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EDUCATION

Howard University, Ph.D. Sociology, Social Control/Deviance & Urban Track, 2009
Dissertation: "Graduation and release: Kwanzaa as a reference group, An exploratory case study of Black male college graduates and Black male jail releasees from Baltimore City"

University of Baltimore, M.S., Criminal Justice Administration, 2000
Thesis: "A new approach in evaluating the employment experiences of former prisoners"

University of Maryland College Park, B.A., Journalism/ Criminology & Criminal Justice, 1996
Independent Study Paper: "Employment Opportunities for Ex-offenders"

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
Associate Professor (Tenured) April 2014 – present
Criminal Justice Program Coordinator August 2009 - present
Assistant Professor August 2009 – April 2014
Lecturer August 2007 – August 2009
Completion of the Online Course Development Workshop Fall 2010, Summer 2011, Spring 2013, Fall 2014 (Created four online courses – Soci 308: Criminology, Soci 205: Social Problems, Soci 408: Criminal Justice and Criminology Research Methods, Soci 351: Introduction to Social Statistics)

Undergraduate Courses Taught

Soci 201 Sociological Writing (new course developed)
Soci 205 Social Problems (online course developed and taught)
Soci 305 Juvenile Delinquency
Soci 308 Criminology (online course developed and taught)
Soci 315 The Sociology of Law
Soci 330 The Sociology of Jails and Prisons
Soci 331 Community-based Corrections
Soci 332 Law Enforcement, Policing, and Society (new course developed and taught)
Soci 351 Introduction to Statistics (online course developed and taught)
Soci 380 & 381 Research Methods I & II
Soci 408 Criminal Justice Research Methods (online course developed and taught)
Soci 425 Gender & Violence (new course developed)
Soci 429 Victimology (new course developed and taught)
Soci 430 Sociology of Deviance (new course developed and taught)
Soci 435 Sexual Diversity in Society (new course developed)

Graduate Courses Taught

Soci 510 Graduate Statistics

Soci 520 Techniques of Social Research

Committee Member and Adviser/Chair Dissertations and Theses

Doctoral Dissertation, School of Community Health and Policy, MSU: George Anyumba, “Predictors of Juvenile Recidivism among African American Youth who Reside in Baltimore City, Maryland USA” (Committee Member, Fall 2015 – Spring 2016)

Master’s Thesis, Dept of Sociology and Anthropology, MSU: Ronita Hicks, “Exploring Black Male-Female Relationships: A Content Analysis of Love and Hip Hop Atlanta” (Committee Member, Fall 2015 – Spring 2016)

Master’s Thesis, Dept of Sociology and Anthropology, MSU: Zakia Sterrrett, “An Exploratory Study on the Influence of Song Lyrics Referencing Marijuana, Heroin, and/or Ecstasy: Perceptions of Maryland College Students” (Committee Member, Fall 2014 – Spring 2015)

Master’s Thesis, Dept of Sociology and Anthropology, MSU: Alyssa Smith, “Sexualization and Objectification of Females: Rape Culture or Pop Culture” (Advisor, Fall 2013 - Spring 2014)

Master’s Thesis, Dept of Sociology and Anthropology, MSU: Felicia Veale-Buckson, “African American College Educated Women’s Perceptions of Marriage” (Committee chair, Fall 2010 - Spring 2012)

Researcher Summer Transportation Institute Alumni Survey Research Summer 2010
National Transportation Center, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD

Director January 2006 – July 2007
Office of Institutional Research, Wilmington University, New Castle, DE

Director January 2002- January 2006
Office of Institutional Research, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD

Senior Research Analyst October 2000 – December 2001
Office of Institutional Research, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD

Adjunct Professor August 2005 – December 2005, Graduate Statistics
Criminology, Criminal Justice and Social Policy, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD

Adjunct Professor August 2000 – December 2000, Introduction to Sociology
Department of Social Sciences, Coppin State University, Baltimore, MD

Statistician V May 1999 – October 2000
DHR, Child Support Enforcement Administration, Baltimore, MD

Research Assistant December 1997 – April 1999
Baltimore Women's Health Study, UMBC, Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research and NIH/ NIDA Baltimore, MD

Research Assistant December 1997 – April 1999
Pioneer City Evaluation, UMBC, Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research and Maryland's Department of Juvenile Services, Baltimore, MD

PUBLICATIONS

"Police-involved homicide of unarmed Black males: Observations by Black scholars in the midst of the April 2015 Baltimore uprising." *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment* (In Progress).

"Scholarly Productivity of Social Work Faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Are h-Index Scores a Suitable Measure?" *Journal of Social Work Education*, Spring 2016, Volume 52, Issue 1: 95-107. Online and Print.

"Disproportionate Minority Contact." *Encyclopedia of Diversity and Social Justice*. Rowman and Littlefield, Spring 2014.

"Happy Kwanzaa? An Afrocentric Worldview Comparison of Black Male College Graduates and Black Male Jail/ Prison Releasees." 2013. *African Journal of Criminology and Justice Studies*, 7(1 and 2): 1-23.

"Disproportionate Minority Contact for the 21st Century Classroom." *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Today*, Volume XXXVIII, Issue 5, November 2013. Electronic.

"Good Times and Social Problems." *Everyday Sociology Blog*. W.W. Norton Publishing, August 30, 2013. Electronic.

"Pedagogy and Trayvon Martin." *Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*. Features July 21, 2013. Electronic.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Police Involved Homicide of Unarmed Black Males: Observations of Black Scholars, in the midst of the April 2015 Baltimore Uprising." Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA, March 2016.

"Social Control, Deviance, and The Way They Came: The Immigrant's Physical Journey to the United States." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY, March 2015.

"Social Problems through the Lens of Good Times and Temporary Layoffs." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY, August 2013.

“Health Disparities among the Falsely Accused.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Black Sociologists, New York, NY, August 2013.

“Access to Justice and Disproportionate Minority Contact, A Meta-analysis 1961 - 2011.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New York, NY, March 2012.

“Pardon Me: An Introduction to a Case Study Series of the ‘Falsely’ Accused Black Male Juvenile, Charged as an Adult.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY, February 2012.

“Graduation and Release: The Intersection of Race, Gender, Socioeconomic Risk, & Culture.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, February 2011.

LECTURES

“Juvenile Delinquency in the Criminal Justice System.” Virtual (Skype) Guest Lecture Juvenile Forensics. Trinity Washington University, Washington, D.C., September 2015.

“Critiquing the Innocence Movement.” Guest Lecture Juvenile Forensics. Trinity Washington University, Washington, DC, September 2013.

“Racial Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System.” Community Lecture. Part 1 of 4 of the Disproportionate Minority Contact Lecture Series and Lecture 3 of the Psychometrics Guest Lecture Series, Morgan State University, December 2011.

“Keeping them in their Place: Social Control and The Black Male Research Agenda.” Lecture for the Department of Sociology & Anthropology Lecture Series, November 2009.

POSTER AND RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS WITH STUDENTS (select)

Harris, Aajah. 2016. From Daughter to Mentee: Exploring Race and Justice Issues With Mom.” Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA.

Chisolm, Dakarai; Black, Jenae; Belote, Lashaya and Highsmith, Raykyle. 2015. “Problems Associated with African American Men, Youth, and Incarceration.” Oral presentation presented during the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD.

Stewart, Janelle. 2015. “Hazing, Hierarchy, and the HBCU Marching Band.” Poster presented during the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD.

Young, Alahyo. 2015. “Urban Family Foodways.” Oral presentation presented during the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD.

Chisolm, Dakarai. 2015. "Black Lives Matter as the Back Drop for a Study on the Wrongfully Convicted Black Male Juvenile." Poster presented during the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD.

Stokes, Temple; Seward, Catherine; and Hall, Carolina. 2015. "Crime, the Perception of Crime, and Injustice." Oral presentation presented during the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD.

Smith, Alyssa. 2013. "Sexualization and Objectification of Females: Rape Culture or Pop Culture?" Presented during the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD.

Miles, Corey. 2013. "The 'N-Word' Beyond Black and White." Presented during the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD.

Brown, Laquicha. 2013. "Juveniles Falsely Accused of a Crime and Charged as Adults, A Case Study Series: My Experience as a Research Assistant." Presented during the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium, April 16, 2013.

Moore, Isiah. 2012. "Disproportionate Minority Contact amongst Juveniles in the Adult Criminal Justice System, A Research Proposal." Presented during the Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium April 19, 2012.

SERVICE

Professional Service

Mini-conference organizer Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting February 2014

Membership Society for the Study of Social Problems

Membership Eastern Sociological Society

Reviewer for the African Journal of Criminology and Justice Studies

Reviewer for the Journal of Black Studies

Presider: Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting – Regular Paper Session –
"Crime Stories" Saturday February 25th, 2012

University Service

23rd Annual Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium Planning Committee Spring 2016

College of Liberal Arts Representative, University Council Fall 2015 – present

Tenure, 3rd Year Review Committee for Dr. Michael Sinclair, School of Social Work Fall 2014

Member Institutional Review Board Fall 2013 - present

Member Cyber Security Strategy Committee Morgan State University (Summer 2013)

Committee Member for the Morgan State University United States Army Interdisciplinary MINVERVA project, Center for International Relations for Cultural Analysis (CIRCA) Summer 2011

Writer Opening Greeting on behalf of Morgan State University President, Dr. David Wilson, Disproportionate Minority Contact Conference October 3, 2012

College Service

College of Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee Fall 2014 - present
Strategic Plan Goal 4 Growing Morgan's Resources Committee
Strategic Plan Goal 5 Community Engagement Committee
Technology Committee
AD-Hoc Committee Examination of the CLA Evaluation
CLA Grantsmanship and Development Committee
Recruitment and Pre-College Affairs Committee
Coordinating Council for Research Committee

Departmental Service

New Tenure-Track Faculty Search Committee, Spring 2014 - present
Tenure, 3rd Year Review Committee for Dr. Cynthia Bragg, Dept of Sociology & Anthropology
Fall 2015
Adjudication Committee
Curriculum Committee
Sociology Audit Form Online Google Conversion Spring 2013
Coordinator Advisor Search, Du Bois-Diggs Sociological Society, Fall 2012
Department Exit Survey Online Conversion and Analysis, Spring 2010 - present
Advisor, Du Bois-Diggs Sociological Society, Fall 2010 – Spring 2011, Fall 2015
New Adjunct Faculty Recommendation – Fall 2010 and Fall 2012
Department Representative, University Open House, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013
Department Representative, Graduate Council Meeting October 11, 2011
Coordinator, Criminal Justice Program, Fall 2009- present
Lecturer, Departmental Lecture Series, December 2009
Facilitator, Senior Comprehensive Exam Review, Fall 2007-present
Proctor, Senior Comprehensive Exam, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013

Community (select)

Morgan State University and Coppin State University Freddie Gray, One Year Later Executive Planning Team Fall 2015 – present
Attendee, Congressman Elijah Cummings' forum on "Policing in the Community", April 20th, 2015, Bon Secours Community Works, Baltimore, MD
Panelist, "Where do we go from here? Cointelpro and The 45th Anniversary of the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. From Dreams to Nightmares and Prison Bars: Not Just A New Jim Crow But an Old and Continued Enslavement." Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD, April 4, 2013.
Panelist, Black Victims of Violence Video Conference with Dr. Jay Carrington Chunn and the National Black Crime Victims Services Coalition, April 8, 2011, Communications Building, Morgan State University
Member, History Committee, Historic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church 150 Year Anniversary 2012 – 2013
Campus Organizer, Disproportionate Minority Contact Conference, Morgan State University 2011-2012

Partnership Facilitator, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention/ Juvenile Grant Planning and Review Council and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Morgan State University
Coordinator, Disproportionate Minority Contact in Maryland, Lecture Series Morgan State University, Coppin State University, Bowie State University, Anne Arundel Community College (Fall 2011 – Spring 2012):

1. (Lecturer) "Racial Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System" Community Lecture. Part 1 of 4 of the Disproportionate Minority Contact Lecture Series and Lecture 3 of the Psychometrics Lecture Series, Morgan State University, December 1, 2011.
2. (Discussant) "Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC): Addressing Racial Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System." Part 2 of 4 of the Disproportionate Minority Contact Lecture Series Baltimore, MD Coppin State University, February 29, 2012.
3. (Discussant) "Racial Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System" Community Lecture." Part 3 of 4 of the Disproportionate Minority Contact Lecture Series Bowie, MD Bowie State University, April 3, 2012.
4. (Discussant) "Disproportionate Minority Contact in Maryland: An Engaged Scholarship Forum" Part 4 of 4 of the Disproportionate Minority Contact Lecture Series Hanover, MD Anne Arundel Community College, May 2, 2012.

Baltimore International Academy, Board Member 2011 – present
Partnership facilitator Morgan State University's Department of World Languages and the Baltimore International Academy July 2009 – present

Baltimore Police Department Invitation Luncheon with former Commissioner Fred Bealefeld Attendee August 22, 2011

National Institute of Justice Conference Attendee July 2007, July 2008, June 2009, June 2010, June 2011, Arlington, VA

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Conference Attendee October 2011

Creator of the "In the Light Survey", Historic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Summer 2009
Prisoners AID Association of Maryland, Board Member 2007-2011

Media (select)

<http://afro.com/little-melvin-williams-and-the-cries-of-baltimore/>

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/myndtalk-with-dr-pamela-brewer/2015/09/10/myndtalk--what-now-what-next>

<http://www.afro.com/the-power-of-an-apology-forgiveness-and-an-end-to-police-threatening-or-harming-our-teens/>

<http://www.afro.com/baltimore-let-not-your-heart-be-troubled-neither-let-it-be-afraid-john-1427/>

<http://imixwhatilike.org/2015/05/06/no-hooks-and-the-hip-hop-chronicles-talks-media-coverage-of-baltimores-uprisings/>

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/staggering-arrest-rates-strain-baltimore-community-relations-police/>

<http://onpoint.wbur.org/2015/04/28/freddie-gray-funeral-violence-police>

<https://kpfa.org/player/?audio=113423>

<http://www.steinershow.org/podcasts/racism/disproportionate-victimization-of-african-americans/>

<http://www.transformingnetworkinfrastructure.com/news/2013/11/05/7521525.htm>

<http://www.jbhe.com/2013/07/pedagogy-and-trayvon-martin/>

<http://www.steinershow.org/podcasts/january-7-2013-hour-1/>

<http://www.steinershow.org/podcasts/october-1-2012-segment-1/>