

Joshua L. Adams
Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Current Active Top Secret/SCI Security Clearance

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Criminal Justice/Homeland Security

Conferred: May 13, 2018
Walden University
Minneapolis, MN
Dissertation Title: **“The Role of Organizational Justice in Police Interaction
Decisions with Citizens Post-Ferguson”** (Chair: Howard Henderson,
Ph.D.)
4.0 GPA

Master of Arts (M.A.), Criminal Justice

Conferred: August 15, 2014
American Public University System, American Military University
Charles Town, WV
Thesis Title: **“The Prevalence of Synthetic Cannabinoids in Army Uniform
and the Military Law Enforcement Officer’s Battle: An Analysis from
2011-2013”**
3.97 GPA

Master of Science (M.S.), Forensic Science

Conferred: May 19, 2018
George Mason University
Fairfax, VA
Project Title: **“A Macroscopic and Quantitative Exploration of the Effect
Three Oxidizing Bleaching Agents Have on the Bluestar Presumptive
Test for Human Blood on Tile Substrate: An Experiment of False
Negatives”**
3.95 GPA

Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Criminal Justice Administration

Conferred: May 13, 2011
Summa Cum Laude
Columbia Southern University
Orange Beach, AL

Associate of Arts (A.A.), General Studies

Conferred: December 20, 2010
Summa Cum Laude
Columbia Southern University
Orange Beach, AL

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), Criminal Justice

Conferred: March 31, 2010
Summa Cum Laude
Columbia Southern University
Orange Beach, AL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching

Adjunct Professor, Fall 2018-Present.

Helms School of Government

Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

Courses Taught: CJUS 987-Dissertation I (Online)

CJUS 700-Theories of Crime (Online)

CJUS 701-Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (Online)

CJUS 810-Transnational Organized Crime

HLSC 610-Understanding Terrorism & Homeland Security (Online)

HLSC 520-Legal Issues in Homeland Security (Online)

HLSC 530-Homeland Security Capstone (SME) (Online)

Adjunct Professor, Fall 2019-Present.

Center for Online Learning & Teaching

Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH

Courses Taught: CJ 675-Data Driven Decision Making in Criminal Justice (Online)

Adjunct Professor, Fall 2019-Summer 2020

Criminal Justice & Homeland Security Program

Central Texas College, Killeen, TX

Courses Taught: HMSY 1337-Introduction to Homeland Security (Hybrid)

Adjunct Professor, Summer 2017.
College of Arts & Sciences, Criminal Justice Program
Trinity Washington University, Washington, D.C.
Course Taught: CJUS 206-Juvenile Justice (Traditional Classroom)

Adjunct Professor, Fall 2018-Present.
Talladega College, Talladega, AL
Courses Taught: CRM 321-Criminal Law II (Online)
CRM 240-Criminology (Online)

Associate Faculty, Fall 2016.
College of Security & Criminal Justice
University of Phoenix, Arlington, VA
Course Taught: SEC 430-Principles of Investigation (Hybrid)

Item Writer/Subject Matter Expert, Fall 2017.
Criminal Procedure Working Group
Excelsior College, Albany, NY
Course Test Items Developed: CJ 256-Criminal Procedure (Online)

Law Enforcement

Forensic Science Officer/Supervisory Special Agent, June 2018-Present
U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, VA

Currently responsible for the teaching, coaching, and mentoring of 10 criminal investigation field offices and over 60 special agents in the northeastern geographic region of the United States (New York to Virginia) on forensic science related matters. Responsible for performing quality control, inspection, and oversight sufficiency reviews of all death investigations, and ensuring the proper application of currently acceptable forensic science techniques used by special agents during the conduct of all investigations.

Select Accomplishments:

- Secured funding for new interview recording systems for 6 field offices in spite of fiscal budget challenges totaling \$389,000. Efforts to do so in the past were unsuccessful.

Supervisory Special Agent, September 2013-June 2018
U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

Planned, conducted, and supervised 200+ Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) violation investigations including but not limited to fraud, rape, murder, sexual assault, arson, conspiracy, child pornography, and government property theft. Performed forensic imaging of suspect hard drives and other digital media.

Oversaw and conducted complainant and witness interviews and affidavit oaths. Administered subject interrogations concurrent training for 30 assigned special agents.

Supervised search warrant operations to obtain evidence, apprehend criminals and recover property and physical evidence relevant to criminal investigations. Used forensic techniques in processing crime scenes to identify, preserve, and collect evidence while documenting chain of custody. Prepared and reviewed written investigative reports and presented investigative summaries to prosecuting attorneys.

Select Accomplishments:

- Secured the recovery of over \$2 million in U.S. Government funds.
- Selected out of 250 agents to receive a very competitive full grant to complete a Master of Science in Forensic Science from George Mason University.
- Developed and implemented SOPs standardizing misdemeanor level crime reporting and judicial adjudication processing in federal court, resulting in a historical 55% increase in prosecutions.

Special Agent, April 2011-September 2013
U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command
Fort Bragg, NC

Organized and executed 556+ code violation investigations including interviews, search warrant execution, crime scene processing, and report preparation and presentation.

Select Accomplishments:

- Selected out of 20 agents to lead a counter-narcotics team, resulting in the seizure of over \$500,000 (street value) in illegal drugs and weapons.
- Solved a complex white-collar crime investigation which resulted in the recovery of \$135,000 in stolen U.S. Government funds.
- Planned and provided 16 successful protective service missions for the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Military Police Officer, June 2002-April 2011
U.S. Army Military Police Corps
Various locations CONUS and OCONUS

Enforced the UCMJ within the United States and international combat environments. Issued moving violation citations within the specific jurisdictions. Responded to service calls including traffic accidents, child neglect and endangerment, shoplifting, counterfeiting, drug possession, and domestic assault. Prepared written reports, testified in judicial proceedings, apprehended subjects and executed search warrants.

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified User, NVivo 12 Moving On (Windows), *QSR International*, (2020)
Certified User, NVivo Core Skills (Windows), *QSR International*, (2020)
Certified User, NVivo 12 Fundamentals (Windows), *QSR International*, (2020)
Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), *Association of Certified Fraud Examiners*, (2016)
Digital Media Collector (DMC), *Department of Defense*, (2016)

AWARDS AND HONORS

Forensic Science Officer of the Year, U.S. Army CID, 2018.
Faculty Award, Forensic Science Program, George Mason University, 2018.
Student Organization Leader Award, American Public University System, 2018.
Thesis Pass with Distinction Award, American Public University System, 2014.
Honor Graduate, United States Army Military Police School, 2002.

Military Decorations

Army Commendation Medal (9 Awards), Army Achievement Medal (2 Awards), Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Development Ribbon (3 Awards), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3 Awards), Combat Action Badge, Gold Army Recruiting Badge.

Primary Professional and Scholarly Interests

- Policing in the Social Media Era (Ferguson Effect; de-policing; police officer self-efficacy, police transparency, and police legitimacy)
- Child Abuse / Neglect Investigation
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Juvenile Delinquency (delinquency gap on federal military installations)

PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED ARTICLES

Adams, J. L. (in press). An unusual case of multiple-gunshot suicide with nine gunshot wounds by an active-duty soldier: “Are you sure?” *Journal of Forensic Identification*.

Adams, J. L., & Brown, R. D. (in progress). Battling COVID-19 in a prison facility and adapting criminal justice pedagogy: A reflective essay. *Dialogues in Social Justice: An Adult Education Journal*.

Adams, J. L. (2019). "I almost quit": Exploring the prevalence of the Ferguson Effect in two small sized law enforcement agencies in rural southcentral Virginia. *The Qualitative Report*, 24(7), 1747-1764.

Adams, J. L., Rancourt, E. D., & Christensen, A. M. (2019). The effect of household oxidizing cleaners on chemiluminescence of blood using Bluestar®. *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 64(3), 869-872. doi: 10.1111/1556-4029.13914

BOOK REVIEWS

Adams, J. L. (2019). A lighthouse in the sea of qualitative textbooks: A book review of Kakali Bhattacharya's fundamentals of qualitative research—A practical guide. *The Qualitative Report*, 24(2), 295-297.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

Bernat, F. P., & Frailings (Eds.). (2019). Jodi Arias. *In The Encyclopedia of Women and Crime*. Hoboken, NY: John Wiley & Sons Inc. doi: 10.1002/9781118929803

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Adams, J. L. (2017). Protecting churches: Options to enhance security. Inpublicsafety, from <https://inpublicsafety.com/2016/02/protecting-churches-options-to-enhance-security/>

Adams, J. L. (2016). Advanced your career with the certified fraud examiner certification. Inpublicsafety, from <https://inpublicsafety.com/2016/03/advance-your-career-with-the-certified-fraud-examiner-certification/>

Adams, J. L. (2015). Tips for joint investigations with military criminal investigation organizations. Inpublicsafety, from <https://inpublicsafety.com/2015/04/tips-for-joint-investigations-with-military-criminal-investigation-organizations/>

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Adams, J. L. (2020, Feb 17). **A nine-shot suicide: "Are you sure?"** Presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting: Anaheim, CA: Presenter.

Adams, J. L. (2018, May 16). **Diversity, inclusion, and mentoring: Lifting as we climb.** Presented at the Federally Employed Women (FEW)-Federal Triangle Chapter Monthly Meeting: Virtual, Presenter.

Adams, J. L. (2018, Feb 15). **The "Ferguson Effect" and its impact on community-oriented policing: Fact or fiction.** Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting: New Orleans, LA, Presenter.

Adams, J. L. (2017, Sep 25). **The student and the teacher: Practical tips for educators.** Presented at the 2017 Excellence in Higher Education Virtual Conference. Columbia Southern University, Presenter.

Adams, J. L. (2015, Apr 1-3). **The military sexual assault victim.** Presented at Aberdeen Proving Ground (MD) Annual Sexual Assault and Harassment Program Summit, Panelist.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Adams, J. L. (2020, Jan). **Exploring the lived experiences of rural police officers in southcentral Virginia of the Ferguson Effect: Discussion & recommendations.** 11th TQR Annual Conference (TQR 2020). Fort Lauderdale, FL. (Invited presenter)

Adams, J. L. (2019, Aug). **A qualitative and quantitative exploration of the ability to defeat Bluestar Forensic® with oxidizing household cleaners at an altered crime scene.** 2019 International Association for Identification (IAI) Conference. Reno, NV. (Invited presenter)

RESEARCH GRANTS

| Title | Agency | Date | Funded |
|--|---|---------------|---------------|
| Exploring the impact of drivers' characteristics during traffic stops with the police: Results from the police-public contact survey (PPCS) (2015) | Liberty University-Center for Research & Scholarship – Grant No: 1925 | March 7, 2019 | \$5,307.25 |

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Manuscript Reviewer

-*Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society* (2019-present)

-*U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance* (2018-present)

-*International Journal of Criminal Justice Sciences* (2017-present)

Professional Development Conferences

(2020, 22-24 Jun). **31st Annual ACFE Global Fraud Conference.** Virtual.

(2020, 19 Jul). **2020 R.A.C.E. Mentoring Conference** [Webinar].

COMMUNITY AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

George Mason University

Judge. (2018, Apr 26). Undergraduate Poster Session. College of Science Undergraduate Research Colloquium.

Community

Vice President, Kappa Kappa Chapter, Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society, (American Military University), (2017-present)

Chief of Staff, Kappa Kappa Chapter, Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society, (American Military University), (2016-2017)

DISSERTATION AND THESIS COMMITTEES

Liberty University

Dissertation Chair (Criminal Justice)

- Deneil Christian – Exploring former juvenile offender’s lived experiences and barriers of completing a high school education in Philadelphia (2020-present)
- Stephen Bell – Exploring the lived experiences of police officer’s perceived self-efficacy after Proposition 47 enactment in California (2020-present)

Walden University

Dissertation Advisor/Mentor (Criminal Justice)

- Sterling Brown - Low-income African-Americans’ perceptions of police brutality in southern Virginia (**Second Reader**: 2018-present)
- Rina Brown - An analysis of the underlying causes of recidivism among mentally ill prerelease offenders from the perspective of former correctional mental health professionals in western Florida (**Second Reader**: Successfully defended: Winter 2018)

George Mason University

Thesis Advisor/Mentor (Forensic Science)

- Kimberley Perez - Utilizing forward-looking infrared radiometer (FLIR) in the detection of gravesite locations (**Primary Advisor**: Successfully defended: Winter 2018)
- Emily Gaietto - Transfer of latent prints from the non-adhesive sides of tape to the adhesive side of tape (**Second Reader**: Successfully defended: Spring 2019)

- John Dunlap - The detection of blood in clothing after multiple washings via chemiluminescence (**Second Reader:** Successfully defended: Spring 2019)

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Forensic Sciences – General Section (2020-present)
Associate Member

Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (2016-present)
Associate Member

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (2015-present)

- Minorities and Women Section

Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society (2014-present)

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

National Center for Explosives Training & Research May 2019
Post Blast Investigation Techniques Redstone Arsenal, AL

National Institute of Child Health & Human Development Protocol July 2015
Child Forensic Interviewing Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Child Abuse Prevention and Investigation Training July 2015
United States Army Military Police School-FLETA Accredited Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Digital Evidence Acquisition Specialist Training Program May 2015
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Glynco, GA

Advanced Crime Scene Investigator Training Course March 2015
United States Army Military Police School-FLETA Accredited Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Certificate of Recognition, Digital Media Collector February 2015
Department of Defense Cyber Investigations Training Academy Linthicum, MD

Computer Incident Responder's Course February 2015
Department of Defense Cyber Investigations Training Academy Linthicum, MD

Introduction to Networks and Computer Hardware October 2014
Department of Defense Cyber Investigations Training Academy Linthicum, MD

Special Victims Unit Investigator Course February 2014
United States Army Military Police School-FLETA Accredited Fort Leonard Wood, MO

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Hostage/Crisis Negotiator Course
Midwest Counterdrug Training Center

January 2014
Fort Bragg, NC

CID Special Agent Senior Leader's Course
United States Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy

July 2013
Fort Leonard Wood, MO

CID Special Agent Academy
United States Army Military Police School-FLETA Accredited

April 2011
Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Introduction to Computer Search and Seizure
Department of Defense Cyber Investigations Training Academy

January 2011
Linthicum, MD

Protective Services Training
United States Army Military Police School-FLETA Accredited

November 2011
Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Law Enforcement Qualification Course
Directorate of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement Division

February 2006
Fort Bragg, NC

Warrior Leader Course
United States Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy

March 2005
Fort Bragg, NC

One-Station Unit Training
United States Army Military Police School

October 2002
Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Miscellaneous

- Advanced Training Certificate Interviews and Interrogations Course-REID
- Advanced Training Certificate Crime Scene Procedures
- CPR/AED
- First Responder
- First Responder to Medical Emergencies
- Flying Armed
- Human Diversity
- How to Avoid Liability from the New E-Mail and Internet Laws
- Integrity/Ethics/Leadership

Weapons of Mass Destruction

- Anti-Terrorism Level I
- Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Defense Training-Distinguished Honor Graduate

REFERENCES

Available upon request.