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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023—Present **Assistant Professor**, School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Emergency Management. California State University, Long Beach.

EDUCATION

2023 **Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University**
Dissertation: [Queering Life-Course Criminology: Examining Queer Turning Points Among Formerly Incarcerated LGBTQ+ Adults](#)
Outstanding Graduate of Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions

2019 **M.S. in Criminal Justice, Michigan State University**

2017 **B.S. in Criminal Justice and Psychology, Grand Valley State University**

RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Corrections	Critical Criminology	Minority Threat Perspective
Crime and Media	Gender Identity/Sexual Orientation	Qualitative Methods
Criminology Theory	Intersectionality	Queer Criminology

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (N = 15; Citation Count = 142)

Morgan, S., Freemon, K. R., Montes, A. N., & Cochran, J. C. (2025). [Measuring the Uniquely Painful Prison Experiences of LGB+ and Trans People and the Implications for Mental Health](#). *Journal of Criminal Justice*.

Morgan, S. (2025). [“We Don’t Tolerate Each Other; We Actually Respect and Love Each Other”](#): Chosen Family as a Turning Point Among LGBTQ+ People. *Criminology*.

Morgan, S. (2025). [“I’m Out Here Living My Best Life. Hallelujah On Being Queer!”](#): A Qualitative Exploration of Coming Out Among Formerly Incarcerated LGBTQ+ People. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*.
Article received the 2025 Outstanding Scholarly Contribution of the Year Award by the Division on Queer Criminology

- Morgan, S.**, DeJong, C., & Worthen, M. G. F. (2025). [Examining Sexual Identity in the Context of General Strain Theory, Negative Emotions, and Delinquency](#). *Victims & Offenders*, 20(4), 748-771. (Online first 2023).
- Liu, Y. V., Kutnjak Ivković, S., Maskály, J., Nam, D., **Morgan, S.**, & Dunn, K. (2025). [What Happens After Tenure? Exploring Stimuli of Promotion to Full Professor in Top-Ranking Criminology and Criminal Justice Programs in the United States](#). *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 36(2), 191-212. (Online first 2023).
- Freemon, K. R., Montes, A. N., **Morgan, S.**, & Cochran, J. C. (2025). [Reporting Sexual Victimization During Incarceration: A National-Level Assessment of Formal Reporting in Jails](#). *Crime and Delinquency*, 71(5), 1435-1461. (Online first 2023).
- Morgan, S.** (2024). [Family Reaction as a Developmental Turning Point Among Formerly Incarcerated LGBTQ+ Adults](#). *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*, 10(3), 373-405.
- Morgan, S.**, Allison, K., & Klein, B. R. (2024). [Strained Masculinity and Mass Shootings: Toward A Theoretically Integrated Approach to Assessing the Gender Gap in Mass Violence](#). *Homicide Studies*, 28(4), 441-467. (Online first 2022).
- Kutnjak Ivković, S., Bennett, R. R., Maskály, J., Liu, Y., Dunn, K., Nam, D., & **Morgan, S.** (2024). [Patterns and Profiles in Faculty Publication Productivity](#). *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 35(3), 564-587. (Online first 2023).
- Nam, Y., Gormely, A., Maskály, J., **Morgan, S.**, Liu, Y., Dunn, K., Bennett, R. R., & Kutnjak Ivković, S. (2023). [A Popularity Contest? Exploring Predictors of Faculty Influence in Criminology and Criminal Justice](#). *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 35(4), 714-737. (Online first 2023).
- Montes, A. N. & **Morgan, S.** (2021). [Helpful or Harmful? Theorizing Privatized Corrections: Findings from a Qualitative Study](#). *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 44(4), 458-479.
- Morgan, S.** & Chermak, S. M. (2021). [In the Shadows: A Content Analysis of the Media's Portrayal of Gender in Far-Right, Far-Left, and Jihadist Terrorists](#). *Deviant Behavior*, 42(8), 933-949.
- DeJong, C., Holt, K., Helm, B., & **Morgan, S.** (2021). [“A Human Being Like Other Victims”: The Media Framing of Trans Homicide in the United States](#). *Critical Criminology*, 29(1), 131-149.
- DeJong, C., **Morgan, S.**, & Cox, A. (2020). [Male Rape in Context: Measures of Intolerance and Support for Male Rape Myths \(MRMs\)](#). *Criminal Justice Studies*, 33(3), 195-212. Special Issue on Emerging Issues in Criminology and Criminal Justice for LGBTQIA People. Article reprinted in: [LGBTQ+ Issues in Criminology and Criminal Justice](#) (2023)
- Kutnjak Ivković, S., **Morgan, S.**, Cajner Mraović, I., & Borovec, K. (2020). [Does the Police Code of Silence Vary with Police Assignment? An Empirical Exploration of The Relation Between the Code and Assignment](#). *Police Practice and Research*, 21(2), 101-116.

BOOK CHAPTERS (N = 1)

Datzer, D., Kutnjak Ivković, S., Mujanović, E., & **Morgan, S. J.** (2019). [A Complex Relation Between the Code of Silence and Education](#). In S. Kutnjak Ivković & M. Haberfeld (Eds.), *Exploring Police Integrity*. New York: Springer.

UNDER REVIEW MANUSCRIPTS (N = 1; Draft available upon request)

St. George, S., Amin, A., & **Morgan, S.** (Under Review). Disaggregating the Monolith: Exploring Differences in Rape Myth Acceptance among People with Varied LGBTQ+ Identities. Submission to *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, special issue on [Rape Myths in the Criminal Justice System](#).

IN-PROGRESS MANUSCRIPTS (N = 3; Drafts available upon request)

Morgan, S., & Roddy, A. L. (In Progress). Mapping the Margins of Strain and Drug Use: Incorporating the Intersections of Race and Sexuality into General Strain Theory. Plan to submit to *Race and Justice*.

Morgan, S. (In Progress). Risk Factors for Suicidality Among LGB+ Adults Across Three Cohorts: An Integration of General Strain Theory and the Minority Stress Hypothesis. Plan to submit to *Criminal Justice Studies*.

Morgan, S., Dunn, K., Kutnjak Ivković, S., & Bennett, R. (In Progress). Gender Gap in Publishing? An Empirical Exploration of Publication Productivity among Tenure-Track Criminology and Criminal Justice Faculty Members. Plan to submit to *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*.

TEACHING

California State University, Long Beach

Fall 2025	CRJU 303: Corrections: Theory, Policy and Practice Corrections (2)
	CRJU 490: Queer Criminology
	CRJU 497: Independent Study
Summer 2025	CRJU 303: Corrections: Theory, Policy and Practice Corrections
Spring 2025	CRJU 303: Corrections: Theory, Policy and Practice Corrections (2)
	CRJU 493: Internship
Fall 2024	CRJU 303: Corrections: Theory, Policy and Practice Corrections (2)
	CRJU 490: Queer Criminology
Summer 2024	CRJU 402: Inequality and Crime
Spring 2024	CRJU 303: Corrections: Theory, Policy and Practice Corrections (2)
	CRJU 493: Internship
Fall 2023	CRJU 303: Corrections: Theory, Policy and Practice Corrections (2)
	CRJU 493: Internship

MENTORSHIP

California State University, Long Beach

Master's Thesis Committee Member

Kalani Lopez (2024-25): Holy hell: The effects of non-secular ideologies in peer-based recovery

Caitlyn Prak (2024-25): Silent Suffering: A qualitative exploration of male domestic violence victims

Honor's Thesis Faculty Advisor

Brandi Parker (2024-25): The link between solitary confinement, race, and mental health

Sona Akopyan (2024-25): The impact of parental incarceration on children's mental health

Alora Anderson (2025-26)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Graduate College Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Arizona State University, 2022-2023.

Competitive merit-based full-funding package from the university awarded to one PhD student in CCJ.

Inclusive Design for Equity and Access Mini Grant, Arizona State University, 2022. Awarded

\$1500. Competitive grant that provided funding within the Watts community for those who seek to build a more inclusive, equitable, and accessible Watts Community. Funding was used for the 2022 Diverse Perspective on Justice Speaker Series led by myself and members of the Graduate Student Committee.

Doctoral Summit Fellowship, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), 2022. Conference

registration, hotel accommodation, and professional development session at the annual meeting for ACJS.

Student Research Funding Opportunity, Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and

Criminal Justice (ADPCCJ), 2021. Awarded \$968. Competitive scholarship for professional development for doctoral students. Utilized funding for participant incentives for dissertation data collection.

LGBTQ+ Leadership and Service Grant, Michigan State University LGBT Resource Center

Endowment, 2018. Funding to present research on LGBTQ+ youth at ACJS.

INVITED TALKS

Pulling Back the Current: What Search Committees Want You to Know About the Academic Job

Market. Hosted by the Division on Corrections and Sentencing. Speaker on Panel. September 2025. Invited by Dr. Jessica M. Grosholz.

A Qualitative Exploration of Queer Turning Points Among Formerly Incarcerated LGBTQ + People.

Webinar for the Division of Qualitative Research (DQR). June 2025. Invited by Dr. Jamie Fader, Chair of DQR

“We don’t need to be related to relate”: The supportive role of chosen family. Keynote Speaker at the Inside Pride at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility. June 2024. Invited by Dr. Joseph Slimowicz

The Role of Chosen Family as a Development Turning Among Formerly Incarcerated LGBTQ+ People. Guest Lecturer. CJST 4446—LGBTQ People, Crime, & Justice. University of New Haven, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences. April 2024. Invited by Amber Amin.

The LGBTQ+ Community and the Criminal Justice System. Guest Lecturer. CRIM 3850—Critical Topics in Corrections. University of Utah, Department of Sociology. February 2023. Invited by Dr. Ariel Roddy.

The LGBTQ+ Community and the Criminal Justice System. Guest Lecturer. CRIM 2100—Multiculturalism and the Criminal Justice System. California State University, Los Angeles, School of Criminal Justice & Criminalistics. October 2022. Invited by Dr. Carlena Orosco.

Critical Conversations: LGBTQIA+ Issues in the Criminal Justice System. Panel Speaker. Georgia Southern University, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. October 2021. Invited by Drs. Akiv J. Dawson and Kristin Lloyd.

CONFERENCE TALKS

Morgan, S. J. (2025, November). Surviving Trauma and the Prison Industrial Complex: Stories of Resilience among Trans Men. Author meets critics discussant at the 80th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.

Morgan, S. J. (2025, November). Changing Structures and Continuing Support for Queer Students and Research. Roundtable discussant at the 80th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.

Morgan, S. J. (2025, November). “I’m Out Here Living My Best Life. Hallelujah on Being Queer!”: A Qualitative Exploration of the Coming Out Process Among Formerly Incarcerated LGBTQ+ People. Paper presentation at the 80th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.

Morgan, S. J. (2025, February). Centering Formerly Incarcerated LGBTQ+ Voices in Criminal Justice Policy Reform. Paper presentation at the 51st Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, Seattle, Washington.

Morgan, S. J. (2024, November). Teaching in a Time of Turmoil. Presidential Panel discussant at the 79th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. Invited by Dr. Valerie Jenness, President of ASC.

Morgan, S. J. (2024, November). Navigating Grad School and the Job Market as Queer Criminologists. Roundtable discussant at the 79th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

- Morgan, S. J.** (2024, November). Protection, Neglection, or Harm? An Examination of Formerly Incarcerated LGBTQ+ People's Experiences with Correctional Staff. Paper presentation at the 79th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Morgan, S. J.** (2023, November). The Role of Chosen Family as a Development Turning Point Among Formerly Incarcerated LGBTQ+ People. Paper presentation at the 78th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
- Morgan, S. J.** (2022, November). Queering Life-Course Criminology: Examining Queer Turning Points Among Justice-Involved LGBTQ+ Adults. Paper presentation at the 77th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Lawson, S. G., DeJong, C., & **Morgan, S. J.** (2022, June). The Impact of Religiosity and Race on Suicide Risk in Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth: An Empirical Application of Racialized General Strain Theory. Paper presentation at the LGBTQ Research Symposium, Virtual Event.
- Morgan, S. J.**, Montes, A. N., Freemon, K. R. & Cochran, J.C. (2021, November). Revisiting the Pains of Imprisonment: Assessing the Implications of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity for Incarcerated Life and Serious Psychological Distress. Paper presentation at the 76th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.
- *Paper accepted for presentation at the 76th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington DC. Meeting canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Morgan, S. J.**, & DeJong, C. (2019, November). Internalization and Externalization Among LGBQ and Heterosexual Youth: An Application of General Strain Theory. Paper presentation at the 75th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Morgan, S. J.** (2019, March). Gender, Media, and Terrorism: An Examination of Frames, Representation, and Extremist Ideology. Paper presentation at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD.
- Morgan, S. J.** (2018, November). An Exploration of the Media's Representation of Gender in Far Right and Far Left Terrorist Organizations. Paper presentation at the 74th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- DeJong, C., **Morgan, S. J.**, & Cox, A. (2018, November). Beliefs about Male Rape Victims in Different Situational Contexts. Paper presentation at the 74th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.

TECHNICAL REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Matekel, C. G., Morse, S. J., **Morgan, S. J.**, Simonds, R., Young, J.T.N., Hepburn, J. R., & Kevin A. Wright, K. A. (2020). Altering Administrative Segregation for Prisoners and Staff: A Mixed-Methods Analysis of the Effects of Living and Working in Restrictive Housing. Final Summary Overview for Award No. 2016-R2-CX-0115, awarded by the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

Morgan, S. J. (2019). Work–Life “Balance” as a Graduate Student. Featured in Volume 46 of the Division of International Criminology Newsletter.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 2016 to present

American Society of Criminology, 2018 to present

Division on Corrections & Sentencing

Division on Developmental & Life-Course Criminology

Division on Queer Criminology

Founding Member

Leadership Committee Member—Secretary and Treasurer (2021-22)

Mentorship Committee

Division of Qualitative Research

Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology, 2015 to present

National Society of Colligate Scholars, Academic Honor Society, 2015 to present

SERVICE AND ADVANCED TRAINING

Department Service

CCJEM, Awards, Banquet, and Scholarship Committee

2023-present

Alpha Phi Sigma Advisor

2024-present

Hiring & Search Committee

2024

Grade Appeals Committee

2025-present

Discipline Service

American Society of Criminology Teaching Award Committee (2024)

Manuscript Reviewer

Crime & Delinquency (2023)

Criminal Justice Studies (2024)

Criminology (2025)

Critical Criminology (2023)

Deviant Behavior (2024)

Homicide Studies (2022) (2025)

International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice (2025)

International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology (2024)

Journal of Criminal Justice (2025)

Journal of Interpersonal Violence (2023)

Women & Criminal Justice (2024)

Workshops

California State University Alliance

2023 Integrating Racial Topics in Courses Across the Curriculum

REFERENCES

Available upon request