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**EDUCATION**

2021 – Present **Ph.D. Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas at Little Rock**

2000 **M.C.J. Criminal Justice Administration, Middle Tennessee State University**

1996 **B.A. Criminal Justice, Cumberland University**

**POSITIONS RELATED TO THE FIELD OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

2021-Present **Graduate Assistant**, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

**Grant Assistant – NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (2023 – Present)**

Supervisor: Tusty ten Bensel, Ph.D.

Duties: Assist in organization of summer research program for undergraduate students.

**Contract Assistant - Department of Youth Services (2022 – Present)**

Supervisor: Tusty ten Bensel, Ph.D.

Duties: Assist in research project for the Arkansas Department of Youth Services.

**Graduate Assistant (2021 – 2022)**

Supervisor: Molly Smith, Ph.D.

Duties: Taught assigned undergraduate classes as instructor of record, graded undergraduate student papers for supervising professor, taught guest lectures for supervising professor, researched current literature, and assisted in data collection/entry.

2001 – 2018 **Senior Special Agent,** Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

**Duties:** Conducted federal gang and narcotics criminal investigations, operated in an undercover

capacity for the purpose of criminal prosecution, operated and utilized confidential informants, prepared case files and testified in federal court, was considered an expert witness on firearms and interstate nexus, worked with state and local law enforcement agencies on federal investigations,

maintained a Top Secret clearance, and worked extensively with criminal justice databases

(including, but not limited to NCIC, TECS, NIBIN, CLEAR, EPIC, DICE, Fed Court Pacer,

Lexis Nexus, and ETrace).

2011 – 2014 **Adjunct Professor**, Southwest Community College (Memphis, TN)

**Duties:** Instructor of record for numerous criminal justice-related courses, prepared and

implemented classroom curricula, graded tests and assignments, and provided hands-on tutoring.

2001 **Investigator**, 18th Judicial Task Force

**Duties:** Conducted extensive narcotics investigation utilizing numerous investigative techniques, to prepare criminal case files for state prosecution.

1997 – 2001 **Police Officer**, Hendersonville (TN) Police Department

**Duties:** Conducted routine patrol in assigned areas. Lead efforts for Community Oriented Policing initiative.

1998 **Intern**, Tennessee Bureau of Investigations

**Duties:** Assisted field agents with the Criminal Investigations Division and Narcotics Unit with case

Investigation and suspect interviews.

1996 – 1997 **Correctional Officer**, Sumner County Sheriff’s Office (Gallatin, TN)

**Duties:** Completed day to day operations in correctional facility, to include but not limited to searches, inmate processing surveillance logs and dispensing of medications to inmates.

1996 **Surveillance Officer**, Mid-Cumberland Human Research Agency

**Duties:** Conducted surveillance/home visitation on felons assigned to community corrections. Maintained case files on each participant.

1995 **Intern**, Tennessee Bureau of Investigations

**Duties:** Assisted the Criminal Investigations and Forensic Science Unit by preparing files for

microfilm and gained knowledge of how the agency operates within the state’s overall criminal justice system.

**TEACHING**

***Courses Taught (UA Little Rock)***

Drug Abuse (online)

***Courses Taught (Southwest TN Community College)***

Crime Scene Investigations

Criminal Investigations

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Transportation Security Administration

***Teachi****n****g Assistant (UA Little Rock)***

Crime & Behavior (Dr. Molly Smith, Spring 2022)

Introduction to Criminal Justice (Dr. Molly Smith, Fall 2022)

Victimology (Dr. Molly Smith, Spring 2022)

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

**Weaks, B.** (2022). *Conversations in Criminal Justice: ATF*. Presentation to undergraduate and graduate

students in the School of Criminal Justice and Criminology, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, AR.

**Weaks, B.** (2022). *Careers within ATF*. Presentation to criminal justice undergraduate students at Centralia

College, Centralia, WA.

**SERVICE**

2021 – Present *Member*, Criminal Justice Society

*Member,* Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association

**PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

2008 James E. Little Concern for People Award, U.S. Department of Justice

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Jan 23, 2023 Department of Homeland Security’s Blue Campaign and Homeland Security

Investigations, Little Rock, AR.

DHS PROTECT CAMPUS SYMPOSIUM: HUMAN TRAFFICKING ON COLLEGE

CAMPUSES

**RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

***Research Interests***

Policing

Public Opinion of Law Enforcement

Human Trafficking

Police-Involved Shootings

Community-Oriented Policing

Criminal Justice Policy

***Teaching Interests***

Criminal Investigation

Police and Society

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Crime and Behavior

Criminal Evidence

Gangs

**REFERENCES**

**Molly Smith, Ph.D.**

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