

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

- 2006 Doctor of Philosophy - Medical Anthropology  
Emory University, Department of Anthropology
- 2003 Master of Arts – Cultural Anthropology  
Emory University, Department of Anthropology
- 1982 Master of Public Health - Health Behavior  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill –  
Gillings School of Global Public Health
- 1980 Bachelor of Arts - Urban Community Studies and Health  
The University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

### EXPERIENCE

**Associate Director for Minority Health and Health Equity**  
Office of the Director  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and  
The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)  
Atlanta, GA 30333  
September 2012 to Present

As Associate Director for Minority Health and Health Equity, a Senior Level Executive appointment, I lead and direct the development and implementation of a comprehensive health equity program that strengthens CDC's effectiveness in protecting the health, safety and security of diverse communities vulnerable to preventable disease and injury, and premature death. Toward this end, I lead the establishment of strategic priorities, goals and objectives, and facilitate the implementation of CDC/ATSDR-wide policies, programs, and activities that ensure integration of OMHHE's strategic priorities within the Agency's other research, surveillance, and prevention activities. I oversee the

Office of Minority Health, CDC's Office of Women's Health, and the agency's Diversity and Inclusion Management program. In addition, I serve as policy advisor to the CDC Director, serve on seniorlevel committees, and provide leadership and consultation to CDC's Centers, Institutes, and Offices to ensure health effects on women and minority populations, and the elimination of health disparities are considered in all Agency initiatives, policy proposals, strategies, communications and on-going institutional practices. I initiate and develop strategic partnerships with other Federal agencies, state, tribal, local and territorial health departments, universities, minority communities, national and regional organizations, and other key stakeholders to advance health equity, achieve a diverse and inclusive workforce, and reduce health disparities. Globally, I collaborate with PAHO and the Department of State to address health inequalities in the Americas. I am the agency's lead for Healthy People 2020 Social Determinants of Health topic area which involves co-leading and coordinating the participation of over 25 national multisectoral public and private stakeholders in collaboration with two other federal agencies – the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion and the Health Resources and Services Administration. I also collaborate with CDC scientists and other researchers to conduct analytic projects and develop scientific manuscripts. I am also frequently invited to give scientific and programmatic presentations internally and at HHS, at academic institutions, and to the public on CDC's work to eliminate health disparities and achieve health equity.

**Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity**

Office of the Director

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Atlanta, GA 30333

January 2011 to Present

The mission of the CDC Office of Minority Health and Health Equity (OMHHE) is to accelerate CDC's health impact on the U.S. population and to eliminate health disparities for vulnerable populations as defined by race/ethnicity, socio-economic status, geography, gender, age, disability status, risk status related to sex and gender, and among other populations that are identified as at-risk for health disparities. As director, I provide agency leadership, direction, and accountability for CDC's policies and programs to ensure they are optimally effective in improving minority health and achieving health equity. I also serve as the agency lead in coordinating CDC engagement with HHS, other federal agencies, national organizations, and the public on issues of health equity.

**Chief, Community Health and Program Services Branch**

Division of Adult and Community Health (DACH)

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
Atlanta, GA 30341  
February 2004 – January 2011

The mission of the Community Health and Program Services Branch is to provide national leadership and expert consultation in community health promotion, eliminating health disparities, addressing the social determinants of health, and achieving health equity. As Branch Chief, I lead and provide technical direction to a workforce of 25 public health professionals including managers, behavioral and social scientists, program consultants, and epidemiologists responsible for the administration and implementation of a variety of cooperative agreements, grants, and contracts that support the branch's mission in the U.S. and internationally. I also represent the division and agency on committees, give talks at national and international meetings, and publish scholarly manuscripts. In addition, I serve as principal division resource in medical anthropology, examinations of the intersection of race, class, and gender in chronic disease risk and management, and cultural influences on health and health-related behaviors.

**Chief, Community Interventions Section**

Division of Diabetes Translation (DDT)  
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341  
(770) 488-5014

December 1996 to July 2000  
August 2000 to September 2002 – Long-term training  
October 2002 to February 2004

As Chief of the Community Interventions Section, I provided technical leadership in the design, implementation, and evaluation of community-based approaches to the control and prevention of diabetes within the Program Development Branch, the Division of Diabetes Translation, and to external constituents of DDT and CDC. I served as principal DDT resource in the development and coordination of community models for racial and ethnic populations disproportionately affected by diabetes; provided leadership and support in the conceptualization of behavioral research within DDT and in qualitative research methods; supervised seven professional staff members, including professional staff assigned to state health agencies, working in the Community Interventions Section of the Program Development Branch; insured the continued professional development of the staff; participated as a member of the Branch management team developing policies and plans and assisting in their accomplishment; developed and directed the preparation

of requests for applications, protocols for human subjects protection, and OMB clearance packages; provided guidance in monitoring cooperative agreements, contracts, and projects; represented the Division in meetings and conferences, and authored and presented scientific papers.

**Acting Chief, Community Interventions Section**

July 1995 to December 1996

**Community Intervention Specialist**

Division of Diabetes Translation  
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention  
and Health Promotion Centers for Disease Control  
Atlanta, Georgia 30333  
(770) 488-5014

September 1991 to July 1995

Served as co-project director of a large-scale, multi-year community-based research and demonstration project addressing diabetes and its associated risk factors and complications among African Americans (*Project DIRECT*); served as principal Division resource in designing community interventions to prevent primary risk factors for and secondary complications associated with diabetes; provides technical assistance in the development of community based intervention strategies and methods; participates in the design, implementation, and evaluation of community based interventions research; provided advice and training to division staff and CDC constituents on topics of community organization, community mobilization, and community intervention.

**Public Health Educator**

Public Health Educator  
Division of Chronic Disease Control and Community  
Intervention  
Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health  
Promotion  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 1600  
Clifton Road, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30333

September 1987 to September 1991

Planned and implemented community health promotion methods and materials designed to reduce the major chronic disease risk factors; provided leadership in the development and modification of interventions for under- served and culturally diverse populations; provided consultation and technical assistance in the national implementation of the Planned Approach to Community Health (PATCH) program; served as Project Officer for chronic disease prevention and control cooperative agreements funded by CDC; made presentations at local, State and national conferences and meetings in areas of community health promotion, minority health and health education; participated in the development of programmatic efforts, grant reviews and grants management.

### **Regional Health Educator**

Office of Management for Community Health Services  
Central Region - Virginia Department of Health  
5001 West Broad Street - 3rd Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23230

July 1985 - September 1987

Served as a member of the management team responsible for providing consultation and technical assistance to 29 local health departments in 7 health districts in the Central Region; reviewed and evaluated the performance of each health department related to the provision of health education programs and services, making recommendations; developed, coordinated and participated in staff development and in-service training programs related to health education; created opportunities for professional development and support among health educators in the Region; served on committees and advisory boards having a health education agenda.

### **Health Education Consultant**

December 1986 - September 1987

Fulfilled a contract with the Tri-County Medical Corporation - a Community Health Center serving 3 rural counties - to conduct a Community Diagnosis around teenage pregnancy, making recommendations for interventions, and coordinating the implementation of a comprehensive teenage pregnancy prevention program; developed and supervised a Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Internship for a medical student completing an 8 week rotation at the Community Health Center.

**Health Educator**

King William Community Health Services, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 133  
 Aylett, Virginia 23009

May 1983 - June 1985

Developed, implemented and evaluated health education programs for two medically underserved, health manpower shortage area rural counties; participated in the annual development of the service area needs assessment, health care plan and work plan for the Community Health Center; received 3 Awards of Excellence for Health Promotion Programs sponsored by King William Community Health Services.

**Associate Health Planner**

July 1982 - November 1982

Developed and implemented specific activities outlined December 1982 in the Annual Implementation Plan of the Health Systems Plan 1980-84; provided community outreach programs; wrote technical proposals and issue papers related to the delivery of health care and cost containment.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Penman-Aguilar, A., Bouye, K., **Liburd, L.** (2016) *Background and Rationale. Strategies for Reducing Health Disparities – Selected CDC-Sponsored Interventions, United States, 2016.* MMWR 2016;65: (Suppl 1): 2-3.

**Liburd, L.**, Bouye, K., and Penman-Aguilar, A. (2016) *Epilogue. Strategies for Reducing Health Disparities – Selected CDC-Sponsored Interventions, United States, 2016.* MMWR 2016;65: (Suppl 1): 68-69.

**Liburd, L.**, Ehlinger, E., Liao, Y., Lichtveld. (2016) *Strengthening the Science and Practice of Health Equity in Public Health.* J Public Health Management Practice, 22 (1 Supp), S1-S4.

Dicent-Taillepierre, J., **Liburd, L.**, O'Connor, A. et.al. (2016) *Toward Achieving Health Equity: Emerging Evidence and Program Practice.* J Public Health Management Practice, 22 (1 Supp), S43-S49.

**Liburd, L.** *Health Disparities*. Oxford Bibliographies in Public Health. Oxford University Press. August 31, 2015.

Jack, L., **Liburd, L.**, Tucker, P., and Cockrell, T. (2014). *Having their say: Patients' Perspectives and the Clinical Management of Diabetes*. *Clinical Therapeutics*, vol. 36(4):469-476.

Penman-Aguilar, A., Bouye, K., **Liburd, L.** (2014) *Background and Rationale. Strategies for Reducing Health Disparities – Selected CDC-Sponsored Interventions, United States, 2014*. *MMWR* 2014;63: (Suppl 1): 3-4.

**Liburd, L.**, Campbell, V.A., Bouye, K. (2014) *Epilogue. Strategies for Reducing Health Disparities – Selected CDC-Sponsored Interventions, United States, 2014*. *MMWR* 2014;63: (Suppl 1): 47-48.

**Liburd, L.**, Giles, H.W., Jack, L. *Health Equity: The Cornerstone of a Healthy Community*. *National Civic Review*, vol. 102(4), Winter 2013:52-54.

Howell, S., Tucker, P., **Liburd, L.** (2011). *Environmental and policy approaches to increasing physical activity: Improving access to places for physical activity and dissemination of information*. *Global Health Promotion*, vol. 18(1):43-46.

**Liburd, L.** (2011). Foreword: *REACH U.S. in Action: Inspiring Hope, Rewarding Courage*. *Family & Community Health*, vol. 34(15), supplement 1 (January-March 2011).

Liao, Y., Tucker, P., Siegel, P., **Liburd, L.**, Giles, W. *Decreasing disparity in cholesterol screening in minority communities--findings from the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health 2010*. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, 2010 Apr; 64(4):292-9. Epub 2009 Aug 6.

Fawcett, S., Abeykoon, P., Arora, M., Dobe, M., Gilliam-Galloway, L., **Liburd, L.**, Munodawafa, D. (2010). *Constructing an Action Agenda for Community Empowerment at the 7th Global Conference on Health Promotion in Nairobi*. *Global Health Promotion*, 1757-9759; vol 17(4): 52-56.

**Liburd, L.**, Sniezek, J. *Changing times: New possibilities for community health and well-being*. *Preventing Chronic Disease* 2007 July; 4(3):A73.

**Liburd, L.**, Namageyo-Funa A., Jack, L. *Understanding 'masculinity' and the challenges of managing type 2 diabetes among African American men.* Journal of the National Medical Association, 2007 May; vol. 99(5):550-558.

Jack L., Satterfield D., Rodriquez B., **Liburd L.**, Rivera M., Lester A., et al. Cultural sensitivity and diabetes education: Recommendations for diabetes educators. *Diabetes Educ.* 2007; 33(1): 41-44.

Griffin-Blake, C.S., Tucker, P., **Liburd, L.** *Mind over Matter: Exploring Job Stress among Female Blue Collar Workers.* J Women's Health 2006 Dec; 15(10):1105-10.

Airhihenbuwa, C., **Liburd, L.** *Eliminating health disparities in the African American population: the interface of culture, gender, and power.* Health Education and Behavior 2006 August 33(4):488-501.

Giles W., **Liburd, L.** *Reflections on the past, reaching for the future: REACH 2010 – the first 7 years.* Health Promotion Practice 2006 July; 7(3 Suppl):179S-80S.

**Liburd, L.**, Giles, W., Mensah, G. *Looking through a glass darkly: eliminating health disparities.* Preventing Chronic Disease 2006 July; 3(3):A72.

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**Liburd, L.** Jack, L. Williams, S., Tucker, P. *Intervening on the social determinants of cardiovascular disease and diabetes.* Amer Journal of Preventive Medicine 2005 Dec; 29(5 Suppl 1): 18-24.

Jack, L., **Liburd, L.**, Spencer, T., Airhihenbuwa, C. *Understanding the Environmental Issues in Diabetes Self-Management Education Research: A Re-examination of eight studies in community-based settings.* Annals of Internal Medicine, Ann Intern Med. 2004 Jun 1;140(11):964-71.

**Liburd, L.**, Namageyo-Funa, A., Jack, L., Gregg, E. *Views from within and beyond: Illness narratives of African-American men with type 2 diabetes.* Diabetes Spectrum. 2004; vol. 17(4):219-224.

**Liburd, L.** and Vinicor, F. *Rethinking diabetes prevention and control in racial and ethnic communities.* Journal of Public Health Management and Practice, November 2003 (Supplement).



**Liburd, L.** *Food, Identity, and African American Women with type 2 diabetes: An anthropological perspective.* Diabetes Spectrum, vol. 16 (3), Summer 2003.

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Goodman, Robert M., **Liburd, Leandris C.**, Green-Phillips, Angela. *The Formation of a Complex Community Program for Diabetes Control: Lessons Learned from a Case Study of Project DIRECT.* Journal of Public Health Management and Practice, vol. 7, No. 3, May 2001.

Jack, L. and **Liburd, L.** *Race, Ethnicity, and Diabetes Care: Where to from here?* The Diabetes Educator, vol. 26, No.1, January/February 2000.

Jack, L., **Liburd, L.**, Vinicor, F., Brody, G., McBride, V. *The Influence of the Environmental Context on Diabetes Education.* The Diabetes Educator, vol. 25, No. 5, September/October 1999.

**Liburd, L.**, Anderson, L., Edgar, T., Jack, L. *Body Size and Body Shape: Perceptions of Black Women with Diabetes.* The Diabetes Educator, vol. 25, No. 3, May/June 1999.

Burrus, B., **Liburd, L.**, Burroughs, A. *Maximizing Participation by Black Americans in Population-based Diabetes Research: The Project DIRECT Pilot Experience.* Journal of Community Health, vol. 23, No.1, February 1998.

Herman, W.H., Thompson, T.J., Visscher, W., Aubert R.E., Engelgau, M.M., **Liburd, L.**, Watson, D.J., Hartwell, T. *Diabetes mellitus and its complications in an African American Community: Project DIRECT.* Journal of the National Medical Association, vol. 90, No. 3, 1998.

Diaz-Kenney, R.V., **Liburd, L.C.**, Murphy, D.L., Vinicor, F. *The Hispanic/Latino Diabetes Initiative for Action.* International Diabetes Federation Bulletin, vol. 42, September 1997.

Reinli, K., Will, J., Thompson-Reid, P., **Liburd, L.**, Anderson, A. *Predicting Barriers to Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Among Black Women.* Journal of Women's Health, vol. 5 (1), 1996.

Bogan, G., Omar, A., Knobloch, R.S., **Liburd, L.**, O'Rourke, T. *Organizing An Urban African-American Community for Health Promotion: Lessons from Chicago.* The Journal of Health Education, April 1992.

Rivo, M., Gray, K., Whitaker, M., Coward, R., **Liburd, L.**, Timoll, M., Curry, C., Tuckson, R. *Implementing PATCH in Public Housing Communities: The District of Columbia Experience.* The Journal of Health Education, April 1992.

**Liburd, Leandris C.** and Bowie, Janice V. "Intentional Teenage Pregnancy: A Community Diagnosis and Action Plan," Health Education, Special Issue, December 1989.

### **Book Chapters**

Giles, W., **Liburd, L.** Health Equity and Social Justice. In Prevention is Primary: Strategies for Community Well Being. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Eds: Larry Cohen, Vivian Chavez, Sana Chehimi. John Wiley & Sons Publishers, 2010.

Jones, H., **Liburd, L.** Reversing the tide of type 2 diabetes among African Americans: The role of interdisciplinary research. In Interdisciplinary urban health research and practice. Eds. S. Saegert & N. Freudenberg. New York: Jossey Bass Publishers, 2009; 271-292.

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### **Books**

**Liburd, L.** Diabetes and Health Disparities: Community-based approaches for racial and ethnic populations. New York: Springer Publishing Company, 2010.

### **Educational/Instructional Manuals**

***Promoting Healthy Lifestyles in Inner-City Minority Communities.*** (1996) Developed in collaboration with the Division of Chronic Disease Control and Community Intervention, National Center for Chronic Disease Control and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

***Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity: Guidelines for Health Educators.*** (1994) Developed in collaboration with the Association for the Advancement of Health Education.

***The Prevention of Youth Violence. A Framework for Community Action.*** (1993)  
Developed in collaboration with the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control and the Office of the Assistant Director for Minority Health of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

***High Blood Pressure Survival Manual for African Americans.*** (1991) Developed in collaboration with Meharry Medical College.

## **EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES**

Guest Editor – Journal of Public Health Management and Practice, Supplement on Health Equity, January/February 2016, volume 22 (Number 1)

Blogger, *Conversations in Equity*. <http://blogs.cdc.gov/>  
2012 – Present

Featured Author and BDO Expert, <http://blackdoctor.org/>  
2012 – 2016

Editorial Board – 2005 – present  
Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education,  
and Action. The Johns Hopkins University Press.

Editorial Board – 2011 – 2013  
Health Promotion Practice

Guest Editorial Board – Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research,  
Education, and Action. The Johns Hopkins University Press. Special Issue on the Racial  
and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) program. (2011).

Guest Editor – Preventing Chronic Disease, Volume 4, Number 3, July 2007.

Guest Editorial Board – Health Education & Behavior. Special Issue: Eliminating Racial  
and Ethnic Health Disparities – Framing a health education research agenda, August  
2006.

Guest Editor – Preventing Chronic Disease, Volume 3, Number 3, July 2006.

Reviewer – Patient Education and Counseling

Reviewer – Preventing Chronic Disease E-journal

Reviewer – Medical Anthropology: Cross-cultural Studies in Health and Illness

Reviewer – Ethnicity and Health Journal

Reviewer – Social Science and Medicine

### **CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS AND TESTIMONIES**

Congressional Briefing: *Advancing Health Equity & Optimal Health for All*; Sponsored by Senator Al Franken (D-MN), Co-sponsored by the House Bipartisan Congressional Public Health Caucus; Capitol Hill, June 14, 2016

Congressional Briefing: *Federal Offices of Minority Health – An Overview*; Sponsored by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce; Capitol Hill, December 8, 2016.

### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

[Panelist] Town Hall Meeting: Waiting for Health Equity. Southern Obesity Summit. Atlanta, GA. October 1, 2017.

[Panelist] ASTHO 2017 Policy Summit. Leader to Leader Executive Roundtable Sessions. Health Equity and Health Disparities. Washington, DC. September 19, 2017.

[Keynote Speaker] “Federal Initiatives Addressing the Social Determinants of Health.” United Way International 2-1-1 Leadership Summit. Orlando, FL. May 9, 2017.

[Panelist] “Health Equity and the Right to Health: Two Sides of the Same Coin?” Panel – Health and Human Rights in the U.S.: Violations, Representations, and Action. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. November 18, 2016.

[Plenary Speaker] “Reducing health disparities and advancing health equity: Challenges & Opportunities in a changing health and health care environment.” University of Missouri, Center for Health Policy. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Health Policy Summit. The Future of Health Care. October 28, 2016.

[Opening Plenary Speaker] “Challenges and Opportunities in Eliminating Health Disparities: Making our Way Forward.” 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Advocacy Summit. Society for Public Health Education. Washington, DC. October 15, 2016.

[Plenary Speaker] “The Value of Community Engagement in Health Research.” Precision Medicine Initiative Cohort Consortium Program. Community Partners Workshop. Bethesda, MD. September 26, 2016.

[Plenary Speaker] “Cultivating the Science and Practice of Health Equity at CDC.” NACCHO Annual Conference. Cultivating a Culture of Health Equity. Phoenix, AZ. July 19, 2016.

“Towards a Health Equity Framework: Four Foundational Elements.” 22<sup>nd</sup> IUHPE World Conference on Health Promotion. Curitiba, Brazil. May 23, 2016.

[Opening Keynote Speaker] “Fundamentals of Health Equity and Future Opportunities for Cancer Research.” International Cancer Research Partnership Day of Science. American Cancer Society. Atlanta, GA. April 27, 2016.

[Keynote Speaker] “Staying the Course: Promoting Black and Minority Health in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1985 Secretary’s Task Force Report on Black & Minority Health. 2015 Minority Health Conference. Nebraska Office of Health Disparities & Health Equity. Kearney, NE. July 14, 2015.

[Keynote Speaker] “Health Equity Perspectives from CDC’s Office of Minority Health and Health Equity.” Health Equity and the post-2015 Agenda. Sustainable Development and Health Equity in the Americas. World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization. Washington, D.C. June 16, 2015.

[Plenary Speaker] “From health disparities to health equity: Old challenges, new opportunities.” 2015 Minority Health Month Summit – National Negro Health Week to National Minority Health Month: 100 Years of Moving Public Health Forward. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in collaboration with Tuskegee University and Morehouse School of Medicine. April 17, 2015.

[Keynote Speaker] “Health Disparities in the U.S.” 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Health Disparities Conference. Eliminating Health Disparities: Pathways to Affordable Healthcare. Jackson State University. Jackson, MS., October 2012.

[Plenary Speaker] “Health Equity and the Elimination of Cardiovascular Disease Disparities.” National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., October 2012.

[Plenary Speaker] “Social Determinants that inform Community Engaged Research Outcomes.” National NIH Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Community Engagement Conference. Washington, D.C. August 2012.

[Keynote Speaker] “Health Disparities in the U.S.: Challenges and Opportunities.” R. Frank Jones Urologic Society of the National Medical Association. Spring meeting held in conjunction with the American Urologic Society. Atlanta, GA. May 20, 2012.

[Keynote Speaker] “Prevention and its role in Addressing Health Disparities.” Public Health Week Keynote Presentation. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte. April 2012.

[Plenary Speaker] “Communities as Catalysts for Improving Health Outcomes.” Fourth Annual Health Disparities Institute. Caribbean Exploratory NIMHD Research Center. St. Thomas, V.I. October 2011.

[Plenary Speaker] “Community-based Participatory Research and the National Stakeholder Strategy for Achieving Health Equity: What difference does it make?” Region IV Quest for Excellence Research Integrity Conference. Nashville, TN. September 2011.

[Keynote Speaker] “Achieving Health Equity: Challenges, Opportunities, and Action.” 12<sup>th</sup> Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI) International Symposium on Health Disparities. December 2010.

“Addressing poverty, housing, and displacement in a developed nation: Global Implications.” World Conference on Health Promotion. International Union for Health Promotion and Education. Geneva, Switzerland. August 2010.

[Keynote Speaker] “A World Free of Health Disparities: The REACH U.S. Vision.” Bronx Health REACH conference. NY, NY. June 2010.

“More of her to love: African American women, marriage, and obesity.” Connecting Marriage Research to Practice Conference: Preparing Resilient Families for the New Decade. (The Administration for Children and Families. African American Healthy Marriage Initiative.) Hampton University, Hampton, VA, June 2010.

“Diabetes and Health Disparities: Community-based approaches for racial and ethnic populations.” University of South Florida, Department of Anthropology, Trevor W. Purcell Memorial Speaker Series. Tampa, FL, March 17, 2010.

“Marriage, Obesity, and Chronic Conditions.” DISCUSSANT. The Social Determinants of Health: A Discussion of the Relationship between Marriage and Health Outcomes in African American Communities. Washington, D.C. March 2010.

“Cultural Competence in Health Promotion.” Paul Ambrose Scholars Program. Association for Prevention Teaching and Research. Washington, D.C. June 2008.

“You all do all of this research, but we never get any better: Why the imperative for community engagement in clinical and translational research?” Group on Research Advancement and Development (GRAND), Association of American Medical Colleges. Washington, D.C. April 2008.

“Taking it to the Streets: The imperative of community engagement in public health, clinical practice, and research.” Association of American Medical Colleges. Washington, D.C. November 2007.

“Eliminating Health Disparities in Communities of Color: Lessons from REACH 2010.” Do you know the people in your neighborhood? The Science of Diverse Community Contexts. Center for Human Development and Family Research in Diverse Contexts. The Pennsylvania State University. University Park, PA. April 2007.

[Plenary Speaker] “Reframing the discourse of diabetes prevention and control from personal choice to structured opportunity.” Diabetes Policy for NYC: Comprehensive Approaches to Prevention and Management Forum. Hunter College, New York City, January 2007.

[Keynote Speaker] “Bi-cultural Bodies.” Black History Month lecture. Mount Holyoke College. South Hadley, MA. February 2007.

“The meanings of community: Synthesis, lingering challenges, and missed opportunities.” American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 2006.

“Breaking the Silence, Bridging the Gap: Health Literacy in Community Context.” 9<sup>th</sup> European Health Forum at Gastein, Bad Hofgastein, Austria, October 2006.

“Eating as Ritual among African Americans: The Role of Food in the Social Construction of Black Body Forms, Sociality, and Community.” American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, November 2002.

Panelist, “The Intersection of Race and Gender in Africa and the Diaspora.” Association of Black Anthropologists, International Conference, Dialogues on the Diaspora: Blackness in a Globalized World, Panama City, Panama. June 2002.

“The Cultural and Moral Shaping of Body Size Among College-educated African American Women.” Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. March 2002.

“Social and Cultural Influences on Obesity: Perspectives from Diabetes.” SOPHE Midyear Scientific Session. Minneapolis, Minnesota. June 1999.

“Evaluation of Health Programs.” Diabetes in Native Americans National Conference. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. June 1998.

“Modifying the Incidence of Diabetes: Community Intervention Strategies.” American College of Sports Medicine, Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter Annual Meeting, November 1995.

“Maximizing Community Involvement in Diabetes Prevention and Control: The Experience with Project DIRECT.” CDC Diabetes Translation Conference, November 1993.

“Community-based Public Health Approaches for the Prevention and Control of Diabetes: Project DIRECT.” American Public Health Association, 121st Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. October 1993.

“Establishing Working Partnerships with the Black Church: The PATCH Experience.” American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance National Convention, Washington, D.C., March 1993.

“The Role of Social Factors in Community-based Health Promotion Programming: An African American Perspective.” National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, 4th National Forum on Cardiovascular Health, Pulmonary Disorders, and Blood Resources. Washington, D.C., June 1992.



Cardiovascular Risk Reduction in African American Communities." American College of Epidemiology, 10th Annual Scientific Meeting, Workshop on Closing the Gap through Community Interventions, Atlanta, GA., November 1991.

"The Role of Community Diagnosis in Effective Intervention Planning." Alabama Council on Adolescent Pregnancy, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, April, 1991.

"Special Considerations for Community Intervention Programs Targeting the Black Population." Conference on Hypertension and Elevated Cholesterol: Strategies for Prevention and Control in the Black Population, New York, New York, May 1989.

"Community Diagnosis as a Health Education Strategy for Mobilizing Rural Cross-Cultural Communities." XIII World Conference on Health Education, Houston, Texas, August 1988.

"PATCH: A Planning Option for the Prevention of AIDS and HIV Infection in Minority Communities?" National Conference on the Prevention of HIV Infection and AIDS among Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the United States, Washington, D.C., August 1988.

## **GUEST LECTURES AT ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS**

[Keynote Speaker] Georgia State University, School of Public Health. Exhibit Opening – Health is a Human Right: Race and Place in America. August 31, 2017. [Original exhibit was curated by the CDC Sencer Museum in commemoration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CDC Office of Minority Health and Health Equity.]

[Keynote Speaker] Jackson State University, Jackson, MS. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Eliminating Health Disparities. “Federal Initiatives and the Foundation for Health Equity.” October 7, 2016.

[Keynote Speaker] University of Michigan, School of Public Health, Ann Arbor, MI. Future Public Health Leaders Graduation Ceremony. “You have everything you need to be successful.” July 30, 2015.

[Keynote Speaker] Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA. 2015 Minority Health Month Program. “Sick and tired of being sick and tired (Fannie Lou Hamer, 1964): Creating Pathways to Health Equity.” April 22, 2015.

[Keynote Speaker] Duke University, School of Medicine, Durham, N.C. Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet. "Toward a healthcare manifest destiny: Expanding the boundaries of medicine to reduce health disparities." January 31, 2015.

Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama. George Washington Carver Lecture Series. "Educating the Public: CDC's Health and Nutrition Initiatives." October 30, 2014.

Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA. Health Disparities Research Seminar Series 2014. "CDC Health Disparities and Inequalities Report – United States, 2013." March 18, 2014.

Columbia University Medical Center, New York, New York. Diversity Grand Rounds - Inaugural Speaker. "Critical Perspectives on Achieving Health Equity through Public Health." February 24, 2014.

Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Victor Schoenbach Guest Keynote Lecture. "Federal Initiatives and the Foundation for Health Equity." February 2013.

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA. "Community-based public health in diverse communities: Keys to Success." Upper division undergraduate course in Communication and Diversity, Fall 2006 and Spring 2007.

Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. "Bi-cultural bodies: Professional African American women and the obesity epidemic." Graduate seminar on women's health issues, Fall 2006 and Fall 2007.

Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. "Beyond the Individual: Chronic disease risk and management in social and cultural context." Graduate seminar, Spring 2006.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Co-Instructor. ANT 385** The Medical Anthropology of the Obesity "Epidemic." Emory University. Spring 2006.

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education** – Adjunct Associate Professor

**Emory University, Department of Anthropology** – Adjunct Lecturer, February 2007 – present

**Morehouse School of Medicine** – Adjunct Clinical Instructor, 1999-2006

## HONORS THESIS AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Keitra L. Thompson (Graduated 2013). [Honors Thesis] “It just ain’t like it used to be”: The Relationship of Food, Culture, and Metabolic Disease in African American Senior Citizens of the South. Department of Anthropology, Emory University.

Jennifer Sweeney Tookes (Graduated 2013). [Dissertation] Rice and Peas in the Diaspora: Food, Health and the Body among Barbadian Migrants in Atlanta. Department of Anthropology, Emory University.

Brittany R. Millner (Graduated 2011). [Honors Thesis] Detangling the Impact of Social Class, Race, and Culture on the Health Attitudes, Beliefs, and Behaviors of College Educated African American Women. Department of Anthropology, Emory University.

Jessica Young (Graduated 2015). [Dissertation Committee Member, Non-Voting] Working Title –“Development and Implementation of State Offices of Minority Health” Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health.

## AWARDS

### **John Ruffin Award of Excellence in Minority Health and Health Disparities.**

Awarded by the Center of Excellence in Minority Health and Health Disparities, Jackson State University. For exceptional leadership and service to eliminating health disparities across the nation. October 7, 2016.

**Top Blacks in Healthcare 2014.** Awarded by BlackDoctor.org and the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In recognition of outstanding and noteworthy achievement in the healthcare field. April 2014.

**Distinguished Service and Leadership Award.** Awarded by the REACH National Coalition in recognition of service and leadership to the REACH program, May 4, 2010.

**Graduate Student Paper – 1<sup>st</sup> prize.** Graduate Symposium – Department of Anthropology, Emory University, Spring 2006.

**Excellence in Collaboration Award.** Awarded by the Division of Diabetes Translation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in recognition of the development of key partnerships locally, nationally, and internationally in the prevention and control of diabetes, May 7, 2002.

**Program Operations Management Award.** Awarded by the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for leadership in Project DIRECT, a community diabetes demonstration project addressing diabetes among African Americans, May 1994 and May 1995.

**The Director's Award.** Awarded by Marjorie Speers, Ph.D., Director, Division of Chronic Disease Control and Community Intervention, Centers for Disease Control, May 1992 for coordinating the Special Issue of *The Journal of Health Education* on **PATCH**, April 1992.

**Research-Operational Group Honor Award.** Awarded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for producing *The Prevention of Youth Violence: A Framework for Community Action*, June, 1993.

**Service to the Public Award.** Awarded by the Centers for Disease Control, 1991.

**Outstanding Community Service Award.** Awarded by Humboldt, Tennessee PATCH Program, 1990.

**The National Association of Community Health Centers Award for Excellence in Health Promotion for:**

*“Living at Your Best after 60...”* - A health promotion program for older adults. 1986.

*Project S.M.A.R.T.! (Safety Means a Restrained Tot!)* - A car safety seat rental and loaner program. 1985.

*A Church-based Blood Pressure Control Program for Black Churches in King and Queen County, Virginia.* 1985.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

The American Anthropological Association

The Association of Black Anthropologists

The Society for Public Health Education