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EDUCATION

Ph. D. in Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska-Omaha, August 2007

Dissertation: Got Training? The Effect of Mental Health Training on the Attitudes and Behaviors of Direct Care Workers in a Residential Facility for Juvenile Offenders
Dissertation Chair: Miriam DeLone

Areas of Expertise: Theoretical Criminology and Juvenile Delinquency & Justice

Masters in Public Administration, University of South Dakota, 1999

Professional Report: Utilizing Community Collaboration in Woodbury County: Services for Pregnant & Parenting Teens
Advisor: Fred Zuercher

Emphasis in Non-Profit Administration

Bachelor of Arts, Morningside College, 1993

Major: Criminal Justice and Sociology
Minor: Psychology
Graduated Magna cum Laude

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, August 2008-present

Dept. of Behavioral, Applied Sciences & Criminal Justice, College of Arts & Sciences
Texas A&M International University

Assistant Professor of Criminology & Criminal Justice, 2002 –2008

School of Social Science, Philosophy, & Religion, Buena Vista University

Instructor, Spring 2000 and Fall 2001

School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, College of Public Affairs & Community Service,
University of Nebraska at Omaha

Teaching Assistant, 1999 – 2000

School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, College of Public Affairs & Community Service,
University of Nebraska at Omaha

RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

University Research Grant Recipient, Fall 2008

Research grant to replicate dissertation study during 2009-2010 school year

Grant Evaluator, July 2007 – January 2008

Upper Des Moines Opportunity Fatherhood Advocacy Program

Created & implemented evaluation for Fatherhood Advocacy Program

Research Assistant, May 2000 – May 2002

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Assisted Dr. Denise Herz on study of need for and availability of mental health services for juvenile offenders

Research funded by the State of Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

Assisted Dr. Denise Herz on evaluation of the United States Attorney's Office Victim's Assistance Program

Research funded by the Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime

Publications

Herz, D. C., & Poland, A. L. (2002). Assessing the need for and availability of mental health services for juvenile offenders. Lincoln, NE: Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

Presentations

Poland, A. Attitudes of residential counselors toward juvenile offenders with mental health problems. Presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. St. Louis, MO, 2008.

Poland, A. Effect of mental health training on attitudes and behaviors of resident counselors in juvenile justice. Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, 2007.

Poland, A. Training of direct care workers in juvenile residential facilities: What the states require. Presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Chicago, IL, 2005.

Herz, D. C., Poland, A., Mathias, A., & Murray, R. Connecting the treatment needs of juveniles to appropriate services: How effective and efficient are evaluations? Presented at the 39th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Anaheim, CA, 2002.

Poland, A., Ball, J., & Herz, D.C. Improving mental health service delivery to juvenile offenders: Does profession influence perceptions? Presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, 2001.

Herz, D. C. & Poland, A. Assessing the need for and availability of mental health services for juvenile offenders. Presented at the 8th Annual Conference of the Heartland Juvenile Services Training Institute, Omaha, NE, 2001.

Irlbeck, D. & Poland, A. Effect of victim notification and use of services on victim's perception of justice. Presented at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Washington, D.C., 2001.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Site Manager, April 1998 – August 1999

Boys and Girls Home and Family Services, Inc., Sioux City, IA

Assisted with developing and monitoring program budget for the Independent Living Program

Coordinated hiring, staffing and scheduling of Independent Living staff

Ensured documentation was completed in a timely manner

Carried out clinical programming

Acted as community liaison

Casemanager/Supervisor, February 1996 – April 1998

Boys and Girls Home and Family Services, Inc., Sioux City, IA

Supervised the staff of the Independent Living Program serving up to 16 adolescents ages 16 to 20.

Acted as a community liaison with the schools, employers and referring workers.

Interviewed and screened client referrals; coordinated intakes upon admission into program.

Assisted grant writers in obtaining grant money for program.

Wrote curriculum for independent living skills to be used by residential programs.

Caseworker, October 1994 – February 1996

Boys and Girls Home and Family Services, Inc., Sioux City, Iowa

Supervised up to 16 adolescents (ages 16 to 20) in the Independent Living Program.

Promoted development of basic living skills (budgeting, housekeeping, health care, meal planning, parental skill development).

Provided educational counseling including tutoring and study monitoring.

Provided vocational services to improve job-seeking skills, employment skills and job maintenance skills.

Resident Counselor, September 1993 – October 1994

Boys and Girls Home and Family Services, Inc., South Sioux City, NE

Supervised up to 15 adolescents (ages 12 to 18) in a structured residential treatment program.

Provided support, leadership, and guidance for each resident.

Monitored and documented each resident's behavior on a daily basis.

Participated in group therapy.

Juvenile Diversion Officer, May 1991 – March 1993
Dakota County Attorney's Office, Dakota City, NE

Developed the curriculum and reporting forms for the diversion program.
Supervised up to 20 youth ages 8 to 17 in a court diversion program.
Led group meetings.
Acted as a liaison with the schools, parents and other agencies.
Arranged and supervised community service for all youth in the program.

TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS

The Seminar: Teaching and Documentation. Presented by Jack Mino, TAMIU, 2009.
Scaffolding Your Large Online Class for Success. Presented by Kimber Palmer, TAMIU, 2009.
Elements of a Competitive Research Grant Proposal. Presented by Dr. Ruben Martinez, TAMIU, 2009.
Tips on Successful Grant Writing—The Obvious and Not-So-Obvious. Presented by Dr. Eugene Billiott, TAMIU, 2008.
Find Funding Sources with Spin. Presented by Office of Grant Resources, TAMIU, 2008.
Pre-Award Process & Proposal Development. Presented by Cristina Hernandez, TAMIU, 2008.
Model Institutions for Excellence (MIE) Best Practices, Proposal Writing, & Implementation. Presented by Dr. Juan F. Arratia, TAMIU, 2008.
Institutional Review Board (IRB) Procedures. Presented by Dr. David Beck, TAMIU, 2008.
Master Teacher Workshop at Georgia State University, Atlanta, 2008.
Media Literacy in the Classroom Faculty Development Luncheon. Presented by Jennifer Pozner, BVU, 2008.
Attack that Stack Grading Workshop. Presented by BVU Writing Faculty, BVU, 2008.
Classroom Assessment Techniques Workshop. Presented by BVU Assessment Committee, BVU, 2008.
American Heritage Lecture Series Faculty Coach. Speaker: Vicente Fox, BVU, 2007.
Classroom Management. Presented by Delaney Kirk, Drake University, 2006.
First Year Seminar Web Seminar: Issues Facing College Success. Presented by John Gardner, Wadsworth/Thompson Learning, 2006.
Universal Design of Instruction. Presented by Chrystal Stanley, BVU, 2006
CITI Training for Human Subjects Research, Completed online through the University of Miami, 2006.
Service Learning Faculty Development Workshop. Presented by Helping Others While Learning (HOWL) BVU, 2005.
Secure Exam Workshop. Presented by the Teaching and Learning with Technology Office, BVU, 2005.
Online Course Development Workshop. Presented by Online Program Office, BVU, 2005
Assessment: Informing Teaching, Learning, & Institutional Change. Workshops presented at the Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning Conference, 2005

10th Joint Conference of Juvenile Services. Grand Rapids, MI, 2004 (Also completed 7 hour Mental Health Training Course during conference)
The National GAINS Center Conference (on Mental Health and Criminal Justice), Las Vegas, 2004.
Transliberation: Beyond Pink & Blue. Faculty Development Dinner presented by Leslie Feinberg, BVU, 2004.
Iowa College Foundation Technology Workshop. Presented at BVU, 2003 & 2004.
Dinner & Debate Series Dinner on Faith & Learning, BVU, 2003.
Plagiarism Workshop. Presented by the Teaching and Learning with Technology Office, BVU, 2003.
Webagogy Workshop. Presented by the Teaching and Learning with Technology Office, BVU, 2002.
Collaborative Writing with Word. Presente by the Teaching and Learning with Technology Office, BVU, 2002.
Gradebook and Statistics in Course Info, presented by Pat Dargantes, UNO, 2001.
What is Service Learning? Brown Bag presented by the Janice Collins & the Service Learning Academy, UNO, 2001.
Using Power Point in Course Info presented by Pat Dargantes, UNO, 2001.
Student Advising and FERPA presented to the Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization by Steve Culver, UNO, 2000.
Service Learning and its First Year Applications. Presented by Michael Carroll & Penny Nordahl, UNO, 2000.
IRB Certification on Human Subjects Research completed, 2000.
Becoming a Critically Reflective Teacher. Presented by Stephen Brookfield, UNO, 2000.
Driving While Black: Racial Profiling by the Police. Presented by David Harris & Bob Stewart, UNO, 1999.

SERVICE

Judge, Lemar Bruni Vegara Student Research Conference, Texas A&M International University, 2009.
Judge, 2009 Scripps-Howard Regional Final Spelling Bee, Literacy Volunteers of Laredo, 2009.
Chair, Criminal Justice Faculty Search Committee, Texas A&M International University, 2009.
Panel Chair, American Society of Criminology 2008 Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, 2008.
Publications Committee Member, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 2002 – 2003.
Juvenile Justice Grant Reviewer, State of Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, 2001 – 2002.
Grant Writing Assistance, City of Treynor, IA, Awarded Vision Iowa Grant, 2002.

AWARDS

Recognized by student as Faculty Member who Made a Difference, Undergraduate Academic Excellence Award Ceremony, TAMIU, 2009.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Juvenile delinquency & justice
Administration of justice
Mental health & crime/criminal justice