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### Academic Appointments

2024-present Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University.  
2024 Summer Advisor, Vanderbilt Student Research Project: Juvenile Labeling in Justice System.  
2019-present Senior Lecturer in Sociology, Vanderbilt University. Courses taught: Introduction to Sociology, Criminology, Contemporary Social Issues, Deviance and Social Control, Policing in America  
2008-2019 Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University. Courses taught: Introduction to Sociology, Criminology, Contemporary Social Issues, Human Ecology, Men and Women in American Society.  
2005-2008 Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University  
2015-present Faculty Member in Residence, McGill Project  
2016/2018 Osher Lifelong Learning instructor: American Gun Culture  
2016-2017 Commons seminar instructor: Guns: An American Obsession  
2012-2015 Commons seminar instructor: What is a Hate Crime?  
2007-2019 Associate Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Trevecca Nazarene University. Courses taught: Law Enforcement & Society, Theories of Deviance, Policing in Society, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Social Problems, General Sociology, Family in Society, Research Methods. Dissertation advisor, EdD program.  
2011-Fall Visiting Professor, Distance Education Program, Nazarene Theological College, Honeydew, South Africa. Course taught: General Sociology.  
2007-2011 Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology, Belmont University. Courses taught: Criminology, Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of Media.  
2010-present Academic Advisor, Vanderbilt Visions  
2018-present Academic Advisor, student organization: Women in Government  
2015-2017 Academic Advisor, student organization: Life's a Stitch.  
2014-2020 Academic Advisor, student organization: Liberty in North Korea (LiNK)  
2013-2014 Academic Advisor, Mayfield Living/Learning Project, "Rated VU"  
2011-2012 Ingram Scholar project advisor, Vanderbilt University  
2010-2011 Academic Advisor, Vanderbilt Interest Project, "Bridging the Gap"  
2007-2009 Academic Advisor, Vanderbilt Relay for Life  
2003-2004 Academic Advisor, Mayfield Living/Learning Project, "Learning through the eyes of America's veterans"  
2001-2007 Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Trevecca Nazarene University  
2000-2005 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Sociology Department, Vanderbilt University  
1998-2007 Researcher, First Amendment Center  
1997-1999 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Mass Communication, Middle Tennessee State University

### Other Campus Involvement

Oct 2020 Selection committee, Vanderbilt Outstanding Senior  
2019-2024 Member, Non-Tenure Track Faculty Advisory Council  
Jan 2018 Faculty Director selections committee, E. Bronson Ingram Residential College  
Nov 2017 PREVAIL conference panelist, Vanderbilt Women's Center  
Feb 2017 Heads of House selection committee, Ingram Commons  
2010-present Mayfield Living Learning selections committee

### Other Employment

- 1979-1995 Special Agent in Charge (most recent title), California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement. Supervised 100 agents conducting a variety of investigations, including internal affairs, narcotics, confidential outside investigations for local and county law enforcement agencies.
- 1974-1979 Police Officer, City of Santa Ana, California

### Education

- Dec. 2008 Ph.D., Sociology with Criminology emphasis, Vanderbilt University
- May 2002 Master of Art, Sociology, Vanderbilt University
- May 2000 Master of Liberal Arts & Science, Vanderbilt University
- Dec. 1999 Master of Science, Mass Communication, Middle Tennessee State University
- Oct. 1997 Bachelor of Art, Management and Human Relations, Trevecca Nazarene University

### Presentations

Hate Crime and Fraud in Contemporary Hate Groups, Middle Tennessee Fraud Investigators annual conference, Nashville, TN, March 16, 2009.

Hate crimes in California: Elements that increase their likelihood of prosecution. American Society of Criminology, Denver, Colorado, November 2003.

There were no women in Vietnam: The collective identity of the women who served. Vanderbilt University, Culture and Identity Colloquium, March 15, 2001.

Does Nashville news make the grade? A content analysis of local television news in Nashville, Tennessee. Master's thesis. Middle Tennessee State University, August 1999.

### Awards

- April 2023 Campus Partner of the Year, Office of Residential Life, Vanderbilt University.
- Dec 2021 Dean's Distinguished VUceptor Award
- April 2016 Campus Partner of the Year, Office of Housing and Residential Education, Vanderbilt University.
- April 2012 Faculty Appreciation Award, Office of Housing and Residential Education, Vanderbilt University
- Jan 2009 Distinguished Professor, Vanderbilt Athletics
- May 2008 Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher in Sociology, Vanderbilt University
- 2006 -2007 Center for Ethics Dissertation Fellow Facilitator, Vanderbilt University
- 2006 -2007 Dissertation Enhancement Grant, Graduate School, Vanderbilt University
- 2000 -2005 Five-year tuition waiver and graduate assistantship, Vanderbilt University
- 2003 Nominated for Outstanding Graduate Student Professor, Vanderbilt University
- June 2004 Summer Research Grant, Vanderbilt University
- June 2003 Summer Research Grant, Vanderbilt University
- June 2001 Mellon Foundation Grant, Foundations of Social and Political Thought
- 1998-1999 Outstanding graduate student in Mass Communication, Middle Tennessee State University
- 1997-1999 Two-year tuition waiver and graduate assistantship, Middle Tennessee State University

### Publications

- Woods, Laurie (2010). Adoption. Encyclopedia of Motherhood. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage
- Woods, Laurie (2010). Military Mothers. Encyclopedia of Motherhood. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Woods, Laurie (2010). Tennessee Mothers. Encyclopedia of Motherhood. Thousand Oaks, CA:

Sage

Woods, Laurie (2010). Stillbirth. Encyclopedia of Motherhood. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.