

R. LeGrande Gardner, PhD

Associate Professor of Instruction
Department of Criminology
University of South Florida
4202 East Fowler Ave, SOC 107
Tampa, FL 33620

GardnerL@usf.edu
813-344-2440 (cell)

GRADUATE EDUCATION

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA
Ph.D. Degree, Criminology Specialization, December 1984.

CURRENT CYBER ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of the Cybercrime MS Degree Program, USF Department of Criminology. December 2017 to present. Develop and teach online graduate level courses to include Digital Evidence Recognition and Collection, Introduction to Digital Evidence, Digital Forensic Criminal Investigations, Cybercrime Law and Policy, and the Cybercrime Capstone in the Cybercrime Master's Degree program. Administrate the Criminology Department's Cybercrime Master's Degree program.

Director of the Digital Forensics Concentration for the Master's Degree in Cybersecurity, USF Office of Graduate Studies; Director of the Digital Forensics Graduate Certificate Program, USF Department of Criminology. December 2014 to December 2022. Develop and teach online graduate level courses to include Digital Evidence Recognition and Collection, Introduction to Digital Evidence, and Digital Forensic Criminal Investigations. Administrate the Criminology Department's Graduate Certificate Program in Digital Forensics. Administrate the Digital Forensic Concentration for the Master's Degree in Cybersecurity, Office of Graduate Studies.

Academic Liaison, June 2016 to May 2017
USF Office of Graduate Studies and the Florida Center for Cybersecurity (Cyber Florida), University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida. Serve as Academic Liaison between USF's Cyber Security academic program and the Florida Center for Cybersecurity (Cyber Florida).

Associate Professor of Instruction, August 2012 to present.
Department of Criminology, University of South Florida, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Tampa, Florida. Developed and taught both online and ground-based undergraduate courses in Cyber Crime. Assigned to the MS Degree in Cybersecurity academic program in December 2014 as Director of the Digital Forensics Concentration.

Instructor/Director, Digital Forensics Laboratory, August 2011 to August 2012.
University of South Florida Polytechnic, College of Applied Arts and Sciences, Criminology Department, Lakeland, Florida. Developed and taught both online and ground-based undergraduate courses in Digital Forensics, Introduction to Digital Evidence, Digital Forensic Examinations for the Criminal Investigator.

IACIS Coach, July 2006 to present

International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS)

Serve as a Coach and advisor to law enforcement officers and civilian contractors in both the U.S. and European BCFE sessions who are going through the IACIS examination process to become Certified Forensic Computer Examiners (CFCE). Committee service included.

PRIOR CYBER APPLIED PROFESSIONAL / PRACTITIONER EXPERIENCE

Owner and Forensic Examiner, August 2011 to August 2017

LeGrande PLLC, E-Discovery and Digital Forensic Specialists, Lakeland, Florida
LeGrande PLLC was a digital forensics firm serving Tampa Bay and Central Florida, providing digital forensics and E-Discovery services in support of civil litigation, corporate investigations, and private investigations. FL LIC# A1100170

Police Supervisor / Police Officer, January 1990 to September 2010 - Retired

City of Lakeland Police Department, Lakeland, Florida. I held supervisory, managerial, and administrative positions since October 1993. From 2000 to 2010, I supervised the Criminal Intelligence Unit and the Computer Forensics Laboratory. During my last three years I was concurrently assigned as a Task Force Agent on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Cyber Crime Unit based out of Tampa, Florida.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS)
Consortium of Digital Forensic Specialists (CDFS)
Association of Digital Forensics, Security and Law (ADFSL)
American Society of Digital Forensics and eDiscovery (ASDFED)
Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (SFSA-FBI)
Military Cyber Professionals Association (MCPA)

PRIOR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE / COURSE & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Instructor/Course Development, January 2006 to December 2013

Web Investigator Inc., Vancouver, British Columbia. Web Investigator Inc. was a Canadian-based technology security firm that provided specialized courses in Internet investigations to government, business, and private entities worldwide. I developed and taught an online course in Cyber Criminology.

Adjunct Faculty/Course Development, December 2005 to January 2011

Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training (MCTFT) Program, Southeastern Public Safety Institute (SEPSI), St. Petersburg, Florida. MCTFT provides courses covering all aspects of counterdrug law enforcement and training support for community anti-drug coalitions. This program is a federally funded partnership through the Department of Defense between the Florida National Guard and SEPSI. I developed and taught seminar courses in Digital Evidence Recovery and Internet Investigations as they relate to drug enforcement. These courses are delivered nation-wide to federal, state, and local law enforcement entities.

Instructor, In-Service Training Program. January 1990 – December 2010

Lakeland Police Department (LPD), Lakeland Florida. Certified Instructor by the State of Florida Criminal Justice and Standards Training Commission (CJSTC). I served as a police instructor, firearms instructor, defensive tactics instructor, and police/emergency vehicle-driving instructor for the LPD In-service training Program. I taught many in-service sessions on cybercrime topics and law enforcement ethics.

Adjunct Faculty, May 2003 to April 2005

Polk State College, Criminal Justice Training Center, Certified Computer Forensic Examiner (CCFE) Program, Winter Haven, Florida. Taught and facilitated online courses in the Certified Computer Forensic Examiner (CCFE) program to include Introduction to Computer Crime, Internet Investigations, Internet Fraud Investigations, and Computer Related Criminal Investigations.

ADDITIONAL CYBER PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE) - International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS). July 2005 to November 2024.

Certified Electronic Evidence Collection Specialist (CEECS) - International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS). April 2004 to November 2024.

Certified Cyber Crime Examiner (3CE) – National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C). November 2018 to October 2024.

Certified E-Discovery Specialist (CEDS) – September 2012 to September 2021.
Certified by the Association of E-Discovery Specialists (ACEDS).

Computer Crime / Computer Forensics Training. 2000 to present – Over 850 classroom and laboratory hours of training in computer crimes and cyber investigations; over 700 hours of which are specifically in computer and digital forensics.

Courses include:

- Magnet Forensics – AX200 Magnet Axiom Examination, Online, 11-26-2021.
- IACIS – Applied Computer Forensics, Windows 10, Orlando, FL, 05-03-2019.
- IACIS – Windows Forensic Examiner, Lake Mary, FL, 05-12-2017.
- IACIS/Sumuri – Macintosh Forensic Examiner, Lake Mary, FL, 05-08-2015.
- IACIS – Cell Phone Forensics, Orlando, FL, 05-09-2014.
- IACIS – Network Forensic Investigations, Orlando, FL, 05-02-2014.
- IACIS - Applied Computer Forensics, Windows 7 & 8, Orlando, FL, 04-26-2013.
- UFED Standard and Physical Pro Certification. Teel Technologies. Lakeland, Florida, 01-10-2013.
- FBI Cyber – IITF – Internet Investigations – Advanced Undercover Course, Calverton, Maryland, 11-20-2008.
- FBI Cyber Crimes Unit – Image Scan v3.2, Tampa, Florida, 11-13-2008.
- FBI VIRTUAL ACADEMY, CYD1030 - Network Information Infrastructures, Tampa, Florida, 03-28-2008.
- FBI Cyber – IITF – Internet Investigations – Basic Undercover Certification Course, Calverton, Maryland, 01-17-2008.
- FBI VIRTUAL ACADEMY, CYD1050 – Introduction to Internet Investigations, Tampa, Florida, 06-25-2007.
- NW3C BOTS 201 – Basic Online Technical Skills, Miami, Florida, 06/30/2006
- FBI Cyber Crimes Unit – Image Scan v2.1, Tampa, Florida, 06-15-2006.
- NW3C ADRA 301 - Windows NT/NTFS O/S, Tallahassee, Florida, 05-12-2006.
- NW3C IDRA 201 - Data Recovery and Analysis, Tampa, Florida, 03-10-2006.
- NW3C STOP, Orlando, Florida, 12-06-2005
- FTK Boot Camp, Orlando, Florida, April 22, 2005
- IACIS FCETP, Orlando, Florida, 05-07-2004
- NW3C ADRA – Ilook Investigator, Tampa, Florida, 10-10-2003
- NW3C ADRA – INet, Tampa, Florida, 04-30-2003
- NW3C BDRA, Tampa, Florida, 02-07-2003
- ENCASE/GUIDANCE- Intermediate Analysis, Orlando, Florida, 03-15-2002
- NW3C BDRA, Fairmont, West Virginia, 10-26-2001
- IPTM, Computer Crime Investigations, Jacksonville, Florida, 11-09-2001
- IPTM / PSI – Cyber Crime Investigations, Orlando, Florida, 04-20-2001
- Spranza International – Internet for Investigators, Winter Haven, FL, 09-29-2000