

# Peter T. Tanksley

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## EXPERIENCE

### Research Scientist

ALERT Center, Texas State University  
Areas: First responder health/well-being, eye-tracking

2024-present

### Postdoctoral Fellow

Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin  
Areas: Social Science Genomics/Epigenetics  
Supervisor: K. Paige Harden, Ph.D.

2020-2024

## EDUCATION

### Doctor of Philosophy, Criminal Justice

University of Cincinnati  
Dissertation: From age to aging: Biological age and its role in the criminal career.  
Chair: J.C. Barnes, Ph.D.

2020

### Master of Science, Criminal Justice & Criminology

University of Texas at San Antonio  
Thesis: Differential susceptibility in successful psychopathy.  
Chair: Jamie Newsome, Ph.D.

2016

### Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice

University of Texas at San Antonio  
Internship: Secret Service, San Antonio Field Office  
Minor: Biology

2014

## RESEARCH CONCENTRATIONS

Applied Statistical Analysis  
Biopsychosocial Criminology  
Health Criminology/Aging

Developmental/Life-course Criminology  
Sociogenomics/epigenetics

# PUBLICATIONS

## ACADEMIC ARTICLES

### 2024

**Tanksley, Peter T.**, Sarah J. Brislin, Jasmin Wertz, Ronald de Vlaming, Natasia S. Courchesne-Krak, Travis T. Mallard, Laurel A. S. Raffington, Richard Karlsson Linner, Philipp Koellinger, Abraham A. Palmer, Sandra Sanchez-Roige, Irwin Waldman, Danielle Dick, Terrie E. Moffitt, Avshalom Caspi, & K. Paige Harden.  
“Do polygenic indices capture “direct” effects on child externalizing behavior? Within-family analyses in two longitudinal birth cohorts.” *Clinical Psychological Science* (online first).

Barnes, J.C., Terrie E. Moffitt, **Peter T. Tanksley**, Shahin Tasharrofi, Richie Poulton, & Avshalom Caspi.  
“Using Risk of Crime Detection to Study Change in Mechanisms of Decision-Making.” *Journal of Personality & Social Psychology*, 126(3), 477–491.

Willems, Yayoek E., Abby deSteiguer, **Peter T. Tanksley**, Liza Vinnik, Deniz Främke, Aysu Okbay, David Richter, Gert G. Wagner, Ralph Hertwig, Philipp D. Koellinger, Elliot M. Tucker-Drob, K. Paige Harden, & Laurel A.S. Raffington.  
“Self-control is associated with health-relevant disparities in buccal DNA-methylation measures of biological aging in older adults.” *Clinical Epigenetics*, 16 (22).

### 2023

**Tanksley, Peter T.**, Matthew W. Logan, & J.C. Barnes.  
“History of incarceration and age-related neurodegeneration: Testing models of genetic and environmental risks in a longitudinal panel study of older adults.” *PLoS ONE*, 18 (12): e0288303.

Williams, Camille M., Holly Poore, **Peter T. Tanksley**, Hyeokmoon Kweon, Natasia S. Courchesne-Krak, Diego Londono-Correa, Travis T. Mallard, Peter Barr, Philipp D. Koellinger, Irwin D. Waldman, Sandra Sanchez-Roige, K. Paige Harden, Abraham A Palmer, Danielle M. Dick, & Richard Karlsson Linnér.  
“Guidelines for evaluating the comparability of down-sampled GWAS summary statistics.” *Behavior Genetics*, 53, 404–415.

Raffington, Laurel A.S., **Peter T. Tanksley**, Liza Vinnik, Aditi Sabhlok, Megan Patterson, Travis T. Mallard, Margherita Malanchini, Ziada Ayorech, Elliot M. Tucker-Drob, & K. Paige Harden.  
“Socially stratified DNA-methylation profiles are associated with disparities in child and adolescent mental health.” *Clinical Psychological Science*, 34 (2), 170–185.

Wertz, Jasmin, Terrie E. Moffitt, Louise Arseneault, J.C. Barnes, Michel Boivin, David L. Corcoran, Andrea Danese, Robert J. Hancox, HonaLee Harrington, Renate M. Houts, Stephanie Langevin, Hexuan Liu, Richie Poulton, Karen Sugden, **Peter T. Tanksley**, Benjamin S. Williams, & Avshalom Caspi.  
“Genetic associations with parental investment from conception to wealth inheritance: 30,000 parents in six cohorts”. *Nature Human Behavior*, 7, 1388–1401.

## 2022

Langevin, Stephanie, Ashalom Caspi, J.C. Barnes, Grace Brennan, Richie Poulton, Suzanne C. Purdy, Sandhya Ramrakha, **Peter T. Tanksley**, Peter R. Thorne, Graham Wilson, & Terrie E. Moffitt.

“Life-course persistent antisocial behavior and accelerated biological aging in a longitudinal birth cohort.” *The International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19(21), 14402.

Raffington, Laurel A.S., **Peter T. Tanksley**, Aditi Sabhlok, Liza Vinnik, Travis T. Mallard, Lucy King, Bridget Goosby, K. Paige Harden, & Elliot M. Tucker-Drob.

“Socially stratified epigenetic profiles are associated with cognitive functioning in children and adolescents.” *Psychological Science*, 34(2), 170-185.

Liu, Hexuan, **Peter T. Tanksley**, Ryan T. Motz, Rachel M. Kail, & J.C. Barnes.

“Incarceration, polygenic risk, and depressive symptoms among males in late adulthood.” *Social Science Research*, 104, 102683.

## 2021

Liu, Hexuan, Ryan T. Motz, **Peter T. Tanksley**, J.C. Barnes, & Kathleen Mullan Harris.

“Adolescent criminal justice involvement, educational attainment, and genetic inheritance: Testing an integrative model using the Add Health data.” *Journal of Developmental & Life-Course Criminology*, 7(2), 195-228.

## 2020

**Tanksley, Peter T.**, J.C. Barnes, Brian Boutwell, Avshalom Caspi, & Terrie E. Moffitt.

“Identifying pathways to polyvictimization: Evidence from a Longitudinal Cohort Study of Twins from the United Kingdom.” *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 16 (3), 431-461.

## 2019

Barnes, J.C., Hexuan Liu, Ryan T. Motz, **Peter T. Tanksley**, Rachel M. Kail, Amber L. Beckley, Daniel W. Belsky, Benjamin W. Domingue, Terrie E. Moffitt, Travis C. Pratt, & Jasmin Wertz.

“The propensity for aggressive behavior and lifetime incarceration risk: A test for gene-environment interaction (G×E) using whole-genome data.” *Aggression & Violent Behavior*, 49, 101307.

**Tanksley, Peter T.**, Ryan T. Motz, Rachel M. Kail, J.C. Barnes, & Hexuan Liu.

“The genome-wide study of human social behavior and its application in sociology.” *Frontiers of Sociology*, 4(53): 1-10.

Motz, Ryan M., **Peter T. Tanksley**, Hexuan Liu, Tesfaye B. Mersha, & J.C. Barnes.

“Every contact leaves a trace: Contact with the criminal justice system, life outcomes, and the intersection with genetics.” *Current Opinion in Psychology*, 27: 82-87.

## PREPRINTS/UNDER REVIEW

Blair, J. Pete, **Peter T. Tanksley**, & Emily D. Spivey.

“To what are we inferring? The widespread misuse of inferential testing in the most cited criminology and criminal justice journals.” Under review at *Justice Quarterly*.

Wooldredge, John, Joshua C. Cochran, & **Peter T. Tanksley**.

“Cumulative disadvantages in the processing of prison rule violators?” Under review at Journal of Criminal Justice.

deSteiguer, Abby, **Peter T. Tanksley**, Laurel A.S. Raffington, Elliot M. Tucker-Drob, & K. Paige Harden.

“Stability of DNA-methylation profiles of biological aging in children and adolescents.” Biorxiv. Under review at Child Development.

## IN-PROGRESS

Del Toro, Juan, Laurel A.S. Raffington, Muna Aikins, Aditi Sabhlok, **Peter T. Tanksley**, Elliot M. Tucker-Drob, & K. Paige Harden.

“Associations of neighborhood and school racial contexts with child and adolescent DNA-methylation profiles and their mental health and academic adjustment.”

Preregistration: <https://osf.io/xfr48/>

The Externalizing Consortium & **Peter T. Tanksley** (analyst).

“Multivariate GWAS of externalizing behaviors in ~3M individuals of European and African ancestries.”

Preregistration: <https://osf.io/7pfgj/>

Schwaba, Ted, **Peter T. Tanksley** (analyst), & the Revived Genomics of Personality Consortium.

## PRESENTATIONS

### ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

#### 2023

**Tanksley, Peter T.** “The incarceration experience, health, and biological aging: Evidence from the Midlife in the United States (MIDUS) study.” Paper presented at the annual conference for the American Society of Criminology, November, Philadelphia, PA.

**Tanksley, Peter T.**, Matthew W. Logan, & J.C. Barnes. “History of incarceration and age-related neurodegeneration: Testing models of genetic and environmental risks in a longitudinal panel study of older adults.” Paper presented at the annual conference for the American Society of Criminology, November, Philadelphia, PA.

#### 2022

**Tanksley, Peter T.**, Sarah J. Brislin, Jasmin Wertz, Travis T. Mallard, & K. Paige Harden. “Identifying genetic and environmental pathways for the development of externalizing behavior using within-family genomic data.” Paper presented at the annual conference for the Behavior Genetics Association, June, Los Angeles, CA.

#### 2021

**Tanksley, Peter T.** & J.C. Barnes.

“Early Criminal Justice Contact and Accelerated Biological Aging Throughout Adulthood.” Paper presented at the annual conference for the American Society of Criminology, November, Chicago, IL.

**Tanksley, Peter T.**

“Evidence of Accelerated Aging Among Americans with a History of Incarceration.” Paper presented at the annual conference for the American Society of Criminology, November, Chicago, IL.

**Tanksley, Peter T.**

“Evidence of Accelerated Aging Among Americans with a History of Incarceration.” Paper presented virtually at the annual conference for Integrating Genetics and Social Sciences, October, Boulder, CO.

## 2020

**Tanksley, Peter T.** “Aging out: Biological age and its role in the criminal career.” Paper and poster presented virtually at the annual conference for Integrating Genetics and Social Sciences, October, Boulder, CO.

## 2019

**Tanksley, Peter T.**

“Identifying psychological pathways to polyvictimization.” Paper presented at the annual conference for the American Society of Criminology, November, San Francisco, CA.

Barnes, J.C., **Peter T. Tanksley**, & Terrie E. Moffitt.

“Perceptions of punishment risk from adolescence to middle adulthood.” Paper presented at the annual conference for the American Society of Criminology, November, San Francisco, CA.

**Tanksley, Peter T.**, & Jorim J. Tielbeek, for the Broad Antisocial Behavior Consortium.

“A new genome-wide association study of antisocial behavior: Expanding the BroadABC.” Paper presented at the annual conference for the American Society of Criminology, November, San Francisco, CA.

**Tanksley, Peter T.**, & Jorim J. Tielbeek, for the Broad Antisocial Behavior Consortium.

“A new genome-wide association study of antisocial behavior: Expanding the BroadABC.” Paper and poster presented at the annual conference for Integrating Genetics and Social Sciences, October, Boulder, CO.

## 2018

**Tanksley, Peter T.**, Ryan T. Motz, Hexuan Liu, J.C. Barnes, Brian Boutwell, Avshalom Caspi, & Terrie E. Moffitt.

“Victimization and the effects of cognitive traits: A discordant MZ-twin approach.” Paper presented at the annual conference for the American Society of Criminology, November, Atlanta, GA.

Liu, Hexuan, **Peter T. Tanksley**, Ryan T. Motz, & J.C. Barnes.

“Incarceration risk, genetic inheritance, and depression over the life-course.” Paper and poster presented at the annual conference for Integrating Genetics and Social Sciences, October, Boulder, CO.

## 2017

**Tanksley, Peter T.** & J.C. Barnes.

“Geri-paths: Testing the effects of age on neurophysiological functioning in

psychopathic individuals.” Paper presented at the annual conference for the American Society of Criminology, November, Philadelphia, PA.

## **2016**

**Tanksley, Peter T.** & Jamie Newsome.

“Differential susceptibility in psychopathic subtypes: The role of genetic plasticity in the development of successful psychopaths.” Poster presented at the annual conference for the American Society of Criminology, November, New Orleans, LA.

## **2015**

**Tanksley, Peter T.**, Jamie Newsome, & James V. Ray.

“Genetic and environmental influences on the relationship between callous-unemotional traits and delinquency.” Poster presented at the annual conference for the American Society of Criminology, November, Washington, D.C.

## **INVITED TALKS**

### **2023**

“Linking incarceration and health: A tale of three models” Presented to the Correctional Systems and Practices undergraduate course for the School of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, USA.

“The biosocial lens.” Presented to the Correctional Systems and Practices undergraduate course for the School of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, USA.

“The role of environmental factors in a genetic predictor of externalizing behavior: Evidence across development in two UK-based cohorts.” Presented at the Open Research Meeting, hosted by the Externalizing Consortium (virtual).

“The role of environmental factors in a genetic predictor of externalizing behavior: Evidence across development in two UK-based cohorts.” Presented to the Department of Sociology, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, USA.

### **2022**

“Direct genetic effects are the primary drivers of externalizing genetics during development.” Presented to the Biosocial Working Group, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, USA.

### **2021**

“Crime and biological aging.” Presented to the School of Social Sciences, University of Bialystok, Bialystok, Poland.

### **2019**

“Research discussion: ‘Identifying pathways to polyvictimization.’” Presented to the “Criminal Justice Research Methods” course at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, USA.

**2018**

“Criminogenomics: The study of crime in a postgenomic era.” Presented to the “Introduction to Criminological Theory” course at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, USA.

“Geri-paths: Testing the effects of age on neurophysiological functioning in psychopathic individuals.” Presented at the Research + Innovation Week at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, USA.

## **AWARDS**

### **Early Career Award**

Division of Biopsychosocial Criminology, American Society of Criminology 2023

## **FUNDING**

### **Improving Law Enforcement Officers’ Ability to Correctly Identify Weapons Through Training the Visual System**

Perception, Action, & Cognition Program, The National Science Foundation 2024  
Amount: \$517,088 (Unfunded)

### **Graduate Study & Faculty Research Mentoring Grant**

College of Education, Criminal Justice, & Human Services, University of Cincinnati  
Amount: \$1,000 2020

### **Research Fellowship Grant**

Graduate Student Government Association, University of Cincinnati 2020  
Amount: \$1,200

### **Graduate Student Research Grant**

School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati 2018  
Amount: \$2,500

## **AD HOC REVIEWER**

Criminal Justice & Behavior  
Epigenetics  
Journal of Developmental & Life-course Criminology  
Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency

Molecular Psychiatry  
Psychology of Addictive Behaviors  
Social Science & Medicine  
Youth & Society

## **STATISTICAL SOFTWARE & PROGRAMMING**

### **Operating Systems**

Mac OS X, Windows, & Linux

### **Statistical Software**

R (Primary), Stata

### **Data Visualization**

{ggplot2}

### **Other Tools**

Bash, Plink, and other Linux-based tools for bioinformatics

## **ADVANCED TRAINING**

### **Experiments in Social Science Research & Interactive Visualization, Dashboards, and Apps with R and Shiny**

ICPSR, University of Michigan

2024

### **International Statistical Genetics Workshop**

Institute for Behavioral Genetics, University of Colorado-Boulder

2021

### **Genomics for Social Scientists-Epigenetics**

Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

2021

### **Introduction to Behavioral Genetics Workshop**

GESIS, Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences

2020

### **Genomics for Social Scientists**

Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

2019

## **TEACHING**

### **Instructed**

Introduction to Criminology  
Criminal Justice Research Methods

### **Assisted/Facilitated** (\*=Distance Learning)

Criminal Justice Statistics  
Correctional Rehabilitation\*  
Police Effectiveness\*  
Advanced Crime Analysis\*  
  
Policing in America\*  
Introduction to Crime Mapping\*  
Seminar in Criminal Justice\*