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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

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Master of Arts, Criminal Justice May 2010  
University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe, Louisiana

Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice December 2007  
Minors: Sociology, Military Science  
University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe, Louisiana

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## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Scholarship 2009  
Former Agents of the FBI Foundation

First Place Winner, Graduate Division, National Student Paper Competition 2009  
American Criminal Justice Association / Lambda Alpha Epsilon

Graduate Assistantship 2008  
University of Louisiana at Monroe

Recognition of Outstanding Merit and Accomplishment 2008  
Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges

Third Place Winner, Graduate Division, National Student Paper Competition 2008  
American Criminal Justice Association / Lambda Alpha Epsilon

Kinsey Memorial Law Enforcement Scholarship University of Louisiana at Monroe	2007
Outstanding Accomplishment College of Arts and Sciences, University of Louisiana at Monroe	2005 - 2009
Certificate of Appreciation – Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Office of the Mayor, Bastrop, Louisiana	2005
Outstanding Police Officer – First Place Winner Department of Louisiana Veterans of Foreign Wars	2004 - 2005
Police Officer of the Year Boone/McDowell VFW Post 227 & Ladies Auxiliary	2004 - 2005
Certificate of Appreciation for Distinguished Service The Ladies of Place Aux Dames Civic and Social Club	2004

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Morehouse Parish Sheriff’s Office, Bastrop, Louisiana** **2006 - Present**

#### *Training Officer and Coordinator*

Research, develop, and instruct professional development courses for correctional and patrol officers, ensure policy and procedural compliance with state and federal guidelines, instruct as needed at North Delta Regional Training Academy, and maintenance/administration of the Online Learning Management System.

#### *Deputy Director*

##### *Morehouse Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness*

Assist with the coordination of training exercises and activities; disseminate information to rural community administrators from the parish OEP director; during emergencies, be the POC between the parish OEP director and any or all electronic communications; and all other duties as assigned by the parish OEP director.

#### *Grant Writer / Manager / Project Director*

Locate grant funding, write initial grant applications, complete financial reports, and ensure compliance with mandated performance tracking reports required by funding agencies.

*Patrol Deputy*

Investigate traffic collisions, enforce traffic, local, and criminal laws, investigate citizens' criminal complaints, patrol residential areas and business districts, provide security for community events, and generally assist citizens in the community.

*Correctional Officer*

Monitor inmate status and activities, maintain current and accurate records for use by the Louisiana Department of Corrections, and conduct initial medical screening of inmates for medical staff.

**University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe, Louisiana****2011 - Present***Adjunct Professor – Department of Criminal Justice*

Facilitate online delivery of lectures, discussions, and assignments, maintain correspondence with students, and post topics related to the course CJUS 1001: Introduction to Criminal Justice and CJUS 2050: Courts and Criminal Justice.

*Graduate Research Assistant – Criminal Justice Department [2008-2009]*

Collaborate with faculty in preparing publications relating to law enforcement and criminal justice, assist faculty with delivery of criminal justice curriculum, aid the criminal justice faculty and administration with general operating duties and tasks.

**Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX****2011 - Present***Adjunct Professor - Department of Criminal Justice*

Facilitate online delivery of lectures, discussions, and assignments; maintain correspondence with students; and post topics related to the course CRJU 3733: Juvenile Delinquency, CRJU 2233: Police Systems and Practices, and CRJU 2213: Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement.

**Bastrop Police Department, Bastrop, Louisiana****1999 - 2005***Patrol Officer / Field Training Officer*

Supervise junior patrol officers, prepare daily shift activity logs, and evaluate new patrol officers performance and abilities. Investigate traffic collisions, enforce traffic, local, and criminal laws, investigate citizens' criminal complaints, patrol residential areas and business districts, provide security for community events, and generally assist citizens in the community.

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**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

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Louisiana P.O.S.T. Certified Instructor

*Louisiana Peace Officer Standards and Training Council  
Federal Bureau of Investigation Training School*

Louisiana P.O.S.T. Certified Corrections Instructor

*Louisiana Peace Officer Standards and Training Council*

Louisiana P.O.S.T. Certified Level I Law Enforcement Peace Officer

*Louisiana Peace Officer Standards and Training Council*

Louisiana P.O.S.T. Certified Level III Corrections Officer

*Louisiana Peace Officer Standards and Training Council*

OC Aerosol Projectors Basic Instructor Certification

*Safariland Training Group / Defense Technology*

Instructor Certificate of Completion and Competency

STALKER Moving/Stationary Traffic Radar

*Applied Concepts Inc. / STALKER Radar*

Critical Incident Stress Management: Individual and Peer Intervention

*International Critical Stress Foundation*

Crisis Intervention Team

*Mental Health Crisis Response Task Force: Northeast Delta Louisiana*

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**DISCIPLINE RELATED EXPERIENCE**

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**Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office, Bastrop, LA**

- Legal Issues for Correctional Officers, Instructor and Developer
- Correctional Officer Response to Impaired Inmates [Online and Classroom], Instructor and Developer
- Professional Development for Correctional Officers [Online and Classroom], Instructor and Developer
- Suicide Intervention for Correctional Officers [Online and Classroom], Instructor and Developer
- Prison Rape Elimination Act [Online and Classroom], Instructor and Developer
- Law Enforcement 15 Passenger Van Safety AKA: Anti-Crash Course [Online and Classroom], Instructor and Facilitator
- Specialized Correctional Administrative/Supervision Training [Online], Instructor and Developer
- Identifying the Predominant Aggressor [Online], Instructor and Facilitator
- Law Enforcement Safe Unit Operation AKA: Anti-Crash Course [Online and Classroom], Instructor and Facilitator
- Understanding Police Traffic RADAR and LIDAR [Online], Instructor and Facilitator

**North Delta Regional Training Academy, West Monroe, LA**

- History of Law Enforcement, Instructor
- Orientation to the Criminal Justice System and Louisiana Criminal Justice System, Instructor
- Overview of the Criminal Justice Process, Instructor
- Report Writing, Instructor

**Institute of Law Enforcement, Monroe, LA**

- Jail / Detention Suicide / Risk Factors and Liability, Instructor and Developer

**National Criminal Justice Reference Service / U.S. Department of Justice**

- Consumer Advisory Network, Member

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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Louisiana Sheriffs' and Deputies' Political Action Committee

American Correctional Association

American Criminal Justice Association / Lambda Alpha Epsilon

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**PUBLICATIONS**

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Rawls, A. C. (2008). Critical Incidents: Police Officers, Posttraumatic Stress, Posttraumatic Growth, and Law Enforcement Agencies. *Contemporary Issues in Criminology and the Social Sciences*, 2(3), 111-118. July, 2008.

Rawls, A. C. (2009). Critical Feminist Theory and Domestic Violence. *The L.A.E. Journal of the American Criminal Justice Association*, ISSN No. 1094-8481.

Rawls, A. C. (2009). Domestic Violence from a Critical Feminist and a Social Learning Perspective. *Crime, Punishment, and the Law*, 1(2), 65-75. December, 2009.

Rawls, A. C. (2010). *Surviving Critical Incidents: Police Officers, Posttraumatic Stress, and Posttraumatic Growth*. Unpublished master's thesis, University of Louisiana at Monroe.

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**GRANT AWARDS AND CONTRACTS**

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**Grants and Contracts Awarded FY2009-FY2014: \$1,980,430.00***Awarding Agencies:*

- US Department of Justice, US Bureau of Justice Assistance
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
- Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
- Louisiana Highway Safety Commission
- US Department of Agriculture Rural Development
- Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

Grant Award Amount: \$929,994

- *Project Title:* Enhancing jail operations by creating and preserving employment positions and improving training programs for correctional officers, Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office, Bastrop, LA
- *Project Period:* 8/1/2009 to 7/31/2011
- *Awarding Agency:* US Bureau of Justice Assistance
- *Solicitation:* Recovery Act: Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs Competitive Grant
- *Roles:* Grant writer, Grant manager, Project director

Grant Award Amount: \$18,353

- *Project Title:* Improving and upgrading phone system technology for the Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office, Bastrop, LA
- *Project Period:* 3/1/2009 to 2/18/2013
- *Awarding Agency:* US Bureau of Justice Assistance
- *Solicitation:* Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation
- *Roles:* Grant writer, Grant manager, Project director

Grant Award Amount: \$10,696

- *Project Title:* Improving radio communications for the Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office and reducing criminal activities within the City of Bastrop
- *Project Period:* 10/1/2010 to 9/30/2013
- *Awarding Agency:* US Bureau of Justice Assistance
- *Solicitation:* FY 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation
- *Roles:* Grant writer, Grant manager, Project director - primary [MPSO]

Grant Award Amount: \$12,157

- *Project Title:* Equipment updates for the Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office and Bastrop Police Department
- *Project Period:* 10/1/2013 to 9/30/2015
- *Awarding Agency:* US Bureau of Justice Assistance
- *Solicitation:* FY 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation
- *Roles:* Grant writer, Grant manager, Project director - primary [MPSO]

Grant Award Amount: \$236,443

- *Project Title:* COPS Methamphetamine Initiative Grant
- *Project Period:* 9/1/2010 to 6/30/2014 (Ongoing)
- *Awarding Agency:* Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
- *Solicitation:* Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants
- *Role:* Project director (Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office)

Contract Amount: \$87,520

- *Program Title:* Project Cleanup Program
- *Project Period:* 7/1/2009 to 6/30/2014 (Ongoing)
- *Contracting Agency:* Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
- *Description:* The project involves DPS & C inmate crews for litter pickup and DOTD work crews for mowing and litter collection. In addition to picking up litter, adult inmates and juvenile offenders suitable for outside work details are assigned to clean out ditches, mow grass, and perform general maintenance tasks to help improve the state's appearance.
- *Role:* Project director

Grant Award Amount: \$10,000

- *Project Title:* Targeting speeding in Morehouse Parish, Bastrop, LA
- *Project Period:* 10/1/2010 to 9/30/2011
- *Awarding Agency:* Louisiana Highway Safety Commission
- *Solicitation:* Louisiana Highway Safety Commission: FY 2011 Highway Safety Grant
- *Roles:* Grant writer, Grant manager, Project director

Grant Award Amount: \$5,000

- *Project Title:* Excessive speeding and safety belt enforcement in Morehouse Parish
- *Project Period:* 10/1/2011 to 9/30/2013
- *Awarding Agency:* Louisiana Highway Safety Commission
- *Solicitation:* Louisiana Highway Safety Commission: FY 2012 Highway Safety Grant
- *Roles:* Grant writer, Grant manager, Project director



Grant Award Amount: \$26,495

- *Project Title:* Improving police services for the Village of Bonita
- *Project Period:* 7/1/2011 to 6/30/2012
- *Awarding Agency:* US Department of Agriculture Rural Development
- *Solicitation:* Community Facility Grant & Loan Program
- *Role:* Grant writer

Grant Award Amount: \$37,020

- *Project Title:* Emergency Management Performance Grant – FY 2011
- *Project Period:* 10/1/2010 to 5/31/2012
- *Awarding Agency:* Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
- *Solicitation:* Emergency Management Performance Grant – FY 2011
- *Role:* Grant manager

Grant Award Amount: \$56,787

- *Project Title:* State Homeland Security Program – FY 2011
- *Project Period:* 9/1/2011 to 8/31/2013
- *Awarding Agency:* Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
- *Solicitation:* State Homeland Security Program – FY 2011
- *Role:* Grant manager

Grant Award Amount: \$22,995

- *Project Title:* State Homeland Security Program – FY 2012
- *Project Period:* 9/1/2012 to 2/28/2014
- *Awarding Agency:* Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
- *Solicitation:* State Homeland Security Program – FY 2012
- *Role:* Grant manager

Grant Award Amount: \$37,434

- *Project Title:* Emergency Management Performance Grant – FY 2012
- *Project Period:* 6/1/2012 to 11/30/2013
- *Awarding Agency:* Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
- *Solicitation:* Emergency Management Performance Grant – FY 2012
- *Role:* Grant manager

Grant Award Amount: \$28,563

- *Project Title:* State Homeland Security Program – FY 2013
- *Project Period:* 9/1/2013 to 2/28/2015
- *Awarding Agency:* Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
- *Solicitation:* State Homeland Security Program – FY 2013
- *Role:* Grant manager

Grant Award Amount: \$23,581

- *Project Title:* Emergency Management Performance Grant – FY 2013
- *Project Period:* 10/1/2012 to 5/31/2014
- *Awarding Agency:* Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
- *Solicitation:* Emergency Management Performance Grant – FY 2013
- *Role:* Grant manager

Grant Award Amount: \$34,056

- *Project Title:* State Homeland Security Program – FY 2014
- *Project Period:* 9/1/2014 to 2/28/2016
- *Awarding Agency:* Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
- *Solicitation:* State Homeland Security Program – FY 2014
- *Role:* Grant manager

Grant Award Amount: \$28,336

- *Project Title:* Emergency Management Performance Grant – FY 2014
- *Project Period:* 10/1/2013 to 5/31/2015
- *Awarding Agency:* Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness
- *Solicitation:* Emergency Management Performance Grant – FY 2014
- *Role:* Grant manager

Grant Award Amount: \$375,000

- *Project Title:* Operations Center Relocation, Site Development, Renovations and Improvements, Planning and Construction
- *Project Period:* 7/1/2013 to 6/30/2015
- *Awarding Agency:* State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control
- *Solicitation:* State Capital Outlay Funding – FY 2013/2014
- *Role:* Grant writer, Grant manager, Project director