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Professional Overview

Extensive teaching, student advisement, and research experience in the fields of Sociology, Criminology, and Criminal Justice.

Experience

Mississippi State University-Meridian, Department of Arts and Sciences Assistant Professor and Criminology Advisor	August 2015- Present
Mississippi State University-Meridian, Department of Arts & Sciences Lecturer and Criminology Advisor	August 2012 – July 2015
Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology Lecturer	August 2008 - August 2012
Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology Teaching Assistant	August 2004 - May 2008
Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology Computer Lab Assistant	August 2003 - May 2004

Education

Mississippi State University Doctor of Philosophy: Sociology	Spring 2015
Mississippi State University Master of Science: Sociology	Spring 2007
Mississippi State University Bachelor of Arts: Sociology	Spring 2003

Thesis/Dissertation

- Spring 2007 "Capital and Punishment: Supporting the Death of Deterrence," Thesis submitted to the faculty of Mississippi State University in partial fulfillment for the degree of Master of Science in Sociology.
- May 2015 "Capital and Punishment: Prison's Revolving Door," Dissertation submitted to the faculty of Mississippi State University in partial fulfillment for the degree of Ph.D. in Sociology.

Courses Taught

Introduction to Sociology	Senior Seminar in Criminology
Contemporary Social Problems	Violence in the U.S.
Sociology of Sports	Juvenile Delinquency
The Criminal Justice System	Drugs, Crime, and Control
Criminological Theories	Gender, Crime, and Justice
Crime and Justice in America	Race, Crime, and Justice
Crime, Justice, and Inequality	Victimology
Introduction to Social Research	Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice
Social Research Practice	Correctional Systems
Community Crime Prevention	Law and Society
Globalization and Crime	Policing and Society

Academic Papers and Presentations

- 2011 Cook, A.P. "Capital and Punishment: Supporting the Death of Deterrence." Paper presented at the meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Nashville, TN.
- 2013 Cook, A.P. "Lowering Recidivism Through Higher Education: The Case for Cooperation." Poster presented at the meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Virginia Beach, VA.
- 2014 Cook, A.P. "Recidivism and the Prison Experience." Paper presented at the meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Clearwater Beach, FL.
- 2015 Cook, A.P. & Dunaway, R.G. "Punishment and Prison Capital: The Effects of Personal and Vicarious Punishment Experiences on Likelihood of Re-offending." Paper presented at the meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.
- 2015 Wood, P.B., Cook, A.P., Dunaway, R.G., Wilson, J.A. "Prisonization in a Sample of Incarcerated Offenders." Paper presented at the meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.

- 2015 Cook, A.P. “Capitalizing on Punishment: Time Served and Lessons Learned.” Paper Presented at the meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Charleston, SC.
- 2016 Cook, A.P. “Imprisonment Pains, Reentry Strains, and the Successful Cessation of Crime.” Paper presented at the meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Savannah, GA.
- 2017 Cook, A.P. “Reentry and Re-offending: A Further Examination of Prison’s Revolving Door.” Paper presented at the meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, New Orleans, LA.

Publications

- 2015 Cook, A.P. “Mississippi State Penitentiary (also known as Parchman).” In K. Kerley, H. Copes, S. Li, J. Lane, & S. Sharp (Eds.) Forthcoming at *The Encyclopedia of Corrections*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Blackwell.
- 2016 Cook, A.P. “Chain Gangs.” In K. Kerly, H. Copes, S. Li, J. Jane, & S. Sharp (Eds.) Forthcoming at *The Encyclopedia of Corrections*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Blackwell.
- 2016 Cook, A.P. “Capital and Punishment: A Novel Model of Re-offending.” *Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research*.

Research Interests

Criminal Justice and Corrections
 Juvenile Delinquency
 Gangs
 Prison Societies
 Recidivism
 Policing Strategies

Mass Incarceration
 Deterrence Theory
 Terrorism and various forms of collective violence
 Stratification and Inequality
 Sociology of Sports

Research Experience

- 2011-Present **Principal Investigator**
 Research project conducted at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility aimed at better understanding recidivism
- Submitted proposal for approval
 - Designed survey instrument
 - Conducted research at the facility with two faculty research team members (R. Gregory Dunaway and Stacy Haynes)
 - Findings used in dissertation, conference papers, and journal articles

- 2015-2017 **Co-Principal Investigator**
 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Planning Grant (**Award Amount \$46,862**)
- Partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of East Mississippi
 - Assisted in the application process
 - Conduct a comprehensive crime assessment in the East End neighborhood of Meridian, Mississippi
 - Provide guidance and expertise to help the city of Meridian identify priorities and develop strategies of prevention, intervention, and suppression of crime.
 - Assisted in the application for BCJI Implementation Grant
- 2016-Present **Researcher**
 Research project conducted at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility aimed at better understanding prisoner reentry challenges and predictors of success.
- Assisted with survey design
 - Conducted research at the facility with faculty research team members (David May, Stacy Haynes, and Kecia Johnson)
 - Findings used in conference papers
- 2017-Present **Co-Principal Investigator**
 Research Network on Misdemeanor Justice Grant (**Award Amount \$25,902**)
- Partnership with the City of Meridian, Mississippi and the Meridian Police Department
 - Assisted in the application process
 - Work with Meridian Police Department to set up a data collection system
 - Conduct an analysis of misdemeanor enforcement trends in Meridian, MS

Awards and Recognition

- Criminal Justice and Corrections Undergraduate Student of the Year Award, Mississippi State University, 2003
- Sociology Master's Student of the Year Award, 2005

Departmental and University Service

- Treasurer for Mississippi State Chapter of AKD, Fall 2004-Spring 2006
- Faculty Representative for Mississippi State Chapter of AKD, Fall 2006-Spring 2007
- Alpha Chi Sponsor at Mississippi State University-Meridian, Spring 2013-Fall 2014
- Chartered a chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma at Mississippi State University-Meridian, Spring 2014
- Alpha Phi Sigma Sponsor at Mississippi State University-Meridian, Spring 2014-present
- Criminology Advisor at Mississippi State University-Meridian, Fall 2011-present
- Search committee for the Administrative Director and Head of Campus position at Mississippi State University-Meridian, Fall 2015

- Search committee for the Academic Advising Center Coordinator position at Mississippi State University-Meridian, Spring 2016
- Partner in the Social Science Research Center's Mississippi Crime and Justice Research Unit
- Search committee for the Division Head of Arts & Sciences position at Mississippi State University-Meridian

Memberships/Scholarly Societies

- Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- American Society of Criminology
- Southern Criminal Justice Association
 - Site selection committee for 2017
 - Awards committee for 2017
- Alpha Phi Sigma
- Alpha Chi
- Phi Kappa Phi

Community Service Activities

- Member of the Leadership Council, whose aim is to reduce crime and revitalize the East End neighborhood in Meridian, MS
- Member of the advisory panel and serve as a guest speaker for a reentry program at Noxubee County Correctional Facility