

**Ronald R. Thrasher, Ph.D.**  
**Vita**

**PERSONAL**

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Oklahoma State University (OSU)  
Department of Sociology  
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Stillwater, OK 74078-4062

**EDUCATION**

1999 - Ph.D. in Sociology, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.  
Specializing in Social-Psychology/Deviance-Criminology. Dissertation:  
"A Social Control Explanation of the Relationship Between Serious  
Crime and the Public Consumption of Beer"

1992 - M.S. in Corrections, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.  
Specializing in Offender Treatment. Thesis: "Personal Motivators  
Influencing Law Enforcement Career Applicants"

1990 Diploma Program, Criminal Justice Education, University of  
Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

1989 - B.U.S. (Bachelor of University Studies,) Majors:  
Biology/Psychology, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2000 - Present Deputy Chief of Police (Major), Reports directly to the  
Chief of Police and oversees operations of the entire police agency and  
acts in the position of Chief of Police in the absence of the Chief of  
Police.

2002- Present Visiting Associate Professor, Oklahoma State University, Dept. of Sociology, Stillwater, OK.

2000 - 2002 Adjunct Professor, Oklahoma State University, Dept of Sociology, Stillwater, OK.

1999 - 2002 Adjunct Professor, University of Central Oklahoma, Dept. of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Edmond, OK.

1997 - 2000 Commander (Captain), Criminal Investigations, Property, Crime Prevention, Public Information, Special Projects, Stillwater, OK Police Dept.

1988 - 1997 Commander (Lieutenant), Criminal Investigations Division, Stillwater, OK., Police Dept.

1987 - 1988 Commander (Lieutenant), Staff Services Division, Stillwater, OK. Police Dept.

1986 - 1987 Commander (Lieutenant), Uniform Patrol Division, Stillwater, OK. Police Dept.

1985 - 1986 Watch Supervisor, (Sergeant) Stillwater OK. Police Dept.

1983 - 1985 Patrol Field Supervisor, (Corporal) Stillwater OK. Police Dept.

1978 - 1983 Police Officer, Stillwater OK. Police Dept.

### **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING/CERTIFICATION**

1998 - Behavioral Analysis of Violent Crime Scenes & Sexual Offender Profiling, Specialized Training Services, San Diego, CA.

1993 - Basic Narcotics & Dangerous Drug Enforcement, US Drug Enforcement Administration

1992 - Leadership Stillwater VII; Community Leadership Development

1991 - Advanced Law Enforcement Certification, State of Oklahoma.

1990 - Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, Quantico, VA.

1986 - Collection and Preservation of Physical Evidence, FBI, Quantico, VA.

1982 - Instructor Certification, Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education & Training.

1978 - Oklahoma Basic Police Academy, Oklahoma City, OK.

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

President Payne/Logan County Therapeutic Drug Court Inc.

Past President Board of Directors, Starting Point II Substance Abuse Center

Former State Director Association of Professional Police Investigators

Member International Homicide Investigators Association

Member International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association

Member American Sociological Association

Member The American Society of Criminology

Member Society for Applied Sociology

Member Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police

Member Cherokee Indian Nation

Former State Director Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics

### **PROFESSIONAL INTEREST**

Violent Offenders

Group Deviant Behavior

Serial Criminal Offenders

School/Workplace Violence, Assessment, Prediction, Theory, Prevention, & Training

Theory and Application of Community Policing & Problem Solving

Program Evaluation Research & Assessment

### **PUBLICATIONS**

"Killing Ourselves, A story of police suicide," Ronald R. Thrasher, *Chief to Chief Magazine*, Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police, Oklahoma City, OK. Spring, 2002.

"Developing Policy to Combat Police Suicide," Ronald R. Thrasher, Chapter Within: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation Behavioral Science Unit FBI Academy Quantico, VA, *Suicide and Law Enforcement*. US Government Printing Office. Washington D.C. 2001.

*Serious Crime and the Public Consumption of Alcohol*, Ronald R. Thrasher, LFB Scholarly Publishing, LLC, New York, July, 2001.

"Internal Affairs: The Police Agencies Approach to the Investigation of Police Misconduct," Ronald R. Thrasher, Chapter Within: Palmiotto, M.J., *Police Misconduct*, Prentice Hall, 2001.

"Measuring Police Attitudes," Ronald R. Thrasher, *Community Policing Consortium Electronic Journal & Information Access Guide*, [www.communitypolicing.org](http://www.communitypolicing.org), June 24, 1998.

"Psychology on a Budget," Rex T. Finnegan and Ronald R. Thrasher, *Cop Jobs*, April, 1998.

"The Power Reassurance Rapist: a Case Study." Ronald R. Thrasher, *American Criminal Justice Association L.E.A. Journal*, Vol. 57, No. 3 & 4, Fall/Winter, 1997.

"Voice-Mail Fraud," Ronald R. Thrasher, *Police Training & Tactics*, Vol. 1, No. 4, October, 1995.

"Money, Beer, and the Annual Event; Living up to citizen's expectations," Ronald R. Thrasher, *Public Management*, Vol. 77, No. 9, September, 1995.

"Managing The Annual Street Party," Ronald R. Thrasher, *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*, Vol. 64, No. 7, July, 1995.

"Voice-Mail Fraud," Ronald R. Thrasher, *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin*, Vol. 63, No. 7, July, 1994.

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Sanctions, Incentives and Behavior, National Association of Drug Court Professionals, New Orleans, LA.

Profiling Serial Offenders, Advanced in-service training, Oklahoma Military Department, Oklahoma City, OK.

Investigating Major Industry, Environmental Sociology, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.

Interviewing Serial Murderers, Graduate Deviance, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.

Rape and Criminal Justice, Open Community Forum, Indian Meridian Vo-Tec, Stillwater, OK.

Handling the Mentally Ill, Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Stillwater, OK.

Handling Unusual Occurrences, Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Stillwater, OK.

Gang Dynamics, Juvenile Delinquency, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK.

Development and Migration of Youth Violence, State Convention of Government Recreation Directors, Ponca City, OK.

Youth Violence; Causes and prevention, Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, Ponca City, OK

The Mind of a Sexual Predator, National Organization of Women, Stillwater, OK

Active Listening and the Symbolic Use of Language, Oklahoma State Law Enforcement Communications Associations, Oklahoma City, OK

Preventing, Predicting, and Surviving Workplace Violence, Occupational Safety & Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor Training Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.

Violence in the Workplace, Oklahoma Conference on Safety & Health, Tulsa, OK.

Workplace Violence, Oklahoma Trucking Association, Mid-Winter Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.

## **PAPERS PRESENTED**

"Developing Policy to Combat Police Suicide," Ronald R. Thrasher, Paper presented at the Conference on Suicide and Law Enforcement, US Department of Justice, FBI Academy, Quantico, VA, September, 1999.

"Managing Large Crowds; an Applied Research Approach," Ronald R. Thrasher, Paper presented at the Southwestern Social Sciences Association Meeting, Dallas, Texas, March 23, 1995.

"The Power Reassurance Rapist: a Case Study," Ronald R. Thrasher, Paper presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Meeting, Dallas, Texas, March 22, 1995.

## **GRANTS**

"Juvenile Substance Abuse Therapeutic Court Program," Office of Juvenile Affairs, State of Oklahoma Continuing Program #XO37253, 2003 Continuation Grant. Ronald R. Thrasher, Author and Project Director, \$50,000.00.

"Juvenile Mentoring and Training Program," Office of Juvenile Affairs, State of Oklahoma #Z007388, 2003 Enhancement Grant. Ronald R. Thrasher, Project Director, \$7,336.00.

"Local Law Enforcement Grant Program," US Department of Justice. 2002. Ronald R. Thrasher, Author and Project Director, \$25,970.00.

"Juvenile Mentoring and Training Program," Office of Juvenile Affairs, State of Oklahoma #Z007388, 2002. Ronald R. Thrasher, Project Director, \$14,237.00.

"Juvenile Substance Abuse Therapeutic Court Program," Office of Juvenile Affairs, State of Oklahoma Continuing Program #XO37253, 2002. Ronald R. Thrasher, Author and Project Director, \$70,000.00.

"Innovative Solutions for Identifying and Addressing Underage Drinking," State of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Highway Safety. #2001-AHFX1011-02D. Ronald R. Thrasher, Author and Project Director, \$15,000.00.

"Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program; Recording Juvenile Contacts with Police," State of Oklahoma, Office of Juvenile Affairs. #00-JAIBG-37. Ronald R. Thrasher, Author and Project Director, \$15,041.11.

"Multi-Jurisdictional Technology Grant," U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs #2001-LB0BX-1662: 2001. Ronald R. Thrasher, Author and Project Director, \$33,800.00.

"Vehicular Occupant Safety Programt," National Highway Traffic Safety Administration & Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police #SB2000-01: 2001. Ronald R. Thrasher, Project Director, \$5,500.00.

"Juvenile Substance Abuse Therapeutic Court Program," Office of Juvenile Affairs, State of Oklahoma #XO37253, 2001. Ronald R. Thrasher, Author and Project Director, \$50,000.00.

"Enforcing Underage Drinking Project," Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police #00-01-005: 2001. Ronald R. Thrasher, Project Director, \$13,000.00.

"Juvenile Accountability Program," Office of Juvenile Affairs, State of Oklahoma: 2000. Ronald R Thrasher, Author and Project Director, \$13,872.00.

"Establishing Indigent Juvenile Accountability Within the Drug Court Model," State of Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs: 2000. Ronald R. Thrasher, Author and Project Director, \$13,777.00.

"Technology to Enhance Problem Oriented Policing," U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance #2000-LB-VX-0889. December 13, 1999. Ronald R. Thrasher, Author and Project Director, \$48,142.00.

"Juvenile Alcohol/Tobacco Reduction Project," Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police #98-AH-F8-0040-01E/99-00-0006: 2000. Ronald R. Thrasher, Project Director, \$8,127.00.

"Establishing Juvenile Accountability Within the Drug Court Model," State of Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs: 1999. Ronald R. Thrasher, Author and Project Director, \$13,958.00.

"Partnerships in Reducing School violence," U.S. Department of Justice, Office of community Oriented Policing Services. 1999. Ronald R. Thrasher, Author and Project Director, \$302,522.00.

"Multijurisdictional Networking Initiative," U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance #98LBVX2056. 1998. Ronald R. Thrasher, Author and Project Director, \$33,852.00.

"Rural Crime Prevention Initiative," US Department of Justice Sub grant, Oklahoma District Attorney's Training Council #D98-894. 1998. Ronald R. Thrasher, Author and Consultant to Payne County Sheriffs Office, \$4,052.00.

"Juvenile crime reduction and public safety enhancement," Office of justice Programs, US Department of Justice, 1997. Ronald R. Thrasher, Author and Project Director, \$27,734.00.

"Technology support for multi jurisdictional policing," Office of Justice Programs, US Department of Justice, 1996. Ronald R. Thrasher, Author and Project Director, \$23,106.00.

"Innovative technology to support community oriented policing," US Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services, 1996. Ronald R. Thrasher, Project Director and Principal Investigator, \$252,953.00.

## **PERSONAL**

Date of Birth: February 26, 1953; Married (25 yr.); Two Sons (ages 19 & 21)

Recreational activities include flying, jogging, farming, and family activities.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Spring, 2003, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Introduction to Sociology

Spring, 2003, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Criminalistics, Forensic Sciences

Fall, 2002, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Social Psychology

Fall, 2002, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Criminology

Fall, 2002, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Criminal Behavioral Analysis

Spring, 2002. Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. Criminalistics, Forensic Sciences

Spring, 2002. University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond. Social Psychology

Spring, 2002. Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. Social Psychology

Fall, 2001. Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. Juvenile Corrections & Treatment Strategies

Fall, 2001. Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. Criminal Behavioral Analysis

Fall, 2001. University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond. Social Psychology

Spring, 2001. Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. Criminal Behavioral Analysis

Spring, 2001. University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond. Social Psychology

Fall, 2000. Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. Social Psychology

Fall, 2000. University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond. Graduate Police Administration

Fall, 2000. Oklahoma State University, Stillwater. Criminal Behavioral Analysis

Spring, 2000. University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond. General Sociology.

Fall, 1999. University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond. Graduate Studies in Police Systems Management and Administration

1982 - Present. Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training. Advanced law enforcement training including: Handling the Mentally Ill, Hostage/Crisis Negotiation, Managing Unusual Circumstances, Interview & Interrogation, Surviving the Critical Incident, Advanced Management; Police suicide; Surviving Stress.