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# ROBEE RUIZ

***Curriculum Vitae***

Texas State University (TXST)
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## EDUCATION

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| Exp. 2028 | PhD. | Criminal Justice, Texas State University |
| 2024 | M.S. | Criminal Justice & Criminology, University of Texas at San Antonio |
| 2022 | B.A. | University of Texas at San Antonio (Magna Cum Laude) |
| | | *Major: Criminal Justice; Minor: Psychology* |
| 2020 | A.A | Criminal Justice, South Texas College (Magna Cum Laude) |

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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| 2025-present | *Instructor*, Texas State University |
| 2024-present | *Doctoral Assistant*, Texas State University |
| 2022-2023 | *Graduate Research Assistant*, University of Texas at San Antonio |

## FIELD EXPERIENCE

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| 2024-2024 | *Juvenile Detention Officer*, Bexar County Juvenile Detention Center |
| 2023-2023 | *Correctional Officer*, Comal County Jail |

## PROJECTS

Current — ***Narcocorridos & Normalization of Narco Culture***

- *Role:* Principal Investigator (PI)
- *Responsibilities:* Compiled an Excel dataset of 55 weeks of Top 100 Spotify chart data across three Mexican cities; coded songs using dichotomous variables; conducted thematic analysis to identify emerging themes.

2023 ***Bexar County Reentry Study (Effect of Traumatic Brain Injury)***

- *Role:* Research Assistant
- *Principal Investigator:* Chantal Fahmy (UTSA)
- UTSA researchers study traumatic brain injury in formerly incarcerated
- *Responsibilities:* Assisted in testing the Qualtrics survey. Interviewed participants recently released from jail, transcribed recorded interviews, and sent text reminders to participants.

2022 ***Rochester Youth Development Study (RYDS)***

- *Role:* Research Assistant
- *Principal Investigator:* Megan Augustyn (UTSA)
- Prognosticating Offending in Early Adulthood: How Early Can We Predict?
- *Responsibilities:* Sent letters, surveys, and other updates by mail to participants, including those currently incarcerated.

## AREAS OF INTEREST

- Gangs
- Organized Crime
- Institutional Corrections
- Juvenile Delinquency

## PUBLICATIONS

2026 Herrera, V., Nuño, L. E., & Ruiz, R. (2026). Healthcare Access Disparities among Youth in Detention: Access among Latino Youth. Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health. https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-026-01872-5

*In Progress* Nuño, L.E. & Ruiz, R. “Ethnic and gender representation in policing.”

## PRESENTATIONS

2025 Folklore Music, Violence, and Narco-Culture: Assessing Popular Corridos' Role in Normalizing Violence in Mexico. Robee Ruiz, M.S., Dr. Lidia Nuño. *Paper was presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C, on November 13.*

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & OTHER TRAINING

2025 Teaching Online at Texas State Training Course

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Texas State University, Instructor**

Juvenile Justice (CJ 3300)

- Spring 2026

Introduction to Criminal Justice (CJ 1310) (online)

- Fall 2025, Fall 2026

**Northside Independent School District (NISD), Substitute Teacher**

Spanish (NISD Neff Middle School), Long-Term Substitute Teacher Position

- Spring 2024

Geometry (NISD Alternative High School), Long-Term Substitute Teacher Position

- Spring 2023

## AWARDS & HONORS

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| 2026 | Research Proposal Funding, Texas State University, School of Criminal Justice & Criminology Recipient ($2,251) |
| 2026 – 2027 | Texas State University Graduate College Scholarship Recipient |
| 2025 – 2026 | Texas State University Graduate College Scholarship Recipient |
| 2024 | Mike Pickett Endowed Scholarship Recipient |
| 2022 | Magna Cum Laude, University of Texas at San Antonio |
| 2022 | Dean’s List: University of Texas at San Antonio |
| 2021 | Dean’s List: University of Texas at San Antonio |
| 2020 | Dell Scholarship Recipient ($20,000) |
| 2020 | VAMOS Scholarship Recipient ($5,000) |
| 2020 | Top 10 Graduate Pharr-San Juan-Alamo North Early College High School (Rank 4) |