

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education:

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Rice University (May 2004)
M.A. in Philosophy, Purdue University (June 1998)
M.M.S. (Masters in Modern Studies), Loyola College (May, 1995)
R.R.T. (Registered Respiratory Therapist), Community College of Baltimore, and
Northwestern University (Chicago, IL., 1987)
B.S. in Philosophy & Religion, Towson University (May 1982)

Areas of Specialization:

Ethics (including Biomedical Ethics), Social and Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence:

Philosophy of Law, Continental Philosophy, Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications:

"Merleau-Ponty and the Advent of Meaning," *Continental Philosophy Review* (formerly *Man and World*), 34:2, 2001, 203-224.

"Aristotle on 'The Vulgar': An Ethical and Social Examination," *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, 29:2, Winter 2002, 133-152.

"A Human Germline Modification Scale," *Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics*, 32:1, Spring 2004, 164-173.

"A Fair Educational Standard," *Theory and Research in Education* (formerly *The School Field*), 3: 2, July 2005, 225-244.

"Against Plutocracies: Fighting Political Corruption," *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*, 15:1, March 2008.

"Compulsory Contraception and the Prevention of Harm: A Provisional Critique," *Public Affairs Quarterly* 22:4, October 2008.

"Hegel, Rawls, and the Separation of Church and State," *Journal of Philosophy and Ethics* 2:1, December 2020.

"Polar Models of Culture—Progressivism and Regressivism," currently being reviewed by *Public Philosophy Journal*.

Books, Book Chapters, and Encyclopedia Entries:

Justice for Children: Autonomy Development and the State, SUNY Press, N.Y., 2008.

“Expression,” in *Merleau-Ponty: Key Concepts*, Jack Reynolds & Rosalyn Diprose, eds., Acumen Publ. Ltd., Stocksfield, U.K., August, 2008.

“Organized Crime among African Americans,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of African-American History: 1896 to the Present*, Paul Finkelman, Ed., Oxford University Press, N.Y., February 2009.

“Bid-Rigging,” *Encyclopedia of White Collar and Corporate Crime*, 2nd Ed., Lawrence Salinger, Ed., Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, CA., 2013.

High and Low Corruption: Children, Capabilities, and Crime, Rowman and Littlefield, Lanham, MD., 2024.

Grants:

Prairie View A&M University Research Grant (Harry Adams, Principal Investigator, Jennifer Rockett, Co-Investigator/Research Scientist): "Hirschi's Fourth Control Variable: Beliefs about Law-breaking among Children of Incarcerated Parents," 2012-2013 (grant voluntarily terminated due to new employment at UT Pan-American).

Public Lectures/Conference Presentations:

Closing Remarks (w/ Kenneth Howell), “An Evening With The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.” sponsored by the W. E. B. Du Bois History Club, PVAMU, January 18, 2005.

“Against Plutocracies: Civil Disobedience and Beyond,” Grant MacEwan College (Edmonton, Alberta), February 18, 2006.

Inaugural Lecture of The Social and Political Theory Working Papers Series, “Morally Justified Resistance to Plutocracies,” Prairie View A&M University, March 24, 2006.

Guest Speaker and Panel Member, “Judging the (Il-)legitimacy of Public Policies,” Oxford University, Oxford UK, Oxford Roundtable on “Ethics in Government,” August 5-10, 2007.

“Street Crime, Suite Crime, and Blameworthiness,” Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice, 2007 Annual Meeting, Corpus Christi, TX, October 4, 2007.

“Justice for Children,” book presentation to the College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology, Prairie View A&M University, February 20, 2008.

“The Punishment of Political Criminals,” American Criminal Justice Society, 45th Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH, March 13, 2008 (canceled due to lack of Departmental funding).

“Better Late than Never: Delayed Justice for Political Crime,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MI, November 13, 2008.

“Conflicting Sentencing Principles for White Collar Criminals versus Street Criminals,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA., November 5, 2009.

“Obligations to Prevent Delinquency, and Good Samaritan Laws,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA., November 17, 2010.

“Getting Tougher on More Harmful Types of Crimes,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 18, 2011.

“Parental, Social, and Political Child Neglect,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 14, 2012.

“Gender, Culture, and Culpability in Public Health and Health Literacy,” WMU Medical Humanities Conference (presented w/ C. Jones, A. Stachura & C. Spinetta), September 26, 2013.

“A Trajectory of Corruption in the NYPD and Beyond,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 20, 2013.

“Competing Models of Health and Wellness: The Psychosocial Model vs. the Medical Model of Health,” Panel Chair, 7th Annual Pan American BioEthics Conference, April 6, 2016.

Dissertation Chair or Adviser, and Committee Work (at PVAMU):

- John Jacob Rodriguez, "The Applicability of General Strain Theory to the Latino Population," (defended PhD. Dissertation), April 2007.
- Garner, Darron, "Delinquency and Youth Violence: A Study of Racial Differences in the Risk Factors," (defended PhD. Dissertation), December 2008.
- Louise Henry, "Bullying and Violence in Schools: A Restorative Justice Approach," (defended MA Thesis), December 2008.
- Ford Fred, "Cultural Deviance at a Land Grant University: A Case Study," (defended PhD Dissertation), March 2009.
- Emeka Franklin, "Predictors of Juvenile Gang Membership," (defended PhD Dissertation), July 2009.
- Scott Belshaw, "The Empirical Link between Sexual Abuse and Suicide in Adolescent Females in the Texas Juvenile Justice System," (defended PhD Dissertation), July 2009.
- Sherill Morris, "The Relationship between Emotional States and Tobacco Use among Juveniles," (defended PhD Dissertation), August 2009.
- (Chair:) Arthur Moghalu, "Disproportionate Minority Representation in the Juvenile Justice System: A Legacy of Child Delinquency," (defended PhD Dissertation), August 2009.
- (Chair:) Cassandra Coleman, "Conflict Resolution through On-Campus Adaptive Behavior Programs," (defended MA Thesis), November 2009.
- Phillip Hirsch, "Juvenile Criminality: Predicting Violent Offenders in Harris County," (defended PhD Prospectus), October 2009.
- Dean Lanham, "Social Control of Juveniles: Key Factors to Juvenile Delinquency Prevention through Informal Social Control," (defended PhD Dissertation), April 2010.
- Jaya Davis, "Disproportionate Minority Confinement: A State-level Test of the Racial and Symbolic Threat Hypotheses," (defended PhD Dissertation), April 2010.
- Erin Espinosa, "An Evaluation of the Influence of Gender and Mental Health Needs on Juvenile Justice System Processing," (defended PhD Dissertation), March 2012.
- (Chair:) Vivian Dorsett, "Risk Factors for Abuse among Foster Care Populations," (defended PhD Dissertation), November 2012.
- Doshie Piper, "Gendered Pathways: An Investigation of Juvenile Females' Paths to Delinquency," (defended PhD. Dissertation), April 2013.
- (Chair:) Marika Dawkins, "Assessing the Effectiveness of Youth Detention Centers," (defended PhD Dissertation), May 2013.
- (Chair:) Sharece Downey, "The Relationship between Academic Achievement and Juvenile Institutional Misconduct," (defended PhD Dissertation), June 2013.
- Angela Dickson, "The Impact of Mentoring on Military Veteran Students' Community College Persistence," (defended PhD. Dissertation), June 2013.
- Daniel Irabor, "Risk Factors of Homeless Youth in Nigeria," (defended PhD. Dissertation), June 2013.
- (Chair:) Frank Rodriguez, "Unaccompanied Latino Youth on the U.S.-Mexico Border: A Qualitative Study," (defended PhD Dissertation), July 2013.
- Rochelle Cobbs, "Police-Juvenile Encounters in Identified Rural Areas of Mississippi—A Replication Study," (defended PhD. Dissertation), Fall 2013.

Teaching Experience:

- Adjunct Professor of Philosophy: Ethics, Critical Thinking, PVAMU, Fall 2016 to present
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy: Biomedical Ethics, Philosophy of Law, Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, Critical Thinking and Medical Humanities, Ethics in Social Work, Engineering Ethics, Critical Thinking, Intro. to Phil; UTPA, Fall 2013 to Spring 2016
- Associate Professor of Philosophy and Juvenile Justice: Ethics, Philosophy of Law, Constitutional Rights, Critical Thinking, Introduction to Philosophy, Theories of Justice,

Philosophy of Punishment, Juvenile and Criminal Law Theory, Principles of Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice Policy & Legal Principles, Criminal Justice Ethics, Community Structures and Problems, Community Building and Practice, Juvenile Justice Systems, Foundations of Criminal Justice, Foundations of Juvenile Justice, Legal Aspects of Juvenile Justice, Advanced Seminar in Crime and Delinquency, Philosophy of Crime; PVAMU, August 2004 to May 2013

Lecturer, Philosophy of Science; University of Houston, Downtown, Spring 2004

Lecturer, Biomedical Ethics; Texas A&M University, Fall 2003

Lecturer, Moral Issues; University of Houston, Downtown, Fall 2000 to Spring 2003

Teaching Assistant, Philosophy of Science; Rice University, Fall 2001 to Spring 2002

Teaching Assistant, Ethics; Rice University, Fall 2000 & Spring 2004

Teaching Assistant, Philosophy of Religion; Purdue University, Spring 1998

Collegiate Clubs, Committee Service, Workshops:

Division Lecture Series Committee, Grade Appeal Committee, etc., Fall 2021 to present

Faculty Handbook Committee, Division of SWBPS, PVAMU, Fall 2019 to Spring 2021

PVAMU Faculty Senate, Spring 2011 to Spring 2013, and Summer 2018 to Spring 2020

Fundraising Committee, Division of SWBPS, PVAMU, Fall 2016 to Spring 2020

History & Philosophy Outreach Committee (incl. work on Rondell Davidson Lecture Series)

Committee Member, (along with Cynthia Jones, Anne Stachura and Christine Spinetta) for the Minor in Medical Humanities (which was approved by UTPA's Core Curriculum

Committee in November, 2013), Fall 2013 to Spring 2016

Committee Member, Religious Studies Minor, UTPA, Fall 2013 to Spring 2016

Coach and Team Captain, 2013 and 2014, UTPA Ethics Bowl

Faculty Advisor for the 2013 and 2014, UTPA Undergraduate Research Conference

Advisor, Blackstone Pre-Law Society, PVAMU, Fall 2005 to Spring 2013

Coordinator, Professional Development Series (for PhD. students), Fall 2008 to Spring 2013

Academic Appeals Committee, Fall 2011 to Spring 2013

Member, Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Committee, Spring 2009 to Fall 2010

Professional Grant Development Workshop, University of Houston, June 2010

Member, Core Curriculum Committee, PVAMU, Spring 2009 to Spring 2010

Coordinator (w/ Oko Elechi), Restorative Justice Initiative, Spring 2009 to Spring 2010

Coordinator, Graduate Student Lecture Series, PVAMU, Fall 2008 to Fall 2009

Participant, *Reeling Them In: Invigorating the Humanities through Film*, Workshop Funded by The National Endowment for the Humanities, May 21-25, 2007

Committee Member, PVAMU Comm. for Division Strategic Planning, Fall 2006-Spring 2007

Committee Member, Comm. For Curriculum Assessment & Learning Outcomes, Fall 2006

Chair, Committee for Division of Social Work Lecture Series, Fall 2006 to Spring 2007

Committee Member, Social & Political Theory Working Papers Committee, Spring 2005

Asst. Professor & Advisor, Pre-Law Honors Program, Summer 2005 & 2006

Advisor, PVAMU Speech & Debate Society, Fall 2005 to Spring 2006

Committee Member, Texas Visiting Scholars Program, Fall 2004 to Spring 2005

Fellowships and Awards:

Gardner Prize for Best Dissertation in the Humanities and Social Sciences (see p.5),* 2004

Rice University Graduate Fellowship in Philosophy, 1998-2002

Dissertation:*

Justice for Children: The Development of Autonomy, successfully defended May 2004,

Advisors: George Sher (PhD., Philosophy), chair; with Donald Morrison (PhD., Philosophy), Alastair Norcross (PhD., Philosophy), & Herve Moulin (PhD., Economics).

***2004 Gardner Prize for Best Dissertation in the Humanities and Social Sciences:**

Here is the quoted assessment of my Dissertation made by the Rice University Gardner Faculty Committee: "Harry Adams' Dissertation in Philosophy, 'Justice for Children,' is a humane, probing inquiry into an important but understudied topic in political and social philosophy. It argues that if rights and responsibilities are to be imputed to autonomous individuals then a robust picture of autonomy must include the processes by which it is initially developed, and the degrees by which it can be measured. Its conclusion: the incipient autonomy of prospective agents must be nurtured and/or protected by the family and the state, especially with regard to education. A wide range of literature, including moral philosophy and social policy, is reviewed, challenged, and enriched. The thesis is greatly strengthened by an exquisite style of writing. Moreover, the rich examples placed strategically throughout propel the argument and still linger in our minds. Reading this dissertation is an intellectual journey. In addition, the treatment of this topic, if more broadly construed, has the potential of reorienting any further discussions of autonomy. In sum, this thesis is a stunning accomplishment, for its importance, elegance and, mostly, for the deeply humane impression it makes on its readers."

References:

George Sher, Rice University Matthew Keyworth, Lone Star College, UP
Michael Nojeim, Prairie View A&M University Stephen Leach, UTRGV
Camille Gibson, Prairie View A&M University