Tiffany A. Parsons

Curriculum Vitae

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University of West Georgia

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Sociology, Georgia State University, 2020

Dissertation: “I Didn’t Know it was Harassment: Pervasive & Unrecognized Discrimination on the College Campus”

Qualifying Exams: Theory, Methods, Race and Urban

M.A. Sociology, University of West Georgia, 2009

 Thesis: “Homelessness and The Homeless: A State of the Field”

B.S. Sociology, University of West Georgia, 2007

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS/EMPLOYMENT**

University of West Georgia

 2021 - present Director, Prison Education

2018 - present Director, Morocco Study Abroad Program

2014 - present Lecturer of Sociology

 2010 - 2014 Director, Women’s Studies Program

2009 - 2014 Instructor of Sociology

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Inequality and Urban Sociology: Public and Applied Sociology:

 American Class System/Poverty Community Education

 Housing Program Development and Evaluation

 Homelessness Nonprofit Management

 Incarceration Policy Analysis

 Ethnoraciality Working with vulnerable populations

 Violence Against Women

**GRANTS:**

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$330,000 “Prison Education” 2024. Sunshine Lady Foundation. (under review)

$100,000 “Prison Education” 2024. Laughing Gull Foundation. (under review)

$10,000. “Expanding Academic Library Collections at three Prison Education Sites” 2024. American Library Association. Awarded.

$50,000. “Prison Education” 2024. Truist Foundation. Awarded

$2000. “Prison Education: Student Success Model for Incarcerated Students”2024. The University of West GA, Office of Undergraduate Research, Student Research Assistant Program. Awarded.

$2000. “Immigrants & Language: Adult English “Immigrants & Language: Adult English Language Learning and Children’s Literacy” 2024. The University of West GA, Office of Undergraduate Research, Student Research Assistant Program. Awarded.

$1800. “Immigrants & Language: Adult English Language Learning and Children’s Literacy” 2023. The University of West GA, Office of Undergraduate Research, Student Research Assistant Program. Awarded.

$1700. “Immigrants & Language: Adult English Language Learning and Children’s Literacy” 2022. The University of West GA, Office of Undergraduate Research, Student Research Assistant Program. Awarded.

$1,500. “Homeless Program Evaluation: Converting program data to electronic format.” 2020. The University of West GA, Office of Undergraduate Research, Student Research Assistant Program. Awarded.

$2,000. “Girl Power!: Implementing & Testing an intervention for at-risk middle school girls to improve graduation rates at the school with the lowest overall and female graduation rates in the county.” 2019. Power of the Purse (administered by the West Georgia Community Foundation). Awarded.

$1,500. “Girl Power!: Implementing & Testing an intervention for at-risk middle school girls to improve graduation rates at the school with the lowest overall and female graduation rates in the county.” 2019. The University of West GA, Office of Undergraduate Research, Student Research Assistant Program. Awarded.

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**APPLIED/COMMUNITY ENGAGED RESEARCH:**

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Parsons, Tiffany A. (in progress). Community Shelter Case Management Program Development & Implementation.

Partner: Impact West GA

Parsons, Tiffany A. (in progress). Student Success Model for Incarcerated Students. Program Evaluation at Hays State Prison.

Partner: GA Department of Corrections

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2024. Pen Pals & Belonging: incarcerated and free world students summer pen pals, belonging and connection to peers and campus. Development, implementation, and evaluation at Hays State Prison.

Partners: First Baptist Villa Rica, GA and GA Department of Corrections

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2023. Student Success Model for Incarcerated Students. Development and Implementation at Hays State Prison

Partner: GA Department of Corrections

Ogletree, Tamara and Tiffany A. Parsons. 2022. A financial management curriculum accessible to members of the working, lower, and under classes who may have limited financial literacy and living in a region with poverty rates as high as 30%.

Partner: Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy

Parsons, Tiffany A. and Cindy Smith. 2013 - 2020. Intervention in a rural school system with the Partner: Villa Rica Middle School

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2009 - Present. Transition Program Operations: Annual Evaluation, Revision, and Implementation.

Partner: Impact West Georgia

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2007 - 2009. Transition Program for Suburban/Rural Homeless, Development, Implementation, and Evaluation.

Partner: Impact West Georgia

Parsons, Tiffany A. 1999 - Present. Comprehensive Adult & Community Education Center: Annual Evaluation, Revision, and Implementation.

Partner: Impact West Georgia

**PUBLICATIONS:**

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**Books:**

Brown, Pamela Pitman and Tiffany A. Parsons. Forthcoming 2025. *Introduction to Social Justice*. San Diego, CA: Cognella.

**Refereed Journal Articles:**

Christopher, Kelley, Tiffany A. Parsons, and Abigail Kolb. 2022. “‘My Walk Matches My Talk’: An exploratory study of a moral rehabilitation program for incarcerated women.” *Journal of Public and Professional Sociology* 14(1):3.

**Book Chapters:**

Beggs Weber, Jennifer and Tiffany A. Parsons. 2020. “Another Skanky ‘Hood Girl’”: Intersections of Class & Gender on *Shameless*’ South Side. Pp 148-163 in *Shameless Sociology* Newcastle upon Tyne, NE: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

**Book Reviews:**

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2014. Review of My Dog Always Eats First: Homeless People and Their Animals. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare* 41(3): 193-195.

**Other Academic Publications:**

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2013. The Tucked Away Community. *Visual Sociology* 7(November): 2-4.

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

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**Papers Presented**

Kolb, Abigail, Tiffany A. Parsons, and Michael Foster. 2024. “Snitches Get Stitches: An examination of informal mechanisms of social control among incarcerated men” Presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. April.

Parsons, Tiffany A. and Pamela Kirk. 2023. “Christian Women and the Religious Right’s Agenda: Trump, #MeToo, & Abortion” Presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC. March.

Brown, Pamela Ptman, Tiffany A. Parsons, and Colleen R. Bennett. 2022. “Tales from the Dark Side: Bringing The Current Realities of Academic Positions and ‘Attackers’ into the Daylight” Presented at Georgia Sociological Association, Pine Mountain, GA. November.

Parsons, Tiffany A. and Pamela Pitman Brown. 2021. “Sociology in Action: HIPs & Social Justice” Presented at Georgia Sociological Association, Lake Lanier, GA. November.

Christopher, Kelley, Tiffany A. Parsons, and Abigail Kolb. 2021. First Fruits: Prison Seminary Model in a Women’s Prison, 2018-2020” Presented at Partners in Moral Rehabilitation Conference, Fort Worth, TX. October.

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2018. “I didn’t know it was Harassment: Men’s opinions and behaviors.” Presented at Southern Sociological Society 81st Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. April.

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2018. “University to Middle-School: combining Scholarship and Service.” Presented at UWG COSS Social Science Conference, Carrollton, GA. (Presented by graduate student, Breahn Heard)

Smith, Cindy, Tiffany A. Parsons, Jessica Nauris, and Kayla Jules Smith. 2018. “Girls Empowered! A Gender Specific Mentoring Program.” Presented at Global Conference on Education and REsearch, Las Vegas, NV. April.

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2017. “University to Middle-School: combining scholarship & service.” Presented at the Georgia Sociological Association, Cordele, GA. November.

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2017. “Community Engaged Scholarship: Experiences & Encouraging Student Participation.” Presented at the Georgia Sociological Association, Cordele, GA. November.

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2010. “Managing the Latin American Threat: Race, Immigration, & Labor.” Presented at the Georgia Sociological Association, Decatur, GA. October.

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2010. “Globalization and Violence Against Women in Latin America: The Link.” Presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, GA. August.

McCandless, Jane N. and Tiffany A. Parsons. 2010. “Prime-Time Television and the Invisibility of the Aging Woman 2008 & 2009.” Presented at the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA. April.

Parsons, Tiffany A. 2009. “Transitioning from Homelessness: An Institutional Ethnography.” Presented at the Georgia Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA. October.

McCandless, Jane N., Tiffany A. Parsons, Fawn Hayes-Hudson and Christina Jordan. 2008. “Prime-Time Television and the Invisibility of the Aging Woman.” Presented at the Southeastern Women’s Studies Association Conference, Charlotte, NC. April.

**Panels**

Inclusive Teaching. 2023. Hans Mauksch Teaching Workshop. Georgia Sociological Association, Augusta, GA. November.

Teaching in the Academic Chaos: Saving your Sanity and Returning Your Class. Georgia Sociological Association, Augusta, GA. November.

Applied and Public Sociology. 2023. Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC. March.

**HONORS AND AWARDS** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2024 Innovation and Change Award, University of West Georgia

2024 Dean’s Choice Award, University College, University of West Georgia

2019 Outstanding Mentor Award, College of Social Science, University of West Georgia

2019 Research Excellence Award, Department of Sociology, University of West Georgia

2013 UWG 5-Star Online Course Award, Introductory Sociology 8-week

2013 UWG 5-Star Online Course Award, Introductory Sociology 16-week

2013 UWG 5-Star Online Course Award, Violence Against Women

**PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY**

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“Local Homelessness Awareness Talk with Q&A” for church and community members. 2022. First Baptist Church, Carrollton, GA. November 13.

“Local Homelessness Awareness” for church and community members. First Methodist Church Carrollton, GA. November 20.

“Local Homelessness and Housing Crises Talk” for the Carroll County Community. 2022. Annual Thanks-Giving Celebration, Carrollton City Schools’ Amphitheater. November 20.

“Serving the local homeless” for church and community members. 2022. First Baptist Church Carrollton, GA. November 13.

“Working to reduce homelessness” for Honor’s Council Members. 2022. UWG. November 7

 “Stop the Violence Panel: Intimate Terrorism” for young adults and those working with young adults. 2022. Rotarac Club, Carrollton, GA. October 19.

“Working with Vulnerable Populations” for front-line workers and volunteers. 2020. Impact West GA. Carrollton, GA. January 17, January 24, February 7, and February 14.

“Serving Vulnerable Populations.” for professionals and volunteers. 2019. Impact West GA. Carrollton, GA. May.

“Affordable Housing and West GA’s Housing Distress.” 2019. State of the Community, UWG. February.

“Serving Immigrants” for professionals and volunteers 2017. Carriage Lane Presbyterian Church. Peachtree City, GA. August

“West GA’s Homeless and the Barriers they face.” 2016. State of the Community, UWG. February

“Violence Against Women: Health and Societal Implications” 2013. Panelist following presentation. Sponsored by the Office for Institutional Diversity, UWG.

“Representations of Women in Media” 2012. Panelist following a presentation of MissRepresentation” documentary sponsored by the Office of Institutional Diversity, UWG.

“Constructing Gender” 2010. Panelist following a presentation of “Codes of Gender” documentary sponsored by the Responsible Sexuality Committee, UWG.

“Homelessness & Poverty: U.S. and West Georgia in Global Perspective” 2009. presented

twice as Talkbacks following The West Georgia Theatre Company’s presentation of *In The Blood*, UWG.

**CAMPUS TALKS**

“Phi Kappa Phi Keynote Address” 2018. Phi Kappa Phi Induction Ceremony, UWG. October.

“Making My Passion My Work” 2016. Living Well Staff Conference, UWG. April.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Sociological Theory

Introduction to Sociology

Social Problems

Sociology of Race

Violence Against Women

American Class System

Housing and Homelessness

Global-, Glocal-, & Grobal-ization

Intersectionality: Race & Sex

Visual Sociology

Sociology of Immigration

Ghettoization and Deconcentration

Comparative Culture

Introduction to Women’s Studies

Sociology of Family

Globalization and Women

Sociology of Gender

Introduction to Social Justice

Race and Crime

**DIRECTED STUDENT RESEARCH**

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Juliette Hopkins. “Victim Advocacy” Applied MA Exit Paper, Summer 2024, Committee Member.

Tony Blake, “The Impact of an Adult Community Education Center’s English as a Second Language Programming on the Mental Health of Immigrant English Language Learners in a Rural-Suburban Community in the Deep South” Presented at Scholar’s Day, April 2024. Mentor.

Bailey Higgins, “Displacement and Disruption: How Gentrification is a Produce of White-Dominated Thinking and Systemic Racism in Atlanta, Georgia” Honors Thesis and Presented at GA Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Fall 2023, Chair.

Em Delgado. “Accessibility of English Programs for Immigrants in Georgia” UWG Scholar’s Day, April 2023. Mentor.

Anna Stober. “Second Language Proficiency Impact on Culturally Influenced Behaviors” UWG Scholar’s Day, April 2023. Mentor.

Meghan Hope Ingersoll, “Program Efficacy and Recidivism” MA Thesis, Spring 2023, Committee Member

Alex Quarles, “Homelessness….” Applied, MA Exit Paper, Fall 2022, Committee Member

Meaghan McIntyre, “Social Class and Access to Healthcare for Autistic Children” Presented at Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Fall 2022, Mentor

Karen Rogers, “The Effectiveness of Homeless Shelters in Reducing Homelessness” Presented at UWG’s Scholar’s Day, Spring 2022, Mentor

Abigail Michel, “How Parents’ Choose a Pediatrician” Presented at UWG’s Scholar’s Day, Spring 2022, Mentor

Arial Hutchinson, “Homeless Narratives: Media, Public, and Lived Experience” Presented at UWG’s Scholar’s Day, Spring 2022, Mentor

Quamari Brown, “Illustrations of the Looking Glass Self in at-risk middle school girls” Presented at UWG’s Scholars Day, Spring 2018, Mentor

Yakira Hamilton, “Coping mechanisms among at-risk middle school girls in an unsupportive school” Presented at UWG’s Scholars Day, Spring 2018, Mentor.

Brehann Heard, “Participant Observation Black Youth and Math Education” Presented at Undergraduate Research Symposium, Fall 2017, Mentor

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**Department, College, & University:**

2023 - 2024 New School for Mental Health Steering Committee, Member

2022 - 2023 Department of Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology Budget

Committee, Member

2021 - 2023 College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry Study Abroad Committee,

Member

2018 - 2022 Sociology Undergraduate Program Committee, Member

2018 - 2021 College of Social Science New Faculty Mentor

2017 - 2020 College of Social Science Lecturers Forum, Organizer

2015 - 2021 Teaching Sociology Online Committee, Chair

2014 - 2016 Best Practices Committee, ADVANCE Grant, National Science

Foundation, Member

2012 - 2020 Responsible Sexuality Committee, Member

2009 - Present Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, UWG Chapter, Officer

**National Service:**

2019 - 2022 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Literacy Grant Committee, Chair