

# Saundra Trujillo

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## Education

- 2012 - present      PhD. Student, Criminology and Criminal Justice  
University of Missouri – St. Louis  
Concentrations: Communities, Gang Behavior  
Committee Chair: Professor Finn Esbensen
- 2011                    Master of Arts, Sociology  
The University of New Mexico  
Thesis Title: Jail Incarceration and Violent Crime Rates: A cross-sectional  
exploratory analysis in Albuquerque, New Mexico 2000-2001  
Thesis Chair: Professor Maria Velez
- 2009                    Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, *Suma Cum Laude*  
The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

## Research & Teaching Experience

- 2013-Present        *Graduate Teaching Instructor*, Online Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Delinquency,  
University of Missouri – St. Louis; Average 40 students per semester
- 2012-2014            *Graduate Research Assistant*, University of Missouri – St. Louis  
A Multi-method, Multi-site Study of Gang Desistance funded by the National  
Institute of Justice \$501,337 (2011-MU-MU-0027).  
Principal Investigator: Finn-Aage Esbensen Interviewed gang and non-gang youth  
for desistance study.
- 2011-2012            *Graduate Assistant*, The University of New Mexico  
Computer Lab Instructor for Undergraduate Research Methods and Statistics in  
Social Sciences course, Spring 2010, Fall 2011; 40 – 80 students  
Emergency Teaching Assistant Fall 2011, Spring 2012
- 2010-2012            *Graduate Research Assistant*, The University of New Mexico  
Cross-National Comparisons of Gender Differentiation in Professional  
Employment 1960-2008: Apparent Realities and Urban Possibilities.  
Principle Investigator: Robert Fiala

2009-2011 *Albuquerque Graduate Research Assistant*, The University of Missouri – St. Louis  
Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training  
(G.R.E.A.T) Program, funded by the National Institute of Justice. \$2,497,585  
(2006-JV-FX-0011).  
Principal Investigator: Finn-Aage Esbensen.

### **Professional Presentations**

2015 Poster Presentation at the American Society of Criminology Meetings,  
Washington, D.C. “Gang Membership and the Risk-Protection Continuum”.

2014 Presented at the American Society of Criminology Meetings, San Francisco, CA.  
“Searching for Conceptual Clarity: Protective Factors and Gang Joining”  
**Saundra Trujillo**

2013 Presented at the American Society of Criminology Meetings, Atlanta, GA.  
“Street Code and Victimization Risk across Neighborhoods” **Saundra Trujillo,**  
Finn-Aage Esbensen, Dena Carson and Adrienne Freng

2011 Presented at the American Society of Criminology Meetings, Washington, DC.  
“Jail Incarceration and Violent Crime Rates: A cross-sectional exploratory  
analysis in Albuquerque, New Mexico 2000-2001”. **Saundra Trujillo**

### **Honors & Awards**

2013 & 2014 E. Desmond Lee Scholar, University of Missouri – St. Louis

2007-2009 National Dean’s List

2009-2014 Golden Key National Honor Society

2007-2014 Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society