Collin College Criminal Justice Faculty



Stephanie Abramoske-Austin, Ph.D.

Dr. Abramoske-James is a 21 year veteran with the United States Army Criminal Investigations Command. During her extensive and eclectic career she investigated thousands of felony investigations to include crimes against people, fraud, property, and drug crimes. Dr. Abramoske-James also served as the Personal Protection Officer for the United States Secretary of Defense from 1993 to 1997. Dr. Abramoske-James has a MS in Forensic Science from George Washington University and a Ph.D. in Criminology from the University of Texas at Dallas. In addition, she completed a fellowship with the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and has attended and investigated over 1000 autopsies/death investigations, respectively. She contributes not only an academic perspective to her classes but practical experience attained over her substantial investigative career.

For more information, please visit her website: <u>http://faculty.collin.edu/smaustin/</u>



Stefanie LeMaire, MS, Criminal Justice Discipline Lead

Prof LeMarie completed her MS in Criminal Justice from University of North Texas in 2008, and subsequently joined the Collin College Criminal Justice Associate faculty. Prof LeMaire has extensive professional experience as Dallas County Community Supervision Officer. Prior to joining the Collin College full-time faculty, she held a variety of positions over her seven year career, to include: supervisor of high-risk; cognitive behavioral therapy program facilitator; community supervisor of residential drug and alcohol treatment facility; community supervisor of sex offenders; and case manager for sexually violent predators placed on Civil Commitment. Prof LeMaire continues to follow research in the Criminology field, and uses her experiences as a Community Supervision Officer to expand the knowledge of her students, and understand the practical application of careers in the Criminal Justice System.

Collin College Criminal Justice Adjunct Faculty



Lee DeBoer, Ed.D.

Dr. Lee H. DeBoer joined Collin College in the fall of 2006 and served as a part-time associate faculty professor until he was awarded a full-time faculty position in the fall of 2014. He has served as a legal studies instructor for Frisco I.S.D. at their Career and Technical Education Center since 2008 and served as the special education department chair for Dallas I.S.D. for six years. He served as a master peace officer in the state of Texas for over seven years for the Pittsburg and Farmersville Police Departments. He is a licensed private detective in the state of Texas and a certified 9-1-1 instructor for the National Academies of Emergency Dispatch. He is a member of International Association for Correctional and Forensic Psychology. Dr. DeBoer completed his Ed.D. in 2018 from Texas A&M Commerce



Stan Forney, MS

Prof Forney is a 28 year veteran of the Dallas Police Department where he is currently assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Cyber Task Force. His experience while serving in law enforcement has exposed him to many areas of policing. Stanley's knowledge and passion for computer technology and criminal justice have transitioned his career into a cybercrime investigator. He is the first law enforcement officer in the country to attend the National Cyber Investigative Joint Task Force (NCIJTF), Fellowship. He has been certified by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) as a Master Peace Officer, Cybercrime Investigator and an Instructor. He is frequently asked to train and lecture the law enforcement community on cybercrime investigative techniques locally, statewide, and nationally. He has a vast knowledge of the complex social issues that continue to challenge law enforcement and the relationship with the public. Stanley completed an MS in Criminal Justice from Lamar University in 2017.



Dionne Peniston, Ph.D.

In 2006, Dr. Peniston attained a master's degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology from the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA). At UTA, she developed solid knowledge in areas such as corrections, policing, criminological theory, and victimology. Dr. Peniston furthered her education when she completed a PhD in Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Dallas in 2014. Her doctoral dissertation explored the reunification experiences of parolee fathers after their release from prison. Her research stemmed from her experience as a District Parole Officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). During her tenure, she supervised primarily males, and as they communicated, she became aware of many of their reentry challenges. However, the inability of reentering fathers to reconnect with their children was a challenge that she found particularly troubling. Not only was this challenge unaddressed by the TDCJ but she found there to be a dearth of information in the literature on the reunification experiences of reentering fathers. This led her to explore the experiences of fathers after imprisonment. Her passion for the criminal justice field has led her to teach criminal justice courses and to remain abreast of developments in the field.



Laura E Salander, MS

Professor Laura Salander holds a Masters in Criminal Justice from Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois. She has worked as an adjunct professor at Illinois State University, Heartland Community College, and Bradley University,

all located in Illinois. She also currently teaches Criminal Justice classes at Texas A&M Commerce in Commerce, TX. Professor Salander worked in the social services field for over 10 years before teaching at Collin College and was a program supervisor for The Center for Youth and Family Solutions in Bloomington, Illinois where she worked with delinquency intervention services, homeless and runaway youth, high-risk youth in foster care, and adult incarceration alternative programming including drug court and recovery court. Professor Salander is certified in Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Washington Aggression Interruption Training (WAIT), both evidence based programs. She has also been involved with cognitive behavioral programming for juveniles and adults.