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## Curriculum Vitae

### EDUCATION

PhD in Criminal Justice and Criminology (2024)

Keiser University, Florida

- Dissertation: "The Impact of Body-Worn Cameras on Citizen Complaints: A Longitudinal Study of the New
- Advisor: Dr. Emily Restivo

Master of Science in Criminal Justice (2021)

National University, California

Bachelor of Science in Accounting (2014)

National University, California

Diploma in Education

Sam Sharpe Teachers' College, Jamaica

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Adjunct Professor | Washington Adventist University, Maryland (Jan 2023 - Present)

- Course: Forensic Psychology
- Designed curriculum integrating case studies, ethics, and applied forensic theory
- Mentored 50+ students using Moodle and live discussions to promote analytical skills

Adjunct Professor | Jamaica Theological Seminary (May 2023 - Present)

- Course: Contemporary Issues in Domestic Violence
- Developed trauma-informed, Caribbean-contextual curriculum
- Facilitated simulations and debates to support solution-based student projects

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### LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder & Executive Chairman | Jamaica Diaspora Taskforce Action Network (JDTAN) (2013 - Present)

- Oversight of 43+ diaspora task forces impacting 1,500+ educators and professionals annually
- Designed and implemented:
  - Emotional Intelligence Program (adopted by 19+ schools)
  - Mentorship Program for Grades 10-12 (served 500+ students)
- Coordinated 45+ professional development sessions annually
- Secured over \$300K annually in grants and sponsorships
- Led USAID-funded "Camp Summer Plus" for foundational literacy (\$250K grant)
- Hosted multi-sector summits with 300+ attendees

Owner & Managing Director | Sunrise Business Group (2009 - 2022)

- Managed operations in financial services and hospitality industries
- Achieved 15% average annual revenue growth
- Mentored 20+ professionals in business strategy and DEI initiatives

Board Member | Miramar Parks, Recreation, Economic Development & Sister-City Boards (5 years)  
- Advised on policy development and Jamaica-U.S. civic engagement

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## RESEARCH

PhD Dissertation:

"The Impact of Body-Worn Cameras on Citizen Complaints: A Longitudinal Study of the NYPD"

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## PUBLICATIONS

- "Alarming Waves of Violence in Jamaican Schools: An Educator's Grave Concern" - Caribbean National W
- "Change the Narrative, Change the Behaviour" - Jamaica Observer

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## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Keynote Speaker: Dunrobin Christian Academy & Guys Hill High School Graduations (2023, 2024)
- Panelist: Clinton Global Initiative Action Network, Puerto Rico (2020)
- Moderator: Jamaica Diaspora Conference (Multiple years)
- Author: From Shadows to Sunshine: My Jamaican Boyhood

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## AWARDS & HONORS

- Clinton Foundation Recognition - Disaster Response & Food Insecurity (2020)
- Honored by Jamaica's Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Diaspora Education Leadership (2019)

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## TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

"Education is the bridge between theory and transformative action."

- Applied Learning: Bridging academic content with community-based scenarios
- Mentorship: Embedding student support through leadership and emotional intelligence
- Inclusivity: Engaging diverse learners using Moodle, Zoom, and culturally relevant content

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## REFERENCES

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Dr. Sylvanus Thompson | (647) 294-7277 | reggaeboy1152@gmail.com