COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE **SPRING 2024 HONORS AND AWARDS**

Outstanding Alumnus Award

The most prestigious award conferred by the College of Criminal Justice and recognizes exceptional achievement by a graduate.

Recipient: Jeffrey T. Walker (PhD'92) Professor and J. Frank Barefield Jr. Endowed Chair of Communities and Crime, University of Alabama, Birmingham

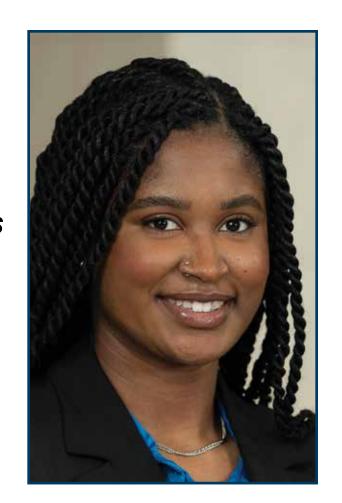


Outstanding Dissertation

The Outstanding Dissertation Award recognizes a student who has completed a doctoral degree in the College of Criminal Justice whose doctoral dissertation reflects superior scholarship.

Recipient: Taylor Robinson, PHD (May 2023)

Dissertation Co-chairs: Shelly Clevenger and Cassandra Gonzalez





FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Recognizes extraordinary engagement by a faculty member own effort to support the community using their leadership efforts and expertise in the field to "build a bridge between the university and community".

Recipient: Elizabeth Hartsell Assistant Professor, Dept of Criminal Justice and Criminology



FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Recognizes a faculty member whose research demonstrates a record of excellence in scholarly and research productivity and has a positive impact upon the research community and the field.

Recipient: Eric Connolly Associate Professor, Dept of Criminal Justice and Criminology



FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

Recognizes extraordinary and impactful service that is above and beyond that expected by a faculty member.

Recipient: Mary Breaux Associate Professor of Practice. Dept of Victim Studies



FACULTY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Recognizes outstanding teaching by a faculty member based on professional development related to teaching, inclusive teaching practices, high impact teaching practices, and student evaluations.

Recipient: Katie Ratajczak Assistant Professor, Dept of Victim Studies



This award recognizes a faculty member who has made a positive impact on



student success to transform the student experience inside or outside the classroom through teaching, research, mentoring and/or service.

Recipient:

Magdalena Denham Professor of Practice, Dept of Security Studies



Houston and acknowledges his lasting impact in the college. This award recognizes outstanding and high impact teaching practices by a lecturer in the College of Criminal

Recipient: Diana Kukua

Justice.



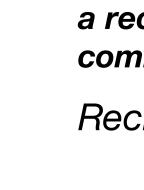
of graduate students and to outstanding doctoral research and education by a faculty member in the College of Criminal Justice.

Recipient: Stuti Kokkalera Assistant Professor, Dept of Criminal Justice and Criminology



Justice Center whose work demonstrates a record of extraordinary commitment to excellence.

Recipient: Doris Pratt



DEFENSOR PACEM MEDAL

Award given to an individual in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the Criminal Justice Center in pursuit of its mission on behalf of the people of the state of Texas.

Recipient: Doug J. Dretke Former Director of the Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT)





Recipient: Rita J. Watkins Former Director of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT)