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**EDUCATION**

Public Health Doctoral Candidate (ABD), Current  
Jackson State University-Jackson, MS

Master of Social Work, 2007  
Jackson State University-Jackson, MS

Bachelor of Social Work, 2006  
Jackson State University-Jackson, MS

**RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST**

Mental Health in Corrections  
Poverty & Food Deserts  
Social Work Education  
Public Health Education

**TRAININGS & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

2016	Council on Social Work Education Program Director Academy
2016	System Change for Health (Directors of Health Promotion and Education)
2010	Brief Treatment of the Tobacco Dependent Patient Certification (University of Mississippi Medical Treatment)

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Behavior Modification  
Skills in Interviewing  
Social Work Practice II  
General Psychology  
Field Practicum

## **FACULTY & ADJUNCT EMPLOYMENT**

2014-Present	Jackson State University School of Social Work Interim B.S.W. Department Chair (2015-Current) Visiting Assistant Professor & Faculty Field Liaison (2014-2015) Jackson, MS
2010-2011	Hinds Community College Social Science Department Adjunct Professor Jackson, MS

## **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

2015	Hope Policy Institute Policy Intern Jackson, MS
2014-2015	Brentwood Behavioral Healthcare Mental Health Therapist, P.R.N. Flowood, MS
2013-2014	Family First Behavioral Health, Inc. Mental Health Therapist Flora, MS
2008-2013	Wexford Health Sources, Inc.-Central Mississippi Correctional Facility Lead Mental Health Therapist Pearl, MS
2007-2008	Region 8 Mental Health Center Behavioral Specialist Brandon, MS
2007	Social Work P.R.N-Jackson County Department of Human Services Social Worker Pascagoula, MS
2004-2008	Catholic Charities, Inc. Social Work Intern & Relief Worker Jackson, MS

## **JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP & SERVICE**

2014-Present	B.S.W. Program Admission Committee (School of Social Work) Curriculum Committee (School of Social Work) Co-Chair, B.S.W. Program Accreditation Committee
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2015-2016	Social Work Month Committee (School of Social Work) Living and Learning Communities Committee (University) Dean's Executive Committee (College of Public Service) Degree Works Implementation Committee (University)
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## PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

**Howard, A.** (November 2015). Texas Health Institute Southern Obesity Summit. A School Based Strategy to Improve Food Access in High Poverty Communities: Mississippi's Implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision

## BLOGS

**Howard, A.** (August 2015) *Healthy Food, Healthy Children, Healthy Future*, Hope Policy Institute website <http://hopepolicy.org/category/health/>

**Howard, A.** (August 2015) *Poverty and Health: Inextricably Connected*, Hope Policy Institute website: <http://hopepolicy.org/category/health/>

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Mississippi Public Health Association  
American Public Health Association  
National Association of Social Workers  
Council on Social Work Education

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Habitat for Humanity  
American Red Cross  
Word of Life Church  
Methodist Children's Home  
Salvation Army  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society MS Chapter

## HONORS & RECOGNITION

2015	Certificate of Participation from American Planning Association
2012	Certificate of Appreciation from Wexford Health (Stress Management)
2008	Certificate of Appreciation from Jackson State University (Alcohol and Drug Dependency)
2005-Current	Phi Alpha Honor Society Member
2004-2006	Jackson State University Dean's List Scholar

