

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- PhD, 2005. Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana (Criminal Justice).
  - Title: Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) & Community Crime Control Initiatives.
  - Chair: Dr. Steven Chermak
- Masters of Art, 2003. Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana (Criminal Justice).
- Bachelor of Science (*Magna cum laude*), 1999. Taylor University, Fort Wayne, Indiana (Criminal Justice).

## Research Interests and Areas of Teaching

- Major Areas: Criminal Justice Systems & Processes (Admin.) & Criminology

Components of the Criminal Justice System, Community Corrections, Criminology, Drugs & Society, Juvenile Justice Issues, Policing, Processing and Treatment of the Mentally Ill, Relationships Between Faith-Based Organizations and Criminal Justice Agencies, Research Methodology, Women & the Criminal Justice System.

## Teaching

- Careers in Criminal Justice
- Criminal Justice Data Analysis
- Distance Learning: Independent Study web & paper courses, Theories of Crime & Deviance
- Drugs & Society (Teaching Assistant).
- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Introductory Research Methods
- Mentoring Juveniles as a Form of Aftercare
- Police in Contemporary Society (Teaching Assistant).
- Service Learning: Introduction to Criminal Justice (P100) & Community Outreach & Partnerships in Service-Learning (COPSL) Partnership, *Community Catalyst*
- Seminar in Corrections
- Survey of Juvenile Justice
- Theories of Crime & Deviance
- Women & the Criminal Justice System

## **Curriculum Development**

- Facilities committee coordinator, Inaugural Conference of the Interdisciplinary Forensics Institute, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA, August 25, 2006.
- Created, “Theories of Crime and Deviance” course for the Indiana University School of Continuing Studies and author of the course learning guide (2003-2004).
- Designer, “Nature of Inquiry” PC & Mac how to guides for using SPSS to run descriptive statistics (2001-2002)

## **Publications**

- Gray, S.P. Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) and the Criminal Justice System: What do they do? *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*. Submitted September 2008.
- Gray, S.P. Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) Religiosity as a Predictor of Criminal Justice Programming: Theoretical Foundations. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. Submitted September 2008.
- Gray, S.P. Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) and Anti-Crime Programming: Capacity and Desire. *Crime & Delinquency*. Submitted September 2008.
- Gray, S.P. 2008. Criminal justice Studies: Community, family and faith. Oak Forest, IL: JW Press.
- Gray, S.P. (2009, Forthcoming). Alliance for Justice. In H. T. Green & S. L. Gabbidon (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Crime* (pp.). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Gray, S.P. (2007). Mississippi Burning. In S. M. Chermak & F. Y. Bailey (Eds.), *Crimes and Trails of the Century, Vol.1* (pp.247-268). Westport, CN: Praeger.
- Criminal Justice Review 29:1, Book Review, Shupe et al. 2001. *Bad Pastors*. New York: New York University Press, Spring 2004.
- Co-author (Sandys & Gray), Personality Highlight: Juveniles and the Death Penalty, In Champion, Dean. 2004. *The Juvenile Justice System, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.*
- ARNOVA ABSTRACTS 25:2, The Dark Side of Nonprofits, Guest editor, 2002.

## **Presentations**

- Guest Lecturer, Valdosta State Prison, Lifers Group, Lecture Title: Victim Awareness, Resources & Solutions, Valdosta, GA, April 18, 2008.
- Panel Discussant, Valdosta State University, Equal Opportunity Programs and Multicultural Affairs Division, Panel Title: Diversity Focus: Diversity & Intercultural Unity at VSU, Valdosta, GA, March 27, 2008.
- Panel Discussant, Valdosta State University, African American Studies Department, Panel Title: An Exploration of Black Popular Culture: “The National Music Industry and the Hip-Hop Generation,” Valdosta, GA, February 21, 2008.
- ASC Conference, Poster Presentation: Youth ATOD Usage in Lowndes County: A community assessment, Atlanta, GA, November 15, 2007.
- Radio Interview with Lee Roy Henderson, Black Crow Media, News Talk 105.9, Interview Topic: The status of youth in Lowndes County, Valdosta, GA, Recorded 6/5/07, Aired 6/10/07 & 6/18/07 on 105.3.
- Guest Lecturer, Valdosta State University, African American Studies Department, Race, Class, and Gender Course, Lecture Title: Disproportionate Imprisonment of the Poor: The United States and other post-industrial societies, Valdosta, GA, November 14, 2007.

- Guest Lecturer, Valdosta State University, Athletic Department, New Athlete Orientation Course, Lecture Title: The VSU Criminal Justice Program, Valdosta, GA, April 2, 2007, March 31, 2008.
- SEAN conference, Panel Title: African and African-American Women: What We Have In Common, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA, February 4, 2007.
- CJAG Conference, Paper Presentation: FBOs and Criminal Justice Programming: Capacity and Desire, Savannah, GA, November 17, 2006.
- Guest Lecturer, Valdosta State University, African-American Male Initiative, HEROES Institute, Lecture Title: Life Choices and Headlines, Valdosta, GA, April 22, 2006.
- Guest Lecturer, Valdosta State University, Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice Department, CRJU 7370 Ethical and Legal Issues, Lecture Title: Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs): Ethical Issues and Legal Concerns, Valdosta, GA, April 10, 2006.
- The Science Seminar Series, Presentation Title: Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs): What are they and what do they do?, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA, March 30, 2006.
- ACJS Conference, Paper Presentation: Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs): What do they do?, Baltimore, MD, March 6, 2006.
- Guest Lecturer, Valdosta State University, African American Studies Department, Introduction to African American Studies Course, Lecture Title: Minorities and the Criminal Justice System: Offenders to Employees, Valdosta, GA, October 3, 2005, February 27, 2006, October 2, 2006, October 1, 2007, February 19, 2008.
- ASC Conference, Paper Presentation: Faith-Based Organizations and Community Crime Control Initiatives, Nashville, TN, 2004.
- Guest Lecturer, Indiana University, Criminal Justice Department Associate Instructor Workshop, Session Title: Using Technology in the Classroom, Bloomington, IN, 2002 & 2003.
- ASC Conference, Paper Presentation: Keeping the Faith, Chicago, IL, 2002.
- Criminal Justice Department Brown Bag Series, Paper Presentation: Religiosity & Crime Prevention, Bloomington, IN, 2002.

### **Research Positions**

- Metro Atlanta 10-County Community Assessment, Research Consultant, Gwen Brown, Genesis Prevention Coalition, Atlanta, GA. 2007-present.
- Lever-Pulling Assessment Project, Research Assistant, Steven Chermak, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. 2004.
  - Responsible for conducting on-site interviews and recording responses on the survey instrument.
- Research Assistant, Hudson Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana. 2000-2002
  - Responsible for data entry, analysis, maintenance of data sets, and assisting in preparing reports.
- Hate Crime Study, Research Assistant, Professor Jeanne Bell, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. 2001.
  - Responsible for data entry, data analysis, and report preparation.

- School Violence Reduction Project, Research Assistant, Hudson Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana. 2000.
  - Responsible for data entry, some meeting facilitation, and report writing.

### **Editorial Activities**

- Ad hoc reviewer, *Police Practice and Research: An International Journal* (2003).

### **Reviews:**

- Manuscript review, 2007
  - Crime and Delinquency
- Book Review, 2005
  - Cox, S. M., Conrad, J. J., & Allen, J. M. (2002). *Juvenile Justice A Guide to Practice and Theory*. New York: McGraw Hill.

### **Awards and Grants**

- Faculty Development Grant, \$500 for conference expenses, 2005
- Faculty Development Grant, \$1,000 for conference expenses, 2006
- Applied Research Seed Grant, \$385.80 for prevention workshop, 2006
- Faculty Development Grant, \$750 for conference expenses, 2008

### **Professional Organizations**

- American Society of Criminology
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

### **Service Activities**

#### *University*

- Member, Athletics Committee, 2006-present
- Member, Women and Gender Studies Advisory Committee, 2006-present
- Member & Recorder, African American Male Initiative (AAMI) Committee, Board of Regents, instituted by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, 2005-present.

#### *Departmental*

- Member, Arts & Sciences Dean Search Committee, 2008
- Member, Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Promotion and Tenure Revision Committee, 2008
- Faculty Advisor, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Undergraduate Research, poster presentation, student presenter: Ashley Henderson, April 10-11, 2007.
  - Poster title: Sex Trafficking: Sexual Exploitation of Women
- 2007, 2008 Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign and State Charitable Contributions Campaign Team Captain, Fall 2006, 2007
- Departmental Webmaster, 2007-present
- Member, Sociology Full-Time Temporary Faculty Search Committee, 2007
- Member, Anthropology Faculty Search Committee, 2007
- Faculty Advisor, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Undergraduate Research, poster presentation, student presenter: Danielle Williams, April 12-13, 2007.

- Poster title: Assessment Of Youth Drug Usage In Lowndes County
- Member, Department Head Search Committee, 2006
- Redevelopment of England & Scotland Study Abroad Program, 2006-2007
- Design and continued maintenance of the Criminal Justice Website, 2006-present
- Participation in the Georgia DOC on the move tour, Tattnall County, student participants: Andrea Brockman, Caitlyn Edwards, A. Demetrius, Grant, Melvin Hunter, Meghann Williams, April 13, 2006
- Faculty Advisor, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Undergraduate Research, poster presentation, student presenters: Jennifer Fairbairn & Shenika Franklin, April 6-7, 2006.

- Poster title: Images of Gender Revisited
- Development of CRJU information handouts and new majors' flyers, 2006.
- Faculty Advisor, Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society, 2006-present.
- Member, Criminal Justice Faculty Search Committee, 2005
- Assistant Faculty Advisor, Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society, 2005.

#### *Community*

- Genesis Prevention Coalition Consultant & Evaluator, 2007-present.
- Building on Faith Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity, Valdosta, GA, November 10, 2007.
- Little River Clean-up volunteer, Valdosta, GA, October 6, 2007
- Great American Clean-up volunteer, Valdosta, GA, April 21, 2007.
- Azalea International Folk Festival, dance competition point analyst, March 3, 2007, March 8, 2008.
- Azalea International Folk Festival, Middle-School field trip director, March 1-2, 2007.
- Participated in Lowndes County/Valdosta City HUD homeless count, January 31, 2007.
- National Make a Difference Day volunteer, Valdosta, GA, October 28, 2006.
- Valdosta/Lowndes County, H.O.M.E. Coalition independent evaluator, 2006-2007.
- Loftiss RYDC Advisory Council Member, 2006-present
- Genesis Prevention Coalition Valdosta/Lowndes County liaison, 2005-2007.
- Valdosta/Lowndes County, H.O.P.E. Coalition independent evaluator, 2005-2006.