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Education:

2007 – 2010: Doctorate of Philosophy in Psychology, University of Aberdeen, U.K.

- Supervisors: Professor Amina Memon (2007 - 2009), Professor Brian R. Clifford & Professor Louise Phillips.
- Title: The Emotional Eyewitness: The Impact of Anger on Eyewitness Recall and Recognition Performance.

2006 – 2007: Masters in Research Methods (MRes) with Commendation, University of Aberdeen, U.K.

- Supervisors: Professor Amina Memon & Dr. Kevin Allan
- Title: I Remember You Don't I? An Investigation into Face Familiarity and Source Monitoring Performance.

2002 – 2006: MA (Joint Honours) Philosophy – Psychology, University of Aberdeen, U.K.

- Final Year Thesis Supervisor: Professor Amina Memon
- Title: I Remember You Don't I? An Investigation into Face Familiarity and False Identification.

Employment:

August 2014 – Present *Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice*, Department of Social Sciences, Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas, USA.

January 2011 – August 2014: *Research Assistant Professor*, Department of Psychology, University of Texas at El Paso, Texas, USA.

October 2010 – December 2010: *Demonstrator and Teacher*: School of Psychology, University of Aberdeen, Scotland U.K.

October 2007 – October 2009: *Demonstrator and Teacher*, School of Psychology, University of Aberdeen, Scotland U.K.

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November 2005 – November 2006: *Research Assistant*, International Centre for Research in Forensic Psychology, Portsmouth University.

May 2005 – August 2005: *Research Assistant*, School of Psychology, University of Aberdeen.

Academic Awards and Honours

2015 – Present: *Visiting Fellow* at Cranfield University, Defence Academy of the United Kingdom.

Grants and Awards:

2017

- \$11,000. *Influence of an Interpreter on Eliciting Information, Rapport Building and Detecting Deceit in a HUMINT Interview*. Principle Investigator on a subcontract from Professor Aldert Vrij, University of Portsmouth. Award from Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice/High-value Detainee Interrogation Group.

2016

- \$11,000. *Influence of an Interpreter on Eliciting Information, Rapport Building and Detecting Deceit in a HUMINT Interview*. Principle Investigator on a subcontract from Professor Aldert Vrij, University of Portsmouth. Award from Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice/High-value Detainee Interrogation Group.

2015 – 2016

- \$108,170. *Interpreter-Facilitated Interrogations: Identifying Strategies for Maximizing Success*. Co-PI with Melissa Russano, Roger Williams University. Award from Federal Bureau of Investigation/Department of Justice, High-value Detainee Interrogation Group (US Dollars)

2015

- \$14,000. *Influence of an Interpreter on Eliciting Information, Rapport Building and Detecting Deceit in a HUMINT Interview*. Principle Investigator on a subcontract from Professor Aldert Vrij, University of Portsmouth. Award from Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice/High-value Detainee Interrogation Group.

2014-2015

- \$104,178: *Accusatorial vs. Information-Gathering Approaches to HUMINT collection with an Interpreter*. Co-PI with Melissa Russano, Roger Williams University. Award from Federal Bureau of Investigation/Department of Justice, High-value Detainee Interrogation Group (US Dollars).

2014-2015

- \$710: *Investigating Individual Communication with a Larger Organization: Recruitment and Retention*. Principle Investigator. (US Dollars).

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2014

- \$17,000: *Influence of an Interpreter on Eliciting Information, Rapport Building and Detecting Deceit in a HUMINT Interview*. Principle Investigator on subcontract from Professor Aldert Vrij, University of Portsmouth (Co-PI for total project. Full award is \$257,500 from the Federal Bureau of Investigation/ Department of Justice, High-value Detainee Interrogation Group: US Dollars).

2013-2014

- \$116,240: *Investigating Interpreter-Target Rapport and Interpreter Placement in the HUMINT Context*. Co-PI with Melissa Russano, Roger Williams University. Award from the Federal Bureau of Investigation/Department of Justice, High-value Detainee Interrogation Group (US Dollars).

2012-2013:

- \$191,740.32: *Information Gain and Diagnosticity under Social Influence HUMINT Interrogations: Internal and External Sources of Motivation*. Co-PI with Christian Meissner, University of Texas at El Paso. Award from the Federal Bureau of Investigation/Department of Justice, High-value Detainee Interrogation Group (US Dollars).

2011-2012:

- \$123,831.00: *Information Gain and Diagnosticity in Compliance and Rapport-based HUMINT Interrogations*. Co-PI with Christian Meissner, University of Texas at El Paso. Award from the Federal Bureau of Investigation/Department of Justice, High-value Detainee Interrogation Group (US Dollars).

2010:

- ESRC Research Training Support Grant: £1,465.

2009:

- ESRC Research Training Support Grant: £105.

2008:

- ESRC Research Training Support Grant: £670.
- School of Psychology, University of Aberdeen Departmental Travel Grant: £250.

2007:

- School of Psychology, University of Aberdeen Departmental Travel Grant: £250.
- Experimental Psychology Society (EPS) Travel Award: £500.

2006-2010:

- ESRC Postgraduate Studentship (1+3 Open Award) PTA-030-2006-00381: £49,200.

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Publications:

In Press and Published:

- Houston, K. A., Russano, M. B., & Ricks, E. P. (2017). Any friend of yours is a friend of mine: Investigating the utilization of an interpreter in an investigative interview. *Psychology, Crime and Law*. DOI: 10.1080/1068316X.2017.1290091 (*Impact Factor: 1.009*).
- Ewens, S., Vrij, A., Leal, S., Mann, S., Jo, E., & Houston, K. (2017). The effect of interpreters' seating position on eliciting information and cues to deceit. *Psychology, Crime and Law*, 23(2), 180 – 200. DOI: 10.1080.1068316X.2016.1239100 (*Impact Factor: 1.009*).
- Ewens, S., Vrij, A., Leal, S., Mann, S., Eunkyung, J., Shaboltas, A., Ivanova, M., Granskaya, J., & Houston, K. (2016). Using the model statement to elicit information and cues to deceit from native speakers, non-native speakers and those talking through an interpreter. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*. doi: 10.1002/Acp.3270. (*Impact Factor: 1.469*).
- Evans, J. R., Houston, K. A., Meissner, C. M., LaBianca, J. R., Ross, A. B., Woestehoff, S. A. & Kleinman, S. M. (in press). An empirical evaluation of intelligence-gathering interrogation techniques from the United States Army Field Manual. *Applied Cognitive Psychology* (*Impact Factor: 1.469*).
- Houston, K. A., Meissner, C. A. & Evans, J. R. (2014) Psychological processes that distinguish true and false confessions. In R. H. Bull, (Ed.) *Investigative Interviewing* (pp. 19 – 35). USA: Springer.
- Nash, R. A., Houston, K. A., Ryan, K. & Woodger, N. (2013). Remembering remotely: Would video-mediation impair witnesses' memory reports? *Psychology, Crime and Law*. Advance Online Publication. (*Impact Factor: 1.305*)
- Houston, K. A., Hope, L., Memon, A. & Read, D. (2013). Expert testimony on eyewitness evidence: In search of commonsense. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law Special Issue on Memory Formation and Suggestibility in the Legal Process*, 31(5), 531-682. (*Impact Factor: 1.337*)
- Houston, K. A., Clifford, B. R., Phillips, L. H., & Memon, A., (2013). The emotional eyewitness: The effects of emotion on specific aspects of eyewitness recall and recognition performance. *Emotion*, 13(1), 118 – 128. (*Impact Factor: 3.875*)
- Evans, J R., Meissner, C. A., Ross, A. B., Houston, K. A., Russano, M., & Horgan, A. (2013) Obtaining guilty knowledge in human intelligence interrogations: Comparing accusatorial and information-gathering approaches with a novel experimental paradigm. *Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition*, 2(2), 83-88.
- Evans, J. R., Houston, K. A., & Meissner, C. A. (2012). A positive, collaborative and

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theoretically-based approach to improving deception detection. *Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition*, 1(2): 122-123.

Lee, W. J., Wilkinson, C., Memon, A., & Houston, K. A. (2009). Matching unfamiliar faces from poor quality CCTV footage: an evaluation of the affect of training on facial identification ability. *Axis 1(1)*: 19 – 28.

Hope, L., Greene, E., Memon, A., Gavisk, M., & Houston, K. (2008). The Third Verdict: Examining the Availability of a Not Proven Verdict on Mock Juror Decision Making. *Law and Human Behavior* 32: 241 – 252. (Impact Factor: 2.162)

Legal Case Consultancy:

Texas vs. Clayton Haulcy (2011). 182nd District Court of Houston, Texas. Case consult on eyewitness memory issues resulting in the writing of a report on the eyewitness factors of the case which contributed to Mr. Haulcy's identification as a suspect. Issues were: cross-race bias, mug-shot/commitment effects, time delays in years between the crime and the ID, and post-event information.

Invited Lectures and Presentations:

Houston, K. A. (2016). Interrogations and False Confessions. Texas A&M Law School, Fort Worth, Texas.

Houston, K. A. & Russano, M. (2016). Interpreter facilitated communication: Identifying strategies for maximizing success. HIG Research Symposium, Washington D.C.

Houston, K. A. & Russano, M. (2015). Assessing accusatorial and rapport-based information- gathering approaches to HUMINT collection via an interpreter. HIG Research Symposium, National Academy of Sciences, Washington D.C.

Houston, K. A., Russano, M. & Ricks, E. (2014). Interpreter-Facilitated Communication: Dynamics and Seating Configuration. High-value Detainee Interrogation Group Research Symposium, National Academy of Sciences, Washington D.C.

Houston K. A., Russano, M. & Ricks, E. (2014). Interpreter-Target Rapport and Interpreter Placement. Federal Bureau of Investigation Research Symposium, Washington, D.C.

Houston, K. A. (2013). Emotion: Event Memory, Causal Agents and Interrogation. Invited Lecture at the University of Twente, Enschede, The Netherlands.

Houston, K. A. (2013). Information Gain and Diagnosticity under Social Influence Interrogations: Internal and External Sources of Motivation. Federal Bureau of Investigation Research Symposium, Washington, D.C.

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- Houston, K. A. (2012). Comparing the Efficacy of Minimization/maximization to Social Persuasion Interrogation Approaches. Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.
- Houston, K. A. (2012). The Emotional Eyewitness: The Effects of Negative Emotion on Different Components of an Eyewitness's Testimony. Invited paper presentation at the Psychology and Law Pre-conference to the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP). San Diego, California, USA.
- Houston, K. A. (2011). The Emotion Eyewitness: The Effects of Emotion on Specific Aspects of Eyewitness Recall and Recognition Performance. Invited paper presentation at the 6th Invitational Conference on Eyewitness Memory, El Paso, Texas, USA.
- Houston, K. A. (annually since 2010). Eyewitness Identification. Is a Positive ID as Good as it Sounds? Invited Lecture at the Centre for Anatomy and Human Identification, University of Dundee., U.K.

Conference Presentations:

- Perez, E., Amaya, S.J., Houston, K. A. (2016). Investigating Personalities and Attitudes Towards Torture. Poster presentation at the 72nd Annual Meeting of The American Society of Criminology: New Orleans, U.S.A.
- Houston, K. A. (2016). Developing ethical, science-based, interrogative practices. Paper presented at the 53rd annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Studies: Denver, Colorado.
- Houston, K.A., Russano, M., Alexander, J.A. & Garcia, S. (2016). Assessing Accusatorial vs. Rapport-Based Informational-Gathering Approaches to HUMINT Collection via an Interpreter. Paper presented at the 2016 conference of the American Psychology-Law Society: Atlanta, Georgia.
- Alexander, J.A. & Houston, K. A. (2016). Source recruitment in the Cyber Domain. Poster presented at the 2016 conference of the American Psychology-Law Society: Atlanta, Georgia, USA.
- Houston, K. A., Russano, M., & Ricks, P. (2015). What is rapport? Questions of measurement and definition. Paper presentation at the 11th biannual meeting of the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition: Victoria, Canada.
- Meissner, C. A., Kleinman, S. M., Houston, K. A. & Evans, J. R. (2015). A collaborative and evidence based approach to improving interrogation. Paper presentation at the 11th biannual meeting of the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition: Victoria, Canada.
- Houston, K. A., Russano, M. & Ricks, P. (2015). Interpreter facilitated communication: Relationship dynamics and seating configuration. Paper presentation at the 2015 conference of the American Psychology-Law Society: San Diego, California.

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- Garcia, S. & Houston, K. A. (2015). An empirical evaluation of commonsense beliefs regarding the reliability of eyewitness testimony. Poster presented at the 52nd annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, Florida.
- Houston, K. A., Hope, L., Memon, A. & Read, D. (2014). Expert testimony on eyewitness evidence: In search of commonsense. Paper presentation at the 2014 conference of the American Psychology-Law Society: New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Houston, K. A., Meissner, C. A., Woestehoff, S. A., LaBianca, J. R., Ross, A. B., & Kleinman, S. M. (2014). Social influence interrogations: Internal and external sources of motivation. Paper presentation at the 2014 conference of the American Psychology-Law Society: New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Houston, K. A., Meissner, C. A., & Evans, J. R. (June, 2013). Developing a Psychological Model of Interrogation: A Meta-analysis of Social, Cognitive and Affective Processes that Distinguish True and False Confessions. Paper presented at the 10th Conference of the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition: Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
- Houston, K. A., Meissner, C. A., Kleinman, S., LaBianca, J. R., Ross, A. B. & Woestehoff, S. A. (March, 2013). Developing a Psychological Model of Interrogation: The Use of Social Influence Principles in the Interrogation Room. Paper presented at the 2013 conference of the American Psychology-Law Society: Portland, Oregon, USA.
- Houston, K. A., Meissner, C. A., Kleinman, S., Labianca, J. R., Ross, A. B. & Woestehoff, S. A. (2012). Developing a Psychological Model of Interrogation: Comparing the Efficacy of Interrogation Approaches. Paper presented at the 14th International Academy of Investigative Psychology conference. London: UK
- Houston, K. A., Meissner, C. A., & Evans, J. R. (2012). Developing a Psychological Model of Interrogation: A Meta-analysis of Processes that Distinguish True and False Confessions. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology and Law Society. San Juan: Puerto Rico.
- Evans, J. R., Houston, K. A., Meissner, C. A., Labianca, J. R., Ross, B. A. & Woestehoff, S. A. (2012). The Effect of Control-based and Rapport-based Interrogation Techniques from the Army Field Manual. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology and Law Society. San Juan: Puerto Rico.
- Nash, R. A., Ryan, K. & Houston, K. A. (2012). Could Video-mediated Communication Support Effective Interviews with Witnesses? Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology and Law Society. San Juan: Puerto Rico.
- Labianca, J. R., Meissner, C. A. & Houston, K. A. (2012). The Effect of Interrogator In-group/Out-group Membership and Interrogation Harshness on Attributions of Behavior. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology and Law Society. San Juan: Puerto Rico.
- Ross, A. B., Evans, J. R., Messiner, C. A., Houston, K. A. (2012). Assessments of Behavior During Interrogation: Can Accusatorial or Information-gathering Interrogation Tactics

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Lead to Diagnostic Impressions? Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology and Law Society. San Juan: Puerto Rico.

Woestehoff, S. A., Meissner, C. A., & Houston, K. A. (2012). The Disbelief in False Confession: Reason-listing as a Method to Counteract Belief Perseverance. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology and Law Society. San Juan: Puerto Rico.

Nash, R. A., Ryan, K., & Houston, K. A. (2012). Could Video-mediated Communication Support Effective Interviews with Witnesses? Paper presented at 22nd Conference of the European Association for Psychology and Law (EAPL). Nicosia: Cyprus.

Houston, K. A., Clifford, B. R., & Phillips, L. H. (2011). The Emotional Eyewitness: Impact of Anger on Eyewitness Recall and Recognition Performance. Paper presented at the 9th Biennial Conference of the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition (SARMAC). New York City: New York, USA.

Meissner, C. A., Evans, J. R., & Houston, K. A. (2011, Nov). The elicitation of guilty knowledge in intelligence interrogation settings. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Washington, DC.

Evans, J. R., Houston, K. A., Meissner, C. A., Labianca, J. R., Ross, B. A. & Woestehoff, S. A. (2011). The Effect of Control-based and Rapport-based Interrogation Techniques from the Army Field Manual. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology and Law Society. Miami: Florida, USA.

Houston, K. A., Memon, A., Clifford, B. R., & Phillips, L. H. (2010). The Emotional Eyewitness: The Impact of Anger on Recall. Paper presented at the 20th Conference of the European Association of Psychology and Law (EAPL). Gothenburg: Sweden.

Houston, K. A., Memon, A., Clifford, B. R., & Phillips, L. H. (2008). The Emotional Eyewitness: The Impact of Anger on Recall. Poster presented at the 18th Conference of the European Association of Psychology and Law (EAPL). Maastricht: The Netherlands.

Lee, W-J., Wilkinson, C., Memon, A., & Houston, K. A. (2008). Matching Unfamiliar Faces From Poor Quality CCTV: An Evaluation of the Effect of Training on Facial Identification Ability. Poster presented at the 13th Biennial Scientific Meeting of the International Association for Craniofacial Identification. Dundee: U.K.

Houston, K.A., Memon, A., & Allan, K. (2007). I remember you don't I? An investigation into face familiarity and source monitoring. Paper presented at the VII Biennial Meeting of the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition (SARMAC). Lewiston: Maine, USA.

Professional Service:

- Texas A&M International University – Criminal Justice Associate Professor Search Committee Member: Spring 2017 – Present.

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- Texas A&M International University – Chair, Department of Social Sciences Curriculum Committee: Fall 2016 – Present.
- Texas A&M International University – Criminal Justice Search Committee Chair: Fall 2015 – Spring 2016.
- Texas A&M International University – University Research Committee: 2015 – 2016.
- Texas A&M International University: Research and Scholarship sub-committee to the University Strategic Planning Committee: 2015 – 2015.
- Texas A&M International University: Department of Public Affairs and Social Research Geography Search Committee: August 2014 – December 2014.
- University of Texas at El Paso Undergraduate Curriculum Reform Committee: August 2013 – August 2014.
- University of Texas at El Paso Legal Psychology Area Committee: January 2011 – August 2014.
- Ad Hoc reviewer for Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied; Psychological Science; Law and Human Behavior; Applied Cognitive Psychology; Woman and Criminal Justice; Legal and Criminological Psychology; Behavioral Sciences and the Law.
- Article Editor: Sage Open
- Editorial Board: Sage Open
- Grant Reviewer: National Science Foundation (USA); Economic and Social Research Council (U.K.); Center for Research and Evidence on Security Threats (U.K.).

Courses Taught:

Undergraduate Level

- Statistics for Criminal Justice
- Introduction to Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Research Methodology in Social Science
- Motivation and Emotion
- Psychology, Law and Eyewitness Testimony
- Intelligence Interviewing

Graduate Level

- Eyewitness Memory
- Actual Innocence and Wrongful Conviction
- Advanced Research Methodology for Social Sciences

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Graduate Student Supervision

- Higinio Reyes (Advisor Texas A&M International University: 2016 – present)
- Stephanie Garcia (Advisor Texas A&M International University: 2015 – present)
- Claudia Ortiz (Advisor Texas A&M International University: 2015 – present)
- Joshua Alexander (Advisor Texas A&M International University: 2014 – 2016)
- Amy Ross (Advisor UT El Paso: 2011 – 2014)
- Julia LaBianca (Master's Committee Member UT El Paso: 2011-2013)

Society Membership:

The American Psychology and Law Society (AP-LS).

The Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition (SARMAC).

The British Psychological Society (BPS): Division of Forensic Psychology

Skills:

- Trained in the Cognitive Interview by Prof. Amina Memon (2007).

References: Available upon request.