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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Juvenile Justice. College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Tx (2012).

Dissertation: Dorsett, V. J. (2012). *"A Descriptive Analysis of Foster Care Transitional Service and Alumni Outcomes."*

M.S., Theatre/Sociology (18). Department of Mass Communication, Speech & Theatre, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Tx (2004). Sociology TAMUC 9hrs/PVAMU 9hrs hours (2006).

Thesis: Dorsett, V. J. (2004). *"Outside Traditional Theatre: Two Studies In Community Building."*

B.S., Sociology/CJ & Theatre. Sociology & Theatre Major, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Tx (2001).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Current – 8/2016 Assistant Professor, Soc/CJ, Texas A&M University-Commerce

COURSES TAUGHT

Traditional Undergraduate:

Intro to CJ-TAMU-C, Tx (Spr, Sum & Fall 2016-2020)

Juvenile Justice-TAMU-C, Tx (Spr 2019)

Minority Groups-TAMU-C, Tx (Spr 2017, 2018)

White Collar Crime-TAMU-C, Tx (Spr 2017)

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University

Faculty Senate Member 2017 – 2020

-Scheduling & Facilities Committee

-Department Head Tenure Review 2019

Annual Research Symposium Session Monitor 2019

College

Honors Thesis Advisor; Raquel Medrano 2019

McNair Program Advisor; Kayshya Coffee 2019

CHSSA Professional Development Session Monitor 2018, 2019

Professional Development Trainer 2016, 2017

Department

Curriculum Committee 2016, 2018-2019

Scholarship Committee 2016-2019

MSAC Fall 2018 Institutional Effectiveness Report Fall 2017

SACS Co-Advisor 2018-2019

Mane Event Fall 2018

Commencement Fall 2016, 2017, 2018(Faculty Marshal), 2019

Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee 2019

Annual Research Symposium Advisor; Kirthi Aburri 2019

Community

Foster Care Alumni of America National Board of Directors Research Evaluation Committee (2018-2020)

Hopes Path. Advisory Council (2016-2020)

Advisor. Texas Foster Care Coalition, Harris County, Voices for Change. (2014 – 2020 board member)

Advisor. Hope & Healing Institute, Foster Care Initiative. Name change: Cultivating Families (2015-20)

R.A.I.C.E.S. Houston Tx., Volunteer Immigration Communications (July, 2018)

Founder. Foster Care C.A.N. (Circle of Assistance Network) (2011-18)

President. Foster Care Alumni of America-Texas Chapter (2010-17)

Board Member. TEXAS-Court Appointed Service Advocates (CASA) (2011-17)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) National Conference, San Antonio, Tx
Poster presentation; *Undocumented Immigrant Latin@ Youth and the US Child Welfare System*. Spring 2020

Southwestern Social Science Association Regional Meeting, San Diego, Ca

SPEAKER

Victory Lap, African American Male Mentorship Program, TAMU-C (2019)
Christ Haven for Children, Fundraiser Golf Tournament, Euless, Tx (March 2019)
Christ Haven for Children, Fashion Show, Keller, Tx (Oct 2018)

ORGANIZATION NATIONAL/STATE AFFILIATIONS

Southwest Social Science Association, <https://sssaonline.org/>, Member
Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, www.swacj.org, Member
Hope & Healing Institute, hopeandhealingcenter.org, Advisor
Christians in Theatre Arts, ctis.org (CTIS), Member
National Foster Youth and Alumni Policy Council (NFYAPC), Member
Foster Care Alumni of America, fostercarealumni.org (FCAA), former Texas chapter
President, Member
Foster Club, fosterclub.org, Member
International Student Foundation, isfsite.org, Mentor
Texas Court Appointed Service Advocates, texascasa.org (CASA), Board of Directors