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EDUCATION

B.A.	1997	Sociology, Georgia State University Minor: Psychology
M.A.	2000	Sociology, Georgia State University.
Ph.D.	2006	Sociology, Georgia State University.

Dissertation: “Salvaging Children’s Lives: Understanding the Experiences of Black Aunts Who Serve as Kinship Care Providers within Black Families.”

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology Georgia State University	2000-2006
Visiting Instructor Georgia State University	2006-2007
Assistant Professor Western Illinois University	2007-2008
Inclusive Excellence Post-Doctoral Fellow Santa Clara University	2008-present

COURSES TAUGHT

Introductory Sociology
Introduction to Social Problems
Families and Society
Sexuality and Society
Race and Ethnic Relations
Gender and Society
Minority Peoples
Social Research Methods II
Introduction to Human Services
Quantitative Methods and Applied Statistics

AREAS OF INTEREST

Family, Race and Ethnic Relations, Race, Class, and Gender, Sexual and Intimate Violence

PUBLICATIONS

Burgess, E. O., D. Donnelly, J. Dillard, and R. Davis. (2001) "Surfing for Sex: Studying Involuntary Celibacy Using the Internet." *Sexuality and Culture*, 5: 5-29.

Donnelly, D., E. O. Burgess, S. Anderson, R. Davis, and J. Dillard. (2001) "Involuntary Celibacy: A Life Course Analysis." *Journal of Sex Research*, 38:159-169.

Reprinted in: Chibucos, T. R. & R. W. Leite. (Eds.) (2005) *Readings in Family Theory*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Stompler, M., D. Baunach, E. Burgess, D. Donnelly, and W. Simonds. (Eds.) (2004) *Sex Matters: The Sexuality and Society Reader*. New York: Allyn and Bacon.

PRESENTATIONS

"The Impact of Salvaging Children's Lives on Relationships between Biological Parents and Relatives Who Serve as Kinship Care Providers." Association of Black Sociologists, June 2009, New Orleans.

"Organizing a Successful Academic Job Search: Getting a Position Even in Tough Economic Times." Panelist, Association of Black Sociologists, June 2009, New Orleans.

"The Need For Interdisciplinary Research at the Undergraduate Level in the Search for Social Justice." Undergraduate Science and Engineering Symposium, May 2009, Santa Clara University.

"The Loss of the Black Helping Tradition within Families." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 2008, Richmond, VA.

"Auntie Will Fix It': Defining the Role of Aunt within Black Families." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 2008, St. Louis, MO.

"Salvaging Children's Lives: Becoming Mama." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 2007. Atlanta, GA.

“Salvaging Children’s Lives: Understanding the Experiences of Black Aunts Who Serve as Kinship Care Providers within Black Families.” Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting, August 2006. Montreal, Canada.

“Representations of Black Families in *Ebony*, 1972-2002.” Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting, August 2004, San Francisco, CA.

“A Historical Examination of Black Families in Popular Culture: A Content Analysis of Cartoons in *Ebony* Magazine.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 2004. Atlanta, GA.

“Sexuality Derailed: A Life Course Analysis of Involuntary Celibacy.” With D. Donnelly, E. O. Burgess, S. Anderson, and J. Dillard. Society for the Scientific Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 2000. Washington, D.C.

“Involuntary Celibacy: Comparisons and Contrasts Between Virgins, Single Celibates and Marrieds.” With E. O. Burgess, D. Donnelly, J. Dillard, and S. Anderson. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 2000. New Orleans, LA.

“Understanding Mate Selection among Gays and Lesbians: A Content Analysis of Heterosexual and Gay and Lesbian Personal Ads.” Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Annual Meeting, November 2000. Orlando, FL.

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| 2009 | Faculty-Student Assistant Research. Santa Clara University. \$1000. |
| 2004 | Dissertation Grant. Georgia State University. \$1000. |
| 2004 | Jacqueline Boles Graduate Teaching Award. Department of Sociology, Georgia State University |
| 1999 | Faculty Scholarship Plaque, Georgia State University. |
| 1997 | Sociology Honors Award. Department of Sociology, Georgia State University. |
| 1997 | Graduated Magna Cum Laude, Georgia State University. Summer, |
| 1995 | Jessie Garren Memorial Sociology Award. Department of Sociology, Georgia State University |

REFERENCES

