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**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

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| 2002 | Ph.D. in Sociology, Oklahoma State University,<br>Stillwater, Oklahoma, December.                                |
| 1995 | Master of Science in Sociology, Texas A&M University-<br>Commerce, Commerce, Texas.                              |
| 1992 | Bachelor of Science in Sociology with a Criminology emphasis,<br>Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas. |

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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| 2003-<br>Present | Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Social Work and<br>Criminal Justice, Lamar University.   |
| 2002-03          | Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Xavier University<br>of Louisiana.   |
| 1999-<br>2002    | Instructor, Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University.  |
| 2001<br>Summer   | Adjunct Professor, Department of Cultural Studies, Langston<br>Langston University-Oklahoma City Campus.   |
| 1999             | Graduate Assistant, Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State<br>University. Assisted professor with theory and statistics classes.  |
| 1999<br>Summer   | Research Associate: "Westside Project Assessment of Public<br>Fear of Crime, Opinion of Police Services, and other Quality<br>of Life Indicators in the Neighborhoods of Southwest Ponca<br>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
- 1999      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.

### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

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

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

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

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Alumni Ambassador, Texas A&M University-Commerce, April, 2004.

O.D. Duncan Scholarship Award for the Outstanding Graduate Student in Sociology, Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University, 2002.

Charles E. Johnson Memorial Award for Academic Excellence and the Promotion of Human Understanding, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Texas A&M-Commerce, 1995.

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, 1994.

### **REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

Robertson, Ray. 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 Robertson. New York: Whittier Publishing. **(Reprint from 2005 publication in the Journal of African American Studies).**

Robertson, Ray. 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 Publishing. **(Reprint from 2008 publication in the Journal of African American Studies).**

Robertson, Ray, ed. 2008. *Race, Gender, and Crime: An Anthology*. New York: Whittier Publishing.

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

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

Robertson, Ray. 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, Aditi Mitra and 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.

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

Robertson, Ray. 2008. "Past Conceptualizations of Prejudice and the Socio-historical Circumstance that Shaped the Contemporary Status of the Estelusti." Under review. *Journal of Intercultural Disciplines*.

Van Delinder, Jean, Ray Von Robertson and J. David Knottnerus. 2008. Beyond a black/white racial dichotomy: the Oklahoma Seminole and Cherokee Freedmen (manuscript under preparation).

Robertson, Ray and Elena Sandovici. 2008. What Works? The Use of Triangulation to Examine the Factors Related to the Academic Success of African American Males at Predominantly White Colleges (manuscript under preparation).

Robertson, Ray and Erica Williams. 2008. Aids, Conspiracies, and Publication Policy Recommendations (manuscript under preparation).

Robertson, Ray. *An Untold Story of Discrimination: A Socio-Historical Examination of the Struggles of the Estelusti*-Book prospectus, being prepared for Palgrave/Macmillan Publishing.

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Robertson, Ray 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. 2007. Organizer and Presider. Potpourri II. Annual Meetings of the Mid-South Sociological Association. Mobile, Alabama.

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

Robertson, Ray. 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 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, 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 2003. Moderator- "*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.

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

Robertson, Ray. 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**

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

Panelist- "*Affirmative Action Forum,*" Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Lamar University, November, 2003.

Panelist- "*Perspectives on Reparations,*" Dillard University Student Government Association, February, 2003.

## **ACADEMIC/COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Member, Faculty Senate 2007-

Member, Curriculum Committee 2007-

Member, Graduate Faculty 2007-

Member, Arts and Sciences Council 2003-.2005

Member, Education search committee 2006-7

Member, Sociology search committee in 2005 - 2006

Member, Budget and Travel committee 2005-

Member, Merit Pay Plan committee 2005-

Contributor to the news piece Tyler Perry and his latest 'Family'. Published in the September 7, 2008 edition of the Beaumont Enterprise, p. D1.

Editorial Board, Journal of Public Management and Social Policy, 2006-

Contributor to the news piece: "Female Sex Offenders", aired March 1, 2006 on Channel 4 News (KBTW-NBC affiliate), Beaumont, TX.

Contributor to the news story, "Group re-enacts 1964 Georgia lynchings to spark leads."

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

Chosen to the Empire Who's Who Executive and Professional Registry, 2005/2006.

Advisor, Poetic Souls student poetry organization, 2005-

Advisor, African Student Association, 2005-

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

Advisor, Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Inc., 2005

Advisor, Sociology Student Association, 2004-

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

Advisor, Black Student Association, 2005-

Advisor, NAACP, 2007-

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

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

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

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

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

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Association for the Study of African American Life and History

National Association of African American Studies

Southwestern Social Science Association

Mid-South Sociological Association

Association of Black Sociologists

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated; Inducted Spring 1989, Theta Theta Chapter, East Texas State University (now known as Texas A&M University-Commerce)

### **GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

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.