs, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2022–Present **Member**, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
Police Section

2022–Present **Member**, American Society of Criminology (ASC)
Division of Policing
Division of Rural Criminology
Division of Qualitative Research (since 2025)

2022–Present **Member**, International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

2025–Present **Member**, The American Society of Evidence-Based Policing (ASEBP)