

Title V PPOHA Fall 2022 Fellows



Name: Brooke Bowman

Program/Level: Range & Wildlife Management / Borderlands Research Institute / Graduate Research Assistant

Fellowship Mentor: Justin French

Hometown: Baytown, Texas

Prior Education: B.S. in Environmental Science, University of Texas at Austin, 2019

Academic Achievements:

- Current 4.0 GPA at Sul Ross State University in my M.S. program
- Mentored an undergraduate technician through the Borderlands Undergraduate Mentorship Program with Borderlands Research Institute
- Biostatistics Teaching Assistant for Sul Ross State University
- Graduated from my B.S. degree with High Honors from UT Austin with a 3.9 GPA
- Completed an undergraduate independent research project that I was able to acquire \$7,853 for through the Texas EcoLab Research Grant, UT's Undergraduate Research Fellowship Award, and UT's Environmental Science Capstone Research Grant

Fun Facts – Hobbies/Interests (things to know about me): I love hiking, birding, camping, reading, music, cooking, and listening to true crime podcasts.

Short Bio: My name is Brooke Bowman, and I grew up on the Texas Gulf Coast in Baytown, Texas. I did not grow up in the outdoors but always had a love for animals. After visiting Yellowstone National Park with my family in middle school, my love for the natural world was sparked. My interest in conservation led me to obtain my B.S. in Environmental Science from the University of Texas at Austin. After graduation, I realized that I wanted to pursue a career in wildlife biology. This passion drove me to take seasonal wildlife positions across the country. I conducted plant community surveys across the state of Arkansas with The Nature Conservancy, taught the public about Texas wildlife through an array of outreach activities at Bamberger Ranch Preserve in Central Texas, traversed the Nevada sagebrush steppe in search of collared Greater Sage-grouse, performed vegetation surveys in southern Idaho on a separate Greater Sage-grouse project, and trapped Northern Bobwhite quail in Oklahoma. I am grateful to continue my education in Sul Ross State University's Range & Wildlife Management Master's program studying the effects of oil & gas development on Scaled Quail movement and behavior!

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Name: Andrew Deleon
Program/Level: Kinesiology
Hometown: Roscoe, TX

Prior Education: Bachelor's in Communication, Sul Ross State University, Cum Laude recognition

Professional Certifications & Organizations: Currently in Orlando, Fl employed by ESPN Sports Complex.

Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests (things to know about me): I hope to be a positive person in times where it's hard for people to be positive themselves.

Short Bio: My name is Andrew Deleon and I am currently working on my masters in Sports Administration. I am from Roscoe, Texas where I completed my associate degree in high school and then came to Sul Ross where I finished my bachelor's in communication. I completed these degrees with 3.5 overall GPA receiving cum laude recognition and in 2 years. I am currently in Orlando, Fl working for ESPN sport complex.

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Name: Kiahna S. García
Program/Level: Master of English
Fellowship Mentor: Audrey Taylor
Hometown: Del Rio, TX

Prior Education: B.A., English, Sul Ross State University, 2020

University of Texas at San Antonio, 2017-2018

Associate of Arts, Southwest Texas Junior College, 2017

Academic Achievements: SRSU, Sigma Tau Delta Spring Poetry Contest, 1st place for the poem “Voices of Lineage,” 2022

“Chat with a Stranger,” published in *The Sage*, 2022

“The Mexican-Imposter,” published in *The Sage*, 2021

Outstanding English Graduate Student, Spring 2021

Dean’s List, Sul Ross State University, Fall 2018, Fall 2019

SWTJC, Creative Arts Contest Award, 1st place for the story “A Chat with A Stranger,” 2019

International Good Neighbor Council Scholarship, 2019

Middle Rio Grande College, Student Service Fee Scholarship, 2019

Middle Rio Grande College, Student Deposit Scholarship, 2019

The Bank & Trust Scholarship, 2019

President’s List, University of Texas at San Antonio, Spring 2018

President’s Honor Roll and Dean’s Honor Roll, Southwest Texas Junior College, Spring 2017

SWTJC, Halloween Short Story Contest Award, 1st place for the story “Rose Creek,” 2017

Professional Certifications & Organizations: Graduate Student Council, Fall 2022

Sigma Tau Delta, 2020

National Honors Society of Leadership and Success, 2017

National Honors Society, 2014

Phi Theta Kappa, 2014

Fun Facts - Hobbies/Interests (things to know about me): An interesting fact about me is that I once grew a tooth on the roof of my mouth. I was entertained by my body’s decision to grow a tooth in a location that was not my gums, but my poor mother was petrified as my oral surgeon told her his clinic gets 12 cases like mine every year. My hobbies/ interests include gardening, reading, baking, traveling, playing video games, and learning Spanish and Japanese! I am learning Spanish to perfect my speaking and writing abilities and I am learning Japanese as I would like to read Japanese literature in Japanese.

Short Bio: I am 1st generation American from my mother’s side and 4th generation American from my father’s side. My love for reading and writing began when I was little as my mother, who wanted to make sure that we would not struggle with English as she did when moved here from Mexico, would take my sisters and me to the library every day. I would eagerly read the books at the library and check out the ones I did not finish so that I could read them at home. Since then, my love for literature grew (my love for writing soon followed after). By the time I graduated high school at 16, I knew that I wanted to major in English so that I can teach the wondrous world of English literature to others. Eight years later, that desire has not gone away as I am still happily shoving books in my face. The only thing that *has* changed is that I grew to love literature from other countries as well. Which is why my master’s thesis does not focus on English literature, but on Japanese literature—specifically manga. In the future, my ultimate goal is to obtain my Ph.D. in English and teach English and/or Mexican literature at a university outside of the United States.

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Name: Olivia Gray

Program/Level: Range and Wildlife Management Graduate Student at Borderlands Research Institute, Masters

Fellowship Mentor: Carlos Gonzalez

Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Prior Education: B.S. in Natural Resources Management, Texas Tech University

Academic Achievements (Publications): “Competition Among Aoudad, Desert Bighorn Sheep, and Mule Deer in the Trans-Pecos” in Texas Wildlife Magazine, September 2022.

“Evaluating Habitat and Diet Overlap Between Aoudad, Desert Bighorn Sheep, and Mule Deer in the Trans-Pecos” in The Bighorn Magazine. Summer 2021.

Professional Certifications & Organizations: Hunting for Conservation Certified, Member of the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society, Member of the Southwest Section of the Wildlife Society

Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests (things to know about me): I love to hike, camp, hunt and generally be outside. I also sing in the Big Bend Community Chorale and love to bake.

Short Bio: My name is Olivia Gray and I am from San Antonio, Texas. Growing up, I spent a lot of time camping and hiking with my family and have always appreciated the outdoors and the plants and animals within it. My love for the outdoors and conservation led me to pursue a degree in Natural Resources Management from Texas Tech University where I gained a wide variety of field experiences. This led me to gain a deeper appreciation for research and specifically, desert ecosystems. It also presented me with the opportunity to attend graduate school at Sul Ross State University. While still working on my thesis on the competitive interactions between desert bighorn sheep, aoudad, and mule deer, I was recently hired by Texas Parks and Wildlife as the county biologist for Jeff Davis and Reeves counties. I am excited to finish my thesis and continue to live in the Trans-Pecos.

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Name: Caleb Hughes

Program/Level: M. S. in Range and Wildlife Management

Fellowship Mentor: Carlos Gonzalez

Hometown: Grandview, Texas

Prior Education:

- Associate of Arts, McLennan Community College
- Bachelor of Science, Sul Ross State University

Academic Achievements:

- Title V PPOHA Fellowship, Summer and Fall 2022
- John B. Poindexter Endowed Fellowship in Quail Research
- Magna Cum Laude, Bachelor of Science, Sul Ross State University
- Outstanding Underclassman Student in Natural Resource Management, 2020

Professional Certifications & Organizations:

- Member of The Wildlife Society
- 2020-21 Wildlife Vice President of the Sul Ross Range and Wildlife Club
- Member of the Mule Deer Foundation
- Member of the Teddy Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- Youth Protection Certification, Boy Scouts of America
- S-130 Firefighter Training Online Certification, National Wildfire Coordinating Group
- S-190 Wildland Fire Behavior Online Certification, National Wildlife Coordinating Group CIO – American Train Dispatchers Association

Interesting Facts: I enjoy hunting, fishing, hiking and doing field work for range and wildlife research. I am blessed to partake in Christian ministry as the Campus Minister at the Alpine Church of Christ. I also enjoy railfanning, taxidermy, playing guitar, and spending time with my lovely fiancé, Cali.

Short Bio: I was born in Fort Worth, Texas and raised in the small outlying town of Grandview. Being raised in a rural environment, activities such as hunting, and fishing developed a strong love for wildlife and wild places. This upbringing cultivated my interest in making a career out of studying and conserving natural resources. I transferred to Sul Ross from McLennan Community College and earned my Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management, during which I received ample exposure to both the field itself and stunning landscape of the Big Bend region. Knowledge gained through the classroom, projects, volunteer work and networking continually stoked my passion for wildlife and prompted me to continue my education. I was fortunate to remain at Sul Ross and begin my Master's degree working for Borderlands Research Institute studying habitat selection, movement and survival of scaled quail.

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Name: Christina Ketring
Program/Level: Animal Science, Graduate Studies
Fellowship Mentor: Carlos Gonzalez
Hometown: East Grand Forks, MN

Prior Education: B.S. Animal Industries Management University of MN, Crookston

Academic Achievements: Independent Study: Calf Helper© Trial 2004 2005 Animal Science Student of the Year Graduated in 3.5 years for my undergraduate degree Co-author on abstracts and conference proceedings Publications:

- Godfrey, R.W., M.C. Vinson and R.C. Ketring. 2012. Evaluation of split feeding regimens on growth and productivity of hair sheep ewes and lambs in the tropics. J. Anim. Vet. Adv. 11:2747-2752.2.
- Godfrey, R.W., M.C. Vinson and R.C. Ketring. 2013. The effect of a split feeding regimen and breed on body temperature of hair sheep ewes in the tropics. J. Anim. Sci., 91:5205-5207. doi:10.2527/jas.2013-65593.
- George, W.D., R. W. Godfrey, R. C. Ketring, M. C. Vinson and S. T Willard. 2014. Relationship among eye and muzzle temperatures measured using digital infrared thermal imaging and vaginal and rectal temperatures in hair sheep and cattle. J. Anim. Sci. 92:4949-4955. doi:10.2527/jas.2014-80874.
- Weiss S.A., R.W. Godfrey, R. Ben-Avraham and R.C. Ketring. 2015. Performance and carcass characteristics of hair sheep lambs finished on tropical pasture or rangeland and supplemented with maize. Livestock Research for Rural Development. Volume 27, Article #228. <http://www.lrrd.org/lrrd27/11/weis27228.htm>

Professional Certifications & Organizations: Beef Quality Assurance Certified Certified in Artificial Insemination On Farm Milk Testing Technician, Centralstar Cooperative

Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests (things to know about me): My friends and family call me Christie. As a new homeowner, I enjoy hanging out at home with my dog. I shoot film photography when I can find the time. I enjoy western art and viewing galleries across the country. I frequent antique stores and estate sales.

Short Bio: I grew up in a small farming town but was the transplant of a grandfather in the Air Force. With no agriculture experience I pursued a degree in Animal Science initially looking at vet school. I came to really enjoy livestock management and was hired out of college as an analyst at the University of the Virgin Islands, Agriculture Experiment Station. I worked in St. Croix for two years managing the universities sheep and cattle. I moved to WI in 2008 wanting to apply to grad school; immediately feeling intimidated by the competitive programs. I also still didn't know what I wanted to focus on and I had no connections at any institutions. Instead, I became a livestock operations manager for a family dairy. At the dairy I managed a thriving dairy herd as well as a small sheep flock and a beef herd. When my sister moved to Texas in 2018, I started to Caption plan a move to Texas as well. I was sidetracked with a ranch foreman job in South Dakota, but finally made the move to Texas in 2020. Finding Alpine and Sul Ross State University has been wonderful; my time here will definitely add to the serendipity that has shaped my life so far! As random as my path has been I have been graced with good mentors and industry connections that still aid me today.

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Name: Leanna (“Lilly”) Morin

Program/Level: Natural Resources Science/Graduate Research Assistant in Range and Wildlife Management

Fellowship Mentor: Carlos Gonzalez

Hometown: Hondo, Texas

Prior Education: B.S. in Agriculture, Range and Wildlife Management, Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Associates of Arts, Southwest Texas Junior College

Academic Achievements: PPOHA Graduate Student Fellow, Summer 2022/Fall 2022

- Recipient of the Women in Conservation Science Scholarship, Fall 2021
- Recipient of the Franklin and Virginia Law Scholarship, Fall 2021/Fall 2022
- Recipient of the C.R. and Rebecca Palmer Undergraduate Student Scholarship in Wildlife Management, Spring 2020
- Recipient of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Wildlife Society Scholarship, Fall 2019

Professional Certifications & Organizations: Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society

- Range and Wildlife Club, Sul Ross State University
- Wildlife Society, Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Eta Beta Chapter

Interesting Facts: I once was a fashion merchandising major.

I have attended four colleges.

I lived in Oregon for three months for an internship with OSU.

I love to hang out with my pets – a dachshund mix named Sophia, a pit-bull mix named Opal, a bearded dragon named Leo, and a beta fish named Mermaid Man.

I enjoy working out, especially running, and eating good food!

Short Bio: I am from the small town of Hondo, Texas where I studied nearby in Uvalde for several years at Southwest Texas Junior College. After some degree changes/searching and mentoring, I found my passion in natural resource sciences. I pursued that fascination by then attending Texas A&M University-Kingsville, graduating in 2020 with a B.S. in Range and Wildlife Management. Now, I am entering my last year of graduate school at Sul Ross State University to earn an M.S. in Range and Wildlife Management studying pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana*) diet and vegetation community response to different cattle grazing systems. I am a first-generation college student and graduate, and my family has been very supportive throughout my long enrolled collegiate career. I am the coolest aunt to two nieces and two nephews, so some of my favorite things to do to share my love for nature is by taking them to parks, walking nature trails, and catching bugs together.

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Name: Preston McKee

Program/Level: Natural Resource Management/ Masters of Range and Wildlife Science

Fellowship Mentor: Justin French

Hometown: Hope, New Mexico

Prior Education: Bachelor's degree in wildlife management from Sul Ross State University in December 2020.

Professional Certifications & Organizations:

Outstanding Underclassman in NRM

Outstanding Upperclassman in NRM

Graduated with BS in 3.5 years with 4.0 GPA

Professional Certifications & Organizations:

New Mexico Guide License

Wild Sheep Foundation member

Fun Facts - Hobbies/Interests (things to know about me): My hobbies consist of being outdoors hunting, fishing, photographing wildlife, or just watching wildlife.

Short Bio: I grew up in a hunting family that created my passion for the outdoors. This passion grew into a career path leading me to pursue a degree in wildlife management at Sul Ross State University. Opportunities to utilize the outdoor classroom in the NRM department and the student chapter of The Wildlife Society led to an appreciation of the outdoors and research. My passion has been with big game animals that led me to BRI to study mule deer and desert bighorn.

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Name: Melissa Zapata Montoya
Program/Level: College of Literature, Arts, and Social Sciences. Graduate English Student
Fellowship Mentor: Ian Peddie
Hometown: Fort Stockton, Texas

Prior Education: AA in General Studies, BA in English with a minor in Mexican American Studies

Academic Achievements:

- 2022 Graduate Fellow
- 2nd place in 2022 Sigma Tau Delta Poetry Contest for “Sangre Que Hierve”
- “The Call of the Tlapitzalli” published in 2022 Edition of The Sage
- “Sangre Que Hierve” published in 2022 Edition of The Sage
- Research Panelist in 2022 SRSU Research Symposium “ ‘The Third Space’: How Sul Ross State University’s Writing Center can Accommodate the International and English Language Learner Students”

Professional Certifications & Organizations:

- 2021- current: Fort Stockton Barriofest Committee
- A committee researching and highlighting Mexican roots in the different Barrios of Fort Stockton, Texas
- 2020-2022 Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society (SGA representative, co-social media coordinator)
- 2021-2022 Student Representative for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee at SRSU
- 2021-2022 Graduate Assistantship at SRSU
- 2021-2022 English Writing Tutor for SRSU Writing Center
- 2020-2021 RGC English Club
- 2019-2020 Sigma Kappa Delta English Honor Society at Midland College

Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests: I love to sing specifically Mariachi and traditional Chorale music. I love writing poetry and short stories. I have four kids who are my best creation yet! My hobbies include reading Chicano Literature and researching the History of Mexican Americans. Outside of school, I am currently studying the indigenous language of Nahuatl.

Short Bio: I am a mother to four beautiful children who drive me crazy and melt my heart every single day. They are a huge part of my drive to complete my higher education. I am also a first generation American who is extremely grateful for my parents’ and grandparents’ sacrifices in providing everything they didn’t have growing up. I hope to complete my educational journey so that I may become an educator at the community college level as I believe those institutions open up a world of opportunities for lower income families to complete their post-secondary education. I also hope to become a Chicana writer and travel all over the world with my husband and children. I am currently researching theory and literature from the voices of the borderlands in the Southwestern United States.

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Name: Erin O'Connell

Program/Level: Borderlands Research Institute, Graduate Research Assistant, MS NRM '22

Fellowship Mentor: Carlos Gonzalez

Hometown: Southern Pines, NC

Prior Education: Wofford College, B.S. Biology '20

Academic Achievements: Clarence Cottom Award 3rd Place–Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society
Professional Certifications & Organizations: Southeastern Bat Diversity Network

Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests (things to know about me): I enjoy yoga, handstands, coding, and playing with my jumping spider BB-8.

Short Bio: Born and raised in North Carolina, I developed a passion for science and research from spending summers outside at my grandparents' farm in West Virginia. In May 2020, I graduated from Wofford College in South Carolina with a bachelor's degree in Biology. During undergrad I spent two summers capturing and tracking bats throughout West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky, researching population estimates and modeling the spread of white-nose Syndrome. I am broadly interested in quantitative ecology, remote sensing, and animal social behavior. I now have the privilege to study iconic pronghorn at the Rocker b Ranch in West Texas. My research involves pronghorn behavior and space-use. Specifically, I am modeling the acclimation period of translocated pronghorn after translocation has taken place. Additionally, I am modeling how resident and translocated pronghorn select for habitat in an energy-dominated landscape through time. Fences and memory play a large role in how ungulates navigate their landscape, and my research also explores how translocated pronghorn use fence crossings.

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Name: Maya Ressler

Program/Level: Natural Resource Management /Master's

Fellowship Mentor: Ryan Luna

Hometown: Grapevine, Texas

Prior Education: Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology,

Academic Achievements:

(Awards) Outstanding Graduate Student in Wildlife Management Award – Sul Ross State University, 2022

(Presentations) Purple Martin Day, Texas Tech's Llano River Field Station, Junction, Texas. M.A. Ressler, J. French, F. Hernandez, R. Luna. Current Research on Montezuma quail: Correlation Among Demographic Rates and The Influence of Catastrophic Weather Events on Montezuma quail in the Trans-Pecos of Texas // Montezuma quail Habitat Preference as an Indicator for Feral Hog Disturbance and Presence. (July 2022). Open Day, Davis Mountains Preserve, The Nature Conservancy. M.A. Ressler. Educational Program: "What's That Sound" & Current Research on Montezuma quail. (June 2022). SRSU Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium, Alpine, Texas. M.A. Ressler, J. French, F. Hernandez, R. Luna. Correlation Among Demographic Rates and The Influence of Catastrophic Weather Events on Montezuma quail in the Trans-Pecos of Texas. (April 2022). The Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society Meeting, Marble Falls, Texas. M.A. Ressler, J. French, F. Hernandez, R. Luna. Correlation Among Demographic Rates and The Influence of Catastrophic Weather Events on Montezuma quail in the Trans-Pecos of Texas. (February 2022).

Professional Certifications & Organizations: Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society at Sul Ross State University Texas Bighorn Society The Wildlife Society The Southwestern Chapter of The Wildlife Society Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Interesting Facts - Hobbies / Interests (things to know about me): I love backpacking and traveling. I'm currently learning about film photography and working on my birding skills!

Short Bio: I grew up immersed in the outdoors. Through my time spent hiking, camping, and traveling, I built an incredible respect for conservation and wildlife. I was drawn to the West Texas high deserts after I backpacked the Chisos Mountains at 16 years old. After that, I was hooked on the conservation of the natural world. I attended Texas State University to study wildlife biology. During the summer of my junior year, I was given the opportunity to work as a summer intern at Davis Mountains State Park. After completing my B.S. in Wildlife Biology in 2020, I moved to Alpine and am now pursuing my master's degree at Sul Ross State University studying Montezuma Quail in the Davis Mountains.

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Name: Benjamin Thomas
Program/Level: Biology (Botany), Masters
Fellowship Mentor: Chris Ritzi
Hometown: Saint Louis, Missouri

Prior Education: BA University of Texas at Austin, Geography and Diaspora studies; Exchange program at Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, Environmental Sciences

Academic Achievements: A. Michael Powell Scholarship Recipient

Professional Certifications/Organizations: Botanical Society of America, Texas Native Plant Society, Cloud Appreciation Society, National Moth Week Organizer, Wildland Firefighter Type II

Hobbies/Interesting facts: I've been growing corn for ten years, and I still haven't seen a corn smut.

Short Bio: The grassy plains and cactiferous hills of Trans-Pecos of Texas are some of the most compelling landscapes I've ever encountered. One day, when driving through Alpine, I thought I might just stay awhile. I don't need much in this life, just a garden and some free time.

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Name: Kayla Waggoner
Program/Level: M.A. in History
Fellowship Mentor: Savannah Williamson
Hometown: Lubbock, Texas

Prior Education: B.S. in History, Minor in Religion from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico (December 2017)

Academic Achievements (Professional Poster Presentations):

- Graduate Teaching Assistant of History, HIST 1301, Fall 2021
- Instructor of History, HIST 1301 and HIST 1302, Spring and Fall 2022
- Member of the Graduate Student Association Steering Committee, Spring 2022
- 2022 Outstanding History Student – Phi Alpha Theta Award
- Summer and Fall 2022 PPOHA Graduate Fellow
- American Historical Association (AHA) student member since November 2021
- Phi Alpha Theta, History Honors Society (PAT) member since Spring 2021

Hobbies/Interests: My historical research interests include the history of religious expressions in America, particularly Christianity, as well as the intersection of race and religion, and race and politics.

- I love reading and watching Korean dramas. I also love board games and Korean pop music.
- I love food and enjoy cooking food that I'm not familiar with, especially meals that hold cultural significance. One of my favorite ways to learn about other cultures, traditions, and people is through food.

Short Bio: My partner (in all things) Joe, and I got married in 2015. I moved out here to be with him and fell in love with Alpine in the process. I'm so very fortunate to have him by my side. We have two dogs (or children for my fellow dog people), Cosimo and Caesar. Joe is a Sul Ross alum and we both work on campus together as staff. After I graduate, I'm hoping to dive further into my research in whatever direction that takes me. That has been my favorite part of the graduate experience, the research.

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Name: Samiah Bass-Walker
Program/Level: Homeland Security: Graduate Student
Fellowship Mentor: Eric Busby
Hometown: Lubbock Texas

Prior Education: Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Prairie View A&M University

Academic Achievements: Deans List PVAMU 2016-2020

Professional Certifications & Organizations:

Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Certification

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority inc.

Alpha Chi Honor Society

Hobbies / Interests: In her free time, Samiah enjoys reading a good book, hiking, and watching Grey's Anatomy.

Short Bio: Samiah Bass-Walker is a Graduate Student in the Criminal Justice Department here at Sul Ross State University. Before coming here, she completed her Bachelors of Science degree at Prairie View A&M University. Samiah has also recently completed the H. Joaquin Jackson Law Enforcement Academy here at Sul Ross. While at Prairie View A&M University Samiah was published in the Pantherette "Mandatory Sentencing and the Impact it has on the Overpopulation of Prisons" and Founded PVAMU Spectrum. Since coming to Sul Ross, she has joined Alpha Chi Honor Society, the Ranch and Wildlife Club and more. Upon graduation this spring, Samiah plans to attend the Texas Game Warden academy and one day go on to get her Doctorate Degree from Texas Tech University in Addictive Disorders and Recovery Studies.