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EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. (2014) Criminal Justice-Criminology
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Dissertation: *The Newsmaking Criminality of American neo-Nazi groups: 1991 – 2011.*
- M.A. (2009) European History,
Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX
Thesis: *The 1960s West German Student Protest Movement and Ulrike Marie Meinhof.*
- B.S. (2006) Criminal Justice,
Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX
- B.A. (2003) Political Science,
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- German (2009) *Superintensivkurs Kleingruppe (80hrs), Goethe Institut, Munich, Bavaria, Germany*
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2014-Present Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
Department of Criminal Justice
Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX

2016-2018 Undergraduate Program Coordinator
Department of Criminal Justice
Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX

2012-2014 Instructor of Criminal Justice
Department of Criminal Justice
Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX

2011-12 Doctoral Teaching Fellow / Instructor
College of Criminal Justice
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

2009-12 Doctoral Research Assistant,
College of Criminal Justice
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

2007-09 Teaching Assistant,
Department of History
Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX

2006-07 Professional Firefighter & Emergency Medical Technician
Wichita Falls Fire Department
City of Wichita Falls, Wichita Falls, TX

2002-05 Professional Recording/ Touring Artist:
Hightone Records
Oakland, CA
Songwriter: Calhoun Street Music (Publishing House)
Oakland, CA

Teaching:

2020-2021 Homeland Security Seminar, Organized Crime Seminar,
Criminological Theory, Terrorism, Research Methods,
Introduction to the Criminal Justice System, Security and the
Future Graduate Seminar, Director of Criminal Justice Internship
Program (Midwestern State University)

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- 2019-2020 Homeland Security Seminar, Organized Crime Seminar, Criminological Theory, Terrorism, Research Methods, Introduction to the Criminal Justice System, Security and the Future Graduate Seminar, Director of Criminal Justice Internship Program (Midwestern State University)
- 2018-2019 Homeland Security Seminar, Organized Crime Seminar, Criminological Theory, Terrorism, Research Methods, Introduction to the Criminal Justice System, Security and the Future Graduate Seminar, Director of Criminal Justice Internship Program (Midwestern State University)
- 2017-2018 Homeland Security Seminar, Organized Crime Seminar, Criminological Theory, Terrorism, Research Methods, Introduction to the Criminal Justice System, Security and the Future Graduate Seminar, Director of Criminal Justice Internship Program (Midwestern State University)
- 2016-2017 Homeland Security Seminar, Organized Crime Seminar, Criminological Theory, Terrorism, Research Methods, Introduction to the Criminal Justice System, Director of Criminal Justice Internship Program (Midwestern State University)
- 2015-2016 Homeland Security Seminar, Correctional Systems and Practices, Pornography and Crime Seminar, Organized Crime Seminar, Criminological Theory, Terrorism, Research Methods, Introduction to the Criminal Justice System, Director of Criminal Justice Internship Program (Midwestern State University)
- 2014-15 Homeland Security Seminar, Extremist Groups Seminar, Introduction to the Criminal Justice System, Pornography & Crime Seminar, Criminological Theory, Terrorism, Research Methods (Midwestern State University)
- 2013-14 Prepped and taught new Seminar course on Pornography and Crime, Introduction to the Criminal Justice System, Terrorism, Criminological Theory (Midwestern State University)
- 2012-13 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System, Criminological Theory, Terrorism (Midwestern State University)
Criminology (Sam Houston State University)

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2010-11 Criminological Theory and Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (Doctoral Teaching Fellow at Sam Houston State University)

2009 Survey of American History since 1865 (TA Midwestern State University)

2008-09 Survey of American History to 1865 (TA Midwestern State University)

Publications in Scholarly Journals

- Atkins, B., Sibila, D. & G. Day (2022). "Foreign Media Treatment of United States Immigration Enforcement 2014-2018." *Int. Journal of Law, Crime and Justice* (Submitted Spring 2021).
- Sibila, D. & Atkins, B., & G. Day (2020). "U.S. Immigration Powers in the 21st Century: An analysis of the dualistic approach." *Int. Journal of Law, Crime and Justice* (Submitted).
- Atkins, B. (2017). A Routine Activities Explanation of Sex Trafficking Victimization: A Content Analysis of Published Biographical Accounts. *Int. J. of Humanities and Social Studies* 5(4) 30-36.
- Atkins, B. (2017). Organizational Change in the FBI after 9/11: An Institutional Theoretical Analysis. *Int. Journal of Law and Political Science* 4(6), 2-3.
- Atkins, B. (2016). Media use of claims-makers in neo-Nazi crime stories. *The Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*. (Submission)
- Atkins, B., & Moran, R. (2015). The 'Newsmaking Criminality' of neo-Nazi Groups in the United States before and after 9/11: A Content Analysis. *Crime, Punishment, and the Law: An International Journal* 6(1) 23-41.
- Atkins, B., Moran, N. R., & Hanser, R. D. (2014). Human smuggling and the international sex trade: An evaluation of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. *Sociology Study* 3(1), 243-247.

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Atkins, B., Pete Simi & Robert Futrell: American Swastika: Inside the White Power Movement's Hidden Spaces of Hate. *Crime, Law, & Social Change* 59(2), pp. 243-247 (2013).

Books and Chapters

Atkins B. (*forthcoming*). "Drug Trafficking, Human Trafficking, Illicit Firearms Trade," in *International Issues in Criminology and Criminal Justice* by Nathan R. Moran. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Atkins, B. (*forthcoming*). "Data and Research in the International Arena," in *International Issues in Criminology and Criminal Justice*, by Nathan R. Moran. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Moran, Nathan R. & Atkins, Ben D. Chapter (3,000 words) in *The Encyclopedia of Theoretical Criminology* (Wiley-Blackwell Publications, 2014).
Entry: "Pornography and Crime: A Meta-Analysis."

Atkins, B., "The Progressive Era." In *The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*, edited by Jay Albanese. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, (2014).

Atkins, B. "German Americans." In *The Social History of Crime and Punishment in America*, edited by Wilbur Miller and J. Geoffrey Golson. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, (2013).

Atkins, B. "The History of Prostitution in America." In *The Social History of Crime and Punishment in America*, edited by Wilbur Miller and J. Geoffrey Golson. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, (2013).

Presentations

Atkins B. "Finding Success in the Today's Job Market: Criminal Justice Professions." Redwine Honors Symposium – Invited Lecture.
Midwestern State University
April 2019. Wichita Falls, TX

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Atkins, B. "Reintegration: Challenges and Resources." Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) James V. Allred Correctional Unit - Prisoner Education Program. May 19, 2018. Iowa Park, TX.

Atkins, B., Day, G., & Sibia, D. "U.S. Immigration Powers in the 21st Century." Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice (SWACJ) Annual Conference. October 14, 2017. Fort Worth, TX.

Atkins, B. "Organizational Change in the FBI after 9/11: An Institutional Theoretical Analysis." 19th Int. Conference of Public Administration and Governance. June 7, 2017. San Francisco, CA.

Atkins, B. "Constructing Neo-Nazi Crime: Claims and Frames in U.S. Media." Academy of Criminal Justice Science (ACJS) Annual Meeting. Media and Crime section. March 21, 2017. Kansas City, MO.

Atkins, B. "The Role of Forensics in the Criminal Justice System." Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics – Invited Lecture. Midwestern State University. June 17, 2016. Wichita Falls, TX

Atkins, B. "Prisoner Education: The key to successful reintegration and maintaining freedom." Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Windham School District. James V. Allred Correctional Unit - Prisoner Education Program. April 23, 2016. Iowa Park, TX.

Atkins, B. & Falkenberg, L., "The War on the Police: Real or Perception?" Presentation with Pulitzer Prize winning journalist for the Houston Chronicle, Lisa Falkenberg. The 2016 Texas Law Enforcement Council (TLEC) Summit. February 10, 2016. Houston TX.

Atkins, B. & Ahmad, J. "How is Technology Impacting the Law Enforcement Profession?" Presentation with Dr. Janice Ahmad, University of Houston. The 2016 Texas Law Enforcement Council (TLEC) Summit. February 9, 2016. Houston TX.

Atkins, B. "Challenges of Healthcare in Corrections" Presentation to Health Services Administration Graduate Program, International Students – Invited Lecture. Midwestern State University

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September 21, 2014. Wichita Falls, TX

Atkins, B. "The Newsmaking Criminality of American neo-Nazism before and after 9/11." Gunn College of Health Sciences & Human Services (GCHSHS) Faculty Grand Rounds Presentation at Midwestern State University. November 21, 2014. Wichita Falls, TX

Atkins, B. *From Inkwells to Firebombs: The Career Path of Ulrike Meinhof*. Presented at the Annual Southwestern Social Sciences Association (SSSA) Conference, March 2009. Denver, CO.

Atkins, B. *Turmoil in the Federal Republic: Germany's 1960s Student Movement*. Presented at Phi Alpha Theta Conference, Texas Wesleyan University, February 2009. Fort Worth, TX.

Atkins, B. *From Protest to Terrorism in 1960s West Germany*. Presented at the Annual Southwestern Social Sciences Association (SSSA) Conference, March 2008. Las Vegas, NV.

PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Sibila, D., B. Atkins, and G. Day. "An Analysis of the Current State of U.S. Immigration Powers: Where are We Going?"

Sibila, D., B. Atkins, and N. Tapia. "Executive Immigration Powers: 1942-2017."

Atkins, B. (2016). Media use of claims-makers in neo-Nazi crime stories. Submitted to *The Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*.

Atkins, B. "Political Criminalization in American Newspapers: A Content Analysis."

Atkins, B. "Baader-Meinhof in the 21st Century" (book proposal in progress).

Atkins, B. "The Evolution of Murder Ballads in Texas: A Qualitative Content Analysis."

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Atkins, B. "The Focal Concerns of Police Traffic Stops: Interactions of Driver Demographics and Neighborhood Context."

Atkins, B. "Depictions of the *Rote Armee Fraktion* in Modern Pop-Culture."

SERVICE – MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

2019-2020:

Academic Appeals Committee - Reviewed student academic appeals and wrote recommendations regarding the appeals.

Pre-Law Scholarship Committee - Reviewed pre-law scholarship applicants

Faculty Search Committee- MSU Department of Criminal Justice Assisted in recruitment and review of qualified candidates for the position of Instructor/Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice.

Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) Posters on the Hill Reviewer

EURECA Reviewer

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Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) Posters on the Hill Reviewer

EURECA Reviewer

2016-2017:

Faculty Senate - Served as a faculty senator

Academic Appeals Committee - Reviewed student academic appeals and wrote recommendations regarding the appeals.

Pre-Law Scholarship Committee - Reviewed pre-law scholarship applicants

Artist Lecture Series Committee - As a committee member, assisted MSU students in selection and organization of guest speakers and performers for the Midwestern State University Artist Lecture Series.

Faculty Search Committee- MSU Department of Criminal Justice Assisted in recruitment and review of qualified candidates for the position of Instructor/Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice.

Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR) Member

EURECA Reviewer

2015-2016:

Faculty Senate - Served as a faculty senator

Emeritus Policy Review Committee - Assisted the Provost in revising the MSU Emeritus Policy.

Consensual Relationship Policy Review Committee - Reviewed University Attorney Barry Macha's new proposal for an MSU consensual relationship policy. Presented finding to Faculty Senate.

Artist Lecture Series Committee - As a committee member, assisted MSU students in selection and organization of guest speakers and performers for the Midwestern State University Artist Lecture Series.

Faculty Search Committee- MSU Department of Criminal Justice Assisted in recruitment and review of qualified candidates for the position of Instructor/Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice.

EURECA Reviewer

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS): Int'l Section Member 2009- Present

American Society of Criminology (ASC): Division of Int'l Criminology 2009-Present

Southwestern Association of Criminal justice (SWACJ): Full Member 2014-Present

Southwestern Social Sciences Association (SSSA) 2009-Present

Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR): 2016-Present

Americana Music Association (AMA): Artist Membership 2010-Present

Broadcast Music Incorporated (BMI): Licensed Creator/Publisher 1999-Present

MERIT-BASED AWARDS

2010 *Excellence in Writing Award*: Nominated by Rolando V. del Carmen, Sam Houston State University, Across-the-University Writing Program.

2009 Floyd E. Ewing Fellowship Award, Midwestern State University, Department of History.

2008 Floyd E. Ewing Fellowship Award, Midwestern State University, Department of History.

LANGUAGES - German