

Cheryl L Dennis, JD

Education 2003-2006 *West Virginia University-College of Law* *Morgantown, WV*

Jurist Doctorate

- Member of WV State Bar July 2006 to present
- Participated in the WVU Clinical Law Program Fall 2005 – Spring 2006
- Cases handled
 - Custody, Visitation, Grandparent Visitation
 - Divorce
 - Social Security Disability Claims
 - Non-Profit 501(c)(3) creation through filing
 - Innocence Project
- Special Interest Courses:
 - Race, Racism and American Law
 - West Virginia Constitutional Law
 - Business Organizations
 - Complex Commercial Transactions
 - Construction Law
 - Statutes of Limitations – Builder Architect Liability
 - Advanced Property Courses
 - Family Law
- Cumulative GPA: 3.10

1998-2001 *West Virginia University* *Morgantown, WV*

MA – Data/Research Analysis – Applied Social Research

- 9 credit hours graduate level statistics courses – GPA 4.00
Software course work includes - Geographical Information Systems, Arc View, Idris, SPSS/SAS, ADA programming – GPA 3.95.
- Experience in survey research methods, data analysis, and simple regression obtained through course work.
- **Thesis** – *Service Sector Growth and Its Effect on Income Inequality in the Appalachia.*

1993-1998 *West Virginia University* *Morgantown, WV*

BA – Sociology/Anthropology with a Minor in Communications Studies

- 3.6 overall GPA – Honors of Magma Cumulate, President Achievement Awards, Eberly Arts and Science Achievement Awards, Golden Key National Honors Society, 2nd place Levine Outstanding Research Award.

Professional Experience

*2000-Present West Virginia University Morgantown, WV
Department of Sociology & Anthropology / Department of Public Administration*

Primary Position Titles:

Teaching Associate Professor (2019-Present)
Teaching Assistant Professor| Instructor| Lecturer (2000-2019)
Internship Coordinator Department of Sociology and Anthropology (2008-Present)
Coordinator of the Master of Legal Studies Program (2017-Present)
Computer Lab Coordinator (2010-2015)

Expectations and Performance of Each Title:

Teaching Associate Professor:

Academic Advising

Undergraduate: 35-60 academic advisees per year

Develop a plan of progression, maintain data accurate records. Liaison between students and transient, transfer, study abroad, veteran administration or any other need.

Graduate: 80-100 academic advisees per year

Create, implement, and monitor plans of study. Track progress and ensure academic policy satisfaction through notice of good standing, probation or dismissal procedures.

Teaching and Instruction

On Campus Delivery

Introduction to Sociology - Examines the basic foundations of Sociology, providing a cursory view of all major areas of within the discipline. Emphasis on social justice and equality among social classes, races, gender and sexuality in all major social institutions.

Law and Society - Development and practice of law as part of social systems; theoretical treatments of the relationship between law and social order; emphasis on issues of class, race, and gender.

Corporate and White-Collar Crime - Examines law-breaking by respectable organizations and individuals engaged in professional economic activity. Studies sociocultural sources of such crime, consequences for victims, and public policy responses. Includes recent criminal cases, legal changes, and enforcement trends.

Inside Out Prison Exchange - Experiential program which brings together students and incarcerated men or women inside prison to exchange ideas about criminal justice processes, analyze a designated concern, and produce recommendations for improvement.

Online Delivery

Introduction to Sociology - Examines the basic foundations of Sociology, providing a cursory view of all major areas of within the discipline. Emphasis on social justice and equality among social classes, races, gender and sexuality in all major social institutions.

Judicial Legal Process - Introduction to the structure of the U.S. judicial system. Focuses on how beliefs and social conditions influenced the development of the United States Constitution, the institution of judicial review, and judicial participation in governing.

Criminology - Exploration of various theories of criminal behavior; emphasis on a critical study of the criminal justice system and efforts to reform the penal system.

Crime and Punishment - Builds on basic criminological-sociological concepts to provide detailed knowledge about the use of prisons and incarceration among other forms of punishment and surveillance in contemporary society.

State, Organizational and Corporate Fraud Applying the ACFE standards to areas of fraud including, Cyber and Computer Crime, Healthcare, Consumer, Insurance with application models applying standards of deterrence and prevention.

- Evaluations for all listed courses have been excellent and withdrawals minimal. Copies of evaluations provided per requests. Most exceeding 4.3 on a 5.0 scale.
- Web design and maintenance utilizing blackboard and all associated application components, including but not limited to, Mediasite, Voice Thread, Zoom.
- Instruction and dissemination of created courses to approximately 500-800 students per academic year.
- Responsible for grading and record maintenance in STAR/Banner systems, reporting, and assessment creation.
- Additional responsibilities include, advising undergraduates and graduates in degree completion including the use of Degree Works, Navigate and Banner systems.

Administrative Duties

Coordinator of the Master of Legal Studies Program:

- Design and manage MLS program curriculum.
- Recruit and supervise MLS faculty affiliates and staff.
- Create and direct implementation of MLS student recruitment and admission plan
- Advise MLS students.
- Manage MLS budget and administration.

Internship Coordinator:

- Managing negotiating and mediating between all parties to ensure compliance
Supervising intern activities with approximately 30 interns each year.
- On site and final performance evaluations.
- Soliciting for new internship opportunities and placement of the interns
- Creation of policy and contractual obligations between site, department and student

- Oversight and problem solving in relation to the institution and providers.

Previous Positions:

Computer Lab Coordinator Division of Sociology and Anthropology

Supervised, coordinated and created reports on all testing events for 9 instructors, 9 graduate teaching assistance, 7-10 student workers and 8000 students in a given year.

- Academic yearly exam manipulation totaling approximately 29,000 exams
- Coordinate coverage between student admittance and graduate teaching assistance, instructor testing needs, and proctor coverage.
- Provide technical support and monitoring for all instructors Blackboard, data base creation, scheduling and security compliance.

Responsible of all technology and support for all introductory courses in Sociology and Anthropology.

- Including software implementation and fluency in:
 - CSGold security ID card swipes
 - Ghosting software
 - Blackboard – Ecampus/Respondus
 - Scheduling packages
 - Video Surveillance packages
 - Employee time verification
- Responsible for all technical support services.
- Investigating, initiating and using systems and tools necessary for proper operation of all administrative or academic areas along with training of staff and faculty.
- Managing activities including negotiating and mediating between all parties to ensure compliance or success in operation.
- Directing activities in determining direction, policy and strategy, supervising others and activities.
- Creating policy, policing of policy and ensuring compliance.
- Researching, exploring, analyzing and investigating new processes and possible additions as well as implementation of technical, policy or procedural changes.
- Supervising, Scheduling and performance assessment of all associated in this environment, instructors, student employees and graduate teaching assistants.

2013- Present

Bluefield State College

Bluefield WV

Adjunct Faculty

Prepared Courses to teach in online environments: Introduction to Sociology

- Evaluations for all listed courses have been excellent and withdrawals minimal. Copies of evaluations provided per requests.
- Web design and maintenance utilizing blackboard and then Moodle with Campus change.
- Responsible for grading and record maintenance in STAR/Banner systems, reporting, and assessment creation.

2000 - Present

Cheat Lake Storage, LLC

Morgantown, WV

Administrative Supervisor – Member LLC - Owner Operator

DBA Cheat Lake Storage has 225 mini-storage, 150 unit boat and RV spaces and some warehousing capabilities. Operating at a 95-100% capacity at all points of ownership.

Personally, responsible for complete development and operation including but not limited to:

- site development,
- business plan and funding acquisition
- advertising,
- marketing and research,
- general office management,
- property acquisition,
- management,
- acquisition of financial support,
- construction coordinator,
- software consultant,
- accounting, billing specialist and customer relations.

2016-2017

West Virginia Wesleyan

Buckhannon WV

Adjunct Faculty

- Prepared Courses to teach in the on-campus environments Introduction to Sociology (Undergraduate)
- Evaluations for all listed courses have been excellent and withdrawals minimal. Copies of evaluations provided per requests.
- Web design and maintenance utilizing blackboard.
- Responsible for grading and record maintenance in STAR/Banner systems, reporting, and assessment creation.

2006 - 2011

Cheryl Johnson-Lyons, Attorney at Law

Morgantown, WV

Solo-Practitioner

General Practice

Primary Cases Load:

- Family Law: Divorces, Custody, Third Party Intervener
- Disability Law
- Business Creation: Limited Liability, Partnerships, and Non-Profit 501c3
- Property Law: Deeds, Wills and Estates
- Mediation and Arbitration

Other Skills/Certifications

Certified Inside Out Prison Exchange Instructor.
Proficient in: CEFMS (oracle), Blackboard/ WebCT, WebCT Vista, Moodle, Respondus, and other blackboard software applications including lecture capture software including Tegrity, Camtasia, Zoom, Voice Thread and Mediasite.

Working knowledge/experience or certifications in:

QM Certification/Peer Reviewer (2016- Present)

Curriculum Inventory Management (CIM)

CS Gold Administrative web application for student card systems.

STAR-Banner systems

WV Certified Court Mediator (2006-Present)

Proficient in all Windows and MAC environments and all MS Office. Languages – ADA, HTML script, some Java.

Publications

2016-2017: Top Hat Site Developer Introduction to Sociology

2011-2015: Authorship of Law and Society textbook through a multidisciplinary approach. Pearson Higher Education.

2011-2012 – Peer Reviewed: *A Starter Guide for Teaching Online Courses*
Pearson Education,. Strategies in Teaching Anthropology, 2012

2002-2010: *Study Aid to Sociology Now*: 1st through 4th Editions Pearson Education

2002 - Co-Authored *Study Guide to Introduction of Sociology* for the 9th Edition, Richard T. Schaefer, *Introduction to Sociology* textbook.

2002 – Authored Instructors manual for the 9th Edition Richard T Schaefer, *Introduction to Sociology* textbook.

2001 - Co-Authored *Study Guide to Introduction of Sociology* for the 8th Edition, Richard T. Schaefer, *Introduction to Sociology* textbook.

2000 - Editor for McGraw Hill – Reviewed supplements and text for the 8th Edition, Richard T. Schaefer, *Introduction to Sociology*.