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Summary:

I bring extensive teaching and professional working experiences to the classroom. My motto is: "I'm here to teach you *how* to think, not *what* to think." My professional criminal justice experiences are quite varied. As a federal felony criminal investigator with the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC), I served on the protective details for three Secretaries of Defense, worked undercover drug operations, attended and processed more than 1000 death scenes and autopsies (over the course of 21 years), specialized in crimes against children, and served on a series of interdisciplinary and interagency task forces to include The U.S. Army Fatality Review Board and Department of Defense Sexual Assault Response Taskforce. This plethora of work experience combined with my dissertation work on childhood victimization and extensive teaching experience, helps me to "go beyond the textbook" to encourage and hone student's critical thinking skills.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. May 2012, University of Texas at Dallas, Criminology
Dissertation Title: *The Effects of Childhood Victimization on Adult Offending: An Extension of the Cycle of Violence*
Chair: Lynne Vieraitis
Co-Chair: Paul E. Tracy Jr.
- M.S. December 2009, University of Texas of Dallas, Criminology
Thesis Title: *Measuring the Correlates of Juvenile Delinquency: Comparing the Results of OLS and LOGIT Multivariate Models.*
Chair: Paul E. Tracy Jr.
- M.F.S. August 1998, George Washington University, Forensic Sciences
Research:
Shotgun Distance Determination
Drug Testing of Hair & Racial Bias
Advisor: Walter F. Rowe
- Forensic Medicine Fellowship, 1997-1998,
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, (AFIP), Rockville, MD.
Advisor: Dr. Jerry D. Spencer, Armed Forces Medical Examiner
- B.S. December 1996, University of Maryland University College, College Park, MD,
(Behavioral and Social Sciences)

WORK EXPERIENCE (TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL)

8/2010-present Collin College, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Department Chair (2013 to 2017)

Under my leadership and management the Collin College Criminal Justice program grew by 25% by focusing on Critical Thinking, Interpersonal Communication Skills, Exposure to the Criminal Justice System & Professions, and Honing of Written and Oral Communication Skills

Chair, Interdisciplinary Committee on Poverty, Race and Crime (ICPRC).

8/2007 – 2010 Managing Editor, *Police Quarterly*.
Research Assistant, Institute for Urban Policy Research, University of Texas at Dallas

8/2007 - 6/2008 Fraud Investigator, Intuit, Plano, TX

11/2004 - 7/2007 Senior Forensic Sciences Officer/Advisor to the Commanding General, United States Army Criminal Investigation Command

12/2002 – 11/2004 Battalion Forensic Sciences Officer/Assistant Operations Officer/Operations Officer, 11th MP Bn (CID)
(Deployed, Iraq 2003 to gather evidence of genocide against Saddam Hussein).

3/2002 – 11/2002 Special Agent in Charge, 43rd MP Det (CID), Ft. Hood, TX

8/2002 – 2/2002 Assistant Special Agent in Charge, 43rd MP Det (CID)/
concurrent with Forensic Sciences Officer/ Assistant Operations Officer, 11th MP Bn (CID), Ft. Hood, TX

3/2001 – 7/2001 Special Agent in Charge, Yongsan Resident Agency, Yongsan, Republic of South Korea.

3/1999 – 7/2000 Team Chief (Black Market/Drug Suppression Team), Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Yongsan Resident Agency Republic of South Korea. (concurrent as team chief)

8/1998 - 2/2001 Battalion Forensic Sciences Officer/ Assistant Operations Officer, 19th MP Bn (CID), Yongsan, Republic of South Korea

2/1993 – 7/1997 Personal Security Officer for the United States Secretary of Defense, Protective Services Unit (USACIDC), Ft Belvoir, VA. (Les Aspin, Dr. William Perry and William Cohen)

3/1989 – 01/1993 Special Agent, General Crimes and Drug Suppression Team, Ft Sill Resident Agency (CID), Ft. Sill, OK

11/1988 – 2/1989 Military Police, Fort Sill, OK.

3/1987 – 10/1988 Military Police, 411th Military Police Co, Ft. Hood, TX (deployed support of JTF-B, Honduras)

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2008 – present Designer, Primary Instructor & Curricular Development, Crime Scene Investigator (CSI), Summer Camp, UTD, Richardson, Texas & Collin College, Frisco Texas

2010
(January – August) Adjunct Instructor, Forensics, Eastfield College, Mesquite, TX

- Criminalistics II
- Criminalistics III
- Forensic Science I
- Death Investigations

2009 - 2010 Instructor, Everest College, Criminalistics

- Criminalistics I
- Criminalistics II

- Fingerprint and Pattern Identification I and II
- 2000-2001 Adjunct Instructor, Criminal Justice,
University of Maryland University College, Asian Division (Seoul).
- Introduction to Criminology
- 1999 –2001 Adjunct Instructor, Criminal Justice,
Central Texas College, Asian Division (Seoul).
- Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Delinquency
 - Introduction to Criminal Justice

ADVISORY BOARDS

- 2015-present Board of Directors, The Flashlight Project
- 2010 – 2012 Advisory board member, Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center.
- 2005 - 2007 Board Member and Technical Expert, U.S. Army Fatality Review Board, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.
- 2004 - 2007 Board Chair & Lead Expert, Forensic Sciences Officer Technical Working Group, CID Command.

PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author Textbook: *Introduction to Policing* in Progress (publication date: 2022). Cognella

Paul E. Tracy and Stephanie Abramoske-James (2010).

"Juvenile Reentry and Community-based Aftercare: A Review and Assessment." in Albert R. Roberts and David W. Springer (Eds.) *Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice: Policies, Programs, and Intervention Strategies*. Jones and Bartlett Publishers.

Paul E. Tracy. Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, and Stephanie Abramoske-James (2009).

"Gender Differences in Delinquency and Juvenile Justice Processing: Evidence from National Data." *Crime and Delinquency*, 55: #2.

2006 Chapter, CID-Regulation 195-1, Sexual Assault Investigations

RECOGNITIONS/HONORS/AWARDS

- 2019 - Graduate, Collin County Citizens' Prosecutors Academy
- 2015 - Finalist – Outstanding Professor Award, Collin College
- 2013 - Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas
- 2003 - Nominated for Outstanding Women in Federal Law Enforcement (WIFLE) Award

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Criminology
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
American Academy of Forensic Sciences (past member)
CID Agents Association