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EDUCATION:

- 2002 PhD Sociology, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma
Dissertation Title: *Discrimination and the Battle for Full Social Acceptance: A Socio-Historical Examination of the Plight of the Seminole Freedmen in Oklahoma*
- 1995 M.S., Sociology, Texas A&M, University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas

Thesis Title: Social Adjustment Levels of Black Students at Predominantly White Colleges
- 1992 B.S., Sociology (Emphasis in Criminology), Texas A&M, University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

- 2015-Present** *Associate Professor*, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice at Florida A&M University (August)
- 2013-2015 *Associate Professor*, Department of Criminal Justice Louisiana at Lafayette (August)
- 2009-2013 *Associate Professor*, Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, Lamar University (June)
- 2003-2009 *Assistant Professor*, Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, Lamar University.
- 2002-2003 *Assistant Professor*, Department of Sociology, Xavier University of Louisiana.
- 2000-2002 *Instructor*, Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University.
- 2002 *Adjunct Professor*, Department of Cultural Studies, Langston (summer)

Langston University-Oklahoma City Campus.

- 1999 **Graduate Assistant**, Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University. Assisted professor with theory and statistics classes.
- 1999 **Research Associate**: “Westside Project Assessment of Public (Summer Fear of Crime, Opinion of Police Services, and other Quality Of Life Indicators in the Neighborhoods of Southwest Ponca City, Oklahoma.” Principal Investigator, Donald Yates, Ph.D. Administered surveys to members of the community to assess their interpretation of the effectiveness of citywide community policing program.
- 1998 **Research Associate**, State of Developmental Disabilities Grant.
- 1998 Grant Project
- Interviewed clients regarding their assessment of the quality of services delivered by the State of Oklahoma.
- 1993 **Instructor**, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Texas A & M University-Commerce.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:

- Crime and Deviance/Criminology
- Social Inequality/Stratification
- Race/Ethnicity
- Black Seminoles
- African American College Student Adjustment
- Police Brutality

COURSES TAUGHT:

Undergraduate Courses:

- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Criminology
- Introduction to Criminology (**online**)
- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Sociological Perspectives on African Americans
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Juvenile Delinquency (**online**)
- Racial and Ethnic Relations
- Racial and Ethnic Relations (**online**)
- Marriage and Family
- Social Problems
- Social Problems (**online**)
- Deviant Behavior
- Deviant Behavior (**online**)
- Mass Imprisonment

- Parenting in America
- Family in America
- Education and Incarceration
- Race, Crime, and Justice
- Race, Class, and Justice
- Introduction to Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice
- The Social Construction of Crime in Musical Lyrics
- The War on Drugs
- Sociology of Law
- Aging in America
- Demography
- Intergroup Relations
- American Criminal Law

Graduate Courses:

- Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice
- Race and Crime
- Juvenile Justice
- Education, Justice, and Crime
- Criminological Perspectives on Race and Crime

BIOGRAPHIES:

2015 "Biographies of African American victims of Police Excessive force" being prepared for Oxford University Press African American Studies Series.

BOOKS/ANTHOLOGIES:

- 2014 Robertson, Ray Von (2014). *Blacks Behind Bars: African-Americans, Policing, and the Prison Boom*. San Diego, CA: Cognella Publishing. **[Role: Editor]**
- 2013 Robertson, Ray Von (2013). *The Plight of Students of Color at Predominantly White Institutions: A Critical Reader*. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing. **[Role: Editor]**
- 2010 Robertson, Ray Von (2010). *Race, Gender, and Crime: An Anthology*. 2nd. New York: Whittier Publishing. **[Role: Editor]**
- 2009 Robertson, Ray Von (2009). *A Unique Examination of the Black Diaspora: The Plight of Black Seminoles*. Germany: VDM Verlag Dr. Muller AG & Co. **[Role: Author]**
- 2008 Robertson, Ray Von (2008). *Race, Gender, and Crime: An Anthology*. New York: Whittier. **[Role: Editor]**

BOOKS UNDER CONTRACT:

2017 *Police Use of Excessive Force against African Americans: Understanding its Origins and Why it Persists*

- In preparation for submission to Lexington Books an Imprint of Rowman & Littlefield publishers as part of the Critical Perspectives on Race, Crime, and Justice Series. Edited by Dr. Tony Gaskew.

PUBLICATIONS (in reverse chronological order):

Robertson, Ray Von & Chaney, Cassandra. (2017). "I Know it [racism] Still Exists Here:" African-American Males at a Predominantly White Institution (PWI)." *Humboldt Journal of Social Relations*, 39: 260-282.

Robertson, Ray Von, Bravo, Alma, Cassandra Chaney. (2016). "Racism and the Experiences of Latina/o College Students at a PWI." *Critical Sociology*, 42: 715-735.

Chaney, Cassandra & **Robertson, Ray Von**. (2016). "Chains of Psychological Enslavement: Olivia Pope and the Celebration of the Black Mistress in ABC's "Scandal." *Africology: The Journal of Pan African Studies* 9: 126-153.

Chaney, Cassandra & **Robertson, Ray Von**. (2015). "Armed and Dangerous? An Examination of Fatal Shootings of Unarmed Black People by Police." *Journal of Pan African Studies* 8: 45-78.

Robertson, Ray Von & Chaney, Cassandra (2015). "The Influence of Stereotype Threat on the Responses of Black Males as a Predominantly White College in the South." *Journal of Pan African Studies* 7: 20-42.

Chaney, Cassandra & **Robertson, Ray Von** (2014). "Can We All Get Along?" Blacks' Historical and Contemporary (In) Justice with Law Enforcement." *Western Journal of Black Studies* 38: 108-122.

Chaney, Cassandra & **Robertson, Ray Von** (2013). "Media Reporting of the Sandy Hook Elementary School Angels." *Journal of Pan African Studies* 5: 74-114.

Chaney, Cassandra & **Robertson, Ray Von** (2013). "Racism and Police Brutality in America." *Journal of African American Studies* 17: 480-505.

Farrish, Jasmine & **Robertson, Ray Von** (2012). "A Qualitative Examination of Factors that Influence Birthing Options for African American Women." *Critical Sociology* 40: 271-283.

Robertson, Ray Von (2011). "A Pan-Africanist Analysis of Black Seminole Perceptions of Racism, Discrimination, and Exclusion." *Journal of Pan African Studies* 4: 102-121.

Robertson, Ray Von & Danielle Mason (2010). "What Works? A Qualitative Examination of the Factors Related to the Academic Success of African American Males at a Predominantly White College in The South." *Challenge: A Journal of Research on African American Men* 14: 67-89. * This manuscript was accepted for publication in April 2010, but the journal citation reads fall 2008, volume 14, no. 2.

REPRINTED. Chaney, Cassandra & Robertson, Ray Von (2014). "Racism and Police Brutality in America." Pp. 5-28 In Blacks Behind Bars: African-Americans, Policing, and the Prison Boom, edited by Ray Von Robertson.

REPRINTED. Robertson, Ray Von. 2008. "The Social Adjustment of African American Females at a Predominantly White Midwestern University." Pp. 101-113 In Race, Gender, and Crime: An Anthology, edited by Ray Von Robertson. New York: Whittier.

REPRINTED. Robertson, Ray Von (2008). "Prejudice, Estelusti, and the Tenuous Nature of Status." Pp. 17-30 In Race, Gender, and Crime: An Anthology, edited by Ray Robertson. New York: Whittier.

Robertson, Ray Von (2008b). "Estleusti Marginality: A Qualitative Examination of the Black Seminole." *The Journal of Pan African Studies* 4: 60-79.

Robertson, Ray Von (2008a). "Prejudice and the Estelusti: A Qualitative Examination of Contemporary Status." *Journal of African American Studies* 12: 266-282.

Robertson, Ray Von (2006). "Am I Black or Am I Indian: An Examination of the Marginality of the Estelusti." *Journal of African American Studies* 10:33-43.

Robertson, Ray Von, Aditi Mitra & Jean Van Delinder (2005). "The Social Adjustment of African American Females at a Predominantly White Midwestern University." *Journal of African American Studies* 8:31-46.

REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS:

Robertson, Ray Von & Cassandra Chaney (2017). "Black Males in the Criminal Justice System." Forthcoming. In *Black Males and the Criminal Justice System*, edited by Jason Williams, Ph.D. & Steven Kniffley, Ph.D. New York, NY: Routledge Publishing.

Cassandra Chaney & **Robertson, Ray Von** (2017). "The Portrayal of Black Men as the Embodiment of Societal Evil in Sports." *Forthcoming*. In New Perspectives on Race and Ethnicity: A Critical Anthology of the Black Experience, edited William Hoston, Ph. D. New York, NY: Palgrave/Macmillan Publishing.

Robertson, Ray Von (2014). "Why Do I Get Hit in the Face? Boxing as an Expression of Black Male Masculinity: A Case Study of a Pugilist Navigating the Terrain of the Boxing World" Pp. 189-203. In Race in American Sports: Essays, edited by James Conyers. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc.

REPRINTED. Robertson, Ray Von (2013). "A Qualitative Examination of What Black Males Say About Their Experiences at a Predominantly White College" Pp. 121-142. In The Plight of Students of Color at Predominantly White Institutions: A Critical Reader, edited by Ray Robertson. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing.

Robertson, Ray Von (2012). "A Qualitative Examination of What Black Males Say About Their Experiences at a Predominantly White College." Pp. 145-158 in *Ain't Nobody Worryin': Maleness and Masculinity in Black America*, edited by A. Simpson, Jr., Ph.D. San Diego, California: Cognella Publishing.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS:

Robertson, Ray Von. (2011, Dec. 14). "When White is Not Always Right: The Experience of Black Students at Predominantly White Institutions." *Black Agenda Report*. <http://blackagendareport.com/content/when-white-not-always-right-experience-black-students-predominantly-white-institutions>.

Robertson, Ray Von. (2011, June 19-July 2). "Juneteenth: A Cause for Elation, But is Our Enslavement Over?" *The Afrocentric News: The African American Perspective Southeast Texas Edition* 1: 1-2, <http://theafrocentricnews.com>.

GRANTS:

African American Attitudes on Policing in Lafayette, LA. Spivack Program Community Action Research Initiative. American Sociological Association, 2015, Funded: \$2, 950.00.

An Untold Story of Racism, Discrimination, and Marginality: A Qualitative Analysis of the Struggles of the Estelusti, Department of Graduate Studies and Research, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX, 2006-2007, Funded: \$3,700.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW:

Chaney, Cassandra, **Robertson, Ray Von**, and Kenya Washington-Johnson. (2017). "Media Framing of Justine Damond: The Most Innocent Victim." Under Review. *Journal of African American Studies*.

BOOK UNDER REVIEW:

N/A

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS:

JeffriAnne Wilder & **Robertson, Ray Von**. (2017). "The History of Race in Florida." In *State by State History of Race and Racism in the United States*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO Publishing. In Progress.

Robertson, Ray Von & Chaney, Cassandra. (2017). "Black Males in the Criminal Justice System."

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

Robertson, Ray Von & Cassandra Chaney (2017). "Black Males in the Criminal Justice System." Mid-South Sociological Conference.

Robertson, Ray Von. (2016). "Crime and Justice." Mid-South Sociological Conference. **Session Moderator.**

Chaney, Cassandra & **Ray Von Robertson** (2016). "Chains of Psychological Enslavement: Olivia Pope and the Celebration of the Black Mistress in ABC's "Scandal." National Association of African American Studies Conference.

Green, Sharnae, Parker, Keith, Washington-Johnson, Kenya & **Ray Von Robertson** (2016). "Reducing Recidivism among Juveniles." National Association of African American Studies Conference.

Robertson, Ray Von (2015). "Student Paper Session." Mid-South Sociological Association Conference. **Session Moderator.**

Robertson, Ray Von (2015). "Criminal Justice." Mid-South Sociological Association Conference. **Session Moderator.**

Robertson, Ray Von (2015). "The Portrayal of Black Men as the Embodiment of Societal Evil." Mid-South Sociological Association Conference.

Robertson, Ray Von (2015). "Why Do Boxers Get Hit in the Face?" Southern Sociological Conference.

Robertson, Ray Von (2014). "Differences in Perceptions of Police Use of Force and Race Futurology Among College Students." Mid-South Sociological Conference.

Robertson, Ray Von (2014). "African American Males at a PWI (Predominantly White Institution)." Association of Black Sociologists Conference.

Chaney, Cassandra & **Ray Von Robertson** (2014). "Media Reporting of the Sandy Hook Elementary Angels." National Association of African American Studies Conference.

Robertson, Ray Von (2013). "Police Corruption and Police Malfeasance: What are the Solutions?" Mid-South Sociological Association Conference. **Session Moderator.**

Robertson, Ray Von (2013). "Students of Color at PWIs and the Role of HBCUs to Black Progress and Empowerment" Mid-South Sociological Association Conference. **Session Moderator.**

Robertson, Ray Von (2013). "Race and African American Males at a PWI." Mid-South Sociological Association Conference.

Robertson, Ray Von & Alma Bravo (2013). "Brown in a White World": Narratives of Latina/o College Students. Mid-South Sociological Association Conference.

Robertson, Ray Von (2013). Graduate Student Paper Session. Association of Black Sociologists. **Session Moderator.**

Robertson, Ray Von (2013). "Iconic Ghetto Dwellers": The Experiences of African Americans as they Navigate the Terrain of a PWI." Association of Black Sociologists Conference.

Chaney, Cassandra & **Robertson, Ray Von** (2013). "Can We All Get Along?" The Legacy of Rodney King. National Association of African American Studies Conference.

Robertson, Ray Von & Alma Bravo (2012). Latina/o American College Students, Racial Microaggressions, and Academic Success at a Predominantly White College in the South. Mid-South Sociological Conference.

Robertson, Ray Von (2012). Race & Society. Mid-South Sociological Conference. **Session Moderator.**

Robertson, Ray Von (2012). African Americans at Predominantly White Institutions. Association of Black Sociologists Conference. **Session Moderator.**

Robertson, Ray Von (2012). "African American Males, Racial Microaggressions, Critical Race Theory, and Academic Success at a PWI." Association of Black Sociologists Conference.

Robertson, Ray Von (2012). "The Black Male in Academia." National Council for Black Studies Conference. **Session Moderator.**

Robertson, Ray Von (2012). "Why Do I Get Hit in the Face? A Case Study of a Pugilist Navigating the Terrain of the Boxing World." University of Houston Symposium on Race & Sport.

Robertson, Ray Von (2012). "Why Do I Get Hit in the Face? A Case Study of a Pugilist Navigating the Terrain of the Boxing World." National Council for Black Studies Conference.

Robertson, Ray Von (2012). "African Americans at PWIs." National Council for Black Studies Conference. **Session Moderator.**

Robertson, Ray Von (2011). "A Qualitative Examination of What Black Males Say About Their Experiences at a Predominantly White College." National Council for Black Studies Conference.

Robertson, Ray Von (2010). "The Influence of Stereotype Threat on the Academic Success of Black Males at a Predominantly White College in the South." Annual Meetings of the Southwestern Social Science Association.

Robertson, Ray Von and Danielle Mason (2009). "What Works?" A Qualitative Examination of the Factors Related to the Academic Success of African American Males at a Predominantly White School in the South." Annual Meetings of the Mid-South Sociological Association.

Robertson, Ray Von and Elena Sandovici (2008). "What Works?" The Use of Triangulation to Examine the Factors Related to the Academic Success of African American Males at a Predominantly White School in the South." Annual Meetings of the Mid-South Sociological Association.

Robertson, Ray Von (2007). "Potpourri II." Annual Meetings of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Session Organizer.

Robertson, Ray Von (2007). "Prejudice and the Estelusti: A Qualitative Examination of Contemporary Status." Annual Meetings of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Mobile, Alabama.

Robertson, Ray Von (2006). "Prejudice, Group Position, and the Socio-Historical Factors Affecting the Contemporary Status of the Estelusti." Annual Meetings of the National Association of African American Studies. Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Robertson, Ray Von and Erica Williams (2006). "HIV/AIDS: Stigmatization and Conspiracy Beliefs and African Americans." Annual Meetings of the National Association of African American Studies. Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Robertson, Ray Von, Jean Van Delinder and David Knottnerus (2005). "Playing Indian": Contemporary Black Seminoles in Oklahoma and Their Struggle for Recognition" Annual Meetings of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Atlanta, Georgia.

Robertson, Ray Von (2005). "Am I Black or Am I Indian: An Examination of the Marginality of the Estelusti." Annual Meetings of the Southwestern Social Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Robertson, Ray Von (2005). "Police Brutality against Black Males: The Ideological Capitulation of Max Weber's Ideal Type." Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Robertson, Ray Von (2004). "The Social Adjustment of African American Females at a Predominantly White Midwestern University." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Southwestern Social Science Association. Corpus Christi, Texas.

Robertson, Ray Von (2003). "The African American Experience III: Student Round Table Session-Racial Profiling in Houston, Texas and New Orleans, Louisiana." Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, April, 2003

Robertson, Ray Von (2003). "The Socio-Historical Factors Affecting the Contemporary Status of the Estelusti." Annual Meetings of the Southwestern Social Science Association. San Antonio, Texas.

Robertson, Ray Von (2002). "Significant Correlates of Levels of Social Distance Between African American and White Males of Comparable Education and Income Levels." Annual Meetings of the Southwestern Social Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Robertson, Ray Von (2000). "Discrimination and the Battle for Full Social Acceptance: A Socio-Historical Examination of the Plight of the Seminole Freedmen in Oklahoma." Annual Meetings of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Knoxville, Tennessee.

Robertson, Ray Von (1999). "Tribal Stigma: Managing a Female African American Identity in a Patriarchal Society." Annual Meetings of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Jackson, Mississippi.

Robertson, Ray Von (1995). "Social Adjustment Levels of Black Students at Predominantly White Colleges." Annual Meetings of the Southwestern Social Science Association. Dallas, Texas.

Robertson, Ray Von (1994). "Factors Related to the Social Adjustment Levels of Black Students at Predominantly White Colleges." Annual Meetings of the Southwestern Social Science Association. San Antonio, Texas.

INVITED TALKS, PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

"Do Black Lives Matter?" (December 4, 2014). Community Forum-Peace For MLK (Grassroots Organization), Lafayette, LA. [**Panelist**]

"Stop the Violence Walk and Rally to End Violence in Our Community"(October 18, 2014). Heymann Performing Arts Center, Lafayette, LA. [**Attendee**]

"Problems in the African American Community" (February 2013). African Student Association Black History Month Program, Lamar University. [**Invited Speaker**]

"Rediscovering Our Values" (January 2013). Beaumont NAACP Youth Council's Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Celebration. [**Invited Speaker**]

"Africanisms in Hip Hop Culture" (February 2012), Ozen High School, Beaumont, TX. [**Invited Speaker**]

"Overcoming Obstacles" (December 2009). Paul Brown Educational Center, Beaumont, TX. [**Invited Speaker**]

"*The Condition of African Americans in Contemporary Society*" (February 2004). *Black Student Association*, Lamar University. [**Panelist**]

"*Affirmative Action Forum*" (November 2003). Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Lamar University. [**Panelist**]

"Perspectives on Reparations," (February 2003). Dillard University Student Government Association. [Panelist]

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- 2004 Alumni Ambassador Texas A&M University-Commerce.
- 2002 O. D. Duncan Scholarship Award for the Outstanding Graduate Student in Sociology, Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University.
- 1995 Charles E. Johnson Memorial Award for Academic Excellence and the Promotion of Human Understanding, Department of Sociology and
- 1994 Dr. David Arlington Talbot Minority Scholarship, Department of Intercultural Affairs, Texas A&M-Commerce.
- 1994 Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society, inducted into the Kappa Chapter, Texas A&M-Commerce.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES:

June 2010 "Faculty Blackboard," Workshop, June 2010. Attended four workshops on new university blackboard technology. [Attendee]

DISSERTATION/THESIS COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION:

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Chairperson-M.S. in Criminal Justice

Student: Anna Hammons (2015)

Thesis Title: *"An Exploratory Examination of Adults Who Have Offended Since Juvenile Incarceration."*

Lamar University

Member - M.S. in Applied Criminology

- **Student:** Stephen Ray (2013)
- **Student:** Cindy Valvidia (2010)
- **Student:** Carlie Gaudet (2008)
- **Student:** Karen Singleton (2008)
- **Student:** Gardenia Malbrough (2007)
- **Student:** Clayton Thomason (2006)

ACADEMIC/COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Chairperson, Community Service Committee, 2017-

Reviewer, Sociology of Race & Ethnicity

Reviewer, Journal of Negro Education

Mass Program Coordinator, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, 2017-

Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, 2017-

Member, External Funding Committee, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, 2017-

Editorial Board Member, *Sociological Spectrum*, 2016-

Advisor, Sociology & Criminal Justice Club, 2015-

Member, Professional Development and Global Initiatives Committee, 2015-

Member, Departmental Search Committee, 2015-

Member, Florida Juvenile Justice Talent Pipeline Results-Based Leadership Program, 2016-

Chairperson, Committee on Minorities, Mid-South Sociological Association, 2015-

Guest Editor, “Critical Criminology.” (2014). *Journal of Pan African Studies* 7: 1-153.

Faculty Mentor, McNair Scholar Student Mallory LaPorte, Project Title: “Perception of Prison Time Via a Prisoner’s Eyes.” (Spring 2015). University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Faculty Mentor, Mc Nair Scholar Student Devontae R. Wilson, Project Title: “College Students’ Attitudes about Socially Conscious Hip-Hop” (Spring 2015). University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Faculty Mentor, McNair Scholar Student Antoinette Harris, Project Title: “African American Male Educational Attainment and the Risk Factors Associated with Incarceration” (Spring 2014). University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Chairperson, 2014 Undergraduate Research Paper Competition. Association of Black Sociologists.

Contributor, *The Griot*, Newsletter of the Association of Black Sociologists (2014)

Contributor, The Hampton Institute: A Working – Class Think Tank (2014)

Faculty Mentor, Honors Contract for Jenessa Smith, CJUS 301 Research Methods, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Spring 2014

Faculty Mentor, Honors Contract for Jada Horton, CJUS 305 Criminal Behavior, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Spring 2014

Co-Coordinator, Graduate Program in Criminal Justice, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Spring 2014-Present

Member, Strategic Planning Committee, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Fall 2013-Present

Member, Graduate Faculty (Level II), University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Spring 2014-

Member, Black Faculty & Staff Association, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Spring 2014-Present

Department Representative, University Preview Day, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Fall 2013-Present

Member, Underrepresented Groups Committee, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Fall 2013-Present

Member, Criminal Justice Search Committee, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Fall 2013

Member, Criminology Advisory Board-Xavier University of Louisiana, Fall 2013-14.

Chairperson, 2013 Undergraduate Research Paper Competition. Association of Black Sociologists.

Scholarship Organizer, Established Dr. John Henrik Clarke Memorial Scholarship for Undergraduate Students at Lamar University in April 2011-2013. Self-funded. \$1,000.00 annually (\$500.00 per semester).

Member, University Merit Committee, 2010-2011

Member, College Tenure Committee, 2010-2011

Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Pan African Studies, 2010

Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Public Management & Social Policy, 2008

Member, Department Promotion Committee, 2010

Member, Faculty Senate, 2007-2010

Member, Curriculum Committee, 2007-2010

Member, Graduate Faculty, 2007-2009

Member, Arts and Sciences Council, 2003-2005

Member, Education Search Committee, 2006-2007

Member, Sociology Search Committee, 2005 -2013

Member, Budget and Travel Committee, 2005-2013

Member, Merit Pay Plan Committee, 2005-2013

Advisor, Sociology & Criminal Justice Club, 2015-2016

Advisor, Poetic Souls Student Poetry Organization, 2005-2013

Advisor, African Student Association, 2005-2013

Advisor, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., 2005-2013

Advisor, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Inc., 2005-2006

Advisor, Sociology Student Association, 2004-2009

Advisor, Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society, 2005-2008

Advisor, Black Student Association, 2005-2010

Advisor, NAACP, 2007-2012

Reviewer, Two chapters in “*Sociology: a World in Transition*” for McGraw-Hill Publishers-2006

Faculty Liaison, Xula Nexus, University Online Academic Journal, Xavier University of Louisiana, 2002-2003.

COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER:

Panelist, Town Hall Meeting. “A Conversation about Criminal Justice in Louisiana” David Thibodeaux STEM Magnet Academy, Lafayette, LA, April 1, 2014.

Panelist, “Town Hall Meeting: Problems in the African American Community” Solid Rock Baptist Church, Beaumont, TX. September, 2013.

Judge, Region VI Social Studies Science Fair, March 29, 2014

Contributor, *Afrocentric News*, Southeast Texas News Magazine, 2011-2012

Mentor, African American Male Professionals, Lamar University, 2007-2013

Mentor, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Greater Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 2001-2002.

Mentor, Project Keep Hope Alive Youth Mentoring Program, Texas A&M-Commerce, 1993-1995.

Mentor, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Texas A&M-Commerce, 1990-1994.

SERVICE AS REVIEWER:

2016-present Reviewer for *Journal of Hip-Hop Studies*

2013-present Reviewer for *Critical Sociology*

2012-present Reviewer for *Journal of Pan African Studies*

2010-12 Reviewer for *Journal of African American Males in Educational*

2008-present Reviewer for *Journal of Public Management and Social Policy*

IN THE NEWS:

2015 *Contributor*

“Scholars: Police, Black Community Disconnect Unresolved.” *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, February 5, 2015.

<http://diverseeducation.com/article/69481/>

2015 *Contributor*

“Understanding the Deep Roots of Institutional Racism: Where do We Go after Ferguson and Eric Garner?” *Huck Magazine*, January 19, 2015.

<http://www.huckmagazine.com/perspectives/reportage-2/understanding-deep-roots-racism/>

2014 *Contributor*

“Why the Grand jury have failed to bring justice in Ferguson: Have we learned nothing since Rodney King?” *Huck Magazine*, November 26, 2014.

<http://www.huckmagazine.com/perspectives/opinion-perspectives/reaction-ferguson-grand-jury-verdict/>

2014 “African American Communities: Obligations and Responses to Police Brutality and Excessive Force,” Spring 2014 (March 26), *The Griot*, Association of Black Sociologists Newsletter.

2014 “What is our Obligation as Scholars to the Larger African American Community when it comes to the Problem of Police Brutality?” *The Hampton Institute: A Working Class Think Tank*, February, 26, 2014.

2014 *Contributor*

“Black colleges examine their mission.”

Published in the Monday, February 10, 2014 edition of *USA Today*.

2012 *Contributor*

“Outside the scope of the race: University of Texas’ Court Ruling will not affect Lamar University Policies.”

Published in the Thursday, October 11, 2012 edition of the *Beaumont Enterprise*.

2012

Guest Speaker

Appeared on Your World News blogtalk radio show and contributed to the following topic: “College Campuses as Academic Plantations.”

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/your-world-news/2012/01/11/college-campuses-as-academic-plantations>

2010

Guest Speaker

Appeared on “It Just Can’t Be Me” for an hour long discussion on Transracial Adoptions with Derek Eady. The segment appeared on Eady’s blogtalk radio show on 7/20/2010. Dr. Robertson gave a cultural and scientific perspective on the unique circumstances behind these adoptions.

[//www.blogtalkradio.com/eadymedia/2010/07/21/it-cant-just-be-me](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/eadymedia/2010/07/21/it-cant-just-be-me)

2010

Guest Speaker

Appeared on “It Just Can't Be Me” for a discussion on Race and the Reaction to Le Bron James' “decision.” This segment appeared on Derek Eady's blog talk radio show on 10/5/2010.

www.blogtalkradio.com/eadymedia/2010/10/06/it-cant-just-be-me

2008

Contributor

Tyler Perry and his latest ‘Family.’

Published in the September 7, 2008 edition of the *Beaumont Enterprise*, p. D1.

2008

Contributor

“Black President? Mexico has been there, done that...in 1829.” With Rose Ybarra.

Published in the February, 23, 2008 edition of the *Beaumont Enterprise*.

2005

Contributor

“Group re-enacts 1964 Georgia lynchings to spark leads.”

Published in the July 26, 2005 edition of the *Beaumont Enterprise*, p. A14.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Association of Black Sociologists
- Association for the Study of African American Life and History
- Mid-South Sociological Association
- National Association of African American Studies
- National Council of Black Studies
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated; Inducted Spring 1989, Theta Theta Chapter, East
- Southwestern Social Science Association

