

**Curriculum Vitae**  
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**Education**

1998	Northeastern University: Boston, MA Ph.D. - Experimental Social Psychology
1980	California State University: Los Angeles, CA M. S. - Clinical Psychology
1975	Louisiana Tech University: Ruston, LA B. A. - Psychology, Cum Laude

**Work History**

August, 2005 to Present	Jackson State University: Jackson, MS Associate Professor of Social Work and Health Sciences
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- Tenured faculty position with a joint appointment in the Ph.D. Program of the School of Social Work (primary appointment), and the Department of Behavioral and Environmental Health in the School of Public Health. Responsibilities include teaching statistics and research methodology (quantitative and qualitative), cultural diversity, and human behavior courses on the doctoral and MSW levels, initiating and supervising research projects, and chairing doctoral dissertation committees. Developed and offered cultural diversity as an on-line course for MSW students. Chair, Human Behavior Sequence, MSW Program.

January, 2005 to Present	Jackson State University: Jackson, MS Institute Director, Southern Institute for Mental Health Advocacy, Research and Training (SMHART)
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- Administrative position that provides overall management of SMHART. Responsibilities include but are not limited to supervision of SMHART staff, providing administrative support for the PI, planning and implementing a biennial mental health conference, and seeking additional funding to sustain SMHART in achieving its goals and objectives.

August, 2004 to July, 2005     Jackson State University: Jackson, MS  
Assistant Professor of Social Work and Public Health

- Tenure-track faculty position with a primary teaching assignment in the Ph.D. Program. Responsibilities include teaching statistics and research methodology (quantitative and qualitative), cultural diversity, and human behavior courses on the doctoral and MSW levels, initiating and supervising research projects, and chairing doctoral dissertation committees. Developed and offered cultural diversity as an on-line course for MSW students. Chair, Human Behavior Sequence, MSW Program.

August, 1999 to July, 2004     Jackson State University: Jackson, MS  
Assistant Professor of Social Work

- Tenure-track faculty position with a primary teaching assignment in the Ph.D. Program. Responsibilities include teaching statistics and research methodology (quantitative and qualitative), cultural diversity, and human behavior courses on the doctoral and MSW levels, initiating and supervising research projects, and chairing doctoral dissertation committees. Developed and offered cultural diversity as an on-line course for MSW students. Chair, Human Behavior Sequence, MSW Program.

Jan. 1999- July, 1999             Hudspeth Regional Center: Whitfield, MS  
Psychologist II

- Administrative position that required supervision of Bachelor's and Master's level staff in the provision of psychological services at an Intermediate Care Facility for the mentally retarded. These services were typically based on behavior modification of aberrant behaviors exhibited by a population of severe to profoundly retarded individuals. Duties also involved participating in an interdisciplinary team process to plan client care, monitoring and editing appropriate paperwork as required by Federal and state regulatory agencies, and the development and implementation of research projects to evaluate the success of treatment.

Sept. 1997 – May, 1998         Northeastern University: Boston, MA  
Adjunct Instructor, Department of African American Studies

- Teaching position. Taught course on political change in African American Studies to undergraduate students majoring in African American Studies.

1994-1998                          Northeastern University: Boston, MA  
Graduate Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant

- Teaching Assistant duties involved lecturing, proctoring exams, assisting students with course material, and grade maintenance in undergraduate psychology courses. Courses included Introductory Psychology I & II, Social Psychology Lab, Community Psychology Lab, and Abnormal Psychology.
- Research Assistant duties involved assisting faculty advisor in designing and conducting research projects, designing and conducting independent research studies, and supervising and training undergraduates in research methodology.

1991-1994

Tougaloo College: Tougaloo, MS

Instructor and Acting Chair (1991-1994), Psychology Department

Duties involved administering departmental affairs, teaching, student advising and committee service.

- Courses taught: General Psychology I and II, History and Systems, Foundations of Statistical Thinking, Experimental Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Personality Theory, Social Psychology, Behavioral Neuroscience, Sensation and Perception, Research in Psychology and Psychological Research Writing.
- Designed and introduced two new courses: Psychology of Women and Theories in African Psychology.
- Supervised senior research projects.
- Served as Chair of Commission of Social Science and Co-Chair, Brown-Tougaloo Faculty/Student Exchange Committee, 1992-1994.
- Other committee memberships included Academic Standing Committee and the Writing Commission.
- Advisor to the Psychology Club and Wakadzi, a student organization with a focus on developing women as leaders.

### **Dissertation Topic**

Sexist and Racist Discrimination in the Lives of Women: Prevalence, Resources, and Relationship to Psychological Well-Being

### **Research Interests**

- Issues of race and gender and as related to identity, perception of discrimination, physical health, and psychological well-being, particularly among African Americans and other people of color
- Development of race and gender consciousness
- Obesity and Overweight in African American Women
- Health Disparities

### **Honors**

2008	Nominee, “Heroes in the Fight” Award, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Jackson Chapter
2003-2004	Faculty Dissertation Advisement Award, Graduate School, Jackson State University
2003-2004	Most Published Faculty Award, College of Public Service, Jackson State University
2004	“Phenomenal Woman” Martin Luther King, Jr. Award, City Councilman Kenneth Stokes, City of Jackson, MS
2003	Faculty of the Year, School of Social Work, Jackson State University
2003	Teacher of the Year, School of Social Work, Jackson State University
2003	Certificate of Recognition, Tougaloo College Upward Bound Program
2002	Ph.D. Program Designate to Faculty Leadership Training Seminar

2001	Certificate of Appreciation, Adhiambo School
1994	National Science Foundation, Honorable Mention Graduate Research Fellowship Award
1993-1994	Outstanding Advisor Award, Tougaloo College
1993-1994	Spirit of Tougaloo Award, Tougaloo College
1993	Community Service Award, City of Jackson, MS
1992-1993	George Albert Johnson Emergent Leadership Award, Tougaloo College
1991-1992	Outstanding Advisor Award, Tougaloo College
1990	Certificate of Appreciation, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Jackson State University

### **Fellowships and Grants**

2013	Co-Principal Investigator, HIV Stigma Reduction through Black Churches to Reduce HIV Infection, NIH (\$450,000) Under review.
2011-2012	Principal Investigator, Minority Serving Institutions Initiative – HIV, Substance Use and Hepatitis C. SAMHSA/Mayatech Corp. (85,000).
2010-2013	Principal Investigator, Rural Health Initiative (SMHART Institute), HRSA, Office of Rural Health Policy (\$990,000)
2008-2012	Principal Investigator, Not on Our Campus Grant, Office on Violence Against Women, Department of Justice (\$300,000)
2008	Co-Principal Investigator/Project Director, Southern Institute for Mental Health Advocacy, Training and Research (\$236,000)
2006	Principal Investigator, HBCU-NRC Suicide Prevention Project, Morehouse School of Medicine (\$5,000)
2005	Co-Principal Investigator/Project Director, Southern Institute for Mental Health Advocacy, Training and Research (\$883,858)
2004-2006	NIH Loan Repayment Fellow – Health Disparities (\$35,000)
2004	Co-Principal Investigator/Project Director, Southern Institute for Mental Health Advocacy, Training and Research (\$984,159)
2004	Co-Principal Investigator, Center of Excellence in Minority Health, Project EXPORT, Jackson State University (\$15,000)
2004	Center for University Scholars Summer Fellow, Jackson State University, (\$8,000)
2003	American Psychological Association, Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs (\$6,000) Promoting Psychological Research and Training on Health Disparities Issues at Ethnic Minority Serving Institutions (ProDIGS) Fellow
2002	Jackson State University, Center for Epidemiological Studies Summer Faculty Research Fellow
2000-2001	Jackson State University, Mississippi Urban Research Center Summer Faculty Research Fellow
1996-1998	National Endowment for the Humanities, Faculty Graduate Study Dissertation Fellowship (\$30,000)
1995-1996	National Institute of Mental Health, Training Grant Fellowship

### **Research Experience and Service**

- 2000-Present Member of Jackson State University's Institutional Review Board reviewing research proposals for human subjects protection.
- 2006-2010 Member, Technical Advisory Board, Research Project, "*Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Family, Social, and Health Support Structures*" funded by Mississippi Institute for Improvement of Geographic Minority Health.
- 2002 - 2008 Faculty Mentor, NIMH-COR Honors Research Training Program. This position requires training of an undergraduate honors student in basic and applied research methods related to mental health and/or health disparities, including the writing of publication quality research papers and making professional presentations of results.
- 1997 Intimate Partner Violence Intervention Project: Interviewed residents of Dorchester, MA about their attitudes and beliefs concerning intimate partner violence as a part of a Centers for Disease Control Violence Initiative Project designed to assess the effectiveness of community networking in the prevention of intimate partner violence.
- 1995 Identity and Political Change Project: Served as a research assistant in Capetown, South Africa. Duties involved contacting and interviewing residents of Capetown townships about their attitudes and beliefs concerning issues of identity and psychological well being both pre and post- liberation.
- 1994 Participated in the development and implementation of a number of empirical research projects including: 1) a qualitative study of the psychosocial correlates of obesity among African American women and 2) a survey of health beliefs and behaviors among African American college freshmen.

### **Dissertations Supervised**

- Anderson, B. (2004). Middle-schooled students' self-reported levels of school violence and its relationship to self-esteem, aggression, and family structure.
- Dunn-Morris, E. (2003). Contextualizing homelessness among veterans: A multivariate analysis of demographic, clinical and other context factors.
- Jackson, A. (2013). Arkansas Addiction Counselors: A survey of practitioner characteristics.
- Jenkins, P. (2011). Alcohol expectancies, self-efficacy, and alcohol consumption among African American college students.
- Nyegaard-Holbrook, C. (2007). Hope, self-transcendence, spirituality, and positive/negative affect as predictors of quality of life in women with breast cancer.

Saulsberry, P. (2003). Racial socialization, academic performance, and social adjustment in African American youth: A multivariate analysis.

Watson-Perkins, C. (2007). Hearing their voices: Understanding spirituality among HIV/AIDS infected African American women in the lower Mississippi Delta.

Wills, D. (2009). Cultural barriers to help-seeking for depression among African American women: A mixed methods analysis.

### **Publications**

Bruns, D., Schroeder, J., **Omari, S.**, & Osby, O. (In Press) International Response to Domestic Violence: A Pilot Study. *Economic Development, Armed Violence and Public Safety*. United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs NGO Branch. New York, NY.

**Omari, S. R.**, & Prater, G. S. (Eds.). (2009). *The Researcher: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 22(3) [Special Mental Health Edition].

**Omari, S. R.** (2009). Guest Editors' Foreword [Special Mental Health Edition]. *The Researcher*, 22(3), iv-vii.

Osby, O. & **Omari, S. R.** (2009). Substance Abuse and Depression: Experiences of Rural African American Women in Mississippi. *The Researcher*, 22(3), 42-53.

**Omari, S. R.** (March, 2009). Hearing their Voices: Black Women in Mississippi Discuss Issues Related to Overweight and Obesity. *Communiqué: Psychological and Behavioral Perspectives on Health Disparities*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

**Omari, S. R.** (Ed.). (2008). Mental Health Issues in Rural and Urban Communities. *Proceedings of the Southern Institute for Mental Health Advocacy, Research, and Training's 2006 & 2007 Research Conferences*, <http://www.jsums.edu/~smhart/proceedings08.pdf>.

**Omari, S. R.** (Ed.). (2006). Mental Health Issues in Rural and Urban Communities. *Proceedings of the School of Social Work and Southern Institute for Mental Health Advocacy, Research, and Training's 2005 Research Conference*, <http://www.jsums.edu/~smhart/proceedings05.pdf>.

Smith, P. A., & **Omari, S. R.** (2006). A Validation of the African American Acculturation Scale in a Sample of African American College Students. *Undergraduate Research Journal of the Human Sciences*, 5, <http://www.kon.org/urc/v5/smith.html>.

**Omari, S. R.** (2005). The High Impact Program: Improving access to HIV/AIDS related health care in Hinds County. *The Researcher*, 19(4) 1-8.

- Black, S., Spence, S. A. & **Omari, S. R.** (2004). Contributions of African Americans to the field of psychology. *Journal of Black Studies*, 35,(1) 40-64.
- Omari, S. R.** (March, 2004). Investigating attitudes towards obesity and overweight among African American Women in Mississippi. *Communique*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
- Omari, S. R.** (February, 2004). *Perceptions of Sexist and Racist Discrimination in the Lives of Black Women*. [monograph]. 2003 National Conference of the National Association of African American Studies, Houston, TX.
- Shivers, A. & **Omari, S. R.** (March, 2004). Cultural correlates of obesity among African American women in Mississippi [abstract]. *Proceedings of the Undergraduate Poster Session of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association*. Atlanta, GA.
- Prater, W. & **Omari, S. R.** (2004). Evaluation of the health behaviors of African American college students [abstract]. *Journal of the Mississippi Academy of Sciences*, 49(1) 110.
- Omari, S. R.**, & Mitchell, J. (2003). The real deal: A qualitative analysis of body image attitudes of African American women in Mississippi. *The Researcher*, 19,(1) 126-139.
- Cole, E. R. & **Omari, S. R.** (2003). Race, class, and the dilemmas of upward mobility for African Americans. *Journal of Social Issues*, 53, 785-802.
- Omari, S. R.** & Morris, E. (2001). A way out of no way: A qualitative analysis of coping in the lives of Black women. *The Urban Researcher*, 1, 108-130.
- Mitchell, J. & **Omari, S. R.** (2001). Identity politics and practice: The dynamics of constructed realities in the social work community. *Proceedings of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference, Biloxi, MS, October 10-12, 2001*.
- Kamin, L. J. & **Omari, S. R.** (1998). Race, head size, and intelligence. *South African Journal of Psychology*, 28, 119-128.

### **Refereed Presentations**

- Omari, S. R.**, Osby, O., & Schroeder, J. A. (2013). *Black Women and Anger: Righteously Indignant or Just Plain Bad Attitudes?* Paper presentation at the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference of the National Association of African American Studies. Baton Rouge, LA.

- Bruns, D., Schroeder, J., **Omari, S.**, & Osby, O. (2012, August). "International Response to Domestic Violence: A Pilot Study." 21ST Annual Meeting of the International Police Executive Symposium. *Economic Development, Armed Violence and Public Safety*. In Cooperation with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs NGO Branch. New York, NY.
- Omari, S. R.** & Wills, D. (2012). *Cultural Barriers to Help-seeking Behaviors among African American Women*. Paper presentation at the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference of the National Association of African American Studies. Baton Rouge, LA.
- Ekundayo, O., Al-Fadhli, H., Cannon-Smith, G.A., **Omari, S. R.**, Jones, W. A., Mohamed, A., Peters, G. R., & Hill, M. H. (2009). *In preparing for disaster, does possession of insurance coverage and experience of discrimination influence mental impact of the event? Association of types insurance with mental impact of event among Katrina survivors in Mississippi*. Oral Presentation at the 137<sup>th</sup> APHA Meeting & Exposition, Philadelphia, PA.
- Cannon-Smith, G. A., Ekundayo, O. T., **Omari, S.**, Sarpong, D., Al-Fadhli, H., & Jones, W. A. (2009). *Examination of the Impact of Religious Coping and Resiliency on the Perception of Discrimination in Katrina Survivors*. Poster Presentation at the 137<sup>th</sup> APHA Meeting & Exposition, Philadelphia, PA.
- Al-Fadhli, H., Ekundayo, O. T., Cannon-Smith, G.A., **Omari, S. R.**, Jones, W. A., Mohamed, A., Hill, M. H., & Peters, G. R., (2009). *Is social capital a resiliency factor in disaster mitigation? Exploring relationships of social capital with injury and damage severity among hurricane Katrina Survivors in Mississippi*. Oral Presentation at the 137<sup>th</sup> APHA Meeting & Exposition, Philadelphia, PA.
- Ekundayo, O., Al-Fadhli, H., Sarpong, D., Cannon-Smith, G., Mohammed, A., Peters, G., **Omari, S.**, et al. (2008, October). *Using mixed methods analysis to develop valid research tools for disaster survivors: the Hurricane Katrina experience*. Poster presentation at the 136th APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition, San Diego, CA.
- Ekundayo, O., Al-Fadhli, H., Sarpong, D., Cannon-Smith, G., Mohammed, A., Peters, G., **Omari, S.**, et al. (2008, October). *Geographic and demographic disparities in survivor experiences of the Katrina response*. Poster presentation at the 136th APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition, San Diego, CA.
- Osby, O. N. & **Omari, S. R.** (2007, August). *A Quiet Crisis: A Qualitative Study of Substance Abuse and Depression Among Rural African American Women in Mississippi*. Paper presented at the 2007 Minority Women's Health Summit sponsored by the Office of Women's Health, Washington, DC.



- Nyegard-Holbrook, C. & **Omari, S. R.** (2007, January). *Hope, Self-transcendence, Spirituality, and Positive/Negative Affect as Predictors of Quality of Life in Women with Breast Cancer*. Paper presented at the 2007 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Osby, O. N. & **Omari, S. R.** (2006, November). *An Exploratory Study of Substance Abuse and Depression among Rural African American Women in Mississippi*. Paper presented at the 2006 National Rural Women's Health Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Smith, P. A., Ramsey, D., & **Omari, S. R.** (2005). Weight Concern and Body Image Among African American Female College Students. Paper presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference, Tunica, MS.
- West, G., Jenkins, P., & **Omari, S. R.** (2005). Drinking Behaviors Among African American College Students. Paper presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference, Tunica, MS.
- Osby, O. N., **Omari, S. R.**, & Prater, G. S. (2005, August). Rural, Poor, and Addicted: Substance Abuse Treatment of African American Women In the Mississippi Delta. Poster presentation at the 2005 National Association of Rural Mental Health's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI.
- Mitchell, J., Osby, O., Nelums, M., & **Omari, S. R.** (2004, September). *The Shadows of 'Brown/Ayers:' A Perspective on the Failure of Human Capital Development in Mississippi*. Paper presentation at the 2004 Patterson Research Conference of the United Negro College Fund, Washington, DC.
- Omari, S. R.**, Nelums, M., Osby, O. & Mitchell, J. (2004, July). *Big and Beautiful: Understanding Black Women's Perspectives on Body Image*. Poster presentation at the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI.
- Shivers, A., & **Omari, S. R.** (2004, March). *Cultural Correlates of Obesity among African American Female College Students in Mississippi*. Paper presented at the Undergraduate Poster Session of the Southeastern Psychological Association's Jubilee Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Omari, S. R.** (2004, February). Perceptions of Sexist and Racist Discrimination in the Lives of Black Women. Paper presented at the 2003 National Conference of the National Association of African American Studies, Houston, TX.
- Saulsberry, P. & **Omari, S. R.** (2004, February). Racial Socialization, Academic Performance, and Social Adjustment in African American Youth: A Multivariate Analysis. Paper presented at the 2003 National Conference of the National Association of African American Studies, Houston, TX.

Smith, P. A., & **Omari, S. R.** (2003, October). *Alcohol as a Risk Factor for Ovarian and Liver Cancer*. Paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the JSU Institute for Epidemiology and Health Services Research, Jackson, MS.

**Omari, S. R.**, & Mitchell, J. (2002, October). *Overweight and Obese Women in Mississippi: Social Workers Can Make a Difference*. Paper presented at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL.

**Omari, S. R.** & Mitchell, J. (2002, October). Exploring the Psychosocial, Cultural, and Environmental Correlates of Obesity and Overweight among Black Women in Mississippi. Poster presentation at 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the JSU Institute for Epidemiology and Health Services Research, Jackson, MS.

Mitchell, J. & **Omari, S. R.** (2001, October). Identity politics and practice: The dynamics of constructed realities in the social work community. Paper presented at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference, Biloxi, MS.

Spence, S., Black, S., Adams, J. P., & **Omari, S. R.** (2001, June). Rural grandparents raising grandchildren: Critical issues and Approaches to providing Assistance. Paper presented at the 26<sup>th</sup> Institute on Human Services in Rural Areas, University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work, Austin, Texas.

**Omari, S. R.** & Morris, E. (2001, February). A way out of no way: Coping in the Lives of Black Women. Paper presented at the 2001 National Conference of the National Association of African American Studies, Houston, TX.

**Omari, S. R.**, & Cole, E. R. (1998, August). Can feminism moderate the relationship between sexist experiences and well-being? Symposium presented at the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco.

**Omari, S. R.** & Cole, E. R. (1996, August). The organization of multiple identities. Poster session presented at the 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

### **Invited Presentations and Workshops**

**Omari, S. R.** (2013, March). Emerging Clients in the Wake of War and Natural Disasters: The Importance of Trauma Informed Care. 2nd Annual Jackson Veterans Administration Social Work Month Conference, Jackson, MS.

**Omari, S. R.** (2012, November). *Emerging Clients in the Wake of War, Natural Disasters, and Economic Uncertainty*. Keynote Presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Stepping Stones Conference of the JSU Interdisciplinary Alcohol and Drug Studies Center, Jackson, MS.

- Omari, S. R.** (2012, September). *Wrap Forum*. Panelist at Women for Progress of MS, Inc. Women's Conference, 2012. Jackson, MS.
- Omari, S. R.** (2012, July). *The Loving Story*. Panelist at the Mississippi State Conference NAACP Screening and Discussion, Jackson, MS.
- Omari, S. R.** (2006, November). *Living your Life Like It's Golden: Mental Health Matters*. Presentation at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual State Convention of the Mississippi State Conference NAACP, Tupelo, MS.
- Omari, S. R.** (2005, August). *The Best of Both Worlds: Successfully Integrating Your Teaching and Research Agendas*. Presentation at the 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Omari, S. R.** (2004, March). *Global Oppression: The Black Woman's Struggle*. Presentation at the International Women's Day Program of the Pierian Literary Society of Jackson State University Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages and the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, Jackson, MS.
- Omari, S. R.** (2003, August). *Integrating Original Research Assignments in the Teaching and Learning Processes* (Panelist, Session I). Center for University Scholars' 2003-2004 Faculty Seminars, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS.
- Nelums, M. S., & **Omari, S. R.** (2003, July). *Effective Strategies in Working With African Americans*. Workshop conducted at Robert Wood Johnson/Covering Kids & Families Conference with Jackson Chapter, National Association of Black Social Workers.
- Omari, S. R.** (2003, March). *Eliminating Health Disparities*. Presented at the Mississippi Coalition for Women's Vision 2003 Spring Conference. Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS.
- Omari, S. R.** (2003, February). *If We Can Believe It, We Can Achieve It!* Presentation made at the Tougaloo College Upward Bound Programs Annual Black History Month Observance, Tougaloo, MS.
- Omari, S. R.** (2002, December). *Sexist and Racist Discrimination in the Lives of Women: Prevalence, Resources and Relationship to Psychological Well-Being*. Presentation made at Research Thursday sponsored by the University Provost.
- Omari, S. R.** & Brooks, J. (2002, March). *Using Technology to Enhance Professional Development: Social Work Resources on the Internet*, Workshop presented at MS NASW Annual Spring Conference, Jackson, MS.

**Omari, S. R.** (2002, March). Presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Women's Conference, Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, MS.

**Omari, S. R.** (2001, December). Empowerment through the Celebration of Our Culture. Presented at the 23d Annual Kwanzaa Celebration, Adhiambo Academy, Jackson, MS.

**Omari, S. R.** (2001, November). Racial Identity and Mental Health. Presentation at the Summer Faculty Research Lecture Series of the Mississippi Urban Research Center, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS.

**Omari, S. R.** (2001, March). Africentrism: A catalyst for critical thinking in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Presentation at the Afrocentrism Conference of the Pierian Literary Society of Jackson State University Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages, Jackson, MS.

**Omari, S. R.** (2001, February). Sisters taking care of sisters: Learning to love ourselves. Workshop presentation at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Jackson Chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers, Vicksburg, MS.

**Omari, S. R.** (2000, November). *Coping in the Lives of Black Women: A Qualitative Analysis*. Presentation at the Summer Faculty Research Forum of the Mississippi Urban Research Center, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS.

**Omari, S. R.** (2000, February). Black women as caregivers: The superwoman syndrome. Workshop presentation at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Jackson Chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers, Jackson, MS.

Dean, H., **Omari, S.**, & Edwards, B. (1999, December). Relationship between childhood maltreatment, symptoms of trauma, and reasons for substance abuse. Paper presented at Jackson State University School of Social Work Brown Bag Presentation, Jackson, Mississippi.

**Omari, S. R.** (1999, November). The Opportunity and Experience of Conducting Research Abroad. Roundtable presentation at 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama/Mississippi Social Work Education Conference, Jackson, Mississippi.

**Omari, S. R.** (1999, April). Arming women against sexist and racist oppression: The role of gender and race consciousness as moderators in the discrimination/psychological well-being process. Presented at Jackson State University 1999 NIMH-COR Spring Research Colloquium.

**University, School and College Service (\*indicates current service)**

- Academic Program Review Decision Making Unit
- Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Performance Based Pay

- Admissions Committee, (SSW, Ph.D. Program)\*
- Campus Wellness Advocate, Quality Education for Minorities
- Chair, Human Behavior Sequence (SSW, MSW Program)
- Chair, Outcome and Evaluation Committee, School of Social Work (SSW)
- Chair, Planning Committee of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual International Student Social Work Conference
- Chair, Search Committee, School of Social Work
- Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee, School of Social Work\*
- Committee on the Scholarship of Graduate Teaching (University)
- Institutional Review Board\*
- Institutional Effectiveness Committee (University)\*
- Knowledge Management Team Representative
- Mentor, Deep South Network for Cancer Control Minority Investigator Program
- Mentor, McNair Undergraduate Scholars Program
- Mentor, Career Opportunities in Research (NIMH) Program
- Presidential Budget Advisory Committee
- Presidential Management Intern Coordinator
- Research Advisory Council
- Research Committee, SSW
- Search Committee, Department of Communicative Disorders
- Search Committee, Department of Health Policy and Management\*
- Search Committee, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Life\*
- Steering Committee, Annual Health Disparities Conference
- Strategic Planning Committee (SSW and College of Public Service)\*
- Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of Health Policy and Management\*
- Tenure and Promotion Committee, University\*

### **Community Service**

- One Voice, Chair, Board of Directors
- Community Aid and Development (CAD), Executive Vice President, Advisory Board
- Mississippi Prevention, Action, and Treatment Coalition for HIV, Member
- Women for Progress, Member

### **Professional Services**

- Reviewer, Southeastern Psychological Association's Undergraduate Research Program, 2005-2010
- Project Evaluator/Consultant, Human Resources and Development Institute
- Evaluator/Consultant, Division of Medicaid/SCHIP Bureau, 2003-2005
- Evaluator/Consultant – Tougaloo College, Psychology Department, 2003
- Campus Wellness Advocate – Quality Education for Minorities Network, 2002-2003
- Diversity Consultant – Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth, Inc., 2003

**Professional Affiliations**

- National Association of Black Social Workers, Jackson Chapter
- Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- Society for Social Work and Research

**Certifications**

- Instructor, Mental Health First Aid