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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:

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 present

Coordinator of Master's 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:

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 community and committee 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
- Sociological Theory
- Social Problems
- Senior Seminar in Sociology
- Women Sociologists

New Courses Developed:

- CJ 530 Seminar in Criminology
- CJ 583 Criminal Justice Policy
- CJ 597 Correlates of Crime & Typology
- CJ 597 Gender & Crime
- CJ 497 Serial Murderers
- CJ 497 White Collar Crime
- CJ 497 Sex Crimes and Offenders, Spring 2015
- CJ 497 Race, Ethnicity, and Policing, Spring 2017
- CJ 497 Multi-Type Homicides, Summer 2021

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):

2022. (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*.

Work in Progress

2022. 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 August 2022.

2021. 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:

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 - present
 Author of Institutional Effectiveness for Criminal Justice undergraduate program,
 2014 - present
 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)

College:

Presently serving as mentor for three faculty members within the Soc/CJ Dept
 (Dr. Shuraydi, Dr. Gentry, & Dr. Homer)
 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:

Appointed as a Civility Ambassador 2019 – present
 Presently serving as outside Dissertation Committee member (Educational Leaders
 for La Genia Edmonso), 2019
 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 to graduate 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:

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, 2015

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 -