

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

Roundtable Co-Presenter, “Factors Contributing to Criminalization of Blackness and Medicalization of Whiteness,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. November 2016.

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.

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.

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 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, “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
<http://www.leadgirls.org/>

Board of Directors, The Mental Health Association (MHA) in Forsyth County
<http://www.triadmentalhealth.org/>
Committees: Program Services

Board of Directors, NC Chapter of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)
<https://afsp.org/chapter/afsp-north-carolina/>
Committees: Education and Research; Diversity Committee

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

Guest Column, "Obstacles to mental health care," June 2016
Richmond Free Press, <http://richmondfreepress.com/>

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

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

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

“Experts say build trust, prepare for worst with mental illness,” May 2016
<http://www.wschronicle.com/2016/05/experts-say-build-trust-prepare-worst-mental-illness/>

Guest blog, “Mental Health and Reproductive Freedoms,” May 2016
<https://childfreeafrican.com/2016/05/23/guest-blog-mental-health-and-reproductive-freedoms/>

Health panelist, Generational Conversations: A Day of Facilitated Fruitful and Positive Dialogue, The ACEY (Achievement Commitment Encourage Yield) Group. May 21, 2016

Moderator and speaker, May Week Mental Health Panel, Winston Salem Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., WSSU RJR Center. May 17, 2016

Presenter, “Mental Health, Spirituality, and Human Understanding,” May 11, 2016
Konnoak Hills Moravian Church Winston-Salem, NC

Guest column, “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

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

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

Guest column, “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

Guest podcast: Episode 15 – Vaginspirational, Promoting Secular Feminism, March 2016
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>

Contributor, “Cultural Variations in Healing: Mental Health Outreach,” November 2015

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, Scholars Strategy Network, “The Complexities of Black Youth Suicide,” September 2015

<http://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 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. 2014-2015.

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

Moderator and speaker, 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, Scholars Strategy Network, “Debunking Myths about Mental Illness among Blacks,” March 2015

<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, 9th Annual Nutrition, Health and Wellness Fair. March 2015

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

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

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

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

“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

“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

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 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

“Q&A with Kimya N. Dennis on her Childfree Research,” December 2013
<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

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

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

Guest blog, "A Study of Childfree Black Women's Experiences," July 2013
<http://werenohavingababy.com/childfree/guest-post/>

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

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

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, February 2016

Community Contributor, safeTALK, NC AFSP, December 2015

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.), Wake Forest University, August 2010

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International

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

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)