

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Sociology, North Carolina State University  
Concentrations: Crime, Deviance, and Social Control  
Inequality: Class, Race, and Gender
- M.S. Criminal Justice, Virginia Commonwealth University
- B.A. (Pre-law) Political Science, Criminal Justice minor, The University of Richmond, 1999

### **AREAS OF INTEREST**

Suicide and self-harm  
Interdisciplinary approaches to mental health  
Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for law enforcement  
Childfree sociology  
Race and ethnic relations  
Social stratification and inequality

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Coordinator of Criminal Studies Department of Sociology and Criminal Studies  
Salem College  
Fall 2011-present
- Assistant Professor Department of Sociology and Criminal Studies  
Salem College  
Fall 2010-present  
Tenure-track
- Academic Tutor Wake Forest University  
Student Athletes Services  
Fall 2012-present
- Adjunct Faculty Department of Sociology and Social Work  
Meredith College  
Fall 2009
- Visiting Instructor Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
North Carolina State University  
Spring 2006-spring 2009/spring 2010
- Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
North Carolina State University  
Fall 2003-fall 2005

**PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

Presenter: “Intersecting Dynamics in Suicide and Self-Harm: Being Black, LGBT, and Faith-Based,” NCAFSP LGBTQ Research to Real Life Suicide Prevention Conference, Asheville, NC, August 15, 2016.

Roundtable Co-Presenter: “Black Suicide and Self-Harm”, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado. March 29-April 2, 2016.

Session Presenter: “Mental Health Outreach and Cultural Correlates.” North Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Winston-Salem, NC. February 2016.

Roundtable Chair and Presenter: “Self-Defense, Castle Doctrine, and Stand Your Ground: Race and Ethnicity, Socioeconomic Status, and Gender,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. November 2015.

Roundtable Discussant: “Careers in Criminal Justice and Related Fields: Networking among People of the African Diaspora,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. November 2015.

Thematic Panel Discussant: “Socio-Historical Explanations for Race and Perceptions of Criminality,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., November 2015.

Roundtable Co-Presenter: “Social, Mental, and Physical Health: Correlates of Black Suicide and Self-Harm”, Community Conference: Sustaining and Strengthening Communities to Improve Health Outcomes. Winston-Salem, NC. September 17, 2015.

Roundtable Moderator: “Felon Disenfranchisement and Tension between Black Men and Law Enforcement: Illustrations of Disconnect between Criminal Justice Research, Policy, and Practice”, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, March 2015.

Roundtable Discussant: “Extreme Applications of Self-defense, Stand Your Ground and Castle Doctrine”, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, March 2015.

Program Committee Chair: “Critical and Conflict Theories”, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, March 2015.

Co-Presenter with Andy Hagler and Louise Whealton: “Need for understanding between civilian CIT trainers and law enforcement CIT trainees,” NC CIT State Advisory Committee, Raleigh, NC, December 2014.

Session Presenter: “Being Black, a Woman, and Childfree: The Intersection of Race and Gender.” Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC, October 2014.

Session Presenter: “Being Black, a Woman, and Childfree: The Intersection of Race and Gender.” North Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC, April 2014.

Session Chair: “CIT Training: Police Practices and Mental Health Consumers,” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 2014.

Roundtable Presenter: “Second Phase of a Preliminary Analysis of Forsyth County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2013.

Session Co-Presenter: “A Preliminary Analysis of Forsyth County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training,” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas, March 2013.

Roundtable Presenter: "Black Empowerment and the Direction of Lethal Violence: Comparing Young Black and White Male Suicides in U.S. Counties," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 2012.

Session Co-Presenter: "Understanding the Role of Faculty Mentors for Black Women in Academia," Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 2012

Lab Presenter: "Black Empowerment and the Direction of Lethal Violence: Comparing Young Black and White Male Suicides in U.S. Counties," Department of Psychology, Wake Forest University, August 2010.

Session Co-Presenter: "Ebony in the Ivory Tower," Association of Black Sociologists Annual Conference, New York, August 2007.

Session Presenter: "Discrimination as a Source of Strain," Association of Black Sociologists Annual Conference, New York, August 2007.

Co-Moderator: "The Black Bourgeoisie in the 21st Century," Association of Black Sociologists Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 2005.

Co-Moderator: "The Black Church from DuBois to the 21st Century," Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 2005.

Roundtable Co-Presenter: "Strain and Delinquent Outcomes: Assessing the Impact of Racial Discrimination and Other Types of Strain on African American and White Adolescents," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, November 2005.

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

Dennis, Kimya N. "Black Empowerment and the Direction of Lethal Violence: Comparing Young Black and White Male Suicides and Homicides in U.S. Counties."

Dennis, Kimya N., T. Lorraine Latimore, and Maxine S. Thompson. "Race Differences in Interpersonal Violence among Middle School Youth: The Impact of Racial Discrimination."

Dennis, Kimya N. "Being Black, a Woman, and Childfree: The Intersection of Race and Gender."

Dennis, Kimya N. and Carla Bryant (*posthumous*). "A Preliminary Analysis of Forsyth County Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT)."

Dennis, Kimya N. and Kendra Jason. "Understanding the Role of Faculty Mentors for Black Women in Academia."

### **NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

Dennis, Kimya N. 2013. "Acculturation." The Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism. Wiley-Blackwell.

Dennis, Kimya N. 2013. "Black Spirituals." The Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism. Wiley-Blackwell.

Dennis, Kimya N. and Rutledge M. Dennis. 2011. "Acculturation." Encyclopedia of Consumer Culture. CQ Press: A Division of Sage Publications.

Dennis, Kimya N. 2010. "Acculturation". Concise Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology. J. Michael Ryan, co-editor. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.

Dennis, Kimya N. 2008. "Booker T. Washington," in the Encyclopedia of Jim Crow. Greenwood Press: CT.

Dennis, Kimya N. 2007. "Acculturation." Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology. G. Ritzer, editor. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.

Dennis, Kimya N. 2005. "The Impact of Religiosity on Deviance and Criminal Activity in Youth and Young Adults" in Marginality, Power, and Social Structure: Volume 12. Rutledge M. Dennis, editor.

### **MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER**

Journal of Black Studies  
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity  
Sociological Spectrum  
Michigan Family Review: University of Michigan-Flint

### **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

Board of Directors, Lead Girls of NC

Board of Directors, The Mental Health Association (MHA) in Forsyth County  
Committees: Program Services Committee

Board of Directors, NC Chapter of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)

Planning Committee and Volunteer, 2016 Juneteenth, Winston-Salem, NC

Speaker and Moderator, May Week Mental Health Panel, Winston Salem Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., WSSU RJR Center, May 2016

Guest Columnist, "Mental-health outreach, spiritual communities can work together," April 2016  
[http://www.journalnow.com/opinion/columnists/kimya-n-dennis-mental-health-outreach-spiritual-communities-can-work/article\\_cf46ceb8-3b7b-501d-9d88-7fb947dd5cfa.html](http://www.journalnow.com/opinion/columnists/kimya-n-dennis-mental-health-outreach-spiritual-communities-can-work/article_cf46ceb8-3b7b-501d-9d88-7fb947dd5cfa.html)

Speaker, AFSP OOTD Campus Walk, April 2016, Appalachian State University

Panelist, Roundtable 1: The State of Public Education in NC, Transforming Education Community Roundtable, April 2016, Winston Salem State University

Panelist, Ladies First Summit, April 2016, Winston Salem State University

March 2016, "Professor Kimya Dennis on her College Course, The Childfree"  
<http://www.lauracarroll.com/professor-kimya-dennis-college-course/>

Guest Columnist, "The larger implications of the death of Darryl Hunt," March 2016  
[http://www.journalnow.com/opinion/columnists/kimya-n-dennis-the-larger-implications-of-the-death-of/article\\_cc1188c3-1937-50cd-bc02-b52fe5adf156.html?mode=story](http://www.journalnow.com/opinion/columnists/kimya-n-dennis-the-larger-implications-of-the-death-of/article_cc1188c3-1937-50cd-bc02-b52fe5adf156.html?mode=story)

Guest Podcast: Episode 15 – Vaginspirational, Promoting Secular Feminism, March 2016  
[http://k003.kiwi6.com/hotlink/ra2nnybk4h/Episode\\_15\\_-\\_Vaginspirational.mp3](http://k003.kiwi6.com/hotlink/ra2nnybk4h/Episode_15_-_Vaginspirational.mp3)

“Self-Harm and Suicide among Blacks: Redefining and Re-categorizing Behaviors,” March 2016  
<http://criticalmassprogress.com/2016/03/16/criminal-injustice-self-harm-and-suicide-among-blacks-redefining-and-re-categorizing-behaviors/>

“Salem College addresses LGBT and religion with upcoming film screening,” March 2016  
<http://yesweekly.com/article-21066-salem-college-addresses-lgbt-and-religion-with-upcoming-film-screening.html>

“Why Are So Many Black Kids Dying From Suicide?” February 2016  
<http://thinkprogress.org/health/2016/02/22/3750881/black-youth-suicide/>

Panelist, “The State of the Black Family”, February 6, 2016, sponsored by Winston Salem/Forsyth County National Pan-Hellenic Council, Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church

Guest Sermon, “Mental Health Outreach and Faith-Based Communities,” January 31, 2016 Medical Professionals Appreciation Sunday at Konnoak Hills Moravian Church Winston-Salem, NC

“The Mental Cost of Violence,” December 2015  
<http://www.capitalcommunitynews.com/content/mental-cost-violence-0>

November 2015, contributor for Minaaa B. blog, “Cultural Variations in Healing: Mental Health Outreach”  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/minaa-b/cultural-variations-in-he\\_b\\_8478822.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/minaa-b/cultural-variations-in-he_b_8478822.html)

Session Presenter, “Mental Health Outreach: Understanding Cultural Variation”, Not-for-Profit Training: Supporting Clients Who Present Mental Health Challenges, sponsored by Winston Salem Urban League and CenterPoint, October 2015.

Basic Facts, SSN: Scholars Strategy Network, September 2015, “The Complexities of Black Youth Suicide”  
<https://www.scholarsstrategynetwork.org/content/complexities-black-youth-suicide>

“Virginia shooting: Life and death on social media,” August 2015  
<https://matisak.wordpress.com/2015/08/27/virginia-shooting-life-and-death-on-social-media/>  
<http://spravy.pravda.sk/svet/clanok/365979-doba-praje-predvadzajucim-sa-vraham/>

Presenter, “Community-Police Relationships and Community Health”, Winston-Salem Urban League Summer Youth Employment Program, July 24, 2015

Panelist, Winston-Salem Urban League Teen Talk, National Black Theatre Festival, August 5, 2015

NC Suicide Prevention Plan Consulting Group and Working Group, sponsored by Injury and Violence Prevention (IVP) Branch and UNC Department of Health Behavior, 2014-present

Planning Committee and Volunteer, 2015 Juneteenth, Winston-Salem, NC

Speaker and Moderator, May Week Mental Health Panel, Winston Salem Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., WSSU RJR Center, May 2015

Presenter, Women’s Mental and Emotional Health, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Kernersville, NC, April 2015

“Panel addresses stigmas of mental illness in the black community”, May 2015  
<http://www.wschronicle.com/2015/05/panel-addresses-stigmas-mental-illness-black-community/>

“Salem College Students to Hold Walk to Raise Awareness of Suicide,” April 2015

<http://www.wschronicle.com/2015/04/salem-college-students-hold-walk-raise-awareness-suicide/>

Panelist, Feminism and Today's Popular Culture, Whitney Campbell's Communications senior project, Salem College LAR, April 2015

Basic Facts, SSN: Scholars Strategy Network, March 2015, "Debunking Myths about Mental Illness among Blacks"

<http://www.scholarsstrategynetwork.org/content/debunking-myths-about-mental-illness-among-blacks>

"First Amendment videotaped audit of police leads to investigation," March 2015

<http://www.wschronicle.com/2015/03/1st-amendment-videotaped-audit-police-leads-investigation/>

"To record law enforcement or not: Is it wrong?" March 2015

<http://www.wschronicle.com/2015/03/record-law-enforcement-not-wrong/>

Presenter, Mental Health and the Black Community, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Nutrition, Health and Wellness Fair, March 27, 2015

Presenter, Black Suicide and Mental Health in the Black Community, Second Calvary Baptist Church on New Walkertown Road in Winston-Salem, March 14, 2015

Presenter, Mental Health and the Black Community, General Meeting of the Winston Salem Urban League Young Professionals, March 12, 2015

"UL Young Professionals Engage Police Chief, Council Member in Dialogue," January 2015

<http://www.wschronicle.com/2015/01/ul-young-professionals-engage-police-chief-council-member-dialogue/>

February 2015, "The Baby Matrix in College Coursework: Interview with Kimya Dennis, Ph.D. Part II"

<http://lauracarroll.com/kimya-dennis-part-ii/>

MLK Day 2015 Town Hall Panelist, Theme: Solutions for Improving Police - Community Relations, WSSU, sponsored by The Minister's Conference

October 2014, "The Baby Matrix in College Coursework: An Interview with Kimya N. Dennis, Ph.D."

<http://lauracarroll.com/baby-matrix-college/>

"Tackling crime, punishment", March 2014

<http://www.wschronicle.com/2014/03/tackling-crime-punishment/>

Discussant and Co-Organizer, My Brother's Keeper: Black Violence Breakfast Symposium, sponsored by Diggs Memorial Unity Holy Church, Winston Salem, March 14, 2014.

"Number of Homicides in Winston-Salem Unchanged for 2014," January 2015

[http://www.journalnow.com/news/crime/number-of-homicides-unchanged-for/article\\_4a734b2e-939a-11e4-87bd-77cf449d3ab1.html](http://www.journalnow.com/news/crime/number-of-homicides-unchanged-for/article_4a734b2e-939a-11e4-87bd-77cf449d3ab1.html)

"City, Residents Look for Solutions to Stem Deadly Violence," February 2014

[http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/city-residents-look-for-solutions-to-stem-deadly-violence/article\\_3ebec65e-0e6c-588a-b505-52660c267c0e.html](http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/city-residents-look-for-solutions-to-stem-deadly-violence/article_3ebec65e-0e6c-588a-b505-52660c267c0e.html)

"Community Says More Opportunities, Resources are the Answer," February 2014

[http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/community-says-more-opportunities-resources-are-the-answer/article\\_bef7749e-8bc0-11e3-855b-0017a43b2370.html](http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/community-says-more-opportunities-resources-are-the-answer/article_bef7749e-8bc0-11e3-855b-0017a43b2370.html)

Panelist, Stop the Violence: Community Meeting and Forum, sponsored by the City of Winston-Salem, Winston Salem State University, February 1, 2014

Presenter, Stokes County Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Seminar: "Proposed Transfer of 16-18 Year Old Offenders to Adult Courts in NC" and "Juvenile Recidivism and Rehabilitation", January 2014

"City Homicide Rate Nearly Doubles from 2012 to 2013," December 2013

[http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/city-homicide-rate-nearly-doubles-from-to/article\\_19ed288a-e16f-595f-9f6e-9a1303074e96.html](http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/city-homicide-rate-nearly-doubles-from-to/article_19ed288a-e16f-595f-9f6e-9a1303074e96.html)

December 2013, "Q&A with Kimya N. Dennis on her Childfree Research"

<http://lauracarroll.com/qa-with-kimya-dennis-on-her-childfree-research/>

"Panelists discuss the effects of gun violence," October 2013

[http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/panelists-discuss-the-effects-of-gun-violence/article\\_512e0e42-2198-11e3-9bae-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/panelists-discuss-the-effects-of-gun-violence/article_512e0e42-2198-11e3-9bae-0019bb30f31a.html)

Panelist, Gun Violence: A Conversation, sponsored by the Winston Salem State University Sociology Club, September 19, 2013.

Planning Committee Member, Gun Violence: A Conversation, Winston Salem State University Sociology Club, August 2013

July 2013, guest blog "A Study of Childfree Black Women's Experiences"

<http://werenohavingababy.com/childfree/guest-post/>

Panelist: Under the Gun: Panel Discussion and Symposium, sponsored by Inter-Section Gallery and Art Space, February 7, 2013

"WFU Baptist Study: Taser Shots to Chest Don't Increase Risk of Death," July 2012

[http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/wfu-baptist-study-taser-shots-to-chest-don-t-increase/article\\_2bb22bef-61fb-500c-8763-48714bc111a8.html](http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/wfu-baptist-study-taser-shots-to-chest-don-t-increase/article_2bb22bef-61fb-500c-8763-48714bc111a8.html)

Volunteer for Forsyth County Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) Trainings, The Mental Health Association (MHA) in Forsyth County, Inc., March 2012-present

Out of the Darkness American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Walk: Volunteer Coordinator 2014; Triad Volunteer 2013; Triad walker and donation recipient 2010-current

Living Wage Subcommittee, Program in Community Engagement and Implementation, Wake Forest School of Medicine, April 2012-2014

### **CERTIFICATES AND TRAININGS**

Soul Shop: Ministering to Suicidal Desperation, Trainee, Northwest AHEC, April 2016

Mental Health First Aid Certification Training, Trainee, CenterPoint/MHA Forsyth, March 2016

safeTALK, Community Contributor, NC AFSP, February 2016

safeTALK, Community Contributor, NC AFSP, December 2015

safeTALK, Trainee, NC chapter of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, October 2015

SafeZone, Trainee, Salem College, fall 2010

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (A.S.I.S.T.), Trainee, Wake Forest University, August 2010

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association of Black Sociologists (ABS), Life Member

The American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS): Public Policy Committee, 2015-Current

Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International  
North Carolina Sociological Association (NCSA): Council Member, 2016-2017  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (Initiated spring 1998)  
Co-Chair, Richmond Spiders in Carolina Triad, The University of Richmond  
Winston-Salem Urban League Young Professionals  
SSN: Scholars Strategy Network, <http://www.scholarsstrategynetwork.org/>

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Criminology  
Criminological and Criminal Justice Theory  
CRST Special Topics: Serial Killers  
CRST Special Topics: Race and Crime  
CRST Special Topics: Gender and Crime  
CRST Special Topics: Media and Crime  
CRST Senior Seminar  
Race and Ethnic Relations  
Social Stratification  
SOCI Special Topics: The Childfree  
January Term 2015 Black Feminism  
Fall 2014 Independent Study: Applied Qualitative Research  
January Term 2016 Paranormal and Supernatural: Ghosts, Vampires, Werewolves, and Zombies  
Introduction to Sociology

### **DEPARTMENTAL AND COLLEGE SERVICE**

Co-organizer with Monica Boyd, "Holler If You Hear Me: Black and Gay in the Church" (March 5, 2016)  
General Education Committee (fall 2015-current)  
    Subcommittee: Senior Capstone Course (fall 2015-current)  
\$1,200 Summer Sabbatical (summer 2015)  
Faculty Appreciation Basketball Game (December 9, 2014)  
Faculty Advisor, Salem College Out of the Darkness Campus Walk AFSP (fall 2014-present)  
Sociology Search Committee (fall 2014)  
\$1,000 Summer Sabbatical (summer 2014)  
Fall Visit October 19, 2014: "Zombie Apocalypse: An Illustration of Criminological Theory"  
Coordinating Committee (fall 2014-current)  
Criminal Studies Events (April 2014)  
Communication Search Committee (fall 2013-spring 2014)  
Holiday Visit December 6, 2013: "Media Depictions of Crime and Justice: CSI and Law & Order"  
Faculty Advisor, Salem College Chapter of Stop Child Trafficking Now (fall 2013-present)  
Fleer Center Info Session Faculty Speaker September 19, 2013  
Faculty Research Fund Committee (Member-at-Large spring 2013-spring 2014)  
Committee on the Community (fall 2012-spring 2013)  
Curriculum Committee (fall 2011-spring 2015, Chair fall 2013-spring 2015)  
    Subcommittee: Credit Review Committee/Credit Hour Taskforce (fall 2014-spring 2015)  
Strategic Council for College Programs (fall 2011-spring 2014)  
Criminal Studies Week (March 2013)  
Presidential Scholarship Committee (spring 2013)  
Faculty Project Advisor, Ana Alicia-Farrar "The Fair Housing Act" CAE (spring 2012)  
Full-Tuition Scholarship Committee (spring 2012)  
Mock Class for Saturday for Seniors (fall 2011)  
Sociology Search Committee (spring 2011)