

## **Biography**

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**Dr. Bing** holds a PhD in Criminology from Florida State University and an undergraduate degree in Sociology from the College of the Holy Cross, located in Worcester, MA. He is former and first chair of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, where he served for twelve years. His research interest includes corrections, plea bargaining, crime and public policy, race and criminal justice education. Prior to pursuing an academic career in criminal justice, Dr. Bing had served as Assistant Superintendent of Hillsborough House, a residential treatment facility for delinquent boys in Tampa Florida. With regard to classroom instruction, Dr. Bing believes that theory and practice are fundamentally related... "you cannot have good practice, without sound theory."

Dr. Bing has written over 35 refereed articles and or book chapters. He has authored technical reports for federal and state agencies, co-edited a book and recently authored and edited "Race, Crime and the Media" (McGraw-Hill). He has been the recipient of state and federal grants. He has also received numerous awards for his community service and involvement. Dr. Bing is an active member of the European Society of Criminology, the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Services, the Southwest Association of Criminal Justice, where he served as president of the Texas chapter in 2005. With respect to the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, he is past recipient of the Becky Tatum Excellence Award. Dr. Bing is former president of the Section on Minorities and Women for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Dr. Bing is also former board member of Mothers Against Teen violence (MATV) - Project Rethink. Dr. Bing continues to be active in the criminal justice community throughout the DFW metropolitan area.