

Curriculum Vitae

Current Position: Chair, Department of Sociology, Director, Southern University Center for Social Research and Professor of Sociology

EXPERIENCE**Director, Center for Social Research, 1988-Present**

Duties and Responsibilities: (1) exercise leadership in budget preparation, establish funding priorities; monitor budget execution within the department; (2) provide leadership for public and private funded initiatives; (3) develop strong working partnerships and collaborations with external providers including state, (4) federal and local public and private organizations and foundations; coordinate fund raising; (5) make recommendations on all personnel actions within the department; (6) facilitate center policy development; (7) facilitate program development, operation and evaluation; supervise, counsel and evaluate staff; (8) conduct department meetings as needed; (9) initiate and respond to general departmental correspondence; and (10) submit yearly departmental report.

Chair, Sociology, Southern University, 1989-1992 and 2013-Present

Duties and Responsibilities: (1) provide leadership for the development, continuing review and evaluation of departmental curriculum and programs, which includes reviewing and updating course outlines and catalogs as needed, developing new course proposals, acting as liaison between department, division dean, and articulation officers of the institution; and working with program advisory committees, as appropriate; and (2) provide leadership for the improvement of instructional effectiveness by encouraging or otherwise assisting faculty and staff to work on innovative projects and teaching techniques, including evaluating teaching methodology, supporting improved academic development, supporting participation in professional development activities, developing well-organized course activity schedules and encouraging student input relative to curriculum and instructional improvements.

Teaching Positions

Professor Sociology, Southern University, 1988-Present

Associate Professor Sociology, Southern University, 1983-1987

Assistant Professor Sociology, Southern University, 1979-1983

Instructor Sociology, West Virginia State College, 1972-1976

Research Assistant, Louisiana State University 1976-1979

Research Assistant, Southern University, summers, 1971 and 1977

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Southern University, 1971-1972

Duties and Responsibilities: (1) provide formal classroom and individualized teaching, including periodic updating of existing courses and developing new courses, developing and grading of examinations, papers and projects to evaluate student achievement in formal courses, evaluating student progress in graduate programs, advising and mentoring of students through the process of completing their education and securing a place in the professional world, and mentoring of graduate and undergraduates in supervised research; (2) conduct basic and applied research including acquiring external resources, publishing and presenting research findings in professional forums and journals; and (3) conduct community and university service.

Administrative and Research Positions

2013-Present	SU-HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse Prevention Program
2011-Present	SU-Violence Against Women Program
2010-Present	Project Director, Project SU-CESS
2010-Present	PI, SU-HIV/AIDS Prevention
2008-Present	PI, Partners Creating Opportunities
2009-2013	PI, Path to Financial Independence
2006-2012	Director, Southern University HIV/AIDS Project for University Women
2001-2013	Director, Southern University Ronald E. McNair Program
2006-2011	Director, Southern University Building Stronger Communities
2006-2012	PI, Individual Development Account
2001-2010	Co-PI, Minority Worker Training Project
2006-2008	Director, Fathers and Families
2006-2008	Director, Southern University Universities Rebuilding America Project
2006-2008	Director, Full-Time Fathers
2005- 2006	Co-PI- Henderson Lake Water Management Project
2004-2005	Researcher, Flat Lake Water Management Project
2004-2006	PI, Disaster Resistant University Program
2002- 2009	Director, Southern University Community and Economic and Enterprise Development Project
2003-2004	Director, Teen Leadership Pregnancy Prevention Program
2002-2003	Director, Fathers Standing Tall Fatherhood Program
2003-2005	Director, Southern University Technical Training Project
1996-2009	Researcher, Delta Nutrition Intervention Research Project
2001-2003	Researcher, Gulf Coast Coastal Change Project
1997-2000	Project Director, Horizons Project
1994-1998	Project Director, Southern University Family Violence Prevention Project
1994-2000	Project Director, Single Parent Displaced Homemaker Program
1994-2000	Project Director, Sex Equity Project
1994-1996	PI, Multi- Media Electronic Classroom Project
1993-1998	Director, Southern University Community Development Project
1993-1997	Project Director, School Personnel Training Project
1987-1991	Project Director, Gang Drug Abuse and Alcohol Prevention Project
1987-1988	Project Director, Teacher Retooling Project
1987-1990	Project Director, Youth at Risk: A Study of Youth in the Lower Mississippi Delta
1986-1987	Coordinator, Southern University Drug Abuse Prevention Project
1983-1986	Data Analyst, Tanzanian Rural Development Project

Duties and Responsibilities: (1) conceive, develop, submit, present and solicit external sponsored support for major basic and applied research efforts; (2) plan, schedule, budget, coordinate, and direct detailed phases of numerous large projects; (3) conceive, organize and guide basic and applied research investigations; (4) supervise technically and administratively subordinate supervisors involving critical university programs; (5) represent University at various symposia, meetings, or conferences at local, regional, national and international levels; (6) plan and establish work schedules and standards for acceptable work, tracking progress and

quality of performance; and (7) assist faculty, staff and students in the securing and managing of extramural funding.

International Experience

1. International Conference Participant, Family Empowerment, Marion University, Karala, India. 2005.
2. Fulbright Faculty Development Seminar Participant, Tunisia and Morocco, 2002.
3. International Conference Participant, Health Care Delivery, Johannesburg, South Africa, 1997.
4. International Conference Participant, Women and the Law Conference, University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria. 1992.
5. Group Educational Tour- England, France, Germany, Brussels and Belgium. 2006; Spain, 2008; Italy, 2010.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. *Sociology*, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. May 1979.
Dissertation: Attitudes of Plant and Non-Plant Employees Toward Rural Industrialization.

M.A. *Social Science*, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, May 1973.
Thesis: Alienation and Social Cohesion Among Rural Community Residents.

B.A. *Sociology*, University of Louisiana at Monroe, December, 1970.

33 hours *Counseling and Guidance*, West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, 1975-1976.

Specialized Training

Public Management Seminars Completed

- Conducting Productive Employee Performance Review, 11/2006
- Individual Differences and Diversity, 11/2006
- Common Myths That Affect Good Supervision, 4/2006
- Civil Service Essential for Supervisor, 4/2006
- Conducting an Effective Job Interview, 4/2006
- Improving Employee Performance Through Coaching, 3/2006
- Documenting for Performance and Discipline, 3/2006
- Controlling Absenteeism and Tardiness in State Government, 3/2006
- Performance Planning and Review, 7/2003
- Effective Communication Skills, Part 1, 11/2003
- Effective Communication Skills, Part 2, 11/2003
- Developing a Motivated Work Group, 6/2001
- Effective Problem Solving, 1/2001
- Managing and Improving Work Processes, 1/2001

- Building Better Performance Through Employee Skill Development, 12/2000
- Developing Effective Planning Process, 1/2001
- Managing Work Time Effectiveness, 12/2000
- Writing for Managers, 12/2000

HONORS AND AWARDS

Southern University Millionaires Club Award for Grants Awarded, 2004-2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013

2012 Louisiana Legislative Researcher of the Year

Southern University Most Proposals Awarded, 2003-2004, 2013

Southern University Community Service Award, 2002-2003

Southern University Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs Club Award, 1999-1999

Southern University Grantsmanship Award, 1993-1994

Department of Sociology Outstanding Teacher Award of the Year, 1986-1987, Southern University

Department of Sociology Outstanding Researcher Award of the Year 1985-1986, Southern University.

Health Care Financing Administration Administrators Achievement Award, 1999

Member, Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Science

Service Award, Audubon Chapter, Girls Scouts of America, 1999

Fulbright Scholar, Tunisia and Morocco, 2002

Outstanding Young Woman of America, 1982

COURSES TAUGHT (Past and Present)

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Sociology
 Contemporary Social Problems
 Introduction to Population and Human Ecology
 Sociology of Marriage and Family
 Cultural Anthropology
 Social Statistics
 Deviant Behavior
 Community Organization
 Criminology
 Urban Community

Minority Group Relations
 Social Research
 Advance Social Statistics
 Juvenile Delinquency
 Sociology of Education
 Social Institutions
 Cultural Anthropology
 The Sociology of Black Americans
 Environmental Sociology
 Field Experience in the Sociology of Education

Graduate Courses

Social Science Methodology
 Society, Culture and Personality
 Techniques of Data Collection and Analysis

Social Organizations
 Seminar in Social Methodology
 Urban Studies
 Sociology Thesis

Thesis Major Advisor

Niaja Talton. Thesis: A content analysis of local print media coverage. 2005

Kristie Perry. Thesis: Deracialization: a case study analysis of African American public officials, 2004.

Tracy Evans. Thesis: Investigating the incidence of HIV/AIDS among the African American community in southern Louisiana parishes. 2002.

Twaski Simmons. Thesis: factors influencing academically below average middle schools in East Baton Rouge Parish. 2002.

Renee Dupard. Thesis: Assessment of daycare quality: a case study. 2000.

Joyce Millican. Thesis: Teenage pregnancy socio-economic indicators. 1999.

Anthony Lawrence. Thesis: Piercing the veil : a socio-historical analysis of the African American social self [concept] of W. E. B. Du Bois. 1997.

Eunice A. Ahuruonye. A comparative study of parental control as a determinant of teenagers' delinquency. 1994.

Patricia Fisher. Thesis: Suspension and expulsion among students in East Baton Rouge Parish schools. 1986.

Dissertation Advisor

John Penny. Dissertation: Juvenile delinquency: a qualitative assessment. 2000.

Linda Simmons. Dissertation: The impact of effective communication in a multi-cultural environment. 2002.

PUBLICATIONS

McGee, B.B., Johnson, G.S., Yadrick, M. K., Simpson, P.M., Gossett, J.M., **Thornton, A.**, Richardson, V., Johnson, C. , Bogle, M.L. Food shopping perceptions, behaviors, and ability to purchase healthy food items in the Lower Mississippi Delta. JNEB. 7/2011 43(5)339-48.

Thornton, A., McGee, B., and Johnson, G.S. Introduction. Socio cultural and economic influences on nutrition and health status. RGC. Vol. 16, No 3-4, 2009. ISSN 1082 - 8354. Pp4-6.

Richardson , V., **Thornton, A.**, McGee, B., Johnson, G.S. and Johnson, C. Healthy eating perceptions of lower Mississippi delta residents. RGC. Vol. 16, No 3-4, 2009. ISSN 1082 -8354. Pp 49-58.

McGee, Bernestine, Gossett, J., Simpson, P.M. Johnson, G.S., Bardell, K., Richardson, V., **Thornton, A.**, Johnson, C., Eugene, J., Kim, K. and Bogle, M. Attitudes and beliefs

affect frequency of eating out in the lower Mississippi Delta. RGC. Vol. 16, No 3-4, 2009. ISSN 1082 -8354.19-30.

Yeary, K. H. K., Jo, C., Simpson, P., Gossett, J., Johnson, G.S., McCabe-Sellers, B.J., **Thornton, A.**, Prewitt, E. and McGee, B. Religion and Body Weight in an underserved population. RGC. Vol 16, No 3-4, 2009. ISSN 1082 -8354.pp. 19-30.

Johnson, G.S., McGee, B., Gossett, J. **Thornton, A.**, Simpson, P., Johnson, C., Richardson, V., Bogle, M., James-Holly, D., McCabe-Sellers, B. Documenting the need for nutrition and health intervention for middle-aged and older adults in the Lower Mississippi Delta region. *Journal of nutrition for the elderly*. 10/2008; 27(1-2) 83-99.

McGee, B., Richardson, V., Johnson, G., **Thornton, A.**, Johnson, C., Yadrick, K., Ndirangu, M., Goolsby, S., Groves, D., Simpson, P., Hyman, E., Stigger, F., Bogle, M., Kramer, T., Strickland, E., and McCabe-Sellers, B. Perceptions of Factors Influencing Healthy Food Consumption Behavior in the Lower Mississippi Delta: Focus Group Findings. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*. 2008. 40(2):102-9.

Thornton, A., McGee, B.B., Bardell, K., Simpson, P.M., Gossett, J.M., Johnson, G.S., Richardson, V. Johnson, C. 2005. Socio-economic and structural correlates of health perception, knowledge and practices among low income families with children in the Lower Mississippi Delta. Presented at the International Family Empowerment Conference at Marian College, September 13, 2005, Kuttikkana, Kerala State, India.

Thornton, A., McGee, B., Paeratakul, S., Mellad, K., Eubanks, G., Fomby, B. The influence of socio-demographic factors on psycho-social beliefs in the lower Mississippi Delta. *Journal of Race and Gender*. 2006.

Stuff, J., Bogle, M. Connel, C., Gossett, J. Horton, J. Ryan, D., Simpson, P., Strickland, E., Szeto, K., **Thornton, A.** Regional estimates of food insecurity in delta counties of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi exceed national rates. *Journal of Rural Health*. 2005

McGee, BB, Gossett, J, Simpson, PM, Bogle, MI, Johnson, GS Bardell, K., Richardson, V, **Thornton, A**, Johnson, C. Attitudes and Beliefs Effect Frequency of Eating Out I the Lower Mississippi Delta. *The FASEB Journal*, 20, no 4, 2006.

McGee, BB, Johnson, G, **Thornton, A**, Harsha, D, Bogle, ML, Strickland, E, McCabe-Sellers, B, Alternate approach to Training and Quality Control for Community-based Participatory Research in Rural Communities [Abstract]. Fourth Annual Conference of the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity, June 2005 p 89.

McGee, BB, Gossett, JM, Simpson, PM, Johnson, GS, Bardell, K, Richardson, V, **Thornton, A**, Johnson, C, Bogle, ML, Diet quality , opinions and practices of adults in the Lower Mississippi Delta. *The FASEB Journal*, 19, no 4 Experimental Biology 2005 meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2005.

Stuff, J., Horton, J., Bogle, M., Connell, C., Ryan, D., Zaghoul, S., **Thornton, A.**, Simpson, P., Gossett, J., Szeto, K. High prevalence of food insecurity and hunger in household in the rural Lower Mississippi Delta. *J Rural Health*. 2004. 20(2)173-80.

McGee, B, Richardson V, Johnson, G, **Thornton, A.**, Johnson, C, Yadrick, K, Ndirangu, M, Goolsby, S, Grove, D., Simpson, P., Hyman, E., Strickland, E., Stigger, F., Kramer, T., Bogle, M., McCabe-Seller, B. 2004. Perceptions of factors influencing healthful food consumption behavior in the lower Mississippi delta: focus group findings. *J Nutrition Educ Behav*. 40(2)102-9.

Focus group findings [abstract]. Third Annual Conference of the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity, p. 52.

McGee, BB, Richardson, B., Johnson, G., **Thornton, A.**, Johnson, C., Yadrick, K., Ndirangu, M., Goolsby, S., Groves, d. Simpson, P., Hyman, F., Strickland, E., Stigger, F., Kramer, T., Bogle, M. 2003. Formative Evaluation for Planning Behavior Change Interventions in the Lower Mississippi Delta [Abstract]. Second Annual Conference of the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity. P 67.

Thornton, Alma. Socioeconomic environment of the Region. in *Integrated Assessment of the Climate Change Impacts on the Gulf Coast Region*. 2003

Thornton, Alma. Regional socioeconomic trends projections. in *Integrated Assessment of the Climate Change Impacts on the Gulf Coast Region*. 2003

Thornton, A., Kinchen, E. and Perry, K. *Building successful programs: a manual for planned program development*. Washington, D.C.: National Minority AIDS Council. 2003

Thornton, A., McGee, B., Paeratakul, S. Mellad, K., Eubanks, G., Fomby, B. The influence of socio-demographic factors on psycho-social beliefs in the lower Mississippi Delta residents. *American Academy of Health Behavior*. 2003. v. Abstract.

Dawkins, N., McGee, B., **Thornton, A.**, Fomby, B., Eubanks, G.E., Simpson, P. Perceptions of key informants of diabetes as a health problem in the lower Mississippi Delta: ethnicity effect. *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*. 2001. v. 100S: Abstract p. 90.

Thornton, A., McGee, B.B, Mellad, K., Fomby, B., Eubanks, G.E., Paeratakul, S. The influence of socio-demographic factors on psychosocial beliefs and food security in rural lower Mississippi Delta residents. *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*. 2001(Supplement). v. 101. Abstract p. A40.

Thornton, A. "Demographic, social and economic characteristics" in *The Delta in Nutrition and Health Status in the Lower Mississippi Delta of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi: A Review of Existing Data*. Gail Harrison (ed). Rockville, MD: Westat, 1997.

Harsha, D. and **Thornton, A.** Health status of adults. in the Delta in Nutrition and Health Status in The Lower Mississippi Delta of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi: A Review of Existing Data. Gail Harrison (ed). Rockville, MD: Westat, 1997.

Thornton, A. "Retention of the African American student: issues and prescriptions." in Research Issues for Teacher Educators. Tom Buttery and John Secula (eds.) New York: McMillan & Co. 1995.

Thornton, A. Multi-cultural education as a tool to create new paradigms for the 21st century." Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) and Education Journal. 1994.

Thornton, A. "Rural women: contemporary perspectives." Readings in Black Sociology. C. McDaniel. Ed. New York: Harcourt Press. 1994

Thornton, Alma and Durant, T. Race, poverty and urban-non-urban differences in driving behavior. (Monograph). National Highway Safety Administration, D.C. 1993.

Thornton, A. "Traditional and contemporary perspectives on rural women." Women and the Law. Lagos: University of Lagos Press. 1992

Thornton, A. and Durant, T. "Youth at Risk: an analysis of youth in the lower Mississippi Delta, Monograph. Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission, Memphis, TN, February, 1990.

Thornton, A. "Rural poverty" Rural Society: Research Issues for the 1980s. Don A. Dillman and Daryl J. Hobbs. 1982

Thornton, A. "determinants of job satisfaction among indigenous employees if a new rural industry," Proceedings Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists. Abstract. 1979.

FUNDED RESEARCH

Research Title	Granting Agency	Date/Duration	Award Amount
HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse Prevention Program	U.S. Dept Health and Human Services	10/2013-9/2016	\$900,000
Violence Against Women	U.S. Dept Justice	10/2011-9/2014	\$268,000
Path to Financial Independence	Norflet Fund	6/2011-7/2013	\$750,000
Entrepreneurial IDA	LA Dept Economic Development	10/2009-9/2011	\$120,000
SU-HIV/AIDS	Abt Associates, Inc.	10/2010-9/2013	\$240,000
Project SU-CESS	HUD	10/2010-9/2014	\$800,000
Path to Financial Independence	Kellogg Foundation	5/2009-5/30/2011	\$700,000

Partners Creating pportunities	HUD	10/01/08- 9/2012	\$700,000
Southern University Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program (Thornton, PI)	US Department of Education	10/2007-9/2013	\$1,211,000
Community Response Initiative	LA Dept. Social Services	7/2007-6/2009	\$204,913
Louisiana Individual Development Account Program	LA Dept. Social Services	10/2006-6/2012	\$3,500,000
Building Stronger Communities	HUD	10/2006- 09/2010	\$600,000
Southern University HIV/AIDS Program for Women	US -DHH – Public Health Service	10/2006-9/2009	\$300,000
Fathers-N-Families	LA Dept Social Services	6/2006-6/2009	\$760,000
Full Time Fathers	US Dept Health Human Serivcess	10/2006-9/2010	\$1,200,000
Preliminary Planning and Investigation for the Henderson Lake Management (Stubblefield, PI. Thornton, Co-PI)	US Army Corps of Engineers- New Orleans	8/2005-7/2006	\$230,000
Southern University Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program (Thornton, PI)	US Department of Education	10/2004-9/2007	\$880,000
Delta Nutrition Intervention Imitative (McGee, PI, Thornton-Researcher)	US Department of Agriculture	9/1996-8/2009	\$2,000,000
Fathers Standing Tall	LA Department of Social Services	8/2003-6/2004	\$200,000
Teen Louisiana (Thornton, PI)	LA Department of Education	7/2004-6/2005	\$300,000
Preliminary Planning and Investigation for the Flat Lake Management (Stubblefield, PI. Thornton, Co-PI)	US Army Corps of Engineers- New Orleans	8/2004-7/2005	\$250,000
Southern University Disaster Resistant University Program (Thornton, PI)	Department of Homeland Security.	10/2004- 9/2006	\$100,000
Southern University Community and Economic Enterprise Development Project (Thornton, PI)	US Department of Housing and Urban Development	10/2002-9/2005	\$550,000
Minority Worker Training	National Institute of	10/2000-9/2005	\$800,000

Program (Wright, PI, Thornton, Co-PI)	Environmental Health Sciences – Sub-contract from Xavier University		
Minority Worker Training Program (Wright, PI, Thornton, Co-PI)	National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences – Sub-contract from Dillard University	10/2005-7/2006	\$170,000
Southern University Technical Training Project (Thornton, PI)	City of Baton Rouge/East Baton Rouge Parish	7/2004-06/2005	\$306,000
Southern University Technical Training Project (Thornton, PI)	City of Baton Rouge/East Baton Rouge Parish	7/2003-06/2004	\$106,000
Gulf Coastal Climate Change Assessment Project (Ning, PI, Thornton, Researcher)	Environmental Protection Agency	10/2000-10/2003	\$400,000
Horizon's Project, Influenza immunization and Health Promotion Project (Fomby, PI, Thornton, Co-PI)	Health Care Financing Administration	10/1995-9/1996	\$300,000
Horizon's Project, Influenza Immunization and Health Promotion (Thornton, PI)	Health Care Financing Administration	10/1996-9/1997	\$200,000
Horizon's Project, Mammography and Health Promotion (Thornton, PI)	Health Care Financing Administration	10/1996-9/1997	\$200,000
Electronic Multi-Media Classroom Project – Instrumentation Project (Thornton, PI)	National Science Foundation	10/1995-9/1998	\$80,000
Southern University Family Violence Prevention Project (Thornton, PI)	US Department of Health and Human Services	10/1994-9/1996	\$250,000
Re-Entry Education Access Project (REAP) Single Parent Displaced Homemakers Program (Thornton, PI, 1994-1999)	Louisiana Department of Education	10/1994-9/1999	\$400,000
Southern University School Personnel Training Project	US Department of Education	10/1993-9/1995	\$80,000
Sex Equity Training Project	LA Department of Education	7/1994-6/1999	\$500,000
Southern University Community Development Project (Thornton, PI)	US Department of Housing and Urban Development	10/1993-9/1997	\$500,000

Project Drug Free (Thornton, PI)	LA Department of Education	10/1992-9/1993	\$50,000
Housing Transportation Trends Study (Thornton, PI)	US Department of Transportation	10/1992-9/1993	\$10,000
Youth at Risk: Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission. A Study of Social Conditions of Youth in the Lower Mississippi Delta (Thornton, PI)	Lower Mississippi Delta Commission	10/1989-9/1990	\$25,000
Gang Drug Abuse and Alcohol Prevention Program (Thornton, PI)	US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Children Services	10/1989-4/1992	\$147,000
Project REAP	LA Department of Education	7/1989-6/1991	\$150,000
Teacher Retooling Project (Osagie, PI, Thornton, Co-PI)	LA Board of Regents	10/1989-9/1990	\$50,000
Southern University Drug Prevention Program (SUDPP) (Harrison, PI, Thornton, Researcher)	Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration.	10/1987-9/1989	\$400,000
Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Program (Thornton, PI)	Southern University	9/1984-5/1995	\$10,000

Other Funded Programs/Grants Authored

Research Title	Granting Agency	Date/Duration	Award Amount
Crestworth Learning Academy (Charter School)	LA Dept of Education	9/09-6/12	\$12,000,000
TREES Project	US Department of Education	8/04 – 6/05	\$200,000
FAST Project (LA Leadership)	LA Dept Soc Services	7/03-6/04	\$150,000
Teenage Pregnancy Prevention (LA Leadership)	LA Dept Soc Services	7/04-6/05	\$250,000
AIDS Education and Outreach Project (Thornton, Proposal Author)	LA AIDS Project	10/91-9/92	\$100,000
Eden Park Community Health Center	US Department Health and Human Services	1990-1996	\$6,000,000

PRESENTATIONS

Karen Kim, Alma Thornton, Bernestine McGee, Beverly McCabe-Sellers, Edith Hyman, Glenda Johnson, Gossett, Jeffrey M, Prewitt, Theresa Elaine, Simpson, Pippa M.

"Religion and body weight in the Lower Mississippi Delta" Poster Presentation. Society of Behavioral Medicine's 28th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions, March 21-24, 2007, Washington, DC.

Hazard mitigation-strategies and best practices. Ministries and communities reducing the risk for disaster. Community and Faith Leadership Development Conference. "Transforming Communities Through Visionary Leadership." Baton Rouge, LA. September 28-29, 2006.

Student interdisciplinary research session organizer. Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists Annual Meeting. Jackson, MS 2006.

Socio-economic and structural correlates of health perception, knowledge and practices among low income families with children in the lower Mississippi Delta. Family Empowerment Conference, Marion University, Karala, India. 2005.

Factors influencing race and gender inequities in higher education. Mid South Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 2004

The relationship between social factors and academic achievement among African American college students. Mid South Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 2004

Pediatric diabetes among black youth in east baton rouge parish. Mid South Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 2004

Student interdisciplinary research session organizer. Mid South Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Birmingham, AL, 2004

Environmental health risks among rural farm workers, Western Social Science Association, 44th Annual National Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico. 2002.

Gulf coastal plains project: a community assessment, Western Social Science Association, 43rd Annual National Conference, Reno Nevada, Conference Proceedings. 2001.

Black students and value orientations, Western Social Science Association, 43rd Annual National Conference, Reno Nevada, Conference Proceedings. 2001.

Suicide risk behaviors among African-American college students, Western Social Science Association, 43rd Annual National Conference, Reno Nevada, Conference Proceedings. 2001.

Multi-cultural health promotion and disease prevention, (March 15-17, 2001), Association for Gerontology and Human Development in HBCU's, Atlanta, Georgia

Evaluating approaches to reduce disparity in health care in ethnic communities, (October 26-27, 2000) Center for Health Research, Grant Writing Workshop for HBCU's, Conference and concept paper presentation, Tennessee State University

Health disparities among African Americans. Association for Gerontology and Human development Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, California. 1999.

The black middle class revisited. Mid South Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans. 1999.

Environmental concerns of college students. Mid South Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Alabama. 1998.

Perceived health concerns of South Africans. Association of Black Political Scientists. South Africa. 1997.

Teenage pregnancy. Southwest Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Dallas, Texas. 1995.

Race and class factors in hazardous waste locations. Mid South Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Orlando, Florida. 1993.

Traditional and contemporary perspectives on rural women. Women and the Law Conference. University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria. 1992.

Blacks and Crime: impacts in the African American community Associations of Student Nurse. Shreveport, LA 1992.

Youth at Risk: socio-demographic and economic conditions of youth in the lower Mississippi Delta. Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists. Tallahassee, FL 1990.

Youth at risk. Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission. Greenville, MS, 1990.

Social and psychological factors in single parent households: a study of unwed mothers on a university campus. Mid-South Sociological Association, Baton Rouge, LA 1989.
Blacks and Graduate Education Association of Black Sociologists. Cincinnati, OH, 1991.

Black adolescent perceptions of self image: a study of students enrolled in a model drug prevention program, Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Atlanta, GA, 1989.

Parental perception of at risk behaviors among black adolescents, Southern Conference Afro-American Studies, Inc. Baton Rouge, LA 1989.

Elderly caretakers, Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile, AL 1988.

Males' role in teenage pregnancy, Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists Greensboro, NC 1988.

The black family, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA, Seminar on the Black Family, 1987.

Single parenting, Jackson State University, Seminar on the Black Family, Jackson, MS, 1986

Women in poverty, Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Washington, DC 1986

Rural poverty, Mid-South Sociological Association, Monroe, LA 1984

Changing sex roles, Southwestern Sociological Association, Dallas, TX 1983

Black-white differences in gender role attitudes: an exploratory analysis, Southwestern Sociological Association, San Antonio, Texas. 1982

Sociological of Leisure, Mid-South Sociological Association, Shreveport, LA 1982

The impact of industrialization on characteristics of the occupational structure in rural ecological area, Southwestern Sociological Association, Fort Worth, TX 1979

Determinants of job satisfaction among indigenous employees of a new rural industry, Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists, New Orleans, LA 1979.

Attitudes of plant and non-plant employees toward industrialization in a rural louisiana community, Mid-South Sociological Association, Monroe, LA 1978

A comparative case study approach to the study of the impact of industrial development on two rural Louisiana Parishes, Mid-South Sociological Association, Monroe, LA 1977.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

NCAA Gender Equity Committee

NCAA Diversity Committee

Curriculum Committee

Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services Community Board

Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services Child Poverty Council

Governor, State of Louisiana, Children's Research Cabinet

University Tenure and Promotion Committee, Southern University

College of Sciences, Julia Martin Annual Symposium, Chair

Faculty Senator, Treasurer

University Curriculum Committee, Southern University

Assistant Coach Southern University Honda Quiz Bowl Team

Search Committee, Dean School of Architecture, Southern University

University, US Department of Defense Representative

University, US Department of Health and Human Services Representative

Tenure and Promotion Committee, School of Public Policy

Self-Study Committee, Department of Sociology, 1985-1990, Chair
Self-Study Committee, Office of Sponsored Program, 1985-1990, Chair
Social Research Club, Faculty Advisor
Member, Vice Chancellor Advisory Club
Member, various search committees

COMMUNITY SERVICE

State of Louisiana, Louisiana Child Poverty Review Council
State of Louisiana, Citizen Review Council
State of Louisiana, Children Research Cabinet
Member, Baton Rouge Sponsoring Committee
Board of Directors, Urban Restoration Enhancement Corporation, 1988-1994
Board of Directors, Baton Rouge Black Alcoholism Association, 1989-1992
Girls Scots, 1993-1997
Community Health Conference Committee, Star Hill Baptist Church
Volunteer Instructor
Early Risers Kiwanis

PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Social Science Division Director, Louisiana Academy of Sciences
Executive Committee, Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists
Recording Secretary, Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists
Committee on Small Colleges, Mid South Sociological Association
Women Caucus, Mid South Sociological Association
Minority Caucus, Mid South Sociological Association
Board of Editors, Journal of Social and Behavioral Scientists
Member, Governor's State of Louisiana, Children's Research Cabinet
Attended Southwest Sociological Association Annual Meeting,
Attended Mid South Sociological Association Annual Meeting (2003, 2002, 1999)
Attended Association of Social and Behavioral Scientist Annual Meeting (2003, 2006)
Chaired Conference on Student Papers, Mid South Sociological Association Annual Meeting
Attended The International Conference on Family Empowerment, Marion University, Karala, India. 2005
Attended Women and the Law Conference, University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria. 1992.
Golden Life Sponsor Club/Project BEAP

CONSULTANT EXPERIENCE

Louisiana Leadership, provided leadership in developing and implementing and identifying resources for youth programs

Tensas Reunion, Inc., provided technical assistance in developing proposal applications and guiding program implementation.

National Minority AIDS Council, developed AIDS Prevention Manual, 2003.

University Community Development Corporation – Program Evaluator, 2003.

Xavier University Deep South Environmental Justice Center – Program Evaluator, 1999.

Louisiana Department of Social Services – Proposal writer, 2004.

National Science Foundation, Reviewer of proposal applications in the areas of curriculum development and instrumentation. 1995-1996.

Tulane University, Lower Mississippi River Interagency Cancer Study, 1995-1996.

East Baton Rouge School Board, Cultural Diversity Facilitator

Lemoyne Owen College, Site Visit Team

Cross Ventures, developed training modules for child care service providers and trained providers, 2000

Alpha Health Center, provided technical assistance in planning and developing rural health center. 1994-1996.

Metro City Development Corporation, provided technical assistance in establishing non-profit organization, and identifying and applying for external programs

Eden Park Community Health Center, program development specialist, provided technical assistance in planning and implementing community development programs, 1991-1992.

CICCI , Program Development Specialist provided technical assistance in planning and implementing community development programs, 1991-1992.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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