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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?

University of North Texas, PhD in Sociology
Areas of special interest: Class, Race and Gender Stratification

How long have you been teaching at Collin?

I have been full-time since 1999

What courses do you typically teach?

Introduction to Sociology
Human Sexuality

What do students gain from taking your courses?

Each student enters the classroom with a unique and valuable set of life experiences and knowledge and my goal is to use the tools of sociology to assist students in developing a better understanding of their lives and the larger social world in which they live. I hope students leave my class with an appreciation of diversity, an ability to critically and compassionately analyze society, and an awareness of the power they have to make a difference.

What professional associations are you currently a member of?

Texas Community College Teachers Association
National 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? If so, please list them and briefly describe your role.

Chair, Learning Communities Program
PRC Campus Lead, African American History Month Planning Committee
Chair, Rocking the Ridge Planning Committee

What initially drew you to Sociology? Why do you continue to be drawn to it?

I was drawn to sociology because I was searching for explanations for social injustice, inequality, and an understanding of social change. I gained not only the ability to critically analyze the structural causes of these issues but I also developed a deeper understanding of my personal experiences within a social context. Sociology is a field that requires continued study and new applications in an ever-changing social world so I find the discipline challenging and invigorating.

Suggested web pages:

American Sociological Association
<http://asanet.org/>

The Socjourn
<http://www.sociology.org/>

The SocioWeb
<http://www.socioweb.com/>

The Society Pages
<http://thesocietypages.org/>

Sociological Images
<http://thesocietypages.org/socimages/>

Southern Poverty Law Center
<http://www.splcenter.org/>

UN Women
<http://www.unwomen.org/en>

United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)
<http://www.unicef.org/>