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Curriculum Vitae 2004

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Education

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| University of Washington Seattle, WA 1/04-present | • Assistant Professor School of Social Work, Seattle WA |
| University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI 9/97-12/04 | • Ph.D. in Social Work and Political Science Dissertation Title: Depressive Symptoms and Preterm Delivery in African American Women: A Socioeconomic Position Life Course Perspective Dissertation Committee: Kristine Siefert and Mary Corcoran (Co-chairs), John Lynch, Jorge Delva, and Claudia Holzman |
| University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI 9/97-5/00 | • MSW Internship: Family Coordinating Council, Muskegon, MI |
| University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI 9/90-5/92 | • MPP Internship: Office of Management and Budget, Health Policy Division, Washington, DC |
| University of Wisconsin Madison, WI 6/85-12/89 | • BA in Political Science and Economics |

Research Interests

- ❖ African American women and depression
- ❖ The role of mental health status in health outcomes among African American women
- ❖ Racial disparities in birth outcomes
- ❖ Obesity as a risk factor for depression among African American women
- ❖ African American political power and its impact on African American maternal and child health
- ❖ Legal-Institutional factors and their impact on the voting behavior of African Americans

Teaching Interests

- ❖ U.S. Social Welfare History
- ❖ Social Policy
- ❖ Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy
- ❖ Macro Practice
- ❖ Diversity, Social Justice, and Multiculturalism

Professional Experience: Research

- 9/99-8/01 Research Assistant
Poverty Research and Training Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Supervisor: Sandra K. Danziger, Ph.D.
- Duties:** conducted preliminary data analysis for a research project on mental health and health outcomes in a nationally representative sample of women; conducted statistical analysis and interpreted basic statistics, provided SPSS programming assistance and ran regressions; merged data from longitudinal survey of maternal and infant health; assisted faculty members in writing and editing research papers for conferences and publications
- 9/97-8/03 Principal Investigator
Vital Signs: Monitoring the Status of Muskegon's Children and Families,
Muskegon, MI
Supervisor: Sandra K. Danziger, Ph.D.
- Duties:** developed and implemented a longitudinal community-based evaluation project to assess the economic and social status of low-income families in Muskegon County, Michigan; designed the analysis plan and interview protocol design; trained interviewers; developed and pretested the data collection instrument; coordinated the data collection process; prepared the data for data analysis; drafted and presented a report of the findings to the Family Coordinating Council of Muskegon
- 9/92-4/94 Research Associate
Mathematica Policy Research, Princeton, NJ
Supervisor: Ellen Kisker, Ph.D.
- Duties:** conducted data analysis; wrote literature reviews and technical reports; provided project management assistance

Professional Experience: Teaching

- 1/03-5/03 Graduate Student Instructor
Class: Contemporary Political Issues
University of Michigan Political Science Department, Ann Arbor, MI
Professor: Greg Markus, Ph.D.
Duties: instructor for two sections of undergraduate students; organized class discussions; designed lectures and activities; graded papers; held office hours; assigned final grades; attended lecture twice weekly
- 9/02-12/02 Graduate Student Instructor
Class: Introduction to Social Welfare Policy and Services
School of Social Work, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Duties: instructor for one class of MSW students; organizing class plans; design of class lectures and activities; construction of class assignments; grading papers and presentations; holding office hours; assigning final grades
- 1/02-5/02 Graduate Student Instructor
Class: Contemporary Political Issues
University of Michigan Political Science Department, Ann Arbor, MI
Professor: Greg Markus, Ph.D.
Duties: instructor for two sections of undergraduate students; organized class discussions; designed lectures and activities; graded papers; held office hours; assigned final grades; attended lecture twice weekly
- 9/01-12/01 Graduate Student Instructor
Class: Introduction to American Politics
University of Michigan Political Science Department, Ann Arbor, MI
Professor: Hanes Walton, Jr., Ph.D.
Duties: instructor for two sections of undergraduate students; organized class discussions; designed lectures and activities; graded papers; held office hours; assigned final grades; meet with other graduate student instructors weekly; attended lecture twice weekly
- 9/94-5/97 Adjunct Instructor
Mercer County Community College, West Windsor, NJ
Supervisor: Framatz Khoushab
Duties: instructor for two economics courses; designed lectures, homework assignments and exams; graded homework assignments and exams; held office hours; assigned final grades

Professional Publications

- Peer-Reviewed McLeod, A., I. White, and A. Gavin. (Fall 2003). The Locked Ballot Box: The Impact of State Criminal Disenfranchisement Laws on African American Voting Behavior and Implications for Reform. Virginia Journal of Law and Society.
- Peer-Reviewed Gavin, A., K. Siefert, J. Hastings, D. Williams, and J. Delva. Obesity and Depressive Symptoms in African American Women: Findings from a National Survey. *Submitted for publication, not yet accepted.*

Professional Presentations

- 1/04 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference
- Presentation: The Association between Obesity and Major Depression among African American and White Women: Findings from the 1995 Detroit Area Study
- 11/03 American Public Health Association Annual Conference
- Presentation: Obesity and Major Depressive Disorder in African American Women
- 1/03 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference
- Presentation: Obesity and Depressive Symptoms in African American Women
- 11/02 American Public Health Association Annual Conference
- Presentation: Risk Factors for Depressive Symptoms in African American Women
- 4/01 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference
- Presentation: The Impact of State Criminal Disenfranchisement Laws on African American Voting Behavior
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Awards and Honors

- 4/04
 - National Institute of Mental Health Research Supplement for Underrepresented Minorities
- 3/03
 - National Institute of Mental Health Dissertation Grant
- 7/02
 - Preliminary Examination in Social Work, Passed with Honors
- 10/00
 - Preliminary Examination in Political Science, Passed with Honors
- 9/98-8/01
 - Council on Social Work Education, Underrepresented Mental Health Minority Research Fellow
- 9/97-12/03
 - Rackham Merit Fellowship
- 5/92
 - Presidential Management Intern Finalist

Professional Affiliations

- 9/04-present American Sociological Association
- 9/03–present Society for Epidemiological Research
- 9/02-present American Public Health Association
- 9/00-present Midwest Political Science Association
- 9/98-present Council on Social Work Education