### Virginia Braden

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**Summary of Qualifications**

* Proven experience in adult education as an Investigative Training Instructor
* Experienced lecturer with state level political advocacy experience
* Skilled investigator and behavioral profiler with high level expertise in cold case, death, and missing person investigations, and wrongful convictions cases
* Expert in non-verbal communication including body language and facial queues
* Proven dedication to the community shown through ministry outreach at 7 Hills Church and pro bono work as victim’s advocate
* Exemplary project-management and leadership skills developed through years of service with 7 Hills Church
* Skilled behavioral analyst working closely with individuals and families in crisis
* Experienced bereavement coach assisting individuals who have experienced a traumatic loss
* Experienced public speaker for various organizations, conferences, and events
* Author “Life is Hard…Here’s Some Help”

**Education**

Ph.D., Criminal Justice Currently Enrolled

University of Louisville GPA 3.9

Master of Science, Administration of Justice May 2014

University of Louisville GPA: 3.9

Bachelor of Science, Administration of Justice May 2010

University of Louisville GPA: 3.4

**Work Experience**

# *Community Care & Outreach Director, 7 Hills Church* 2012 – 2017

* Ordained Minister responsible for coordination of all services to individuals and families in crisis
* Director of Services for Addiction & Recovery Ministry
* Director of Pastoral Care & Grief Services
* Provided Chaplain Services for local Fire and EMS personnel
* Coordinated and directed 6,000+ volunteers and 300+ community service projects annually
* Organized and managed 89,000+ volunteer hours in 2017
* Responsible for building and maintaining relationships with 200+ community non-profit & service agencies
* Responsible for media communications regarding community service including but not limited to television interviews
* Director of Safety Operations responsible for developing and implementing security practices, protocols, and trainings as well as managing security team personnel
* Served as liaison officer with the Kentucky Department of Homeland Security

## **Licensed Private Investigator** 2006 – Present

## Professional License Issued by the State of Kentucky 2006

* Investigates and analyzes cold cases, death, and missing person investigations for private sector clients and attorneys at law.
* Provides investigative and behavioral analysis services for Ohio Innocence Project, attorneys at law and private clients
* Constructs strategies and techniques for person of interest interviews and interrogations for Ohio Innocence Project , and attorneys at law.
* Interprets and analyzes non-verbal communication including body language and facial queues
* Coordinates services to victims & their families

## Founded StillTheySpeak.com**:** A website dedicated to giving a voice to the voiceless

## **Behavioral Profiler Analyst and Consultant** 2000 – Present

## Consultant for local and state law enforcement agencies including:

## Florence Police, Butler County Sheriff, Las Vegas Metro Police, Clinton County Sheriff, Kentucky State Police, Michigan State Police, Las Vegas Metro, Warren County Sherriff, Indiana State Police, Boone County Sheriff

* Functioned as international liaison for overseas death investigations
* Coordinates strategies and techniques for person of interest interrogations
* Interprets non-verbal communication including body language and facial queues in context of video interviews & interrogations
* Analyzes past or previous witness and suspect interviews both written and verbal
* Develops new persons of interest
* Provides offender profiles and victimology assessments
* Identifies new approaches for dealing with old suspects
* Analyzes and interprets crime scenes including blood splatter analysis
* Facilitates a monthly Grief Support group for members of community dealing the death of a loved one
* Worked with ***America’s Most Wanted*** as liaison on a Kentucky cold case in 2007

***Investigative Training Instructor*** 2006 – Present

* Conference Presenter- Victory Over Violence Conference 2019
* Conference Presenter- 7th Annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference 2019
* Conducted Statewide Training for Ky Cabinet for Health and Family Services 2018
* Conducted Regional Training for Kentucky Family Resource Coordinators and Head Start coordinators 2019
* Teaches courses on Non-Verbal Communication (Body Language Interpretation), Compassion Fatigue, Leadership for Crisis Service Providers, Domestic Violence, Workplace Violence, Interview and Interrogation Techniques, Serial Violent Offenders, General Investigative Technique, and Basic Forensic Investigation, Responding to Suicide Survivors (children & adult).
* Clients include Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Kentucky Department of Community Based Services, Community Action Commission/Collaboration for Children, Kentucky Family Resource Coordinators, School Counselors, Attorneys, Politicians, Private Sector, Non-Profit Sector, Middle School & High School Students
* Taught Interview/Interrogation strategies, Loss Prevention and Body Language interpretation for private security firms and loss prevention coordinators and non-profit security management teams
* Taught with the Greater Joy Educational Co-Op program for home school students in 2011 and 2012

## **Director, Guardians of Our Children** 2000 – 2006

* Directed and coordinated a community based service agency
* Promoted awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and domestic violence
* Interacted and advised community service providers, Kentucky State Legislators, and the general public
* Lectured on domestic violence and child predators
* Contributed and led a domestic violence prevention initiative that produced a bill with the Kentucky Lt. Governor’s office that was brought to the floor of the Kentucky Senate

## **Independent Victims Advocate**  2000 – 2012

* Provided advocacy services free of charge to victims of violent crimes and their families
* Worked with both state agencies and community organizations
* Represented victims in meetings with law enforcement
* Accompanied sexual assault victims to medical exams and court

**Industry Designations, Certificates/Training, and Awards**

# Certified Hostage Negotiator 2017

* Kentucky Women in Law Enforcement 2017

Benefactor Award

* Liaison Officer with Kentucky Dept of

Homeland Security 2016

* Ida B. Wells Award 2014
* Facial Action Coding System 2012

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| * American College of Forensic Examiners
 | 2009 - 2014 |  |  |
| * National Association of Fire Investigators
 | 2009 - 2012 |  |  |
| * Linguistic Statement Analysis
 | 2011 |  |  |
| * Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Syndrome
 | 2010 |  |  |
| * Offender Profiling: Statistical Basis for Arson Investigation
 | 2009 |  |  |
| * National Institute of Justice Scholarship Recipient
 | 2009 |  |  |
| * University of Louisville Women Alumni Scholarship Recipient
 | 2009 |  |  |
| * Death Investigations
 | 2008 |  |  |
| * Crime Scene Basics for Forensic Analysts
 | 2008 |
| * Evidence at the Crime Scene
 | 2008 |
| * Forensic Anthropology for Investigators
* History and Types of DNA Testing
 | 20082008 |
| * DNA Evidence and First Responders
 | 2008 |
| * Collecting DNA Evidence at Property Crimes
* Profiling Serial Offenders
* Violent Crimes Behavioral Analysis
* Serial Killers
* Victimology
 | 20082007200720072007 |
| * Crime Scene Investigations and Blood Spatter Interpretation
 | 2007 |
| * Dean’s Scholar
 | 2005 – 2010 |

**Publications\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Citizen and Police Attitudes Survey- 2018 (in progress)
* LMPD Traffic Stops Report 2018 (in progress)
* Program Evaluation: Louisville Metro Police

Department Real Time Crime Center 2017

* Program Evaluation: The Living Room Project 2017

**References\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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