

**GEORGE EDWARD WATSON III, PH.D.**

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**EDUCATION**

**Capella University**

**Ph. D. Public Safety**

**2017**

**Dissertation:** Analyzing Coping Mechanisms after Critical Incidents For Officers in Smaller Police Agencies.

**Northwestern University –School of Police Staff & Command**

**2017**

Certificate

**Columbus State University**

**MPA Justice Administration**

**2008**

**Thesis:** The Viability of University Police Departments compared to County or Municipal Police Departments.

**Columbus State University- GACP Command College**

**2008**

Certificate

**St Leo University**

**B.A Criminology**

**2003**

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**West Georgia Technical College**

**Adjunct Instructor of Criminal Justice**

**2009-Present**

Prepare lesson plans for classroom instruction for credited Criminal Justice courses. Develop program curricula, syllabi, goals, and objectives, Teach classroom, clinical and online courses.

**University of West Georgia**

**Adjunct Instructor First Year Experience**

**2009-2016**

Instruct a freshman seminar course designed to empower students to learn about on campus resources at the University of West Georgia during their first semester at college.

**North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy**

**2010**

**Adjunct Instructor of Criminal Justice**

Instruct certified law enforcement officers using prepared lesson plans in the classroom for credited Georgia POST programs as needed by the academy.

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Criminal Investigations

Corrections

Community Policing

Introduction to Law Enforcement

Criminal Law

Probation & Parole

Report Writing

Ethic & Cultural Perspectives in Criminal Justice  
Criminal Procedure  
Constitutional Law  
Police Management

Police Supervision  
Criminal Procedure  
Criminology  
Juvenile Justice  
Field Training Officer

**RELATED EXPERIENCE**

**University of West Georgia Police Department**

**2018-Deputy Chief of Police**

**2017-Interim Chief of Police**

**2008-Lieutenant-Professional Standards**

**2005-Sergeant- Patrol**

**1993-Sergeant- Criminal Investigations**

**1981-Patrol Officer**

**1981 – Present**

Responsible for the operations, strategic planning and management of a nationally accredited university police department (CALEA). Develop, write and maintain the police department’s certification and accreditation program for GACP State Certification and CALEA Accreditation. Lead, supervise and train squads of officers that perform various tasks (including, but not limited to patrol, criminal investigations, security and communications) on campus.

**Villa Rica Police Department**

**2003-Chief of Police**

**1995- Deputy Chief of Police**

**1995 – 2005**

Commanded a 49-member department and administered an operational budget over 3 million dollars. Responsible for all aspects of Police and Municipal Court operations including, but not limited to Administration, Uniformed Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Internal Affairs, Municipal Court, and Community Service.

**State of Georgia**

**1989-1991**

**Georgia Department of Children & Youth- Investigator**

**Georgia Department of Corrections- Probation Officer/Surveillance**

Conducted all aspects of criminal investigations, including Internal Affairs apprehended escaped youth committed to the State of Georgia Managed a caseload of probationers Identified and monitored risks, ensured compliance with sentencing and encouraged positive behavioral change

**Carroll County Sheriff’s Department**

**Deputy Sheriff**

**1985-1989**

Positions held included: Warrant, Fugitive and Patrol Divisions, Field Training Officer

**POLICE ACCREDITATIONS/CERTIFICATES**

GAPOST Executive Certificate  
Blue Courage Instructor  
BOR Chief's Executive Training  
GAPOST Departmental Training Officer  
GACP Certification Lead Assessor  
GACP Accreditation Assessor  
GACP Accreditation Manager  
GAPOST Test Proctor  
GACP Command College  
Emergency Management Training (EMI)  
GAPOST Management Certificate  
SPI-Management of Small LEA  
GACP Chief Executive Training  
GA POST General Instructor  
GAPOST Supervisory Certificate  
GAPOST Advanced Certificate  
GAPOST Intermediate Certificate  
GAPOST Probation Officer  
GAPOST Field Training Officer  
GAPOST Basic Law Enforcement

**MEMBERSHIPS**

FBI – Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Association  
International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA)  
Georgia Police Accreditation Coalition (GPAC)  
Fraternal Order of Police- Lodge #35