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EDUCATION

- 2002 Ph.D. Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Dissertation title, "An Analysis of Alternative Methods of Plea Negotiations."
- 1996 M.A. in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Thesis Title, "Type of Counsel and its Effect on Plea Bargaining."
- 1990 J.D., *cum laude*, State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Law, Buffalo, NY. Class rank: Top Ten percent
- 1987 B.A. Sociology, *cum laude*, Boston University, Boston, MA. Honors Thesis Title, "The Etiology of Female Juvenile Delinquency."

EMPLOYMENT

- 2007-PRESENT *Associate Professor of Lawyering Skills* Seattle University School of Law. Legal Research & Writing, Family Law, Dispute Resolution, and Criminal Law
- 2004-2007 *Lecturer* Seattle University, Sociology Dept. Research Methods, Statistics, Criminal Justice Organizations, Deviance & Social Control, Law, Society & Justice, Senior Synthesis, American Culture & Society, Sociological Perspectives, and Family & Society
- 2002- 2003 *Visiting Professor* University of Washington, Bothell. Introduction to Statistics, Research Methods, and Women in the Social Structure.

- 1997-2002 *Instructor* University of Washington, Dept. of Sociology
Law and Society, Sociology of Family, and Women in the
Social Structure.
- 1994-1997 *Teaching Assistant* University of Washington, Dept. of
Sociology Introduction to Deviance, Data Analysis and
Methods, and Murder.
- 1994-1995 *Research Assistant* “Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the
Prosecution of Felony Cases in King County.” Funded by
the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission.
- 1992-1994 *Consumer Advocate* Call for Action, Washington, D.C.
Negotiated consumer cases involving disputes against
legitimate companies and against fraudulent telemarketers.
Responsible for retrieving 60% of all money CFA returned
to clients in 1994. Trained negotiators. Wrote grants and
consumer education publications. Worked with State
Attorney General Offices and the Federal Bureau of
Investigation to track fraudulent schemes nationwide.
- 1990-1992 *Litigation Attorney* Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge,
Washington, D.C. Drafted complaints, memoranda and
motions for RICO suits. Conducted significant legal
research and writing for *Miller v. Johnson*, Georgia voter
redistricting case that eventually was heard by the US
Supreme Court. Successfully tried numerous custody cases
on a *pro bono* basis.

PUBLICATIONS

- Bowen, Deirdre. “Visibly Invisible” Chapter in *Presumed Incompetent*. Edited by Carmen
Gonzales & Angela Harris, *forthcoming*.
- Bowen, Deirdre. “Affirmative Action in the United States.” Chapter in *Affirmative
Action: A Legal Analysis*. Brazillian Press, *forthcoming*.
- Bowen, Deirdre. “Brilliant Disguise: An Empirical Analysis of a Social Experiment
Banning Affirmative Action.” 83 *Indiana Law Journal* 3 (forthcoming 2010).
- Bowen, Deirdre. “Gender, Criminal Justice and Criminology.” Article length entry for
The Encyclopedia of Gender and Society. Edited by Jodi O’Brien. Thousand Oaks: Sage
Press, 2009.

Bowen, Deirdre. "Calling Your Bluff: How Prosecutors & Defense Attorneys Adapt Plea Bargaining Strategies in Response to Increased Formalization." 26 *Justice Quarterly* 2 (2009).

Bowen, Deirdre. "Differential Power in Same-Sex Families Based on Cultural and Legal Understanding of Parentage." 15 *Wm & Mary J. of Women & the Law* 1 (2009).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1997. Deirdre Bowen. "Type of Counsel and its Effect on Plea Bargaining Outcomes." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings, San Diego, CA.

2007. "Criminal Justice Professionals' Perceptions of Victim Offender Mediation: Understanding Roles and Goals." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Seattle, WA.

2007. "How Increased Rationalization Affects Plea Bargaining in Felony Drug Cases." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Seattle, WA.

2007. "How Defense Attorneys Use Plea Bargaining Strategies to Respond to Increased Formalization." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, CA.

2007. "What Everybody's Thinking but Nobody's Saying: Underrepresented Minority Students' Knowledge and Experience with Anti-Affirmative Action Laws and Higher Education. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association. Oakland, CA.

2007. "How Do Same-sex Couples Give Meaning to Cultural and Legal Definitions of Parental Rights as They Engage in Family Formation." Presented at the 2007 Intersections of Race and Gender: (Re) Imagining the Family Conference. Seattle, WA.

2007. Plenary Guest Speaker on Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Meaning of Family. Intersections of Race and Gender: (Re) Imagining the Family Conference, Seattle, WA.

2008. "Differential Power in Same-Sex Families Based on Cultural and Legal Understanding of Parentage." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, OR.

2008. "Differential Power in Same-Sex Families Based on Cultural and Legal Understanding of Parentage." Presented at the Law & Society Conference, Montreal, Canada.

2008. "Calling Your Bluff: How Prosecutors & Defense Attorneys Adapt Plea Bargaining Strategies to Increased Formalization." Presented at the American Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Section Conference, Tempe, AZ.

2008. "A Brilliant Disguise: an Empirical Assessment of the Colorblind Ideal in a Post Affirmative Action World." Presented as a work in progress at the LAT CRIT Conference, Seattle, WA.

INVITED SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

2008. "Differential Power in Same-Sex Families Based on Cultural and Legal Understanding of Parentage." Invited speaker at University of New Mexico School of Law Emerging Scholars Series.

2009. Hot Topics Panel: What's Race Got to Do with Post-Racialism? Moderated by Charles Ogletree at the American Association of Law Schools Conference, San Diego, CA.

2009. Race in Colorblind Spaces. The Third Annual Critical Race Symposium at UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA.

2009. The Relevance of Race in the Obama Era. The 15th Annual Paul Robeson Conference at Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY.

2009. Human Rights and Affirmative Action. Universidad do Estado do Rio de Janeiro.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"How Do Students of Color Define Critical Mass and Does it Matter?"

"Operating on the Margins: How Race, Gender, Class & Family Are Negotiated Outside the Law."

"The Intersection of Race and Gender on Attorneys' Classifications of 'Normal Crimes' in Plea Bargaining."

"The Unfinished Debate: Race versus Ethnicity."

GRANTS

1996 Washington State Minority and Justice Commission.

2006 University of Washington Disparity Research Center

2009 Poverty & Research Action Council

OTHER WORKS

Op. Ed. The Numbers Don't Lie in *The Summit Daily News* October 25, 2009.

Feature Article. Learning from Others: Preparing for the Aftermath of Post-Affirmative Action in *The Nebraska Lawyer* August 2009.

HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 1989 | Awarded Membership to Moot Court Board. State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Law. |
| 1990 | Adolph Homberger Award for Excellence in Civil Procedure. State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Law. |
| 1995 | Norman S. Hayner Award. Department of Sociology, University of Washington. |
| 2005 | Faculty Graduation Speaker Nominee. Seattle University School of Law. |
| 2006 | Recognition for Nomination for the Spirit of Community Award. Center for Service and Community Engagement. Seattle University. |
| 2006 | Academic Service Learning Faculty Fellow. Seattle University. |
| 2006-2007 | Center for the Study of Justice in Society Research Faculty Fellow. Seattle University. |
| 2007 | Criminal Justice Society Faculty Appreciation Award |

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Samaritans Suicide Hotline
Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
Law School Orientation Committee
Graduate School Orientation Committee
Queen Anne/ Magnolia Educational Task Force Research Consultant

Board Member: Fremont Community School

Consultant: new attorneys handling family law cases on a *pro bono* basis

Consultant: Hand in Hand AIDs Daycare and Respite program, Belize City, Belize, C.A.

Law Review Faculty Advisor

Justice Quarterly Peer Reviewer

PROFESSIONAL/BAR MEMBERSHIPS

New York, Massachusetts, Washington, D.C.