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EDUCATION

2023-present	University of Missouri—St Louis Doctor of Philosophy, Criminology and Criminal Justice <i>Expected graduation: May 2028</i>	St. Louis, MO
2023-2025	University of Missouri—St Louis Master's degree, Criminology and Criminal Justice	St. Louis, MO
2022-2023	Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul Graduate Certificate (Specialization) in Criminal Law and Criminology • Thesis: " <i>Alternative penalties for resocialization and the protection of human dignity: a critical analysis of its application</i> " (in Portuguese)	Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil
2017-2022	Federal University of Rio Grande Bachelor's degree in Law • Thesis: " <i>Constitutional review of the imprisonment before the first appeal in jury trials</i> " (in Portuguese)	Rio Grande, RS, Brazil

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Courts and sentencing, prosecutorial decision-making, law and society, comparative criminal justice, human trafficking

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant | University of Missouri—St Louis

Undergraduate Courses:

CRIMIN 4380: *Special Topics in Criminology and Criminal Justice | Human Trafficking* | Fall 2025, Spring 2026

CRIMIN 4325: *Gender, Crime & Justice* | Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025

CRIMIN 4390: *Seminar in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Fear of Crime* | Spring 2024, Spring 2025

CRIMIN 4330: *Violence Against Women* | Summer 2024

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Washington University

2025 *Research Collaborator* | Spring 2026 - Present

PI Dr. Julia Fleckman | Research examining community violence intervention initiatives in the United States; contributing to qualitative data analysis, literature synthesis, and policy-relevant research outputs

University of Missouri—St Louis

2025 *Graduate Research Assistant* | Fall 2025 - Present

PI Dr. Valerie Anderson | Human Trafficking Awareness in the United States | Developed a project investigating information on human trafficking, wrote two grant proposals, designed an IRB protocol and created a survey and an interview guide. Actively interviewing participants

2025 *Graduate Research Assistant* | Summer 2025 - Present

PI Dr. Marisa Omori | Language barriers and court representation in California in collaboration with the American Civil Liberties Union

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- 2024 *Independent Research* | Fall 2024 - *Present*
Investigating Prosecutorial Discretion in Plea Negotiations in Brazil | IRB 438335 |
Designed IRB protocol, interviewed 59 court actors (public defenders, private attorneys, and prosecutors)
- 2024 *Graduate Research Assistant* | Summer 2024, Fall 2024
PI Dr. Rebecca Lennox | Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault in the United States |
Interviewed victim advocates and family lawyers

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Criminal Defense Attorney | Brazil

2022 Private and *ad hoc* attorney
Issued: 2021 | Status: Active license

Public Defender 's Office | Brazil

- 2022-2023 *Graduate practice residency* | São Pedro do Sul, RS
• Researching criminal justice precedents, acting on appeals, and writing motions and petition in civil and criminal cases, such as divorce, alimony, tax collection, theft and domestic violence
- 2021-2022 *Internship* | São Luiz Gonzaga, RS
• Writing petitions and researching precedents for defensive acts in criminal justice, mainly related to homicide, drug trafficking, theft and robbery
- 2017-2018 *Volunteer internship* | Rio Grande, RS
• Requesting documents to file lawsuits and researching jurisprudence for drafting petitions

Federal University of Rio Grande | Brazil

2020-2022 *Internship at the Legal Clinic* | Rio Grande, RS
• Providing legal services to the public, mostly in banking law, health insurance benefits and pension plans. Researching, writing petitions and administering the office

District Attorney 's Office | Brazil

2019-2021 *Internship* | Rio Grande, RS
• Studying cases under investigation to make formal written charges or agreement offers, researching precedents and writing criminal petitions and formal requests to the police

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 **The American Society of Criminology**
“Attorneys as Gatekeepers: How Defense Attorneys Approach Negotiation in Brazil’s Non-Prosecution Agreement”
- 2024 **The American Society of Criminology**
“The Brazilian Non-Prosecution Agreement as a Subjective Right of the Accused and Prosecutorial Discretion”

FELLOWSHIPS

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2025 **Graduate Student Fellowship** | Summer 2025
CCJ Department | University of Missouri—St Louis: \$1,800
Investigating Prosecutorial Discretion in Non-Prosecution Agreements in Brazil

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2025 **Graduate Travel Research Scholarship**
The University of Missouri—St. Louis Graduate School: \$1,000

2025 **Travel Award**
The University of Missouri—St. Louis CCJ Department: \$1,000

2024 **Graduate Travel Research Scholarship**
The University of Missouri—St. Louis Graduate School: \$500

2024 **Individual Conference Grant**
The University of Missouri—St. Louis CCJ Department: \$700

2024 **Travel Award**
The University of Missouri—St. Louis CCJ Department: \$1,000

2024 **Triton Fund**
Office of Student Advocacy & Care, University of Missouri—St Louis: \$500

2023 **Travel Award**
The University of Missouri—St. Louis CCJ Department: \$1,000

2023-2025 **UMSL Global Merit-based Scholarship**
Offered International Student Recruitment Scholarship of a \$ 7,500.00 per academic year, for 2 academic years (not claimed) | University of Missouri—St Louis

2023 **English Language Programs | English for Professional Development**
Received Santander Open Academy Scholarship to study English for 5 weeks | University of Pennsylvania

2023-2024 **Master's Degree Scholarship**
Offered full tuition waiver as part of admission to a 2-year federally funded program (not claimed) | Federal University of Santa Maria, RS, Brazil

2017-2022 **Undergraduate Scholarship**
Received full tuition waiver for a 5-year federally funded undergraduate program | Federal University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande, RS, Brazil

PUBLICATIONS

Law Journal Reports

2022 **Heinzmann, A. C. T.** “*Analysis of the Brazilian negotiation possibilities through an expansionist perspective*” (in Portuguese). Boletim Conteúdo Jurídico, v. 1,116, year XIV (Oct 2022), p. 125-137, ISSN 1984-0454. Available at: [link](#)

2022 **Heinzmann, A. C. T.** “*Presumption of innocence in Brazil after the Constitution of 1988 related to the precautionary arrest*” (in Portuguese). Boletim Conteúdo Jurídico, v. 1,113, year XIV (Sep 2022), p. 111-133, ISSN 1984-0454. Available at: [link](#)

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2022 **Heinzmann, A. C. T.** “*Imprisonment before the first appeal in jury trials under the hermeneutic-Constitutional filter*” (in Portuguese). *Âmbito Jurídico*, n.220 (May 2022), p. 01-34, ISSN 1518-0360. Available at: [link](#)

AFFILIATIONS

2025-present	Member of the Brazilian Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys (ABRACRIM)
2022-present	Member of the Brazilian Bar Association (Order of Attorneys of Brazil - OAB) registered by the number 127.216-RS
2022-2025	Member of the Brazilian Institute of Criminal Sciences (IBCCRIM)

Service

04.24.2026	Judge - Undergraduate Research Symposium University of Missouri-St Louis
2025-2026	Peer Mentor for graduate students Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Missouri—St Louis
2025-2026	Treasurer — Graduate Student Association Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Missouri—St Louis

LANGUAGES

Portuguese (native speaker), English (bilingual proficiency), and Spanish (intermediate proficiency).