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## **OBJECTIVE:**

Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice

## **ACADEMIC PREPARATION:**

**Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice**, University of Missouri St. Louis,  
Expected completion, 2007

Concentrations: Policing, Minority Affairs, Juvenile Justice

Dissertation: Racial Profiling and Traffic Stops in Missouri

Advisor: Dr. Eric Baumer

**M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice**, University of Missouri St. Louis, 2000

Concentrations: Crime and Criminality, Law and Social Control

Advisor: Dr. Richard Rosenfeld

**B.S. in Criminology and Criminal Justice**, University of Missouri St. Louis, 1999

Concentrations: Criminal Justice, History

## **RESEARCH SKILLS:**

- Utilized SPSS and STATA statistical programs extensively
- Survey and evaluation research techniques
- Ethnographic studies and in-depth interviews
- Quantitative research techniques and data analysis

## **LANGUAGES:**

- Fluent in English
- Have studied some Spanish and Italian

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**Program Manager**, June 2006 – Present  
Lindenwood University Criminal Justice Program

**Assistant Professor**, June 2005 – Present  
Lindenwood University

- Lecturer
  - Criminology*
  - Sociology*
  - Juvenile Justice*
  - Criminal Law*
  - Race, Crime and Punishment*
  - CJ Systems*
- Student Advisor

**Police Sergeant**, 2003-2005  
Police Department, City of Hazelwood, Missouri  
-Supervising Road Officers on neighborhood patrol

**Coordinator**, Hazelwood Police Department Neighborhood Action Team 2000-2003  
Instructor, Citizen Police Academy  
Courses:

- Racial Profiling
- Identity Theft
- Neighborhood Safety
- Firearm Safety
- Traffic Stops
- Police and Community Relations

**Instructor**, Hazelwood Police Department Neighborhood Action Team 2000-2003

- Bank Robbery Seminars
- Child Safety Seminars
- Crime Prevention Seminars

**Research Assistant, 2001-2004**

Faculty in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri St. Louis

- Assisted Dr. Richard Rosenfeld and Dr. Norman White on Criminal Network Study
- Assisted Dr. Scott Decker and Dr. Richard Rosenfeld on Racial Profiling Study
- Collected and Analyzed data
- Observational Analysis

**Police Officer, 1996-2000**

Police Department, City of Hazelwood, Missouri

- Neighborhood Patrol Division

**Narcotic Detective, 1994-1996**

Police Department, City of Roswell, Georgia

- Criminal Investigative Division, Long and Short Term Undercover Investigations

**Narcotic Detective, 1991-1994**

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department

- Street Corner Apprehension Team (SCAT), Undercover street corner investigations

**Police Officer, 1989-1991**

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department

- Bureau of Patrol, District 8 Patrol

**RESEARCH IN PREPARATION:**

Dissertation Proposal to be presented Winter Semester 2005 on *Untangling the Confounding Issues Between Race and Social Class: A Replicate Study of Citizen Perceptions of Police Treatment in Black and White Neighborhoods*

**CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

Community Policing, Policing, Minority Representation in the Criminal Justice System

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Society of Criminology  
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated  
Gateway Crime Prevention Council

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Graduate Student Stipend, University of Missouri St. Louis, 2001-2003

National Honor Society Candidate, 2000-2004

Chief's Letter of Commendation, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, 1991

Athletic Scholarship, Southeast Missouri State University, 1982

## **REFERENCES:**

Upon Request