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**Where did you go to school? What degree did you earn? Do you have areas of specialization or of special interest?**

Texas A&M Commerce - B.S in Sociology

Texas Woman's University - M A in Sociology

Areas of special interest - family and race relations in the United States

**How long have you been teaching at Collin?**

22 years

**What courses do you typically teach?**

Introduction to Sociology (on campus and distance learning)

Minority Studies (on campus and distance learning)

Social Problems

**What do students gain from taking your courses?**

I want my students to walk away with the understanding that sociology is lived, experienced and significant to their social and personal lives.

**What professional associations are you currently a member of?**

Texas Community College Teachers Association

National Association of African American Studies

Southwest Social Sciences Association

**Do you advise any student organizations at Collin? Are you a member of any other programs, non-student organizations, or committees at Collin?**

Co Chair African American History Task Force for Spring Creek Campus - assist in the planning and implementation of campus events held during the African American History Month.

Member of The Dignity Initiative Program for the college and Chair of the Film and Presentation Committee on the Spring Creek Campus - assist with various college-wide programs and events focusing

on gender violence and oppression. This includes arrangements for films and speaker presentations on the Spring Creek Campus.

Member of Civil Rights Planning Committee - assisting with arrangement of plans and ideas to recognize the anniversary of the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act.

Member of Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship Committee - assist with the evaluation of applications and recommendations for this scholarship.

Spring Creek Campus Coordinator of Service Learning - assist faculty with the development and implementation of service learning for Spring Creek Students.

**What initially drew you to Sociology? Why do you continue to like Sociology?**

I was initially drawn into sociology by my first sociology professor who was passionate about sociology and served as a mentor for me in college. This professor enlightened me on various social issues and challenged me to become more involved in issues surrounding me and society at large. Now is an exciting time to become involved in your community while developing your 'sociological imagination.'