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## EDUCATION

PhD Candidate at Case Western Reserve University, present (Dissertation on girls and race in the juvenile justice system), expected graduation 2011
Licensed Master Social Worker in Texas, August 2003
Master's of Social Work. University of Houston, May 2003, Phi Kappa Phi, AGIFT Fellow
Graduate Studies, History, University of California, Santa Barbara
B.A. History, Fisk University, 1992, Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, University Honors

## AREAS of INTREST

*Research:*
Juvenile Delinquency, Race and Juvenile Delinquency, Girls in the Juvenile Justice System, Collaborative Team Work Among Social Worker and Attorneys.

*Teaching:*
Policy, Macro Practice, Children and Families, and Social Work in the Legal System

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

*University of Houston Law Center – The Center for Children, Law & Policy (SWJDC).* **Social Worker and Researcher**.
Collect and analyze data on various projects and programs. Provide assistance to attorneys representing children in delinquency, dependency and school cases. Help attorneys find alternative placements, conduct home studies, write alternative dispositional reports, and secure social services for the child and/or family. Track juvenile legislative issues in Texas and nationally. Work with the community and elected officials on juvenile policy issues. September 2006 – present

*Harris County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI).* **Data Analyst**.
Collect and analysis data for a variety of tasks forces and stakeholders involved with the initiative. Also prepared monthly, quarterly, and yearly reports to be sent to the funding source, Annie E. Casey Foundation. March 2009 – April 2010

*Southwest Juvenile Defender Center*. **Social Worker and Researcher**.
Provide assistance to attorneys representing children in delinquency, dependency and school cases. Help attorneys find alternative placements, conduct home studies, write alternative dispositional reports, and secure social services for the child and/or family. Track juvenile legislative issues nationally with a particular focus on the southwest region. Work with the community and elected officials on juvenile policy issues.
January 1, 2005 – August 2006 - **Executive Director**

*Lockhart Elementary School – PASS Program*. **On Site Consultant**. **Counselor.**
Coordinated school personnel, contract staff, and administrators to implement and run an after school program. Assessed coping skills of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Counseled students in a group setting and provided individual counseling on feelings, goals, and coping skills using various therapeutic methods. Gathered data for program evaluation.
Spring 2003 to January 2005.

*Geriatric Medicine Associates, Field III and IV*, **Social Work Intern**.
Conducted psychosocial assessments on elderly patients. Advocated for patients and families. Found community resources to help patients. Part of a geriatric interdisciplinary team.
Fall 2002 – Spring 2003.

*Jewish Community Center, Field II,* **Social Work Intern**.
Facilitated activities with elders in a day program. Counseled with elders on life issues and changes. Worked with elders at a congregate meal site.
May 2002 – August 2002.

*Housing Opportunities of Houston, Field I,* **Social Work Intern**.
Tracked participants of a down payment housing assistance program. Helped with intake on Hope VI - loan to purchase program. Assisted HOH with their participation in the Urban League's Women Head of Household Initiative. Explored various housing opportunities for elderly in the Houston area.
January 2002 – May 2002.

*Collegiate Press*. **Editorial Advisory Board** for *A Turbulent Voyage: Readings in African American Studies*.
Review and offer comments on an African - American History reader.
Fall 2000 - Present

*Southwest Regional Juvenile Defender Center*. **Senior Research Associate**.
Researched and wrote reports on juvenile issues including indigent defense, conditions of confinement, and probation. Kept track of different juvenile legislative issues in the region.
Summer 2000 – Fall 2002.

*HCC-Central, History Department*. **Full Time Professor (spring 2001). Adjunct Professor.**
Taught American History and African-American History. Developed courses, tests, assignments, and syllabi. Integrated oral history with textbook learning. Counseled students on course selection and degree options. Chose reading material for African-American history course
Spring 1997 – Spring 2001

*Ventura School For Boys and Girls*. **Program Coordinator.** Organized and planned a program to help wards prepare for GED, community college, 4 year college, and general life skills.
Fall 1994 - Spring 1996.

## RESEARCH

*Case Western Reserve University*. Research mentorship focusing on fathers and the emotional support they give their children.

*University of Houston IRB.* Help review research related to juvenile issues. Current.

*University of Iowa, History Department, Research Assistant, Dr. Linda Kerber*.
Research legal, historical, and cultural issues regarding immigration for a textbook update. Fall 2001.

*U.C. Santa Barbara, Graduate Research Mentor Program. Black Studies Department, Dr D. Daniels*.
Examined Census Reports for Kern County, CA for African-American residential areas and family structure. Supervised undergraduate research assistants in placing census information into numerical data. June 1994-June 1995

*U.C. Santa Barbara, Black Studies Department, and Dr. Douglas Daniels*
Worked on finding various articles and books that related to Jazz music in Oklahoma. Also examined census reports to locate information on African-Americans in various parts of California. Summer 1994.

## PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Harris County JDAI Self-Inspection Task Force (primary author). (2009). *Harris County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative – Self Inspection Task Force Final Report*. Texas: Harris County

Wilson, R and Marrus M. (2007). Family Structure, Health, & Children Among Houston Katrina Evacuees. Children & the Law After the Katrina Disaster, Houston, TX, April 20, 2007.

Chatman, J., Marrus, E., Marrus, M., Radcliffe, J., and Riskind, M. (2006). Ethics panel on juvenile practice. Zealous Advocacy = Best Interests – Southwest Juvenile Defender Center's Regional Conference, Houston, Texas, May 20, 2006.

Marrus, M (2006). Using a social worker in your practice. Zealous Advocacy = Best Interests – Southwest Juvenile Defender Center's Regional Conference, Houston, Texas, May 19, 2006.

Marrus, E and Marrus, M (2006). The team approach: Attorneys and social workers working together for the child client. Mississippi Child Welfare Institute, Jackson, MS, February 23, 2006.

Marrus, M. (2005). Using a Social Worker in your Legal Practice. Galveston Defense Lawyers, Galveston, TX November18, 2005

Marrus, M. (2005). After Katrina what do we do? Summit – National Juvenile Defender Center, Los Angles, CA October 21, 2005

Marrus, M. (2003). Mental Health Issues and Juveniles in the Criminal Justice System. Galveston Defense Lawyers, Galveston, TX October 17, 2003.

Marrus, M and Smith, T. (2003). Cultural competency with elders of color: A Hartford Fellows View. Roundtable presentation at the 49th Annual program of the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, March 1, 2003.

Stewart, C.E., Celeste, G., Marrus, E, & et.al. (2000). Selling Justice Short: Juvenile Indigent Defense in Texas. Texas: Texas Appleseed. Helped interview attorneys and juveniles, observed facility operations and court hearings, and helped write the final draft of the report.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Research Mentorship, Case Western Reserve University, 2006 – 2007.
Teaching Mentorship, Case Western Reserve University, 2005 – 2006
AGIFT Fellow, University of Houston, 2002-2003
Julie Ryan Scholarship, University of Houston, 2001-2002
Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCSB, October 1995
Graduate Research Mentor Program: UCSB, September 1994 - June 1995
Graduate Opportunity Fellowship for Minority Students: UCSB, September 1992 - June 1994

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Phi Kappa Phi, University of Houston
Innovation in Teaching Award, Houston Community College, 1998
Phi Beta Kappa, Fisk University
Departmental Honors, Fisk University
University Honors, Fisk University
Dean's List, Fisk University 1989 - 1992
National Dean's List, 1989 - 1991
Excellence in History Award, 1991