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Academic History

Ph.D. Higher Education, 2019
Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

Master's Degree in Sociology, 2011
San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, Minor English, 2006
Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR

Foreign Languages

Portuguese Fluent
Spanish Basic Fluency

Teaching Experience

Lecturer, Sociology

University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA 2020-Current

Plan, design and deliver lectures for students
Lecture and instruct diverse sociology courses
Assess student's coursework
Support and mentor students
Teach on ground and remote courses

Lecturer, Sociology

San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 2020-Current

Lecture and instruct diverse sociology courses, which include Introduction to Sociology, Racial and Ethnic Relations, Contemporary and Global Social Problems
Assess student's coursework
Support and mentor students
Participate in institutional governance
Teach on ground and remote courses

Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology

Adjunct Instructor, Sociology 2020-Current

Moreno Valley College, Riverside, CA 2018-2019

Lecture and instruct diverse sociology courses, which include Introduction to Sociology, Contemporary Social Problems, Family, Marriage and Intimate Relationships, and Racial and Ethnic Relations.
Work with underserved students in the classroom
Conduct classes, student evaluation, office hours, committee work, curriculum and program development, student learning assessment, program review, and student activities

Adjunct Instructor, Sociology

College of the Canyons, Santa Clarita, CA 2016-2018

Taught Introduction to Sociology; Social Problems; Racial and Ethnic Relations; and Multiculturalism

Taught students of diverse socioeconomic, race, ethnicity, age and cultural backgrounds

Provided instruction in accordance with established curriculum and course outlines

Provided quality instruction and created and maintained an environment that encouraged teaching and learning

Taught with a pedagogical practices that revolved around a student-centered approach

Evaluated and graded students' classwork, assignments, and papers.

Adjunct Instructor, Sociology

Los Angeles Valley College, Valley Glen, CA 2016-2018

Taught several courses in sociology including Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, and Racial and Ethnic Relations

Taught students of diverse socioeconomic, race, ethnicity, age and cultural backgrounds

Provided instruction in accordance with established curriculum and course outlines

Provided quality instruction, and created and maintained an environment that encouraged teaching and learning

Taught with a pedagogical practices that revolved around a student-centered approach

Evaluated and grade students' classwork, assignments, and papers.

Adjunct Instructor, Sociology

Coleman University, San Diego, CA 2013- 2015

Taught Introduction to Sociology (on-ground and online)

Taught upper-division Sociology courses, for example Multiculturalism and Interpersonal Communication

Taught in a multicultural environment with mainly nontraditional students, with 30% of the population being veteran students and the average age being 33 years old

Taught in a multicultural environment with a diverse student population

Revised and rewrote course curricula embedding more contemporary course content with a greater focus on diversity related issues.

Adjunct Instructor, Sociology

San Diego City College, San Diego, CA 2014-2015

Taught course on Introduction to Sociology (on-ground)

Taught students of diverse socioeconomic, race, ethnicity, age and cultural backgrounds

Taught with a pedagogical practice that revolved around a student-centered approach

Prepared course materials such as syllabi, homework assignments, and handouts

Evaluated and grade student's class work, assignments, and papers.

Prepared and delivered lectures to undergraduate students on topics such as race and ethnic relations, measurement and data collection, and workplace social relations

Sociology Adjunct Instructor

Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA 2014

Taught course on introduction to sociology (online)

Taught students of diverse socioeconomic, race, ethnicity, age and cultural backgrounds

Provided instruction in accordance with established curriculum and course outlines
Provided quality instruction, created and maintained an environment that encourage teaching and learning
Constructed exams, grade exams, grade assignment and papers

Certification

Online Teaching Certified- College of the Canyons and Los Angeles Valley College

Areas of Teaching Experience/Specialization

Introduction to Sociology
Contemporary and Global Social Problems
Racial and Ethnic Relations
Family, Marriage, and Intimate Relationships
Multiculturalism
Classical Sociological Theory
Qualitative Research Methods

Research Interests

Sociology of Education
Racial and ethnic relations
Race and the criminal justice system
For-profit postsecondary education
Access and equity in higher education

Publications

For-Profit Postsecondary Education: Effects of limited cultural capital and increasing demand for academic credentials on vulnerable student populations.
The Claremont Graduate University, ProQuest Dissertations Publishing, 2019.
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Affirmative Action in Brazilian Higher Education: Its challenge to hegemonic view of racial democracy.
National Social Science Association Journal, 2018. Vol. 67, #1

Conference Presentations

Presentation: For-profit Education and the Students the Sector Serves.
California Sociological Association. Riverside, CA November 2019 and 2018

Presentation: Affirmative Action in Brazilian Higher Education: A Way to Ensure Access to Higher Education.
National Technology and Social Science Conference. Las Vegas, NV, March 2018

Presentation: Affirmative Action in Brazilian Higher Education: A Way to Ensure Access to Higher Education.
National Conference of the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education (AABHE). Long Beach, CA, April 2016

Presentation: Affirmative Action in Brazilian Higher Education: A Way to Ensure Access to Higher Education.

Federal University of Bahia Reconcavo, Bahia, Brazil, November 2015

Presentation: Diversity is the Sister of Democracy. What is Going on in Contemporary United States?

San Diego State University, Diversity Conference, April 2011

Presentation: Politics of Fear and Its Consequences to Democracy. What is the Role of Education?

California Sociological Association (CSA), November 2010

Presentation: Affirmative Action on Brazilian Higher Education.

San Diego State University, Diversity Conference, April 2009

Awards

Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship 2018-2019

John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation

Black Scholars Award 2017-2018

Claremont Graduate University

Recognition Award-Outstanding Professor who goes "Over and Above" in Helping Students to Succeed.

EOPS/CARE/CalWorks- College of the Canyons, Valencia, CA 2017

Doctoral Fellowship

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA 2012- 2019

Diversity Conference Certificate of Appreciation, 2012

San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

Recipient of International Cultural Service Program Scholarship, 2003-2006

Brazilian Cultural Campus Ambassador

Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR

Institutional Service-Moreno Valley College, 2018-Current

Faculty Advisor for the Sociology Club

Academic Senate

Member of the Student Equity Committee

Guided Pathways Workgroup

Institutional Service-College of the Canyons, 2017-2018

Faculty Advisor for the Sociology Club

Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee

Professional Memberships

National Social Science Association (NSSA)

American Educational Research Association (AERA)
California Sociological Association (CSA)
American Association of Blacks in Higher Education (AABHE)