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**EDUCATION**

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY, Starkville, Mississippi

Doctor of Philosophy Program – Sociology

Dissertation successfully defended – July, 2011

Graduation date – December 2011

Dissertation Title: Testing the Generalizability of Sampson and Laub’s Age-Graded Informal Social Control Theory: Do Adult Social Bonds Predict Illicit Substance Use Among Various Racial and Gender Subgroups?

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Nicole Rader

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA, Mobile, Alabama

Master of Arts Degree – Sociology, 2002

Rural-Urban Differences in Recidivism Rates among a Sample of Youths under the Care of the Department of Youth Services of the State of Alabama.

Chair: Dean David G. Johnson

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Bachelor of Arts Degree – Philosophy and Sociology (double major), 1995

**EMPLOYMENT**

UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA, Carrollton, Georgia, 2013 to present

Asst. Professor of Criminology, 2013 to present

Director of Graduate Studies for Master of Arts in Criminology, 2013 to present

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY, Cleveland, Mississippi, 2010 to 2013

Asst. Professor of Social Justice and Criminology, 2011 to 2013

Graduate Coordinator of Master of Arts in Social Justice and Criminology, 2011 to 2013

Research Associate of Center for Economic and Community Development, 2011 to 2013

Coordinator of Paralegal Certificate Program – 2010 to 2012

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY, Starkville, Mississippi – 2004-2010

Graduate Teaching Assistant – Sociology – 2004-2005

Lecturer/Instructor – Sociology – 2005-Present

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE – 2007-2009

On-line Instructor – Sociology

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Juvenile Delinquency 2010-2013

Theories of Criminal Behavior (graduate level) 2010-2013

Historical Analysis of American Prisons (graduate level) 2012-2013

Special Topics – Incarceration Binge in U.S. (graduate level) 2012-2013

Ethics in Criminal Justice (graduate level) 2010-2012

Life-Course Criminology (graduate level) 2010-2013

Organization and Philosophy of C.J. Institutions (graduate level) 2010-2013

Police in Society 2013-present

Criminology 2010-2013

Drugs and Society 2010-2013

Introduction to Sociology 2005-2013

Deviant Behavior 2006-2008

Society and the Individual 2007-2009

Social Problems 2007-2009

**PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

Bounds, Christopher W. and Kristi A. McLeod. 2005. “The Cultural Meaning of Trail Magic.”

Paper presented at Mid-South Sociological Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Kristi A. McLeod and Christopher W. Bounds. 2005. “The Appalachian Trail: A Cultural Object.”

Paper presented at Mid-South Sociological Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Bounds, Christopher. 2006. “Exploring the Relationship between Incivility and Fear of Crime

Among Males and Females Through Structural Equation Models.” Paper presented at Mid-South Sociological Conference in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Bounds, Christopher. 2008. “Desistence of Substance Use: Investigating Sampson and Laub’s

Age-Graded Informal Social Control Theory Across Various Racial Categories.” Paper presented at Mid-South Sociological Conference in Huntsville, Alabama.

Wood, Peter, Christopher W. Bounds and Terri L. Earnest. 2008. “Is Imprisonment Criminogenic?:

Testing for the Gambler’s Fallacy and a Positive Punishment Effect Among Incarcerated Offenders.” Paper presented at Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Bounds, Christopher W. and Nicole Rader. 2008. “Playing on the Wrong Side of the Tracks:

Investigating Barriers to Recreation in the Mississippi Delta.” Paper presented at American Society for Criminology Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

Bounds, Christopher W. 2009. “Testing the Generalizability of Informal Social Control Theory Among

Various Racial and Gender Subgroups.” Paper presented at American Society for Criminology

Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Bounds, Christopher W. “Do Strong Marital Bonds Lead to the Cessation of Illicit Substance Use among

Married Females? Testing Informal Social Control Theory among Married Females with a History of Illicit Substance Use” Paper presented Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Conference in Montgomery, Alabama, February 2011.

Bounds, Christopher W. “Do Marital Bonds Lead to the Desistance of Illicit Substance Use? Among

Males? Among Females? Testing Informal Social Control Theory among Gender Subgroups with a History of Illicit Substance Use” Paper presented at Delta State University Gender Studies Group Brown Bag. September 2011

Bounds, Christopher W. “Racial Differences in the Impact of Job Stability upon the Desistance of

Illicit Substance Use: Testing Sampson and Laub’s Age-Graded Informal Social Control Theory among Racial Subgroups” Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society in New Orleans, LA, March 2012.

Marshburn, Tucker and Christopher W. Bounds. “Ethical Concerns Related to the Privatization of

Prisons” Paper presented at Mississippi Political Science Association’s conference in Cleveland, MS, November 2012.

Bounds, Christopher W. “Do Marital Bonds Lead to the Desistance of Illicit Substance Use?

Does this Relationship Vary by Race? Testing Informal Social Control Theory among Respondents with a History of Illicit Substance Use” Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society in Atlanta, GA on April the 25th, 2013.

Bounds, Christopher W. “Exploring the Relationship between Employment Stability and Desistance from

Illicit Substance Use across Various Racial Categories” Paper is scheduled to be presented at American Society of Criminology’s Conference in Atlanta, Ga on November the 20th, 2013.

**PAPERS IN PROGRESS**

Bounds, Christopher W. “Testing the Age-Graded Informal Social Control Theory Among Various Racial

Subgroups: Do Adult Social Bonds Predict Substance Abuse among Whites and African-Americans?”

Bounds, Christopher W. “Mitigating and Aggravating Factors in Capital Murder Cases”

Bounds, Christopher W. “Do Marital Bonds Lead to the Desistance of Illicit Substance Use? Among

Males? Among Females? Testing Informal Social Control Theory among Gender Subgroups with a History of Illicit Substance Use”

**PUBLICATIONS**

Rader, Nicole E., Sylvia H. Byrd, Brent J. Fountain, Christopher W. Bounds, Virginia Gray, and Andrew

Dandridge Fruge. (In Press). We Never See Children in the Parks: A Qualitative Examination of the Role of Safety Concerns on Physical Activity among Children. *Journal of Physical Activity and Health*.

Bounds, Christopher W. (In Press) Descent Into Madness. In Kent R. Kerley (Ed.), The Encyclopedia of

Corrections. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**Professional Memberships**:

American Society of Criminology

Southern Criminal Justice Association

Southern Sociological Society

Mid-South Sociological Association

Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Society

**Chair of Sessions**:

Session: Race, Gender and Biosocial Theories of Life-Course Offending at American Society for

Criminology Conference at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in November, 2009.

Session: Criminological Theory at Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Conference at Montgomery, Alabama, 2011

Session: Sociology of Drug Use at Southern Sociological Society Conference at New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2012.

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society

Vice-President; Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society at University of South Alabama

Vice-President of Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society at Mississippi State University

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor of 2010

Awarded research funds through Academic Excellence Fund for Research conducted on

Appalachian Trail

Invited and Attended workshop for National Longitudinal Survey of Youth at Ohio State

University during summer of 2007

Travel Assistance Grant for Graduate Students awarded in Fall, 2009

Mississippi State Department of Sociology Summer Dissertation Fellowship

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Juvenile Delinquency

Substance use

Private Prisons

Life-course studies

Qualitative and quantitative methods

**SERVICE**

Graduate Coordinator of Social Justice and Criminology 2011-2013

Chair of Curriculum and Assessment of SJC program 2011-2013

Chair of Curriculum and Assessment of Paralegal Certificate Program 2011-2013

Faculty Senator 2012-2013

Gender Studies Group 2010-2013

Social Justice and Criminology Professor Search Committee 2011-2013

European History Professor Search Committee 2012-2013

Social Justice and Curriculum and Assessment Committee Chair 2011-2013

Writing Across the Curriculum Committee 2011-2013

Letter of Recognition Award Subcommittee 2012-2013

Comprehensive Final Examinations Committee Chair 2011-2013

Health and Wellness Committee 2011-2013

Chair of Subcommittee on Research 2012-2013

Research Committee 2012-2013

Attendance and Grievance Appeals Committee 2012-2013

Dissertation Committee for Mr. Shannon Lamb 2012-2013

Thesis Committee for Mrs. Sonya Roush 2013-present

Director of Graduate Studies 2013-present

College of Social Sciences Prior Learning Assessment Steering Committee 2014-present

Departmental Chair Evaluation Committee 2014-present

Graduate Program Assessment Committee 2013-present

Graduate Comprehensive Final Exam Evaluation Committee 2013-present

Departmental Search Committee 2013-present