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Courses Taught

Temple College

- Introduction to Criminal Justice Course
- Police System and Practices

Strayer University/ Lone Star College

- Course(s) Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Criminal Justice and Social Diversity
- EDUC 1300
- Juvenile Justice
- Court Systems & Practices
- Ethics in Administration of Justice
- Corrections
- Correctional System and Practices Corrections
- Fundamentals of Criminal Law
- Courts and Criminal Procedure
- Introduction to Law Enforcement
- Social Justice
- Criminal Justice Senior Seminar
- The American Legal System
- Course(s)

Education

- **Doctor of Philosophy in Administration of Justice**, Texas Southern University (2022)
- **Master of Science in Criminology**, Mountain State University (2010)
- **Certification in Principal Administration**, Lamar University (2009)
- **Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice**, Mountain State University (2006)

Teaching Experience

- **Temple College**, Temple, Texas, (Professor, 2026-)
- **Lone Star College**, Houston, Texas, (Adjunct, 2024-)
- **Stayer University**, Houston, Texas (Adjunct, 2017-2019)

Professional Experience

- **Texas Department of Criminal Justice** Huntsville, Texas (1998-2005)
- **Aldine ISD**: Houston, Texas (2005-2015)

Professional Presentations

- Simmons, D. (2025). **Be the Change: Turning Purpose into Action.** LSC Student Leadership Experience. Houston, Texas.
- Simmons, D. (2022). **Daring to "Be It" as a Courageous Female Leader.** TCWSE Conference. Austin, Texas.
- Simmons, D. & Burnett, R. (2014). **"Impact of Identity Theft of Victims and Society."** Academy of Criminal Justice Science. Philadelphia, PA.

Awards

- High Rise Leadership Certificate (2025)

- Faculty- Departmental Recognition for Rising High within the department (2024)
- TABSE Principal of the Year (2021)
- Texas Council of Women School Executive Recipient (2019)
- TABSE Assistant Principal of the Year- (2019)
- Sam Houston University High Potential Employee Leadership Academy (2015)
- Teacher of the Year Nominee (2010)

Campus/Campuses

Temple College Main Campus