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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Davis, May 1995.

Thesis: "Sister-Friends: Re-Creating Maternal Support in the African-American Community."

M.A., Sociology, University of California, Davis, May 1990.

M.A., Applied Communication Research, Stanford University, September 1984.

B.A. with Honors, Written Communication, Mills College, Oakland, California, May 1983.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND TEACHING COMPETENCIES

Sociology of the Family

Race Relations

Sociology of Race, Class, and Gender

Qualitative Research Methods

Introductory Social Statistics

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Associate Dean of Multicultural Affairs

The Johns Hopkins University, 2008 to 2010.

Associate Professor of Sociology

The Johns Hopkins University, Department of Sociology, 2000 to present.

Assistant Professor of Sociology

The Johns Hopkins University, Department of Sociology, 1995 to 2000.

Instructor

The Johns Hopkins University, Department of Sociology, 1994 to 1995.

Associate-In (Instructor)

Department of African and African-American Studies, Regular and Summer Sessions, University of California, Davis, 1990 to 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, and 2002.

Teaching Assistant

University of California, Davis, Department of Sociology, 1991 to 1993.

Research Assistant

University of California, Davis, Department of Sociology, 1988 to 1990, 1992. NICHD-funded research on low birthweight and infant mortality among young minority mothers.

Research Analyst

California State University, Hayward, School of Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences, 1985 to 1988.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS

American Sociological Association, Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, 2008-2009. For the continuation of the Contemporary marriage Study, data collection and analysis.

Research Grant, Population Center, The Johns Hopkins University, 2007-2008. For the Contemporary marriage Study data collection and analysis.

The African Methodist Episcopal Ministerial Alliance of Baltimore and Vicinity, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Achievement Award, 2007.

William R. Kenan, Jr. Innovative Teaching Grant, Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, The Johns Hopkins University, 2004 to 2005. For the development of creative teaching resources (introductory social statistics and qualitative data analysis).

"Woman on the Move" Award, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Alpha Alpha Sigma Chapter, 2003.

Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowship, American Association of University Women, 2002 to 2003. For continued data analysis and research reporting on sisterhood and inter-class relations among contemporary African-American women.

Sabbatical Research Grant, Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, The Johns Hopkins University, 2002 to 2003.

New Program Development Grant, NIH/Hopkins Population Center, with Thomas A. LaVeist, 2000 to 2001. To develop a measure of gender/ethnic identity for African-American women as a step toward long-term project to determine whether and how gender/ethnic identity produces intra-group differences in health behavior and attitudes.

Summer Research Grant, School of Arts and Sciences, The Johns Hopkins University, 2001.

Dean's Incentive Grant for Junior Faculty, School of Arts and Sciences, The Johns Hopkins University, 2000. For attendance at the Family Research Consortium Summer Institute and for

the continued review of theoretical literature and instruments used to measure racial/ethnic identity.

Dean's Incentive Grant for Junior Faculty, School of Arts and Sciences, The Johns Hopkins University, 1999. For continued work with the Baltimore Study of former teen mothers and their residential mobility.

Distinguished Faculty Award, Student Council of the Schools of Arts and Sciences and Engineering, The Johns Hopkins University, 1999.

The Johns Hopkins Alumnae Association Excellence in Teaching Award, Nominee, 1999.

Dean's Incentive Grant for Junior Faculty, School of Arts and Sciences, The Johns Hopkins University, 1997. For data cleaning and management associated with the Baltimore Study of former teen mothers.

William E. Johnson Award for Outstanding Faculty Service to the Community of University of California, Davis, 1993.

Outstanding African American Award, Academic Achievement, UC Davis, 1990 to 1993.

American Sociological Association Dissertation Fellowship, 1992 to 1993.

University of California Dissertation-Year Fellowship, 1992 to 1993.

American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship, 1989 to 1992.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Service, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Family Relations*, *Signs*, *Social Problems*, *Sociology of Education*, SUNY Press, Greenwood Press, F.E. Peacock Publishers, ongoing.

Newsletter Editor, Race, Gender, and Class Section, American Sociological Association, 2010 -.

Secretary-Treasurer, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section, American Sociological Association, 2001 to 2004.

Nominating Committee Chair, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section, American Sociological Association, 2001 to 2002, 2003 to 2004.

Organizer and President, Two regular sessions on racial and ethnic minorities, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, 2003.

Consultant, Faculty Diversity Study, Association of Maryland Independent Schools, 2002 to 2003. Resulting in unpublished report, "AIMS Faculty Diversity Study: Racial/Ethnic Minorities," with Shelley Brown, November 2002.

Member, Rose Series Editorial Board, American Sociological Association, 2000 to 2003.

Policy Brief Co-Author and Workshop Participant, National Council on Family Relations, "Promoting Effective Mothering in Low-Income and Working-Poor Families," 2003.

Participant, "Race & Ethnicity in America," Family Research Consortium III, Third Annual Summer Institute, South Lake Tahoe, CA, 2001.

Participant, "Race & Ethnicity in America," Family Research Consortium III, Second Annual Summer Institute, Keystone, CO, 2000.

Invited Participant, "America=s Families: Who Are They at Century's End?" Family Research Consortium III, First Annual Summer Institute, Bretton Woods, NH, 1999.

Consultant, Survey Methods Group, San Francisco, 1997 and 1999.

Invited Workshop Participant, "Acculturation Research: Theories and Methodologies," Behavioral, Cognitive, and Social Sciences Research Branch, NIMH, Rockville, Maryland, 1996.

PUBLISHED WORK

2011, Forthcoming. "Military Service as a Pathway to Early Socioeconomic Achievement for Disadvantaged Groups," with Pamela R. Bennett. In anthology edited by Janet Wilmoth and Andrew London, Routledge.

2009. Book Review: *Blue-Chip Black: Race, Class, and Status in the New Black Middle Class*, with Caitlin Cross-Barnet. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 71 (2): 209-436.

2009. "(In)Visibility Blues: The Paradox of Institutional Racism," with Adia Harvey Wingfield. *Sociological Spectrum* 29(1): 28-50.

2008. "Downward Residential Mobility in Structural-Cultural Context: The Case of Disadvantaged Black Mothers." *Black Women, Gender, and Families*, 2(1), 25-53.

2007. *Embracing Sisterhood: Class, Identity, and Contemporary Black Women*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

2007. Book Review: *The Black Middle Class: Social Mobility – and Vulnerability*. *Social Forces* 86(2): 853-855.

2002. "Race, Gender, and Educational Advantage in the Inner City." *Social Science Quarterly*, 83(3), 832-52.

2001. "Black Educational Advantage in the Inner City." *Review of Black Political Economy*, 29(1), 25-47, with Thomas A. LaVeist.

2001. "De-Romanticizing Black Intergenerational Support: The Questionable Expectations of Welfare Reform." *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 63(1), 213-23, with Elizabeth M. Armstrong.

1997. "Black Activist Mothering: A Historical Intersection of Race Gender, and Class." *Gender & Society*, 11(6), 773-95.

1997. "The Psychosocial Dimension of Black Maternal Health: An Intersection of Race, Gender, and Class." In C. Herring (ed.) *African Americans and the Public Agenda: The Paradoxes of Public Policy*, 68-84. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

1996. "Kin Support and Family Stress: Two Sides to Early Childbearing and Support Networks". *Human Organization*, 55(2), 160-169, with James C. Cramer.

1996. *Marital Stability: A Social and Behavioral Study of the Early Years* (book review). *Contemporary Sociology*, 25(6), 791.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Contemporary Marriage Study (aka The Successful Black Marriage Study). Intensive interviews with contemporary native black, white, black Caribbean, and black African couples to explore the role of egalitarianism in shaping modern black marriage.

PRESENTATIONS and APPEARANCES

2010. Presenter, "Contemporary Black Marriage: Ethnic Perspectives on Egalitarian, Transitional, and Traditional Ideologies and Practices," with Caitlin Cross-Barnet. Presented for the Section on Race, Gender, and Class. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.

2010. Discussant/Guest, WEAA Radio "Listen Up!" segment on the current status of the African-American Family. Baltimore, MD.

2010. Discussant/Guest, *The Atlanta Post* (African-American business and political publication), 50/50 column on the African-American Woman and contemporary marriage issues.

2009. Presenter, "Class, Identity, and Contemporary Black Women," Special Session on "The Politics of Identity." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

2009. Presenter, "African-American Women and the Hilary/Obama Factor: An Intersection of Race, Class, and Gender." Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Association, Baltimore, Maryland.

2009. Presider/Discussant. "Cities, Race, and Community Life Mini-Conference: The Baltimore Ghetto." Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Association.

2009. Discussant, "Women of Color in the Profession." Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Association, Baltimore, Maryland.

2008. "The Politics of Race, Gender, and Culture." Johns Hopkins University, hosted by Tribe, Inc. of Washington, D.C.

2008. "Ascending Women, Endangered Men: Negotiating Contemporary Black Marriage." Paper presented for Special Session, "Rethinking the Scholarship on Black Families 40+ Years Post-Moynihan." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA.

2008. "Successful Black Marriage: A Qualitative Analysis." Presented with Caitlin Cross-Barnet, Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Richmond, VA.

2008. Author Meets Critic. *Embracing Sisterhood: Class, Identity, and Contemporary Black Women*, by Katrina Bell McDonald.

2007. "(In)Visibility Blues: The Paradox of Institutional Racism." Fourth Annual Diversity Conference, The Johns Hopkins University.

2007. "Ascending Women, Endangered Men: Negotiating Contemporary Black Marriage." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Special Session on Rethinking the Scholarship on Black Families 40+ Years Post-Moynihan. Boston, MA.

2006. "Envisioning Black Sisterhood in the 21st Century." Black Faculty and Staff Association Seminar Series, The Johns Hopkins University.

2005. Panelist, "Legacy: Understanding Black Power Forty Years Later." Center for Africana Studies, The Johns Hopkins University.

2005. "Visibility/Invisibility Blues: Faculty of Color Experience at Independent K-12 Schools," with Adia M. Harvey and Shelly Brown. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Session on Opportunity, Mobility, and Race, Charlotte, NC.

2004. "Residential Mobility and Disadvantaged Black Mothers: In Gender/Ethnic Context," with Bedelia N. Richards. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Section on Race, Gender, and Class, San Francisco, CA.

2003. "Racial and Ethnic Identity Formation." Panel Discussant, Regular Session on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.

2003. "21st-Century Challenges for African-American Women." Keynote address delivered at the American Association of University Women Maryland State Convention, Aberdeen Maryland.

2000. "Race, Gender, and Educational Advantage in the Inner City." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Section on Race, Gender, and Class, Washington, D.C.

2000. "Residential Mobility and Disadvantaged Black Women: A Life Course Perspective." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Race/Gender Nexus Session, and Baltimore, MD.

1990. "Achieving Diversity in Higher Education: the Debate Over Affirmative Action," Panel discussant, American Council on Education, National Network for Women Leaders in Higher Education, Annapolis, Maryland.

1998. "Residential Mobility in the Life Course of Disadvantaged Black Women." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco.

1998. "De-Romanticizing Intergenerational Support to Black Teen Mothers." Invited presentation for Summer Faculty Series, University of California, Davis.

1998. "Neighborhoods, Mobility, and the Successful Development of At-Risk Youth." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL., with Mary Elizabeth Hughes and Frank F. Furstenberg.

1997 and 1998. Guest lecturer, "Exploring the Liberal Arts: Ways of Knowing," Masters of Liberal Arts Program, The Johns Hopkins University.

1997. "Normative Empathy: An Intergenerational Resource in the African-American Community." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Toronto, Canada (August).

1997. "The Impact of Street Wisdom on Cross-Class Maternal Support." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Toronto, Canada.

1997. "The Psychosocial Dimension of the SES Schism among African Americans". Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, Toronto, Canada, with Natasha Hansen.

1997. "Black Activist Mothering in Historical Perspective". Invited presentation for Women's History Month, The Johns Hopkins University.

1996. "African-American Class Tension and Psychosocial Distress." Invited presentation for Summer Faculty Series, University of California, Davis.

1996. "Unrealistic Expectations: De-Romanticizing Early Childbearing and Social Support." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Baltimore, Maryland.

1995. "The Psychosocial Dimension of Black Maternal Health: An Intersection of Race, Gender, and Class." The Johns Hopkins Population Center Seminar Series.

1994. "Maternal Support in the African-American Community." Presented at the "Measuring Social Inequalities in Health," NICHD, Annapolis, Maryland.

1991. "Culture-Specific Maternal Stress: The Nature of Poverty Within the Social Network." Presented at the NICHD Workshop on Social and Demographic Research on Infant Mortality and Low Birthweight, Bethesda, Maryland, with James C., Cramer and Katherine Vaast.

1990. "Race, Ethnicity, and the Determinants of Low Birthweight in the U.S." Presented at the NICHD Workshop on Social and Demographic Research on Infant Mortality and Low Birthweight, Rockville, Maryland, with James C., Cramer and Katherine Vaast.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Originator and organizer, Cultural Change at JHU Project. January 2010 – June 2010.

Originator and organizer, 2009, Master Lecture Series in Race, Ethnicity, and Culture, Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Planning Committee Member, 2008-2009. "The Civil Rights Century: The NAACP at 100," Conference for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Centennial.

Member, Diversity Leadership Council, Fall 2006 – 2008.

Co-Planner, Hopkins All University Seminar on Africa (HAUSA) Conference, Spring 2006.

Program Coordinator, "Rap Sessions in Africana Studies: an intellectual student exchange on the black experience." *A forum for presentation of graduate student research on topics relevant to the Center*, initiated Fall 2005.

Faculty Adviser, Student Advisory Council, Center for Africana Studies, Fall 2005 to present.

Faculty Advisor, Black History Month Greek Show, Spring 2005.

Member, Executive Committee, Center for Africana Studies, The Johns Hopkins University, 2003 to present.

Faculty Sponsor, Woodrow Wilson Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program, 2003 to 2004.

Member, Task Force on Program in African and African-American Studies, 2002 to 2003.

Member, Search Committee for Associate Provost and Director of Affirmative Action Programs, 2000 to 2001.

Member, Program in Comparative American Cultures Advisory Board, 1995 to 2000.

Program Coordinator, "Faith and the City: Locating Children in Interfaith Practice," a mini-symposium. Program in Comparative American Cultures, 2000.

Co-Chair, African Descent Working Group, with Dean Richard McCarty, Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, 2000 to 2001.

Co-Chair, African Descent Working Group, with Dean Herb Kessler, Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, 1999.

Faculty Advisor, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), The Johns Hopkins University College Chapter, 1998 to 2000.

Facilitator, "Get on the Bus," Milton S. Eisenhower Library Diversity Committee, 1998.

Member, Search Committee, Faculty appointments to the Comparative American Cultures Program, 1997 to 1998.

Commentator, "The History of African Americans and Health," lecture by Dr. Edward Morman, Black History Month, 1997.

Panel Discussant, Summer Scholars Seminar, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, 1997.

Member, Health Professional Recommendation Committee, 1997.

Facilitator and Discussant, "Sex & Justice: Highlights of the Anita Hill/Clarence Thomas Hearings," Women's History Month, 1996.

Member, Dean's Teaching Fellowship Selection Committee, School of Arts & Sciences, 1996.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chair, University of District of Columbia Sociology Program Review Board. April 2010.

Board Member, Planned Parenthood of Maryland, Baltimore, MD., 2009-present.

Board member, Maryland Humanities Council, Baltimore, MD., 2008-present.

Webmaster, Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), Baltimore City College High School, August 2006 to present.

Director, Bethel AME Church Children's Choir, 2007-2010.

Member, Scholarship Board, Samuel Ready Scholarships (for disadvantaged girls applying to independent k-12 schools), 2004 to present.

Secretary, Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), Baltimore City College High School, January 2006 to June 2006.

Speaker, Professional Development, My Sister's Circle, Inc., 2000 to present. *A comprehensive, relationship-based program designed to mentor and tutor fifth grade girls from disadvantaged Baltimore neighborhoods during their challenging transition to, and move through, the middle and high school years.*

Coordinator, Career Day, Baltimore City College High School, Spring 2005.

Faculty Adviser to local high school students participating in the Regional Math and Science Center, Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD, 2004.

Director, Greater Homewood Children's Chorus, Baltimore, MD. 2002 to 2004.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association

Hopkins Population Center, Bloomberg School of Public Health

Hopkins Black Faculty and Staff Association

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.