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**EDUCATION**

**Kansas State University**

**Ph.D:** 12/2022

**Major:** Sociology- emphasis in Criminology & Structural Inequalities

**Dissertation Title:** Community supervision officrs’perspective on body worn cameras.

**New Mexico State University**

**Master's Degree**: 05/2008

**Major:** Criminal Justice

**University of New Mexico**

**Bachelor's Degree**: 12/2005

**Major:** Criminology & African American Studies

**Honors:** Cum Laude

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**08/2020-12/2022: *Graduate Teaching Assistant*,** Kansas State University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work: 204 Waters Hall, Manhattan, Kansas66506

**10/2018-08/2020: *Graduate Research Assistant*,** Kansas State University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work: 204 Waters Hall, Manhattan, Kansas66506

**08/2018-10/2018: *Graduate Teaching Assistant*,** Kansas State University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work: 204 Waters Hall, Manhattan, Kansas66506

**04/2017-12/2020:** ***Adjunct Faculty*** – Criminal Justice Department, Upper Iowa University: 215 Custer Ave. Bldg. 211 #102, Fort Riley, Kansas 66442

**Classes taught included:** Introduction to Corrections, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Introduction to Sociology, Juvenile Delinquency, Justice Administration, Criminology, Victimology, Criminal Investigations, Gangs/American Society, & Senior Project

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**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS**

2023. Terry, April, Williams, L. Susan, Edwards, Mari-Esther, and Grant, Kelli. Gender Blindness for At-risk in *Rural Communities*. 10.56687/9781529220667-009

2022. Brown, George “Ebo”, Melander, Dr. Lisa, Boppre, Dr. Breanna & Edwards, Mari-Esther. The Gendered Effects of a Graduated Sanctions Model on Probation Outcomes in Kansas. *Criminal Justice Review* 33(4). https://doi.org/10.1177/08874034221080188

2020. Williams, L. Susan, Edwards,Mai-Esther and Williams, Kimber R. (Eds.). *Our Town Our Kids: 2020 Final Report and Toolkit*. K-State Juvenile Justice Collaborative. Manhattan, KS.

**GRANTS AND FUNDED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**10/2018-08/2020: Senior Research Assistant, K-State Juvenile Justice Collaborative,** Kansas State University.

Served as the senior research assistant for the K-State Juvenile Justice Collaborative, Kansas State University. Our Town Our Kids, a 2-year project, was funded by Kansas Department of Corrections, Kansas Advisory Group, and Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, $522,000, under the Principal Investigator Dr. L. Susan Williams.

Facilitated and co-moderated Study Circle groups within multiple community sites with ranging from 10-40 participants. Conducted interviews with specialized groups (teenagers involved in the juvenile justice system, adults who are incarcerated) for qualitative and quantitative research purposes. Took on responsibilities as needed (e.g., facilitated meetings if director was unable to attend, coordinated logistics for meetings and visits to study circle sites). Supported Principal Investigator of the grant in an administrative capacity by providing reliable and accurate support with confidential information through problem solving, coordination skills, time management and effective communication.

Created a local data system for a juvenile service agency with internal data using Excel. Then, cleaned, analyzed, and interpreted said data for quarterly and annual reports. Developed content and video editing for an online three-day Summit and website, [www.ourtownourkids.org](http://www.ourtownourkids.org) Developed selected modules for Study Circles and Website by conducting research for topics, facilitate, manage, and publish modules on the website.

Developed public-facing content for topics posted on the website. Developed public-facing handouts for study circles. Edited and formatted quarterly newsletters and distributed to participants. Content Editor for *Our Town Our Kids: 2020 Final Report and Toolkit*. Wrote 5 sections, Co-authored 8 sections.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Edwards, Mari-Esther (2022). Community Supervision Officers Perception of Implementation Body-Worn Cameras in a Community Supervision Agency. Presented at The American Society of Criminology Annual Conference.

Williams, Dr. L. Susan, Terry, Dr. April, Edwards, Mari-Esther & Grant, Kelli (2020). Disparities in juvenile justice: The power and persistence of whiteness in rural areas, Presented at Midwest Sociological Society.

Williams, Dr. L. Susan, Terry, Dr. April, Kremer, Dr. Kristen, & Edwards, Mari-Esther (2020). Disparities in juvenile justice: The power and persistence of whiteness in rural areas, Presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Science Annual Conference.

Terry, Dr. April, Williams, Dr. L. Susan, Edwards, Mari-Esther & Grant, Kelli (2020). Who Should be at the Table and What Should be on the Plate: Juvenile Justice Reform in the Heartland. Presented at Academy of Criminal Justice Science Annual Conference.

Edwards, Mari-Esther. (2019). Women Officer’s Perceptions of Body-Worn Cameras (Lightening Talk- Chair). Presented at The American Society of Criminology Annual Conference

Edwards, Mari-Esther & Grant, Kelli. (2019). Emotional Labor: Coping with Overcrowding and Short Timers in a Midwestern Women's Prison (Roundtable). Presented at The American Society of Criminology Annual Conference

Edwards, Mari-Esther. (2019). Un Muro Dentro de una Nación Sin Fronteras (A Wall Within a Boundary-Less Nation) Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference

Brown, George “Ebo”, Melander, Dr. Lisa, & Edwards, Mari-Esther. (2018). The impact of graduated sanctions model affect female probationers: Does this program affect women and men the same? Presented at The American Society of Criminology Annual Conference

Brown, George “Ebo”, Melander, Dr. Lisa, & Edwards, Mari-Esther. (2018). The impact of a graduated sanctions program on female offenders in Kansas. Presented at The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference.

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

New Mexico Corrections and Social Movements within Corrections. (2022). Guest speaker on class panel in Trina Knight’s Social Movements Class. Kansas State University

Community Supervision Narrative. (2019). Lecture given in Alayna Colburn's Criminal Justice Systems. Kansas State University.

Difference between Race and Ethnicity. Why race still matters. (2019). Lecture given in Alexandra Pimentel’s Introduction to Sociology class. Kansas State University

Difference between Race and Ethnicity. Why race still matters. (2019). Lecture given in Trina Knight’s Introduction to Sociology class. Kansas State University

How can Social Workers use Probation and Parole Officer’s as a resource? (2019). Lecture given in Dr. Lorenza Lockett’s Introduction to Social Work course. Kansas State University.

Importance of mental health services in public service careers? (2019). Lecture given in Dr. Lorenza Lockett’s Introduction to Social Work course. Kansas State University.

How can Social Workers use Probation and Parole Officer’s as a resource? (2018). Lecture given in Dr. Lorenza Lockett’s Introduction to Social Work course. Kansas State University.

Community Supervision Narrative. (2018). Lecture given in Krystal Cooper's Criminal Justice Systems. Kansas State University.

How can Social Workers use Probation and Parole Officer’s as a resource? (2017). Lecture given in Dr. Lorenza Lockett’s Introduction to Social Work course. Kansas State University.

**RELATED EXPERIENCE**

**08/2021-8/2023: *Academy Instructor, Screener & Recruiter***, New Mexico Corrections Department

**04/2016-02/2017: *Community Supervision Officer,*** GeorgiaDepartment of Community Supervision

**02/2016- 03/2016: *Juvenile Program Manager,*** Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice

**02/2015- 02/2016: *Juvenile Probation & Parole Supervisor,*** Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice

**08/2008-07/2012: *Adult Probation and Parole Officer***, New Mexico Corrections Department

**08/2006-05/2008: *Graduate Assistant:* Department of Criminal Justice,** New Mexico State University

**06/2005-08/2006: *Tutorial Coordinator/Academic Advisor:* African American Student Services,** University of New Mexico

**05/2003-06/2005: *Assistant Tutorial Coordinator:* African American Student Services,** University of New Mexico

**08/2002-05/2003: *Tutor:* African American Student Services,** University of New Mexico

**SERVICES, HONORS, & AWARDS**

*Sociology Graduate Student Association: Treasurer (2018-2021)*

*Graduate Student Council: Multicultural and Diversity Representative (2018-2020)*

*Intercultural Leadership Council: Co-Chair (2019-2020); GSC Representative (2020-2021)*

*Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Member*

*Alpha Phi Sigma Member*

**ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP**

The American Society of Criminology

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Midwest Sociological Society