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## **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. 2010 Sociology, North Carolina State University  
Concentrations: Crime, Deviance, and Social Control (Criminology)  
Inequality: Class, Race, and Gender  
Doctoral Dissertation “[Black Political and Socioeconomic Status Attainment and the Direction of Lethal Violence: Comparing the Suicide of Young Black and White Males in U.S. Counties](#)”
- M.S. 2003 Criminal justice, Virginia Commonwealth University
- B.A. 1999 Pre-law, Political science, criminal justice minor, University of Richmond

## **COMMUNITY AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary/across-discipline  
Demographic and cultural variance  
Health (in)equality and (in)equity  
Suicide and suicidal self-harm  
Mental-emotional health  
Sexual health and freedom  
Reproductive health and freedom  
Crime and community policing  
Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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| Coordinator of Criminal Studies | Department of Sociology and Criminal Studies<br>Salem College<br>(Created the program) Fall 2011—current |
| Associate Professor             | Department of Sociology and Criminal Studies<br>Salem College<br>Tenured, Fall 2017—current              |
| Assistant Professor             | Department of Sociology and Criminal Studies<br>Salem College<br>Fall 2010—Spring 2017                   |
| Visiting Assistant Professor    | Wake Forest School of Medicine<br>Health Equity Research Opportunity (HERO) Fellowship<br>2016—current   |
| Academic Tutor                  | Student Athletes Services<br>Wake Forest University<br>Fall 2012—current                                 |
| Adjunct Faculty                 | Department of Sociology and Social Work<br>Meredith College<br>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 CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Honorarium Keynote Speaker, “Advancing health equity through teaching and learning cultural variance at all levels of the health field,” 15th Annual Statewide Training Conference, Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence, Inc. (MACC), Columbus, OH, September 2018 <http://www.maccinc.net/training-conference/>

Co-presenter and co-facilitator, “Providing services for children/families in homes with substance use,” Break Out Session for State and Research University Partnerships in the Opioid Crisis, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy, May 2018.

Session Presenter, “No, we are NOT all the same: Being of African diaspora and childfree-by-choice,” Sociology of Reproduction Mini-Conference within 2018 Annual Meeting, Southern Sociological Society (SSS), New Orleans, Louisiana, April 2018.

Session Co-Presenter, “‘You Feel Me?’ Social-Emotional Intelligence and Mental Health among Men of Color,” North Carolina Community College System, Minority Male Mentoring Conference, Bridging the Gap: Innovative Approaches to Minority Male Success, Durham, North Carolina, March 2018.

Session Co-Presenter, “Suicide as the Ultimate Social Risk: Mental health and cultural correlates and how this impacts the juvenile justice population,” North Carolina Juvenile Services Association Conference, Carolina Beach, North Carolina, March 2018.

Panelist, “Overcoming racialized and gendered challenges in the classroom and in research,” UNC-Charlotte, Department of Africana Studies 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Africana Studies Symposium: UNC Charlotte at the Intersection of Black Studies in the Carolinas, February 2018.

Round table, “Developing and Strengthening Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships,” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2018.

Open Seminar, “Black ‘Boys II Men’: Masculinity shapes, and is shaped by, mental health and suicidal self-harm,” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. February 2018.

Policy Presenter and Panelist, “Transitions in Public Policy for Mental Health,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. November 2017.

Session Chair and Presenter, “‘Violent Criminals’ or Suicidal: Re-conceptualizing Suicide and Suicidal Self-harm,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. November 2017.

Co-Presenter with Economist Dr. Megan Regan, “Racial and Economic Segregation: A Spatial Perspective of Persistent, Concentrated Poverty,” Class, Power, Gender, and Poverty Session. Southern Economic Association Conference. November 2017.

Open Seminar, “Ways to Reduce the Mental-Illness-to-Incarceration Pipeline,” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri. March 2017.

Session Presenter, "Black 'Boys II Men': Re-conceptualize and Re-categorize." North Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting. High Point University. February 2017.

Roundtable, "Factors Contributing to Criminalization of Blackness and Medicalization of Whiteness," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. November 2016.

Honorary Speaker, Plenary Session "Expanding Perspectives of Black Suicide and Black Suicidal Self-Harm." Cleveland Urban Minority Alcoholism Drug Abuse Outreach Project (UMADAOP), Cleveland, Ohio. September 2016.

Honorary Workshop Presenter, "Ways to Reach 'Our People' for Mental Health Outreach." Cleveland Urban Minority Alcoholism Drug Abuse Outreach Project (UMADAOP), Cleveland, Ohio. September 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 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.

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

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.

### **COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

Presenter, "Gender Identity and Outreach," Guilford County Schools, Equity Leadership Development Program Summer Boot Camp, July 10, 2018

Presenter, "Racial and Ethnic Identity and Outreach," Guilford County Schools, Equity Leadership Development Program Summer Boot Camp, July 9, 2018

Keynote Speaker, "Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT): Connecting Communities and Law Enforcement," Conference Banquet for Furniture City Chapter of North State Law Enforcement Officers Association, June 2018

Planner and Speaker, Open Seminar, "African-American Healthcare Access," Winston-Salem Juneteenth Festival, June 2018

<http://triadculturalarts.org/index.php/juneteenth-festival/schedule/>

Planner and Presenter, "Bring Your Lunch and Let's Discuss: How Housing Conditions Affect Us," Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods, Winston-Salem, NC, sessions April 19, 2018 and April 26, 2018.

Presenter, "Black Women Freedom Includes the Freedom to Control Our Own Uterus," Black Girl Empowerment Conference, Wake Forest University, Wake Downtown, April 2018.

Honorarium Speaker and Co-Facilitator, "Mental Health and Gender Identity," Intersectional Feminist Exploration Day, UNC Charlotte, April 2018.

Planner and Presenter, "Stress in Our Lives and Communities: Open Discussion and Relaxing Introductory Yoga," Triad Cultural Arts, Winston-Salem, NC, March 2018.

Support Speaker, "Ways Patients and Consumers Can Communicate with Mental Health Practitioners and Medical Professionals," Greentree Peer Center, Winston-Salem, NC, March 2018.

Support Speaker, "Self-Expression and Self-Improvement," The Salvation Army Center of Hope Transitional Housing, Winston-Salem, NC, March 2018.

Speaker, "Our Health is Always Important: How do we promote LGBTQ Mental & Physical Health Year-Round," North Star LGBTQ Potluck with a Purpose, Winston-Salem, NC. December 2017.  
<http://www.northstarlgbtcc.com/newsevents/>

Co-Moderator, "Tribes within the Tribe," The NotMom Summit, Cleveland, Ohio, October 2017  
<https://notmomsummit2017.sched.com/>

Panelist, "Breakfast with NotMoms from around the World," The NotMom Summit, Cleveland, Ohio, October 2017 <https://notmomsummit2017.sched.com/>

Breakout Session, "African Diaspora Life Stressors Contribute to Mental Health and Suicide," Black Mental Health Symposium, UNC-Charlotte, September 2017 <http://blackmhsymposium.com/>

Workshop, "Sexuality and sexual freedom do not require human reproduction," NC Sexual Health Conference, September 2017, Raleigh, NC <http://www.ncsexcon.org/>

Planner and Speaker, Open Seminar, "Stress," Winston-Salem Juneteenth Festival, June 2017  
<http://triadculturalarts.org/index.php/juneteenth-festival/open-seminar-juneteenth/>

Co-Presenter with Carolyn Burns (Beacon Health Options), "Community event to address mental health and suicide", Sunrise Towers N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Winston-Salem, May 18, 2017.

Co-Presenter with Tiffany Hall (Veterans Affairs) and Terry Cox (Cardinal Innovations), "Suicide outreach and awareness," Stokes County Wellness Center, May 18, 2017.

Guest Speaker, "Just Keep Swimming: A Discussion on Mental Health in the Black Community and Coping with Stress and Anxiety", WSSU Sociology Club, April 4, 2017.

Guest Lecturer, "Diversity of Mental Health Outreach," WSSU course for Dr. Naomi Hall-Byers, March 30, 2017.

Honorarium Speaker, "Health and Freedoms: Sociocultural Identities and Experiences," Maya Angelou Center for Women's Health and Wellness: International Women's Health Summit 2017 - A Global Priority, Winston-Salem, March 4, 2017.

Speaker, WSSU Homecoming Colloquium, "Health Disparities in America: Working toward Social Justice," Winston Salem State University. October 2016.

Panelist, "Suicide: A Public Health Issue in Adolescents & Young Adults," Old Salem Visitors Center, James A. Gray Auditorium. October 2016.

Guest Expert, "Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention: Black Youth Suicide," Blackdoctor.org Facebook Q&A, September 8, 2016: <https://www.facebook.com/BlackDoctor.org>  
Republished <http://blackdoctor.org/506662/black-children-suicide-prevention-a-call-to-action/>  
Republished <http://communityjournal.net/black-children-suicide-prevention-call-action/>  
Partially Republished <http://www.afro.com/rates-for-black-kids-increase/>

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 2016.

Panelist, Community Relations with Police, North State Law Enforcement Association Conference, Winston-Salem, NC. June 2016

Presenter, “Self-Harm and Suicide among Blacks: Redefining and Re-Categorizing Behaviors”, Lunch and Learn on Mental Health, Community Outreach, and Resource Availability, CenterPoint Human Services, Eden, NC. June 2016.

Panelist, “Black Family Forum”, sponsored by Winston Salem/Forsyth County National Pan-Hellenic Council, Juneteenth Festival Winston-Salem. June 2016

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

Presenter, “Mental Health, Spirituality, and Human Understanding,” Konnoak Hills Moravian Church Winston-Salem, NC. May 2016

Panelist, Health Panel for Generational Conversations: A Day of Facilitated Fruitful and Positive Dialogue, The ACEY (Achievement Commitment Encourage Yield) Group. May 2016

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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 2015.

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

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

Moderator and Presenter, 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

Presenter, Mental Health and the Black Community, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Nutrition, Health and Wellness Fair, NC A&T, Greensboro, NC. March 2015

Presenter, Black Suicide and Mental Health in the Black Community, Second Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC. March 2015

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

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

Co-Presenter, "Need for understanding between civilian CIT trainers and law enforcement CIT trainees," NC CIT State Advisory Committee, Raleigh, NC. December 2014.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

### **ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION**

Kimya N. Dennis. November 2018. "Black male suicide: Inward expressions of social status and status frustration." In Ransaw, Gause, and Majors (eds.) Handbook of Research on Black Males. Michigan: Michigan State University Press.

Kimya N. Dennis and Kendra Jason. Forthcoming 2018. "Black women academicians: Artistic expression through teaching, research, and activism," Association of Black Sociologists, Issues in Race & Society: An Interdisciplinary Global Journal.

### **RESEARCH: DATA CODED OR MANUSCRIPT DRAFTED**

*Kimya N. Dennis. "Being black, a woman, and childfree: The intersection of race and gender"*

First known study solely conducted for childfree-by-choice people of African descent. International study with 62 respondents, 59 women and 3 men, in 6 nations: Kenya, London, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America, Canada. Respondents expressed freedom to choose childfree life regardless of why they do not want to have children; and resources needed for physical and mental health, healthy sexuality and reproductive rights. Race and ethnicity and gender are among the demographic and cultural components discussed in the interviews—some respondents are rejected by African diaspora institutions and families.

Featured in "The Politics of Being a Black Woman and Childfree," May 2018  
<https://theblackdetour.com/black-woman-child-free/>

Interviewed for "Professor Kimya Dennis on Year 2 of Her Course, The Childfree," June 2016  
<https://www.lauracarroll.com/kimya-dennis-year-2-the-childfree-course/>

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

Interviewed for “The Baby Matrix in College Coursework: Interview with Kimya Dennis, Ph.D. Part II,” February 2015: <http://lauracarroll.com/kimya-dennis-part-ii/>

Interviewed for “The Baby Matrix in College Coursework: An Interview with Kimya N. Dennis, Ph.D.,” October 2014: <http://lauracarroll.com/baby-matrix-college/>

Interviewed for “Q&A with Kimya N. Dennis on her Childfree Research,” December 2013  
<http://lauracarroll.com/qa-with-kimya-dennis-on-her-childfree-research/>

Guest Column, “A Study of Childfree Black Women’s Experiences,” July 2013  
<http://werenothavingababy.com/childfree/guest-post/>

Guest Column, “The childfree, cultural identity and intracultural diversity,” October 2016  
<https://www.lauracarroll.com/childfree-cultural-identity-intracultural-diversity/>

***Kimya N. Dennis. “Forsyth County Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)”***

Interview of 5 law enforcement representatives who participated in The Mental Health Association in Forsyth County Crisis Intervention Team Training between 2010-2013: Forsyth County and Guilford County law enforcement representatives; 1 Lieutenant, 1 Investigator, 1 Officer, 2 Telecommunicators; 6.5 years – 20 years of law enforcement experience

Keynote Speaker, “Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT): Connecting Communities and Law Enforcement,” Conference Banquet for Furniture City Chapter of North State Law Enforcement Officers Association, June 2018

Co-Presenter, “Need for understanding between civilian CIT trainers and law enforcement CIT trainees,” NC CIT State Advisory Committee, Raleigh, NC. December 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.

***Kimya N. Dennis. “Black males: Thoughts, beliefs, and behaviors”***

Ongoing interviews and surveys of the beliefs and experiences of African diaspora men. Items include self-identity, opinions of news stories and topics, positive and/or negative experiences with law enforcement, and physical and mental health. Study currently has 21 respondents, 19 men and 2 women, all in the United States. Two women were interviewed to express their experiences with African diaspora men.

Open Seminar, “Black ‘Boys II Men’: Masculinity shapes, and is shaped by, mental health and suicidal self-harm,” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. February 2018.

Session Presenter, “Black ‘Boys II Men’: Re-conceptualize and Re-categorize.” North Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting. High Point University. February 2017.

***Megan Regan and Kimya N. Dennis. "Racial and economic segregation: A spatial perspective of persistent, concentrated poverty"***

Megan Regan and Kimya N. Dennis, Visiting Fellows, Winston-Salem State University Center for the Study of Economic Mobility (CSEM), December 2017-January 2018

Co-Presenter with Megan Regan, "Racial and Economic Segregation: A Spatial Perspective of Persistent, Concentrated Poverty," Class, Power, Gender, and Poverty Session. Southern Economic Association Conference. November 2017.

Co-Recipient with Megan Regan and student Keiry Bonilla Valladeres, Patricia Flynt C'57 Faculty/Student Summer Research Project Grant, summer 2017

**PUBLIC WRITINGS**

#BlackBlogsMatter Bonus, "365 Days of Diversity," March 2018

<http://www.thebuzzonhr.com/2018/03/06/blackblogsmatter-bonus-365-days-of-diversity/>

Author, "Suicide isn't just a 'white people thing,'" The Conversation: Academic rigor, journalistic flair, February 2018 <https://theconversation.com/suicide-isnt-just-a-white-people-thing-77367>

Featured <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/5-important-stories-that-have-nothing-to-do-with-the-trump-kim-summit>

Republished <http://www.chicagotribune.com/sns-suicide-isnt-just-a-white-people-thing-77367-20180207-story.html>

Republished [https://tonic.vice.com/en\\_us/article/evmzxn/suicide-research-underrepresents-people-of-color](https://tonic.vice.com/en_us/article/evmzxn/suicide-research-underrepresents-people-of-color)

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Republished [http://www.gazettetimes.com/opinion/columnists/suicide-isn-t-just-a-white-people-thing/article\\_37d8d162-18a7-56ba-8ef4-dd127fb3c95e.html](http://www.gazettetimes.com/opinion/columnists/suicide-isn-t-just-a-white-people-thing/article_37d8d162-18a7-56ba-8ef4-dd127fb3c95e.html)

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Republished <https://newpittsburghcourieronline.com/2018/06/14/suicide-isnt-just-a-white-people-thing/>

MHA Virginia Blog, "Demographic and Cultural Variance in this 'Opioid Crisis,'" November 2017 <https://mhav.org/demographic-and-cultural-variance-in-this-opioid-crisis/>

MHA Virginia Blog, "First Responders Need Mental Health Too," July 2017 <http://mhav.org/first-responders-need-mental-health/>

iam1in4 republished “Mental-health outreach, spiritual communities can work together,” May 2017  
<https://iam1in4.com/2017/05/23/mental-health-outreach-spiritual-communities-can-work-together/>

MHA Virginia Blog, “Mental Health and Substance Abuse,” April 2017  
<http://mhav.org/mental-health-substance-abuse/>

MHA Virginia Blog, “How will Virginia Address Mental Illness in Jails and Prisons?” March 2017  
<http://mhav.org/will-virginia-address-mental-illness-jails-prisons/>

Guest Column, “What’s So Wrong with Self-Indulgence,” January 2017  
<http://noirecare.com/whats-so-wrong-with-self-indulgence/>

Guest Column, “Another Meaning to ‘Just Say No,’” December 2016  
<http://noirecare.com/another-meaning-just-say-no/>

Guest Column, “When It Comes to Kids, Does Love Require Complete Conformity?” December 2016  
<https://www.thenotmom.com/single-post/2018/02/14/Does-Love-Require-Complete-Conformity>

Guest Column, “Balancing social action with self-care,” November 2016  
<http://noirecare.com/balancing-social-action-selfcare/>

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### **CERTIFICATES AND TRAININGS**

2016 Wake Forest School of Medicine Health Equity Research Opportunity (HERO) Fellowship Trainee, Advanced Issues in Suicide Intervention, NorthwestAHEC and Wake Forest School of Medicine, June 2016

Certificate, Introduction to the Responsible Conduct of Research, 3-hour training, Wake Forest School of Medicine, June 2016

Training for Trainers, Soul Shop: Ministering to Suicidal Desperation, June 2016

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

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

Community Contributor, safeTALK, NC AFSP, December 2015, February 2016

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

Trainee, SafeZone, Salem College, fall 2010

Trainee, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (A.S.I.S.T.), August 2010, June 2017

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Association of Suicidology (AAS), Individual Member

Advisory Panel, United Kingdom-based Reproductive Freedom

North Carolina Alliance for Health, Individual Member

The Women's Fund of Winston-Salem, Associate Individual Member, Research, Education, and Advocacy (REA) Committee

2016 Wake Forest School of Medicine Health Equity Research Opportunity (HERO) Fellowship

Association of Black Sociologists (ABS), Life Member

The American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS): Public Policy Committee, 2015-2018; Elections & Nominations Committee, 2017

Honorary Member, Gate City Chapter, North State Law Enforcement Association (NSLEA)

Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International

North Carolina Sociological Association (NCSA): Council Member, 2016-2020

North Carolina Criminal Justice Association (NCCJA)

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (Spring 1998, Rho Rho Chapter, University of Richmond)

Co-Chair, Richmond Spiders in Carolina Triad, University of Richmond

Winston-Salem Urban League Young Professionals

SSN: Scholars Strategy Network, <http://www.scholarsstrategynetwork.org/>

**RESEARCH FUNDS AND COLLABORATIONS**

2018, Salem College Distinguished Professor Award: teaching, community work, conference presentations, and qualitative research  
2017-2018, with economist Dr. Megan Regan, Visiting Fellow, Winston-Salem State University Center for the Study of Economic Mobility (CSEM): surveys and interviews of residents of East Winston to partially address housing costs, housing conditions and poverty in East Winston  
2017, with economist Dr. Regan, co-recipient of Salem College's Patricia Flynt C'57 Faculty/Student Summer Research Project Grant.  
2016, collaboration with Winston-Salem State University sociologist Dr. Tangelia Towns and student Jeri Craddock, "Comparing Suicide and Depression between Asian Americans/Asian Diaspora"  
2015, \$1,200 Summer (research) Sabbatical  
2014, \$1,000 Summer (research) Sabbatical

**COURSES CREATED AND TAUGHT**

Criminological and Criminal Justice Theory  
Criminal Studies Senior Seminar  
Criminal Studies Special Topics: Serial Killers  
Sociology Special Topics: The Childfree  
Criminal Studies Special Topics: Race and Crime  
Criminal Studies Special Topics: Gender and Crime  
Criminal Studies Special Topics: Media and Crime  
January Term 2018 Mental health: Cultural competence and community outreach  
January Term 2016 Paranormal and supernatural: Ghosts, vampires, werewolves, and zombies  
January Term 2015 Black feminism  
Fall 2014 Independent Study: Applied Qualitative Research

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Criminology  
Race and Ethnic Relations  
Social Stratification  
Urban Community  
Introduction to Sociology