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EMAIL: tina.peterson@ou.edu**OFFICE:** 405-325-4301**EDUCATION**

BA	(1994)	Talladega College, Talladega, AL	Social Work
MSW	(1997)	U. of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL	Social Work
PhD	(2010)	U. of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL	Social Work
MPH	(2016)	WKU, Bowling Green, KY	Health Education

LICENSURE

Certified Social Worker (CSW)

Kentucky Board of Social Work

Licensure #: 6835

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

- Gerontology with emphasis on ethnogerontology and health disparities
- Custodial grandparenting
- Public health social work
- Family involvement and aging with mental illness

Dissertation Title: Perceptions of family involvement and quality of life among older African Americans with mental disorders. *Chair:* Dr. James A. Hall

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

February '16-present	Core Affiliate Faculty Women and Gender Studies The University of Oklahoma
August '14-present	Assistant Professor The University of Oklahoma Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work Norman, OK
August '11-June '14	Assistant Professor Western Kentucky University Department of Social Work Bowling Green, KY
January-May '11	Visiting Assistant Professor Western Kentucky University

Department of Social Work
Bowling Green, KY

August-December '10 **Visiting Instructor**
Western Kentucky University
Department of Social Work
Bowling Green, KY

FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

- Council on Social Work Education's Mental Health and Substance Abuse Minority Fellowship Program, 2008-2010
- Alabama Commission on Higher Education/Southern Regional Education Board Program Graduate, 2005-2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work ('14-present)

- Human Behavior in the Social Environment (undergraduate; traditional)
- Social Work with Groups (undergraduate; traditional)
- Generalist Social Work Practice (undergraduate, traditional)

Western Kentucky University Department of Social Work ('10-14)

- Human Behavior (graduate; on-line)
- Generalist Social Work Practice (graduate; hybrid)
- Foundations of Social Welfare Policy (graduate; hybrid)
- Research Methods (graduate; hybrid)
- SW in Diverse Rural Communities (graduate; hybrid)
- Integrated SW Practice with Families (graduate; hybrid)
- Applied Social Research (graduate; hybrid)
- Advanced Field Practicum (graduate; on-line)
- *New Course Developments*
 - SW Practice with Older Adults (graduate; hybrid)
 - Aging in Rural Settings (graduate; hybrid)
 - Invisible Older Adults (graduate; hybrid)
 - Spiritually Sensitive SW Practice (graduate; hybrid)

Brescia University Social Work Program (Spring '12-present)

- Introduction to Social Work (undergraduate; on-line)
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment (undergraduate; on-line)
- Death and Dying (undergraduate; on-line)
- Research Methods (graduate; on-line)

The University of Alabama School of Social Work ('07-'09)

- Oppression and Social Injustice (undergraduate; traditional)

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

POST-MSW EXPERIENCE

October '03- **Faith "Homecare" Hospice, Sylacauga, AL**
July '05 Medical Social Worker

Assessed the psychosocial needs of individuals living with a terminal illness and provided individualized support services

June '03-
October '03

Calhoun-Cleburne Mental Health Center, Jacksonville, AL

Children's Day Treatment Coordinator
Coordinated a behavioral modification program for young children and their families; provided individual and group therapy

May '02-
June '03

Gift of Life Foundation, Montgomery, AL

Maternity Care Program Coordinator
Coordinated a satellite office maternity case management program for recipients of Medicaid

March '98-
December '01

**State of Alabama Department of Human Resources
Pell City, AL**

Senior Social Work Supervisor/QA Coordinator
Supervised entry level child welfare workers and coordinated the county-wide Quality Assurance program

QA Coordinator/Resource Development
Coordinated the county-wide Quality Assurance and Resource Development program

Senior Social Worker
Investigated child welfare allegations and documented outcomes

MPH GRADUATE INTERNSHIP

June '15-
August '15

Full Circle Adult Day Center, Norman, OK

Assigned to the Caregiver Support Series Program

POST-BACCALAUREATE EXPERIENCE

January '97-
May '97

Jefferson County Department of Health, Birmingham, AL

Graduate Social Work Intern
Completed psychosocial assessments of maternity patients participating in the Steps Ahead Program

August '95-
December '95

UAB Civitan-Sparks Clinics, Birmingham, AL

Graduate Social Work Trainee
Trained in multidisciplinary service provision with children who have disabilities and their families

November '94-
May '95

**State of Alabama Department of Human Resources
Talladega, AL**

Child Welfare Investigator
Investigated child welfare allegations and documented outcomes

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

Peterson, T. (*forthcoming*). Future care planning by older grandparents raising adolescent grandchildren. *Families in Society*.

- Peterson, T.** (*forthcoming*). Changes in health perceptions among older grandparents raising adolescent grandchildren. *Social Work in Public Health*.
- Chatters, L. M., Taylor, R. J., Woodward, A. T., Bohnert, A. S. B., **Peterson, T. L.**, & Perron, B. E. (2017). Differences between African Americans and Non-Hispanic Whites utilization of clergy for counseling with serious personal problem. *Race and Social Problems*.
- Peterson, T. L.** (2016). Open house as a tool to connect schools to grandparents raising grandchildren. *Children & Schools*. doi: 10.1093/cs/cdw043
- Crowther, M. R., Ford, C. D., & **Peterson, T.** (2014). A qualitative examination of facilitators and barriers for urban and rural custodial grandparents. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships, 12*(3), 241-256.
- Peterson, T.** & Starks, S. (2014). The contextual experiences of rural custodial grandparents and opportunities for social work. *Journal of Family Social Work, 17*(2), 175-188.
- Peterson, T.**, Chatters, L. M., Taylor, R. J., & Nguyen, A. (2013). Subjective well-being of older African Americans with DSM IV psychiatric disorders. *Journal of Happiness Studies, 1*-18.
- Dawkins, E., Michimi, A., Ellis-Griffith, G., **Peterson, T.**, Carter, D., & English, G. (2013). Dental caries among children visiting a mobile dental clinic in south central Kentucky: A pooled cross-sectional study. *BMC Oral Health, 13*(19), 1-9.
- Michimi, A., Ellis-Griffith, G., Nagy, C., & **Peterson, T.** (2013). Coronary heart disease prevalence and occupational structure in U.S. metropolitan areas: A multilevel analysis. *Health & Place, 21*, 192-204.
- Ellis-Griffith, G., Michimi, A., English, G., & **Peterson, T.** (2013). REDCap and rural health: An opportunity to enhance collaborative research and rural health care delivery. *International Journal of Reliable and Quality E=Healthcare, 2*(1), 26-42.
- Nguyen, A., Taylor, Robert J., **Peterson, T.**, & Chatters, L. M. (2013). Health, disability, psychological well-being and depressive symptoms among older African American women. *Women, Gender, and Families of Color, 1*, 105-123.
- Stansbury, K., **Peterson, T.**, & Beecher, B. (2013). An exploration of mental health literacy among older African Americans. *Aging and Mental Health, 17*(2), 226-232.
- Martin, S. S., Trask, J., **Peterson, T.**, Knapp, M., Baldwin, J., & Martin, B. (2010). Influence of culture and discrimination on care-seeking behavior of elderly African Americans: A qualitative study. *Social Work in Public Health, 25*(3&4), 311-326.

Book Reviews

- Peterson, T.** (2012). [Invited review of the book *Cross-cultural practice: Social work with diverse populations*, 2nd Edition, by Karen Harper-Dorton]. Chicago: Lyceum Books.
- Peterson, T.** (2010). [Review of the book *Speaking Our Minds: What it's like to have Alzheimer's*, Revised Edition, by Lisa Snyder]. *The Journal of Gerontological Social Work, 54*(1), 131-133.

Manuscripts under Review

Peterson, T., Scott, C., Ombayo, B., Davis, T., & Sullivan, D. A comparison of biggest concerns of school personnel about students raised by grandparents. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships*.

Peterson, T. A case study of an African-American stepgrandmother raising an adopted grandchild. *Journal of Family Social Work*.

Manuscripts in Progress

Peterson, T. Evidence of trauma in a rural older custodial grandparent: A case study. *Revising*.

Peterson, T. A typology of future care planning by older custodial grandparents.

Peterson, T. Hidden caregivers: Issues and needs of aging grandparents raising older grandchildren.

Unpublished Scholarly Works

Peterson, T. L. (2016). *A typology of physical and mental health outcomes among older grandparents raising adolescent grandchildren*. Master of Public Health Capstone Project. Western Kentucky University.

Linebarger, L., **Peterson, T.**, Thomas, A., Daniel, A., Wilson, D., Hollinsworth, D., Hollingsworth, S., Wilson, J., & Walton, M. (2009, December). Spiritual Intervention Crisis Manual (SICM). In A. Thomas (Chair), *Pastor's Summit: A Faith-Based Seminar on Mental Illness*. Presentation at the meeting of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Alabama, Montgomery, AL.

Peterson, T. (2008). *Family members of adult relatives who have severe mental illness: An annotated bibliography of research, practice, and policy*. Compiled as partial requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree. UA School of Social Work.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fall '10-present

- **Caregiving in Later Life by Grandparents of Older Grandchildren**
PI: Tina Peterson OU IRB#: 4827
- **An Analysis of a Community-based Kwanzaa Celebration in a Southern State**
PI: Tina Peterson; co-investigator: Saundra Starks OU IRB#: 4783
- **The Impact of a Community Kwanzaa Celebration (KCC)**
PI: Saundra Starks; co-investigator: Tina Peterson
- **Needs Assessment of Schools Serving Rural Custodial Grandparents in South Central Kentucky.**
PI: Tina Peterson; co-investigator: Dana Sullivan

- **Aging: Intergenerational Relations and Mental Health Research Lab (AIRMH)**
The AIRMH Lab focuses on aging within the context of intergenerational relations, mental health disparities, and interprofessional education.
- **An Analysis of Health Data Gathered through the Institute for Rural Health Development and Research.**
PI: Gregory Ellis-Griffith; co-investigators: **Tina Peterson** & Akihiko Michimi
- **Repeat Service Users of a University-based Rural Mobile Health Clinic.**
PI: **Tina Peterson**; co-investigators: Akihiko Michimi & Gregory Ellis-Griffith
RCAP Proposal, WKU Research Foundation; funding not awarded

PRESENTATIONS

Peterson, T. Caregiver options for future care planning by older custodial grandparents raising adolescents. Paper accepted to the 21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA 2017.

Peterson, T. Future care planning in later life by grandparents raising adolescent grandchildren. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Program Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2016.

Peterson, T. A recruitment audit trail of older grandparents raising adolescent grandchildren. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Program Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2016.

Peterson, T. Caregiving in later life by grandparents of older grandchildren. Poster presented to the Gerontological Society of America Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL, 2015.

Peterson, T. Hidden caregivers: Issues and needs of aging grandparents raising older grandchildren. CSWE Annual Program Meeting. Denver, CO, 2015.

Starks, S., **Peterson, T.**, & Tarter, K. Mentoring female social work students for leadership: A conceptual model. CSWE Annual Program Meeting. Denver, CO, 2015.

Peterson, T. Grandfamilies at open house: How school officials can discover and embrace grandparent-headed households. 40th Annual Oklahoma Conference on Aging Embassy Suites Norman Hotel & Conference Center, Norman, OK, 2015.

Korang-Okrah, R. & **Peterson, T.** Widowhood experiences among Ghanaian (Akan) widows. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Program Meeting, Washington, DC, 2014.

Peterson, T. The impact of heat waves on older adults. Paper presented at Kentucky Public Health Association. Louisville, KY, 2014.

Samuel, L., **Peterson, T.**, & Glass, A. A comparative study of end-of-life communication among African American elders. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Program Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2013.

Scott, C., & **Peterson, T.** Resilience and Alzheimer's caregiver burden: A journey toward

optimal living. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Program Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2013.

Peterson, T., Scott, C., & Sullivan, D. Content analysis of rural and urban differences in school officials' concerns regarding grandparents raising grandchildren. Paper presented at Southern Gerontological Society, Charlotte, NC, 2013.

Bearon, L., **Peterson, T.**, & LaFollette-Black, S. Grandparents in transition: Returning to parenting one more time. Workshop presented at Southern Gerontological Society, Charlotte, NC, 2013.

Peterson, T. Challenges to optimal aging among custodial grandparents in rural communities. WKU REACH Week, CHHS Research Showcase, 2013.

Dawkins, E., Michimi, A., Ellis-Griffith, G., **Peterson, T.**, Carter, D., Petty, B., Ellis-Griffith, C., & English, G. Oral health among children visiting a mobile dental health unit: A retrospective cohort study in South Central Kentucky. Poster presented at Kentucky Rural Health Association, Bowling Green, KY, 2012.

Peterson, T. & Sullivan, D. Community-university partnership: Engaging schools serving rural custodial grandparents. Paper presented at Southern Gerontological Society, Nashville, TN, 2012.

Peterson, T. Gender, education, and quality of life in older African Americans with mental disorders. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Program Meeting, Boston, MA, 2011.

Peterson, T. Disparities in quality of life among older African Americans with mental disorders. Paper presented at CSWE Annual Program Meeting. Atlanta, GA, 2011.

Peterson, T. & Crowther, M. Lessons in transition experienced by custodial grandparents in a rural support group. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Program Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2010.

Davis, T., & **Peterson, T.** Identification and retention of African American gifted students: Past and present. *Mentored poster presented at The University of Alabama's Graduate Student Association's Research and Thesis Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL, 2010.

Peterson, T., & Stansbury, K. Mental health literacy among older African Americans residing in a southern state. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2009.

Martin, S., Baldwin, J., Trask, J., **Peterson, T.**, Knapp, M., Martin, B., & Goodman, K. Exploring the use of traditional medicine by elderly African Americans in Alabama. Poster presented at the 9th Annual Rural Health Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL, 2008.

Peterson, T., Crowther, M., Martin, M., & Allman, R. Community Liaison Core of the Deep South Resource Center for Minority Aging Research. Exhibit display at the 9th Annual Rural Health Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL, 2008.

Peterson, T., Martin, M., & Crowther, M. Barriers and facilitators to recruitment of older African

Americans in Alzheimer's disease research. Poster presented at the Annual Investigators Meeting of the Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR), Ann Arbor, MI, 2008.

Crowther, M., & **Peterson, T.** Grandfathers caring for grandchildren. National Conference on Social Work with and for Men. Tuscaloosa, AL, 2008.

Crowther, M. R., Elmore, D., Talley, R. C., & **Peterson, T.** Public health and caregiving: Research and practice. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA, 2007.

Crowther, M. R., Elmore, D., Talley, R. C., **Peterson, T.**, & McNutt, M. Population-based perspective on caregiving: Research and practice. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association, Washington, DC, 2007.

Martin, S. S., Trask, J., **Peterson, T.**, Knapp, M., Baldwin, J., & Martin, B. Influence of culture and discrimination on care-seeking behavior of elderly African Americans. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA, 2007.

Peterson, T., & Crowther, M. Unraveling access stressors: Voices of custodial grandparents in rural Alabama. Poster presented at the 8th Annual Rural Health Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL, 2007. Recipient of 1st Place Research Poster Award.

Peterson, T., & Crowther, M. Challenges in accessing social services for custodial grandparenting in Alabama. Poster presented at 18th Annual Southeastern Regional Student Mentoring Conference in Gerontology and Geriatrics, Atlanta, GA, 2007.

MENTORED RESEARCH LAB EXPERIENCES

- **Graduate Research Assistant** (Summer '06 & Spring '10)
Recruited and interviewed older African Americans for two funded research projects
- **Intergenerational Psychology Lab** (Fall '07 to Fall '08)
- **PhD Student Aging Research Group** (Spring & Fall '08)
- **Graduate Research Assistant/Project Coordinator** (Fall '06 to '08)
Coordinated Grandparents Support Group and Community Liaison Core of the Deep South Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) grant
- **Research Assistant/Minority Access to Research Careers** (Summer '93)
Primary Investigator: Dr. Linda Burton
Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania
Intergenerational Parenthood Project

FUNDING

Awarded a RCMAR Scholar Travel Stipend to the RCMAR Annual Investigators Meeting. RCMAR National Coordinating Center.

Awarded a Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) Scholar GSA Travel Stipend. RCMAR National Coordinating Center. Reimbursed up to \$2,000

Graduate Student Research and Travel Support. The University of Alabama Graduate School.
\$300

Departmental Student Research and Travel Support. The University of Alabama School of
Social Work. \$300

Center for Mental Health and Aging Research Fellowship. The University of Alabama. \$275

Southeastern Student Mentoring Conference in Gerontology and Geriatrics. \$100

GRANT ACTIVITIES

2017 Ed Cline Faculty Development Fund, Faculty Senate

The University of Oklahoma

Title: Faculty Success Program: National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity

Role: Principle Investigator

Funding Period: Under Review

Funding Requested: \$2500

Southern Regional Education Board

Doctoral Scholars Program Service Grant

Title: Play Day: College Students Meet and Greet with School-aged Students

Role: Principle Investigator

Funding Period: Not Funded

Funding Requested: \$1,000

2016 Spencer Foundation

The University of Oklahoma

Title: Family Involvement in Schools among Grandparents Raising School-aged
Grandchildren

Role: Principle Investigator

Funding Period: Not Funded

Funding Requested: \$50,000

2011

- **Office of Research/Research & Creative Activities Program (RCAP)**

Western Kentucky University

Title: Needs Assessment of Schools Serving Rural Custodial Grandparents in South
Central Kentucky

Role: Principle Investigator

Funding Period: January 2011-June 2012

Funding Awarded: \$7,075

Grant#: RCAP-II Award #11-8017

2008

- **The Brookdale Foundation Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP)**

RAPP Pilot Mental Health Initiative

Primary Investigator: Dr. Martha Crowther

Role: Mental Health Project Coordinator

Funding Period: 2008-2010

Funding Awarded: \$12,000

- **Deep South Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR)**
Role: Project Coordinator, Community Liaison Core
Funding Source: National Institute on Aging
Funding Period: 2007-2012
Funding Awarded: \$2,499,689
Grant# P30AG031054

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCES/TRAINING

OU Health Science Center's Faculty Retreat for Interprofessional Education. March 2017.

2015 CSWE EPAS Curriculum Education Training. The University of Oklahoma School of Social Work. Norman, OK. February 10, 2017.

Faculty Success Program Spring 2017. National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD).

OU Health Science Center's Faculty Development Training for Interprofessional Education. 2015, 2016.

Ethics. WKU Department of Social Work Continuing Education Program. February 7, 2014.

2008 CSWE EPAS Accreditation Training. Western Kentucky University. June 27, 2013.

West Virginia University Health Sciences Center 9th Annual Teaching Scholars Summer Institute. Morgantown, WV. June 3-7, 2013.

Junior Faculty Professional Development Conference. SREB Institute on Teaching and Mentoring. Tampa, FL. October 25-28, 2012.

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD). (individual membership)

Knowledge and Skills for Effective Field Education: A Workshop for New and Experienced Field Instructors. Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, January 20, 2012.

Master Advisor Certificate (MAC). Western Kentucky University. January-May 2011.

The Compact for Faculty Diversity's Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, 2006-2010, 2012-2014; 2016.

SELECTED SCIENTIFIC SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

Assessing & Managing Suicide Risk: Core Competencies for Mental Health Professionals. Madisonville, KY, June 9, 2016.

Chautauqua Conference on Family Resilience—Family Caregiving: Fostering Resilience Across the Life Course. Tulsa, OK—Oklahoma State University. January 29, 2016.

19th Annual Institute in Qualitative Research: Writing Qualitative Research Proposals and Reports. UNC-CH School of Nursing, Center for Life Long Learning. Carrboro, NC, June 8-11, 2015.

Summer Workshop on African American Aging Research. Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research (MCUAAAR) and Program for Research on Black Americans. Ann Arbor, MI, June 6-8, 2012.

MCUAAAR & CSWE Minority Fellowship Summer Workshop. Hosted by the Program for Research on Black Americans. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, June 2-4, 2010.

Pastor's Summit on Mental Illness. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Alabama. Montgomery, AL, December 4-5, 2009.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Alabama Annual Conference. Montgomery, AL, August 20-21, 2009.

4th Annual African American Faith-based Community Mental Illness Conference. Decatur, AL, July 25, 2009.

Summer Workshop on African American Aging Research. Hosted by Wayne State University, MCUAAAR, and the Program for Research on Black Americans. Detroit, MI, June 1-3, 2009.

CSWE Minority Fellowship Program's Cultural Competency Institute. Miami, FL, April 16-19, 2009.

Mentoring Matters: Eliminating Health Disparities. Deep South RCMAR Advisory Council Meeting, Tuscaloosa, AL, October 2008.

Summer Workshop on African American Aging Research. Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research (MCUAAAR) and Program for Research on Black Americans. Ann Arbor, MI, June 4-6, 2008.

Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) National Orientation and Training Conference. The Brookdale Foundation Group. Columbia, SC, May 16-18, 2008.

Race, Ethnicity, Age, and Immigration: Examining the Intersections among Caribbean Blacks. Deep South RCMAR Advisory Council Meeting, Birmingham, AL, April 2007.

What is Health Disparities Research and Why Would I Want to Do It? Deep South RCMAR Advisory Council Meeting, Birmingham, AL, April 2007.

GSA Pre-conference Workshop—Making Your Research Count: Addressing the National Academy of Sciences Research Agenda on Diversity Issues. Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA, November 2007.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

2016

- Single Mother's Day of Pampering, Victory Family Church
- Comrades Special Needs Class, Victory Family Church

2013

- Project Empowerment Advisory Council, *Member*

2012

- Annual Community Kwanzaa Event, Bowling Green, KY. Planning Committee, *Member*

2011

- Community Action of Southern Kentucky Bowling Green, KY
Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Advisory Council, *Member*

2010

- UA New Graduate Student Orientation, *Panel Member*

2009

- UA Tide Together Peer Mentor Program, *Peer Mentor*
2nd year doctoral student in School Psychology
- NAMI, Tuscaloosa Chapter
Outreach to Faith-based Communities, *Volunteer Coordinator*
- UA New Graduate Student Orientation, *Panel Member*
- NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program Training, *Participant*
- Safe Zone Training (campus-based educational outreach regarding issues for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender), *Participant*

2008

- GSA Mental Health Practice and Aging Interest Group, *Member*
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Interest Group, *Member*
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Alabama Tuscaloosa Chapter Tuscaloosa, AL, *Member*
- UA Psychology Graduate Student Interview Weekend, *Graduate Interviewer*

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

2017

- 21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA, *Session Chair*
- OU Zarrow School of Social Work, Undergraduate Committee, *Member*
- OU Zarrow School of Social Work, Faculty Search Committee, *Member*
- OU Premed Interview Committee, *Member*

2016

- 21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA, *Abstract Reviewer*
- GSA Annual Program Meeting, New Orleans, LA, *Session Chair & Abstract Reviewer*
- OU Zarrow School of Social Work, Faculty Search Committee, *Member*
- OUHSC Interprofessional Education All Professions Day (APD), *Faculty Facilitator*
- OUHSC APD Case Management/Population Health Work Group, *Faculty Facilitator*
- OU Student Organization Precision Dance Team, *Faculty Advisor*
- Summer Writing Initiative, *Organizer and Facilitator*
- Oklahoma Governor's Healthy Aging Summit, *SSW Representative*
- OU Zarrow School of Social Work, Admissions, Recruitment, Enrollment, and Advising Committee, *Member*
- OU Zarrow School of Social Work, Foundation Curriculum Work Group, *Member*

- OU Zarrow School of Social Work, Curriculum HBSE and Diversity Work Group, *Member*

2015

- OUHSC Interprofessional Education All Professions Day, *Faculty Facilitator*
- OU Zarrow School of Social Work, Admissions, Recruitment, Enrollment, and Advising Committee, *Member*
- OU Zarrow School of Social Work, Foundation Curriculum Work Group, *Member*
- OU Zarrow School of Social Work, Curriculum HBSE and Diversity Work Group, *Member*

2014

- OU Zarrow School of Social Work, Undergraduate Committee, *Member*
- OU Zarrow School of Social Work, HBSE and Diversity Work Group, *Member*
- WKU MSW Graduation Planning Committee, *Chair*
- WKU MSW Program Scholarship Committee, *Member*
- WKU CHHS Professional Academic Liaisons (PALs), *Coordinator*
- WKU Early Start Mentoring Program, *Faculty Mentor*
- WKU MSW Graduation Planning Committee, *Chair*

2013

- WKU CHHS Professional Academic Liaisons (PALs), *Coordinator*
- WKU Early Start Mentoring Program, *Faculty Mentor*
- WKU MSW Graduation Planning Committee, *Chair*
- CHHS All College Meeting--Recruitment & Retention Faculty, Staff, and Students of Color, *Panel Member & Co-coordinator*
- WKU Annual Student Research Conference, *Judge*
- WKU MSW Child Welfare Coordinator Search Committee, *Member*
- 12th Annual Community Kwanzaa Event Planning Committee, *Member*
- MSW Graduate Assistant (1), *Faculty Supervisor*
- WKU MSW Program Scholarship Committee, *Member*

2012

- WKU Annual Student Research Conference, *Judge*
- WKU Ad Hoc MSW Student Concern Committee, *Chair*
- 11th Annual Community Kwanzaa Event Planning Committee, *Member*
- WKU MSW Program Scholarship Committee, *Member*
- ABSW SC Kentucky New Student Social and Informational, *Coordinator*
- MSW Graduate Assistant (2), *Faculty Supervisor*

2011

- Appointed by Provost to Five-Year Review Committee for Dean of College of Health and Human Services. Western Kentucky University, *Member*
- Community Action of Southern Kentucky RSVP Advisory Council, *Member & Chair* (2013-2014)
- WKU Homecoming Committee, *Member*
- WKU MSW Program Scholarship Committee, *Member*
- CHHS Research Assistant Professor Search Committee, *Member*
- ABSW SC Kentucky New Student Social and Informational, *Coordinator*

- Undergraduate Student Assistant (1), *Faculty Supervisor*

2010

- WKU MSW Program Committee, *Member* (on-going appointment)

2009

- NAMI Alabama Faith-Based Summit Planning Committee, *Member*
- UA SSW Buford Peace Award Selection Committee, *Member*
- UA Graduate Student Research & Thesis Conference Committee, *Member*

2008

- UA SSW Ph.D. Committee, *DSO Representative*
- Deep South Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) Steering Committee, *Project Coordinator for Community Liaison Core*

2006

- Grandparents United Support Group Tuscaloosa, AL, *Co-facilitator* (2.5 years)
- Mental Health and Aging in a Diverse Context Lab, Dr. Martha R. Crowther, The University of Alabama Director of Clinical Training, Department of Psychology, *Graduate Research Assistant/Project Coordinator* (2.5 years)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2016-present	National Association of Social Workers
2015-present	Oklahoma Public Health Association
2012-2013	Southern Gerontological Society
2012-present	National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity
2010-present	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
2010-2014	National Association for Black Social Workers
2008-2010	Society for Social Work Research
2008-2011	Council on Social Work Education
2007-present	Gerontological Society of America

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

2008-2009	Doctoral Student Organization (DSO), President
2005-2010	Graduate Student Association, Member
2006-2010	Aging Research Group/UA Center for Mental Health and Aging

HONORS AND AWARDS

2014	Best Supporting Advisor, WKU MSW Graduation Planning Committee
2009	UA Graduate School, Graduate Student Spotlight, August
2008-2009	Awarded DSO Kim Nixon Student Mentoring Award
2007-present	Member of Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society
2005-2006	Alumni Association Graduate Fellowship The University of Alabama Graduate School
1995-1996	Daniel Foundation Scholarship The University of Alabama School of Social Work
1992-1994	Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC), Talladega College