

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

- 2003      Ph.D.      Sociology (with a minor in African Studies)  
Indiana University, Bloomington  
**Dissertation:** "HIV/AIDS in Kenya and the Health Belief Model".
- 1994      M.A.      Sociology  
University of Nairobi, Kenya
- 1990      B.A.      Sociology, First Class Honors (US equivalent of summa cum laude)  
University of Nairobi, Kenya

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Medical Sociology; Health Disparities; HIV/AIDS; Mental Health; Sociology of Aging; Sociology of Death and Dying; Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

### WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Since Aug 24 Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Women Studies, University of South Carolina Upstate
- Courses Taught:** Sociological Theory; Medical Sociology; Sociology of Mental Health and Illness; Sociology of Death & Dying; Sociology of Aging; Sociology of Religion; Introduction to Sociology; Sociology Senior Seminar (with special focus on Careers in Sociology; Women's Health; Global Inequalities; HPV and Cervical Cancer among Women; Health Disparities); Independent Study.
- 2018-Aug 24 Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Women Studies, University of South Carolina Upstate
- Courses Taught:** Sociological Theory; Medical Sociology; Sociology of Mental Health and Illness; Sociology of Death & Dying; Sociology of Aging; Sociology of Religion; Introduction to Sociology; Sociology Senior Seminar (with special focus on Careers in Sociology; Women's Health; Global Inequalities; HPV and Cervical Cancer among Women; Health Disparities); Independent Study.
- 2007-2018 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Women Studies, University of South Carolina Upstate
- Courses Taught:** Medical Sociology; Sociology of Mental Health and Illness; Sociology of Death & Dying; HIV/AIDS and Society; Sociology of Aging; Social Gerontology; Sociology of Religion; Introduction to Sociology; Race and Ethnic Relations; Cultural Anthropology; Global Inequality; Senior Seminar (with special focus on Health Disparities; Women's Health; Global Inequalities; HPV and Cervical Cancer among Women); Independent Study.

- 2003-2007 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Loras College.  
**Courses Taught:** Medical Sociology; Sociology of Health, Healing, and Illness; Social Gerontology; Sociology of Aging; Cultural Anthropology; Global Inequality; Democracy and Global Diversity; Sociological Theory; Introduction to Sociology.
- 2001-2003 Sociology Instructor, Department of Sociology, Loras College.  
**Courses Taught:** Medical Sociology; Social Gerontology; Cultural Anthropology; Sociological Theory; Introduction to Sociology.

### PUBLICATIONS (\*Student co-author):

#### Book, Book Chapters & Peer Reviewed Articles:

- Odhiambo, Calvin** and \*Shimia Hunter. (2023). “Breast Cancer Knowledge among Students at a State Comprehensive University.” *Teacher-Scholar: The Journal of the State Comprehensive University* 12(1):1-22
- Odhiambo, Calvin.** (2022). “Inquiry-Based Fieldwork as Pedagogy for Exploring the World of Gendered Toys and Children’s Clothes.” Ch. 25 In *Pedagogy – Challenges, Recent Advances, New Perspectives, and Applications*, edited by H. Senol. doi 10.5772/intechopen.94627
- Odhiambo, Calvin.** (2020). “Drawing to Learn: Using Visualization as Pedagogy for Exploring the Social World.” *College Teaching*. Vol 68(3):138-149
- Odhiambo, Calvin,** \*Jessica Davis, and Bernard Omolo (2017). “Risk for Cardiovascular Disease in Blacks with HIV/AIDS in America: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis.” *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice* 10(2):121-141
- Odhiambo, Calvin** (2012). “The Name Game: Using Insults to Illustrate the Social Construction of Gender.” *College Teaching*. Vol. 60 (1):25-30
- \*Zeng, Jinwen, **Calvin Odhiambo,** and David Marlow (2012). “Abusive Language in Chinese and English.” *Cross-Cultural Studies*. Vol. 28:141-161
- Odhiambo, Calvin** (2012). “HIV/AIDS and Women in Africa.” *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science*. Vol. 2(2):178-191
- Odhiambo, Calvin.** (2010). *Theory-driven HIV/AIDS Prevention Programs: Problems with the Application of Foreign Solutions to Local Problems*. Lambert Academic Publishing. ISBN-13: 978-3-8383-9670-5
- Odhiambo, Calvin** (2010). “Cardiovascular Disease Implications of HIV Treatment.” *Ethnicity & Disease*, 20(4): S3-10.

#### USC Upstate Undergraduate Research Journal:

- \*Hunter, Shimia and **Calvin Odhiambo** (2020). “Breast Cancer Knowledge among University Students.” *USC Upstate Student Research Journal* Vol 13:11-20
- \*Davis, Jessica, **Calvin Odhiambo,** and Bernard Omolo (2015). “Risk for Cardiovascular Disease in Blacks with HIV/AIDS in America: A Systematic Review of the Literature.” *USC Upstate Student Research Journal*, Vol 8:43-53
- \*Ward, Kelsey and **Calvin Odhiambo** (2014). “Factors Influencing a Woman’s Decision to Receive Medical Treatment for Infertility.” *USC Upstate Student Research Journal* Vol 7:63-69
- \*Enabore, Jan Andre and **Calvin Odhiambo** (2011). Your Faith has Made You Well: An Examination Of the Relationship Between Religion and Medicine. *USC Upstate Undergraduate Research Journal*. Vol. 4: 23-28

**Odhiambo, Calvin (2011).** “Racial Disparities in the Risks for Cardiovascular Disease in the HIV Population.” *7<sup>th</sup> Annual SC Upstate Research Symposium*. April 15, p 41-43.

**Other Publications:**

King, Colby, **Calvin Odhiambo**, and Lizabeth Zack (2024). “Community Development Studies in Sociology, and What Sociology Offers Students.” *Everyday Sociology Blog*.

King, Colby, Kamil Luczaj, and **Calvin Odhiambo (2022)**. “Class and Geographic Mobility in Academia: Global Perspectives on Class Cultural Mismatch and Linguistic Imperialism in Higher Education.” *Everyday Sociology Blog*.

**Odhiambo, Calvin (2020)**. “The Gendered Impact of Covid-19: A Case of New York City.” *Virtual International Academic Conference, Pristina, Republic of Kosovo*. September 5, p 19.

**Odhiambo, Calvin (2003)**. “HIV/AIDS in Kenya and the Health Belief Model.” Indiana University ProQuest Dissertations Publishing

**Work in Progress:**

**Odhiambo, Calvin**, “Assessing Undergraduate Students’ Awareness of, and Engagement with, University Mental Health Services and Programs: A Case Study.”

**Odhiambo, Calvin**, “Gender Disparity in Covid19 Severity in the United States.”

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**Conference Presentations**

2024 "Race/Ethnic Differences in Reasons for Majoring in Sociology." Paper presented at the *Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium*, Newberry, SC. Apr 19.

2020 "The Gendered Impact of Covid-19 in the United States." Paper presented at the *Virtual International Academic Conference*, Pristina, Kosovo. Sept 5.

2019 "Risk Factors Associated with Depression among University Students." Paper presented at the *International Conference on Medical & Health Science* in Nairobi, Kenya. Dec. 10.

2015 "Socio-psychological Factors Associated with Gender Disparities in HIV/AIDS in Kenya." Paper presented at the *International Conference on Arts, Education, and Social Science* in Nairobi, Kenya. Dec 30

2015 "Risk for Cardiovascular Disease in Blacks with HIV/AIDS in America: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis." Paper presented at the *Association for Applied & Clinical Sociology* conference in Montgomery with Bernard Omolo. Oct 8-10

2012 “Drawing to Learn: Using Visualization as Pedagogy for Understanding the Social World.” Paper presented at the *18th Annual Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching*. Kennesaw State University, Georgia. Feb 3.

2011 “Racial Disparities in the Risks for Cardiovascular Disease in the HIV Population.” Paper presented at the *7<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium*. USC Upstate. Spartanburg, SC. Apr 15.

2011 “Drawing Pictures and Conclusions: An Examination of why Black College Students view White Children, as opposed to Black Children, as Pretty.” **Paper** presented at the *South Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Charleston Southern University. Feb 11.

2010 “Cardiovascular Disease Implications of HIV Treatment.” A poster presentation at the *25<sup>th</sup> Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference on Hypertension and Related Risk*

- Factors in Ethnic Populations*, organized by the International Society on Hypertension in Blacks (ISHIB). Washington, DC. Jul
- 2010 “HIV/AIDS and the Physical Environment: Environmental Conservation as an HIV/AIDS Campaign.” Paper presented at the *South Carolina Sociological Association Conference*. Claflin University, South Carolina. Feb 19
- 2009 “Risks for Cardiovascular Disease in African Americans who are HIV Positive.” Paper presented at the *United States Conference on AIDS*. San Francisco, CA. October 30.
- 2009 “Derogatory Terms in Class: Simulating the Social Construction of Gender.” A poster presentation at the *16th Annual Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching*. Kennesaw State University, Georgia. Feb

**Mentored & Supervised Student Presentations (\*Student presenter)**

- 2024 "Factors Influencing the Post-Graduation Plans of Sociology Majors." Mentored Paper presented at the *Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium* by \*Audrey Colin, Sociology Senior. Newberry College, SC. April 19
- 2024 "Gender Differences in Reasons for Majoring in Sociology and How it Affects the Gender Composition of Sociology." Mentored Paper presented at the *Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium* by \*Sandy Ortiz-Cubides, Sociology Senior. Newberry College, SC. April 19
- 2024 "Health Consequences of Racial Disparity in Access to Abortion" Mentored Paper presented at the *20<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium* by \*Lacy Frye, Sociology Major. USC Upstate. April 12. **WINNER OF BEST STUDENT PRESENTATION**
- 2024 "Health Consequences of Racial Disparity in Access to Abortion: A Systematic Review." Mentored Poster presented at *Discover USC* by \*Lacy Frye, Sociology Major. USC Columbia, SC. April 19.
- 2022 "Racial Inequality in AP and Honors Programs in the U.S. Education System." Mentored Paper presented at the *18<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium* by \*Elissya Simone Laurent, Sociology Major. USC Upstate. April 8. **WINNER OF BEST STUDENT PRESENTATION**
- 2019 "Breast Cancer Knowledge among Undergraduate University Students." Mentored Poster presented at the *12<sup>th</sup> Annual James E. Clyburn Health Disparities Lecture* by \*Shimia Hunter, Sociology Major at the Columbia Convention Center, Columbia, SC. April 23.
- 2019 "Pollution on the Rise: Inequalities in Exposure to Environmental Chemical Pollution in the United States." Mentored Paper presented at the *15<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium* by \*Shimia Hunter, Sociology Major. USC Upstate. April 12. **WINNER OF BEST STUDENT PRESENTATION IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES**
- 2017 "Examining Racial Disparities in the Knowledge and Attitudes Associated with Cervical Cancer and HPV among Undergraduate Students at the University of South Carolina Upstate." Paper presented at the *13<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium* by \*Mikhaela Kelson, Sociology Major. USC Upstate. April 14
- 2017 "Breast Cancer Knowledge among Undergraduate University Students." Paper presented at the *2017 Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium (CUSS)* in collaboration with \*Shimia Hunter, USC Upstate Student Research Assistant and Interdisciplinary Studies Junior. Francis Marion University. April 7. **WINNER OF BEST STUDENT PAPER**

- 2016 "Racial Disparities in Breast Cancer Knowledge among Female University Students." Conference paper presented at the *12<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium* with \*Shimia Hunter, Interdisciplinary Studies Sophomore. USC Upstate. April 8.
- 2015 "Risk for Cardiovascular Disease in Blacks with HIV/AIDS in America: A Systematic Review of the Literature." Conference paper presented at the *11<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium* in collaboration with \*Davis, Jessica, USC Upstate Criminal Justice Senior and Omolo, Bernard, Professor of Math and Computer Science. USC Upstate. Spartanburg, SC. April 17.
- 2014 "Factors Influencing a Woman's Decision to Receive Medical Treatment for Infertility." A poster presented at the *10<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium* by \*Kelsey Ward, Sociology Senior. USC Upstate. April 18
- 2014 "Evaluating Sex Differences in Migraines." A poster presented at the *10<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium* by \*Katherine E. Kay, Sociology Senior. USC Upstate. April 18
- 2014 "Why Black Women Have Higher Mortality Rates for Breast Cancer Compared to White Women." poster presented at the *10<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium* by \*Karmen Gaffney, Sociology Senior. USC Upstate. April 18
- 2013 "HIV/AIDS Prevalence among the Hispanic Community in Spartanburg, SC." A paper presented at the *9<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium* by \*Brittany Henry, Interdisciplinary Studies Major. USC Upstate. April 19
- 2012 "Douche Bags and Worn Shoes: Gender Differences in the Use of Objects in Insults in English and Chinese." Conference paper presented at the *5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Intercultural Pragmatics* in collaboration with \*Jinwen Zeng, Fine Arts and Communication Senior and Dr. David Marlow. University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC. October 19-21
- 2012 "Sexism in Cursing Words of Mandarin." A paper presented at the *8<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium* in collaboration with \*Jinwen Zeng, Fine Arts and Communications Senior and Dr. David Marlow. USC Upstate. April 20. **WINNER OF BEST STUDENT PAPER AND BEST STUDENT PRESENTATION IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES**
- 2012 "Comparison of Gender and Abusive Language in Chinese and English." A paper presented at the *79<sup>th</sup> Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL)* University of Kentucky. In collaboration with \*Jinwen Zeng, Fine Arts and Communications Senior and Dr. David Marlow. April 13
- 2012 "The Effect of Economic Growth on Malnutrition in Developing Countries." A paper presented at the *30<sup>th</sup> Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium* in Emory University by \*Amanda Jett, Sociology Senior. February 25.
- 2011 "Your Faith has Made You Well: An Examination of the Conflict between the State and Faith Healing." A paper presented at the *7<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium* by \*Jan Andre Enabore, Honors Student Research Assistant. USC Upstate. Spartanburg, SC. April 15.

#### Awards and Grants:

- 2024 **Research Initiative for Summer Engagement (RISE) Award** – Amount: \$6,000. "Social Epidemiology of Racial Disparities in Adverse Maternal Outcomes in the United States: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis." Spring.

- 2023 **USC Office of the Vice President for Research** – Magellan Mentor Award (\$3000) – for project “*Health Consequences of Racial Disparity in Access to Abortion: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis*” with Lacy Frye (Sociology Senior)
- 2021 **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development** – Grant Amount: \$2500. “*Male-Female Disparity in Covid-19 Severity in the United States.*” Faculty Course Reallocation Grant. Spring
- 2020 **Awarded Sabbatical: Project 1:** “The Global War on Drugs and Global Health Disparities.”  
**Project 2:** Developing a new Course, “Careers in Sociology.”
- 2020 **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development** – “*The Cost and Benefit of Self-Quarantine and Self-Isolation as non-Pharmaceutical Measures for Mitigating the Spread of a Pandemic Infection.*” Faculty Course Reallocation Grant - **Unfunded.**
- 2019 **USC Upstate TAPS Grant** – Grant amount: \$2550. “*Risk Factors Associated with Depression among University Students.*” Travel grant to present paper at the International Conference on Medical & Health Science in Nairobi, Kenya.
- 2018 **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development** – “*Racial Disparities in Maternal Mortality in the U.S.*” Faculty Course Reallocation Grant - **Unfunded.**
- 2017 **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development** – Grant Amount: \$2500. “*Racial Disparities in HPV-Related Knowledge and Behavior among College Students.*” Faculty Course Reallocation Grant. Fall
- 2017 **Research Initiative for Summer Engagement (RISE) Award** – Amount: \$6,000. “Black-White Racial Disparity in Cardiovascular Disease among People with HIV-AIDS in America: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.” Spring.
- 2016 **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development** – Grant Amount: \$2500. *Racial Disparities in Breast Cancer Mortality.* Faculty Course Reallocation Grant. Spring
- 2016 **Title III Active Learning Fellowship** – Grant amount: \$1,500. Awarded to redesign SOCY 101: Introduction to Sociology as an Active Learning course for Spring 2017.
- 2015 **USC Upstate TAPS Grant** – Grant amount: \$2000. *Socio-psychological Factors Associated with Gender Disparities in HIV/AIDS in Kenya.*” Travel grant to present paper at the International Conference on Arts, Education, and Social Science in Nairobi, Kenya.
- 2015 **USC Upstate Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) STEP-UP Student Technology Enhancement Program** – Grant Amount: \$1500. Awarded to redesign SOCY 345: Sociology of Religion as a Technology Enhancement course for Summer 2015
- 2015 **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development Award** – Grant Amount: \$2500. *Racial Disparities in Cardiovascular Disease Risk among Women with HIV/AIDS in the US.* Faculty Course Reallocation Grant for Spring 2016
- 2013 **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development Award** – Grant Amount: \$2500. *Name-Calling Across Cultures.* Faculty Course Reallocation Grant. Fall 2013
- 2012 **USC Upstate TAPS Grant** – Grant Amount: \$680. *Drawing to Learn: Using Visualization to Understand the Social World.* Travel grant to present paper at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching. February 2012.
- 2012 **USC Upstate College of Arts and Sciences** – Grant Amount: \$350. *Comparison of Gender and Abusive Language in Chinese and English.* Travel funding to present paper at the 79<sup>th</sup> Southeastern Conference on Linguistics (SECOL) in collaboration with \*Jinwen Zeng (Senior Student) and David Marlow. April 2012

- 2011 **USC Upstate Center for International Programs Grant** – Grant Amount: \$2,500. Travel award to explore reciprocal relationship between USC Upstate and the University of Nairobi, Kenya. June 2011
- 2011 **USC Upstate College of Arts and Sciences** – Grant Amount: \$2,200. Travel grant to explore reciprocal relationship between USC Upstate and the University of Nairobi, Kenya. June 2011.
- 2011 **USC Upstate TAPS Grant** – Grant Amount: \$2,500. Travel grant to explore reciprocal relationship between USC Upstate and the University of Nairobi, Kenya. June 2011.
- 2010 **USC Upstate TAPS Grant** – Grant Amount: \$230. *The Impact of HIV/AIDS on the Natural Environment*. Travel funding to present paper at South Carolina Sociological Association. February 2010.
- 2010 **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development Award** – Grant Amount: \$2,500. *Health Disparities in Cardiovascular Disease Risks Among People with HIV/AIDS*. Faculty Course Reallocation Grant. December 2010
- 2009 Scholar - Summer Institute Program to Increase Diversity in Cardiovascular Health Disparities Research. National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute & National Institutes of Health. 2009
- 2009 **USC Upstate TAPS Grant** – Grant Amount: \$1,052. *The Risks of Cardiovascular Disease among African Americans who are HIV Positive*. Travel funding to present paper at the U.S. Conference on AIDS. San Francisco, CA. November 2009.
- 2009 **USC Upstate TAPS Grant** – Grant Amount: \$700. *Using Dirty Names in Class: Simulating the Social Construction of Gender*. Travel funding to present paper at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching. February 2009

### Student Research Assistantships

- 2024 Lacy Frye (for Summer/Fall 2024). “Social Epidemiology of Racial Disparities in Adverse Maternal Outcomes in the United States: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.” **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development** – Student Research Assistantship – **Funded**
- 2023 Lacy Frye (for Summer/Fall 2023). “Racial Disparities in Adverse Maternal Outcomes in the United States: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis” **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development** – Student Research Assistantship – **Funded**
- 2021 Elissya Simone Laurent (for Fall 2021). “*Rethinking Racial Segregation in the Light of African Americans’ Experiences in Greenwood District, Tulsa, Oklahoma and Wilmington, North Carolina*” **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development** – Student Research Assistantship – **Funded** (Replacement for Jodi Snyder)
- 2021 Jodi Snyder (for Summer 2021). “*Rethinking Racial Segregation in the Light of African Americans’ Experiences in Greenwood District, Tulsa, Oklahoma and Wilmington, North Carolina*” **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development** – Student Research Assistantship – **Funded**
- 2020 Allie Leavitt (for Summer 2020). “*Is School Closure an Equal-Opportunity Social Distancing Measure for Mitigating the Spread of a Pandemic Infection?*” **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development** – Student Research Assistantship – **Unfunded**
- 2018 Shimia Hunter (for Spring 2019). “*Racial Disparities in Maternal Mortality in the United States.*” **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development** – Student Research Assistantship - **Funded**.

- 2017 Morgan Alexis Williams (for Fall 2017). “*Racial Disparities in HPV-Related Knowledge and Behavior among College Students.*” **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development** – Student Research Assistantship - **Funded.**
- 2016 Brianna Kyle (for Summer 2016). “*Connecting the Dots: Is the Global War on Drugs Contributing to Global Health Disparities?*” **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development** – Student Research Assistantship - **Funded.**
- 2016 Shimia Hunter (Spring 2016). “*Racial Disparities in Breast Cancer Mortality.*” **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development** - Student Research Assistantship - **Funded.**
- 2015 Jessica Davis (Spring 2016). “*Racial Disparities in Cardiovascular Disease Risk among Women with HIV/AIDS in the US.*” **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development** – Student Research Assistantship -**Funded.**
- 2013 Marquisha Kinlaw (Summer 2013). “*Black-White Racial Disparities in the Risk for Cardiovascular Disease in the HIV Population.*” **USC Upstate Academic Affairs** - Student Research Assistant- **Funded.**
- 2013 Gilbert Kemboi (Summer 2013). “*Swearing and Insulting Words in Kenya.*” **USC Upstate Scholarly and Research Activity Development Award** – Student Research Assistantship - **Funded.**
- 2011 Jan Andre Enabore (Spring 2011). *Your Faith has Made You Well.*” **USC Upstate Honors Research Assistantship Program** – Student Research Assistantship -**Funded.**

#### Mentored & Supervised Student Awards/Grants

- 2024 **USC Upstate Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support** – Scholarly Student Travel Support for Lacy Frye (Sociology Senior) for travel to present a paper at the 2024 *National Women’s Studies Association Conference in Detroit, MI* – November 2024 - Funded.
- 2023 **USC Office of the Vice President for Research** – Magellan Scholar Award – Lacy Frye (Sociology Senior) for project “*Health Consequences of Racial Disparity in Access to Abortion: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis*”
- 2021 **USC Upstate Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support** – Best Graduate Paper Award - Shimia Hunter (Sociology Senior) for paper “*Breast Cancer Knowledge among University Students*” submitted to the USC Upstate Student Research Journal.
- 2019 **USC Upstate Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support** – Scholarly Student Travel Support in relation to Shimia Hunter (Sociology Senior) for travel to present a poster at the *12th Annual James E. Clyburn Health Disparities Lecture* in Columbia, SC on April 23 - Funded.
- 2017 **USC Upstate Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support** – Scholarly Student Travel Support in relation to Shimia Hunter (IDS Senior) for travel to present a paper at the *2017 Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium* in Francis Marion University on April 6 - Funded.
- 2012 **USC Upstate Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support** – Scholarly Student Travel Support in relation to Amanda Jett (Sociology Senior) for travel to present a paper at the *30<sup>th</sup> Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium* in Emory University. February 25 - Funded.

#### Independent Studies:

- 2024 Lacy Frye - “Maternal Mortality in the United States.” Spring
- 2023 Lacy Frye - “Health Consequences of Racial Disparity in Access to Abortion.” Fall



- 2023 McKenzie Williams - "Gun Violence in America's Public Schools." Spring
- 2021 Elissya Simone Laurent - "Racial Segregation in America." Fall
- 2021 Elissya Simone Laurent - "Racial Inequality in Education." Summer
- 2021 Jodi Snyder - "Racial Segregation in America." Spring
- 2019 Shimia Hunter - "Racial Disparities in Maternal Mortality in the United States." Spring
- 2017 Morgan Williams - "Sociology of Women's Health." Fall
- 2016 Shimia Hunter - "Sociology of Women's Health." Spring
- 2013 Brittany Henry - "HIV/AIDS among the Hispanic Community in Spartanburg." Spring
- 2011 Jinwen Zeng - "Comparison of Gender and Abusive Language in Chinese and English." Fall
- 2008 Stephane Vernet - "Modernization as a Solution to Global Inequality." Fall

**Invited Talks:**

- 2022 Panelist - "Global Perspectives on Social Class and Geography." SCW. USC Upstate. January 20.
- 2017 "Tips and Guidelines for Writing Successful Teaching-related TAPS Grants." A talk given at the workshop on *Tips for Success in the Promotion and Tenure Process*, as part of the *Power-Up Lunch Series* organized by The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. USC Upstate. January 23.
- 2015 "Sociology of Aging as a Service-Learning Class." A talk given at the *Service-Learning Kick-Off Lunch* organized by The Office of Service-Learning and Community Engagement. USC Upstate. September 25.
- 2012 "Ensuring Independence for an Aging Population." A talk given at the *Break Away* session organized by The Alternative Break Connections, Inc. USC Upstate. July-August 2012.
- 2011 "What Sociologists Study." A talk given at *Oakbrook Preparatory School*. September 28.
- 2011 "A Cross-cultural Examination of Name Calling." *Guest Lecture at the University of Nairobi*, Kenya. July 21.
- 2011 "Kenyan Orphans in the Age of AIDS." A paper presented at *A Night of Jazz Benefit Concert* to raise funds to benefit Dominion Family Services, an AIDS Orphanage Agency. USC Upstate. March 25.
- 2009 "Another Kind of AIDS Crisis: HIV-related Complacency and Complications". A talk presented during the *World AIDS Day*. USC Upstate. December 3.
- 2008 "Women as Collateral Damage in the Ongoing Political Crisis in Kenya." A talk given at the *International Women in...Series*, organized by The Center for Women Studies. USC Upstate.

**Teaching-Related Nominations, Recognitions and Honors:**

- 2024 Nominated for Excellence in Teaching and Advising Award. USC Upstate College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS)
- 2023 Nominated for Excellence in Teaching and Advising Award. USC Upstate College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS)
- 2022 Nominated for Excellence in Teaching and Advising Award. USC Upstate College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS)
- 2018 Recognized as faculty with a positive impact on student athletes. Special recognition during the Women's Basketball game on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. USC Upstate Athletics Department
- 2016 Recognized as faculty with a positive impact on student athletes. USC Upstate Athletics Department
- 2015 Recognized as faculty with a positive impact on student athletes. USC Upstate Athletics Department

- 2015 Named an “Agoge Freshmen Advocate” by the USC Upstate Student Success Center
- 2014 Recognized as faculty with a positive impact on student athletes. USC Upstate Athletics Department

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

#### *Conferences, Seminars and Workshops Attended:*

- 2024 *Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium*. Newberry College, SC. April 19.
- 2024 *20<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium*. USC Upstate, Spartanburg, SC. April 12.
- 2022 *18<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium*. USC Upstate, Spartanburg, SC. April 8.
- 2019 *15<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium*. USC Upstate, Spartanburg, SC. April 12.
- 2018 *Fall Faculty Workshop on Public Scholarship*. Organized by the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, USC Upstate. August 21
- 2017 “Tips for Success in the Promotion and Tenure Process.” Organized by The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. USC Upstate. January 23.
- 2016 RISE Lunch and Learn Workshop. Sponsored by the Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support. USC Upstate. December 2.
- 2016 Active Learning Workshop. Sponsored by the Office of Learning Technologies, Information Technology and Services. USC Upstate. May 23-27.
- 2016 *12<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium*. USC Upstate. April 8.
- 2015 “Hunks, Chunks, & Bites: How to Get Your Writing Projects Planned so You Can Get Them Completed.” Sponsored by the School of Education. USC Upstate. August 13.
- 2015 QEP Faculty Development Institute. Sponsored by the Office of Learning Technologies, Information Technology and Services. USC Upstate. May 18-22.
- 2015 *11<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium*. USC Upstate. April 17
- 2015 Power-Up Lunch. Sponsored by The Center for Teaching Excellence. USC Upstate. Jan 26.
- 2014 *10<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium*. USC Upstate. April 18
- 2013 *9<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium*. USC Upstate. April 19
- 2012 “Virtual General Education Conference.” Organized by Kaplan University. Online. June
- 2012 *8<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium*. USC Upstate. April 20.
- 2012 “Engaging Millennial Learners: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Teaching for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners.” Sponsored by The Center for The Center for Teaching Excellence. USC Upstate. April 11.
- 2011 “Teaching Online Certification Course.” Co-sponsored by the USC Upstate Office of Distance Education & the Department of Learning Technologies. May 2011.
- 2011 *7<sup>th</sup> SC Upstate Research Symposium*. Milliken & Company and Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System. Spartanburg, SC. April 15.
- 2011 *South Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Charleston Southern University, Charleston, SC. February 11.
- 2010 *6<sup>th</sup> SC Upstate Research Symposium*. Milliken & Company and Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, Spartanburg, SC. March 26
- 2009 “Teaching Online: Reflections/Experiences/Suggestions”. *Teaching Online Workshop*.
- 2008 “Workload Management Strategies for Online Educators”. *The Sloan-C Online Workshop*. August 13 – 22, 2008.

2007 “Getting Started: Online Course Development Basics”. *The Sloan-C Online Workshop*.  
September 12-October 5

## **SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

### **Service to the University:**

2022-Present: Member: University Promotion and Tenure Committee. USC Upstate  
2021-2023: Member: University Faculty Welfare Committee. USC Upstate  
2021-2022: Member: Assistant/Associate Professor of Community Health Education Search Committee. School of Education, Human Performance, and Health. USC Upstate  
2020-2021: Member: University Assessment Committee. USC Upstate  
2019- 2022: Member: Mary Black School of Nursing Peer Review Committee. USC Upstate  
2017-2018: Chair: Committee for Faculty Excellence. USC Upstate  
2015-2017: Member: Committee for Faculty Excellence. USC Upstate  
2016-2017: Recording Secretary: Faculty Senate. USC Upstate  
2015: Member: USC Upstate Distance Education Task Force  
2014-2016: Member: Faculty Executive (Advisory) Committee. USC Upstate.  
2013-2016: Member: Faculty Senate. USC Upstate.  
2013: Member: Director of Distance Education Search Committee. USC Upstate.  
2011-2014: Member: Faculty Welfare Committee. USC Upstate.  
2011-present: Liaison between USC Upstate and the University of Nairobi (Kenya) to explore reciprocal relationships between the two Universities.  
2010-2013: Member: Diversity Advisory Taskforce  
2009: Grant Reviewer: Office of Sponsored Awards and Research Support. USC Upstate  
2008-2011: Member: General Education Committee. USC Upstate.

### **Service to the College (CAS):**

2015: Member: Biology Instructor Search Committee. College of Arts and Sciences.  
2014: Member: Assistant Professor of African American Studies Search Committee. College of Arts and Sciences.  
2011: Member: History, Political Science, Philosophy, and American Studies Department Chair Search Committee. College of Arts and Sciences.  
2008: Member: Ad-hoc Academic Grievance Committee.

### **Service to the Department (SCW):**

2022-2023: Member: Ad-hoc Sociology Program Review  
2022: Member: Ad-hoc Institutional Academic Program Review - Sociology  
2018-present: Coordinator: Sociology Program Review  
2020-2023: Peer Mentoring of Sociology faculty  
2019-2022: Member: Peer Review, Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Women Studies Department  
2018-19: Chair: Assistant Professor of Sociology Search Committee  
2015: Chair: Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Women Studies Department Chair Search Committee.  
2009 Member: Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Search Committee.  
2008-2015: Coordinator: Sociology Program Review.  
2008: Member: Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Women Studies Department Chair Search Committee.

2008: Member: Assistant Professor of Sociology Search Committee.

### Service to the Community:

- 2023-Current **Chair of the School Board:** Adventist Christian School, Augusta GA  
2023 **Lead Judge:** Piedmont Region III Science Fair - Social and Behavioral Science Category.  
2021-2022 **Judge:** Piedmont Region III Science Fair - Social and Behavioral Science Category. Cancelled due to Covid-19.  
2016-2019 **Head Elder:** Spartanburg Seventh-Day Adventist Church  
2015-2017 **Lead Judge:** Piedmont Region III Science Fair - Social and Behavioral Science Category  
2011-2014 **Judge:** Piedmont Region III Science Fair - Social and Behavioral Science Category  
2011-2015: **Member, Board of Directors:** Dominion Family Services – an American-based AIDS orphanage agency that provides and manages a school and children’s home for AIDS Orphans in Kenya. Spartanburg, SC.  
2009-2016: **Member, Board of Directors:** Piedmont Care Inc. – an educational and advocacy organization that coordinates and provides medical, social, and psychological services for individuals and families affected by or at risk of HIV/AIDS. Spartanburg, SC.  
2009-2016: **Parent Educator:** Park Hills Elementary School. Spartanburg, SC.  
2009-2012: **Member:** Spartanburg Health Disparities Task Force. Spartanburg, SC.  
2007-2010: **Volunteer:** Second Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen. Spartanburg, SC.

### Service to the Profession:

- 2024 **Session Chair:** “Social Sciences and Criminal Justice Breakout Session”. *20<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium*. Spartanburg, SC. April 12.  
2022 **Article Reviewer:** “Politics, Policies, and Patient Care: Rehabilitation Therapists’ Experiences During the COVID-19 Pandemic”. Manuscript submitted to *Qualitative Research in Medicine & Health*. Fall 2022.  
2022 **Article Reviewer:** “Lay Knowledge Impact on the Prevention of Complications Related to Childbirth: Perceptions of Congolese Pregnant Women”. Manuscript submitted to *Qualitative Research in Medicine & Health*. Fall 2022.  
2019 **Session Chair:** “Social Sciences Breakout Session”. *15<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium*. Spartanburg, SC. April 12.  
2017 **Session Chair:** “Social Issues Related to Health”. *2017 Carolina Undergraduate Social Science Symposium (CUSS)*. Francis Marion University, SC. April 7.  
2016 **Session Chair:** “Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Philosophy, Breakout Session”. *12<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium*. Spartanburg, SC. April 8.  
2013 **Session Chair:** “History and Religion, Breakout Session”. *9<sup>th</sup> Annual South Carolina Upstate Research Symposium*. Spartanburg, SC. April 19.  
2013 **Article Reviewer:** “Right to Health Through Litigation: The Ethical Dilemma in Medical Error”. Manuscript submitted to *Medical Sociology Online*.  
2011 **Grant Proposal Reviewer:** “Understanding HIV/AIDS as a Chronic Condition in Rural Africa.” Proposal submitted to the *National Science Foundation*.

### Professional Membership:

American Sociological Association (ASA)  
Southern Sociological Society (SSS)