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EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. | Criminal Justice | 1988 | Sam Houston State University Huntsville, Texas |
| M.A. | Political Science | 1976 | Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas |
| B.A. | History | 1974 | Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Houston Downtown

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| 2005-2014 | <i>Dean</i> , College of Public Service, University of Houston Downtown, Departments of Criminal Justice and Urban Teacher Education |
| 2003-2005 | <i>Interim Dean</i> , College of Public Service, University of Houston Downtown, Departments of Criminal Justice and Urban Teacher Education |
| 1999-2003 | <i>Chair</i> , Department of Criminal Justice, University of Houston Downtown, Houston, Texas |
| 1990-1998 | <i>Assistant Chair</i> , Department of Social Sciences and Coordinator of the Criminal Justice Degree Program, University of Houston Downtown, Houston, Texas |
| 1992-1993 | <i>Instructor, Corrections Academy</i> , University of Houston Downtown Criminal Justice Center, Inmate Gangs & Classification Segments |

Texas Department of Corrections

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| 1986-1988 | Correctional Counselor, Ramsey One Unit, Rosharon, Texas Classification Counselor, Inmate Counselor |
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Brazosport Junior College

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| 1981-1986 | Part-time Instructor, Government, Clute, Texas |
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Texas Public School Teacher

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| 1980-1983 | High School Teacher, Government and History, <i>Brazoswood High School</i> , Brazosport Independent School District, Clute, Texas |
| 1979-1980 | High School Teacher, Government and History, <i>Willis High School</i> , Willis Independent School District, Willis, Texas |
| 1976-1979 | High School Teacher, Government, History and English, <i>LaMarque High School</i> , LaMarque Independent School District, LaMarque, Texas |

Publications

- Williams, Frank P., Marilyn McShane & **Beth Pelz** (2011). Revision and reprint. "The Myth of the Prisons as Country Clubs," in Walker, Jeffery and Robert Bohm *Demystifying Crime and Criminal Justice*. Roxbury Publishing.
- Kortz, W. J., Jenkins, K. L., Nath, J. L., **Pelz, B.**, Purdy, P. (2009). Partners for better practice: A teacher for homeless children. *International Journal of Case Method Research & Application*, XXI(1,)66-78.
- Jenkins, K., Kortz, J., Nath, J. L., & **Pelz, B.** (2007). A case of need: The House of Tiny Treasures. *Proceedings from the 24th International Conference on Case Method Research & Application*, 150-161.
- Jenkins, K., Kortz, W., Nath, J. L., & **Pelz, B.** (2007). A case of need: The House of Tiny Treasures. *The Journal of the World Association for Case Method Research & Application*, XIX(4), 370-382.
 **This is a different more robust publication from the proceedings above.
- Kortz, W., Nath, J., **Pelz, B.** & Jenkins, K. (2007). A Case of technical need: The House of Tiny Treasures. *Proceedings of E-Learn 2007 (World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare & Higher Education)*, 6162-6168.
- Williams, Frank P., Marilyn McShane & **Beth Pelz** (2006). "The Myth of the Prisons as Country Clubs," in Walker, Jeffery and Robert Bohm. *Demystifying Crime and Criminal Justice*. Roxbury Publishing.
- McShane, Marilyn, Williams, Frank P., **Pelz, Beth** & Tranqina Quarles (2005). "The Role of Mental Disorder in Parolee Success," *Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice* Volume 2, Issue 1, Spring 2005:3-22. www.cj.txstate.edu/swacjcontents.html .
- Pelz, Mary E. (2003). "Juvenile Gangs: Theory, Practice, and Programs," In McShane, Marilyn and Frank P. Williams *Encyclopedia of Juvenile Justice*. New York: Sage Publishing,
- Pelz, Mary E., C. Terry Pelz. (2001). *Introduction to Criminal Justice: Texas Edition*, Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Thomson Learning.
- Pelz, Mary E. (1996). "Gangs in Prison." In McShane, Marilyn and Frank P. Williams *Encyclopedia of Prisons*. New York: Garland Publishing, Inc.
- Pelz, Mary E., C. Terry Pelz and James W. Marquart (1991) "The Aryan Brotherhood of Texas: An Analysis of Right-Wing Extremism in the Texas Prisons." *The Prison Journal*. (71) (2) Fall-Winter 1991:23-37
- Pelz, Mary E. 1986. Analysis of County Sentencing Averages for Assault, Vehicle Theft, Forgery, Controlled Substances and DWI: The Data. Report of the Commission on Sentencing Practices and Procedures to the Criminal Justice Policy Council, 70th Texas Legislature.
- Pelz, Mary E. 1984. Attitude of the Texas Public as to Whether Punishment Should Be Decided by a Judge or Jury. Report to the Commission on Sentencing Practices and Procedures to the Criminal Justice Policy Council, 69th Texas Legislature.

Professional Presentations

- Pelz, Beth, and Terry Pelz, (November 2016). *In the Beginning...and 35 Years Later: Interviews with a Prison Gang Member*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA
- Nath, J. L., Cohen, M., **Pelz, B.**, Mahoney, S., & Garcia, V. (February 2009). *Reflective departmenting": Developing a Reflective, Evaluative Stance through CREATE*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association of Teacher Educators, Dallas, TX.
- Nath, J. L., Kortz W., Van Horn, L., Jenkins, K., **Pelz, B.**, Cohen, M., Bartlett, M. & Hewitt, A. (February 2009). *A Culture Left Out: A University Partnership's Work with Children of the Homeless. Research presentation for the Association of Teacher Educators, Winter Conference, Dallas, TX.*
- Nath, J. L., **Pelz, B.**, Evans, L., Cohen, M., Fey, J., & Burditt, D. (August 2008). *Working together for teacher certification: An ISD/Community college/university partnership moving forward*. Paper presented at the annual summer conference of the Association of Teacher Educators, D.C.
- Kortz, W. J., Nath, J. L., Jenkins, K. K., Purdy, P., **Pelz, B.** (2008). *University-supported technology use at a school for children of the homeless*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, and Higher Education, Las Vegas, NV.
- Kortz, W. J., Jenkins, K. L., Nath, J. L., **Pelz, B.**, Purdy, P. (July 2008). *Recognition of need: A teacher for homeless children*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the World Association for Case Method Research & Application, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Burditt, Dell, Fey, Jo, **Pelz, Beth** & Louis Evans. (February 29-March 2, 2008). *Partnering for Paras: Collaboration Enables Paraprofessionals to Achieve Teacher Certification*. National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs, Denver, CO.
- Kortz, J., Nath, J., Pelz, B., & Jenkins, K. (2007). *A case of technological need: The House of Tiny Treasures*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, & Higher Education, Quebec City, Canada.
- Kortz, J., Jenkins, K., Nath, J. L. & **Pelz, B.** (July 2007). *A case of need: The House of Tiny Treasures*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the ACT World Association for Case Method Research & Application, 24th International Conference, July 1-4, Guadalajara, MX.
- Pelz, Beth. (March 2004). *Inmate Gangs in the Texas Prisons: The More Things Change the More They Stay the Same*, Academy of Criminal Justices Sciences Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
- Pelz, Beth, Marilyn McShane and Frank P. Williams III. (March 2004). *Which Came First Policy or Public Opinion? Revisiting the Myth of Prison as Country Club*, Academy of Criminal Justices Sciences, Las Vegas, NV.
- Pelz, Beth, Marilyn McShane, Frank P. Williams III and Traquina Quarles. (March 2003). *Mental Illness and Parole Recidivism*, Academy of Criminal Justices Sciences Meeting, Boston, MA.

This paper was nominated for the 2004 ACJS Anderson paper Award.

- Pelz, Beth. (May 2003). *Parenting a Special Needs Child*, Juvenile Delinquency: Special Needs Children Conference, UH- Downtown, Community Justice Institute.
- Pelz, Beth. (October 2002). *Sensory Processing and Neurological Development in Adolescents*, Southwest Association of Criminal Justice, San Antonio, TX.
- Pelz, Beth. (April 2001). *Technical Success v. the Reality of Failure in the Juvenile Justice System: A Case Study of a Young Capital Defendant*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, D.C.
- Pelz, Beth. (March 2000). *What We Can Learn from Jasper*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Meeting, New Orleans LA.
- Pelz, Beth. (March 1999). *Managing Gangs in the Texas Prisons: A Case Study*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- Pelz, Beth. (June 1998). *Interagency Networking in the 90s*, Fourth Annual National Major Gang Task Force Training Conference, Daytona Beach, FL.
- Pelz, Beth. (March 1997). *Research Update on Gang Activity and Management*, Third Annual National Major Gang Task Force Training Conference, Colorado Springs, CO.
- Pelz, Beth. (April 29-May 1, 1996). *How Does the Social Organization of Gangs Impact Gang Activity?* Second Annual National Major Gang Task Force Training Conference, Houston, TX.
- Pelz, Beth. (October 1995). *Linkages Between Youth Gangs and Street Gangs: An Update*, Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, Houston, TX.
- Pelz, Beth. (March 1994). *An Analysis of Texas Prison Gangs and Youth Gangs for Possible Linkages*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Chicago, IL.
- Pelz, Beth. (October 1993). *The Texas Youth Gang Project: Research Findings and Uses*, Third National Conference of the Youth Gang Drug Prevention Program, Family Youth Services Bureau, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- Pelz, Beth. (October 1993). *Critique of Draft of Final Report of "Gangs and Drugs in New York State,"* New York State Bureau of Research and Program Evaluation, New York State Division of Youth, Third National Conference of the Youth Gang Drug Prevention Program, Family Youth Services Bureau.
- Pelz, Mary E. (Beth) and Elizabeth McConnell. (March 1993). *Analysis and Summary of the Texas Youth Gang Project's Justice Surveys 1990-1992*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Kansas City, MI.
- Pelz, Mary E. (Beth) & Elizabeth McConnell. (November 1992). *The Texas Youth Gang Project: An Update*, American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

- McConnell, Elizabeth, and **Mary E. (Beth) Pelz**. (March 1992). *The Texas Youth Gang Project-School Superintendent Data*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Pelz, Mary E. (Beth) & Elizabeth McConnell, (November 1991). *Preliminary Assessment of Justice Agency Data Collected by the Texas Youth Gang Project*, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco,
- Pelz, Mary E. (Beth) & Pelz, Terry. (November 1991). *Right-Wing Extremism in the Texas Prisons: The Rise and Fall of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas*, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Pelz, Mary E. (Beth) & Elizabeth McConnell. (October 31-November 1, 1991). *The Texas Youth Gang Project: Progress and Problems in Gang Research*, Family and Youth Services Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Research Forum on Youth Gangs, D.C.
- Pelz, Mary E. (Beth) & Elizabeth McConnell. (March 1990). *Juvenile Gang Activity in Texas: Research in Progress*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.
- McConnell, E. & Pelz, Mary Elizabeth. (November 1990). *Assessing Youth Gangs In An Urban High School*, American Society of Criminology, Baltimore, MD.
- Pelz, Mary E. & Engram, Peggy. (March 1990). *Pre-Trial Release Risk Profile Assessment: A Viable Solution to Jail Overcrowding in Harris County, Texas?* Southwest Social Science Association, Fort Worth, TX.
- Pelz, Mary E. (Beth). (October 1989). *The Search for Constitutionally Adequate Medical Care in the Texas Department of Corrections: A Case Study*, Southwestern Criminal Justice Educator's Association, Corpus Christi, TX.
- Pelz, Mary E. & Pelz, C. Terry. (June 1987). *Inmate Gangs: Impact on Institutional and Community Corrections in Texas*, Texas Corrections Association, Galveston, TX.
- Pelz, Mary E. (Beth). (March 1986). *When Brotherhood Leads to Violence: The Management of Inmate Gangs in the Texas Prisons*, Southwest Social Science Association, San Antonio, TX.

Poster Presentations

- Berthelot, Emily R., **Pelz, Beth**, Nath, J.L. (November 2011). *Houston Independent School District Campus Police Relationships with Students: An Exploratory Study*, American Society of Criminology, D.C.

Panels and Roundtables

- Chair of Roundtable (February 2018) *Managing Student Demand, Student Success and Faculty Perceptions in Scheduling Online, Face-to-face, and Hybrid Courses*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- Chair of Roundtable: (October 2016). *It's not about the teaching; It's about the learning: An interactive discussion about student initiatives*, Southwest Association of Criminal Justice, Oklahoma City, OK
- Roundtable: (September 2013). *Texas Undergraduate CJ Curriculum.*: Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, San Antonio, TX.

Chair of Roundtable: (September 29-October 1, 2011). *Tenure and Promotion Criteria in a Criminal Justice Department*, Southwest Association of Criminal Justice, College Station, TX,

Chair of Panel (July 2002). *Sensory Processing and Delinquency*, Juvenile Delinquency: Prevention and Intervention Conference, University of Houston Downtown, Community Justice Institute.

Chairs Issues Panel, (October 2002). Chair and Moderator, Southwest Association of Criminal Justice, San Antonio, TX.

Chairs Issues Panel, (October 2001). Chair and Moderator, Southwest Association of Criminal Justice, San Antonio, TX.

Town Meeting: *A LOST GENERATION*, Channel 8, Houston, TX. (May 11, 1994).

One of seven focus panelists addressing social issues impacting youth. I was asked to discuss the issue of youth gangs.

Town Meeting: *VIOLENCE PREVENTION*, Richmond, TX. (February 24, 1994).

One of six panelists assessing and preventing violence. I specifically addressed gang violence.

Organized and Chair Panel. (November 1992). *Ongoing Youth Gang Research Funded by the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services*, American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA.

Roundtable. (March 1991). *Research on Gang and Drug Issues*, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Nashville, TN.

External Research Grants

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| 1993-1994 | Coordinated Houston site for Public Policy Research Institute, Texas A&M Drug Use Research Project, Harris County Jail Project, \$37,500. |
| 1990-1993 | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Research Grant, <i>Examination of the Nature and Extent of Youth Gangs in Texas</i> , \$300,000. |
| 1990 | Southwest Texas State University, Department of Education, Classroom Management and Discipline, Research Grant, <i>Assessment of Drug Usage/Trafficking and Youth Gang Activity in an Urban High School</i> , \$2,000. |

Internal Grants

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| 1992-1993 | University of Houston Downtown, Research Grant, <i>Nature, Extent and Institutional Management Practices of Inmate Gangs in the United States</i> , \$2,000. |
| 1990 | University of Houston-Downtown, Organized Research Grant, <i>An Examination of Linkages Between Youth Gangs, Prison Gangs, and Drug Distribution in Harris, Bexar and Dallas Counties</i> , \$2,500. |

Technical Assistance Grants

- 1996 National Institute of Corrections, Technical Assistance Grant
2ND Annual National Major Gang Task Force Training Conference, \$10,000.
- 1994 National Institute of Corrections, Transitional Operational Funding for
The National Major Gang Task Force, \$25,000.

Academic Journal Reviews

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| <i>Crime & Delinquency</i> | <i>Journal of Criminal Justice Education</i> |
| <i>Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice</i> | <i>Criminal Justice Education</i> |
| <i>Journal of Applied Research on Children</i> | <i>Journal of Gang Research</i> |

Book Reviews

- Ethics in Crime and Justice, Instructor's Manual*, 4th edition. Jennifer Langdon, Wadsworth / Thomson Learning, Belmont, California. 2005.
- America's Courts and the Criminal Justice System*, 4th edition. David W. Neubauer, Brooks/Cole, Pacific Grove, California. 2000.
- Blind Reviews for Manuscripts, Sage Publications
Untitled text on Girl Gangs and Gang members, 1993.
Gangs in America, 1994.

Editorial and Research Boards

- The Gang Journal* which became the *Journal of Gang Research* (1991-1996)
Journal of Applied Research on Children (2010-present)
Journal of Family Strengths (2012-2014)
- Children-at-Risk Research Institute Board* (2005-present)

Expert Testimony and Consultation

- Capital Cases**
State of Texas v. Juan Balderas, Harris County, Texas, March 2014. Street gang, prison gang subculture, and mitigation issues.
- State of Texas v. Teddrick Batiste**, Harris County, Texas, June
Testified about classification and inmate routines.
- State of Texas v. Raymond DeLeon Martinez**, Harris County, Texas, March 2009.
Testified about inmate subculture and mitigation issues.
- United States v. David Lee Jackson**, Eastern District of TX, Beaumont, TX. November 2006.
Testified about prison gang subculture and mitigation issues.
- United States v. Issac Mark Snarr**, Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont, Texas May 2010.
Testified about prison gang subculture and mitigation issues.

United States v. Shannon Agofsky, Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont, Texas. July 2004.

Testified about prison gang subculture.

United States v. Kenneth Tatum Eastern District of Texas, September 1999.

Testified about street gang, prison gang subculture, and mitigation issues.

State of Texas v. Lawrence Russell Brewer, Brazos County, Texas. September 1999.

Mitigation Issues concerning prison gang subculture.

State of Texas v. Efrain Perez, 263rd District Court of Harris County, Texas, April 1995.

Testified about street gang and prison gang behavior mitigation issues.

Sentencing In Murder Case

State of Texas v. John Pham, 208th District of Harris County, Texas, April 1999.

Murder case. Testified about street gang behavior.

Consultation on Appellate Cases

United States v. Shannon Agofsky, July-August, 2009.

Curricular Consultation

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Criminal Justice Field of Study Review Committee Member
February 5-6, 2018, Austin Texas

Professional Organization Consultation

1992-1998 Co-founder and Administrative Coordinator of the **National Major Gang Task Force**. Working Task Force of local, state and federal corrections and law enforcement gang coordinators/intelligence personnel dedicated to the development and sharing of operational and strategic gang intelligence. My responsibilities included:

1. Maintain administrative office/supervise assistant coordinator;
2. Produce quarterly newsletter;
3. Coordinate annual training conference (averages 500 participants);
4. Coordinate communication between board of directors and executive director;
5. Maintain resource library.

2006-2008 Homicide Intervention Council, unpaid consultant to Houston Police Department Chief, Harold Hurtt.

Training Completed

“Youth Gangs: Intervention and Prevention,” Sam Houston State University, May 3-5, 1992.

Southwest Regional Center for Drug-Free Schools and Communities, “Changing the Face of the 90s: A Conference on Gangs and Cults.” September 5-7, 1990.

U.S. Department of Justice Certificate of Training, Youth Gangs Course, Houston, Texas, April 1990.

Texas Department of Corrections Officer Training Academy, Certified, December 1987.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1988-present

University of Houston Downtown***Undergraduate Courses***

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| Crime, Law & Society | Juvenile Justice System | Special Topics: Prison Gangs |
| Corrections Systems | Criminology | Special Topics: Youth Violence |
| American Criminal Courts | Ethics | Special Topics: Juvenile Issues |
| Institutional Corrections | Senior Seminar | Special Topics: Demystifying Crime |
| Crime & Delinquency | Correctional Counseling | Community Corrections |
| Research Methods | Criminal Law | Internship-Research and Agency |
| Court Administration | Research Topics | |

Graduate Courses Criminal Justice

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| Issues in Criminal Justice | Issues in Juvenile Justice |
| Issues in Corrections | Administration in Criminal Justice |
| Law & Society | Special Topics: Juvenile Justice |
| Advanced Criminology | Special Topics: Criminal Subcultures |
| Violence in America | Special Topic: Social Justice |
| Correctional Programming | Special Topics: Inmate Social Organization |
| Independent Study | Special Topics: Leadership in Public Service |
| Thesis and Capstone Project | Special Topics: Demystifying Crime |
| Special Topics: Leadership in Public Service | Special Topics: Prison Gangs |
| Special Topics: Social Control | Special Topics: Criminology & War |
| Special Topics: Criminal Justice & Public Health | |

Graduate Courses Security Management for Executives

Current Issues for the Security Executive Independent Studies
 Capstone Project for Master in Security Management for Executives

ACADEMIC SERVICE**UH System**

Search Committee for UHD President 2009
 UH Campus Safety Task Force 2009

University

Faculty Development Committee
 Writing Proficiency Committee
 Academic Affairs Committee 1999, 2003-present
 Organized Research Committee
 Unit Based Budgeting Overview Committee

Department

Curriculum Committee
 Unit-based Budgeting Committee
 Assessment Committee
 Faculty Development Committee
 Women in CJ Conference Committee

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| Academic Honesty Committee | Member and Chair CJ Search Committees |
| Academic Policies Committee | Chair, Criminal Justice Master’s Degree UHD |
| Distance Learning Committee | Internship Program Coordinator 89-94 |
| University Policy Committee | Internship Fair Co-coordinator 94, 95 |
| Chair, University Curriculum Committee, 2001 | Chair, 100 Club Scholarship Committee |
| Women’s Month Committee 93, 94, 95 | Chair, CJ Unit Based Budgeting, 1998-2003 |
| Chair, Criminal Justice Majors’ Day, 1998 | Development Council 2007-2014 |
| College Business Manager Search Committee | Curriculum Development Committee |
| Faculty Senate | Criminal Justice Student Association Sponsor |
| UHD Police Chief Search Committee | Chair, CJ Community Advisory Board |
| Chair, Search Committee, Dean College of Business | Graduate Admissions Committee |
| Chair, Search Committee, Director of Public Affairs | Chair, Rank and Tenure Committee, 2016-2018 |
| Public Affairs Council 2008-2014 | Chair, Criminal Justice Curriculum Committee 16-17 |
| Name Change Task Force 2008-2009 | |
| Conflict of Interest Committee 2016-2018 | |
| Chair, Search Committee, VP Advancement and External Relations | |
| Search Committee, VPAA & Provost, 2013 | |
| Chair, UHD Autism Awareness Day Task Force 2016, 2017 | |
| Chair, Faculty Funded Leave Committee 2016 | |
| Chair University Grievance Committee 2016 (member 2017) | |

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Southwest Criminal Justice Educator’s Association
American Society of Criminology
Texas Women in Higher Education (Institutional Representative)