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Education:

University of Minnesota, *Ph.D. in Sociology*, August 1989

Concentrations: Criminology
Criminal Justice
Juvenile Delinquency
Race and Ethnic Relations

Dissertation Title: Juvenile Delinquent Involvement A Multivariate
Explanation: An Integration of Several
Sociological Theories Into A Single Causal
Model.

East Texas State University, *MA in Sociology*, May 1972

Concentrations: Criminology
Sociology of Corrections
Social Problems

Master's Thesis Title: A Comparative Study of the Self-Concept of
Persons Committing Misdemeanors and
Felonies.

East Texas State University, *BA in Sociology*, May 1970

Administrative Experience:

November 1, 2023 to Present	Department Head, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Texas A&M University-Commerce
August 19, 2010 to August 15, 2013	Department Head, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Texas A&M University-Commerce. Duties entail: supervising faculty; hiring adjunct personal; performing annual evaluation of faculty (full and part time); managing departmental budget; developing class schedules; advising both undergraduate and graduate students
August 18, 2003 to August 18, 2007	

Coordinator of MSAC**Program:**

November, 2021
to September, 2022

Coordinator of Masters of Applied Criminology program, assist students in the pursuit of a master's degree in applied criminology; work with Graduate School in maintaining records, providing academic advising, conducting comprehensive exams, and promoting student orientation

Teaching Experience:

September, 1990
to present

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Texas A&M University-Commerce. Duties entail teaching sociology and criminal justice courses, and conducting research for scholarly publications; advising criminal justice students, developing degree plans and directing the criminal justice internship program; advising students in the Masters Sociology program; and directing and serving on thesis committees for the department.

1975 – 1990

Instructor of Sociology, Division of Social Sciences. Richland College, Dallas County Community College District. Duties entailed: teaching introduction to sociology, social problems and race relations; and participated in committee and community work.

Teaching Areas:**Criminal Justice**

Introduction to Criminal Justice
Police & Law Enforcement
Sociology of Corrections
Community Based Corrections
Internship in Criminal Justice

Criminology

Criminological Theory
Juvenile Delinquency
Serial Murder
Criminal Profiling
White-Collar Crime
Sex Crimes & Offenders
Multi-Type Homicides

Sociology

Deviant Behavior
 Drugs and Society
 Introduction to Sociology
 Race/Ethnic Relations
 Readings in Sociology
 Sociological Theory
 Social Problems
 Senior Seminar in Sociology
 Teaching Sociology
 Women Sociologists

New Courses Developed: CJ 530 Seminar in Criminology, Sp 2009
 Soc 597 Teaching Sociology, Sp 2009
 CJ 497 White Collar Crime, Sp 2010
 CJ 583 Criminal Justice Policy
 CJ 597 Correlates of Crime & Typology, Sp 2010
 CJ 597 Gender & Crime
 CJ 497 Serial Murderers, Sp 2013
 CJ 497 Crime Profiling, Sp 2013
 CJ 497 Sex Crimes and Offenders, Spring 2015
 CJ 497 Race, Ethnicity, and Policing, Spring 2017
 CJ 497 Multi-Type Homicides, Summer 2021
 CJ 583 Criminal Justice Policy Summer 2024
 CJ 383 CJ Administration & Management Fall 2022
 CJ 520 CJ Administration & Management Fall 2024
 CJ 577 CJ Planning & Evaluation Fall 2024

Research Areas: Juvenile Delinquency
 Criminal Causality
 Ethnic Males, Race Relations
 Methodological Issues in Criminology
 Professional Socialization

Technical Skills: Computer Usage
 Research Design and Implementation
 Survey Research Methods

Publications:

2021. Edwards, Willie J. (with L. Hendricks, T. Smith, & T. Reysen) College students' awareness and familiarity with modern activism: Prosocial involvement in Black Lives Matter. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, (online) <https://doi.org/10.1080/109111359.2021.1924914>.

2021. Edwards, Willie J. (with Jacob Armstrong, Elvira White-Lewis, D. Nicole Farris) Reevaluating factors associated with negative attitudes toward police: Capturing information from college students. *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*, (online) <https://doi.org/10.1080/15377038.2021.1907827>.
2018. Edwards, Willie J. (with Henry Ross) "What are they saying? Black faculty at predominantly white institutions of higher education." *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 28:2, 142-161, DOI:10.1080/10911359.2017.1391731.
2016. Edwards, Willie J. "Measuring relationship satisfaction: Is it possible for Black gay males couples to be satisfied in a relationship?" *Deviant Behavior*, 37:8, 931-951, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2016.1156983>
2016. Edwards, Willie J. (with Henry Ross) "African American faculty expressing concerns: breaking the silence at predominantly white research oriented universities." *Race Ethnicity and Education*, 19:3, 461-479, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13613324.2014.969227>
2014. Edwards, Willie J. (with Keenya Mosley, Emily Crawford, Sharon Johnson, & LaVelle Hendriks) "The perceived influence of mentoring activities on the professional development of junior faculty at two institutions of higher education." *National Forum Journal of Counseling and Addiction* 3(1):1-9 (electronic journal).
2000. Edwards, Willie J. (with Lee Ross) "Criminological scholarship and race A rejoinder from Professors Ross and Edwards." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 28:251-255.
1998. Edwards, Willie J. (with Ingrid Bennett, Norm White & Frank Pezzella) "Who Has Come Out of the Pipeline? African-Americans in Criminology and Criminal Justice." *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* 9:249-265.
1998. Edwards, Willie J. (with Ingrid Bennett, Norm White & Frank Pezzella) "Who's in the Pipeline? A Survey of African-Americans in Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice." *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* 9:1-18.
1998. Edwards, Willie J. (with Lee Ross) "Publishing Among African-American Criminologists: A Devaluing Experience?" *Journal of Criminal Justice* 26:29-40.
1996. Edwards, Willie J. "A Measurement of Delinquency Differences Between a Delinquent and Nondelinquent Sample: What are the Implications?" *Adolescence* 31: 973-989.
1996. Edwards, Willie J. "A Sociological Analysis of An In/Visible Minority Group: Male Adolescent Homosexuals." *Youth and Society* 27:334-355.

1996. Edwards, Willie J. "Operating Within the Mainstream: Coping and Adjustment Among a Sample of Gay Youths." *Deviant Behavior* 17:229-251.

1994. Edwards, Willie J. "Doing Hard Time: Elderly Inmates in American Prisons." *Criminal Justice Matters* No. 16., (Summer) p. 25.

1992. Edwards, Willie J. "Predicting Juvenile Delinquency: A Review of Correlates and a Confirmation by Recent Research Based on an Integrated Theoretical Model." *Justice Quarterly* 9:553-583.

1992. Edwards, Willie J. "Constructing and Testing a Multiple-Theory (Integrated) Model of Juvenile Delinquency." *Mid-American Review of Sociology* 17:31-43.

1978. Edwards, Willie J. "The Minorities' Relation to Crime: A Concept of Social Deprivation." *Western Journal of Black Studies* 2:275-281.

(Book Review):

2003. *Schools and Delinquency*. By Denise C. Gottfredson. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* 47:111-113.

1992. *Inside the RUC: Routine Policing in a Divided Society*. By John D. Brewer with Kathleen Magee. *American Journal of Sociology* 98:440-442.

Submitted Work for Publication (Peer review):

2023. (with L. Hendricks, & T. Reysen) "Out of the cell and onto the campus: Sexual entitlement in the college population." This manuscript was submitted July 5, 2022 to the *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*. Manuscript rejected on July 10, 2022, and will be re-submitted to another journal this summer 2024

Work in Progress

2024. Working on a manuscript (with L. Hendricks & T. Tietjen-Smith) titled "Individual differences in pathological narcissism among millennials" to be submitted to a journal by the end of September 2024.

2023. An edited book proposal is being worked on singularly with the intention of it being on the experience of Black faculty teaching at predominantly White institutions of higher education.

Publications Where (my) Work Cited:

2023. Liu, Yang V., Ivkovich, S. K., Maskaly, J., Nam, Y., Bennett, R.R., Morgan, S., Dunn, K. "What Happen after Tenure? Exploring Stimuli of Promotion to Full Professor in Top-Ranking Criminology and Criminal Justice

Programs in the United States.” *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, (print) (online) DOI:10.1080/10511253.2023.2261797

2018. Green, Helen Taylor, Gabbidon, Shaun L., & Wilson, Sean K. "Included? The Status of African American Scholars in the Discipline of Criminology and Criminal Justice Since 2004." *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 29(1): 96-115.

2017. Blount-Hill, Kwan-Lamar & St. John, Victor. “Manufactured ‘Mismatch’: Cultural incongruence and Black experience in the academy.” *Race and Justice*, 7(2):110-126.

2013. Kim, Bitna & Hawkins, Paul M. “Who’s getting cited: Representation of women and non-white scholars in major American criminology and criminal justice journals between 1986-2005.” *International Journal of Criminology and Sociology*, 2: 306-321.

2011. Miller, Jody & Brunson, Rod K. “ ‘Minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply:’ Making diversity matter in criminology and criminal justice.” *The Criminologist*, 36(4): 1-7.

2010. Pratt, Travis C., Cullen, Francis T., Sellers, Christine S., Winfree, Jr., Thomas, Madensen, Tamara D., Daigle, Leah E., Fearn, Noelle E., & Gau, Jacinta M., "The empirical status of social learning theory: A Meta-Analysis." *Justice Quarterly*, 27(6): 765-802.

2004. Gabbidon, Shaun L., Greene, Helen T., & Wilder, Kideste. “Still excluded? An update on the status of African American scholars in the discipline of criminology and criminal justice.” *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 41(4): 384-406.

2000. del Carmen, Alejandro, and Bing, Robert L. “Academic productivity of African Americans in Criminology and Criminal Justice.” *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 11(2): 237-249.

Professional Papers Presented and/or Panel Participation:

2020. InService Presentation for Licensed Drug & Alcohol Counselors. TAMUC. “A Sociological Look at ‘Drugs in Society.’”

2014. An Open Seminar conducted at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) in February titled – “Criminal Justice: The Development of a Capstone Course, What’s the Need?”

2013. "A Policy gone wrong: Domestic violence mandatory arrest policy not producing intended results." Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice.
2012. (with Dr. Madeline Justice & Dr. Maria Hinojosa) "African American males and ESAP Assessment: Do fraternities provide emotional support to African American males?" 9th Annual Institute for Emotional Intelligence.
2010. "A revisit of the birth of teaching scholarship: How is teaching sociology fairing?" Southwestern Sociological Association.
2009. (with Dr. Chim Ahanotu) "Criminal hot spots: A combined explanation using geophysical, individual and social correlates." Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice
2003. "Do We Differ? A sampling of criminal justice majors' perception of police conduct." Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice.
2001. (with Dana Julius) "Monogamy and longevity among black lesbian and homosexual couples: Challenging the paradox." Southwestern Sociological Association.
2000. (with Dr. Lee Ross) "Race, gender, and perception of police conduct: A sampling of criminal justice majors." American Society of Criminology.
1999. (with Dr. Lee Ross) "Attitudes toward the police: A survey of cohorts likely to enter the field of criminal justice." American Society of Criminology.
1999. (with Ingrid Bennett) "The adequacy of several criminological theories: Juvenile probation officers' explanation for juvenile delinquency." American Society of Criminology.
1998. "My attitude about my future profession: Criminal justice students' view about controversial issues." Mid-South Sociological Association.
1998. "Police profiling: Efficient policing or acceptable discrimination." Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice.
1996. "Unequal justice - An antecedent to police profiling: Findings and problems in the literature." Southwestern Sociological Association.
1996. Roundtable Participant. "Trials and tribulations on the road to tenure: Minority experiences." American Society of Criminology.
1996. (with Ingrid Bennett & Norm White) "The pipeline production: A survey of African-Americans in the academy of Criminal Justice/Criminology." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

1996. Roundtable Participant. "Publish or perish: Experiences with minority scholars." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.
1995. "Delinquency causation as perceived by youth workers in that field: An initial review of the collected data." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.
1995. "The social adjustment of nonpatient male adolescent homosexuals: A parenthetical contradiction?" Southwestern Sociological Association.
1994. "Self-concept and its contribution to criminality: Revisited." American Society of Criminology.
1994. "Old wine in a new bottle: A review of self-concept and criminality data obtained from two samples." Mid South Sociological Association.
1993. "Criminal justice as usual - A minority's concern." Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice Educators.
1992. "Use of secondary data in the analysis of minorities' (Blacks and Hispanics) participation in delinquent behavior." American Society of Criminology.
1992. (with Jon Rutherford) "Juvenile offenders: Differential treatment or equal justice? A critical analysis of Hispanic juvenile offenders in relation to Black juvenile offenders." Southwestern Sociological Association.
1991. "An analysis of a nondelinquent sample using an integrated model." American Society of Criminology.
1991. "Combating juvenile delinquency: A medicalization of deviance approach." Mid-South Sociological Association.
1991. "A review of what we know about delinquency, has it paid off?: An analysis of a nondelinquent sample." The Society for the Study of Social Problems.
1991. "Minority delinquency and the family context: Conceptualizing a framework for another study." Southwestern Sociological Association.
1990. "Testing an integrated model: A different version." The Society for the Study of Social Problems.
1990. "A review of correlates and a confirmation by recent research using an integrated theoretical model." American Society of Criminology.

1990. "A test of the perceived-perceiver hypothesis using three different relational-interaction scenarios." Southwestern Sociological Association.
1990. "An integrated model for explaining delinquent involvement: Evaluating a constructed model." Midwest Sociological Association.
1989. "Studying labeling among perceiver-perceived interaction: Use of the contextual-content analysis method." Midwest Sociological Association.
1987. "Juvenile delinquency: An argument for an integrated theoretical approach." Southwestern Sociological Association.
1981. (with James Flowers) "Life satisfaction of professional black women: Review of predicted correlates from recent literature – Study I." Southwestern Sociological Association.
1980. "A critical analysis of critiques toward the labeling theory." Southwestern Sociological Association.
1979. "Role modeling in black undergraduate sociology departments: An investigative approach." Southwestern Sociological Association.
1978. "Whites' reaction to blacks in authoritative positions." Mid South Sociological Association.
1978. "A comparative study of the self-concept of persons committing misdemeanors and felonies." Southwestern Sociological Association.

Professional Service for the Department, College, University and Community:

Department:

- Served as Criminal Justice Academic Advisor, 1990 - 2010; 2012 – present
- Author of Institutional Effectiveness for Sociology undergraduate program, 2014 - 2022
- Author of Institutional Effectiveness for Criminal Justice undergraduate program, 2014 - present
- Author of Institutional Effectiveness for Homeland Security Certificate associated with the Master's in Applied Criminology program, 2022 to present
- Author of Institutional Effectiveness for the Master's in Applied Criminology program, 2021 - 2023
- Chair & Member of Curriculum Committee, 2013 – present
- Served as Chair of CJ Search Committee, 2019
- Chaired CJ Search Committee, 2018
- Member of Sociology Search Committee, 2018
- Chaired Sociology Search Committee Spring 2016

Served as member of CJ Search Committee Fall 2015
 Faculty Advisor for Department student organization - Sociology and Criminal
 Justice Society (SACS) 2019 - 2022

College:

Served as the Chair and writer of the Post Tenure Review for Michael
 McKnight, Dept Head of Theatre, January 2, 2024
 Served as mentor for three faculty members within the Soc/CJ Dept
 (Dr. Shuraydi, Dr. Gentry, & Dr. Homer) all members have exited
 the university as of the last one November 2023
 Served as Mentor for Music department faculty, assigned by College,
 Mr. Adrian Neely, 2019
 Member of College (CHSSA) Curriculum Committee, 2015 to present
 Elected to serve as College of Humanities, Social Sciences, & Arts Tenure &
 Promotion Committee member Fall 2015 - Fall 2018 (three of three years
 of service)
 Served as Mentor for department member assigned by College, Dr. Nicole Farris,
 2018
 Served as Member of Tenure/Promotion Committee for Political Science,
 Dr. Robert G. Rodriguez, 2015

University & Community:

Participated in all Graduation Ceremonies either as Student or Faculty Marshall,
 and as Faculty member, 2023 & spring2024
 Served as a member of the Honors College Dean Search Committee,
 January – February, 2024
 Served as presenter at 2024 Professional Development Day, March, 2024
 Served as outside Dissertation Committee member (Educational Leadership for
 Jana L. White, defense) conducted March 20, 2024
 Served as a Judge during the 2024 Annual Research Symposium, April 17, 2024
 Participated in the Welcome to Admitted Student Day, April 20, 2024
 Participated in Faculty Senate & TABPHE Awards Ceremony, April, 2024
 Served as outside Dissertation Committee member (Educational
 Leaders for La Genia Edmonson), May 2024
 Appointed as a Civility Ambassador 2019 – 2020
 Served as Graduate School Representative for Tamerca Minter (Counseling
 dept.) dissertation proposal defense, Summer 2019
 Chapter Advisor for Zeta Tau, Alpha Phi Alpha Frat., Inc., 1990 – present
 Serving as Outside Dissertation Committee member on Counseling Dissertation
 (Traci Uncel) beginning Spring 2017 (dissertation defense conducted October,
 2018)
 Serving as Outside Dissertation Committee member on Educational
 Administration (Kimberly Baker) beginning Summer, 2016 (dissertation
 defense conducted September, 2018)
 Served as Outside Dissertation Committee member on Educational
 Administration (Justin Willis), 2015 - Summer 2016 (student graduated

August, 2016)
 Served as Outside Dissertation Committee member on Counseling Dissertation (Myron Jones), 2013 – 2014 dissertation completed and student graduated
 Served as Dissertation Committee member on Curriculum & Leadership (Douglas L. Luke), 2013 – 2015 (student graduated May, 2015)
 Served as “Graduate School Representative for Dissertation Defense for Tiffany Hutchins, September , 2015
 Served as Committee member of Reviewer for Counseling Program, 2014
 Nominated by Dr. Jones, University President, Appointed by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to serve on the Work Group for developing Student Learning Outcomes for Criminal Justice program state-wide, 2013; also performed similar duties for the Work Group for Sociology, 2012
 Member of the Faculty Senate Admission & Retention Committee, 2013 - 2017
 Member of the Quality Enhancement Program Committee (QEP), 2013-2020
 Served as Dissertation Committee member on Curriculum & Instruction, for Jacqueline Gill Washington, 2010 - 2011
 Faculty Senate member, 1997 - 2003
 Chair of Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee, 2000 - 2003
 Chair of Faculty Senate Awards Committee, 1997 - 2000

Professional Service for The Profession:

Served as 2024 ACJS Annual Meeting Volunteer
 Reviewer for paper submission to: *Journal of Black Studies*, “Black self-preservation and White self-responsibility: Black higher education professionals’ fatigue during the 2020 Black Lives Matter protests.” August, 2020
 Asked and agreed to serve on editorial board for Science Publishing Group, September 2019
 Appointed Associate Editor to the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* in November 1997 to present
 Reviewer for paper submission to: *Deviant Behavior*; *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*; *Journal of Criminal Justice*; *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*; and *Sociological Spectrum*
 Reviewed one manuscript for *Journal of Black Studies*, September - November, 2018
 Reviewed one manuscript for *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, October, 2018

Professional Honor:

Professor of the Year, Presented by Hunt/Hopkins County African American Leadership Conference, Texas A&M University-Commerce, February, 2015.
 Granted Tenure August 31, 1998
 Recipient of a Ford Foundation Minority Postdoctoral Fellowship for 1994-95. The school of affiliation during fellowship period was State University of New York, University at Albany in the School of Criminal Justice.
 Recipient of Ambassador Award from the Alumni Association of East Texas State

University, 1994.

Professional Conferences Attended within the last five years (did not present paper):

Association of Black Sociologists, August 2017

Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, October, 2017

Professional Association Membership:

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

American Society of Criminology

Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice

Southwestern Sociological Association

Association of Black Sociologists

Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education (TABPHE),

TAMUC Chapter President from 2015-2018; presently serving as

Chapter Vice President, 2022 -