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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Doctor of Philosophy, Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington, 2013

Master of Arts, Criminology/Criminal Justice, University of Texas at Arlington, 2005

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, University of Texas at Arlington, 2002

EDUCATOR CERTIFICATIONS

Standard Principal Certificate, Early Childhood -Grade 12

Special Education, Early Childhood – Grade 12

General Education, Grades 4 – 8

Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS) Evaluator

Instructional Leadership Development (ILD)

EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND

HIGHER EDUCATION

Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, UTA, 2010-Present

Lecturer, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, 2014-Present

Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Social Work, UTA, 2009-2010

K-12 EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Assistant Principal, 2014 - Present

Transition Specialist/Vocational Academic Coordinator, 2012-2014

Summer School Principal, June 2013-August 2013

High School Teacher, Polytechnic High School, FWISD, 2005-2012

Assistant Principal Intern, 2010-2011

UNIVERSITY TEACHING BACKGROUND

UNDERGRADUATE

CRCJ 2334 Introduction of Criminal Justice, UTA Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, 3 credit hours, delivered online

SOCW 3301, Human Behavior and the Social Environment I, UTA School of Social Work, 3 credit hours, delivered online & face-to-face

SOCW 3302, Human Behavior and the Social Environment II, UTA School of Social Work, 3 credit hours, delivered face-to-face

SOCW 3303, Social Welfare Policy and Services, UTA School of Social Work, 3 credit hours, delivered online

SOCW 3317

CRCJ 4380, Comparative Criminal Justice Systems, UTA Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, 3 credit hours, delivered online

GRADUATE

SOCW 5301, Human Behavior and the Social Environment, UTA School of Social Work, 3 credit hours, delivered face-to-face

SOCW 5317, Human Behavior and Diverse Populations, UTA School of Social Work, 3 credit hours, delivered face-to-face

SOCW 6330, Child Development, UTA School of Social Work, 3 credit hours, delivered face-to-face

SOCW 6387, Child and Youth Policy, UTA School of Social Work, 3 credit hours, delivered face-to-face

SOCW 6324, Research Methods II, UTA School of Social Work, 3 credit hours, delivered face-to-face and online

RESEARCH BACKGROUND

Primary Investigator for study of ecological factors associated with the academic achievement of African American youth, School of Social Work (Maria Scannapieco, Dissertation Committee Chair), UTA, 2012-2013

Graduate Research Assistant for development of a crisis model for schools to follow in cases of emergency, School of Social Work, UTA, 2008-2009

Primary Investigator for study of empirical literature pertaining to the effects of having incarcerated mothers on children, School of Social Work, UTA, 2006

Primary Investigator for quantitative study about the effects of legislation on hate crime in the United States, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice (Alejandro del' Carmen, Thesis Committee Chair), UTA, 2004

PUBLICATIONS

The Effects of Parental Involvement among Children Who are Economically Disadvantaged, *Educational Research Journal* (currently under review).

Ecological Factors Associated with the Academic Achievement of African American Youth, Doctoral dissertation, UTA, 2013.

Book Review of K. Berger's *The Developing Person Through Childhood & Adolescence* (8th ed.) for Worth Publishing, 2010.

Performance of State-Level Hate Crime Legislation: A Case Study of Wyoming and California, Master's thesis, UTA, 2004.

PRESENTATIONS

The Different Styles of Co-Teaching, Fort Worth Independent School District, January 18, 2013

Co-Teaching: What is it? Fort Worth Independent School District Professional Development, November 7, 2011

Strategies for Struggling Students to be Successful, Fort Worth Independent School District Professional Development, November 7, 2011

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teaching Online, UTA Professional Development Certificate, 2010

Ensuring Online Program Quality, UTA Professional Development Certificate, 2010

Active Learning, UTA Professional Development Certificate, 2008

Kagan Training Certificate, 2008

Kilgo Training Certificate, 2006

Boy's Town Training Certificate, 2006

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Certificate, 2005

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

RESEARCH AND DATA ANALYSIS

Analysis of Moment Structures (AMOS)

Grant Writing

SPSS by IBM, Inc.

ONLINE COURSE PLATFORMS/APPLICATIONS

Adobe Connect

Encore

Blackboard
Microsoft Office
WebCT

ASSOCIATIONS

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Alpha Phi Sigma Honorary Criminal Justice Honor Society
Golden Key International Honor Society

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Doctoral Education Grant, UTA, Award Total of \$20,500
Doctoral Fellowship, UTA, Award Total of \$6,750
Who's Who Among America's Graduate Students
Chair of Teaching Excellence Finalist, 2008