

## ***Professional Vitae***

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**Areas of Interest:** Establishing relationships within the community that provide an opportunity for students to work with law enforcement personnel, legal professionals, service providers, and non-profit organizations, especially those addressing: human trafficking victims, traffickers, and consumers. Exploring the issues surrounding expansion of intelligence gathering and the implications to civil liberties, specifically as these issues relate to national security matters. Continuing to expand my understanding of criminal investigative techniques and legal structures and incorporating what I learn into my courses.

### **Academic Training**

- Obtained Masters of International Management from the American Graduate School of International Management in the year 1983 (Glendale, Arizona)
- Obtained Bachelor of Arts Degree from Eastern Washington in the year 1982 (Cheney, Washington)
- Graduated from the FBI Quantico Academy in the year 1987
- Ongoing training in criminal investigations and the law from 1987 thru 2010
- Ongoing training regarding law enforcement procedures and tactics from 1987 thru 2010
- Ongoing training in interview and interrogation frameworks from 1987 thru 2010
- Ongoing training in evidence response and handling from 1987 thru 2010
- Ongoing training in issues regarding juvenile justice and behavior from 1997 thru 2010
- Certified as a police instructor in the year 2000

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **Courses taught and prepared at the University of Washington Tacoma (January 2011-present)**

- TCrim 200 Introduction to Criminal Justice, 5 credits
  - Four Quarters 2011, Autumn 2013, Winter 2014
- TCrim 370 Police and Society, 5 credits
  - Autumn 2011, Three Quarters in 2012, Winter/Summer 2013, Three Quarters in 2014, Autumn/Winter 2015, Autumn/Winter 2016, Winter 2017
- TCrim 373 Criminal Investigations, 5 credits
  - Autumn 2014, 2015
- TCrim 441 Seminar, 5 credits
  - Spring 2018

## **Courses developed and taught at the University of Washington Tacoma (2011-present)**

- TCrim 435 Terrorism and U.S. Criminal Justice System, 5 credits
  - Spring/Autumn 2011, Summer 2012, Winter 2013 thru 2017, Autumn 2016, Autumn 2018
- TCrim 374 Human Trafficking, 5 credits
  - Spring/Autumn 2012, Spring 2013 thru 2015, Autumn 2015, Autumn 2017
- TCrim 123 Cyber Crime Freshman Core Course, 5 credits
  - Winter/Spring 2012, Spring 2013
- TCrim 498 Criminal Justice Internship, 5 credits
  - Spring 2012-2016
- TCrim 222 Federal Law Enforcement and Investigations, 5 credits
  - Spring 2016, 2017, Autumn 2017

**Pre-University Teaching Background as an FBI Certified Police Trainer:** Courses were taught at conferences and government in-services, generally 2-hour to 4-hour segments

- Instructed at the Children Justice Conference regarding domestic human trafficking (2009, 2010)
- Instructed various courses regarding crimes against children to Puyallup Indian Tribal law enforcement, tribal and state social workers, and tribal prosecutor's in a Tribal sponsored training (2003, 2008)
- Instructed at the Washington State Police Academy regarding extremism and extremist groups to police recruits (2006 thru 2008)
- Instructed federal probation officers regarding extremism and extremist groups (2005)
- Instructed various courses regarding crimes against children and human trafficking to groups of state law enforcement, military officials, medical personnel, and social workers (2001, 2002, 2008 thru 2010)
- Instructed for Shared Hope International regarding domestic human trafficking (2010)
- Was a speaker in a class on federal jurisdiction and the FBI at the University of Washington, Tacoma (2010)
- Instructed at the FBI sponsored Undercover Training School (1998)

### **Academic service projects**

- Member of the University Lecturer Committee (2013 thru 2014)
- Member of the Social Work Program Committee to develop an on-line Criminal Justice Degree Program (2013)
- Member of the Pierce County Human Trafficking Task Force (2013 thru 2016)
- Completed a written code of conduct for criminal justice students (2013)
- Provided training for community service providers in the area of human trafficking (as needed)
- Member of the Social Work Program Committee that updated degree requirements for the Criminal Justice Degree (Spring 2013)
- Expert witness advisor for criminal trials and one civil action involving human trafficking (2012 and 2013)
- Facilitator for meetings to identify issues between service providers and law enforcement in the addressing human trafficking (Summer 2014 and Autumn 2014)

- Faculty Advisor for the Criminal Justice League, which included assisting the students to bringing events to campus.
  - A human trafficking awareness event (2013)
  - Child abduction awareness event (2013)
  - Sexual assault awareness events (2014 thru 2017)
  - Miscellaneous events
- Faculty Mentor for UWT students (ongoing)
- Member of the Social Work Program Event Committee (Fall 2012 thru 2017)
- Member of the Social Work Program Curriculum Committee (Fall 2012 thru Spring 2013)
- Member of the Social Work Scholarship Committee (Fall 2015 thru Spring 2017)
- Assisted in the development of internship programs at the Pierce County Prosecutors Office, Lakewood Police Department, UWT Campus Security, Tacoma Police Department, Pierce County Department of Assigned Council, Pierce County Legal Aide, Juvenile Probation, Small Business Administration Office of the Inspector General, and others (Summer 2012 thru 2017)
- Participant in Hope for Justice Panel regarding human trafficking (Spring 2012)
- Co-development of a pre-deployment seminar course for Joint Based Lewis McCord military officers regarding community based policing, policing in a multi-cultural environment, and intelligence based policing (Winter 2012)
- In coordination with appropriate UWT officials and the UW Legal Department, designed all necessary forms for the new Criminal Justice Internship program. (Fall 2011 thru Fall 2012)
- Co-author of a position paper addressing proposed cuts to the Tacoma Police Department and the impact of the cuts upon community safety (Fall 2011 thru Winter 2012)
- Member of the Social Work Program Faculty Search Committee (Fall 2011)

### **Professional Academic Work Experience**

**September 2014-present**

**University of Washington, Tacoma  
Senior Lecturer/Criminal Justice**

As a Senior Lecturer, I teach existing academic courses in the criminal justice curriculum as well as developing new courses as needed. I engage in service projects both on and off campus. I instruct an internship course, and supervise student's participation in criminal justice internship positions. In cooperation with local agencies, I develop internship positions for Criminal Justice majors.

**September 2011-2014**

**University of Washington, Tacoma  
Full-Time Lecturer/Criminal Justice**

As a full-time Lecturer, I taught existing academic courses in the criminal justice curriculum as well as developing new courses as needed. I engaged in service projects both on and off campus. I instruct an internship course, and supervise student's participation in criminal justice internship positions. In cooperation with local agencies, I developed internship positions for Criminal Justice majors.

**January 2011-September 2011**

**University of Washington, Tacoma  
Part-time Lecturer/Criminal Justice**

As a part-time lecturer, I taught existing courses in criminal justice and developed the TCrim 435 International Terrorism and TCrim 374 Human Trafficking courses.

## **Professional Law Enforcement Experience**

**January 1997-December 2010**

**Federal Bureau of Investigation, Tacoma  
Special Agent**

As a Special Agent in a small office, I investigated a variety of criminal violations; however, my area of expertise was crimes committed against children. These investigations involved utilizing basic and complex investigative tools, including authoring search warrant affidavits and court orders targeted at various entities, including communications accounts such as on-line blogs; physical locations, such as private residences and businesses; and warrants aimed at the search of individuals for physical evidence, such as DNA. These investigations require a thorough understanding of probable cause. After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, I helped to establish the Tacoma Joint Terrorism Task Force and became familiar with the philosophies of various extremist groups. I also established an Innocence Lost Human Trafficking Task Force to assist victims of domestic human trafficking and prosecute perpetrators.

To be a successful investigator in the area of crimes against persons, it was essential to have an understanding of crime and the human impact of crime. The investigator must be able to interact and empathize with victims of crime, witnesses, and perpetrators without bias. The FBI provided me with intensive ongoing training through regional seminars and at the Quantico Academy in these areas. This training was conducted by FBI trained lecturers, academics, and noted experts in forensic science, behavioral science, criminology, and related topics. I was also a certified police instructor for nine years.

- Conducted crimes against children investigations: kidnapping; molestation; internet pornography and luring, resulting in successful federal, tribal, and state court actions
- Conducted human trafficking investigations, resulting in successful federal court actions
- Conducted white collar crime investigations: identity theft; public corruption; bank fraud, resulting in successful federal court actions
- Conducted anti-terrorism investigations, resulting in a successful court action in military court
- Gathered and analyzed data from various sources, including on-line and human sources, and applied the data to complex investigations, Intelligence reports and prosecutions
- Participated in intelligence proceeding, including FISA Court applications
- Established and managed two task forces in Tacoma: The Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Innocence Lost Human Trafficking Task Force
- Submitted and maintained budgets related to task force operations
- Wrote hundreds of reports for use in criminal court and as demanded by the FBI Command Staff. Also wrote justifications for establishing task force operations, requests for resources and budgets

- Assisted victims of human trafficking to obtain services, to include avenues for ongoing education (i.e. GED), medical assistance, and mental health counseling
- Received on-going education from the FBI and various experts
- Designated as a Crimes Against Children Coordinator
- Designated as an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Counselor
- Designated as a Police Instructor
- Designated as Relief Supervisor
- Recognized the legal definitions of probable cause and reasonable doubt, wrote and was the affiant on search and arrest warrants, court ordered electronic monitoring and tracking
- Testified in court and Grand Jury proceedings
- Liaison with state and local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, United States military, tribal police, social service providers and non-profit organizations

**December 1987-January 1997**

**Federal Bureau of Investigation, Los Angeles  
Special Agent**

As a Special Agent assigned to a large office, I participated in complex investigations, with an expertise in conducting espionage cases. The investigations involved large-scale cases involving court ordered intercepts, source recruitment, and undercover operations.

- Conducted bank robbery investigations, resulting in successful prosecutions
- Conducted intelligence and espionage Investigations
- Conducted Weapons of Mass Destruction Investigations
- Obtained certifications as an Undercover Agent and participated in undercover operations
- Liaison with the United States Military, the State Department, the Central Intelligence Agency and local law enforcement
- Designated as Relief Supervisor
- Recognizing the legal definitions of probable cause and reasonable doubt, wrote search and arrest warrants, court ordered electronic monitoring and tracking warrants
- Testified in court and Grand Jury proceedings

### **Pre- University Community Outreach Activity**

- Participant as a member of the advisory board for the Lakewood Police Department Weed-n-Seed Grant
- Participant as a member of the advisory board for Washington's Missing and Exploited Children Unit based at the Washington State Patrol
- Participant in the ad hoc committee regarding juvenile prostitution sponsored by State Representative Mary Lou Dickerson
- Conducted outreach to various high schools and middle schools regarding crimes which impact children
- Participant on the Shared Hope Committee to address the need for a shelter program aimed at sexually trafficked youth.