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Board of County Commissioners
Gunnison County Administration
200 E. Virginia
Gunnison, CO 81230

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my strong desire and interest in continuing to represent Gunnison County on the 7th Judicial District Community Corrections Board. I believe my skills and education are the perfect fit for this position. I have a PhD in Sociology with a specialization in Criminology. As a Sociology professor at Western Colorado University I direct the Criminal Justice emphasis and teach the majority of the criminal justice courses. In addition, I had the honor of serving as a Commissioner for the 7th Judicial District Judicial Performance Commission until January of 2019. I was nominated by Judge Steve Patrick and appointed by the Supreme Court of Colorado.

In my past two years as a board member I have had the opportunity to attend bimonthly meetings in Montrose, attend the Community Corrections Board conference hosted by the7th Judicial District in Montrose earlier this year, and meet a variety of people in different positions across the 7th Judicial District who are committed to the success of Community Corrections programs. I would be thrilled to sit down with the Gunnison County Commissioners at their convenience to update them on the activities of the Community Corrections Board.

I have attached a copy of my resume, which includes two references. I can be reached at cwhitney@western.edu or via phone at 719-480-0040 at any time. I thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,

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EDUCATION

PH.D Sociology - Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
Dissertation title: Exploring Women, Gun Ownership, and Gender
Advisor: Dr. Donald Kurtz
Areas of Specialization: Gender and Criminology

M.S. Sociology/Higher Education - Mankato State University, Mankato, MN

B.A. Sociology/Psychology - Adams State College, Alamosa, CO

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2017 -	*Assistant Professor of Sociology,* Behavioral and Social Sciences, Western State Colorado University
2013 - 2017	*Lecturer of Sociology,* Behavioral and Social Sciences, Western State Colorado University
2012 – 2013	*Visiting Instructor,* Department of Sociology, Adams State University
2008 – 2012	*Assistant Professor of Sociology,* Department of Sociology, Adams State College
2006 – 2008	*Managing Editor,* Gender & Society Journal, Kansas State University
2004 – 2006	*Graduate Teaching Assistantship,* Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, Kansas State University
2004 – 2015	*Instructor,* Extended Studies Program, Adams State College
1998 – 2004:	*Adjunct Instructor,* Department of Sociology, Adams State College

COURSES TAUGHT

Western State Colorado University

Criminology
Criminal Justice
Corrections
Juvenile Delinquency
Women in Prison
Serial Murderers & their Victims
Introduction to Sociology
Sociological Theory
Family
Inequalities
Senior Capstone

Adams State University

Criminology	The Sociological Imagination
Deviance and Control	Race, Culture, and Ethnicity
Police & Society	Minority and Ethnic Relations
Serial Murderers and their Victims	Race, Class, and Gender
Juvenile Delinquency	Marriage and Family
Correctional Systems	

Kansas State University

Police & Society	Introduction to Sociology

JUDICAL APPOINTMENTS

2018 -	*7th Judicial District Community Corrections Board* – Appointed by the Gunnison County Commissioners
2017 - 2019	*7TH Judicial District Commission on Judicial Performance* - Appointed by the Supreme Court of Colorado.

DEPARMENT SERVICE

2018 -	*Chair*, Academic Policy Committee, Western Colorado University
2017 – 2018	*Committee Member,* Academic Policy Committee, Western Colorado U
2013 -	*Prospective Student Visits,* Western State Colorado University
2014 -	*Preview Days,* Western State Colorado University
2010 – 2013	*Chair*, Student Scholar Days Committee, Adams State University
2009 – 2010	*Committee Member*, Student Scholar Days Committee, Adams State University

BOOK REVIEWS

2009. She's Got a Gun by Nancy Floyd. (Temple University Press, 2008). *Gender & Society*, June 2009.

2006. A World in Transition: An Introduction to the Sociological Perspective by Croteau-Hoynes

PRESENTATIONS

2014. Exploring Women and Gun Ownership, Western State Colorado University, Faculty Lecture
2013. Aging in Society. Invited Presentation for Senior Citizen Conference, Alamosa, CO
2011. Women and Gun Ownership. MSS Conference, Salt Lake City, UT
2009. Women and Gun Ownership. Adams State College, Faculty Lecture Series
1999. Domestic Violence: A Coordinated Response through Community Policing. Community Policing Conference, Keystone, CO.

REFERENCES

Dee Laird, Chair – 7th Judicial District Community Corrections Board
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Judge Steven Patrick – Chief Judge, 7th Judicial District
steven.patrick@judicial.state.co.us