

CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Education**

- 2009: PhD. Juvenile Justice, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX, 77445  
Dissertation topic: The Relationship between Juvenile Emotional States and Tobacco Use.
- 2002: Master of Science, Social Work (Administration), Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica.
- 1996: Diploma, Management Studies, Department of Management Studies, University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica.
- 1992: Bachelor of Science, Social Work, Upper Second Class Honors, Department of Sociology, Psychology and Social Work, University of the West Indies, Kingston Jamaica
- 1987: Certificate in Computer Science, Institute of Management and Production (IMP) Kingston, Jamaica
- 1984: Diploma in Teaching, Moneague Teachers College, St. Ann, Jamaica.

**Positions:**

- August 2014 – Present: Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena MS.
- January 2010 to August 2014: Assistant Dean, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas
- August 2008 to August 2009: Graduate Assistant (Research), Department of Curriculum

Instruction, College of Education, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas

August 2008 to December 2008: Adjunct Professor Prairie View A&M University, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology and Lone Star College, Fairbanks Campus, Houston, Texas

August 2006 to December 2006: Graduate Assistant - Research, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, Prairie View A&M University

January 2007 to May 2008: Graduate Assistant (Teaching) College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, Prairie View A&M University

Summer 2007 and 2008: Graduate Assistant, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering and Tutor/Mentor ACCESS Program. University College, Prairie View A&M University

October 2005 to July 2006: Social Worker, Invictus Youth Center, Brampton, ON, Canada.

June 2004 to September 2005: Social Worker, Maple Star Therapeutic Foster Care Services, Markham, ON. Canada.

September 2002 to June 2003: Tutor, Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica.

September 2002 to January 2004: Adjunct Lecturer, Jamaica Police Academy, Spanish Town, Jamaica

1992 to 2004: Deputy Director/Director Field Operations, Women's Center of Jamaica Foundation, Kingston Jamaica.

**National Service:**

Co-Chair – The Caribbean Criminal Justice Association

**Reviews:**

Reviewer for:

Journal of Social Sciences  
Crime and Delinquency  
African Journal of Criminology and Justice Studies

**Senior Editor:**

Journal of Knowledge and Best Practices in Juvenile Justice & Psychology

Research Briefs, a publication from the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology

Encyclopedia of Restorative Justice, Wiley & Blackwell (NEW proposal)

### **Grants and awards:**

2010 – Co-Principal Investigator - grant from the Office of the Children’s Advocate in Jamaica investigating the profile of children in conflict with the law in Jamaica (Total cost - \$1,000,000 JA\$).

2013- Co-Principal Investigator – Service Learning Grant – investigating Restorative Practices in a middle school in Texas: Implementation and Assessment.

### **Publications:**

#### **Book**

**Morris, Sherill V.C.** (2010). *Juvenile Emotional States and Tobacco Use*. Lambert Academic Publishers

### **Refereed Publications**

**Morris, S.V., Rockett, J. L., & O. O. Elechi.** (2012).Victimization Patterns. In Jay Albanese (Ed.). *The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell.

**Morris, S.V., Rockett, J. L. & Elechi O.O.** (2012).Qualitative Research. In Jay Albanese (Ed.). *The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell.

**Elechi, O. O, Piper, D., & Morris, S.V.** (2012) Case Studies. In Jay Albanese (Ed.). *The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell.

**Morris, S. V. C.** (2011) Tobacco Use. In R. J. Levesque (Ed.). *Encyclopedia of Adolescence* (pp. 2983-2995). New York, New York: Springer.

Elechi, O. O., **Morris, S. V.**, & Schauer, E. J. (2010). Restoring Justice (*Ubuntu*) – An African Perspective. *International Criminal Justice Review* 20(1), 73-85.

Mason, E., Hansen, J., & **Morris, S. V.** (2009). The Absence of African American Teachers in the Classroom: A Study on Employment Conditions and Teacher Retention. *Journal of Educational Concepts*, Fall 2009 issue.

### **Work in Progress**

**Morris, S. V. M.** Youth Experiences and Their Involvement in Delinquency:

A Case for Building Self-Efficacy Skills

**Morris, S. V. C.,** Gibson, C., & Mason, E. The Relationship between Major Depressive Symptoms and Tobacco Use among Juveniles”

**Morris, S. V. C.,** Adams, H., & Espinosa, E. Better Mental Health Services to Reduce Juvenile Justice System Involvement”

**Morris, S. V. C.** Feminist Response to Restorative Justice.

**Morris, S. V. C.,** Gibson, C., & Mason, E. Victimization and Trauma as Predictors of Female Assaultive Behavior: The Case of Texas.

**Morris, S. V. C.,** & Elechi, O. O. Restorative Response to Minority Overrepresentation in the Juvenile Justice System.

**Morris, S. V. C.** Human Trafficking of Juvenile Victims: Implications for Border Security.

### **Conference Participation and Presentation:**

2013 – November 20 – 23, 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Atlanta, GA. Presenter and session moderator: paper presented – Youth Experiences and their Involvement in Delinquency: A case for Building Self-Efficacy Skills

2013 – March 19 – 23, 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), Dallas, TX. Presenter and session moderator: paper presented - Bridging the Ideological Gap in the Teaching and Learning of Restorative Justice

2012 – November 14 – 17, 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Chicago Il. Conference participant

2012 – March 13 – 17, 49<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), New York City. Conference participant and session moderator

2011 – November 16 – 19, 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology

- (ASC), Washington, D.C. Paper presented - Profile of Children in Conflict with the Law in Jamaica
- 2011 – March 1 – 5, 2011, 48th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), Toronto Canada. Recruiter and presenter – paper presented – Proposal – Profile of Children in Conflict with the Law in Jamaica.
- 2010 – February 23 – 27, 47th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, San Diego, California. Presented three papers and chaired one session.
- February 24, Paper presentation - “Restorative Justice Response to Minority Overrepresentation in the Juvenile Justice System”
- February 25, Panel Discussion – “Addressing the Mexican Border Gang Problem”
- February 26, Paper presentation – “The Relationship between Juvenile Emotional States and Tobacco Use”
- 2009 – November, 61st Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), Philadelphia, PA, November 4 – 7, 2009. Conference participant
- 2009 – June 3, Conference on Youth Violence: Strategies for Prevention, Intervention and Empowerment, Prairie View A&M University, Texas Juvenile Crime Prevention Center. Conference participant and moderator
- 2009 – May 14, “Restoring Justice (*Ubuntu*) – An African Perspective” Paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Conference on Restorative Justice, San Antonio, TX, May 13 – 15, 2009.
- 2009 – April 17, “Research Meets Practice” 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Symposium, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas. Conference participant and moderator
- 2009 – March 11, “Feminists Responses to Restorative Justice” Paper presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), Boston, March 10 – 14, 2009.
- 2008 – March, - “Victimization and Trauma as Predictors of Female Assaultive Behavior: The Case of Texas” Paper presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), Cincinnati, OH. March 11 – 15, 2008.
- 2008 – April 18, “Improved Mental Health Services to Reduce Juvenile Justice Involvement” Paper presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Symposium, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, Prairie View, Texas, April 2008.

2007 - April 13, Book Review, “Sugar and Spice and No Longer Nice: How can we stop girls’ violence” Paper presented at the H. Elaine Rodney, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Excellence in Research Symposium, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, Prairie View A&M University, April 2007.

2007 – March, 2007 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), Seattle, Washington, March 13 – 17, 2007. Conference participant

**Teaching:**

Overview of the Criminal Justice System  
Introduction to the Criminal Justice System  
Correctional Counseling  
Juvenile Probation and Parole  
Master’s Seminar – Research  
Principles of Criminal Justice  
Criminal Justice Administration in America  
Introduction to Statistics  
Introduction to Sociology  
Organization and Administration of Social Services  
Introduction to Social Services Administration

**Service - Prairie View A&M University**

2014 - Department Representative - Strategic Planning Committee, MVSU

2012 - 2014: Appointed to the Prairie View A&M Communications Committee

2010 to 2014 Co-Chair, Certification Committee – Department of Justice Studies, PVAMU

2011 to 2014: Academic Coach - iREAD Program (PVAMU’s Quality Enhancement Program)

2010 to 2014: Member, The Women’s Council for Leadership and Service, PVAMU

2010 Chair, Search Committee for the Associate Dean of the College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology, PVAMU

Chair, Search Committee for the position of Student Recruiter for the College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology, PVAMU

2009 to 2014: Appointed to the University’s Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Committee, PVAMU

- 2007 to 2009: Member, Planning Committee, H. Elaine Rodney, Annual Excellence in Research Symposium, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, PVAMU
- 2007 to 2009: Faculty Fellow, Building 41, University College, Prairie View A&M University
- 2006 to 2009: Secretary, Doctoral Student Association, Prairie View, A&M University
- 2006 to 2014: Member, Students Recruitment Committee, and Fundraising Committee in College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, PVAMU
- 2006 to 2009: Member, International Students Association, PVAMU

### **Community Service Involvement**

- 2008 to Present: Member of the Cy-Fair Lions Club, Houston, Texas
- 1986 to Present: Member of Lions Club International

### **Professional Affiliation:**

Canadian Criminal Justice Association (CCJA)

The National Scholars Honor Society

The American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Services Workers, and

Ontario Association of Social Workers