

Curriculum Vitae  
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## EDUCATION

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- 2019**      **POST-DOCTORAL ASSOCIATE**  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
School of Social Work | Center for Prevention Science  
New Brunswick, NJ
- 2017**      **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PHD), SOCIAL WORK**  
Concentration: Health and Mental Health  
Howard University  
Washington, DC
- 2024**      **MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MPH)**  
Concentration: Health Promotion and Policy  
The University of Missouri-Columbia  
Columbia, MO
- 2011**      **MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)**  
The University of Southern Mississippi  
Hattiesburg, MS
- 2010**      **BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BSW)**  
Mississippi Valley State University  
Itta Bena, MS  
\*Completed Fall 2010. Conferred Spring 2011.

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

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The George Washington University  
Milken Institute School of Public Health  
Washington, DC  
January-December 2013 | Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metro Area  
Courses: Organizational Response to the HIV Epidemic, HIV/AIDS Surveillance, Issues in HIV Care & Treatment, Behavioral Aspects of HIV, Ethnographic Methods as Applied in Public Health

## CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSURES

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- 2024**      **Maternal Mental Health Certificate Training**  
Postpartum Support International and the Policy Center for Maternal Health  
Portland, OR
- 2024**      **Advanced Training in Perinatal Loss: Clinical and Supportive Care**  
Postpartum Support International  
Ann Arbor, MI

- 2023      Advanced Learning Certificate in Program Evaluation**  
Brown School at Washington University  
Professional Development and the Evaluation Center  
St. Louis, MO
- 2022      Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Search Advocate Foundations Certification**  
Created by Oregon State University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
St. Louis, MO
- 2020      Certified Full Spectrum Doula**  
Community Doula Training  
Jamaa Birth Village  
Ferguson, MO
- 2019      Certificate in Nonprofit and Public Management**  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
School of Social Work  
New Brunswick, NJ
- 2019      Certified Preconception Peer Educator**  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Office of Minority Health
- 2011      Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)**  
State of Mississippi  
License No.: M7776  
\*Voluntarily Inactive

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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- 2025 – Present      Chair—Master of Social Work Program**  
Jackson State University  
School of Social Work  
Jackson, MS
- 2025 – Present      Associate Professor**  
Jackson State University  
School of Social Work  
Jackson, MS
- 2025 – Present      Affiliate Faculty**  
Jackson State University  
College of Health Sciences  
Department of Behavioral and Environmental Health  
Jackson, MS
- 2025 – 2025      Assistant Professor**  
Washington University in St. Louis  
School of Public Health (inaugural joint faculty)  
St. Louis, MO

<b>2025 – 2025</b>	<b>Institutional Change Fellow   William T. Grant Foundation</b> Washington University in St. Louis Office of the Provost St. Louis, MO
<b>2023 – 2025</b>	<b>Director</b> The Fathers First Initiative   Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) St. Louis Children's Hospital   Department of Pediatrics St. Louis, MO
<b>2019 – 2025</b>	<b>Assistant Professor</b> Washington University in St. Louis Brown School (Social Work, Public Health, Social Policy) St. Louis, MO
<b>2021 – 2025</b>	<b>Faculty Affiliate</b> Washington University in St. Louis Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity St. Louis, MO
<b>2020 – 2025</b>	<b>Affiliate Faculty</b> Washington University in St. Louis Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies St. Louis, MO
<b>2019 – 2025</b>	<b>Faculty Scholar</b> Washington University in St. Louis Institute for Public Health St. Louis, MO
<b>2017 – 2019</b>	<b>Postdoctoral Associate</b> Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey School of Social Work Center for Prevention Science New Brunswick, NJ Advisor: N. Andrew Peterson, PhD
<b>2016 – 2019</b>	<b>Adjunct Professor</b> George Mason University Department of Social Work Fairfax, VA

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND GRANT PARTICIPATION

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Postpartum Mental Health | Paternal Involvement in Maternal and Child Health | Birth Equity and Reproductive Justice | HIV Prevention and Sexual Health Education | mHealth Technology | Behavioral Health Interventions

<b>2024—Present</b>	<b>Role: Principal Investigator</b> Funder: The Society of Family Planning
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Submission Area: Changemakers in Family Planning  
Project: Reclaiming Bodily Autonomy for Adolescents and Young Adults After  
*Dobbs*  
**Amount: \$84,000**

**2024**

**Faculty Partner**

Community Partners: Charity Bean with Doula Bean Maternal Care and Ciearra  
Walk with St. Louis Community Health Worker Coalition  
Project: The Doula Lab  
Pitch Partners<sup>2</sup> | Community Partnership Support Funding (CPSF)  
The Center for Community Health Partnership and Research  
Institute for Public Health and Institute of Clinical & Translational Sciences  
Washington University in St. Louis  
**Amount: \$5,000**

**2024—2025**

**Principal Investigator**

Co-Principal Investigator: Marquitta Dorsey, PhD, MSW, MBA  
Study: Mental Health Symptomologies and Sexual Health Disparities among  
Black Young Adult Females During the COVID-19 Pandemic  
Funder: Washington University in St. Louis | Brown School COVID and Health  
Disparities Research Pilot Funds and the Neidorff Family and Centene  
Corporation COVID & Health Disparity Response Fund  
**Amount: \$100,000**

**2023**

**Co-Convenor/Co-Principal Investigator**

Co-Principal Investigators: Zakiya Luna, Seanna Leath, and Rachel Brown  
Project: R3-Reproductive Justice, Reproductive Health, and Reproductive Rights  
Working Group  
Funder: Washington University in St. Louis | Center for Humanities  
**Amount: \$125,000**

**2023—2024**

**Co-Convenor/Co-Investigator**

Principal Investigator: Zakiya Luna, PhD  
Project: R3-Reproductive Justice, Reproductive Health, and Reproductive Rights  
Working Group  
Funder: Washington University in St. Louis | Center for the Study of Race, Ethnic  
and Equity  
**Amount: \$2,500**

**2022—2025**

**Principal Investigator**

Co-Principal Investigator: Jesse A. Davis, MD, MBA  
Study: Advancing Paternal Involvement to Improve Infant and Maternal Health  
Outcomes in NICU Settings  
Funder: Washington University in St. Louis | Center for the Study of Race, Ethnic  
and Equity  
**Amount: \$30,000**

**2022—2025**

**Principal Investigator**

Study: Exploring Grief, Coping and Posttraumatic Growth among Black Fathers  
affected by Perinatal Loss

Funder: Washington University in St. Louis | Office of the Provost  
**Amount: \$20,000**

**2022—2023**

**Principal Investigator**

Study: An Exploration of Paternal Involvement to Optimize Maternal Mental Health in NICU Settings

Funder: Postpartum Support International

**Amount: \$10,000**

**2022—2024**

**Consultant/Analyst**

Milken Institute School of Public Health

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Study Title: Phase II SBIR—Videogame Technology to Increase Routinized HIV Testing among Adolescents and Young Adults

Principal Investigators: Amanda Castel, MD, MPH and Daniel Greenberg

**Amount: \$540,743** [NIH NIMH Project #: 2R44HD08833202A1]

**Amount: \$517,840** [NIH NIMH Project #: 5R44HD08833203]

**Amount: \$381,880** [NIH NIMH Project #: R44HD08833204]

**06—08/2020**

**Trainee**

NIH/NIMHD Training LEADers (LEAD) to Accelerate Global Mental Health Disparities in Research [T37MD014218]

Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

Co-Directors: Patricia Cavazos-Rehg, PhD and Fred Ssewamala, PhD

**2018 – 2019**

**Analyst**

Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Washington, DC

Children's National Medical Center, Washington DC

Ministry of Health, Nairobi and Homa Bay, Kenya

Study: Experiences of Adolescents and Youth about HIV Testing and Linkage to Care in EGPAF Supported Facilities in Homa Bay County, Kenya

Principal Investigators: Natella Rakhmanina, MD and Rose Masaba, MD

**2018 – 2020**

**Co-Investigator**

Child Welfare and Well-Being Unit

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Study Title: Northwestern Juvenile Justice Project (ICPSR data analysis)

Principal Investigator: Abigail Williams-Butler, PhD

**2018 – 2019**

**Analyst**

Milken Institute School of Public Health

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Study Title: Routinized HIV Testing for Adolescents

Principal Investigators: Amanda Castel, MD, MPH and Daniel Greenberg

**Amount \$224,278** [NIH Eunice K. Shriver Project #: 1R43HD088332-01]

**2015 – 2018**

**Analyst I Research Assistant**

Milken Institute School of Public Health

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Study Title: Interactive Technology for Pediatric HIV/AIDS Treatment Adherence

Principal Investigators: Amanda Castel, MD, MPH and Daniel Greenberg

**Amount \$350,000** [NIH NIMH Project #: 1R43MH105315-01]

**Amount \$348,588** [NIH NIMH Project #: 5R43MH105315-02]

- 2017 – 2017**      **Inaugural Inabel Burns Lindsay Social Justice Post-Doctoral Fellow**  
School of Social Work  
Howard University, Washington, DC  
Advisor: Sandra Edmonds Crewe, PhD
- 2017 – 2017**      **Research Consultant**  
Community Education Group, Inc. (CEG), Washington, DC  
Study Title: A Snapshot of HIV and PrEP Knowledge, Attitudes, and Beliefs  
(funded by Viiv Healthcare)  
Principal Investigators: A. Toni Young and Valencia Robinson
- 2014 – 2015**      **Research Assistant**  
Milken Institute School of Public Health  
The George Washington University, Washington, DC  
Study Title: D.C. Youth Ethnography (funded by MetroTeen AIDS/Whitman-Walker Health)  
Principal Investigator: James A. Peterson, EdD, MPH
- 2012 – 2017**      **Doctoral Candidate, Dissertation Research**  
Howard University School of Social Work, Washington, DC  
Study Title: “Makes it seem more real”: A Qualitative Exploration of the Sexual Health of African-American Adolescents with HIV-Positive Moms  
Dissertation Advisor: Sandra Edmonds Crewe, PhD  
Dissertation Chair: Cudore L. Snell, DSW  
Committee Members: Tricia Bent-Goodley, PhD; Anthony K. Wutoh, PhD; Tonya Perry-Mitchell, PhD (external reviewer), James A. Peterson, EdD
- 2012 – 2017**      **Graduate Research Assistant, Office of the Dean**  
School of Social Work  
Howard University, Washington, DC  
Advisors: Cudore L. Snell, DSW and Sandra Edmonds Crewe, PhD

**Applied (not funded)**

- 2020**      **Role: Co-Principal Investigator**  
Co-PI: Zakiya Luna, Jessica Beckman-Levy  
Funder: WashU in St. Louis I CRE<sup>2</sup>  
Project: Gateway to Reproductive Wellbeing Across the Life Course  
Amount: \$50,000
- 2025**      **Role: Co-Principal Investigator**  
Funder: Purdue University  
Project Title: “Our Labor is Not in Vain”: Building a Transdisciplinary Network to Address the Black Maternal Health Crisis in Academia  
Amount \$15,000
- 2025**      **Role: Principal Investigator**  
Funder: Missouri Foundation for Health—Spark Prize Nominee

Candidate Area of Focus: Maternal and Child Health  
Amount \$200,000

- 2025**      **Role: Principal Investigator**  
Funder: WashU—William H. Danforth St. Louis Confluence Award Nominee  
Faculty Research Area of Focus: Maternal and Child Health  
Amount \$50,000
- 2024**      **Role: Principal Investigator**  
Funder: The National Institutes of Health (NIMH) | Loan Repayment Program  
Project Title: Improving Postpartum Mental Health for NICU Families: Developing and Piloting “The Fathers First Initiative” in Neonatal Healthcare Systems  
Amount \$100,000
- 2024**      **Role: Co-Investigator**  
Principal Investigator: Rachel Tabak  
Funder: Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute  
Submission Area: Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Topical PFA  
Study: Doula Care Integration in Evidence-Based Home Visiting to Prevent Maternal Morbidity
- 2022**      **Role: Co-Principal Investigator**  
Co-Principal Investigator: Jesse Davis  
Study: Advancing Paternal Involvement to Improve Infant and Maternal Health Outcomes in NICU Settings  
Funder: Washington University in St. Louis | Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research-Interdisciplinary Seed Grant Program  
Amount: \$50,000
- 2021**      **Role: Principal Investigator**  
Study: Exploring the Engagement of Father Involvement on Infant and Maternal Health in NICU Settings  
Funder: Missouri Foundation for Health | Opportunity Fund  
Amount: \$450,000
- 2021**      **Role: Principal Investigator**  
Study: Exploring the Engagement of Fathers on the Culture of Infant and Maternal Health in NICU Settings  
Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation | Health Equity Scholars for Action  
Amount: \$250,000
- 2020**      **Role: Investigator**  
Principal Investigator: Proscovia Nabunya  
Funder: National Institutes of Health  
Study: Suubi+ Adherence-US: A Combination Intervention Utilizing Community Health Workers to Address Treatment Outcomes among Young People Living with HIV
- 2020**      **Role: Principal Investigator**  
Co-Principal Investigator: Patricia Cavazos-Rehg  
Funder: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Study: Promoting parent-adolescent sexual and reproductive health communication through interactive mHealth technology

Amount: \$600,000

**2017, 2018    Role: Principal Investigator**

Project Title: Supporting Parent-Child Communication about Sex within African American Families Affected by HIV

Funder: The National Institutes of Health | National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities—Loan Repayment Program

Amount \$70,000

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **PEER-REVIEWED**

1. Dorsey, M., Freeman, J., Priede, A., Malcome, M., **Howard, T.**, King, D., & Jaffrey, A. (accepted). Compounded correlations between anxiety and depression symptomologies and sexual health disparities among Black young adult females in the United States. *Race and Social Problems*.
2. **Howard, T.**, Sargent, E., Dorsey, M., Boyd, R., Wartts, J., Nixon, A., Nacke, L., Fan, A., Betts, K. & Leath, S. (accepted). Legal, ethical, and social ramifications of anti-abortion legislation on IVF access and reproductive rights in the post-Dobbs era. *Social Work in Public Health*.
3. **Howard, T.**, Sargent, E., Dorsey, M., Wartts, J., Boyd, R., Nixon, A., Nacke, L., Cooley, D., Betts, K. & Leath, S. (accepted). Broader than abortion rights: Communicating reproductive justice post the Dobbs-decision. *Social Work in Public Health*.
4. **Howard, T.**, Sargent, E., Dorsey, M., Boyd, R., Wartts, J., Nixon, A., Walden, N., Nacke, L., Thomans, M., & Leath, S. (accepted). Advancing reproductive justice through shared responsibility with people assigned male at birth into the evolving landscape of reproductive rights. *Social Work in Public Health*.
5. **Howard, T.**, Sargent, E., Leath, S., Wartts, J., Boyd, R., Nixon, A., Nacke, L., Lumsdaine, B., Johnstone, L., & Dorsey, M. (accepted). Navigating reproductive rights in higher education: How restrictive access to reproductive health care threatens college decision-making. *Social Work in Public Health*.
6. Dorsey, M., Priede, A., Lemmons, B., Jones, H., Berety, Z., & **Howard, T.** (accepted). Black fathers, an asset in times of crisis: Associations between daughters' sexual and reproductive health and Black father involvement. *Social Work in Public Health*.
7. Gwynn, D., Watts, K., **Howard, T.**, Nixon, A. (accepted). Empowering Black men in reproductive health: Addressing barriers and advancing health equity through public health social work. *Social Work in Public Health*.
8. Leath, S., Astle, S., **Howard, T.**, Johnson, K., & Rose, R. (accepted). A narrative case study of pleasure activism and Black women's sexual and intimate journeys.
9. Dorsey, M., Adams, V., **Howard, T.**, Rutledge, J., King, D., Craddock, J., & Jaffrey, A. (2024). Exploring the role of social media content on sexual health behaviors and decision making among young Black females. *Journal of Adolescent Research*. doi:10.1177/07435584241268524
10. †**Howard, T.**, \*Kose, J., Lenz, C., Masaba, R., Akuno, J., Woelk, G., & Rakhmanina, N. (2024). Experiences of adolescents and youth with HIV testing and linkage to care through the red carpet program in Kenya. *PLOS One*. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0296786  
†Joint first authors
11. King, D.M., Rouland, R.S., **Howell, T.H.**, Dyson, Y.D., Simmons, L.D., Bencomo, D., & Becker, B. (2024-in press). Microaggressions, students of color, and social work education: A systematic review of literature. *Journal of Social Work Education*.
12. Brown Q., Shmulewitz, D., Sarvet, A., Young-Wolff, K., **Howard, T.H.**, Hasin, D. (2023). Cannabis use, cannabis use disorder and mental health disorders among women pregnant and postpartum



- women in the US: A nationally representative study. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 248. doi:10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2023.109940
13. Williams-Butler, A., **Howard, T.**, Anthony, W.V., & Duron, J. (2023). Adverse childhood experiences, sexual debut, and substance use among Black justice-involved youth: The imperative of trauma-informed sexuality education. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 147 Special Issue: Sexual and Reproductive Health among Marginalized and System-Involved Youth. doi: 10.1016/j.childyouth.2023.106847
  14. \*Byansi, W., **Howell, T.H.**, Nabunya, P., Kaiser, N., Kasson, E., Ssewamala, F., & Cavazos-Rehg, P. (2023). Sexual health behaviors and knowledge among Uganda adolescent girls: Implications for advancing comprehensive sexual health education and parental communication in the Suubi4Her study. *Child & Youth Care Forum*. doi: 10.1007/s10566-023-09730-3  
\*student coauthor
  15. Williams-Butler, A., Dorsey, M., Lateef, H., **Howard, T.**, M., Amoko, E., Nortey, P. (2022). Black girl well-being: A scoping review of culturally and gender responsive interventions. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 1-16. doi: 10.1177/10497315221147531
  16. Dorsey, M., King, D., **Howell, T.H.**, & Dyson, Y. (2022). Culturally responsive sexual health interventions for Black adolescent females in the United States: A systematic review of the literature, 2010-202. *Children and Youth Services Review*. Doi: 10.1016/j.childyouth.2022.106480
  17. Williams-Butler, A., Liu, F., **Howell, T.H.**, Menon, S.E., & Quinn, C.R. (2022). Racialized gender differences in mental health service use, adverse childhood experiences, and recidivism among justice-involved African American youth. *Race and Social Problems*. doi: 10.1007/s12552-022-09360-9
  18. Dorsey, M., Craddock, J., **Howell, T.H.** (2022). "I don't really need you. I got a body that's going to get me what I need": A case study on sexual autonomy and agency through camming and social media engagement among Black young adult females. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*. doi: 10.1086/719849
  19. Dorsey, M., Williams-Butler, A., & **Howell, T.H.** (2022). "I can't even wear a simple dress in peace": Black adolescent female experiences navigating gender-based violence. *Urban Social Work*. doi:10.1891/USW-D-20-00029
  20. Wilbourn, B., **Howell, T.H.**, Castel, A., D'Angelo, L., Trexler, C., Carr, R., & Greenberg, D. (2022). Barriers and facilitators to HIV testing among adolescents and young adults in Washington, District of Columbia: Formative research to inform the development of an mHealth intervention. *JMIR Formative Research*. Doi: 10.2196/preprints.29196
  21. Lateef, H., Williams-Butler, A., **Howell, T.H.** (2021). Exploring the impact of skin tone perception on race-related outcomes and familial functioning among African American youth: Implications of African-centered interventions. *Families in Society*. Doi: 10.1177/10443894211027168
  22. Wilbourn, B.C., **Howell, T.H.**, Castel, A., D'Angelo, L., Trexler, C., Carr, R., & Greenberg, D. (2020). Development, refinement, and acceptability of digital gaming to improve HIV testing among adolescents and young adults at risk for HIV. *Games for Health Journal: Research, Development, and Clinical Applications*, 9(1). doi:10.1089/g4h.2018.0162.
  23. **Howell, T.H.** (2020). Exploring the meaning of sexual health through the voices of Black adolescents with HIV-positive mothers: An interpretative phenomenological analysis. *Urban Social Work*. doi: 10.1891/USW-D-18-00030
  24. **Howell, T.H.** (2018). Exploring unstructured parent-child communication about sex among African-American adolescents with HIV-positive mothers. *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, 14(1), 17-23. doi: 10.1080/17450128.2018.1526429
  25. Castel, A., Qasmieh, S., Greenberg, D., Ellenberger, N., **Howell, T.H.**, Griffith, C., Wilbourn, B., Ganesan, K., Hussein, N., Ralte, G., & Rakhmanina, N. (2018). Feasibility and acceptability of a digital gaming to improve adherence among adolescents and young adults living with HIV. *Journal of Medical Internet Research Serious Games*, 6(4). doi: 10.2196/10213

26. Treitler, P., Peterson, N.A., **Howell, T.H.**, & Powell, K.G. (2018). Measuring sense of community responsibility in community-based prevention coalitions: An item response theory analysis. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 0, 1-11. doi: 10.1002/ajcp/12269
27. **Howell, T.H.** (2018). Are substance use disorders in the U.S. a crime or crisis? Restorative justice to reclaim voting rights for disenfranchised nonviolent offenders. *Journal of Human Rights and Social Work*. doi: 10.1007/s41134-018-0069-0
28. **Howard, T.** (2016). PhD vs. DSW: A critique of trends in social work doctoral education. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 52(sup1), S148-S153. doi: 10.1080/10437797.2016.1174647
29. Henderson, Z., Acquaye, L., Waites, S., & **Howard, T.** (2016). Putting principles into practice: Addressing the historical trauma, mistrust, and apprehension in research methods courses. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 52(1), 69-78. doi: 10.1080/10437797

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

1. **Howard, T.**, King, D., Dyson, Y., & Sargent, E. (2024). Emerging adulthood (Ages 18-24). In M. Dorsey. *Understanding Diversity in Human Behavior and Development in the Social Environment*. Springer Publications.
2. Crewe, S.E. & **Howard, T.** (2015). Yet with a steady beat: African American reflections on seasons of caregiving. In S.E. Crewe & C.G. Cole (Eds.). *African American caregivers seasons of care: Practice and policy perspectives for social workers and human service professionals*. New York, NY: NOVA Science Publishers, Inc.
3. **Howard, T.** (2015). I love you darling: HIV/AIDS and an intergenerational reflection of family caregiving. In S.E. Crewe & C.G. Cole (Eds.). *African American caregivers seasons of care: Practice and policy perspectives for social workers and human service professionals*. New York, NY: NOVA Science Publishers, Inc.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

1. **Howell, T.H.** (2019). [Review of the book] Invisible visits: Black middle-class women in the America healthcare system by T.K. Sacks. *Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought*. doi: 10.1080/15426432.2019.1656815
2. **Howard, T.** (2013). [Review of the book HIV prevention and bisexual realities, by V. Namaste, T. Vukov, N. Saphie, R. Williamson, J. Valle, M. Lafreniere, A. Monette & J. Jean-Giles]. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 28(3), 335.

## **TECHNICAL REPORTS**

1. **Howell, T.H.**, Powell, K.G., Peterson, N.A. (March 2019). Annual Study of the New Jersey Regional Prevention Coalition Initiative: Utilizing Environmental Strategies Statewide: Year 6 Evaluation. Technical report submitted to the New Jersey Prevention Network.
2. Rashid, M., **Howell, T.H.**, Powell, K.G., Peterson, N.A. (October 2018). Project C.O.P.E Year 3 Annual Report: Capacity Building for Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Among At-Risk Minority Youth. Technical report submitted to Montclair State University College of Education and Human Services, Department of Family and Child Studies.
3. **Howell, T.H.**, & Coleman, I. (September 2017). Mississippi In Action: 2017 Questionnaire Report. Technical report submitted to Mississippi In Action, Community Education Group, ViiV Healthcare.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

### **Under Review**

1. Freeman, J., Dorsey, M., **Howard, T.**, & Priede, A. (under review). Implications of state abortion access for young Black women during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. **Howard, T.** & Dorsey, M. (under review). The association of access to sexual and reproductive health services and mental health symptomologies among young Black women during the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Dorsey, M., Freeman, J., Priede, A., King, D., **Howard, T.**, & Jaffrey, A. (under review). Provider treatment and sexual health outcomes for Black women: Historical context and post-pandemic access to reproductive resources. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*.

### **In Preparation Based on Current Projects**

#### **The Fathers First Initiative:**

1. **Howard, T.**, Nixon, A., Wartts, J., Boyd, R., Davis, J. (in preparation). Providers' perspectives on strategies to improve paternal involvement for NICU families.
2. **Howard, T.**, Nixon, A., Wartts, J., Boyd, R., Davis, J. (in preparation). Grief, coping, and post-traumatic growth: An exploration of Black fathers' experiences with perinatal loss.
3. **Howard, T.**, Nixon, A., Wartts, J., Boyd, R., Poole, M., Yaeger, L., & Davis, J. (in preparation). A systematic review of paternal involvement for improved maternal health: Implications for paternal-centered health and well-being.
4. **Howard, T.**, Nixon, A., Wartts, J., Boyd, R., Davis, J. (in preparation). Caregivers' perspectives on strategies to improve paternal involvement for NICU families.

#### **COVID-19 and Sexual Health:**

5. **Howard, T.** & Dorsey, M. (in preparation). Sexual risks associated with mental health symptomologies of anxiety and depression among young Black women during the COVID-19 pandemic.
6. **Howard, T.** & Dorsey, M. (in preparation). Exploring the impact of the Dobb's decision on young Black women's mental well-being and perspectives on sexual and reproductive health needs following the lived experience of COVID-19.

#### **mHealth and HIV Prevention**

7. Castel, A., **Howard, T.**, Carney, C., Sargent, E., Greenberg, D. (in preparation). A pilot study of gaming as a platform for informational resources on HIV testing, PrEP, and PEP among adolescents and young adults.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **PEER-REVIEWED**

1. Dorsey, M., Lemmons, B., Priede, A., Perkins, H., Berety, Z. & **Howard, T.**, (2025, November 6-8). Black fathers, an Asset in Times of Crisis: Associations between daughter's sexual and reproductive health and Black Father Involvement. 13<sup>th</sup> IAAH World Congress on Adolescent Health. Montego Bay, Jamaica.
2. **Howard, T.**, Coffman, Z. Nacke, L., Root, J. (2025, September 15-17). The Fathers First Initiative: Advancing Access to Human Milk Through Paternal Engagement in the NICU. CityMatCH Maternal and Child Health Leadership Conference. St. Louis, MO.

3. **Howard, T.**, Nixon, A., Boyd, R., Wartts, J., & Davis, J. (2024, October 27-30). Exploring grief, coping strategies, and posttraumatic growth among Black fathers who have experienced perinatal loss. Accepted for presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo, Minneapolis, MN.
4. **Howard, T.**, Wartts, J., Nixon, A., Boyd, R., Davis, J. (2024, October 27-30). Fathers as allies in human milk access for NICU babies: Expanding the role of fathers in neonatal nutrition. Accepted for presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo, Minneapolis, MN.
5. **Howard, T.**, Nixon, A., Wartts, J., & Boyd, R., Davis, J. (2024, June 12-14). Optimizing Postpartum Mental Health in NICU Settings: Implications for Groupwork with Fathers. Presented at the International Association for Social Work with Groups (IASWG) International Symposium, Madrid, Spain.
6. **Howard, T.** (2024, April 11-14). Fathers as Allies in Optimizing Postpartum Mental Health in NICU Settings. Group panel presentation in Porcher, K. et al. What is the Black Maternal Health Crisis and What is it Doing in a Nice Field like Education? Presented at the American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, PA.
7. Dorsey, M., Adams, V., **Howard, T.**, Rutledge, J., King, D., Jaffrey, A. (2024, January 10-14). "There's always something, some type of showing of some form of sex": Exploring the role of social media content on sexual health behaviors and decision-making among young Black females. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
8. Dorsey, M., Freeman, J., King, D., Priede, A., Craddock, J., **Howard, T.**, Jaffrey, A. (2024, January 10-14). Does the perception of health-provider treatment relate to accessing sexual health resources for young Black adult females? Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
9. Brown, Q., Young-Wolff, K., **Howard, T.**, Hasin, D. (2024, January 10-14). Associations between cannabis use, cannabis use disorder and mental health disorders among pregnant and postpartum women in the U.S. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
10. **Howard, T.** & Sargent, E. (2023, October 26-29). Diverse Issues in Maternal Health and Reproduction: A Necessary Course in Social Work Education. Presented at the Council on Social Work Education 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
11. **Howell, T.H.** (2022, July 13-17). An Exploration of Paternal Involvement to Optimize Maternal Mental Health in NICU Settings. Presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Postpartum Support International Conference, New Orleans, LA. **\*\*\*Received the Susan A. Hickman Research Award.**
12. **Howell, T.H.**, Dyson, Y.D., King, D.M., & Dorsey, M. (2021, January). Changing Sexual and Reproductive Health Narratives of Black Adolescents and Young Adults. Accepted for presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference [virtual].
13. King, D.M., Dorsey, M., **Howell, T.H.** & Dyson, Y.D. (2020, November). Shifting Sexual and Reproductive Health Narratives of Black Adolescents and Young Adults. Accepted for presentation at the Council on Social Work Education 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting [virtual].
14. **Howell, T.H.**, Wen, V.L., Duron, J., & Williams-Butler, A. (2020, January 15-19). ACEs, Early Sexual Debut, and Substance Use Among Black Adolescents in the Juvenile Justice System. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
15. Williams-Butler, A., Feng-yi, L., & **Howell, T.H.** (2020, January 15-19). Mental Health Service Use and Positive Outcomes among Black Justice-Involved Youth. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
16. Williams-Butler, A., Feng-yi, L., & **Howell, T.H.** (2019, November 13-16). Mental Health Service Use and Positive Outcomes among Black Justice Involved Youth. Accepted for presentation at the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
17. Drechsler, K., **Howell, T.H.**, Kim, S., Lopez-Humphreys, M., Sing, M., Torres, M., & King, D. (2019, October 24-27). Strategies for Emphasizing Diversity and Inclusion In and Throughout the MSW

- Curriculum. CRECD Connect Session. Presented at the Council on Social Work Education 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
18. **Howell, T.H.** (2019, July 10-12). Understanding Sexual Health Needs of Black Adolescents with HIV-Positive Mothers. Presented at the 2019 National Sexual Health Conference, Chicago, IL.
  19. **Howell, T.H.** (2019, July 10-12). The Fourth Trimester: A Pathway to Reproductive Health for Optimized Postpartum Outcomes. Presented at the 2019 National Sexual Health Conference, Chicago, IL.
  20. Wilbourn, B.C., Greenberg, A., D'Angelo, L., Trexler, C., Carr, R., **Howell, T.H.**, Ralte, G., & Castel, A.D. (2019, March 18-21). Acceptability of digital gaming to increase HIV testing among men who have sex with men in Washington, DC. Presented at 2019 National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA.
  21. **Howell, T.H.**, & Young, A.T. (2018, November 8-11). Interprofessional Research Education between Two HBCU Students: Examining PrEP for HIV Prevention. Presented at the Council on Social Work Education 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
  22. Young, A.T., & **Howell, T.H.** (2018, July 23-27). Maintaining Frontline HIV Prevention Programs in the Era of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis. Presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018), Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
  23. **Howell, T.H.** (2018, May 23-25). Proactively Engaging, Building Relationships, and Problem-Solving: How to Conduct Research with Adolescents who have HIV-Positive Mothers. Presented at the 2018 International Conference on Working with Involuntary Clients, Monash University Centre—Prato, Italy.
  24. **Howell, T.H.** (2018, April 13). Exploring Unstructured Parent-Child Communication about Sex and Its Influence on the Sexual Health of African American Adolescents with HIV-Positive Mothers. Presented at the Rutgers University 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rutgers Postdoc Symposium, Piscataway, NJ.
  25. **\*Howell, T.H.** (2017, November 4-8). "Makes it seem more real": A Qualitative Exploration of the Sexual Health of African American Adolescents with HIV-Positive Mothers. Accepted for presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo, Atlanta, GA. [\*Received the Robert Keefe Outstanding Student Paper Award]
  26. **Howell, T.H.** (2017, October 19-22). Re-Examining Sexual Health Education Through the Lens of Adolescent Peer HIV Educators. Presented at the Council on Social Work Education 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.
  27. Griffith, C., Castel, A., Greenberg, D., Ellenberger, N., Lewis, B., Hussein, N., **Howard, T.**, & Rakhmanina, N. (2017, July 23-26). Use of Digital Gaming and Wisepill Dispenser Technology to Measure Adherence among HIV-infected Adolescents and Young Adults. Presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2017), Paris, France.
  28. Robinson, V., & **Howard, T.** (2017, June 8-11). A Snapshot of HIV and PrEP Knowledge, Attitudes, and Beliefs among African American Black MSM and Cisgender Women in Jackson, MS: A Community-Based Needs Assessment. Presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Saving Ourselves Symposium, Jackson, MS.
  29. Griffith, C., Ellenberger, N., Hussein, N., Lewis, B., **Howard, T.**, Castel, A., Greenberg, D., & Rakhmanina, N. (2017, April 24-28). Use of Digital Gaming and Wisepill Dispenser Technology to Measure Adherence among HIV-infected Adolescents and Young Adults. Presented at the Children's National Health System 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Research and Education Week, Washington, DC.
  30. **Howard, T.** (2017, April 10-14). "[M]akes it seem more real": A Qualitative Exploration of the Sexual Health of African American Adolescents with HIV-Positive Mothers. Presented at Howard University Research Symposium 2017, Washington, DC.
  31. **Howard, T.** (2016, November 3-6). Self-Efficacy or Self-Destruction? Sexual Health and African American Adolescents Affected by Parental HIV. Presented at the Council on Social Work Education 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
  32. **Howard, T.** (2016, Oct. 29-Nov. 2). Self-Efficacy or Self-Destruction? The Mental Health Influence of Parental HIV on African American Adolescents' Sexual Health. Accepted for presentation at the

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo, Denver, CO. **\*\*\*Received the Robert O'Keefe Outstanding Student Paper Award**

33. **Howard, T.** (2016, May 26-29). A Qualitative Exploration of the Mental Health Influence of Parental HIV on African American Adolescents' Sexual Health. Accepted for presentation at the Boston College 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS, Minneapolis, MN.
34. Castel, A., Qasmieh, S., Greenberg, D., Griffith, C., Ellenberger, N., **Howard, T.**, Lewis, B., Ganesan, K., Hussein, N., Ralte, G., & Rakhmanina, N. (2016, May 9-11). Attitudes towards Using Interactive Videogaming Technology to Improve Adherence among HIV-infected Youth. The 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
35. Griffith, C., Ellenberger, N., Castel, A., Qasmieh, S., Lewis, B., **Howard, T.**, Ganesan, K., Greenberg, D., Rakhmanina, N. (2016, April 18-22). Identifying gaming preferences of interactive technology to increase pediatric HIV/AIDS treatment adherence. Presented at the Children's National Health System 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Research and Education Week, Washington, DC.
36. **Howard, T.** (2016, April 2). An Exploration of the Mental Health Influence of Parental HIV on African American Adolescents' Sexual Health. Presented at the Yale University Bouchet Conference on Diversity and Graduate Education, New Haven, CT.
37. Peterson, J., **Howard, T.**, Glick, S., Dorr, M., & Akhter, S., Jones, K. (2015, March 24-28). The District of Columbia Youth Ethnography included in "Applied Ethnography and CuSAG at 25!" Presented at the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Pittsburgh, PA.
38. **Howard, T.** (2014, July 23-26). Taking Care of Home: A Call to Action on Behalf of Washington, D.C.'s African American Youth. Presented at National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Conference, Washington, DC.
39. **Howard, T.** (2013, May 23). Re-Thinking Ryan White: Analyzing Its Historical Impact and Deliberating Implications to Come. Presented at the Boston College 25<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS, Chicago, IL.

#### **INVITED TALKS AND GUEST LECTURES**

1. Butler-Barnes, S., **Howard, T.**, & Debreux, M. (2025, April 25). From Crisis to Care: Social work, structural racism, and the health of Black Families. Brown School at WashU Centennial Celebration Panel discussion. St. Louis, MO.
2. **Howard, T.** & Davis, J. (2025, April 16). Improving postpartum mental health for NICU families: Developing and piloting "The Fathers First Initiative" in Neonatal Healthcare Systems. WashU Confluence Research Awards Showcase. St. Louis, MO.
3. **Howard, T.** (2025, April 10). Affirming love beyond perinatal loss: A narrative analysis of Black fathers' experiences with grief, coping, and posttraumatic growth. Centering Joy in the Black Birthing Experience Conference, St. Louis, MO.
4. **Howard, T.**, Hogg, L. & Moody, K. (2024, March 13). Navigating the Journey After the PhD: Career Paths & Possibilities. Panelist at Howard University School of Social Work.
5. **Howard, T.** (2024, December). Social Determinants of Reproductive Health. Guest lecture presented for Human Reproductive Physiology course at WashU School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO. Instructor: Erin Reinl, MD
6. **Howard, T.** (2024, November). The myth of work-life balance. Invited speaker for the PhD Program Professional Development Series at the Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.
7. **Howard, T.** (2024, October). Institutional and Social Structures that Lead to Maternal and Morbidity and Mortality. Guest lecture presented in the Global Reproductive Health Course at the Brown School at Wash U, St. Louis, MO. Instructor: Jessica Levy, PhD
8. **Howard, T.** (2024, September). Panel Discussion—What Can You Do For Me? Presented at the Midwest D-CFAR Launch Event. Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

9. **Howard, T.** & Cross, C. (2023, October). Fireside Chat: A Conversation with Dr. Christopher N. Cross. WashU Chapter of the Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society. Inaugural lecture Series. Moderator: Tyriesa Howard
10. **Howard, T.** (2024, March). Fathers as Allies in Human Milk Access for NICU Babies: Tertiary Objectives of the Fathers First Initiative. Nurturely Milk Magic Educator Program.
11. **Howard, T.**, Amadou O., Cunningham, K., Davis, J., Gill Roberts, M., Hlatshwayo Davis, M., Mickens Jolly, A., Shelton, C. (2023, April). Birthing Justice Documentary Premier Screening and Panel Discussion. Moderator: Ruther Ezell (Nine PBS).
12. **Howard, T.**, Gendernalik, M., Potter, K. (2023, March). Reproductive Justice Panel. Panelist for at the Center for Diversity and Inclusion at Wash U., St. Louis, MO.
13. **Howard, T.** & Gulley, L., Jones, B. (2023, February). Past and Present: Race and Reproductive Justice. Presented for the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at the Brown School at Wash U, St. Louis, MO. Moderator: Vetta Sanders Thompson
14. **Howard, T.** (2022, November). An Exploration of Paternal Involvement to Optimize Maternal Mental Health in NICU Settings. Guest lecture presented in the Global Reproductive Health Course at the Brown School at Wash U, St. Louis, MO. Instructor: Jessica Levy, PhD
15. **Howard, T.**, Beckman Levy, J., Stafford, J., (2022, November). Reproductive Justice Panel. Panelist for Open Classroom at the Brown School at Wash U, St. Louis, MO. Moderator: Ragini Maddipati.
16. **Howell, T.H.** (2022, April). Integration of Theory in Sexual and Maternal Health Research and Interventions. Presented during Doctoral Theory Seminar at the Brown School at Wash U, St. Louis, MO. Instructor: Leo Cabassa, PhD
17. **Howell, T.H.**, Zidan, T., Atkinson, K., Davis, A. (2022, February). Thinking Forward: Learn about Fellowships and Post Doctorates—A PhD Alumni Panel Discussion. Panelist at Howard University School of Social Work, Washington, DC. Moderator: Cudore L. Snell
18. **Howell, T.H.**, Wilson, S.L., Lenze, S., Alford, V., Mellethin, C., & Hinton, S. (2021, April). We're Not Broken: Why Equity in Maternal Mental Health Matters. Moderated Panel for the Open Classroom Professional Development Programs at the Brown School at Wash U, St. Louis, MO.
19. **Howell, T.H.** (2021, April). Bridging the Reproductive Healthcare Divide. Invited speaker for the MedX Undergraduate Spring Speaker Series at Washington University in St. Louis, MO.
20. **Howell, T.H.** (2021, September). Social work research engagement and doctoral studies. Invited talk presented in the Social Work Practice 2 Course in the Department of Social Work at The University of Southern Mississippi. Instructor: Amy Jackson, MSW, LCSW
21. **Howell, T.H. & Lateef, H.** (2021, September). Job Market Session: Preparing for the Job Search. Invited speaker for the PhD Program Professional Development Series at the Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.
22. **Howell, T.H.** (2020, November). My Sister's Keeper: A Dialogue on Maternal Health Disparities and Implications for Public Health Social Work. Lecture presented during the Public Health Speaker Series at the Brown School at Wash U, St. Louis, MO.
23. **Howell, T.H.** (2020, November). My Sister's Keeper: A Dialogue on Maternal Health Disparities and Implications for Public Health Social Work. Guest lecture presented in the Global Reproductive Health Course at the Brown School at Wash U, St. Louis, MO. Instructor: Jessica Levy, PhD
24. **Howell, T.H.** (2020, September 29). Best Practices for Engaging Adolescents in Clinical Interventions. Guest lecture presented in the Principles of Clinical Interventions in Health course at the Brown School at Wash U, St. Louis, MO. Instructor: Mary M. McKay, PhD
25. **Howell, T.H.** (2019, October 16-17). The Fourth Trimester: A Pathway to Reproductive Health for Optimized Postpartum Outcomes. Presented at the Illinois Department of Public Health, Office of Women's Health and Family Services—19<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois Women's Health and Family Services Conference, Bloomington, IL.

26. **Howell, T.H.** (2019, September 4). Academic and career background discussion. Invited speaker for the PhD Program Professional Development Series at the Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.
27. **Howell, T.H.**, (2019, March 13). Time Management. Invited speaker for the Violence Against Women and Children—Brown Bag PhD Student Lecture Series at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey School of Social Work, New Brunswick, NJ.
28. **Howell, T.H.** (2018, October 11). PhD versus DSW: A Critique of Trends in Social Work Doctoral Education. CSWE's African Americans and the African Diaspora Track Featured Article Contest Webinar. <https://columbiauniveristy.zoom.us/j/228984940>
29. **Howell, T.H.** (2018, February 7). The Importance of Networking and Mentoring. Panelist for a Professors of Color discussion session at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Graduate School of Education, New Brunswick, NJ.
30. **Howell, T.H.** (2018, January 8). Small Talk: The Journey to PhD. Guest speaker for the AVID Program at Ed F. Vanston Middle School, Mesquite, TX. Instructor: Wanda W. Hudson.
31. **Howard, T.** (2017, February 21; 2016, September 20). Developing Your Research Proposal: A Guide to Conceptualizing Your Study. Guest lecture presented in the Department of Social Work at Bowie State University, Bowie, MD. Instructor: Zuleka Henderson, PhD.
32. **Howard, T.** (2016, September 20). Developing Your Research Proposal. Guest lecture presented in the Department of Social Work at Bowie State University, Bowie, MD. Instructor: Zuleka Henderson.
33. **Howard, T.** (2013, November 20). Family Caregivers of Older Adults Living with HIV/AIDS: An Intergenerational Perspective and Approach to Disclosure. Presented at DC Aging Network Staff Development Training Series, Washington, DC.
34. **Howard, T.** (2013, September 18). Minority Mental Health. Presented at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Federal Office of Rural Health Policy— Rural Mental Health Meeting, Rockville, MD.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### TEACHING INTERESTS:

Human Behavior | Health Behavior and Health Promotion | Diverse Issues in Maternal Health and Reproduction  
Research Methods | Qualitative Methods and Analysis | Mixed-Methods Research

### Graduate Courses:

**2019 – 2025**

#### **Assistant Professor**

##### Diverse Issues in Maternal Health and Reproduction

Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School  
Spring 2023

†Developed new course cross listed in social work and public health

##### Health Behavior and Health Promotion

Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School  
Summer 2023, Spring 2022

†Cross listed in social work and public health

##### Human Behavior and the Social Environment

Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School  
Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

†Lead Instructor



**2014 – 2017**

**Teaching Assistant (Co-Instructor)**

Human Behavior and the Social Environment I

Howard University School of Social Work

Spring 2017, Fall 2016

Research Methods in Social Work

Howard University School of Social Work

Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring, 2015, Fall 2014\* (with Fariyal Ross-Sheriff)

International Service Learning Program

Howard University School of Social Work

Spring 2016, Spring 2015\* (with Lucinda Acquaye-Doyle and Sandra E. Crewe)

Human Sexuality

Howard University School of Social Work

Fall 2014\* (with Cudore Snell)

**Undergraduate Courses:**

**2018 – 2018**

**Part-Time Lecturer**

Diversity and Oppression

Rutgers University-New Brunswick School of Social Work

Fall 2018

**2016 – 2019**

**Adjunct Professor**

Knowledge Building for Helping Professionals

George Mason University Department of Social Work

Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Spring 2016

**PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

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**2021 – 2023 Co-Director | Research Director**

The Fathers First Initiative | St. Louis Children's Hospital

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit | Department of Pediatrics

Director: Jesse Davis, MD, MBA

St. Louis, MO

Co-led and designed the curriculum to enhance the engagement of NICU fathers in infant and maternal health. Designed, implemented and oversaw research initiatives aimed at assessing the effectiveness of father involvement on infant developmental outcomes, maternal well-being, and NICU care quality. Led data collection, analysis and interpretation to inform program development and improve evidence-based practices in NICU care. Developed and maintained partnerships with hospital administration, healthcare professionals, and external stakeholders to support the program's growth. Presented research findings at medical conferences and published in peer-reviewed journals to contribute to the field of neonatal care and paternal engagement. Mentored and supervised graduate research assistants involved in program activities.

**2024**

**Public Health Intern**

Nurturely, Portland, OR

Evaluated the Milk Magic Educator program curriculum emphasizing diversity and equity in lactation support and education among marginalized populations. Developed presentation promoting father engagement in human milk access for NICU babies.

Supported the EnviroNatal Equity Week planning committee to bridge Black Maternal Health Week and Earth Day in raising health consciousness and advocacy at the intersections of reproductive justice and environmental justice.

**2016 – 2017 Program Consultant**

International Service Learning Program—Cape Town, South Africa  
Howard University School of Social Work  
Washington, DC

Provided feedback to the Director of Global Initiatives concerning program delivery and sustainability. Supported the Director and the doctoral student administrative assistant with participant interviews and selection. Facilitated seminar for travel expectations and university ambassadorship.

**2014 – 2016 Program Coordinator**

International Service Learning Program—Cape Town, South Africa  
Howard University School of Social Work  
Cape Town, South Africa & Washington, DC

Mezzo-level practice involving the management of an internationally focused social work program. Coordinated applications, interviews and selection of program participants and developed an official program manual. Managed fiscal budget for program planning, travel, and accommodations by utilizing reactive problem solving strategies to facilitate successful program outcomes. Maintained international partnerships between Howard University and South African social welfare agencies, community-based child development centers, the Department of Social Work at the University of the Western Cape, and Washington, DC-based South African government diplomats. Encouraged capacity building and fundraising from previous ISL program cohort participants for engagement in the “Pay It Forward!” campaign designed to subsidize an annual participant-selected community organization donation recipient in Cape Town.

**2013 Community Coordinator, Project Resilience DC**

Howard University College of Medicine, Washington, DC

Mezzo-level social work practice focused on youth-centered socio-behavioral change involving sexual health. Recruited and trained marginalized youth between ages 13-22 years from Wards 7 & 8 of Washington, DC to participate in a peer led, community-based HIV prevention program. Presented a culturally relevant HIV prevention curriculum. Networked with local organizations and community liaisons for integrated HIV prevention and testing.

**2012 Senior Counselor I**

Upward Bound I Program I Federal TRiO Programs  
Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS

Micro-level (direct) social work practice addressing mental health and school retention for marginalized youth. Provided individual counseling with a specific focus on drop-out prevention and motivated youth to pursue post-secondary education. Coordinated and accompanied students on campus tours to public and private colleges and universities. Organized cultural activities and events to encourage long-term success and promote essential life-skills attainment.

**2011 Family Protection Specialist Intern**

Mississippi Department of Health and Human Services  
Hinds County Division of Family and Children’s Services, Jackson, MS

## SERVICE

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### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025 – Present	<b>Member, Board of Directors</b> Planned Parenthood Great Rivers (formerly St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri)
2024 – Present	<b>Steering Committee, Missouri MOMNIBUS</b> Generate Health STL
2020-2022	<b>Track Chair</b> , Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) African American and African Diaspora Track
2018-2021	<b>Council Member</b> , Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Commission for Diversity and Social and Economic Justice Council on Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Diversity
2018- 2019	<b>Abstract Reviewer</b> , Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 2019 National HIV Prevention Conference (NHPC)
2017- Present	<b>Abstract Reviewer</b> , Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting [Health Track and African American Track]

### Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer

2024-2025	Guest Editor, <i>Social Work in Public Health</i> Special Issue: The End of an Era: Shifting Landscapes of Sexual, Reproductive, and Maternal Health Post-Roe v. Wade
2019- Present	<b>Ad Hoc Reviewer</b> , <i>Journal of Adolescent Health</i>
2017-Present	<b>Ad Hoc Reviewer</b> , <i>Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research</i>
2014-Present	<b>Ad Hoc Reviewer</b> , <i>Social Work in Public Health</i>

### UNIVERSITY SERVICE AT WASHU

2024 – 2025	<b>Board Member</b> , Washington University Sexual Harassment Investigation Board (USHIB)
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### UNIVERSITY SERVICE AT THE BROWN SCHOOL AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

2024 – 2025	<b>Member</b> , Faculty Council (inaugural)
2024	<b>Committee Member</b> , SHAG Sexual & Reproductive Justice Advisory Committee
2024	<b>Faculty Co-Advisor</b> , Kahn Leadership Program in Public Health and Social Work
2024	<b>Reviewer</b> , Public Health Sciences PhD Admissions Committee
2023 – 2024	<b>Faculty Representative</b> , Edward A. Bouchet Honor Society I WashU Chapter
2022 – 2024	<b>Committee Member</b> , Personnel Advisory Committee
2022 – 2023	<b>Member</b> , Masters and Johnson Lecture Series Working Group
2022 – 2023	<b>Co-Chair</b> , Reproductive Justice Working Group
2021 – 2025	<b>Lead Instructor</b> , Human Behavior in the Social Environment
2021 – 2022	<b>Committee Member</b> , Faculty Development Evaluation Committee
2021 – 2023	<b>Committee Member</b> , Public Health Sciences PhD Admissions Committee
2020	<b>Reviewer</b> , Social Work PhD Admissions Committee
2020	<b>Committee Member</b> , Strategic Planning Transdisciplinary Committee

### Student Mentorship at the Brown School

<b>2025</b>	Jilliam Root (BSN Student) Role: Research Mentor—REx Program Goldfarb School of Nursing
<b>2025</b>	Lauren Nacke (Public Health, PhD student) Role: Research Practicum: Reproductive Justice and Maternal Health
<b>2025</b>	Zoë Coffman (Social Work, MSW student) Field Practicum: Reproductive Justice Field Unit
<b>2023 – 2024</b>	Phylicia Allen (Social Work, PhD student) Role: Dissertation Committee Project: Coping and radical healing: An interpretative phenomenological analysis of Black women in doctoral programs navigating gendered racism
<b>2022 – Present</b>	Anthony Nixon (Public Health Sciences, PhD student) Role: Dissertation Co-Chair Research Practicum: Fathers First Initiative, Fathers Perinatal Loss Teaching Practicum: Health Behavior and Health Promotion
<b>2022 – Present</b>	Emani Sargent (Social Work, PhD student) Role: Dissertation Committee Research Practicum: mHealth and HIV testing Teaching Practicum: Human Behavior, Diverse Issues in Maternal Health and Reproduction, Health Behavior and Health Promotion
<b>2022 – Present</b>	Jordyn Wartts (Public Health Sciences, PhD student) Role: Mentor Teaching Practicum: Health Behavior and Health Promotion Research Practicum: Fathers First Initiative
<b>2022 – Present</b>	Ri'enna Boyd (Public Health Sciences, PhD Student) (Prior MPH Student-Saint Louis University) Role: Research Mentor   The Fathers First Initiative
<b>2022 – 2024</b>	Alexis Cole (MD Student-Saint Louis University) Role: Research Mentor   The Fathers First Initiative
<b>2022 – 2023</b>	Marissa Pole (WashU Biology/Pre-med Undergrad) Role: Research Mentor   The Fathers First Initiative
<b>2021</b>	Maya Williams (Social Work, PhD student) Role: Dissertation Committee Project: “I’m not dark, I’m not light... I’m medium!”: The colorism experiences of adolescent African American girls. Spring 2021 <a href="https://doi.org/10.7936/14zc-g554">https://doi.org/10.7936/14zc-g554</a>

### UNIVERSITY SERVICE AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY

<b>2015 – 2017</b>	<b>Member</b> , Direct Practice Sequence
<b>2014 – 2016</b>	<b>Member</b> , Research Sequence
<b>2013 – 2014</b>	<b>Student Representative</b> , Doctoral Program Committee

**2012 – 2013**                      **Student Representative**, School of Social Work Faculty  
**2012 – 2014**                      **Member**, Howard University Graduate Student Council

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

**2025**                      **Planning Committee**, Centering Black Joy in Maternal Health Conference  
                                  St. Louis Integrated Health Network | Goldfarb School of Nursing

**2025 – Present**           **Coach**, Girls on the Run St. Louis

**2018**                      **Volunteer**, HBCU-New Jersey Consortium

**2017 – Present**           **Volunteer**, Community Education Group, Washington DC/West VA

**2017**                      **Volunteer**, Anacostia High School, Washington, DC

**2015-2016**               **Volunteer**, The Women’s Collective, Washington, DC

**2016-2017**               **Mentor**, Public Allies—AmeriCorps, Inc., Washington, DC

**2014**                      **Outreach Volunteer**, Whitman-Walker Health, Washington, DC

**2014**                      **Volunteer**, Point in Time Homeless Census, Washington, DC

**2014**                      **Volunteer**, U.S. Dream Academy, Washington, DC

**2011**                      **Election Poll Worker**, Scott County, MS Circuit Clerk Office

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

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**2025**    **Provost Impact Award**  
                  William H. Danforth Confluence Research Award Showcase  
                  Washington University in St. Louis

**2024**    **Changemakers Fellow**  
                  The Society for Family Planning

**2023**    **Faculty Fellow**  
                  Washington University in St. Louis | Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Equity

**2022**    **Susan A. Hickman Research Award**  
                  Postpartum Support international

**2022**    **Full Scholarship | Roadmap to a Successful Research Career: A Bootcamp for Early Career Faculty**  
                  Academic Impressions  
                  Awarded by the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Diversity

**2021**    **Partial Scholarship | Faculty Success Program**  
                  National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity  
                  Awarded by the Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Equity

**2020**    **Top 40 Under 40 | Alpha Cohort**  
                  Mississippi Valley State University | Office of Alumni Affairs

**2019**    **Leadership Award**  
                  International Service Learning Program—Cape Town, South Africa  
                  Howard University School of Social Work

**2018**    **Featured Author, The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)**  
                  African Americans & the African Diaspora Track Featured Article Contest

**2017**    **Robert Keefe Outstanding Student Paper Award**  
                  American Public Health Association (APHA) Public Health Social Work

**2017**    **Inaugural Inabel Burns Lindsay Social Justice Post-Doctoral Fellow**  
                  Howard University School of Social Work, Washington, DC

**2017**    **Outstanding Scholar, 4.0 Cumulative GPA**  
                  Howard University School of Social Work, Washington, DC

**2016**    **National Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society**  
                  Yale University, New Haven, CT

- 2016 Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences Research Travel Award**  
Howard University Graduate School, Washington, DC
- 2014 Golden Key International Honour Society**  
Howard University Chapter
- 2013 Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences Research Travel Award**  
Howard University Graduate School, Washington, DC
- 2011 Day/Mehearg Scholarship**  
University of Southern Mississippi, School of Social Work, Hattiesburg, MS

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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The Society of Family Planning (SFP)  
Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues (SAAPHI)  
International Association for Social Work with Groups (IASWG)  
American Public Health Association (APHA)  
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)  
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)  
National Association of Social Work (NASW)  
Postpartum Support International (PSI)  
SisterSong, Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective  
International AIDS Society (IAS)  
Association of Teachers of Maternal and Child Health (ATMCH)  
American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT)  
Howard University Alumni Club (St. Louis, Chapter)  
MVSU National Alumni Association (Washington, DC Metro Chapter)

### Prior Affiliation

District of Columbia Center for AIDS Research (DC-CFAR)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING

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- 2024 Advanced Training in Perinatal Loss: Clinical and Supportive Care**  
Postpartum Support International
- 2024 The Milk Bank: A Standard of Care to Improve Outcomes and Support Healthcare Goals**  
Hosted by the Missouri Hospital Association
- 2023 Faculty Women of Color in the Academy National Conference**  
Hosted by Virginia Tech University, Arlington, VA
- 2022 – 2023 Early Career Faculty Development Seminars**  
Washington University in St. Louis | Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Diversity
- 2022 Roadmap to a Successful Research Career: A Bootcamp for Early Career Faculty**  
Academic Impressions
- 2021 – 2022 Academy Mentor Program**  
American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare  
Mentor: Lynn Videka, Dean and Carol T. Mowbray Collegiate Professor  
School of Social Work | University of Michigan
- 2021 Faculty Support Program**  
National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity
- 2020 Early Career Reviewer**  
*Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*
- 2019 Early Career Faculty Teaching and Learning Seminar**  
Washington University in St. Louis | The Center for Teaching and Learning

- 2019 Underrepresented Minority Faculty Development Seminar Series**  
Washington University in St. Louis | Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement and Institutional Diversity
- 2018 Quality Matters Professional Development Certificate**  
Teaching Online: An Introduction to Online Delivery (TOL)
- 2018 Transatlantic Summer Institute: Qualitative and Mixed Methods**  
Silver School of Social Work at New York University and the Centre for Health Policy at the University of Strathclyde. New York, NY.  
Instructor: Deborah K. Padgett, PhD
- 2018 Unlawful Harassment Prevention for Higher Education Faculty**  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- 2018 Preventing Discrimination and Sexual Violence: Title IX, VAWA and Clery Act for Faculty and Staff**  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- 2017 Effective Technology in Teaching and Learning Course**  
Howard University Preparing Future Faculty Program
- 2016 Faculty Roles and Responsibilities Course**  
Howard University Preparing Future Faculty Program
- 2015 Qualitative Research Software: NVivo for Windows Training Workshop**  
Hosted by NVivo at MicroTek, Washington, DC.
- 2014 Conducting Qualitative Data Analysis Step-by-Step**  
Howard University School of Social Work  
Instructor: Dr. Ronald Chenail
- 2013 Summer Research Institute I Quantitative Methods**  
Howard University  
Instructor: Soleman Abu-Bader, PhD
- 2013 Summer Research Institute I Test Construction**  
Howard University  
Instructor: Soleman Abu-Bader, PhD
- 2012 QPR Suicide Prevention Certificate**  
Howard University Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
- 2012 Military Child Education Coalition**  
Living in the New Normal: Helping Children Thrive Practicum
- 2011 Certified Election Worker**  
Scott County, Mississippi Circuit Clerk

## NEWS AND MEDIA

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1. KBIA. (October 2024). With elections looming, providers worry about reproductive healthcare funding. Found at <https://www.kbia.org/kbia-news/2024-10-24/with-elections-looming-missouri-providers-worry-about-reproductive-healthcare-funding>
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3. WashU Brown School. (October 2024). Howard award Changemakers in family planning grant. Found at: <https://brownschool.washu.edu/2024/10/howard-awarded-changemakers-in-family-planning-grant/>
4. Society for Family Planning. (September 2024). Changemakers in Family Planning: Tyriesa Howard. Found at: [https://societyfp.org/awarded\\_grants/sfp18-cm5/](https://societyfp.org/awarded_grants/sfp18-cm5/)

5. Loria, K. (May 2023). Children and families: The impact of adverse childhood experiences on Black justice-involved youth. *Social Work Today*, 23(3). Found at: <https://www.socialworktoday.com/archive/Summer23p30.shtml>
6. Nine PBS. (May 2023). Missouri featured in Birthing Justice documentary on maternal mortality crisis. Found at: <https://www.ninepbs.org/blogs/news/missouri-featured-in-birthing-justice-documentary-on-maternal-mortality-crisis/>
7. NINE PBS. (April 2023). Donnybrook Next Up: April 13, 2023. On Donnybrook Next Up, Alvin Reid and Wendy Wiese discuss the PBS documentary Birthing Justice with Okunsola M. Amadou, Tyriesa Howard, and Mackenzie Lemieux. Aired: 04/13/2023. Found at: <https://www.pbs.org/video/donnybrook-next-up-april-13-2023-amgrfq/>
8. EurekaAlert! (April 2023). Trauma-informed education could improve outcomes for justice-involved Black adolescents. Found at <https://www.eurekaalert.org/news-releases/987710>
9. Mitchell, C. (January 2022). Making room for dads. *CURIOSUS Magazine*. Found at <https://www.barnesjewish.org/Curiosus-Mag/Article/ArtMID/6756/ArticleID/1263/MAKING-ROOM-FOR-DADS>
10. St. Louis American. (August 2019). Tyriesa Howell joins the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis. Found at: <https://www.stlamerican.com/business/people-on-the-move/tyriesa-howell-joins-the-brown-school-of-social-work-at-washington-university-in-st-louis/>