

## MADISON PALOS

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### EDUCATION

- M.A.** Arizona State University, School of Criminology Expected Fall 2027
- B.A.** California State University, Fullerton, Criminal Justice Jan. 2025  
Study Abroad in Cape Town, South Africa Jun. 2023
- Examined issues of race, class, gender, religion, and sexual orientation from a South African regional perspective.
  - Used history, current events, and contemporary voices to assess identity-based justice post-apartheid.
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### ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Women's pathways into crime | Civil disobedience | Social Justice

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### PROJECTS AND ACADEMIC WORK

**South Africa Cultural Ambassador Project** Jul. 2023

Link:  Palos\_Madison FINAL Cultural Ambassador Report.pdf

- Incorporating themes of Rainbow Nation identity, restorative justice, and human-wildlife conflict, this 27-page research and cultural analysis paper examines South Africa's society post-apartheid.
- Conducted qualitative research through site visits, museum analysis, and discussions with natives, nonprofit organizations, and educators to gain a better perspective, both politically and socially.
- Analyzed historical and present issues such as education inequality, youth political participation, and gendered-based violence using scholarly journals and firsthand observations.

**Critical Analysis of Women's Pathways into Crime and Incarceration** May 2024

Link:  Critical Analysis of Women's Pathways into Crime and Incarceration.pdf

- This paper applies feminist criminology to evaluate women's pathways to offending, incarceration environment, motherhood in prison, and barriers to reentry.
- Incorporated academic literature with media case studies (*A World Apart*, *Life Jolt*) to examine institutional sexism, rehabilitation barriers, and gender-specific needs.

## Watts College Summer of Research

Jun. 2025

Link:  Civic Engagement Behind Bars.pdf

- Co-authored a literature-based analysis examining how civic engagement, including peer mentorship, community service, and restorative justice, supports mental health, identity reconstruction, and successful reentry among older formerly incarcerated adults in the United States.
- This paper examines evidence that highlights how civic engagement reduces age-specific reentry challenges such as social isolation, institutional disorientation, and declining health through fostering purpose, social capital, and emotional well-being.
- Refers to life-course, identity-transformation, and social-capital frameworks to call for policy and programmatic reforms that integrate civic engagement as a central, strength-based component of reentry for aging incarcerated populations.

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## EXPERIENCE

### Graduate Student Services Assistant

Jun. 2024-Present

Department of Rehabilitation

Manager: Angelina Walker

- Assist individuals between the ages of 16 and 21 who have disabilities with services such as finding employment and independent living.
- Work alongside a Qualified Rehabilitation Professional, Danny Zuniga, to help incarcerated youth seek employment once fulfilling their sentence.
- Work with third parties such as Riverside County Probation, California Life Family Center, and AMITY to help curate the proper employment plan for youths specific needs once out of facility.

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## ACADEMIC SKILLS

Literature review | Critical evaluation of primary literature | Proficient in Microsoft Office (including Excel analytics)