

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION AND DEGREE CONFERRED

1972 B.S. Industrial Engineering - Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon (Mexico)
1980 M.A. Sociology - University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee
1987 Ph.D. Sociology - Tulane University

SKILLS

Over twenty years of teaching undergraduate sociology courses to small and large classes
Twelve years of research experience; conducted, collaborated, and advised research projects.
Oral and Written Presentations: Academic and Non-academic Reports.
Familiarity with Word Processing Software: WordPerfect, Word, and Excel.
Proficiency in English and Spanish

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Writing Children's Books in Spanish
Crossword Puzzles and Cooking

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2008-Present Lecturer, Sociology Department, Florida State University
2005-2008 Visiting Lecturer, Sociology Department, Florida State University
2001-2005 Adjunct Instructor, Sociology Department, Florida State University
1997-2002 Adjunct Professor, Social Sciences Division, Tallahassee Community College
1996 Secretary Specialist, FLDEP/Division of State Lands, Office of Modernization, Tallahassee, Florida
1994 Adjunct Professor, School of Criminology, Florida State University
1987-1991 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology/Criminal Justice, Old Dominion University
1986-1987 Visiting Instructor, Department of Sociology, Tulane University
1983-1986 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Tulane University
1983-1984 Research Analysts, Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office, New Orleans, LA (Development of a statistical profile of inmates for purposes of classification and statistical profile of loyal employee)
1979-1980 Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

1975-1978 Faculty, Department of Behavioral Sciences, ITESM, Monterrey, N.L. Mexico

PAPERS PUBLISHED

- Present Law and Society. Textbook and Online materials. Negotiating a contract
- 1992 "Does Law Behave? A Macro-level Test of Black's Propositions of Change in Law." *Social Forces* 70(3):655-678 (with Joseph Sheley).
- 1991 "Macro-Economic Determinants of Penal Policy: Estimating the Unemployment and Inflation Influences on Imprisonment-Rate Changes in the United States, 1948-1985." *Crime, Law and Social Change* (formerly *Contemporary Crises*) 16:177-198.
- 1988 "La Construccion Social de las Estadisticas del Crimen." *Revista de Ciencias Sociales* Vol. xxv, Nos. 1-2 (with Joseph Sheley).
- 1986 "Limited Impact of the Breast Self-Examination Movement: A Latin American Illustration." *Social Science and Medicine* 23(9):905-910 (with Joseph Sheley).
- 1985 "Viewers' Relationship to Television Personalities." *Psychological Reports* 57:263-266 (with Frederick Koenig).

Technical Reports

- 1990 "Effects of Social Structure, Culture, and Judicial Organization on Court Activity." Submitted to ODU Office of Research and Graduate Studies.

SERVICE at FSU

- 2010- Present Faculty Advisor to Action For Haiti, FSU Recognized Student Organization
- 2005-Present Undergraduate Program Committee Member, Sociology Department

GRANTS, CONTRACTS, FELLOWSHIPS

- 1989 ODU Scholarly and Creative Activities Award, College of Arts and Letters. "Creation of a Computer Data File on Crime News: Data Collected from Two Newspaper Organizations in Monterrey, Mexico."
- 1988 ODU Summer Research Grant. "Effects of Social Structure, Culture, and Judicial Organization on Court Activity."
- 1987 ODU Scholarly and Creative Activities Award, College of Arts and Letters. "Crime News Distortion in Private and State Media Organizations: Newspapers and Television in a Latin American City."
- 1984 Tinker Foundation Graduate Student Grant for Research in Latin America (Mexico)
- 1980-1986 Tulane University Fellowship for Graduate Studies in Sociology.
- 1981 Socio-Demographic Report on the Sunbelt Region based on Census Data (Commissioned by and Submitted to Paul S. Ryerson, Consultant, Washington, D.C.).

1978-1980 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Non-resident Tuition Waiver Scholarship for Graduate Studies in Sociology.

PRESENTATIONS

- 1991 "Gender and Publication Patterns in Criminal Justice." Presented at the annual convention of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Nashville, TN.
- 1989 "A Macro-Level Approach to Changes in Imprisonment Rates in the United States, 1948-1985: A Comparison of Conflict and Economic Perspectives on Crime Control." Presented at the annual convention of the American Society of Criminology, Reno, NV.
- 1988 "Diachronic Changes in Court Activity and Litigation in the U.S., 1948-1980: A Test of Donald Black's *The Behavior of Law*." Presented at the annual convention of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.
- 1987 Family Violence: Child Abuse, Battered Wives, and Abuse of the Elderly. Discussant of Graduate Student Papers presented at the annual convention of the Academy of Criminal Justice Studies, San Francisco, CA.
- 1986 "Is a Test of the Behavior of Law Possible?" Presented at the annual convention of the Academy of Criminal Justice Studies, Orlando, FL.
- 1985 "Limited Impact of the Breast Self-Examination Movement: A Latin American Illustration." Presented at the annual convention of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Washington, D.C.
- 1984 "Critique of Spitzer's Theory on Deviance Attribution." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Knoxville, TN.
- 1983 "Television Personalities as Vicariously Experienced Friendships." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Sociological Association, Houston, TX.
- "Conceptualization, Operationalization, and the Quality of Regression Analysis Inferences: A Survey of Errors in Recent Criminological Research." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1995 - 2000 Society For The Study Of Social Problems. Member of the Committee on Permanent Organization.

SERVICE AT ODU

University

- 1990-1991 Director of Arts and Letters Office of Research Services (ALORS)
- 1989-1991 Research and Publications Committee — College of Arts and Letters Representative

College of Arts and Letters

- 1988-1991 Research and Publications Committee Member
- 1987-1991 Institute for the Study of Minority Issues (ISMI) Steering Committee Member

Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

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| May-July 1989 | Acting Director of Graduate Program |
| 1988-1991 | Library Committee Chair |
| 1988-1989 | Master Thesis Committee Chair, "The Effects of Status and Working Conditions on Distress among Blue-Collar Workers" by Kathy Shepherd Stolley |
| | Graduate Program Committee Member |
| 1987-1988 | Department Goals Assessment Committee Member |

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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| 1992- Present | Blessed Sacrament Parish- Member and Adorer |
| 1993 - 2002 | Parent Volunteer, Trinity Catholic School |
| 1994 - 1998 | Co-Leader Girl Scout Troop 102 |

REFERENCES

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| Jill Walker | Wakulla County Judge 3056 Crawfordville Hwy. Crawfordville, Fl 32327 (850) 926-0943 |
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