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Curriculum Vitae

Associate Professor
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Education

2011	Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, University of Georgia <i>Comprehensive Exam: Crime, Law, and Deviance</i>
2007	Master of Arts in Sociology, Georgia Southern University
2004	Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Emory University

Employment

2022 – present	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Kennesaw State University
2023 – 2026	Director, Master of Science in Criminal Justice Program, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Kennesaw State University
2019 – 2022	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Kennesaw State University
2018 – 2019	Associate Professor, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice University of West Florida
2012 - 2018	Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice University of West Florida
2011 – 2012	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Justice Studies, University of West Florida

Publications (*indicates current or former student co-author)

Peer Reviewed Publications

Greensmith, Cameron, Tatiana Villareal-Otalara, Adam Davies, **Sara Z. Evans**, Anisah Bagasra, & Wendasha Hall. (In Press). Beyond Pathology: Rethinking Mental Health Practices for LGBTQ+ Inclusivity. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*.
<https://doi.org/10.1086/735838>.

Greensmith, C., Davies, A., **Evans, Sara Z.**, *Lankford, J., & *Steele, S. (2026). Beyond Innocence: the power of young people's stories in resisting class-based inequality. *Journal of Youth Studies*, 29(6), 840-858.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13676261.2025.2518955>

- Evans, Sara Z., & Watts, S.** (2025). Trajectories of Alcohol Use over the Life Course in the Add Health. *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*, 10(4), 525-549. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40865-025-00269-6>.
- Greensmith, Cameron., Channer, Bianca., **Evans, Sara Z.**, & McGrew, Mandy. (2023). Reflections on Undergraduate Research and the Value of Resilient Pedagogy in Higher Education. *Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*, 23(1), 31-45. [doi: 10.14434/josotl.v23i1.33163](https://doi.org/10.14434/josotl.v23i1.33163).
- Watts, Stephen & **Sara Z. Evans.** (2023). Trajectories of Offending: Comparing US Born and Non-US Born Respondents in the Add Health. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 48(3), 830-850. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12103-022-09693-6>
- Evans, Sara Z.**, Jamie A. Snyder, Frances Abderhalden*, Jocelyn Evans, & John D. Morgan. (2021). Collective efficacy and disorder in city parks. *The Pursuit*, 4(2): 11-40.
- Evans, Sara Z.**, and Jocelyn Evans. (2021). Undergraduate Research Embedded Across the Curriculum Through Scaffolded Projects. *Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*, 21(1). <https://doi.org/10.14434/josotl.v21i1.30552> .
- Evans, Sara Z.** (2021). The Removal of Confederate Monuments: Reflections on Power and Privilege in Shared Spaces. *Social Science Quarterly*, 102(3): 1044-1055. DOI: 10.1111/ssqu.12965.
- Watts, Stephen, **Sara Z. Evans**, Leslie G. Simons, and Ronald L. Simons. (2021). The effect of sexual victimization on attachment in emerging adulthood: An analysis of an African American sample. *International Review of Victimology*, 27 (1): 111-124. DOI: 10.1177/0269758020936073.
- Evans, Jocelyn J., **Sara Z. Evans**, Daniel B. Shank, and Quinton P. Fallon*. (2021). Motivations for Social Interaction: The Case of Pokémon Go After the Fad Ended. *Social Science Quarterly*, 102(1): 547-551. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12880>.
- James, Katie, Stephen Watts, and **Sara Z. Evans.** (2020). Fairness, Social Support, and School Violence: Racial Differences in the Likelihood of Fighting at School. *Crime and Delinquency*, 66(12), 1655-1677. DOI: 0011128719890269.
- Evans, Sara Z.**, Frances P. Abderhalden*, Leslie G. Simons, & Ronald L. Simons. (2019). African American female trajectories of offending from youth to young adulthood. *Crime and Delinquency*, 65(3), 322-351.
- *Abderhalden, Frances P. and **Sara Z. Evans.** (2018). An Examination of Sibling Impact on Frequency and Type of Arrest among Chronic Offenders. *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society*, 19(1), 27-45.

- Evans, Jocelyn, **Sara Z. Evans**, Jamie A. Snyder, John D. Morgan, & Frances P. Abderhalden*. (2018). Evaluating the Quality of Mid-Sized City Parks: A Replication and Extension of the Public Space Index. *Journal of Urban Design*, 24(1), 119-136.
- Morgan, John D., Jamie A. Snyder, **Sara Z. Evans**, Jocelyn Evans, & Rachel M. Greller*. (2017). Mapping Perceptions of Safety in Parks. *The Florida Geographer*, 49.
- Hatcher, Schnavia S., Dione M. King, **Sara Z. Evans**, and LaTonya M. Summers*. (2017). An Assessment of Sexual Health Risk Behaviors among Female Youth in Juvenile Detention. *Child & Youth Services*, 38(4), 302-317.
- Ferdik, Frank F., Jon Gist* and **Sara Z. Evans**. (2017). Deviant peer associations and perceived police legitimacy: Is there a connection? *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 30(8), 1127-1162.
- Snyder, Jamie A. and **Sara Z. Evans**. (2017). Fear of crime while camping: Examining Perceptions of Risk, Safety Precautions, and Victimization Effects. *Criminal Justice Studies*, 30(3), 307-319.
- Goulette, Natalie, **Sara Z. Evans**, and Dione King. (2016). Exploring the behavior of juveniles and young adults raised by custodial grandmothers. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 70, 349-356.
- Abderhalden, Frances*, Jamie A. Snyder, & **Sara Z. Evans**. (2016). Creating the Code of the Campground: Developing High Impact Experiences in Criminal Justice. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 27 (3), 410-431.
- Evans, Sara Z.**, Leslie G. Simons, and Ronald L. Simons. (2016). Factors that Influence Trajectories of Delinquency throughout Adolescence. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 45 (1), 156-171.
- Evans, Sara Z.** (2015). Predictors of Discipline Severity among Young Toddlers. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 50, 88-95.
- Evans, Sara Z.**, Leslie G. Simons, and Ronald L. Simons. (2012). The Effect of Corporal Punishment and Verbal Abuse on Delinquency: Mediating Mechanisms. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 41, 1095-1110.
- Morris, Sara Z.** and Chris L. Gibson. (2011). Corporal Punishment's Influence on Children's Aggressive and Delinquent Behavior. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 38, 818-839.
- Gibson, Chris L., **Sara Z. Morris**, and Kevin Beaver. (2009). Secondary Exposure to Violence During Childhood and Adolescence: Does Neighborhood Context Matter? *Justice Quarterly*, 26, 30-57.

Grant Reports:

- Scherer, H. L., Evans, S., & Reece, B. (2025). *Georgia Sexual Violence Prevention Program (GA-SVPP): Evaluation Report for Subrecipient Activities: Year 1*. Georgia Department of Public Health.
- Scherer, H. L., Evans, S., & Reece, B. (2024). *Georgia Sexual Violence Prevention Program (GA-SVPP): Final Closeout Program Report (2019-2024)*. Georgia Department of Public Health.
- Scherer, H. L., Evans, S., & Reece, B. (2024). *Georgia Sexual Violence Prevention Program (GA-SVPP): Evaluation Report for Subrecipient Activities: Year 5*. Georgia Department of Public Health.
- Scherer, H. L., Evans, S.Z., Reece, B., & McMahon-Howard, J. (2023). *Georgia Sexual Violence Prevention Program (GA-SVPP): Evaluation Report for Subrecipient Activities: Year 4*. Georgia Department of Public Health.
- McMahon-Howard, J., Scherer, H. L., Evans, S.Z., & Reece, B. (2022). *Georgia Sexual Violence Prevention Program (GA-SVPP): Evaluation Report for Subrecipient Activities: Year 3*. Georgia Department of Public Health.
- McMahon-Howard, J., Scherer, H. L., & Evans, S.Z. (2021). *Georgia Sexual Violence Prevention Program (GA-SVPP): Evaluation Report for Subrecipient Activities: Year 2*. Georgia Department of Public Health.

Other Publications:

- Evans, Sara Z.** & Jocelyn Evans. (2025). From Cool Idea to Evidence-Based Pedagogy: Engaging in Strategic Design, Implementation, Assessment, and Publication of High-Impact Practices. *Experiential Learning and Teaching in Higher Education*. 8 (3), 6-15.
- Evans, Sara Z.**, Jerry Daday, Jennifer Thorington-Springer, and Jo-Ellen Becco. (2024). How HIP Are you? Assessing the Impact of High-Impact Practices. Chapter in *Trends in Assessment*, 2nd Ed. Eds. Stephen P. Hundley and Caleb J. Keith. Routledge.
- Evans, Sara Z.** and Jocelyn Evans. (2022). "Data collection in undergraduate research". In *Delivering on the Promise of HIPs*. Eds. Jerry Daday, Jillian Kinzie, Ken O'Donnell, Carleen Vande Zande, and John Zilvinskis. Stylus Publishing.
- Evans, Sara Z.** (2021). "Propensity Score Matching", in *The Encyclopedia of Research Methods and Statistical Techniques in Criminology and Criminal Justice*, Eds. J.C. Barnes and David R. Forde. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
- *Abderhalden, Frances P. and **Sara Z. Evans**. (2016). "Delinquency Trajectories" in Levesque, R.J. (editor) *Encyclopedia of Adolescence*. Springer.

*Balderrama, Dana and **Sara Z. Evans**. (2014). "Elder, Glen H.", in *The Encyclopedia of Theoretical Criminology*, Eds. J. Mitchell Miller, Angela R. Gover, Wesley G. Jennings, and Christopher J. Schreck . Wiley-Blackwell.

Gibson, Chris L. and **Sara Z. Morris**. (2011). "Social Disorganization and Multilevel Testing". Pp. 47-72 in *Criminology and Criminal Justice: Theory, Research Methods, and Statistics*. Edited by Sean Madden. Jones and Bartlett.

Works in Progress

Evans, Sara Z. and Kristina DuRocher. Immersive learning as a high-impact practice. *In progress*.

Evans Sara Z., and Stephen Watts. The impact of adverse child experiences on alcohol use trajectories. *In progress*.

Evans, Sara Z. & Jocelyn Evans. A framework for designing, implementing, assessing, and publishing high-impact practices. *Book manuscript in progress*.

Public Scholarship

Evans, Sara Z. (2025). *Engaging in the scholarly process* (Season 5, Episode 10, Part 2 of 3) [Podcast episode]. *Leading Improvements in Higher Education*. Panel discussion on the scholarly research process with Jerry Daday, Erica Eckert, and Amy Johnson.
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1365085/episodes/17346342-s05e10-part-2-of-3-on-scholarly-perspectives-engaging-in-the-scholarly-process>

Evans, Sara Z. *Your How-To Guide for High-Impact Practices* [Podcast episode]. *Mindset in Motion (MIM)*. Discussion with co-author Jocelyn Evans about a toolkit for HIPs.
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1553668/episodes/17546213>.

Presentations (*indicates current or former student co-author)

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| 2026 | DuRocher, Kris & Sara Z. Evans. <i>Leveraging Generative AI for Immersive Learning</i> . Presented at the Teaching and Learning with AI Conference. |
| 2026 | Evans, Sara Z. <i>Virtual Field Trips as a High-Impact Practice in Criminal Justice Education</i> . Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting. |
| 2025 | Evans, Sara Z. & Jerry Daday. <i>Critical Reflection in HIPs</i> . Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. |
| 2025 | Evans, Sara Z. <i>Work Smarter, Not Harder: Course Based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CUREs)</i> . Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. |

- 2025 Kinzie, Jillian, Jocelyn Evans, **Sara Z. Evans**, & Jerry Daday. *Building Research Partnerships to Study High-Impact Practices*. Assessment Institute in Indianapolis.
- 2025 Greensmith, C., Villarreal-Otálora, T., Davies, A., & **Evans, S.** Transforming Mental Health: Embracing Mad Studies to Depathologize 2SLGBTQIA+ Care. Presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference.
- 2025 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Strategies for Efficient Critical Reflection*. Presented at the University System of Georgia Teaching and Learning Conference.
- 2024 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Critical Reflection in CJ Research Methods*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.
- 2024 Daday, Jerry, Jillian Kinzie, **Sara Z. Evans**, & Jocelyn Evans. *High-Impact Practices and the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)*. Presented at the Assessment Institute in Indianapolis.
- 2024 **Evans, Sara Z.** & Jocelyn Evans. *HIPs Research Speed Dating*. Presented at the Assessment Institute in Indianapolis.
- 2023 Abderhalden, Frances, **Sara Z. Evans**, & Stephen Watts. *Adverse Childhood Experiences and Alcohol Use: Add Health Assessment*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 **Evans, Sara Z.** Code of the Playground: *Collaborative Research on Social Cohesion in Neighborhoods*. First Tuesday Luncheon, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Kennesaw State University.
- 2023 Scherer, Heidi, **Sara Z. Evans**, and Beverly Churchwell. *Georgia Sexual Violence Prevention Program (GA-SVPP): Evaluation Report for Subrecipient Activities: Year 4 (2023, January)*. Presentation of evaluation findings to project stakeholders/leadership at Georgia Department of Public Health.
- 2022 **Evans, Sara Z.**, Frances Abderhalden*, and Stephen Watts. *Trajectories of Alcohol Use Across the Life-Course in the Add Health*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- 2022 **Evans, Sara Z.**, and *Sarah Boutwell. *Perceptions of Disorder in Atlanta City Parks*. Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association.
- 2021 Watts, Stephen, and **Sara Z. Evans**. *Trajectories of offending across the life-course among native and non-native born American residents*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- 2020 **Evans, Sara Z.**, and Jocelyn Evans. *Data collection in undergraduate research: tips, tricks, and lessons learned*. Presented at the annual meeting of HIPs in the States.

- 2019 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Collective efficacy in neighborhoods: the role of city parks.* Presentation at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting.
- 2019 **Evans, Sara Z.,** and Jocelyn Evans. *Work Smarter, Not Harder: Embedding Undergraduate Research as a Path Towards Tenure and Promotion.* Presentation at the National Collegiate Honors Council annual meeting.
- 2018 **Evans, Sara Z.,** and Ronald L. Simons. *Dual trajectories of racial discrimination and offending.* Presentation at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting.
- 2018 Bolter, Eric*, **Sara Z. Evans,** & Jocelyn J. Evans. *Collective efficacy in city parks.* Presented at the Southern Criminal Justice Association annual meeting. **(Winner – student poster contest).**
- 2017 **Evans, Sara Z.,** & Frances P. Abderhalden*. *Family relationships and delinquency: The role of siblings.* Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting.
- 2016 **Evans, Sara Z.,** Jamie Snyder, Jocelyn Evans, Frances Abderhalden*, & Derek Morgan. *Perceptual and Observational Measures of Disorder in Campgrounds: An Exploratory Analysis.* Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting.
- 2016 Evans, Jocelyn, **Sara Z. Evans,** Jamie Snyder, & Derek Morgan. *Evaluating the Quality of Pensacola City Parks Using the Public Space Index and GIS.* Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting.
- 2016 Morgan, Derek, Jamie Snyder, **Sara Z. Evans,** & Jocelyn Evans. *Mapping Perceptions of Safety in Parks.* Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting.
- 2016 Snyder, Jamie, **Sara Z. Evans,** Derek Morgan, and Jocelyn Evans. *Implementing Unique Pedagogical Experiences for Students: Data Collection and Fear in Parks.* Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting.
- 2016 **Evans, Sara Z.,** *Abderhalden, Frances P., Simons, Ronald L., & Simons, Leslie G. *Trajectories of offending from youth to young adulthood among African Americans: comparisons by gender.* Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting.
- 2015 **Evans, Sara Z.,** and Goulette, Natalie. *Unpacking the effect of parental supervision on police contacts: family and community contextual factors.* Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting.
- 2015 **Evans, Sara Z.,** Snyder, Jamie A. and *Abderhalden, Frances P. *Code of the Campground: Exploring Collective Efficacy and Fear of Crime.* Presentation at the Southern Criminal Justice Association annual meeting.

- 2015 *Abderhalden, Frances P., *Bhakta, Sejal and **Evans, Sara Z.** *Rural vs. Urban Fear of Crime*. Poster presentation at the Southern Criminal Justice Association annual meeting.
- 2015 Snyder, Jamie A., **Sara Z. Evans**, and Frances Abderhalden*. *Fear of crime and perceptions of risk while camping*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting.
- 2014 Goulette, Natalie, **Sara Z. Evans**, and Dione King. *How Do Juveniles Fare When They Are Raised By “Nana?” Exploring the Influence of Custodial Grandparents on Juvenile Delinquency*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.
- 2014 **Evans, Sara Z.**, Jamie A. Snyder, and Frances Abderhalden*. *Creating the Code of the Campground: Developing High Impact Experiences in Criminal Justice*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association.
- 2014 **Evans, Sara Z.** *The Development of Delinquency: Family and Contextual Influences*. Invited presentation at the ADVANCE Scholar’s Showcase, University of West Florida.
- 2013 **Evans, Sara Z.**, and Chris L. Gibson. *A Context for Corporal Punishment: Do Neighborhoods Influence Children’s Behavioral Responses to Physical Disciplining Practices?* Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- 2013 Tatum, Kimberly, **Evans, Sara Z.**, Snyder, Jamie, Johnson, Kathy, Crow, Matthew, and Hough, Richard. *What? So What? Now What? Developing High Impact Practices in Criminal Justice Education*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association.
- 2012 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Trajectories of Offending Among African-American Adolescents: The Role of Cumulative Disadvantage*. Invited Presentation at the University of West Florida, College of Professional Studies Research Symposium.
- 2012 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Trajectories of Offending Among African-American Adolescents: The Role of Cumulative Disadvantage*. Invited Presentation at the University of Florida, Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law.
- 2012 **Evans, Sara Z.**, and Chris L. Gibson. *Aggressive Outcomes of Physical Punishment among Toddlers*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

- 2011 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Trajectories of Offending Among African-American Adolescents: The Role of Cumulative Disadvantages*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- 2010 **Morris, Sara Z.**, and Ron L. Simons. *Deviant Peers: Mechanisms of Selection and Social Influence*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- 2009 **Morris, Sara Z.**, and Ron L. Simons. *Harsh Parenting and Adolescent Outcomes: The Mediating Role of Anger, Self-Control, and Hostile View of Relationships*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- 2009 Bell, Kristin, Chris L. Gibson, and **Sara Z. Morris**. *The Context of Corporal Punishment: The Effect of Corporal Punishment on the Aggressive Behavior of Toddlers*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- 2008 **Morris, Sara Z.**, and Chris L. Gibson. *Examining the Relationship Between Corporal Punishment and Depression: Results from a Propensity Score Matching Analysis*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- 2007 **Morris, Sara Z.**, and Chris L. Gibson. *Disentangling the Relationship between Corporal Punishment and Children's Aggressive and Delinquent Behavioral Outcomes: Results From a Propensity Score Matching Analysis*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- 2006 Gibson, Chris L., and **Sara Z. Morris**. *Understanding Children and Adolescents' Exposure to Violence: Results from the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- 2006 Gibson, Chris L., and **Sara Z. Morris**. *Understanding Children and Adolescents' Exposure to Violence: Results from the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods*. Presentation at Georgia Southern University, Funded by a Georgia Southern University Faculty-Student Research Grant. March 2006.

Grants and Contracts

- 2025 **Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC-RFA-CE-24-0027)**. Rape prevention and education. Vanessa Corona (Georgia Department of Public Health). Subcontract awarded to KSU: \$91,875 (Year 2). "Evaluation of the Georgia Department of Public Health's sexual violence prevention programs." Principal investigator on subcontract awarded to KSU with Heidi Scherer (PI),

Sara Evans, and Beverly Reece Churchwell, (co-PIs). Awarded; February 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026.

- 2024 **Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC-RFA-CE-24-0027).** Rape prevention and education. Vanessa Corona (Georgia Department of Public Health). Subcontract awarded to KSU: \$88,725.00 (Year 1). “Evaluation of the Georgia Department of Public Health's sexual violence prevention programs.” Principal investigator on subcontract awarded to KSU with Heidi Scherer (PI), Sara Evans, and Beverly Reece Churchwell, (co-PIs). Awarded; February 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025.
- 2023 **Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC-RFA-CE19-1902).** Rape prevention and education: Using the best available evidence for sexual violence prevention. Vanessa Corona (Georgia Department of Public Health Subcontract awarded to KSU: \$141,739.50 (Year 5). “Evaluation of the Georgia Department of Public Health's sexual violence prevention programs.” Principal investigator on subcontract awarded to KSU with Heidi Scherer (PI), Sara Evans, Beverly Reece Churchwell, and Jennifer McMahon-Howard (co-PIs). Awarded; February 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024.
- 2022 **Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC-RFA-CE19-1902).** Rape prevention and education: Using the best available evidence for sexual violence prevention. Mosi Bayo (Georgia Department of Public Health). Subcontract awarded to KSU: \$87,938 (Year 4). “Evaluation of the Georgia Department of Public Health's sexual violence prevention programs.” Co-investigator on subcontract awarded to KSU with Jennifer McMahon-Howard (PI), Sara Evans, Heidi Scherer, and Beverly Reece Churchwell (co-PIs). Awarded; February 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023.
- 2021 **Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC-RFA-CE19-1902).** Rape prevention and education: Using the best available evidence for sexual violence prevention. Mosi Bayo (Georgia Department of Public Health). Subcontract awarded to KSU: \$104,175.50 (Year 3). “Evaluation of the Georgia Department of Public Health's sexual violence prevention programs.” Co-investigator on subcontract awarded to KSU with Jennifer McMahon-Howard (PI), Sara Evans, Heidi Scherer, and Beverly Reece Churchwell (co-PIs). Awarded; February 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022.
- 2021 A Mixed-Methods Investigation of Collective Efficacy, Public Space, and Health. Letter of Intent submitted to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Not invited for full proposal.
- 2020 RUI: A Mixed-Methods Investigation of Collective Efficacy, Public Space, and Health. Submitted to the National Science Foundation. Not funded: \$361,815

- 2019 New Faculty Research Seed Grant, Kennesaw State University
Collective Efficacy in Neighborhoods: Can City Parks Impact Social Disorganization?
Funded: \$5,708
- 2017 CAREER: Collective Efficacy in Neighborhoods: Can City Parks Impact Social Disorganization? Submitted to the National Science Foundation.
Not funded: \$657,623
- 2016 CAREER: City Parks as Creators of Collective Efficacy: New Applications of Social Disorganization Theory. Submitted to the National Science Foundation
Not Funded: \$603,345
- 2015 Quality Enhancement Plan Project: Code of the Campground, University of West Florida
Funded: \$4,000.00
- 2015 Graduate Student Researcher Travel Award (accompanying faculty member), University of West Florida
Funded: \$2,000.00
- 2014 Scholarly and Creative Activities Award, University of West Florida
Funded: \$1,500.00
- 2005 Student-Faculty Research Grant (Competitive Award), Georgia Southern University
Funded: \$2,946.24

Teaching Experience

- 2019-present Kennesaw State University, Teacher of Record
Research Methods in Criminal Justice; Police in America; Criminology; Race, Crime, & Justice; Advanced Research Methods (graduate course); Advanced Criminological Theory (graduate course); Senior Seminar; Communities & Crime (graduate); MSCJ Thesis committee member and chair; Instructor for directed study internship courses at the graduate level
- 2011-2019 University of West Florida, Teacher of Record
Research Methods in Criminal Justice; Survey of Crime and Justice; Criminology; Family Crime and Violence; Race, Gender, Ethnicity, & Crime; Quantitative and Qualitative Data Analysis (graduate course); Criminal Justice and the Juvenile (graduate course); Criminological Theory (graduate course); Crime, Camping, & Fear (undergraduate and graduate split-level course); Area Paper Supervisor (graduate); Graduate Student Internship Supervisor

2016 Returning in Search of Excellence (RISE) Coach, University College, University of West Florida

2008-2009 University of Georgia, Teacher of Record
Introduction to Sociology; Sociology 3810: Criminology

Institutional Service

2023-present Faculty Fellow for Academic Innovation, Office of Academic Innovation, Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kennesaw State University

2026-2027 Member, Steering Committee, 365 Days of Learning and Service, Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kennesaw State University

2020-2026 Member, Digital Education Council, Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kennesaw State University

2023-2026 Member, Graduate Council, Kennesaw State University

2021-2024 Chair, Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Kennesaw State University

2021-2023 Chair, Curriculum Committee, Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kennesaw State University

2021-2022 Part Time Faculty Mentor, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Kennesaw State University

2019-2022 Member, College Student Scholarship Committee, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kennesaw State University

2021-2022 Scholars for Reflective Practice, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Kennesaw State University

2020-2021 Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Kennesaw State University

2019-2020 Chair, Faculty Learning Community on Undergraduate Research, Kennesaw State University

2019-2020 Member, Faculty Learning Community on “Sustainable and Safe Communities”, Kennesaw State University

2019 Chair, Search Committee, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of West Florida

2017-2019	Faculty Senator, College of Education and Professional Studies, University of West Florida
2018-2019	Founding Member, HIPs Steering Committee, University of West Florida
2018 –2019	Member, Assessment Committee, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of West Florida
2018 –2019	Faculty advisor for Alpha Phi Sigma, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of West Florida
2016 –2019	Member, Budget Committee, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of West Florida
2016-2019	Quality Matters Master Reviewer, University of West Florida
2015-2019	Member, Emerge Advisory Committee, College of Education and Professional Studies, University of West Florida
2012-2019	Quality Matters Peer Reviewer, University of West Florida
2015-2018	Member, College of Education and Professional Studies Council, University of West Florida
2016-2018	Liaison for College of Education and Professional Studies to the Quality Enhancement Plan, University of West Florida
2016-2018	Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of West Florida
2014- 2017	Member, STRIDE Task Force, University of West Florida
2012-2017	Member, University Honors Committee, University of West Florida
2014-2016	Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Criminal Justice, University of West Florida
2014	Chair, Search Committee, Department of Criminal Justice, University of West Florida
2012-2015	Member, Academic Standards and Review Committee, College of Professional Studies, University of West Florida
2012-2016	Member, Assessment Committee, Department of Criminal Justice, University of West Florida

- 2012-2014 Member, By-laws Committee, Department of Criminal Justice, University of West Florida
- 2012 Member, Scholarship Committee, Department of Criminal Justice, University of West Florida
- 2012 Member, Legal Studies Visiting Assistant Professor search committee
- 2011-2014 Co – advisor for Criminal Justice Student Association, Department of Criminal Justice, University of West Florida

Professional Service

- 2022-present Editorial Board member, *Experiential Learning and Teaching in Higher Education*
- 2022-present Track Leader for HIPs in the States Track, Assessment Institute, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
- 2021-present Publications Committee, Division of Communities and Place, American Society of Criminology.
- 2016-present Editorial Board member, *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*
- 2025-2026 Assessment Committee member, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- 2025 USG Regents' Award Committee for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Award
- 2020-2021 Guest editor, special issue on undergraduate research as a high-impact practice, *Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*
- 2019 Sage Junior Faculty Professional Development Awards Committee, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- 2019 Tom Barker Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award Committee member, Southern Criminal Justice Association
- 2016 Southern Criminal Justice Association, Undergraduate Student Award Committee
- 2016 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Committee on National Criminal Justice Month
- 2012-present Manuscript and textbook reviewer

International Review of Victimology; Journal of Developmental and Life Course Criminology; Justice Quarterly; Journal of Youth and Adolescence; Development and Psychopathology; Journal of Family Issues; PRISM: A Journal of Regional Engagement; Advances In Applied Sociology; International Review of Victimology; Criminal Justice Review; Social Psychology Quarterly; American Journal of Criminal Justice; Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning; Experiential Learning and Teaching in Higher Education; Journal of Crime and Justice

Canadian Scholars' Press; Sage Publications; Oxford University Press; Rowman & Littlefield Publishing; W.W. Norton

Community Service

- 2023-2025 Rape Prevention Education Advisory Board, Georgia Department of Public Health
- 2018-2019 Board of Directors of The ARC Gateway
- 2016-2019 Florida Inter-Agency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (Gubernatorial appointment)
- 2012-2019 Friends of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida

Honors and Awards

- 2026 Cognella/ACJS Future Innovators in Criminal Justice Education Award (national, competitive award)
- 2025 – 2026 High Impact Leaders Program Participant, Kennesaw State University (leadership professional development program, nominated to apply and selected based on competitive application)
- 2025 Recipient of the Jillian Kinzie Award for Innovative Leadership in High Impact Practices, Assessment Institute in Indianapolis (national award)
- 2024 Regents' Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award, University System of Georgia
- 2023 Outstanding Professional Service and Community Engagement Award winner, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Kennesaw State University
- 2023 Kennesaw State University Nominee for the Regent's Award on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (competitive nomination, only one chosen from KSU)
- 2020 Participant in the Summer Research Fellows program, Kennesaw State University (competitive funded professional development)

- 2017-2018 Faculty LEAD Participant, University of West Florida (leadership professional development program, nominated by college dean)
Voted 2018 “MVP” by other faculty peer participants
- 2016 Participant in the Grant Research, Operation Writing (GROW) Institute, Research and Sponsored Programs, University of West Florida (competitive funded professional development)
- 2016 Course certified by external review board as Quality Online Course, Quality Matters Program
- 2013-2015 Emerge Faculty Fellow, College of Professional Studies, University of West Florida (selected for three consecutive summer funded professional development workshops)
- 2012-2016 Participant, National Science Foundation ADVANCE Scholar Program

Invited Presentations/Guest Speaking

- 2026 **Evans, Sara Z.**, Jocelyn Evans, & Amy Cicchino. Rethinking High Impact Practices (HIPs) in the Larger Landscape of Engaged Learning. Invited keynote presentation – Engaged Learning Keynote Panel. Assessment Institute in Indianapolis.
- 2025 **Evans, Sara Z.**, Jocelyn Evans, Amy Cicchino, Kevin Gannon, Alaa Alsarhan, & Amy Johnson. *Engaged Learning in Uncertain Times*. Invited presentation - Engaged Learning Keynote Panel. Assessment Institute in Indianapolis.
- 2024 *Rape Prevention Education (RPE) Data Best Practices*. Presentation for sexual violence prevention (GASVPP) sub-recipients of Georgia Department of Public Health including community task force members and staff at sexual assault centers. Heidi Scherer and Beverly Reece (co-presenters).
- 2024 Community Conversation: “Laws & Lives: Understanding How Policies Can Affect Marginalized Communities”. Invited panelist. Part of the Wellstar College of Health and Human Services “transforming lives” series. Kennesaw State University.

Training and Workshops Developed and Presented

- 2026 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Assessment of High-Impact Practices*. Portion of the ACJS 2026 Assessment Workshop. Pre-conference workshop before the ACJS Annual Meeting.

- 2025 **Evans Sara Z.** & Jocelyn Evans. *The Scholar's Academy: A Framework for Designing, Implementing, and Publishing High-Impact Practices*. Pre-institute workshop (half day) before the Assessment Institute in Indianapolis.
- 2024 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Interdisciplinary Speed Dating Workshop*, Radow College of Humanities & Social Sciences.
- 2024 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Research Speed Matching Event*. Workshop on matching and best practices in undergraduate research. In partnership with the Office of Undergraduate Research. Kennesaw State University.
- 2024 **Evans Sara Z.** & Jocelyn Evans. *The Scholar's Academy: A Framework for Designing, Implementing, and Publishing High-Impact Practices*. Pre-institute workshop (half day) before the Assessment Institute in Indianapolis.
- 2024 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Refining Critical Reflection in HIPs*. University of West Florida. Series of college specific workshops. October - November 2024.
- 2024 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Reflect to Connect: Strategies for Faculty to Integrate Reflective Practices into HIP Activities/Courses*. University of West Florida. April 2024.
- 2024 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Interdisciplinary Speed Dating Workshop*, Radow College of Humanities & Social Sciences.
- 2023 **Sara Z. Evans** and Jocelyn Evans. *High-Impact Practices in Online Education*. Presented at the Assessment Institute in Indianapolis.
- 2022 Evans, Jocelyn, and **Sara Z. Evans**. *Fostering Data Literacy Skills Early as a Foundation for Undergraduate Research*. Presented at the IUPUI Assessment Institute.
- 2021 **Evans, Sara Z.**, and Jocelyn Evans. *Work Smarter, Not Harder: HIPs, CUREs, and Interdisciplinary Research*. Invited faculty professional development workshop. Georgia Highlands College. Virtual.
- 2021 **Evans, Sara Z.**, and Jocelyn Evans. *The Use of Reflection in HIPs: Undergraduate Research in Research Methods*. Presented at the IUPUI Assessment Institute in the HIPs in the States track. Virtual.
- 2021 **Evans, Sara Z.**, and Jocelyn Evans. *Developing Interdisciplinary Teams to Engage in Undergraduate Research*. Workshop developed and presented for the Office of Undergraduate Research at Kennesaw State University. Virtual.
- 2021 Utschig, Tris, Amy Buddie, & **Sara Z. Evans**. *Engaging Students as Scholars: Incorporating Undergraduate Research into Your Course*. Webinar co-developed and presented for the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at Kennesaw State University. Virtual.
- 2020 **Evans, Sara Z.**, and Jocelyn Evans. *Creating an Interdisciplinary Team to Engage in Undergraduate Research: Finding Your Tribe*. Interactive workshop

presented at the IUPUI Assessment Institute in the HIPs in the States track. Virtual.

- 2020 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Course Based Undergraduate Research: Strategies and Considerations*. Invited presentation at the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis webinar series. Virtual.
- 2020 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Research Academy at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis*. Invited as facilitator for the 2020 academy to mentor faculty in developing undergraduate research projects. Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- 2020 **Evans, Sara Z.** and Jocelyn Evans. *Work Smarter, Not Harder: Embedding Undergraduate Research into Course(s)*. Invited to facilitate workshop at Auburn University, Auburn, AL.
- 2019 **Evans, Sara Z.** and Jocelyn Evans. *Embedding Undergraduate Research into Course(s): How to Work Smarter, Not Harder*. Interactive workshop facilitated at the HIPs in the States Conference. Bowling Green, KY.
- 2018 **Evans, Sara Z.** and Jocelyn Evans. *Shoot for the Moon and Settle for Out of Sight: Embedding Undergraduate Research in a First Year Experience Course*. Interactive workshop facilitated at the HIPs in the States Conference. Dominguez Hills, CA.
- 2016 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Developing a QEP Proposal*. College of Education and Professional Studies, University of West Florida.
- 2015 **Evans, Sara Z.** *Undergraduate Research as a High Impact Practice*, The Center for University Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, University of West Florida.

Training and Workshops Attended

- 2025 Applying for Teaching Related Funding. Workshop hosted by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Kennesaw State University.
- 2022 Developing an Integrated Research Agenda: Meaningful Intersections for Success in Promotion and Tenure. Webinar hosted by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Kennesaw State University.
- 2021 “Pre-Tenure, Promotion, and Tenure Review Workshop for Full-Time Tenure Track Faculty”. Webinar hosted by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Kennesaw State University.
- 2019 “Story as Pedagogy: Purposeful Stories to Create Inclusivity and Enhance Learning”. Webinar hosted by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Kennesaw State University.

- 2019 Research on Teaching and Learning Summit. Attended a variety of panels on embedding collaborative learning into courses. Hosted by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Kennesaw State University.
- 2017 Designing Courses and Assignments for Significant Learning in General Education, Center for University, Teaching, Learning, & Assessment, University of West Florida
- 2017 Documenting the Quality of Your Service, Center for University Teaching, Learning, & Assessment, University of West Florida
- 2017 Documenting the Quality of Your Teaching, Center for University Teaching, Learning, & Assessment, University of West Florida
- 2017 Tenure & Promotion Workshop, Center for University Teaching, Learning, & Assessment, University of West Florida
- 2016 Pre-Conference Workshop before American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, “Trajectory Models”, New Orleans, LA, November 15, 2016
- 2016 Workshop: High-Impact Practices Systematically. California State University System. Fullerton, CA. (funded through UWF QEP)
- 2016 Workshop: Documenting the Quality of Your Teaching, The Center for University Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, University of West Florida
- 2016 Workshop: Grant Writing, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, University of West Florida
- 2015 Workshop: Peer Review of Assessment (Criminology & Criminal Justice Department Representative), University of West Florida
- 2015 Workshop: American Association of Colleges & Universities Institute on High-Impact Practices – one of six team members from the University of West Florida, Madison, WI, June 9 – 13.
- 2015 Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Summer Workshop Series: Tighter, Brighter Writing, The Center for University Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, University of West Florida
- 2014 Workshop on Preparing for Tenure, Promotion, and Annual Evaluations, The Center for University Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, University of West Florida
- 2014 Workshop: Peer Review of Assessment (Criminal Justice Department Representative), University of West Florida

- 2013 Workshop: Peer Review of Assessment (Criminal Justice Department Representative), University of West Florida
- 2012 Certified Quality Matters Online Course Peer Reviewer, Quality Matters Program
- 2012 Online Course: Independently Applying the Quality Matters Rubric, Quality Matters Program through the Academic Technology Center, University of West Florida
- 2012 Workshop on Preparing for Tenure, Promotion, and Annual Evaluations, The Center for University Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, University of West Florida
- 2012 Workshop: Writing Multiple Choice Questions that Assess Critical Thinking and Other Higher-Order Learning Outcomes, The Center for University Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, University of West Florida
- 2012 Workshop: Is Anybody Out There? Engaging Students in Large Introductory Courses, The Center for University Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, University of West Florida
- 2012 What is Your Scholarly Impact? Introduction to the Web of Science, The Center for University Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, University of West Florida
- 2012 Online Course: Designing a Quality Online Course, Academic Technology Center. University of West Florida
- 2011 Quality Online Instructor Certification, Academic Technology Center. University of West Florida
- 2011 Workshop: Mentoring Student Research, The Center for University Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, University of West Florida
- 2011 Workshop: Funding Your Research: External & Internal Grant Programs, The Center for University Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, University of West Florida
- 2011 Workshop: Teaching in Honors, The Center for University Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, University of West Florida
- 2007 Pre-Conference Workshop before American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. "Introduction to Causal Inference Using Propensity Scores". November 13, 2007, Atlanta, GA.
- 2006 Hierarchical Linear Modeling Seminar. University of Chicago. Taught by Steve Raudenbush.

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Criminology
American Sociological Association
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences