

Ricardo Gomez – Senior Lecturer of Criminology

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Education

Master of Science, University Houston Downtown, 2005

Concentration: Criminal Justice

Thesis: Testing the Core Elements of Community-Oriented Policing at a Community College

B.A, University of Houston Downtown, Houston, TX. 2001

Major: Criminal Justice Minor: Psychology

Teaching Experience

Lecturer, fall 2019 to Present

Texas A&M University – San Antonio

Courses:

Introduction to Criminal Justice 1301

Social Deviance 3302

Comparative Systems of Justice 3341

Police in Society 3345

Criminal Justice Organizations 3355

Courts and Criminal Procedure 3388

Instructor, 2015 to 2017

Remington College

Courses:

Law Enforcement Operations and Community Policing, Survey of the Criminal Justice System, Selected Topics in Law Enforcement, Selected Topics in Investigations, Research Methods in Criminal Justice

Lecturer, 2006 to 2015

University of Texas at Arlington

Courses:

Introduction to Law Enforcement, Police Management and Administration, Juvenile Justice System,

Introduction to the Criminal Justice System, Advanced Criminal Procedure,

Comparative Criminal Justice Systems

Instructor, 2004 - 2005

Houston Community College

Courses:

Introduction to Criminal Justice, Courts and Criminal Procedure,

Crime in America, Fundamentals of Criminal Law, Police Practices and Systems

Service

Service to students has included extending the teaching environment by inviting students to attend different guest speaker events on campus and by facilitating engaged attendance in the virtual criminology conference,

CrimCon (**Criminology Consortium**) in 2020, and personally invited the following Police Departments to speak to my Intro to Criminal Justice and Police in Society Classes: Dallas PD in September and October 2021, and 2024. San Antonio PD in 2022.

Regarding further service to students, I was influential in assisting a student with being hired by the Dallas Police Department by providing her with a letter of recommendation and helping a student secure a \$5,000 scholarship by providing her with an endorsement. I also attended the American Society of Criminology 2025 conference and sponsored a student who presented a poster and paper on the use of police force and reducing injury through improved use-of-force visualization as related to the Dynamic Resistance Response model.

Regarding service at the university, I served on the following committees:

Land Acknowledgement Committee from 12/20 – 3/21.

Search committee for the Administrative Associate V Position in October 2023

Search committee for the position of campus Chief of Police in January 2024.

Volunteer service to the university has included volunteering for the **Future Jaguar Day** events every year of my tenure (2020-2025), which is an important role given it is the first impression prospective first year, transfer, and graduate students get of our program. I also participated in the **Virtual Transfer Student Session** in June 2021 as well as the **Transfer Student Welcome Panel** on August 9, 2021. I volunteered to be an advisor in the **First-Year Experience Faculty Advising Program** where I advised students during the 2021-2022 school year and volunteered to attend **First Year Orientations** in July and August 2024. I also participated in the **Speaker Series Roundtable** on Reform in the Criminal Justice System in 2024, alongside academic and law enforcement professionals.

Regarding service to the department, I agreed to teach 5 classes during the Fall 2022 and Spring 2024 semesters due to a shortage of instructors.

Community service included volunteering to be interviewed by Emilie Eaton of the San Antonio Express-News in 2020. Story centered on how former police officers fired from one agency find employment with another agency. The story was entitled, *Three San Antonio police officers, fired by SAPD, were later hired by Leon Valley. Here's Why.*

Speaker Presentations

- Presenter at the OSHA Workplace Violence Prevention Seminar: Prevention Techniques & Active Shooter Preparedness in 2013.
- Keynote speaker at the Tarrant County College Police Academy graduation in 2012.

Invited Talks

- Participated in the Speaker Series Roundtable on Criminal Justice Reform at TAMUSA alongside academic and law enforcement professionals in 2024.
- Texas Public Radio, “The Source” in 2022 to discuss “no-knock warrants.”

Publications

Gomez, Ricardo (2005). *Testing the Core Elements of Community-Oriented Policing at a Community College*, University of Houston-Downtown: Department of Criminal Justice.

Conference Papers

American Society of Criminology conference, 2025 – Student co-sponsored poster and paper on “Effective Continuum-of-Force Illustration Protects Subject’s Rights: Proof-of Concept Study on Reducing Injuries in Police-Subject Encounters.”

Awards and Honors

Crisis Intervention Outstanding Officer of the Year Award 2002

Professional Development

American Society of Criminology, 2021, 2023, 2025

Association of College and University Educators (ACUE), 2022

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 2024

SAGE and ACJS Faculty Development Workshop, 2024

Licenses and Certifications

Texas Peace Officer license (Retired) Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards & Education (TCOLE)

Master Peace Officer Certificate- TCOLE

Police Officer Instructor- TCOLE

Crime Prevention Inspector- TCOLE

Mental Health Officer (Crisis Intervention) – TCOLE

NIMS Certified

Senior Management Institute for Police – Certificate, August 2013

Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) – Certificate in Inclusive Teaching for Equitable Learning, May 2022

SAGE and ACJS Faculty Development Workshop – Certificate March 2024

Associations

FBI-LEEDA (Law Enforcement Executive Development Association)

Texas Police Association

Research Skills

Knowledge of SPSS

Special Skills

- Fluency in Spanish.
- Proficiency in software applications, such as MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Blackboard, and Webex