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EDUCATION:

- 2002 **Temple University**
Philadelphia, Pa.
M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology
Specialty Areas: Race and Social Movements
Dissertation Topic: *Struggling to Become Racially Diverse*
In the Anti-Death Penalty Movement: A Political Process Approach
- 1990 **Norfolk State University**
Norfolk, Va.
M.S.W. - Social Work; Clinical Track
Master's Thesis: *Attitudes of College Students toward Interracial Dating and Marriage between Blacks and Whites*
- 1988 **Christopher Newport University**
Newport News, Va.
B.A. - Sociology
Summa Cum Laude Graduate

UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSITIONS:

- January 2002-
Present **Rowan University;** Glassboro, NJ
Position: Professor- Sociology Department
Duties: Instruct undergraduate courses, upper and lower level; currently teaching in the areas of race and ethnic relations, race and crime, social movement theory, field experience, death & dying, social change and social justice; faculty sponsor of Sociology Club and AKD International Sociology Honor Society
- August 1993-
December 2002 **Temple University;** Philadelphia, Pa.
Position: Part-time Sociology Instructor
Duties: Instructor of undergraduate courses each semester, primarily centered on issues of race and ethnic relations

August 1999-
May 2000 **Widener University**; Chester, Pa.
Position: Adjunct Faculty Professor; Sociology Department
Duties: Instructed undergraduate Intro. to Sociology course
For Fall 1999 and Spring 2000 semesters

May 1995-
December 1995 **Wesley College**; Dover, De.
Position: Adjunct Faculty Professor; Sociology Department
Duties: Instructed undergraduate Intro. to Sociology
course for Summer 1995 and Fall 1995 semesters

October 1991-
November 1992 **College of William and Mary**; Williamsburg, Va.
School of Education - Project Mandela
Position: Part-Time Research Assistant
Duties: Conducted interviews with parents of gifted
children involved in the project in order to design family
support plans; supervised mentors of children in the project.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

*Pursuing Educational Equity through Prison Education
for Currently and Formerly Incarcerated Individuals*
National Organization for Forensic Social Work
Held Virtually on June 16, 2021

*Promoting Social Justice Scholarship and Activism
Among Students through Experiential Learning*
Eastern Sociological Society 90th Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA. on February 29, 2020

*Factors Contributing to the Resilience and Success of Adult College Students
Who Have Been Impacted by Parental Incarceration*
Association for Applied & Clinical Sociology
Portland, Oregon on October 19, 2019

*Death Row Syndrome and Risk of Suicide among Prisoners:
Ethical Dilemmas, Clinical Interventions, and Policy Indications for Social Workers*
National Organization for Forensic Social Work
Las Vegas, Nevada on June 13, 2019

*Methodological Challenges Confronting Researchers Engaged in
The Study of Children of Incarcerated Parents*
National Children of Incarcerated Parents Conference
Phoenix, Arizona on April 17, 2019

Traumatic Loss, Disenfranchised Grief, and Post Traumatic Growth Experienced by Young Adults Impacted by Parental Incarceration

Eastern Sociological Society 89th Annual Meeting
Boston, MA on March 15, 2019

Feeling Race While Teaching Race: The Emotional Lives of Faculty Who Teach Race Studies Courses

American Sociological Association
Philadelphia, PA on August 12, 2018

Advocating for Political Prisoners and their Families: A Radical Social Work Approach

National Organization for Forensic Social Work
New Orleans, Louisiana on June 22, 2018

Grieving the Loss of a Father to Death Row: Disenfranchised Grief and Nonfinite Loss Confronting the Children of Death Row Inmates

National Children of Incarcerated Parents Conference
Phoenix, Arizona on April 25, 2018

Reducing the Collateral Consequences of Mass Incarceration: Social Work Treatment for Children Impacted by Parental Incarceration

National Association of Social Workers- Virginia Chapter
Williamsburg, Virginia on March 17, 2018

Addressing the Needs of the Most Vulnerable Victims of Mass Incarceration: Clinical Interventions Utilized with Children Impacted by Parental Incarceration

Eastern Sociological Society 88th Annual Meeting
Baltimore, Maryland on February 23, 2018

Surviving Death Row: Doing Ethnography with the Hidden Victims of Capital Punishment

Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology
Cleveland, Ohio on October 6, 2017

Advocating for Juvenile Lifers and their Families: Legal, Social Movement, and Clinical Approaches

National Organization for Forensic Social Work
Boston, Massachusetts on July 27, 2017

Vicarious Trauma Experienced by Those who Witness State Executions

Eastern Sociological Society 87th Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on February 24, 2017

Challenges Confronting Death Row Exonerees and their Families and Effective Clinical Interventions for these Survivors of Death Row

Annual Conference of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology
Denver, Colorado on October 8, 2016

Abolitionist Politics After Ferguson: Race, Prisons, Police, and Theorizing White Supremacy

Participated on Panel for a Short Course
Annual Conference of American Political Science Association
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 31, 2016

Surviving the Row: Death Row Exonerees Speak Out

Organized and Facilitated Panel to give a presentation
along with two Louisiana death row exonerees
National Organization for Forensic Social Work
New Orleans, Louisiana on June 17, 2016

Surviving the Stigma: Death Row Exonerees Speak Out

Organized and Facilitated Panel to give a presentation along with two
California and Massachusetts death row exonerees
Eastern Sociological Society 86th Annual Meeting
Boston, Massachusetts on March 17, 2016

The Social Work Program at Witness to Innocence

at the Annual Gathering of Witness to Innocence
Cleveland, Ohio on October 9, 2015

Grief, Loss and Treatment for Death Row Families

organized a panel to give a presentation along with
three death row family members
7th Annual International Prisoners Family Conference
Dallas, Texas on May 7, 2015

Death by Execution vs. Death by Incarceration: Changing the Frame to Mobilize against Both Cruel and Unusual Punishments

Annual Conference of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 11, 2014

Social Justice and Grief: Balancing the Roles of Researcher and Advocate while Seeking Justice for Grieving Families

Eastern Sociological Society 84th Annual Meeting
Baltimore, Maryland on February 23, 2014

Racial Impact Statements and Other Strategies to Assist Families Victimized by Police Brutality

Annual Conference of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology
Portland, Oregon on October 4, 2013

Volunteers Examined: State Execution or State-Assisted Suicide?
Annual Conference of the Association for Death Education and Counseling
Hollywood, California on April 16, 2013

***Death Row Families, Exonerees, and Activists Engaging in Social Justice
Together Within the Anti-Death Penalty Movement***
Eastern Sociological Society 83rd Annual Meeting
Boston, Massachusetts on March 22, 2013

***From Troy Davis to Mumia:
A Multiracial Fight to End the Death Penalty***
Facing Race: Conference of Applied Research Center
Baltimore, Maryland on November 17, 2012

***Confronting the Paralysis of Analysis: Balancing the Roles of Social Activist and Social
Scientist in the Movement toward a Humane Justice System***
Annual Conference of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology
Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 5, 2012

***Seeing Life With Possibility: Advocating for Prisoners Serving
Life Without the Possibility of Parole***
Annual Conference of the Association for Death Education and Counseling
Atlanta, Georgia on March 29, 2012

***Death Penalty Survivors: The Facilitation of Meaning Reconstruction among the Families of
Executed Loved Ones through the Revision of Self-Narratives***
82nd Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society
New York City, New York on February 25, 2012

Not in Our Name: How Executions Create Victims on Both Sides
Annual Convention of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty
Austin, Texas on November 12, 2011

No Winners Here: Death by Execution versus Death by Incarceration
Annual Conference of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology
New Orleans, Louisiana on October 14, 2011

***Barriers to Taking Action Against Life Without Parole
in the Anti-Death Penalty Movement.***
Annual Conference of the Justice Studies Association Conference
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 10, 2011

Clinical Interventions for the Families of Death Row Inmates
9th International Conference on Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society and the 33rd
Annual Conference of the Association for Death Education and Counseling
Miami, Florida on June 23, 2011

When the Whole Family Grieves
Annual Convention of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty
Chicago, Illinois on November 13, 2010

***Reducing the Social Harms of the Death Penalty:
Integrating Activism with Research***
Annual Conference of the Justice Studies Association
Knoxville, TN on June 5, 2010

Fighting for the Guilty Too
Annual Convention of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty
Chicago, Illinois on November 8, 2009

Race and the Anti-Death Penalty Movement in the Age of Obama
Annual Conference of the Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology
San Antonio, TX on October 10, 2009

Execution Rituals: The Forbidden Death Chamber
5th Annual Conference by the International Society for the
Study of Environment, Space, and Place.
Towson, Md. on April 25, 2009

***Negotiating the Row: Families of Death Row Inmates
Confront the Reality of their Loss***
Annual Conference of the Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology
Jacksonville, Fla. on October 16, 2008

***When the Roles of Clinician, Activist, and Academic Collide:
The Role Conflict of a Qualitative Researcher***
Annual Conference of the Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology
Ypsilanti, MI. on October 5, 2007

***Witness to a Homicide: The Disenfranchised Grief
of a Qualitative Researcher***
29th Annual Conference of the Association of Death Education and Counseling
Indianapolis, IN. on April 15, 2007

***Complicated Grief Faced by the Families of Death Row Inmates:
Obstacles to Effective Grief Therapy***
4th Global Conference on Dying and Death
Oxford, England on July 13th, 2006

***Disenfranchised Grief and Nonfinite Loss as Experienced by
the Families of Death Row Inmates***
7th International Conference on Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society
London, England on July 14, 2005

***The Forgotten Victims: Grief and Loss Issues Confronting
Families of Death Row Inmates***

22nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Sociology
Bethesda, Md. on November 5, 2004

***Building a Racially Diverse Movement Against the Death Penalty:
The Role of Framing Disputes***

The Fourth International Conference on
Diversity in Organisations, Communities, and Nations
University of California, Los Angeles on July 8, 2004

The Abolition Movement and the Struggle for Diversity

Annual Conference of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty
Nashville, Tennessee on October 17, 2003

***Struggling to Become Racially Diverse in the
Anti-Death Penalty Movement: A Political Process Approach***

73rd Annual Conference of Eastern Sociological Society
Philadelphia, Pa. on March 1, 2003

Creating a Racially Diverse Anti-Death Penalty Movement

Cosponsored by the Amnesty International Chapter at University of Delaware
and the Delaware Citizens Opposed to the Death Penalty
University of Delaware in Newark, De. on November 13, 2002

POSTER PRESENTATIONS:

Grieving from Behind Bars: Prisoners' Experiences with Loss

Annual Conference of the Association for Death Education and Counseling
Baltimore, Maryland on April 24, 2014

***Disenfranchised Grief and Nonfinite Loss as Experienced by the
Children of Death Row Inmates***

28th Annual Conference of the Association for Death Education and Counseling
Tampa, Fla. in April 2006

INVITED GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS:

- Invited by two Rowan RTF students to participate in the production of *One in Five: A Devised Piece About Women's Rights and Sexual Assault* on **March 31, 2021**; the show can be found at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lekco_sndRk
- Invited as guest speaker for two speaking engagements held in Boone, NC as a prelude to keynote presentation given by Bryan Stevenson at Appalachian State University; my

presentations included a presentation at the Watauga County Public Library titled “Grief and Loss Issues Experienced by the Families and Children of Death Row Inmates” on **September 14, 2019** and a presentation at Appalachian State University titled “Losing a Loved One to Death Row” on **September 15, 2019**

- Invited to provide a presentation focused on the issues confronting the children of incarcerated parents, as well as social work interventions for this population, at the Regional Conference for School Social Workers, organized by the Portsmouth School Social Workers on **May 31, 2019** in Virginia Beach, Virginia
- Invited to present my research focused on clinical interventions that can be used to help grieving families of death row inmates and others behind bars at the annual conference of Virginia Association of School Social Workers on **October 29, 2018** in Richmond, Virginia
- Invited to speak alongside Anthony Ray Hinton, Alabama death row exoneree and author of “The Sun Does Shine,” for an event held at Delaware County Community College, PA. entitled “Life and Freedom After ‘Justice’: A Conversation between Anthony Ray Hinton and Dr. Sandra Joy of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty” on **April 17, 2018**
- Invited to present as a keynote speaker at the annual conference of the Virginia Chapter of NASW (National Association of Social Work) on **March 17, 2018** in Williamsburg, Virginia
- Invited to share my research with death row families at Meeting with the United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent on **January 19, 2016** in Washington, DC
- Invited back to Geneva, Switzerland by the United Nations Human Rights Council to serve on two panels with three other panelists (from Spain, Jordan, and Uganda) to present my research focused on the issues and needs of the children of death row inmates and children of the executed, which was held once again in Geneva, Switzerland on **September 11th and 12th, 2013**.
- Invited by the Quaker United Nations Organization (QUNO) to Geneva, Switzerland on **February 27, 2013** to participate in a workshop with fourteen other experts around the world focused on the needs of the children of death row inmates and of the executed. Following this workshop, I joined two others who were also selected from this workshop on **March 4, 2013** to present our findings to the United Nations Human Rights Council
- Invited by MetroHealth System in Cleveland, Ohio to sit on a panel with two other speakers for an educational seminar organized for healthcare professionals to address the phenomenon of ambiguous loss (held on **November 9, 2012**). The title of my presentation was: *Ambiguous Loss Confronting Families with Loved Ones on Death Row and Those Serving Life without Parole: Clinical Interventions*

PEER-REVIEWED PAPER PUBLICATIONS:

***“A Biopsychosocial Approach to Death, Dying, and Bereavement:”
A Course on End-of-Life Education for Medical Students***

Published Manuscript Forthcoming

Co-Authors: Simran Kripalani, Shivani Raizada, & Elizabeth Cerceo MD

MedEd Portal: The Journal of Teaching and Learning Resources

Children of Incarcerated Parents

NASW Specialty Practice Sections

CAYA (Children, Adolescents, & Young Adults) Section Connection

Fall/Winter 2017

Into the Abyss: The Unintended Consequences of Death Penalty Abolition

Co-Authors: Ross Kleinstuber, University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown
and Elizabeth Mansley, Mount Aloysius College

University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law and Social Change

December 2016, Vol 19, Vol. 3, 185-206.

***The Disenfranchised Grief and Ambiguous Loss Confronting
Death Row Families***

ADEC Forum: The quarterly publication of the Association for Death Education and Counseling
October 2012, Volume 38, Issue 4, p. 17,21

***Death Row Families and Activists Form a Circle of Caregiving
in the Fight to Abolish the Death Penalty***

ADEC Forum: The quarterly publication of the Association for Death Education and Counseling
January 2012, Volume 38, Issue 1, p. 8-10

***When the Roles of Clinician, Activist, and Academic Collide:
Bearing Witness in the Death Chamber***

Journal of Applied Social Science,

Fall 2010, Vol. 4, No. 2, 43-57

***Children of the Condemned: Grieving the Loss of a
Father to Death Row***

Co-Author: Elizabeth Beck, Georgia State University

Omega: The Journal of Death and Dying

Volume 56, Number 2, 2007-2008

***Disenfranchised Grief and Nonfinite Loss as Experienced by
the Families of Death Row Inmates***

Co-Author: Elizabeth Beck, Georgia State University

Omega: The Journal of Death and Dying

Volume 54, Number 4, 2006-2007

***Complicated Grief Faced by the Families of Death Row Inmates:
Obstacles to Effective Grief Therapy***

Layer of Dying and Death, edited by Kate Woodthorpe

Oxford, United Kingdom, Inter-Disciplinary Press 2007

ISBN: 978-1-904710-39-5

***Building a Racially Diverse Movement Against the Death Penalty:
The Role of Framing Disputes***

International Journal of Diversity in

Organisations, Communities, and Nations, Vol. 4

by Common Ground Publishing, Australia:

proceedings of the Diversity Conference 2004

BOOK PUBLICATIONS:

***Life Without Parole: Worse than Death?* (2021)**

Published Manuscript Forthcoming- In Press

Co-authors: Ross Kleinstuber, Margaret Leigey & Jeremiah Coldsmith

Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, London

ISBN: 9780367752712

***Coalition Building in the Anti-Death Penalty Movement:
Privileged Morality, Race Realities* (2010)**

Lexington Books, a division of Rowman & Littlefield

Publishers, Inc. Lanham, Md.

ISBN: 978-0-7391-2038-5

***Grief, Loss, & Treatment for Death Row Families:
Forgotten No More* (2014)**

Lexington Books, a division of Rowman & Littlefield

Publishers, Inc. Lanham, Md.

ISBN: 978-0739114940

BOOK CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS:

***The Traumatic Bereavement of Children Experiencing the
Loss of a Loved One to Death Row***

(co-authored with Elizabeth Beck & Ashley Hurley)
in **The Palgrave Handbook of Prison and Family**,
within the series Palgrave Studies in Prisons and Penology
edited by Hutton, Marie & Moran, Dominique
Palgrave Macmillan: UK (2019)
ISBN: 978-3-030-12743-5

***Socio-Psychological Challenges of Death Row Families
in Death Penalty and The Victims***

United Nations Human Rights
Office of the High Commissioner
New York (2016)
ISBN: 978-92-1-154217-2

***Navigating Social Institutions and Policies as an Advocate and Ally
in Handbook of Social Justice in Loss and Grief:
Exploring Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion***

edited by Darcy L. Harris & Tashel C. Bordere.
Routledge (2016)
ISBN-10: 1138949930

PAPERS REVIEWED:

- August 2018 Reviewed manuscript for Violence and Victims (Ref.: Ms. No. VV-D-18-00099R1), entitled "Childhood Polyvictimization and the Life Course: Associations with Depression and Crime"
- January 2018 Reviewed Manuscript # OMEGA-17-0109, entitled "Effect of Traumatic Loss during Childhood on College Students" for OMEGA - Journal of Death and Dying.

October 2017 Reviewed a manuscript for the Journal of Applied Social Sciences
Manuscript title: "Diversity and Inclusion in Organizations: the Vision of Project Include as a Blueprint for Identifying Mechanisms of Implicit Bias."

February 2017 Reviewed a manuscript for American Journal of Criminal Justice
Manuscript title: "A Life of Grief: An Exploration of Disenfranchised Grief in Sex Offender Family Members"

December 2014 Reviewed a manuscript for Omega: Journal of Death and Dying
Manuscript title: "Remediating Memories: Restructuring Oral Memories of the Bereaved Into Digitized, Visual Narratives."

July 2013 Reviewed a manuscript for Omega: Journal of Death and Dying
Manuscript title: "End-of-Life Preferences in Afro Caribbean Older Adults: A Systematic Review of the Literature."

August 2012 Reviewed a manuscript for the Journal of Applied Social Sciences
Manuscript title: "Rethinking Recidivism: A Communication Approach to Prisoner Reentry."

March 2012 Reviewed a manuscript for Omega: Journal of Death and Dying
"You Don't Leave Your Baby - Mother's Experiences After a Stillbirth."

January 2012 Reviewed a manuscript for the Journal of Applied Social Sciences
Manuscript title: "Resident Perceptions of an Overt Drug Elimination Strategy"

January 2009 Reviewed a manuscript for the Omega Journal of Death and Dying
Manuscript title: "The Effect of Health and Penal Harm on Aging Female Prisoners': Views of Dying in Prison"

February 2008 Reviewed a manuscript for the Social Problems Journal
Manuscript title: "Contesting the Victim Card: Closure Discourse and Emotion in Death Penalty Rhetoric"

February 2005 Reviewed a manuscript for the Omega Journal of Death and Dying;
Manuscript title: "Sentenced to Die: Last Statements and Dying on Death Row."

June 2005 Reviewed a manuscript for Common Ground Publishing for the International Journal of Diversity; Proceedings of the 2004 Diversity Conference; Manuscript title: "Watching Human Rights, or the Ethics of Looking"

June 2005 Reviewed a manuscript for Common Ground Publishing for the International Journal of Diversity; Proceedings of the 2004 Diversity Conference; Manuscript title: "Australian and New Zealand Involvement in the Bougainville Peace Process: Realism versus Liberal Internationalism"

PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE:

August 2015- **Witness to Innocence;** Philadelphia, PA.
October 2016 Part-time Social Worker for 40 death row exonerees

October 1998- **Tressler Center;** Wilmington, De.
July 2001 Part-Time Outpatient Mental Health Therapist
for children, adolescents, and adults

March 1996- **Meadowwood Hospital;** New Castle, De.
May 1997 Family Therapist for adult and adolescent
psychiatric patients at inpatient setting

August 1995- **Grace Cottage;** Wilmington, De.
March 1996 Clinical Director of a residential treatment center
for adolescent female offenders

May 1994- **Al-Assist;** Philadelphia, Pa.
January 1995 Substance Abuse Counselor for adult ex-offenders
diagnosed with substance abuse disorders

June 1992- **Colonial Hospital;** Newport News, Va.
August 1993 Coordinator and Manager of Partial
Hospitalization Unit, which treated adults
diagnosed with substance abuse disorders

July 1990- **Hampton-Newport News Community Service Board**
June 1992 Outpatient Mental Health Center; Hampton, Va.
Adult Mental Health Therapist

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology

Eastern Sociological Society

Applied Research Center

Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society

Justice Studies Association

Association of Death Education and Counseling

American Academy of Bereavement

Society for the Study of Social Problems

National Organization for Forensic Social Work

International Coalition for the Children of Incarcerated Parents