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## **EDUCATION**

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### MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY, Starkville, Mississippi

Doctor of Philosophy Program – Sociology

Dissertation successfully defended – July, 2011

Graduation date – December 2011

Dissertation Title: Testing the Generalizability of Sampson and Laub's Age-Graded Informal Social Control Theory: Do Adult Social Bonds Predict Illicit Substance Use among Various Racial and Gender Subgroups?

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Nicole Rader

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA, Mobile, Alabama

Master of Arts Degree – Sociology, 2002

Rural-Urban Differences in Recidivism Rates among a Sample of Youths under the Care of the Department of Youth Services of the State of Alabama.

Chair: Dean David G. Johnson

### UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Bachelor of Arts Degree – Philosophy and Sociology (double major), 1995

## **EMPLOYMENT**

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### UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO, Montevallo, Alabama, 2016 to present

Asst. Professor of Sociology, 2016 to present

### UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA, Carrollton, Georgia, 2013 to 2016

Asst. Professor of Criminology, 2013 to present

Director of Graduate Studies for Master of Arts in Criminology, 2013 to 2016

Prior Learning Assessment Coordinator, 2014 to 2016

### DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY, Cleveland, Mississippi, 2010 to 2013

Asst. Professor of Social Justice and Criminology, 2011 to 2013

Graduate Coordinator of Master of Arts in Social Justice and Criminology, 2011 to 2013

Research Associate of Center for Economic and Community Development, 2011 to 2013

Coordinator of Paralegal Certificate Program – 2010 to 2012

### MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY, Starkville, Mississippi – 2004-2010

Graduate Teaching Assistant – Sociology – 2004-2005

Lecturer/Instructor – Sociology – 2005-Present

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE – 2007-2009

On-line Instructor – Sociology

**COURSES TAUGHT**

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Deviant Behavior	2006-present
Special Topics – Mass Incarceration	2012-present
Juvenile Delinquency	2010-present
Sociology of Criminology	2009-present
Introduction to Sociology	2005-present
Drugs and Society	2010-present
Theories of Crime & Justice	2014-2016
Senior Capstone	2013-2016
Drug Abuse	2015-2016
PLA Portfolio Creation	2015-2016
Principles of Criminology (graduate level)	2014-2016
Criminological Theory	2014-2016
Police in Society	2013-2016
Theories of Criminal Behavior (graduate level)	2010-2013
Historical Analysis of American Prisons (graduate level)	2012-2013
Special Topics – Incarceration Binge in U.S. (graduate level)	2012-2013
Ethics in Criminal Justice (graduate level)	2010-2012
Life-Course Criminology (graduate level)	2010-2013
Organization and Philosophy of C.J. Institutions (graduate level)	2010-2013
Society and the Individual	2007-2009
Social Problems	2007-2009

**PUBLICATIONS**

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Rader, Nicole E., Sylvia H. Byrd, Brent J. Fountain, Christopher W. Bounds, Virginia Gray, and Andrew Dandridge Fruge. (E-pub ahead of print). We Never See Children in the Parks: A Qualitative Examination of the Role of Safety Concerns on Physical Activity among Children. *Journal of Physical Activity and Health*.

Bounds, Christopher W. (In Press) Descent Into Madness. In Kent R. Kerley (Ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Corrections*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

**NON-PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES**

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Bounds, Christopher W. 2014. UWG Faces – Christopher Bounds, Ph.D. *Perspectives Online: An Online Magazine for Alumni and Friends of the University of West Georgia*.

Bounds, Christopher W. 2015. UWG Voices – UWG Developing Program for Adults to Earn Credit for Prior Learning. *Perspectives Online: An Online Magazine for Alumni and Friends of the University of West Georgia*.

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## **PAPERS IN PROGRESS**

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Christopher W. Bounds and Elizabeth Ayers. "Understanding Attitudes toward Punishment: Predictors of Punitiveness among a Sample of Georgia Residents"

Bounds, Christopher W. and Gavin M. Lee "Testing the Age-Graded Informal Social Control Theory Among Various Racial Subgroups: Do Adult Social Bonds Predict Substance Abuse among Whites and African-Americans?"

Bounds, Christopher W. "Do Marital Bonds Lead to the Desistance of Illicit Substance Use? Among Males? Among Females? Testing Informal Social Control Theory among Gender Subgroups with a History of Illicit Substance Use"

## **PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

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Bounds, Christopher W. and Elizabeth S. Ayers. "Examining Predictors of Punitiveness among a Sample of Georgia Residents" presented at the Southern Criminal Justice Association's annual conference on September the 9<sup>th</sup> in Savannah, Georgia.

Bounds, Christopher W. "Can Prior Learning Assessment be a Transformative Experience? Using a Symbolic-Interactionist Approach to Biographical Narratives to Transform Professionals into Adult Learners" Paper presented at Southern Criminal Justice Society's Conference in Charleston, SC on September 10, 2015.

Bounds, Christopher W. "Preparing for Launch: One Criminology Department's Journey to Establish a PLA Program from the Ground Up" Paper presented at The National Institute on the Assessment of Adult Learning conference in Philadelphia, PA on June the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Bounds, Christopher W., Myrna Gantner, and Amber Smallwood "From PL...what? To Program Launch in One-Year. Discussing the Tips and Trips of Our Journey" Paper presented at The National Institute on the Assessment of Adult Learning conference in Philadelphia, PA on June the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Bounds, Christopher W., Elizabeth K. Stupi, and Vanessa H. Woodward. "From Brick to Click: Examining the Effects of Online Courses on Retention, Promotion, and Graduation" Paper presented at American Society of Criminology's Conference in San Francisco on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

Bounds, Christopher W. and Elizabeth K. Stupi. "It's Complicated: The Effects of Drug and Alcohol Use on Marriage and Desistance" Paper presented at Southern Criminal Justice Society's Conference in Clearwater, FL.

Bounds, Christopher W. "Do Marital Bonds Lead to the Desistance of Illicit Substance Use? Does this Relationship Vary by Race? Testing Informal Social Control Theory among Respondents with a History of Illicit Substance Use" Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society in Atlanta, GA on April the 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Bounds, Christopher W. "Exploring the Relationship between Employment Stability and Desistance from Illicit Substance Use across Various Racial Categories" Paper presented at American Society of Criminology's Conference in Atlanta, Ga on November the 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Marshburn, Tucker and Christopher W. Bounds. "Ethical Concerns Related to the Privatization of Prisons" Paper presented at Mississippi Political Science Association's conference in Cleveland, MS, November 2012.

Bounds, Christopher W. "Racial Differences in the Impact of Job Stability upon the Desistance of Illicit Substance Use: Testing Sampson and Laub's Age-Graded Informal Social Control Theory among Racial Subgroups" Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society in New Orleans, LA, March 2012.

Bounds, Christopher W. "Do Marital Bonds Lead to the Desistance of Illicit Substance Use? Among Males? Among Females? Testing Informal Social Control Theory among Gender Subgroups with a History of Illicit Substance Use" Paper presented at Delta State University Gender Studies Group Brown Bag, September 2011.

Bounds, Christopher W. "Do Strong Marital Bonds Lead to the Cessation of Illicit Substance Use among Married Females? Testing Informal Social Control Theory among Married Females with a History of Illicit Substance Use" Paper presented Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Conference in Montgomery, Alabama, February 2011.

Bounds, Christopher W. 2009. "Testing the Generalizability of Informal Social Control Theory Among Various Racial and Gender Subgroups." Paper presented at American Society for Criminology Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Bounds, Christopher W. and Nicole Rader. 2008. "Playing on the Wrong Side of the Tracks: Investigating Barriers to Recreation in the Mississippi Delta." Paper presented at American Society for Criminology Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

Wood, Peter, Christopher W. Bounds and Terri L. Earnest. 2008. "Is Imprisonment Criminogenic?: Testing for the Gambler's Fallacy and a Positive Punishment Effect Among Incarcerated Offenders." Paper presented at Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Bounds, Christopher. 2008. "Desistance of Substance Use: Investigating Sampson and Laub's Age-Graded Informal Social Control Theory Across Various Racial Categories." Paper presented at Mid-South Sociological Conference in Huntsville, Alabama.

Bounds, Christopher. 2006. "Exploring the Relationship between Incivility and Fear of Crime Among Males and Females Through Structural Equation Models." Paper presented at Mid-South Sociological Conference in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Kristi A. McLeod and Christopher W. Bounds. 2005. "The Appalachian Trail: A Cultural Object." Paper presented at Mid-South Sociological Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Bounds, Christopher W. and Kristi A. McLeod. 2005. "The Cultural Meaning of Trail Magic." Paper presented at Mid-South Sociological Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

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### **Professional Memberships:**

The National Institute on the Assessment of Adult Learning  
Reviewer, American Society of Criminology  
Reviewer, Contemporary Justice Review  
Southern Criminal Justice Association  
Southern Sociological Society  
Mid-South Sociological Association  
Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Society

### **Chair of Sessions:**

Session: Sanctions and Punishment Panel at Southern Criminal Justice Association's conference at Savannah, Georgia in September, 2016.

Session: Race, Gender and Biosocial Theories of Life-Course Offending at American Society for Criminology Conference at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in November, 2009.

Session: Criminological Theory at Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Conference at Montgomery, Alabama, 2011

Session: Sociology of Drug Use at Southern Sociological Society Conference at New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2012.

Session: Innovations in Learning and Teaching at Southern Criminal Justices Association's conference in Charleston, SC on September 10, 2015.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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2015 Best of the West Values Recognition Certificate

2015 Outstanding Service Award Nomination

Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society

Vice-President; Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society at University of South Alabama

Vice-President of Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society at Mississippi State University

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor of 2010

Awarded research funds through Academic Excellence Fund for Research conducted on Appalachian Trail

Invited and Attended workshop for National Longitudinal Survey of Youth at Ohio State University during summer of 2007

Travel Assistance Grant for Graduate Students awarded in Fall, 2009

Mississippi State Department of Sociology Summer Dissertation Fellowship

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Attitudes toward punishment

Substance use

Desistance

Life-course studies

Qualitative and quantitative methods

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## **SERVICE**

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Judge for McNair Scholars program during Summer	2017
Matthews Center for Civic Participation Workshop	2017
Official Advisor to President John W. Stewart for Panel Discussion titled “Better Together; A Conversation on Race and Law Enforcement”	2016
Academic advisor for all criminology students within sociology major	2016-present
Representative at Fall Preview Day	2016
Director of Internships with Shelby County Corrections	2016-present
Policy and Governance board at Elizabeth Rushton Child Development Center.	2016-2017
Montevallo Progressive Alliance	2017
Prison Reform Subcommittee	2017
USG Adult Learner Executive Committee	2015-2016
Adult Learning Coordinator/ PLA coordinator	2014-2016
Director of Graduate Studies	2013-2015
College of Social Sciences Prior Learning Assessment Steering Committee	2014-2016
Departmental Chair Evaluation Committee	2014-2016
Graduate Program Assessment Committee	2013-2016
Graduate Comprehensive Final Exam Evaluation Committee	2013-2016
Departmental Search Committee	2013-2014
Chair of Thesis for Mrs. Corrie Brewerton	2016
Thesis Committee for Mrs. Sonya Roush	2013
Transfer Student Advocacy Group	2015-2016
Adult Learners and Veterans Advocacy Group	2015-2016
Criminology Department PLA Committee	2015-2016
Director of Center for Adult Learners and Veterans Search Committee	2015
Chair Evaluation Committee	2015
Co-author of Chair Evaluation Report	2015
Graduate Coordinator of Social Justice and Criminology	2011-2013
Chair of Curriculum and Assessment of SJC program	2011-2013
Chair of Curriculum and Assessment of Paralegal Certificate Program	2011-2013
Faculty Senator	2012-2013
Gender Studies Group	2010-2013
Social Justice and Criminology Professor Search Committee	2011-2013
European History Professor Search Committee	2012-2013
Social Justice and Curriculum and Assessment Committee Chair	2011-2013
Writing Across the Curriculum Committee	2011-2013
Letter of Recognition Award Subcommittee	2012-2013
Comprehensive Final Examinations Committee Chair	2011-2013
Health and Wellness Committee	2011-2013
Chair of Subcommittee on Research	2012-2013
Research Committee	2012-2013
Attendance and Grievance Appeals Committee	2012-2013
Dissertation Committee for Mr. Shannon Lamb	2012-2013

## **TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

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Southern Polytechnic State University: Prior Learning Assessment: A Guide  
for Faculty

2014

Certificate of Mastery in Prior Learning Assessment by CAEL	2015
DePaul University - PLA 301	2014
DePaul University - PLA 302	2015
DePaul University - PLA 303	2015
DePaul University - PLA 304	2015
CAEL 164 Career and Education Advisor Certification	2015
UWG Grant Writing Workshop	2015

## **ADVERTISING AND MARKETING**

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In the Fall of 2016, I developed a new brochure for the Criminology Concentration at the University of Montevallo.

Marketing and Advertising Program for MA in Criminology Program

In the Spring of 2015, I mailed over 100 information packets to colleges and universities with criminal justice, criminology, or sociology departments.

Developed, posted, and sought funding for a full page advertisement in the Southern Criminal Justices Society's Conference Program.

Developed Adult Learning brochures advertising PLA.

Developed a mailing list of regional criminal justice agencies for targeted marketing. Mailed over 100 packages containing brochures about our undergraduate, graduate, and PLA program.

Listed the MA program in Criminology on the American Society of Criminology's website.