

CURRICULUM VITAE

Jerry Watson, PhD, MSW, MBA

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy
Jackson State University-Jackson, MS
Urban Higher Education
August 2006

Master of Business Administration
Dominican University- River Forest, Illinois
Management and Marketing
May 2003

Master of Social Work
University of Illinois - Jane Addams College of Social Work, Chicago, Illinois
Management, Policy, and Community Practice
May 1997

Bachelor of Arts
Northeastern Illinois University – Chicago, Illinois
Human Services Administration
May 1993

FACULTY EXPERIENCE

Jackson State University
Chair graduate Social Work Programs-Associate Professor
Jackson, MS
August 2014-Present

University of Mississippi
Assistant Professor – Social Work Department
Southaven, Mississippi
August 2008-present

Mississippi Valley State University
Assistant Professor – Social Work Department
Itta Bena, Mississippi
December 2007-May 2008

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE (Post MSW)

Jackson State University
Assistant Vice President-Economic Development & Local Governmental Affairs
Jackson, Mississippi
August 2003-August 2007

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE (Post MSW) continued

DePaul University-Egan Urban Center
Director of Neighborhood Partnerships
Chicago, Illinois
November 1997-August 2003
DePaul University-Psychology Department
Adjunct Faculty
Chicago, Illinois
September 2001-June 2003

DePaul University-Sociology Department
Adjunct Faculty
Chicago, Illinois
September 2001-June 2003

Aurora University-Youth Group Work Program
Adjunct Faculty
Chicago, Illinois
Special Summer Sessions 2000-2002

MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Social Workers
Council on Social Work Education
American Evaluation Association
The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors
North American Association of Christian Social Workers
Association for Community Organization and Social Administration
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
National Association of Black Social Workers

COMMUNITY SERVICE

House of Grace Domestic Violence Shelter, Southaven, MS.
Ujima Family Wellness Center Co-Director, Memphis, TN.
Hattiesburg Disaster Response, Hattiesburg, MS.
New Life at the Crossroads Institute, Inc., Rossville, TN.

COMMUNITY SERVICE (continued)

Haiti Disaster Response Rotary Partnership, Memphis, TN.
Palmer Home for Children Easter Project, Hernando, MS.
Healthy Families Olive Branch YMCA, Olive Branch, MS.
Olive Branch Family YMCA Board of Directors, Olive Branch, MS.
Desoto County Community Health Council, Southaven, MS.
Desoto County Smoke Free Initiative, Olive Branch, MS.
Delta Green Rock Digital Divide Project, Jackson, MS.
Dismas Charities Federal Work Release Library and Clothing Drive, Memphis, TN.
Healing Hearts Supply Drive, Southaven, MS.
Special Education Southaven School District, Southaven, MS.
Center for the Advancement of Youth Development, Memphis, TN.
Hope Federal Credit Union Community Advisory Council, Memphis, TN.
SOLIDS Community Safety Board, Memphis, TN.
Sustainability Work Group Memphis System of Care, Memphis, TN.
Young People in Action for Christ, Jackson, MS.
Juvenile Justice Board, Memphis, TN.
Adult Gang Think Tank, Memphis, TN.
Head Start Shelby County, Memphis, TN.
Mississippi State Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Awareness Group.
 Mississippi Department of Health, Batesville, MS.
Community Advisory Board, Department of Children's Services, Memphis, TN.
Community Police Reconciliation Initiative, Mid South Peace and Justice Center,
 Memphis, TN.
Memphis Area Fatherhood Initiative, Memphis, TN.
Soulsville Wellness Initiative for Men, Memphis, TN.
South Memphis Renaissance Planning Project, Memphis, TN.
Safe Child Initiative, Memphis, TN.
Stax Charter School After School Mentoring Program, Memphis, TN.
Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign, Southaven, MS & Memphis, TN.
38126 Collaborative, Memphis, TN.
Habitat for Humanity, Jackson, MS.
Urban Youth Initiative, Memphis, TN.
City of Memphis Housing Authority Father's Day Program, Memphis, TN.
University of Tennessee-Memphis Social Work: African American Male Social Work
 Students' Rites of Passages Training Project Memphis, TN.
Families of Incarcerated Individuals-Violence Prevention Mentoring Project,
 Memphis, TN.
Enhancing Assets and Strengthening Initiative, Memphis, TN.
Umoja Mentoring Cummings Middle School, Memphis, TN.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teacher Award Nominee (2014)
National Institute of Health Research Fellow Award
Faculty Row
National Behavioral Health Council Reintegration Lifetime Achievement Nominee
Juvenile Intervention & Faith-based Follow-up Evaluation Grant
Desoto County Community Health Council Health Promoter of the Month
Urban Youth Initiative “Parents That Care” Service Award

Selected PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Horton, A. & Watson, J. (2014) Disproportionate Overrepresentation of African Americans in the Child Welfare System in Illinois. Race, Gender, & Class. University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA.
- Watson, J. & Stepteau-Watson, D. (2014) Troubled Water: The Black Church in Mississippi Responds to Community Social Ills. Race, Gender, & Class. University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA.
- Watson, J.. & Stepteau-Watson, D. (2013) Barriers or Bridges: Young African American Males Religion, Spirituality, and Wellness. North American Association of African American Studies.
- Watson, J. (2013). Breaking the Cycle of Juvenile Crime: A Faith-based Model Targeting African American Males. North American Association of African American Studies.
- Watson, J., Lawrence, S., & Stepteau-Watson, D. (2013) Fathers, Fatherhood, and African American Men. National Association of Black Social Workers-Southwest Regional Conference. New Orleans, LA.
- Watson, J. & Stepteau-Watson, D, (2013). African American Males: Barriers to Access to Healthcare. Alabama-Mississippi Social Work Education Conference. Natchez, MS.
- Lawrence, S. K., Watson, J., & Stepteau-Watson, D. (2013). Father’s perceptions of their fathers and themselves. National Association of African American Studies. Baton Rouge, LA.
- Watson, J. & Simmons, C. (2012). Me First: Cultural Competency Self-Assessment. National Association of Social Work – Mississippi Chapter, Natchez, MS.
- Watson, J. & Tickles, V. (2012). Delta Voices: A Strengths-Based Approach to Building Delta Communities. Alabama-Mississippi Social Work Education Conference. Huntsville, AL.

Selected PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- Mims, T. & Watson, J. (2012). Service Learning, Technology, and Higher Education: A Local to International Perspective. The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors. Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Watson, J. (2012). Community and Culturally based Wellness Programs Targeting African American Males. University of Memphis, Memphis, TN.
- Watson, J. (2012). Oppression and Privilege: Cultural Competency for Social Workers, University of Mississippi Social Work Training: Understanding Cultural Competency and Ethics. Oxford, MS.
- Watson, J. (2011). Fathers are Important. City of Memphis, Department of Housing. Memphis, TN.
- Watson, J. & Simmons, C. (2011). Cultural & linguistic competency. National Association of Social Workers-Mississippi. Jackson, MS.
- Watson, J. (2011). The Wraparound Process: Strengths-Based, Family Driven, and Community Perspective, Alabama-Mississippi Social Work Education Conference. University of Southern Mississippi, Meridian, MS.
- Watson, J. (2011). African American Men's Perceptions of Wellness and Barriers to Healthcare, Empowering Communities to Create a Healthy Village Conference. Consortium for Health Education, Economic Empowerment, and Research. Memphis, TN.
- Watson, J. (2011). African American Communities and Higher Education Partnerships, National Association of Black Social Workers Conference. New Orleans, LA.
- Watson, J. (2011). Cultural Competency in Healthcare Delivery. University of Tennessee, Graduate Nursing Program. Memphis, TN.
- Watson, J. (2010). A Multi-Site Randomized Drug Prevention Trial. Health Disparities in Boys and Men A Research and Technical Assistance Conference. National Institute of Health. Washington, D.C.
- Watson, J. (2010). African American Men's Perceptions of Wellness. Social Work Practice in Rural communities. National Association of Black Social Workers & National Association of Social Workers-Mississippi Chapter. Cleveland, MS.
- Watson, J. (2010). African American Men's Barriers to Healthcare. Alabama Mississippi Social Work Education Conference. Jacksonville, AL.

Selected PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- Watson, J. (2010). African American Men's Perceptions of Wellness. Social Work Practice in Rural Communities. Cleveland, MS.
- Watson, J. (2010). Conducting Community Needs Assessments, National Abstinence Clearinghouse. Milwaukee, WI.
- Watson, J. & Hardin, T. (2010). Rites of Passages for African American Youth. National Association of Black Social Workers Conference. Philadelphia, PA.
- Stepteau-Watson, D., Moore, D., & Watson, J. (2009). Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies. Alabama-Mississippi Social Work Education Conference. Jackson, MS.
- Watson, J. (2009). Community Organizing: From Missionary Work to Community Building. 29th Annual Social Work Conference. Mississippi Valley State University. Itta Bena, MS.
- Watson, J. (2009). Systems of Care: Building and implementing a System of Care. State of the Child Conference, Nashville, TN.
- Watson, J. (2009). Kuumba: An Afrocentric social Work Intervention for African American Boys, The Think Tank for African American Progress-Annual Conference. Memphis, TN.
- Watson, J., Campbell, T., & Harris, C. (2009). Community Organizing 101: Building Leadership from the Inside-Out and the Bottom-Up. Chicago Area Project Statewide Conference. Springfield, IL.
- Watson, J. (2009). Innovative Programmatic Approaches to Provide Services to African American Boys, African American Think Tank for Progress, Memphis, TN.
- Watson, J. & Stepteau-Watson, D. (2008). The Mis-education of the Negro. Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL.
- Watson, J. (2008). University-Community Development Partnerships. Chicago State University, Chicago, IL.
- Watson, J. (2008). Mentoring African American Youth: A Culturally Appropriate Approach. Memphis, TN.

PUBLICATIONS

- Watson, J. (In-press). African American Males: Religion, Spirituality, and Wellness
North American Association of African American Studies.
- Watson, J. (In-press) Breaking the Cycle of Juvenile of Juvenile Crime. North
American Association of African American Studies.
- Simmons, C., Myers, N., Watson, J., Brooks, L., & Moore, D. (In-review). Worldviews of
Teachers and Learners in Social Work. *Social Work Education, the international
journal*.
- Watson, J. & Lawrence, S. K. (2014). Disaster Response Multiple University-
Community Partnerships, *Journal of Rural and Urban Research*.
- Watson, J. & Stepteau-Watson, D. (Accepted with revisions, 2014). Troubled waters: The
black church in Mississippi, a single subject case study. *Social Work and
Christianity*.
- Watson, J. & Stepteau-Watson, D. S. (In press, 2014). The transpassages theory of
change. *International Journal of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*.
- Watson, J. (2014). Cultural services. In L. H. Cousins & J. G. Golson, (Eds.),
Encyclopedia of human services and diversity. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Watson, J. (2014). Family crisis intervention planning. In L. H. Cousins & J. G.
Golson, (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of human services and diversity*. Thousand Oaks,
CA: Sage.
- Watson, J. (2014). Gangs, social issues of/intervention. In L. H. Cousins & J. G. Golson
(Eds.), *Encyclopedia of human services and diversity*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Stepteau-Watson, D., Watson, J., & Lawrence, S. K. (2014). Young African
American males in reentry: an Afrocentric cultural approach. *Journal of Human
Behavior in the Social Environment*. Philadelphia, PA.
- Watson, J. (2012). Keeping hope alive”: Mentoring African American male social
workers. *Journal Reflections Narratives of Professional Helping*.
- Watson, J. (In press, 2014). Young African American males: barriers to access to
healthcare. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*.
Philadelphia, PA.
- Watson, J. (2013). Historically Black Colleges and University Community
Partnerships: The Jackson State Case Study. Scholars Press.

PUBLICATIONS (continued)

- Lawrence, S. K., Watson, J. & Stepteau-Watson, D. (2013). President Obama and the fatherhood initiative. *Race, Gender, & Class*, 20 (3-4).
- Watson, J., Harden, T., & Washington, G. (2013). Themes or topics in rites of passages curriculum. *Black Child Journal, Summer* 156-163.
- Watson, J. (In press). Cultural competence and community health service learning. In R. A. Schmuck & J. M. Stevenson, *Action research for college community health work: Getting out, going into and giving back* (Vol. II). Palo Alto, CA. Academica Press.
- Watson, J. (2013). Cultural competence in higher education. In J. M. Stevenson, C. H. Bishop, J. C. Franklin, & J. Watson, *For the good of our place: Living, learning and leading for diversity in higher learning*. Palo Alto, CA. Academica Press.
- Watson, J. (2013). Change leadership in higher education. In J. M. Stevenson, C. H. Bishop, J. C. Franklin, & J. Watson, *In For the good of our place: Living, learning and leading for diversity in higher learning*. Palo Alto, CA. Academica Press.
- Watson, J. (2012). *The lion speaks: About African American men's issues*. Southaven, MS: Grant House.
- Watson, J. (2012). "Driving Ms. Jane Addams": Students and instructors learn in field education. *Journal of Reflections Narratives of Professional Helping*, 18 (2) 29-33.
- Watson, J. (2012). *Community and culturally-based wellness programs targeting African American males*. University of Memphis, Memphis, TN. Retrieved from <http://memphis.edu/socialwork/pdfs/Symposium%20Proceedings%202012%20FINAL.pdf>.
- Washington, G., Watts, R. J., & Watson, J. (2008). Manhood seekers camp: A proposal for a culturally-centered camp intervention. *Residential Treatment for Children and Youth*, 23(1-2) 75-90.
- Watson, J., Washington, G., & Walker, S. (2007). *Mississippi in action: Historically black colleges and universities community building partnerships, seeking the opportunity for the greater good*. Jackson, MS. Jackson State University.