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| Mitzie Forrest, MS, ABD  **Curriculum Vitae** | 1301 East Main Street, Murfreesboro, TN 37132  Mobile: 910.813.4689  Mitzie.Forrest@mtsu.edu |

Summary

Dedicated and knowledgeable Ph.D. Candidate and Academic Faculty Member focused on Criminal Justice Online Course Development, Criminal Justice Workforce Development, and Education Translating to Real-World Practice. Multifaceted and knowledgeable Panel Discussion Moderator for Criminal Justice Conferences (both online and traditional), Book and Article Reviewer, Contributing Writer, Guest Lecturer, Recidivism Consultant, and Crime Analysis Consultant. Prior professional criminal justice experience in state and local government, corrections, private and public armed security, and state-level agency classroom instructor positions.

Education and Credentials

**Ph.D. in Criminal Justice**

**A.B.D., Expected Completion Spring 2024**

**Honors:** *Omega Nu Lambda National Honor Society, Doctoral Studies* | *GPA: 3.95*

**Scholarship Recipient:** *Omega Nu Lambda National Honor Society, Alpha Chapter, Community Service & Involvement Scholarship, Fall Semester 2021, Doctoral Studies*

**Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA**

**Executive Certificate in Criminal Justice, 2022**

*Studies concentrated on crime causation, advanced training in juvenile justice and corrections policies, differences and similarities between the United States and 7other countries, and a focus on international crime and terrorism to increase an awareness of crime’s global impact.*

**Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA**

**Master of Science in Criminal Justice, 2018**

**Honors:** *Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society Inductee**|* *Graduate Top 10% |* *GPA: 3.9*

**Troy University, Troy, AL**

**Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Concentration: Homeland Security, Minor: Psychology, 2009**

**Honors:** *Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society Inductee**|* *Graduate Top 7.5% |* *GPA: 3.74* | *Graduated Magna Cum Laude*

**Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN/Fort Campbell, KY**

Academic Experience

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY 2018 – Present

* Faculty Member / Lecturer (Full-time)
* Department of Criminal Justice Administration

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY November 2022 – Present

Women’s and Gender Studies Affiliate Faculty

* Women's and Gender Studies courses are taught from a feminist perspective and emphasize social transformation to enhance and empower women's lives. Students study such issues as work, health, leadership, and activism and issues of difference among women, including race, ethnicity, class, sexual orientation, nationality, age, and ability. Students also investigate obstacles to gender equality and justice. Courses emphasize an interactive learning process to challenge all students intellectually and emotionally. The minor promotes scholarly research about women and discussions of goals, relationships, attitudes, and achievements.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY August 2022 - Present

Graduate Program Comprehensive Exam Subject Matter Expert – Corrections Section

* MTSU College of Graduate Studies – Criminal Justice Program

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY Spring/Fall 2022

MTSU Honors Thesis Chairperson

* Haley Burt, MTSU Honors Student - *Sex Trafficking and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs): Women Haunted by the Past*

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY February/March 2022

Faculty Book Group (FBG) – Powerful Teaching: Unleash the Science of Learning

* Faculty Participant - Designed to empower educators to harness rigorous research on how students learn and unleash it in their classrooms through deciphering cognitive science research and illustrating ways to successfully apply the science of learning in classrooms settings.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY 2021 – 2022

Faculty Learning Community (FLC) – Successfully Engaging Students in the Virtual Learning Classroom

* Faculty Participant - Designed to create a community of learners in a virtual environment, gain and share ideas about how to engage students, extend a presence beyond the virtual classroom, build connections, build an inclusive online learning environment, and extend reach and relevancy beyond the online classroom.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY 2019 - 2020

Faculty Fellowship – LT & ITC Faculty Fellows Program

* Faculty Participant - Sponsored by The Academy of Teaching Excellence; the program is a teaching and professional development opportunity designed to work with instructor’s specific and unique needs.

Courses Taught - 2018 - Present

* CJA 1100 - Introduction to Criminal Justice Administration
* CJA 2100 - Criminal Theory
* CJA 2200 - Prevention and Control of Crime
* CJA 2600 - Corrections
* CJA 3130 - Victimology
* CJA 3200 - Research Methods with Computer Technology
* CJA 3220 - Ethics in Criminal Justice
* CJA 3411 - Intelligence Analysis
* CJA 3700 - Women, Crime, and Justice Administration
* CJA 3750 - Terrorism and Criminal Justice
* CJA 3900 - Organized Crime
* CJA 3911 - Introduction to Homeland Security
* CJA 4220 - Community Relations and Critical Issues
* CJA 4800 - Crime in America: An Assessment
* CJA 4850 - Private and Industrial Security

Leadership Roles, Consultancy, & Criminal Justice Events

Real-World in the Classroom: Talk to a Cop Panel III – Current Issues in LE November 2022

(Virtual) – Co-participation with University of West Georgia

* Organized by Jeffrey P. Rush, DPA, University of West Georgia, GA and Mitzie Forrest, Middle Tennessee State University
* PO Diana Kaplan, NYPD, NY
* Suzanne Prevatte, Homeland Security Investigations
* Bobby Smith, Homeland Security Investigations
* William Rabbit, Chief of Police, Mechanicville, NY
* Patrick Schmucker, Ph.D. (former SC PO), Huntingdon College, Montgomery, AL
* Benjamin Krage, Bureau of Prisons

University College Outstanding Online Faculty Award Nomination April 2022

This award recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of a full-time faculty member teaching in the online format. Award: Funding for professional development and/or materials and equipment that can be used for instructional enhancement.

MTSU News Story - *MTSU senior credits dual enrollment program with fast-tracking her academics, career* April 2022

Honor Student/Dual Credit Article - Haley Burt, Senior, Honors College

Mentoring Mentions – Mitzie Forrest, Lecturer, Department of Criminal Justice Administration

Written by: Hunter Patterson, University College Administration, Coordinator-Marketing and Social Media

Real-World in the Classroom: Talk to a Cop Panel II – What Does It Take to be in LE? February 2022

(Virtual) – Co-participation with University of West Georgia

* Organized by Mitzie Forrest, Middle Tennessee State University and Jeffrey P. Rush, DPA, University of West Georgia, GA
* Sheri Jenkins-Keenan, Ph.D., Alabama A&M University, AL
* PO Diana Kaplan, NYPD, NY
* CPT Julie Quigley-Vining, Birmingham PD
* PO Ashley Blalock, Northport PD, AL
* Al Story, Secret Service (R), AL
* TPR Caitlyn Ramirez, Alabama Highway Patrol, AL

Recidivism Research Consultant – Programmatic Gap Analysis January 2022

* Persevere Now is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to empower justice-involved individuals to succeed as productive members of society. They do this within the technology industry, either as employees or entrepreneurs, and by helping the individuals find jobs in the field. Their goal is to change lives through education, mentoring, and ongoing support.

Faculty Participant, Lewis County High School Post-Secondary Summit October 2021

* Virtual appearance with Lewis County High School Seniors in Hohenwald, TN, to speak about educational opportunities in the Department of Criminal Justice Administration at Middle Tennessee State University.

Real-World in the Classroom: Talk to a Cop Panel I - What Are We Looking For? October 2021

(Virtual) – Co-participation with University of West Georgia

* Organized by Mitzie Forrest, MS, of MTSU, TN
* LT Steve Bates – Fayetteville Police Department, Fayetteville, NC
* CPT Aaron Cubbage – Stanley Police Department, Stanley, VA
* SGT Amy Denton – Murfreesboro Police Department, Murfreesboro, TN
* SGT Anthony Gibson – Charleston Police Department, Charleston, SC
* SPO Terry Cherry – Charleston Police Department, Charleston, SC
* SGT Cliff Knight – Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN
* CPL Michael McDowell – Carrollton Police Department, Carrollton, GA
* TPR Caitlin Ramirez – Alabama Highway Patrol, AL

Faculty Participant, April 2021

External Agency 5-Year Review – Criminal Justice Administration Online Education

Interviews with current faculty to assess program outcomes and program needs for future growth.

Real-World in the Classroom: Integration of Field Practitioners in the Classroom 2020

(Virtual & In-Seat)

* SGT Amy Denton – Murfreesboro Police Department Community Engagement Coordinator
  + *What Does the MPD Do?*
* Sheila Wysocki – Private Investigator, Without Waring Private Investigation, LLC
  + *Life as a Private Investigator in High Profile Cases*
* Melody Hicks, M.S. CJ – Adjunct, Middle Tennessee State University
  + *Porch Piracy & CPTED Principles*
* Kacy West – Homeless Outreach Coordinator for the City of Chattanooga
  + *Crimes the Homeless Commit and Why*
* Chief Deputy Keith Lowery – Rutherford County Sheriff’s Office
  + *Prevention and Control – My Experience as a LEO*
* SGT Cliff Knight – Metro Nashville Police Department, Recruitment Division
  + *What We Do, Why We Do It & Life as a Black Officer / Why Minorities are Needed in Policing*
* Jeffrey P. Rush, DPA & Deborah Rush, M.S. – Troy University
  + *Sex Trafficking and Law Enforcement Awareness*

Collaborative Online Artwork Presentation – Criminal Justice Interpretive March 2021

* *The Prison Experiment* by Morrie Camhi
* Virtual Presentation with Shannon Randol at the MTSU Baldwin Photographic Art Gallery

Panel Discussion Moderator – Criminal Justice Solutions Online Conferences March 2021

* *Women in Law Enforcement*

Panel Discussion Moderator – Criminal Justice Solutions Online Conferences February 2021

* *Reforming or Defunding the Police – What Does This Mean?*

Middle Tennessee State Digital Poster Contest Coordinator – 2019 - Present

* *Sponsoring University: Middle Tennessee State University*
* *Participating Universities: University of Central Missouri; Florida Technical University; Troy University; Middle Tennessee State University*

Book Reviewer for Author – Gabe Morales 2020

* *How We Lost the War on Drugs (And How We Can Win It Back)*
* Book addresses the drug problem in America from all sides, investigates all major Mexican drug cartels and Latin American relations. Includes stories from smugglers, dealers, and addicts. Covers demand vs. supply economics in the drug world with interviews from civilians and law enforcement. Examines the over-populations affecting African Americans and Latino-Americans.
* It is an honest view of our humanity with suggestions for realistic solutions so we can fight the war more successfully.

ABC CLIO Publishers Contributing Writer 2020

* *Criminal Justice in America: The Encyclopedia of Crime, Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections –* Prison Argot entry

Expert Crime Analysis Consultant 2020

* *Griffin Law Firm, Healthcare Litigation*

WKRN ABC News Affiliate Local News Interview 2019

* *Channel 2 Late Newscast – Reporter: Stassy Olmos*
* *Juvenile Crime Analysis – What It Takes to Capture Teen Escapee – Criminal Social Networking*

Contract Editor 2019

* *First Responder Resiliency and Peer Support Training Course*
* Author: Deborah McMahon, Army CID (R)

Criminal Justice Academic Competition Panel Member – Middle Tennessee State University 2016

* *Digital Poster Contest*

Criminal Justice Guest Lecturer – Austin Peay State University 2016

* *Crime Analysis: Integrated, Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Education in Real World Applications*

Advisory Editor / Book Reviewer 2016

* *Gangsters, Bikers, and Terrorists with Military Training*
* Author: Carter F. Smith, Ph.D.

Pre-Submission Editor / Peer Reviewer 2015

* *Journal of Gang Research – Title: When is a prison gang not a prison gang?*
* Author: Carter F. Smith, Ph.D.

Criminal Justice Guest Lecturer – Middle Tennessee State University 2014 - 2016

* *Resumes, Portfolios & Applications for CJ Majors*
* *Putting the Pieces Together: Why Have Crime and Intelligence Analysts?*

Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs (OCJP) Grant Writer/Recipient 2014 – 2015

Grant award to acquire new police department safety equipment; new Taser funding.

Undergraduate Internship Coordinator – LaVergne Police Department 2014 - 2015

Law Enforcement Agency Participation Coordinator 2013 - 2016

* *Middle Tennessee Criminal Justice Networking & Information Exchange*

Faculty Development Training Sessions 2011 - 2014

* *Software Instruction in Desire 2 Learn Learning Management System*
* *Software Instruction in Class Climate Course Evaluation System*
* Technical Assistance Coordinator for all Faculty in RTP actions

Criminal Justice Guest Lecturer - APSU 2011 - 2014

* *Resumes, Portfolios, and Applications for CJ Majors*

Austin Peay State University 2008 - 2014

* Retention, Tenure & Promotion Coordinator – Academic Affairs
* Research Technician – Institutional Research & Effectiveness

Professional Criminal Justice Experience

City of Clarksville Environmental Health & Safety 2018

Loss Prevention Officer & Transit Authority Officer (Armed)

Security Officer – City Hall / Mayor (Armed)

(Part-time while working full-time at G4S and completing Master’s degree)

G4S Security Solutions – Federally regulated site 2017 – 2018

Customer Protection Officer (Armed)

Administrative Officer (Armed)

(Full-time)

Alabama Gang Investigators Association 2016

Executive Protection Detail (Armed)

Protection of Keynote Speaker, Billy Queen, ATF (R)

(Part-time while working at the prison facility and completing Master’s degree)

Silverdale Detention Facility (mixed security level -state and federal offenders) 2016

Corrections Officer

Male gang and sex offender units

Female units and female psychiatric units

(Full-time)

Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security 2015

Tennessee Highway Patrol/Traffic Enforcement and Safety

Classroom Instructor & Coordinator

(Full-time, grant-paid position)

LaVergne Police Department 2014 - 2015

Crime & Intelligence Analyst / Internship Coordinator

(Full-time)

Current Professional Affiliations

Member – American Criminal Justice Society (ACJS)

* ACJS Student Affairs Committee Member/Student Affairs Liaison – 2022-2023
* ACJS Victimology Section – Secretary/Treasurer – 2022 to 2024

Member – Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJS)

* SCJA Outstanding Professional Award Committee Member - 2022

Community Service & Presentations

1. **Guardian ad Litem** - pro bono services to DSS in representing minor children; 3 cases in calendar year 2022, which includes interviews, investigations, home visits, monthly well-being reports, court reports, attendance at court hearings, and formal recommendations to the family courts for custody and placement issues involving the minor children. (January 2022 – Current).
2. **Forrest, M. L.**, "Criminology and Psychopathology of Aileen Wuornos-America's Female Serial Killer," Clarksville-Montgomery County School System (CMCSS), Criminal Justice Program, Clarksville, TN, United States of America. (March 2020).
3. **Forrest, M. L.**, "Gangs Presentation," Clarksville-Montgomery County School System (CMCSS), KHS Criminal Justice Program, Clarksville, TN, United States of America. (February 2020).
4. **Forrest, M. L.,** "Innocence Project Presentation - Illinois Innocence Project," Clarksville-Montgomery County School System (CMCSS), Criminal Justice Program, Clarksville, TN, United States of America. (January 2020).
5. **Forrest, M. L**., "MTSU Dual Enrollment Students - Corrections Presentation," Clarksville-Montgomery County School System (CMCSS), Dual Enrollment High School Class, Clarksville, TN, United States of America. (September 2019).
6. **Speaker Coordinator/Presenter & Technical Assistant** for the Colonel’s Presentation (2015). COL Tracy Trott, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Commander. Topic: *What You Might Not Know About the THP*
7. **Conference Speaker** (2015). Accompanied by: SA Michael Knight, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Alabama Gang Investigators Association Annual Conference. Topic: *Gang Task Forces: Start at the Beginning.*
8. **Guest Speaker** (2015). Accompanied by: SA Michael Knight, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

Clarksville Sunrise Rotary Club. Topic: *Mass Casualty Incidents: What It Means to Be Boston Strong.*

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative Program (CITI)

* Conflicts of Interest
* Essentials of Research Administration
* Social and Behavioral Researchers
* Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research

Professional Conferences

* Fellow of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences – 2023 Doctoral Summit Participant 2023

One of 40 participants chosen nationwide to participate in the 2023 Doctoral Summit in National Harbor, MD

* ACJS Roundtable Participant – ACJS 2023 Annual Conference, National Harbor, MD 2023

*Virtual poster competitions: Preparing Students for Future Opportunities*

Moderator: Marshall Jones, DBA – Florida Institute of Technology

Discussant: Mitzie Forrest, MS, ABD – Middle Tennessee State University

* SCJA Roundtable Lead Author – SCJA 2022 Annual Conference, Asheville, NC 2022

This roundtable examined law enforcement officer perceptions of the effects of movements, such as Defund the Police, effects on recruitment, retention, morale, and occupational stress over the last several years since Michael Brown in 2014, but particularly since the death of George Floyd in 2020. It was qualitative in nature, focusing on interviews with law enforcement personnel, articles written by law enforcement officers for those in the discipline, and other headlines addressing the issues in regional publications.

* Participant – Sage Online Education Conference Workshop – *Online Education and The Future* (Cancelled)2020
* ACJS Online Education Roundtable Participant – *This Ain’t Your Mother’s Classroom* (Cancelled)2020
* ACIS National Conference, Law Enforcement Roundtable Participant, Baltimore, MD – *Leaders are Readers* 2019
* Alabama Gang Investigators Association Annual Conference 2017
* Tennessee Gang Investigators Association Annual Conference 2016
* Alabama Gang Investigators Association Annual Conference 2016
* Alabama Gang Investigators Association Annual Conference 2015
* Tennessee Highway Patrol’s Women in Law Enforcement Conference 2015
* Tennessee Gang Investigators Association Annual Conference 2014
* Tennessee Association of Law Enforcement Analysts Training Conference 2014

Training & Certifications

* University of South Carolina Children’s Law Center 2023
* Child Physical Abuse and Neglect Investigations: The Basics (Part 2)
* Child Sexual Abuse Investigations: The Basics (Part 1)
* Child Sexual Abuse Investigations: The Basics (Part 2)
* Online Learning Consortium-Online Teaching Essentials 3: Course Design Basics 2023
* Online Learning Consortium-Online Teaching Essentials 2: Converting Your Course 2023
* Online Learning Consortium-Online Teaching Essentials 1: Getting Started 2022
* University of South Carolina Children’s Law Center 2022
* Child Physical Abuse and Neglect Investigations: The Basics (Part 1)
* Recognizing and Responding to Problematic Sexual Behaviors in Youth
* Michigan State University Trauma Informed Care Certification (in progress) 2022-2023
  + Understanding Trauma
  + Secondary Trauma & Self-care
  + Aftercare for Survivors of Human Trafficking: A Trauma Recovery Perspective
  + Trauma Informed Organizations
  + The Healing Hand-Being Present for the Dying and the Living
  + Moral Injury & ACEs: Critical Factors Being Missed in Veteran Suicide
  + Historical Trauma in the African American Community
  + Trauma & the Brain
  + Introduction to Compassion Focused Therapy (CFT)
  + Trauma Informed Teams
  + Trauma Informed Supervision
* Qualitative Data Analysis Webinar for Researchers 2022
  + Veronica Richards, Writing and Methodologist Coach @Dissertation by Design
* Domestic Violence Court Advocate Training (Charleston, SC) 2022
* Correctional Education Orientation (Volunteer Educator for the Women’s prison) 2021
* Guardian Ad Litem Training (Court-Appointed Special Advocates for children in DSS - CASA) 2021
* Firearms Qualifications, Glock 9mm and Glock 40 caliber 2018
* Baton Certification 2018
* Chemical Spray Certification 2018
* Armed Security Officer Certification & Licensure 2017
* Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Introduction to TnCOP Software for TIBRS 2015
* Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Introduction to TIBRS Data Collection 2015
* Alpha Group, Crime Analysis Applications 2014
* Alpha Group, Crime Investigative Analysis 2014
* Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Consolidated Records Management System 2014
* Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Gang Database Training 2014
* International Association of Crime Analysts, Crime Analysis for Smaller Jurisdictions 2014
* International Association of Crime Analysts, Crime Mapping and Analysis 2014
* University of Louisville’s Southern Police Institute, Intelligence Preparation of the Beat 2014
* Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, TnCrime Online Entry Level and Advanced Level 2014
* Alpha Group, Criminal Intelligence and Analysis 2014
* Bureau of Justice Administration, First Amendment Protected Events Training 2014
* Firearm Qualification, Glock 45 caliber 2014
* Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, Defense Sector Training Workshop 2013

Military Community Service & Awards (Civilian status)

**2-17 Cavalry Squadron**

* 1SG & CDR’s Rear Detachment Delta Troop Volunteer Award (2011)
* Squadron Commander’s Certificate of Appreciation (2011)
* Family Readiness Group Leader Certificate of Training (2010)
* Family Readiness Group Point of Contact Certificate of Training (2010)
* Family Readiness Group Treasurer Certificate of Training (2010)
* 2-17 CAV Certificate of Appreciation (2010)
* Family Readiness Group Treasurer Certificate of Training (2007)

**101 Combat Aviation Brigade**

* 101 CAB Certificate of Appreciation (2011)
* 101 CAB Certificate of Appreciation (2007)
* 101 CAB Certificate of Appreciation (2006)

**Air Assault Rappel Master Participation Certificates**

* Air Assault Certificate (JUN 2006)
* Air Assault Certificate (JAN 2007)

**101st Airborne Division Certificates**

* 101st Airborne Division Eagle Service Award (2011)
* Ft. Campbell, KY Volunteer of the Year Finalist (2011)
* 101st Airborne Division Citation – MG Francis Wiercinski (2010)
* Ft. Campbell Army Volunteer Corps Bronze Award: 100+ hours of service (2010)

**101st Airborne Division Military Challenge Coin Awards**

* Task Force Saber Coin for Combat Excellence, Out Front! OEF 2010-2011 (2011)
* Family Readiness Group Command Team for Excellence OEF 2010-2011 (2011)
* Air Assault School – Pathfinder PDT, Pre-Ranger, Rappel Master, Air Assault! (2006)

Technical Proficiencies

Desire to Learn (D2L) / Brightspace LMS

Blackboard LMS

Canvas LMS

Engage LMS

Microsoft Office Suite