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EDUCATION

PhD in Juvenile Justice. Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas.

Dissertation: *"The Ethical and Theoretical Orientation of a Modern-Day Juvenile Justice Sentencing Commission: The Case of North Carolina."*

J.D. University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD.

M.A. in Government and Politics (Public Administration and American Government). Department of Government and Politics. University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

B.S. in Political Science. *Magna Cum Laude*. Department of Political Science North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS (Fulltime)

Associate Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce. Commerce, Texas. September 2021- January 2022 (Retired).

Department Head, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Texas A&M University. November 2018- August 2021.

Interim Department Head, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Texas A&M University. September 2018- November 2018.

Associate Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce. Commerce, Texas. 2014-2022. Tenured 2016.

Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce. Commerce, Texas. 2011-2014.

Chair and Associate Professor, Livingstone College, Department of Criminal Justice, Salisbury, North Carolina. 2010-2011.

Assistant Professor, Fayetteville State University, Department of Criminal Justice, Fayetteville, North Carolina. 2006 - 2009.

Director and Associate Professor, *Lee P. Brown Criminal Justice Institute*. Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. 2002- 2004.

Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Paralegal Computer Research Lab. Department of Criminal Justice & Paralegal Studies, Grambling State University, Grambling, Louisiana. 1999 – 2002.

PUBLICATIONS-

Peer Reviewed

Jacob Armstrong, **Elvira White-Lewis**, D. Nicole Farris & Willie J. Edwards (2021): Reevaluating factors associated with negative attitudes toward police: capturing information from college students, *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*, DOI: 10.1080/15377938.2021.1907827

Dorothy Kersha-Aerga, **Elvira White-Lewis**, and David Hanson. The End of an Era: Civil Forfeiture and Equitable Sharing. *Journal of Criminal Justice and Law Review* Vol. 6 • Nos. 1-2 January-December 2017

White-Lewis, E. and Kersha-Aerga, D. (2015). Shifting dynamics in juvenile justice and the increasing indenting lines of distinction between the juvenile justice and criminal justice systems. *Journal of Criminal Justice and Law Review* .4 (1-2)33-51.

Kersha-Aerga, Dorothy & **White-Lewis, E.** (2014). The Ever-Changing Family Structures and Delinquency. *Journal of Criminal Justice and Law Review*. ;Jan-Dec 2013, Vol. 3 Issue 1-2, p89

.Henderson, Howard & **White**, Elvira M. (2010) Religious freedom and controlled substances: A legal analysis. *Criminal Law Bulletin*, 46 (2). Reprinted in *More Than Race: Minority Issues in Criminal Justice*. Edited by Howard Henderson. 2012. Cognella Publishing

White, Elvira & Forman, Sonya (2008). The impact of media violence on youth aggression. *The International Journal of Crime, Criminal Justice and Law*, Volume 3, Issue 2.

Book Chapters

White, Elvira M. (2008). Jim Garrison. In J. Bumgarner, *Icons of Crime Fighting*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

White, Elvira & Myers, Laura (2006). African American PhD women in criminal justice higher education: equal impact or the myth of equality. In Roslyn Muraskin, *It's a Crime: Women & Justice*, Pearson Education.

Encyclopedias- Peer Edited

White-Lewis, E. (2018). Curfews. *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Surveillance, Security, and Privacy*. Bruce A. Arrigo., Ed. Sage Publications.

White-Lewis, E. (2014). "Suicide by Cop". *Encyclopedia of Criminal Justice*. Sage Publications, Inc. Edited by J. Albanese.

White-Lewis, E. (2014) "Clemency". *Encyclopedia of Criminal Justice Ethics* by Bruce A. Arrigo. Sage Publications.

White, Elvira M. (2009). Youth Gangs. In Gabbidon and Green, *Encyclopedia of Race and Crime*. Sage Publication, Inc. Vol 2, p 915.

White, Elvira M. (2009). The W. Haywood Burns Institute. In Gabbidon and Green, *Encyclopedia of Race and Crime*. Sage Publication, Inc. Vol 2 p 888.

Instructor Manuals

White, Elvira, Instructor's Manual for Siegel, Schmalleger and Worrall (2014). *Courts and criminal justice in America*. Pearson Prentice Hall. Invited submission.(Includes Siegel test bank)

White, Elvira, Instructor's Manual for Siegel, Schmalleger and Worrall (2011). *Courts and criminal justice in America*. Pearson Prentice Hall. Invited submission, (Includes Siegel test bank)

Other Genres

White, Elvira M. (2006). The announcement. In Tim Russert ("Meet the Press"), *Wisdom of Our Fathers*, New York: Random House.

White, Elvira (2002). Setting an Agenda. In Vernon Farmer, *The Black Student's Guide*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Under Review:

White-Lewis, E. and Beltran, Abigal (2019). The Influence of Violent Media on Today's Youth. Under review May 2019, *Journal of Criminal Justice and Law Review*.

White-Lewis, Elvira, Olajide, Jemilat and Chinwendu (Alex) Eke, School to Prison Pipeline for young African American Girls: Disproportionality or Myth? October 2019- *The Negro Educational Review*. Revise and Resubmit

Works in Progress

Ethical and theoretical decision-making of criminal justice agencies from a deontological and utilitarian perspective.

Journal Peer Reviewer

The Negro Educational Review. Fall 2015. Comparing the Disparity in Disciplinary Placements of African American and White Male and Female Students Based on Zero Tolerance Policies across School Settings in the U.S.

Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice Spring 2011

GRANTS/PROPOSALS (TAMUC)

TAMUC Faculty Development Grant for 2016-2017. Submitted August 2016, not funded.

Drafted and submitted 3+3 TAMUC and Texas A&M University Law School Articulation agreement- Fall 2015. (Provost Invite)

TAMUC *Sophomore Year Experience* (SYE) proposal co submitted with Kia Williams, Assistant Director of Fitness and Wellness. Fall 2015. Not selected.

Faculty Center for Teaching with Technology Faculty Fellowship for 2014. Texas A & M University. Wrote proposal July 2014. Not funded.

Mock Trial Module Courtroom, Texas A&M University- Commerce, December 2012 approved/funded by CHSSA with Theatre Department Collaboration.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (TAMUC)

Sociology and Criminal Justice Department. Mock Trial facilitator. Fall 2022

Invited Member, TAMUC Steering Committee. National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD) Fall 2021- present

International Committee for Global travel. Spring 2021- present

Verdict Forum Co-presenter and organizer with University of Tennessee- Martin- April 2021

Participant- *Voting Forum* via Zoom- Fall 2020

Developed and organized Cultural Competency training for Sociology and Criminal Justice Department- summer 2020

Member: Study Abroad Scholarship Awards Committee 2019-January 2022.

College Executive Council: College of *Humanities, Social Sciences & Arts*:
Member: Elvira White-Lewis- 2018- August 2021.

Member: University Academic Department Head Council 2018- August 2021.

Cultural Intelligence Training Workshop- September 2019

Department Speakers/programs sponsored:

- Dr. Arlie Hochschild-Speaker- September 2019
- Community Safety Education Act Program- November 2019
- Harriett Tubman Descendant (Michele Jones Galvin) March 2020
- Cultural Competency/Implicit Bias Training July 2020

Member, Amanda Turner, Dissertation Committee, 2018-May 2020

“SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND THE FUTURE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN GIRLS: A NARRATIVE INQUIRY OF MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS’ PERSPECTIVE OF THE DISCIPLINE DISPROPORTIONALITY AMONG AFRICAN AMERICAN GIRLS”

Member, Alex Wooten, Dissertation Committee, 2019- May 2020 *“WHAT IF A WITNESS WAS ACQUAINTED WITH A SUSPECT PRIOR TO A CRIME? :AN INVESTIGATION OF UNCONSCIOUS TRANSFERENCE BY MANIPULATING PRIOR FAMILIARITY”*

Member, Alyssa Jones, Dissertation Committee, Spring 2020

"THE EFFECTS OF FILLER SELECTION METHODS ON LINEUP FAIRNESS AND EYEWITNESS IDENTIFICATION PERFORMANCE"

Member, Robert Lockamy, Dissertation Committee, 2020 "WEAPONS AT A DISTANCE: AN INVESTIGATION OF THE WEAPON FOCUS EFFECT AS A FUNCTION OF DISTANCE"

Faculty Led Global Student trip- Belize- Summer I- 2020 Planned- Cancelled due to COVID-19

Faculty Led Global Student trip- Belize- Summer I- 2019

Faculty Developed and Led 1st Global Student trip- Belize- Summer I- 2018

Member -CHSSA Dean Search Committee- 2018

Member- Sociology and Criminal Justice Department Head Search -2018

Chair- Sociology and Criminal Justice Tenure Track Faculty Search-2018

Member- Faculty Senate Academic Practice Committee for Texas A&M University- Commerce 2017-present.

Faculty Senate Department Representative- elected Spring 2018 (resigned 9/18) due to Interim Department Head appointment

University Diversity & Inclusion Committee (U.D.I.C.) Task Force (invited) August 2016- August 2017.

Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society- Reactivated TAMUC chapter Spring 2015. Faculty Advisor- Fall 2015-Fall 2020. Co-advisor 2020-January 2022.

Coordinated Law School/Texas A&M Law School Program/continuing work for possible articulation agreement. November 2014-September 2016.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zU3izwnSo_8

Women in Leadership Mentor- August 2015- present

Honors College Thesis Advisor- (Invited) Fall 2015-present

- Jacob Armstrong- *Reevaluating Factors Associated with Negative Attitudes Towards Police: An Analysis of Student Views*- graduated summa cum laude May 2017

- Calsi Shepherd- *The Disparity Between the Support for Sanctioned Execution and Anti-Abortion Sentiments in North East Texas: Utilitarianism, Deontology and the Relationship with Academic Focus* May 2018

Honors College Colloquium Speaker- (Invited) March 2016; February 2017.

University Climate Change Study (Invited participant- 2015)

University Institutional Research Board- 2013- 2018

University Clery Act Review Committee- 2013- 2017

University Discipline Committee- 2013-2015

University Graduate Council Representative for numerous defense presentations for dissertations 2014- 2018.

University Mane Event- 2012, 2013, 2014

CHSSA British Study Committee (Appointed Spring 2016)

Department Chair Search Committee member- 2014

Department Scholarship Committee- 2013- 2017. Appointed Committee Chair- September 2016.

Department Faculty Search Committee member 2012-2013 and 2015-2016

Department Graduate Assistant Selection Committee 2011-2012

Developed and taught Mock Trials for TAMUC Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice- 2012- present

Courses developed for Sociology and Criminal Justice Department:

- Graduate:
 - Juvenile Delinquency
 - Gangs
 - Law and Criminal Justice (Global-Belize)
- Undergraduate:
 - Juvenile Justice
 - Gangs
 - Law and Criminal Justice (Global-Belize)

Course Revisions for Sociology and Criminal Justice:

- Graduate:

- Gender and Crime
- Undergraduate:
 - Victimology
 - Mass Media and Crime

Other Universities

UMUC Criminal Justice Special Assessment Chair Fall 2009

Graduate Thesis committee member- 2007- 2009.

Student: William Carter

Title: *The impact of legal representation on disposition and sentencing.*

Departmental Honors and Awards Committee- 2007-2009. Chair 2007-2008.

College Honors and Awards Committee- Chair 2007-2008.

Departmental Undergraduate Curriculum Committee 2007-2008.

Departmental mentor to assigned new faculty member 2007-2008.

Faculty Search Committee member, 2006-2007.

Department Chair Search Committee member, 2006-2007.

Academic advisor, 2006-2009

COMMUNITY/PUBLIC SERVICE

Mock Trial Coach, 71st High School, Fayetteville, NC. 2007-2008.

Cumberland County Dispute Resolution Board member 2008-2009

Board of Directors member, Cumberland County Communicare, Inc. Fayetteville North Carolina .2008-2011

Volunteer (soup kitchen), Salvation Army, Fayetteville, North Carolina, November 2007- 2011.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Juvenile Justice Section member-current

Program committee member for 47th Annual Meeting February 2010

American Society of Criminology

Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society-Faculty Advisor.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

"African American Females from Grade School to the Academe: Underestimated, Undervalued and Marginalized-Grounded in Critical Race Theory" 72nd Annual Meeting. The American Society of Criminology. New Orleans. November 2016*** Authored paper/presentation but cancelled presentation due to emergency.

"Impact of media violence on youth aggression", 46th Annual Meeting, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Boston, Massachusetts, March 2009.

"The ethical and theoretical orientation of a modern-day sentencing commission: The state of North Carolina". 45th Annual Meeting, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 2008.

"Does a color line exist in the criminal and juvenile justice system today? The case for disproportionate minority confinement", convocation speaker, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA. February 26, 2008.

"From slave ship to Hurricane Katrina's superdome: A case of conflict theory", author for Pirtle presentation, 43rd Annual Meeting Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Baltimore, MD, March 2006.

"The juvenile death penalty-post Simmons: What does it really mean for juvenile homicide sentencing" Juvenile Justice Symposium, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX, April 2005.

"African American PhD Women in the Criminal Justice Discipline: An Analysis of Pre and Post 1998 graduates: Impact or Myth", 42nd Annual Meeting Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Chicago, IL, March 2005.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, California November 2019

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 56th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. March 2019. (*Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society*) Faculty advisor.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 55th Annual Meeting, New Orleans. February 2018. (*Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society*) Faculty advisor.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 54th Annual Meeting, Kansas City. March 2017. (*Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society*) Faculty advisor.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 53rd Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado. March 2016. (*Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society*) Faculty advisor.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 52nd Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida. March 2015.

American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, California November 2015. **Contributed research for Dallas County Office of Juvenile Probation presentation.

Judge: Federation of North Texas Area Universities: Graduate Research Symposium. Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX. April 22, 2016.

Judge: Federation of North Texas Area Universities: Graduate Research Symposium. Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX. April 26, 2014

Student Undergraduate Research Conference, Collin College, Plano, Texas, April 25-16, 2013. *Issues in Juvenile Justice for the 21st Century*. Panel chair and research advisor for five (5) Texas A&M University- Commerce students.

Student Research Conference. Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC. April 13-14, 2012. Accompanied student research mentees.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 46th Annual Meeting, Boston, Mass. March 2009.

Panel Chair. Event #85 *Violence, media, politics, and profiling: Where do we begin?*

Panel Chair. Event # 42 *The race factor in juvenile court decisions and outcomes.*

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 45th Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio. March 2008.

Roper vs. Simmons, Participant, American Bar Association web cast, June 22, 2005.

Juvenile Justice Symposium Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX, April 2005.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 42nd Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2005.

Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice Annual Meeting, Houston, TX. October 2004.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 41st Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2004.

American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, November 2003.

Teaching in Higher Education Forum, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, April 2003.

Family and Community Violence Prevention Grant, Technical Workshop, Phoenix, Arizona, April 2003.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 40th Annual Meeting, Boston, Mass., March, 2003.

Teaching in Higher Education Forum at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, April 2002.

AAfPE Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas, October 2001.

Merlot International Conference, Tampa, Florida, August 2001.

HONORS and AWARDS (TAMUC)

Associate Professor Emeritus- February 2022

Organizational Leadership Award, Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education. February 2019.

Serving Engaged Empowered & Diverse Students (S.E.E.D.S) *Hats Off to Women Award* TAMUC Faculty Nominee March 2018.

Excellence in Teaching Award. The National Society of Leadership and Success. Texas A&M University-Commerce. December 2017.

Paul W. Barrus Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching. (Faculty Senate). Texas A&M University-Commerce. April 2017.

Professor of the Year. Hunt/Hopkins County African American Leadership Conference. February 2016.

Ronnie Brooks Mentoring in Education Award, Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education. February 2016

Excellence in Teaching Award. The National Society of Leadership and Success. Texas A&M University-Commerce. Spring 2015

Certificate of Appreciation. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Eta Phi Chapter. Texas A&M University-Commerce. Spring Semester 2013.

HONORS and AWARDS (Other Venues)

Outstanding dedication and service award. Cumberland County Communicare, Inc. Board of Directors, Fayetteville, North Carolina. December 2011.

Outstanding teaching award. Department of Criminal Justice, Fayetteville State University, April 2009.

Outstanding contribution for community service award. Department of Criminal Justice, Fayetteville State University, May 2008.

Outstanding teaching award. Department of Juvenile Justice. Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas. May, 2006.

Golden Mike Award, Best radio talk show, Wiley College, Marshall, TX, May 2004.

Outstanding Service plaque, State of Maryland Public Defender, 1993

Woman of the Year, Southern Maryland Business and Professional Women, Inc., 1991.

Governor's Citation for Woman of the Year award, presented by Governor William Donald Schaefer, 1991.

Outstanding Service to the Bar and the Community President's Award, Prince George's County Bar Association, 1992.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Online Adjunct Faculty, University of Maryland, University College, Criminal Justice, 2004 – promoted to Adjunct Professor – Spring 2016.

Online Adjunct Faculty, University of Maryland, University College, Criminal Justice, 2004 – promoted to Associate Adjunct Professor – Spring 2012.

Special Assessment Chair. Web Tycho European and US courses. University of Maryland, University College (UMUC). Fall 2009.

Adjunct Faculty. The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Sociology and Criminal Justice Department. 2008

Prior Learning Evaluator. University of Maryland, University College. Spring 2009- 2012.

Online faculty mentor, University of Maryland, University College, Criminal Justice, Spring 2008.