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EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology- Current

- Member of the Criminology Graduate Student Association
 - 3.8 GPA
 - Teaching Assistant for Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to Criminal Justice; Guns and Crime in Criminal Justice
 - Instructor of Course: Advanced Criminology; Criminal Law
 - Received “exceeded expectation” in every TA evaluation category
 - Exclusively received positive student reviews as instructor of course(s)

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON- DOWNTOWN

Masters of Science in Criminal Justice, December 2020

- Member of the Alpha Phi Sigma National Honor Society
 - 3.9 GPA
 - Professor Assistant for Freshman Seminar- University of Houston-Downtown
 - Research development student (Determinate Sentencing/Peer Mediation)
 - **Criminal Justice Service Excellence Award recipient** - University of Houston-Downtown

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON- DOWNTOWN

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, December 2014

- Focus of studies in Juvenile Justice
 - Minor in Spanish
 - Oral presentation and literature

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lone Star College – Montgomery

August 2022- Current

Adjunct Professor

Undergraduate Course in Criminal Justice: Introduction to CJ

The Woodlands, TX

- Provide instruction through duo modalities (in-person/online)
- Create course curriculum, syllabus, and calendar
- Explain course work and provide guidance to students based on individual needs
- Grade assignments and report grades adhering to campus policy
- Host tutoring session and office hours for students according to student needs and schedules
- Respond to student concerns and needs for accommodations with equity and fair treatment

The University of Texas at Dallas

August 2021- Current

Teaching Assistant

Undergraduate Courses in Criminal Justice: Introduction to CJ; Guns and Crime in CJ; Advanced Criminology (instructor); Criminal Law (instructor)

Richardson, TX

- Create course curriculum, syllabus, and calendar
- Explain course work and provide guidance to students based on individual needs
- Grade assignments and report grades adhering to campus policy
- Host tutoring session for students according to student needs and schedules
- Primary point of contact for students
- Respond to student concerns and needs for accommodations with equity and fair treatment
- Create extra credit assignments for students

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Harris County Juvenile Probation

July 2017 – August 2021

Renew, Inspire, Support, Empower (RISE) Program
Community Unit Probation Services (CUPS4) 2017-2018
Community Unit Probation Services (CUPS9) 2018-2019
Court 360- Specialized Court Probation Officer (2019-2020)
Houston, Texas

- Co-creator and facilitator for RISE Youth Town Hall/ RISE Life Skills Programs.
- Develop creative case plan goals using evidence-based practices.
- Maintain Texas Department of Criminal Justice practice standards.
- Develop relationships with community programs, schools, and rehabilitative programs.
- Communication with clients, attorneys, and courts personnel.
- Assess for individualized needs of youths and their families and provide appropriate resources.
- Maintained knowledge regarding Juvenile codes and Texas Education Agency Policies.

Harris County- TRIAD

January 2016 – July 2017

Justice of the Peace Court Liaison
Program Specialist- community program development, triage services, education services
Houston, Texas

- Provided individualized resource information according to needs of at-risk youths and their families.
- Developed relationships with community programs, schools, and rehabilitative programs.
- Remained informed regarding Juvenile Justice Code, and Texas Education Agency policies.
- Developed Community based programs (Teen Awareness).
- Demonstrated leadership skills, resulting in program specialist responsibilities.

Department of Family and Protective services (DFPS)

2015- 2016

Investigator
Houston, Texas

- Prepared necessary documents for the court systems.
- Investigated allegations of abuse or neglect to determine safety of children.
- Completed DFPS Academy Training (120 hours).
- Accurately documented investigations, and provided detailed information in written and oral form.
- Maintained consistent contact with clients and colleagues.

Justice of the Peace- Court Clerk

2012- 2015

Juvenile Criminal Court Clerk
Houston, Texas

- Drafted pleadings, motions, oppositions, and court orders.
- Provided families with information regarding court proceedings.
- Interpretation Aid for Spanish speaking families.
- Developed relationships with prosecutors and community support programs.
- Maintained knowledge regarding Juvenile codes and Texas Education Agency Policies.
- Developed relationships with at-risk youth, parents, and school personnel.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Restorative conference facilitator training (April 2022)

Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking

Grant Writing Certification (current)

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ACADEMIC RESEARCH

A review of restorative justice in U.S. schools – Academic article (work in progress)
The University of Texas at Dallas

Peer Circles - Program Manual (work in progress)
University of Houston-Downtown/ The University of Texas at Dallas

Fear of Crime According to Self-Identification of Femininity (work in progress)
The University of Texas at Dallas

Continued research in the following fields of interest:

- Restorative justice
- Juvenile delinquency
- Socioeconomic status and disparities in CJ

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

ACADEMY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCIENCES
National Organization- Student Member (current)

CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING
Current member

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

TRIAD “TEEN AWARENESS” FACILITATOR (2014-2016)

GUEST SPEAKER: TRUANCY - University of Houston Graduate Social Work Program (2015-2016)

WORK TEXAS- HORTICULTURE PROJECT (2019-2020)

PEER CIRCLES PROGRAM

Project Remix Charter School- Houston, TX- Pilot Program starting in 2020 (on-going)

ORGANIZATIONS

CRIMINOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
The University of Texas at Dallas- Student Member/Board Member (current)

CO- LEAD FACILITATOR FOR IMPLICIT BIAS WORKSHOPS - BLOOMBERG AND ASSOCIATES
Implicit Bias Culture of Data and Accountability team

Vice President of Alpha Sigma National Honor Society (2020-2021)
Criminal Justice National Honor Society- University of Houston-Downtown

References: Upon request