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Associate Professor of Practice - Sociology

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Particular Areas of Specialization and Interest:

Animal-human violence connections, community policing and violence prevention networks, reentry and prison reform, critical/convict criminology, gendered violence and inequality, social movements.

Education:

- Fall 2015 **Kansas State University;** Manhattan, Kansas
Ph.D. Sociology
- “The Rescuers”: Intersections of Individual and Group Activism in animal-friendly family shelters and the Recognition of the Human-Animal "Link". Research focused on animal-friendly policy/program development and the production of knowledge regarding the connections between animal abuse, child abuse, and domestic violence. Committee Chair: Gerad Middendorf
 - Graduate Certificate in Women’s Studies 2011
- August 2007 **Kansas State University;** Manhattan, Kansas
M.A. Sociology
- “Freedom from Themselves”: Gendered Mechanisms of Control, Power, and Resistance in Prison Dog Training Programs”. Advisor: Dr. Dana Britton
- August 2003 **Stephen F. Austin State University;** Nacogdoches, Texas
B.A. Sociology

Academic Employment:

- Fall 2024- *Associate Professor of Practice*
current **Texas Tech University – Waco**
Courses Taught: Animals & Society, Sociology of Deviance, Gendered Lives, Social Movements, Race, Ethnicity & Crime, Classical Sociological Theory, Contemporary Sociological Theory, Soc of Sci-fi/Fantasy, Prison & Society, Reentry & Reintegration, Sociology of Education, Intro to Sociology, Internship, Social Change (graduate)
- Fall 2018- *Assistant Professor of Practice*
current **Texas Tech University – Waco, Waco, TX**
Undergraduate Courses Taught: Animals & Society, Sociology of Deviance, Gendered Lives, Social Movements, Race, Ethnicity & Crime, Classical Sociological Theory, Contemporary Sociological Theory, Soc of Sci-fi/Fantasy, Prison & Society, Reentry & Reintegration, Sociology of Education, Research Methods, Intro to Sociology, Internship.
- Spring 2020- *Coordinator of Texas Tech Sociology/Criminology Internship Program*
current **Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX**
Responsible for development and implementation of SOC/CRIM 4300: Internship course*, internship database, internship collaboration

*Courses taught in both online and traditional formats

- Fall 2014-2018 *Assistant Professor of Sociology*
Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX
Undergraduate Courses Taught: Research Methods, Animals & Society, Race & Ethnic Relations, British Culture & Society (Study abroad in London, UK), Sociological Inquiry*, Global Social Problems*, Animals & Health, Social Problems, Social Movements, and Introduction to Sociology.
- Summers 2009-2011 *Adjunct Instructor of Sociology & Criminology*
Stephen F. Austin State University, Department of Social & Cultural Analysis; Nacogdoches, TX
Undergraduate Courses Taught: Introduction to Sociology, Criminology, Minority Relations (Race & Ethnic Relations).
- Spring 2007 - 2011 *Graduate Teaching Assistant*
Kansas State University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work; Manhattan, KS
Undergraduate Courses Taught: Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Sociology (PILOTS), Social Interaction.
- 2011 Research assistant for Erika Huber, MS, Department of Horticulture, Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS
- 2006-2007 Managing Editor for *Gender & Society*, Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS
- 2005-2006 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS.
- 2005 Research Assistant for Dr. Dana Britton, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS

Recognition:

- ☞ 2023 Texas Tech University President's Exemplary Program Award for Engaged Scholarship & Outreach – R.E.Y.N.A. Project
- ☞ 2021 Jan Hart Black Volunteer of the Year Award – TTU Soc/Crim Internship Program students Maria Cullum, Haleigh Albrecht, and Kailyn Edestrand
- ☞ 2018 Report on Women in Prison – Texas Criminal Justice Coalition
- ☞ Teaching excellence award, 2016 – Black Excellence Gala, Midwestern State University
- ☞ Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, 2011 – Kansas State University Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Published Works:

Kevin Bazner and Andrea Button. 2021. "Codes of silence: Campus and state responses to student protest. In B. Williams, F. Tuitt, & D. Squire (Eds.). *Campus rebellion and plantation politics: Power, privilege, and the emancipatory struggle in higher education*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

Britton, Dana M. & Button, Andrea. 2007. "This Isn't About Us:" Benefits of Dog Training Programs in a Women's Prison. In Miller, Susan (ed.) *Criminal Justice and Diversity: Voices from the Field*. Boston: Northeastern University Press.

Britton, Dana M. & Button, Andrea. 2005. "Prison Pups: Assessing the Effects of Dog Training Programs in Correctional Facilities". *Journal of Family Social Work* (9) 4: 79-95.

Works submitted/In progress:

RESEARCH Research Reports – Public Scholarship

Laumann, T., Smith, D., Button, A., Patil, S., Caldwell, K. (2021). "Layers of Trauma, Layers of Treatment: Using Participant Experiences to Reform Texas' In-Prison Substance Use Treatment Program". Presented during the 2021 Spring Texas Legislative Session.

RESEARCH Articles in progress

Andrea Button-Schnick, Theresa Laumann and Shruti Patel. "Safer SAFP" (working title)

Andrea Button. "Linked Histories: Origins of Animal-Friendly Domestic Violence Programs". Manuscript in preparation for submission to *Journal of Violence Against Women*.

Andrea Button-Schnick. "Pets as types of capital". Manuscript in preparation for submission to *Sociology Compass*.

Stacy Smith, Andrea Button-Schnick, and Tiffany Ziegler. "Cosplay Communities and Identity" (working title). Manuscript in progress for submission to *Sociological Inquiry*.

Button-Schnick, A.; Smith, Stacy; Samford, Adam. 2023. OER for upper-level Sociology & Criminology courses. *In prep for DOE grant submission in 2025*.

Current Research Projects:

- ☞ "Safer SAFP". **Role: PI; IRB approved.** This project is currently in progress and utilizes the responses of former SAFP residents to assess benefits and challenges of current programs. Qualitative; research team includes medical and social work professionals. Status: policy report in progress – public sociology project for white paper.
- ☞ *Understanding Cosplay*. **Role: Researcher; IRB approved (Michigan State IRB).** This is a collaborative qualitative project with Dr. Stacy Smith (Michigan State) – data collection in progress, pending pandemic revisions, currently planning data collection sites in US & UK.
- ☞ *"Drifting Genders"*. This project is currently in the conception and elaboration stage. This project will analyze the "drift" car culture and the impact of gendered expectations for both male and female drivers. Status: currently in exploratory stage due to loss of drivers during the pandemic.
- ☞ *Identity navigation of animals control officers*. This project is in the conception and elaboration stage. Project will consist of interviews with animal control officers and their need to navigate professional/personal identities.
- ☞ *Furries & Fandoms*. This project is currently in the exploratory stage. Project will be a qualitative approach to understanding identity navigation and the policing of boundaries within a

“deviant” subculture. Status: currently connecting with various furry artists to establish potential recruitment pathways.

Professional and Community Presentations

Button-Schnick, A. 2024. "Sociology, Identity, Sci-Fi, and All Systems Red". Great Reads. Texas Tech University Library.

Button-Schnick, A. 2021. "State Jails and The George Floyd Act", published in proceedings. Justice Week 2021, Texas Center for Justice and Equity.

Button-Schnick, A. 2021. Higher Education in a Democratic Society, Department of Educational Leadership, Corpus Christi, TX, "Campus Movements and Activism,"

Button-Schnick, A. 2019. "Mothers, Prison, and Trauma", International Prisoners Families Conference in Dallas, TX

Button, A. 2018. "Trauma Patterns Among Female Inmates", SSS meeting in New Orleans, LA.

Button, A. 2018. "Privileging Voices: An Exploration of How Legislative Responses to Student Activism Protects and Reinforces Inequality", 2018 NASPA Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

Button, A. 2018. "Degrees of Freedom: Is Free Speech ‘Free’", Campus Forum panelist for Critical Conversations Series – Midwestern State University.

Button, A. 2018. "I Play, You Play, We Play, Cosplay": Understanding the Cultural Significance of Cosplay – Public Forum panelist for Speakers and Issues Series – Midwestern State University.

Bazner, K. J., & **Button, A.** 2017. “Maintaining Social Order and the Fallacy of Recent Free Speech Legislation”. Session presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for Applied & Clinical Sociology, Cleveland, OH.

Bazner, K. J., **Button, A.** & Wong, N.C. 2017. “Evolving the Town Hall: Responding to Campus-Based Bias”. Session presented at the annual meeting of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), San Antonio, TX.

Button, A. 2017. “Campus Climate on Sexual Misconduct” – Public Forum panelist for Multidisciplinary Task Force on Sexual Misconduct, Critical Conversations Series – Midwestern State University

Button, A. 2017. “The Sociology of Homelessness” – presented during the Social Work Community Forum on Homelessness – Midwestern State University

Button, A. 2017. “Human-Animal Connections of Violence” – presented at the October meeting of the American Association of University Women of Texoma.

Button, A. 2017. “Illuminating the Problem” – Keynote speech at the First Step Shelter Candlelit Vigil for Domestic Violence. Wichita Falls, TX.

- Button, A.** 2016. "We're all animal lovers here": Identity Navigation by Workers at Animal-Friendly Domestic Violence Organizations" – presented at the Southwest Social Sciences Association Meeting. Las Vegas, NV.
- Button, A.** 2012. "Mapping Food and Water Sources using Google Maps and Beetracker" – presented at the East Texas Beekeepers Association Meeting. Tyler, TX. Invited Presentation.
- Button, A.** 2012. "Community Responses to Human-Animals Violence Connections" – presented at the East Texas Family Violence Shelter. Nacogdoches, TX. Invited Presentation.
- Button, A.** 2010. "Domestic Violence and Animal Abuse: connections and policy implications for DV advocates" – presented at Lafene Women's Center. Manhattan, KS. Invited Presentation..
- Button, A.** 2010. "Religion and Social Construction" – presented in Introduction to Sociology course at Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS.
- Button, A.** 2008. "Community, Resistance, and Change: Interaction in Prison Dog Training Programs" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society
- Button, A.** 2008. "Gender and Sexuality within Institutions" – presented in Social Problems course at Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS.
- Button, A.** 2008. "Gender and Sexuality within Institutions" – presented in Introduction to Sociology course at Stephen F. Austin State University. Nacogdoches, TX.
- Button, A.** 2005. "Prison Pups: Assessing the Effects of Dog Training Programs in Correctional Facilities". Paper co-presented with Dana Britton at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology in Toronto, Canada.
- Button, A.** 2004. "Religion and Social Construction" – presented in Introduction to Sociology course at Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS.
- Jones, A.** 2004. "The Commodification of the Self: The Prostitute". Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, April 2004 in Kansas City, MO..

Service to Profession, University and Community:

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| 2023-
current | Member – Undergraduate Teaching Committee (SASW) |
| 2020-
current | Member – TTU at Waco Faculty Council |
| 2019-
current | Pedagogy, Education and Technology Committee, Texas Tech - Waco |
| 2015-
2018 | Undergraduate Advisor, Midwestern State University |
| 2015-
2023 | Luminary for Wayfinding Academy. Portland, Oregon. |

2017- 2018	Maker Faire Committee, Midwestern State University
2017- 2018	Multidisciplinary Task Force on Sexual Misconduct, Midwestern State University
2016- 2018	FLSA Task Force Committee, Midwestern State University
2016- 2018	Student Allocations Committee, Midwestern State University
2015- 2018	Institutional Review Board Committee, Prothro-Yeager College of Arts & Sciences, Midwestern State University
2015- 2018	University Library Committee, Midwestern State University
2014- 2018	Faculty Advisor for Sociology Student Association, Midwestern State University
2013- 2014	Offender Employment Specialist and Inmate Advocate – RISE Grant; Austin, Texas.
2017- current	Manuscript reviewer – <i>Journal of Offender Rehabilitation</i>
2010- current	Manuscript Reviewer – <i>Gender & Society</i>

Professional Memberships:

Sociologists for Women in Society
Southern Sociological Society
American Association of University Women