

Lisa Briggs

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Biography

Briggs has been a criminologist for more than 20 years, and for almost the past decade she has been specializing in forensic based criminology with a focus on missing persons, as well as the use of scent detection K9s and human decomposition. Briggs is a full, tenured professor of criminology and criminal justice at Western Carolina University, she is the director of the Emergency and Disaster Management Program, as well as the WCU Cadaver Dog Training Program director. Briggs is past president of the State of North Carolina Criminal Justice Association (NCCJA), as well as the past secretary of the North Carolina Search and Rescue Dog Association. She is also on the board, and an instructor, for the DuPont Rescue Challenge. She holds a Ph.D. in Crime and Deviance, a Master of Public Affairs, as well as a Master of Science. She has field experience in law enforcement and criminal justice and has taught at several major universities including University of Connecticut, NC State University, East Tennessee State University and Western Carolina University. She has been recognized as being one of the top educators in the state of North Carolina by the Governor. She is a committed educator and has been recognized by receiving several teaching awards as well as service engagement awards at different universities particularly because of her dedication to serving the community and the field of criminal justice. While as an educator she is committed to "boots on the ground" involvement, her current research focus is on presenting conference papers, conducting experiments and research studies, and writing publications on the science of human decomposition and the use of scent detection canines. She is the author of more than 30 academic publications including text books, peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Importantly, she merges her commitment to education with her passion of being a successful human recovery canine handler and trainer. Briggs actively serves on criminal cases at either the federal, state or local level, and has been specifically involved in many high-profile cases. She is a TAC for The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and she "vets" K9 teams to be utilized by NCMEC. Briggs deploys often across the country on missing person's and missing children cases and combined work from one of her four own personal HRD K9s has recovered 29 victims as of early 2022.

Industry Expertise

Research, Education/Learning, Writing and Editing

Areas of Expertise

Crime and Deviance, Forensic Based Criminology, Criminology, Missing Persons, Scent Detection K9s

Affiliations

North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations Human Remains Task Force : Member, DuPont
Rescue Challenge : Board member

Education

North Carolina State University at Raleigh
Ph.D.

North Carolina State University at Raleigh
M.S.

Western Carolina University
M.P.A. Public Affairs

Western Carolina University
B.S.

Accomplishments

UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching
2012

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