FACULTY PROFILE

Department

CSU College: Arts and Sciences

CSU Discipline: Sociology

Basic Info

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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology
Georgia State University

Master of Arts in Sociology
University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Business
Randolph-Macon College

Biography

Background

Here is a little information about myself. I grew up in Winchester, Virginia, located outside of D.C. I received a bachelor's degree from Randolph-Macon College in 1989. After college, I served as a military police officer in the first Gulf War. While in the Army, I obtained master's degree in sociology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. I then moved to Atlanta and worked for the Center of Disease Control and obtained a PhD in sociology from Georgia State University in 1997. In 1997, I took a job as a professor of criminal justice at the University of North Georgia and have been there since.

Hobbies/Interests

I currently live north of Atlanta with my wife and two sons. In my spare time, I like to play tennis, fish, and watch sporting events, especially pro and college football. I am a Falcon's season ticket holder.

Additional Information

Teaching Philosophy

It is more important than ever for instructors to participate in the class from the beginning to end and to make adjustments to the course when necessary. Online instructors need to serve as guides, facilitators, and instructors. Instructors not “showing up for class” leads to frustrated students and low retention rates. The online classroom requires timely feedback and attention to student progress.

Advice for Current Students

Make sure that you get involved early in the online classroom. Please do not wait until the last minute to complete your assignments.