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## **EDUCATION**

- 2008 Florida State University  
**Ph.D. in Family Relations**  
Dissertation: "The Relationship between Parenting Style and Academic Achievement and the Mediating Influences of Motivation, Goal Orientation and Academic Self-Efficacy"  
  - 18 hours in Research Methods and Statistics
  - 18 hours in Criminal Justice
- 1989 Valdosta State University  
**M.S. in Sociology**  
Concentration: Family  
  - 18 hours in Marriage and Family Therapy
- 1988 Valdosta State University  
**B.S. in Psychology**

## **EXPERIENCE**

- 2001 – Present Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College  
**Associate Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice**  
**Awarded Tenure, Spring 2009**

### **Courses Taught:**

SOC 1101, Introduction to Sociology  
SOC 1160, Introduction to Social Problems  
SOC 2110, Human Services and Social Policy  
SOC 2293, Introduction to Marriage and Family  
SOC 3000, Rural Sociology  
CRJU 1100, Introduction to Criminal Justice  
CRJU 2210, Juvenile Procedures  
CRJU 2230, Introduction to Criminology

### **Courses Developed:**

**SOCI 3200, Behavioral Research Methods for Rural Studies**  
SOCI 3500, Rural Demography

### **Human Services Transfer Programs Coordinator,**

Advised students in Sociology and Human Services (Social Work)

- 1999 – 2001 Florida State University  
**Teaching Assistant, Department of Family and Child Sciences**  
**Courses Taught:**  
FACS 2230, Family Relationship and Life Development
- Coordinator of Academic Support Services, School of Social Work**  
Recruited and advised undergraduate students in Social Work
- 1990 – 1999 Valdosta State University
- Graduate Assistant, Division of Graduate Studies**  
Assisted the Dean of Graduate Studies with conducting graduate recruitment, and examining and updating the files of current and prospective students
- Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and CJ**
- Taught students research methods and SPSS data analysis
- Instructor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and CJ**  
**Courses Taught:**  
SOC 200, Introduction to Sociology  
SOC 365, Sociology of Sport
- Counselor/Coordinator for Minority Advising Program (MAP),  
Office of Equal Opportunity Programs and Multicultural Affairs**  
Counseled and provided support services for minority students
- Director of Academic Support Services for Student-Athletes,  
VSU Athletics Department**  
Provided academic support services for student-athletes
- Adjunct Professor, African American Studies Program**  
**Courses Taught:**  
AFAM 3600, The Spiritual Heritage of African Americans  
AFAM 3600, Black Families
- Additional Courses Taught:**  
**Behavioral Research Methods**, Park University, 1994-1997  
Social Psychology, Park University, 1994- 1997  
Introduction to Guidance and Counseling, Park University, 1994-1997  
Introduction to Sociology, Embry-Riddle University, 1996-1997  
Introduction to Psychology, Embry-Riddle University, 1996-1997  
Personality Theory, Embry-Riddle University, 1996-1997  
Social Psychology, Embry-Riddle University, 1996-1997  
General Psychology, North Florida Community College, 1997-2001  
Human Development, North Florida Community College, 1997-2001

Introduction to Sociology, Bainbridge College, 2000

## **TEACHING INNOVATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY**

2006 – Present **Sociology Professor, eCore Program, University System of Georgia**  
Teaches eCore SOCI 1101 Online

2002 – Present **Sociology Professor, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College**  
Teaches SOCI 1101 Online and SOCI 1160 Online

- Incorporates WebCT tools as a supplement in face-to-face, traditional courses and as a complete medium in full online courses
- Incorporates Wimba in face-to-face, traditional courses and full online courses
- Incorporates “Hello World” in face-to-face, traditional courses
- Developed Podcasts on Conflict Resolution and Cultural Diversity for SOCI 1101, SOCI 1160, SOCI 2110 and SOCI 2293

## **RESEARCH SKILLS**

Extensive knowledge and use of SPSS for data analysis  
Exceptional writing and oral communication skills for manuscript publication, research dissemination and conference paper presentations

## **PUBLICATIONS AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES**

**Manuscript submission**, “The Relationship between Parenting Styles and Academic Achievement and the Mediating Influences of Motivation, Goal Orientation and Academic Self-Efficacy.” Submitted to the Journal of Adolescence, October 2009.

**Manuscript submission**, “The Influences of Gender, Race and Plans after High School on Parenting Styles and Academic Achievement.” Submitted to the Education Journal, January 2010.

**Prospective Manuscript**, “The Relationship between Parenting Style and Academic Achievement and the Mediating Influences of Motivation, Goal Orientation and Academic Self-Efficacy among College Students at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.” Future submission to the NACADA Journal.

**Book Review**, Social Problems, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, by J. Macionis, Prentice Hall  
**Book Review**, Social Problems, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition, by Eigzen, Zina and Smith,

Allyn and Bacon

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Research Paper**, 2009, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), “The Relationship between Parenting Style and Academic Achievement and the Mediating Influences of Motivation, Goal Orientation and Academic Self-Efficacy.”

Presenter, 2009 Faculty/Staff Fall Conference, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, “Course Development for Rural Studies.”

Presenter, 2009 Faculty/Staff Fall Conference, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, “Introduction to eCore.”

Presenter, 2008 Faculty/Staff Fall Conference, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, “Introduction to eCore.”

Presenter, 2002 Faculty/Staff Fall Conference, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, “Promoting a Positive Experience in the College Classroom: Embracing Diversity on College Campuses.”

Presenter, 2002 Minority Advising Program Coordinators and Minority Recruitment Officers Conference, “Diversity On the College Campus.”

**Research Paper**, 2001 National Black Family Summit, Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, “The Influence of Contextual Variables on the Academic Achievement of College Students.”

Presenter, 2000 National Black Family Summit, Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, “University, Church and Communities: Working Towards Strengthening the Integrity and Stability of the Black Family.”

Presenter, 1998 Graduate Recruitment and Leadership Conference at Jekyll Island, Georgia, “If Not Graduate School Now, Then What?”

Presenter, 1994 Minority Advising Program Coordinators and Minority Recruitment Officers Conference at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, “Increasing Participation in the Minority Advising Program.”

Guest Lecturer, African American Studies, Valdosta State University

Guest Lecturer, School of Social Work, Florida State University

Guest Speaker, Sankofa Multicultural Graduation Celebration, Valdosta State University, Spring 2009

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Participant, Governor's Teaching Fellows Academic Year Symposium held at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, 2007-2008

Recipient, Donaldson Excellence in Advising Award, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Recipient, Pacesetter Award, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Participant, AAHE Black Caucus Leadership and Mentoring Institute held at Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia, 2003-2004

Selected as Community Champion by the Valdosta Daily Times

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

Governor's Teaching Fellows Program, University of Georgia

Recipient, Dissertation Research Grant, Florida State University

Recipient, Ruth Dale Scholarship, Florida State University

Recipient, Mary Watson Conner Scholarship, Florida State University

Recipient, Costa and Emma Kittles Scholarship

Recipient, Regent's Opportunity Scholarship for Graduate Minority Students Valdosta State University

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member, Rural Sociological Association (RSS)

Member, Governor's Teaching Fellows Association (GTF)

Member, National Association of Academic Advising (NACADA)

## **CERTIFICATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

Certification in Teaching and Course Development in Rural Sociology, Rural Sociological Society (RSS)

Certified Mediator, Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (CNCR), University System of Georgia

Certified Diversity Trainer, National Multicultural Institute (NMCI)

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Board Member, Diversity Enterprises

Mediator, Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (CNCR),  
University System of Georgia

Instructor/Counselor, Upward Bound Program,  
Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

## **REFERENCES**

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