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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice (All but Dissertation-Expected May 2025)**

Texas A&M International University, Laredo, TX  
Dissertation Title: Perceived Border Security in the South Texas Border Region Among American and Mexican University Students on Both sides of the Border. Committee: Daniel Scott (Chair), Fei Luo, Huseyin Cinoglu, & John Kilburn.

#### **Master of Arts in Criminal Justice; December 2011**

Texas A&M International University, Laredo, TX  
Concentration in Public Administration

#### **Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Criminal Justice; December 2008**

Texas A&M International University, Laredo, TX  
Minor in Psychology

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Research Methods, Border Security, Neighborhood Inequalities, Drug and Human Trafficking, Juvenile Gangs

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Published

**Palau, C. B.,** Akikuni, M., Latski-Campbell, B., & Wagner, J. (2024). The drug overdose epidemic in the US-Mexico Border Region: Shifts, Progression, and Community Characteristics, *Substance Use & Misuse*, 59(2), 184-192.

#### Under Review

**Palau, C. P.,** & Scott, D. W. (Under Review). Risk and Protective Factors among Boy and Girl Gang Involved Youth: A Direct Comparison.

**Palau, C. P.,** & Scott, D. W. (Under Review). Border versus Non-Border Youth Gang Involvement.

#### Works in Progress

Latski-Campbell, B., Akikuni, M., **Palau, C.B.** & Wagner, J. (In progress). Delayed Fentanyl Epidemic: Trends in Overdose Deaths and Drug Types at the U.S.- Mexico Border

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2024-Present Texas A&M International University– Laredo, Texas  
Graduate Research Assistant  
Duties: Literature review, data coding, statistical analyses, table creation, results and findings write-ups.
- 2024-Present Adjunct Instructor CRIJ 4320 Women & Criminal Justice  
I developed syllabi for criminal justice class, selected textbooks and course reading materials, prepared lectures, led discussion sections, prepared written exams, graded coursework, and provided individual feedback on student performance.
- 2024- Present Adjunct Instructor SOCI 4320 Women & Criminal Justice  
I developed syllabi for sociology class, selected textbooks and course reading materials, prepared lectures, led discussion sections, prepared written exams, graded coursework, and provided individual feedback on student performance.
- 2023-2024 Texas A&M International University– Laredo, Texas  
Graduate Research Assistant  
Duties: Literature review, data coding, statistical analyses, table creation, results, and findings write-ups.
- 2023-2024 Adjunct Instructor CRIJ 4320 Women & Criminal Justice  
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- 2023-2024 Adjunct Instructor SOCI 4320 Women & Criminal Justice  
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- 2022-2023 Texas A&M International University– Laredo, Texas  
Graduate Research Assistant  
Duties: Literature review, data coding, statistical analyses, table creation, results, and findings write-ups.

## **GRANTS AND ACADEMIC AWARDS**

### *University Grants and Awards*

- 2024-2025 **Palau, C. B.** (2024). Texas A&M International University, Laredo, TX  
Graduate Assistant (Research/Teaching) College of Arts & Sciences
- 2024 **Palau, C. B.** (2024). Texas A&M International University, Laredo, TX Conference  
Travel Grant. (funding for ACJS conference registration, travel and lodging).

- 2023- 2024 **Palau, C. B.** (2023). Texas A&M International University, Laredo, TX  
Graduate Assistant (Research/Teaching) College of Arts & Sciences
- 2023 **Palau, C. B.** (2023). Conference Travel Grant. (funding for ACJS conference travel).
- 2022 -2023 **Palau, C. B.** (2022). Texas A&M International University, Laredo, TX  
Graduate Assistant Research-Doctoral Level, College of Arts & Sciences
- 2022 **Palau, C. B.** (2022). Conference Travel Grant. (funding for ASC conference registration, travel and lodging).

External Grants and Awards

- 2023 **Palau, C. B.** (2023) Doctoral Summit Fellowship. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Washington, D.C. (funding for conference registration and lodging).
- 2023 **Palau, C. B.** (2023) NIJ Graduate Research Fellowship (not awarded)
- 2022 **Palau, C. B.** (2022) DIC Graduate Fellowship (not awarded)

**SERVICE**

University

- 2023-Present Texas A&M International University Graduate Council  
Role: Student Representative-Provost's Appointee

Profession

- 2023-2024 ACJS Doctoral Summit Doctoral Student Volunteer
- 2022-2023 Texas Association of Criminal Justice Educators (TACJE)  
Role: Executive Board Student Trustee
- 2021 Texas Association of Criminal Justice Educators (TACJE)  
Conference Committee, Role: member and conference session moderator

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2024 **Palau, C. B.** & Scott, D. (2024) Border-Non-Border Youth Gang Involvement." The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.
- 2023 **Palau, C.B.** & Scott, D. (2023). "Sex Differences in gang involvement and substance abuse." The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.
- 2022 **Palau, C.B.,** Dmello, J., & Blackburn, A. (2022) "Political Networks: Evaluating the Relationship Between Ideological Leaning, Social Connection, and COVID Compliance." American Society of Criminology Conference.
- 2022 **Palau, C. B.,** Latsky-Campbell, B., Akikuni, M., & Wagner, J. (2022). "Assessing

associations among overdose deaths and community characteristics at the US-Mexico border.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Association.

- 2022 Akikuni, M., Latsky-Campbell, B., **Palau, C. B.**, and Wagner, J. (2022) “Trends in Overdose Deaths and Drug Types across US-Mexico Border Communities.” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association.
- 2010 **Palau, C. B.** et al. (2010) “Border Violence: An Exploratory Study of Police Effectiveness.” The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.
- 2009 **Palau, C. B.** et al. (2009) “The War on -Mexican Cartels” American Society of Criminology Conference.
- 2009 **Palau, C. B.** et al. (2009) “Border Violence” 7th Annual TAMUS Pathways Student Research Symposium.

### **GOVERNMENT PRESENTATIONS**

- 2023 **Palau C. B.**, Latsky-Campbell, B., Akikuni, M., & Wagner, J. (2023). “The Drug Overdose Epidemic in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region: Shifts, Progression, and Community Characteristics.” State Department Visit to Texas A&M International University.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2013-2019 *Texas Department of Family and Protective Services*  
Title: Child Protective Specialist IV-Laredo, Texas
- 2000-2002 *International Bank of Commerce*  
Title: Administrative Assistant -Laredo, Texas
- 2002-2006 *International Bank of Commerce*  
Title: New Account Auditor -Laredo, Texas

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Present American Society of Criminology  
-Division of International Criminology  
-Division of Public Opinion & Policy  
-Division on Terrorism & Bias Crimes
- Present Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

### **PROFICIENCIES**

- Language* Spanish– speak fluently and read/write with high proficiency.  
English- speak fluently and read/write with high proficiency
- Software* Working Proficiency: SPSS, Stata, GEODA, ArcGIS  
Beginner: MAXQDA, R, LaTeX, Tableau