

Alexis Harper is a Doctor of Criminology who graduated from The University of Texas at Dallas in 2016. She has oriented her career around working with academia, government agencies, and various community initiatives and organizations to address crime and correlates of crime to improve citizen lives and community resources and outcomes.

While living in Dallas she worked at the Institute for Urban Policy Research with a multitude of community partners to address citizen and community risks and needs relating to education, safety, and health. This spurred Dr. Harper's passion to dedicate her career and focus in research to evaluating and implementing opportunities to help promote well-being, growth, and prosperity within and across communities. She has always cared deeply about contributing to every community she has called home.

In 2016, Dr. Harper moved to South Texas and became an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Texas A&M International University on the border to Mexico in Laredo. She worked with minority students and local and federal law enforcement agencies to strengthen law enforcement and citizen relationships by identifying and working toward common goals within their community. In 2018, she relocated to Colorado to begin a new career and adventure in government work as a researcher and scientist supporting evidence-based criminal justice policies and practices. From 2018-2023 she worked as the Criminal Justice Planner with El Paso County, Colorado, then grew into her current role in 2023 as Criminal Justice Project Manager with the State of Colorado's Division of Criminal Justice in the Office of Research and Statistics. She also teaches as an Adjunct Professor within the Criminal Justice Program at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. Dr. Harper loves her work, and she also loves adventure, traveling, learning about new places and different cultures, and living and Jeeping in Colorado's great outdoors.