TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY
VITA

I.ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

A. Name and Title

Name: Taylor Polk Title: Lecturer

B. Educational Background

Degree	*Year*	*University*	*Major*	*Thesis*
B.S	2016	Texas State University	Criminal Justice	
M.S	2018	Texas State University	Criminal Justice	Officer's Perceptions of Counseling Following an Officer Involved Shooting
M.S	2020	Texas State University	Criminal Justice	Police Use of TASER Before Lethal Force

C. University Experience

Position	*University*	*Dates*
Graduate Assistant	Texas State University	2017-2018
Adjunct Lecturer	Texas State University	2020-Present

II. Teaching

A. Courses Taught

Texas State University

CJ1310	Intro to Criminal Justice
CJ2310	Police Systems and Practices
CJ2350	Courts and Criminal Procedures
CJ2355	Correctional Systems and Practices
CJ3325	Incarceration in America
CJ4310	Special Problems in Criminal Justice

Abilene Christian University
POLC205 Intro to Criminal Justice (online)

B. Directed Student Learning

Supervisor, Honor's Capstone "Mass Incarceration: Health and Safety Deficits for Prisoners." Status: Completed. (May 2026). Honors College, Texas State University. Student(s): M. Long, Graduate, BSCJ.

III. Scholary

Polk, T. D., Nate, C., & Williams, H. E. (2020) Police use of TASER Before Lethal Force. Society of Police and Criminal Psychology. (Virtual)

IV. Service

A. Institutional

1. University:

Crisis Negotiation Competition, Texas State University, San Marcos (2018-Present)