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CURRICULUM VITAE

Academic Experience

Instructional

Assistant Professor of Sociology, College of the Mainland Texas City, TX	2023 – present
Instructor of Sociology (Part-time), Houston Community College Houston, TX	2016 – present
Adjunct Lecturer of Sociology, University of Houston – Downtown Houston, TX	2017 – 2022
Adjunct Instructor of Sociology, Lone Star College – North Harris Houston, TX	2014 – 2015
Teaching Assistant, Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, LA	2010 – 2013

Program Leadership & Administration

P-TECH Grant Administrator, Houston Independent School District Houston, TX	2022 – 2023
Director of Dual Credit and College Readiness, Energized for STEM Academy Houston, TX	2017 – 2021

Education

Ph.D., Sociology, Louisiana State University, 2015
M.A., Sociology, Louisiana State University, 2013
B.A., Political Science, Concordia University Chicago, 2008
A.A., William Rainey Harper College, 2006

Publications

- Bryerton, Will. 2024. "Sages of The Street: Violence Management and Neighborhood Conflict Among Crime- and Violence-Exposed Young Males in Southwest Houston." *Journal of Youth Studies*, April 27, 2024.
- Bryerton, Will. 2017. "Attached or Entrenched? Community Attachment and Place Construction in Southwest Houston, an American *Banlieue*." *Sociological Spectrum*, 37(3): 171-187.
- Bryerton, Will. 2016. "That 'Every Man for Himself' Thing: The Rationales of Individualism Among the Urban Poor." *Sociological Inquiry*, 86(1): 79-102.
- Bryerton, Will. 2016. "Coming Up or Coming to Grips? Upward Mobility, the American Dream, and Young Residents of Houston's Fifth Ward." *Sociological Focus*, 49(2): 103-118.

Invited Presentations & Media Outreach

- “Money Is An Issue: Research-Based Strategies and Methods for College Faculty to Support Low-Income Learners.” Presentation for Fall 2024 Professional Development and “Brown Bag” series at College of the Mainland, Texas City, TX, September 18, 2024.
- “The Status Quo, Statehood, or Free Association? A discussion of the political future and socio-political climate of Puerto Rico.” Presentation to the *Hispanic Student Alliance* at College of the Mainland, Texas City, TX, February 29, 2024.
- “Best Practices in Engaging and Retaining a Diverse Workforce.” Invited panelist at Texas Diversity and Leadership Conference, Houston, TX. April 20, 2017.
- “No Really, What Would Jesus Do? A candid conversation to move beyond tragedy, work towards reconciliation, and begin to heal.” Invited panelist on *Wednesday Night Live* discussion on police-community relations. Pleasant Hill Ministries, Houston, TX. July 13, 2016.
- “Mass Incarceration and Educational Inequality in Black America.” Invited panelist on *About Us*, produced by the Texas Southern University School of Communication. Houston, TX. April 28, 2016.
- “All On Me: Rugged Individualism, Personal Responsibility, and Conflicted Consciousness in Houston’s Fifth Ward.” Invited presenter at Louisiana State University’s Sociology Graduate Student Association Meeting. Baton Rouge, LA. February 21, 2014.

Conference Presentations & Activity (Sole presenter unless otherwise noted)

- “Studying Community Attachment in New, Multi-Ethnic Communities.” Paper presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV. March 25, 2016.
- (with Gene Stubbson) “Coming Up, with Pants Hanging Down: The internalization of mixed messages on achievement and social mobility among youths and young adults in a low-income Houston neighborhood.” Presented at the annual meeting of the California Sociological Association (Subcultures in American Society session). Riverside, CA. November 8, 2014.
- “No Excuses: Assertions of Responsibility Among Very Low-Income Residents of Houston’s Fifth Ward.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the California Sociological Association (Creating Community session). Riverside, CA. November 8, 2014.
- “Poverty, Responsibility, and Inter-generational Mobility: Taking Fault, Taking Offense or Taking the High Ground?” Presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. April 17, 2014.
- “Contemporary Sociology Research.” Session chair at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, April 17, 2014.
- “Serving the Suburban Poor: A Comparison of Suburban Anti-poverty Organizations and Community Development Corporations.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Chicago Ethnography Conference. Chicago, IL. March 2, 2013.

Courses Taught

Introduction to Sociology, Contemporary Social Problems, Culture & Society, Social Inequality

Courses Supported (as Teaching Assistant with lecture responsibilities)

Sociological Research Methods, Sociology of Criminal Justice

Teaching Modalities

Face to face, Online-on-a-schedule (synchronous), Online-anytime (asynchronous), Hybrid

Future / Additional Teaching Interests

Urban & Community Sociology; Latino Stratification, Inequality, and Migration in the U.S.; Sociology of the Self and Identity

Pedagogical Training & Development

- "Flip or Flop? Is Flipped Instruction Right for Me?" STEPS (Strategies in Teaching, Education, Planning, and Support) professional development seminar at College of the Mainland, November 7, 2023.
- "Teaching With Your Mouth Shut: Keeping Students Active, Attentive, and Engaged." NISOD Regional Workshop at College of the Mainland, October 27, 2023.
- "Supporting Differently Abled Students: Help Students See What We're Saying." HCC Faculty Academy, June 3, 2022.
- "Exploring Ungrading." HCC Faculty Academy, June 3, 2022.
- "Elevating Assessments with Rubrics." HCC Institute of Teaching and Learning Innovation, November 12, 2021.
- "Resources to Promote a Culture of Active Participation." HCC Institute of Teaching and Learning Innovation, November 3, 2021.
- "Resource Roundup: Sustaining Engagement in Online Courses." HCC Center for Learning Innovation, November 16, 2020.
- "Best Practices for Managing Your nextLearning Course." HCC Institute for Instructional Engagement and Development, August 12, 2020.
- "Improving Student Learning Through Active Engagement in Online Instruction." HCC Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, April 24, 2020.
- "Learner-Centered Instructional Design in Online Classes." HCC Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, April 15, 2020.
- "Copyright Literacy in the Academic Environment." HCC Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, April 13, 2020.
- "Getting the Most Out of OER." Professional Development Seminar at Houston Community College, September 23, 2019.
- "Rigor Is Not Hard." Professional Development Seminar at Houston Community College, April 10, 2018.
- "Managing The Unmotivated." Professional Development Seminar at Houston Community College, January 20, 2018.
- "Teaching What You Meant to Teach." Faculty Academy Workshop (face-to-face) at Houston Community College, October 14, 2017.
- "Strategies for Handling Class Conflicts." Faculty Academy Workshop (face-to-face) at Houston Community College, April 7, 2017.
- "Active Learning Alternatives to Lecture." Faculty Academy Workshop (face-to-face) at Houston Community College, February 9, 2017.
- "Security Awareness and Sensitive Information Training." Online workshop from Houston Community College, completed November 18, 2016.

"Preventing Discrimination and Sexual Violence for Faculty and Staff." Online workshop from Houston Community College, completed May 24, 2016.

"Classroom Management and 100% Student Engagement." Workshop at KIPP Houston, August 7, 2015.

"Questioning Strategies and Informal Assessment." Online training course from Texas Teachers, passed on March 15, 2015.

"Grading that Motivates and Retains Students." Webinar from Lone Star College, December 11, 2014.

"The Commitments and Resources of the Adjunct Instructor." Faculty Development at Lone Star College, August 21, 2014.

"Fostering Motivation: A Key to Success for Teachers and Students." Workshop at Louisiana State University, April 18, 2013.

"Teaching Styles and the Teaching Oriented Career." Workshop at Louisiana State University, March 15, 2013.

Leadership Training

Graduate, Leadership Institute (Monthly seminars for college employees engaged in or interested in pursuing leadership positions), 2023 - 2024, College of the Mainland.

Learning Management & Academic Planning (Systems Experience)

Blackboard, Canvas, D2L Brightspace, College Board, Naviance, PeopleSoft, Smartsheet

Community Service

Board Member, Houston ReVision, Houston, TX, 2025 - present

Juvenile Probation Mentor, Houston ReVision, Houston, TX, 2016 - present

Mentor, PAIR Houston (Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees), Houston, TX, 2022 - present

Research Assistant, Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation, Houston, TX, 2013-2014

Counselor, Pleasant Hill Leadership Institute, Houston, TX, 2013-2014

Counselor, Respond Now (emergency help and homelessness prevention agency), Chicago Heights, IL, 2012

Scholarly Interests

Urban community; culture and identity; inequality and poverty; Houston, TX