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EDUCATION

Degrees

Ph.D. (1994), Sociology, University of Chicago
M.S. (1981), Florida State University, Criminology.
B.S. (1978), Northeastern University, Criminology.

Ph.D. Dissertation: “Constructing Law: Comparing United States and United Kingdom Justice Systems.”

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology of Law, Criminology, Capital Punishment, Legal Education, Field Methods of Sociological Research, Computer-assisted Methods of Qualitative Research

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, September 2005 – present. (Visiting Assistant Professor, Currently: Lecturer)

Research Assistant Professor of Government and International Studies
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, August 1999 - 2005.

Assistant Professor of Criminology and Law, and of Sociology, University of Florida, Gainesville, 1992- 1999.

Research Associate, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, 1988—1992.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

TEACHING AWARDS:

2004 – University of South Carolina, Mortar Board Award for Excellence in Teaching

1995 – University of Florida, Criminology Honor Society Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

COURSES TAUGHT:

At Northwestern University:

Sociol 101 (Freshman Seminar), “Crime, Tort, and Justice.”
Sociol 202, “Social Problems.”
Sociol 204, “Social Interaction: Individual and Society.”
Sociol 206, “Law and Society”
Sociol 308, “Sociology of Deviance and Crime.”
Sociol 318, “Sociology of Law.”
Sociol 329, “Field Research and Methods of Data Collection.”
Sociol 376, “Capital Punishment.”

At University of South Carolina:

Poli Sci 103, “Controversies in Law and Order.”
Poli Sci 109, “Controversies in Public Policy.”
Poli Sci 301, “Political Science Methods.”
Poli Sci 374, “Public Policy.”
Poli Sci 502 (grad), “Methods of Political Analysis.”
Poli Sci 554 (grad), “Law and Society.”

At the University of Florida:

Crim 3024, “Advanced Principles of Criminal Justice.”
Crim 3701, “Research Methods.” Lecture and Lab.
Crim 4284, “Law and Social Policy.”
Crim 4306, “Introduction to Corrections.”
Crim 4466, “Victimology.”
Crim 4604, “Criminological Theory.”
Sociol 3542, “Comparative Legal Institutions.”

STUDENT ADVISING:

At Northwestern University:

Freshman Advisor (2006-2007; 2007-2008).
Undergraduate Advisor for 130 majors, Department of Sociology (2007-2008).

At University of Florida:

Sole undergraduate advisor for 550 majors in the Criminology Program; and pre-law advisor (1993-1998).

Placement director for criminology student internships (1992-1999).

OTHER:

At Northwestern University:

Honorary Assistant Football Coach, NU Wildcats (2006 and 2007).

NU Dolphin Show: Guest Lecture on Crime and Punishment in Literature (2007).

Participant, "Dinner with Twelve Strangers," sponsored by NU Alumnae Association, Oct. 28, 2007.

Moderator for a debate on capital punishment between Amnesty International and NU Students for Life (2006).

Moderator for a Special Session of student theatre production of "The Exonerated" (2007).

Received WCAS Course Enhancement grant for Sociol 329, "Field Methods." Purchased five copies of NVIVO qualitative analysis software, installed in Library computer lab.(2006).

Participated in the Searle Faculty workshops: "Designing a Learning-Centered Course." (October 2007); "Hot Topics in the Classroom" (April 2007); "Why won't my students talk? Promoting learning through class discussions." (Oct. 2006) "Teaching Large Classes" (Sept. 2006).

At University of South Carolina:

Faculty Advisor for the Libertarian Society (2003-2005).

IT Training for student and faculty on using Blackboard (1999-2005).

LEGAL RESEARCH AND CONSULTING

Data analyst and consultant for a study of post-tenure faculty experiences at American Law Schools, American Bar Foundation (2007 to present).

Participant, Provost's Interdisciplinary Committee on Justice Quarterly Seminar, Northwestern University (2006 – present).

Consultant for the study, "Evaluating Legal Education for Minorities," American Bar Foundation (2007).

Consultant responsible for survey design and analysis on the study, "Evaluating and Reforming Legal Education in America," Office of Professional Development, American Bar Association (2006).

Associate Director for Research, American Prison Privatization Project (1996-1999).

Expert witness and case consultant on correctional system standards and procedures for the Holland and Knight law firm, Jacksonville, FL (1998-1999).

University of Florida Liaison to the Florida Legislature, (1997-1999).

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

At Northwestern University:

Computer Committee Member, Sociology Department (2006 – 2008)

At University of South Carolina:

Webmaster for the Political Science Department (1999-2005).

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Computer Policy Committee Member (1999-2005).

Academic Technologies and Software Training Instructor for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (2002-2005).

Political Science Department Computer Hardware and Software Purchasing and Planning, Committee Chair (1999-2005).

At the University of Florida:

Webmaster for the Center for Studies in Criminology and Law (1992-1999).

Computer purchasing, management, and troubleshooting for the Center for Studies in Criminology and Law (1992-1999).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Law and Society*; New York University Press, Oxford University Press.