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## Education

- 2009 *Doctor of Philosophy Degree, Social Work, Howard University*  
Dissertation Title: “Let the Church Stop Saying ‘Amen’: Domestic Violence Perceptions and Experiences from a Cohort of African-American Clergy in Divinity School”
- 2009 *Women’s Studies Certificate, Howard University*
- 2006 *Master of Divinity Degree, Howard University*
- 1996 *Master of Social Work Degree, The Ohio State University*  
Major Area: Clinical Social Work, Health Emphasis
- 1995 *Bachelor of Social Work Degree, Oakwood College*

## Areas of Research and Practice Interest

Intimate Partner Violence; African American Women; African American Faith Communities

## Experience

- 2020 – **Professor, Department of Social Work**  
Coppin State University
- 2021 – **Elkins Professor, Coppin State University**  
University System of Maryland
- 2014 – 2020 **Chair & Associate Professor, Department of Social Work**  
Coppin State University
- 2014 – **Executive Director, Dr. Dorothy I. Height Center for Advancement of Social Justice**  
Coppin State University
- 2012 – 2015 **Site Coordinator/Researcher, “Equipping the Saints: Promising Practices in Black Congregational Life,” *Gentrification, Population Shifts and Black Churches in Washington, DC* School of Divinity,**  
Howard University

- 2012 – 2014 Chaplain, Protestant Ministry**  
Georgetown University
- 2009 – 2014 Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work (BSW Program)**  
Bowie State University
- 2009 – 2012 Affiliate Professor/Minister of Music/Gospel Service Coordinator, Department of Performing Arts/Protestant Ministry**  
Georgetown University
- 2009 – 2010 Affiliate Professor, Department of Pastoral Care and Counseling (Graduate Program)**  
Loyola University of Maryland
- 2007 –2008 Research Consultant, “Domestic Violence and Housing,” DASH (District Association for Safe Housing)**  
Washington, DC
- 2006- 2008 Community Director/Executive Director (Graduate Assistant), Office of Residence Life Mays Hall/Leadership Institute**  
Howard University
- 2004- 2008 Adjunct Professor, Social Work Department (BSW Program)**  
Andrews University at Columbia Union College
- 2004- 2006 Teaching Assistant, School of Social Work (MSW Program)**  
Howard University
- 2004 Smr Research Assistant, “Metropolitan Police Department Crime Follow-up Project,” Sociology Department**  
Howard University
- 2004 Smr Research Assistant, Psychiatry Department (CDC Women’s Health Project)**  
Georgetown University
- 2003 – 2004 Crisis Counselor/Outreach Worker**  
Project DC, FEMA and DC Department of Mental Health
- 2003 Smr Consultant, Counseling and Testing Center**  
Oakwood College
- 2002 – 2004 Graduate Assistant, School of Social Work**  
Howard University
- 1999- 2002 Therapist/Program Coordinator, Counseling and Testing Center**

Oakwood College

**1998- 2002 Assistant Professor/Instructor, Social Work Department**

Oakwood College

**1998- 1999 Volunteer Counselor, Counseling and Testing Center**

Oakwood College

**1996- 1998 Adjunct Professor/Field Liaison, Social Work Department**

Oakwood College

**1996- 1998 Admissions Counselor, Enrollment Management Office**

Oakwood College

## **Academic Profile**

### **Appointments**

2020 Full Professor, Coppin State University (Tenured)

2014 Chair and Associate Professor, Coppin State University (Tenured)

2010 Affiliate Professor, Georgetown University

2009 Affiliate Professor, Loyola University of Maryland

2009 Assistant Professor, Bowie State University (Tenured)

2009 Instructor, Bowie State University

2004 Adjunct Professor, Andrews University at Columbia Union College

2004 Teaching Assistant, Howard University School of Social Work MSW Program

2001 Assistant Professor, Oakwood College

1998 Instructor, Oakwood College

1996 Adjunct Professor (Field Liaison), Oakwood College

### **University Service**

2019 Member: Faculty Appeals Committee, Coppin State University

2019 Member: High Impact Practices Committee, Coppin State University

2019 Faculty Mentor: College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Coppin State University

2016-present Co-Chair: Carnegie Community Engagement Application Committee, Coppin State University

2015-2016 Member: HBCU Coalition Task Force Faculty Committee, Coppin State University

2015-present Graduation Committee: Coppin State University

2015-present Executive Director: Dorothy Height Center for the Advancement of Social Justice, Coppin State University

2015-2018 Lead: CSWE Re-affirmation Committee, Coppin State University

2014-present Member: College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Dean's Executive Council, Coppin State University

2014 Chair: Department of Social Work, Coppin State University

2013 Member: Presidential Faculty Awards Committee, Bowie State University

2013-2014 Member: Faculty Advisory Committee, College of Professional Studies, Bowie State University

2013 Reviewer: College of Education Dissertation Award, College of Education, Bowie State University

2012-2013 Member: Faculty Search Committee, Department of Social Work, Bowie State University

2011-2012 Co-Chair/Member: Admissions Committee, Department of Social Work, Bowie State University

2010-2014 Member: Curriculum Committee, College of Professional Studies, Bowie State University

2010 Ad-hoc Member: Middle States Accreditation Sub-Committee, Bowie State University

2009-2014 Member: Campus and Community Response Team (CCRT), Bowie State University

2009- 2014 Member/Secretary: University Curriculum Committee, Bowie State University

2009-2010 Member: CSWE Accreditation Committee, Department of Social Work, Bowie State University

2005-2006 Member: Faculty Search Committee, School of Divinity, Howard University

2002-2004 Member: Doctoral Committee, School of Social Work, Howard University

2002-2003 Member: Library Committee, School of Social Work, Howard University

2000-2002 Member: CSWE Reaffirmation Committee, Social Work Department, Oakwood College

1999-2000 Member: Retention Committee, Oakwood College

1998-2002 Member: Spiritual Life Committee, Oakwood College

1998-2000 Member: SACS Administrative Processes Committee, Oakwood College

1998-1999 Coordinator: Oakwood College Social Work Alumni Association, Oakwood College

1998-1999 Member: Countdown 2000 December Planning Committee, Oakwood College

- 1998-1999 Member: Alumni Weekend Planning Committee, Oakwood College
- 1998-1999 Secretary: Service-Learning Committee, Oakwood College
- 1996 Member: Strategic/Master Planning AdHoc Committee, Oakwood College

## Teaching Experience

### **Andrews University at Columbia Union College**

SOWK 340 Human Behavior and the Social Environment

### **Bowie State University**

- SOWK 200 Introduction to the Profession of Social Work
- SOWK 300 Stages of Development
- SOWK 308 Realities of Aging
- SOWK 312 Religiosity, Spirituality, and Helping Professions
- SOWK 400 Social Work Methods I
- SOWK 401 Social Work Methods II
- SOWK 409 Male/Female Relationships

### **Coppin State University**

- FRSEM 101 Freshman Seminar
- SOWK 205 Writing for the Profession
- SOWK 210 Introduction to Social Work
- SOWK 379 Methods I
- SOWK 388 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
- SOWK 389 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II
- SOWK 390 Independent Research and Writing
- SOWK 390 Love, Sex and Intimate Relationships
- SOWK 390 Religion, Spirituality, and Helping Professions
- SOWK 390 Substance Abuse
- SOWK 481 Methods II

## **Georgetown University**

MU 100-35    Gospel Choir

## **Howard University**

SWHB 205    Human Behavior and the Social Environment I

## **Loyola University of Maryland**

PC 675        The Helping Relationships

## **Oakwood College**

OC 101        Orientation Seminar

SW 201        Introduction to Social Welfare

SW 202        Introduction to Social Work

SW 312        Minority Aging

SW 320        Modern Social Work Theories and Practice

SW 330        Human Behavior and the Social Environment I

SW 390        Christian Philosophy of Social Work (Ethics)

SW 455        Field Instruction and Seminar II

## **Doctoral Related Activities**

External Examiner	Rev. Dr. Christine Wiley	PhD, Social Work	Howard University
External Examiner	Dr. Candace Hodge	PhD, Sociology	Howard University
External Examiner	Dr. Takisha Carter	PhD, Social Work	Howard University
External Examiner	Dr. Melissa Buckley	PhD, Social Work	Morgan State University
External Examiner	Cheryl Chavez	EdD, Org. Leadership	Grand Canyon University
Consultant	Dr. Kathy Anne Purnell	PhD, Ed. Leadership	Capella University
Consultant	Dr. Phyllis Gillians	EdD, Ed. Leadership	Fordham University
Consultant	Dr. Gary Jones	PhD, Social Work	Howard University
Consultant	Dr. Darlene Brothers-Gray	PhD, Criminal Justice	Capella University
Consultant	Sonya Hartley	DPh, Public Health	Capella University

## Student Advisory Activities

2015-present	MSW & BSW Intern Supervisor/Task Supervisor, Dr. Dorothy Height Center for the Advancement of Social Justice
2010-2012	Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society, Bowie State University
2009-2013	Faculty Advisor/Co-Advisor, Social Work Club, Bowie State University
1998-2002	Sponsor, Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society, Oakwood College
1998-2002	Sponsor, Social Work Club, Oakwood College
1998-2002	Sponsor, United Student Movement (Student Government Association), Oakwood College
1998	Chaperone, Aeolians Summer Choir, Oakwood College
1996-1999	Sponsor, Willing, Succeeding, and Black, Inc., Oakwood College
1996-1998	Faculty Field Liaison, 24 students in Social Work Practicum, Oakwood College

## Program/Course Development

2020	Developed and taught course entitled “Love, Sex, and Intimate Relationships”
2019	Developed and taught course entitled “Religion, Spirituality, and Helping Professions”
2018	Initiated curriculum review and redesign of classes for online instruction
2018-Present	Initiated the establishment of an accelerated BSW, MSW, and DSW Programs
2017	Initiated the establishment of an undergraduate degree program in Human Services (later changed to Community and Social Services)
2016-Present	Established annual “HBCU Student Leadership and Social Justice Conference”
2015	Developed and taught course entitled “Independent Research and Writing”
2015	Added course entitled “Social Work Licensure Preparation” to Social Work Curriculum
2014-Present	Coordinating development and implementation of the Dorothy Height Center for the Advancement of Social Justice
2014-2018	Coordinated departmental processes and procedures including Council on Social Work Education re-affirmation efforts, Coppin State University
2012	Collaborated with faculty in preparation for Council on Social Work Education reaffirmation, Bowie State University
2011	Collaborated to revise procedures and documents for social work departmental admissions
2010	Developed and taught a course entitled “Religiosity, Spirituality, Religion, and Helping Professions,” Bowie State University

2009	Collaborated with Chaplain to initiate programs surrounding spirituality, Bowie State University
2009	Collaborated with faculty in preparation for Council on Social Work Education reaffirmation, Bowie State University
2007	Developed assessment and evaluation tools for student staff members of the Howard University Office of Residence Life
2004	Conducted Needs Assessment and Program Evaluation with students enrolled in Social Work Ph.D. Program, Howard University
2000-2002	Collaborated with departmental faculty in preparation for Council on Social Work Education Reaffirmation, Oakwood College
1999-2002	Co-established an Annual Orientation Retreat for students majoring in Social Work, Oakwood College
1998-2002	Participated in the restructuring of a Bachelor of Social Work Curriculum, Oakwood College
1996-1998	Developed a strategic plan and evaluation tools used to recruit students, Oakwood College

## Grants

Principal Investigator, CARESS: Coppin Advocates, Researches and Educates about Safe Sex - Virtual Emphasis (\$35,000), Baltimore City Health Department (2020)

Principal Investigator, CARESS: Coppin Advocates, Researches and Educates about Safe Sex - Technology Emphasis (\$27,000), Baltimore City Health Department (2019)

Principal Investigator, "CARESS: Coppin Advocates, Researches and Educates about Safe Sex - Assessment Emphasis" (\$27,000) Baltimore City Health Department (2018)

Principal Investigator, "CARESS: Coppin Advocates, Researches and Educates about Safe Sex", (\$27,000) Baltimore City Health Department (2017)

Principal Investigator, "Community Engagement Grant," \$5,000, Coppin State University, Dorothy Height Center for the Advancement of Social Justice, Council on Social Work Education (2016)

Site Researcher, "Equipping the Saints: Promising Practices in Black Congregational Life" (\$1,000,000,000), Lilly Foundation (2013-2015)

Consultant, National Institute of Health and Oakwood College, Domestic Violence Training Pilot Study Grant, \$5,000 (2004).

Co-Principal Investigator, United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Training Grant Stipends in Domestic Violence for Historically Black, Hispanic-serving, and Tribal Colleges and Universities, \$133,000, renewable (1998).

## Selected Articles & Chapters

### **Published Works**



- Bent-Goodley, T., & Brade, K. (2007). Domestic Violence and Kinship Care: Connecting Policy and Practice, *Journal of Health and Social Policy*, 22 (3/4).
- Bent-Goodley T., & Brade Stennis, K. (2015). Men's Violence in African and Bible Believing African American Churches in Andrew Johnson (Ed.) *Religion and Men's Violence against Women* by Springer Publishers, NY: NY.
- Brade, K. (2000, Third Quarter). "Mentoring Youth: You Can Make A Difference" in *Corner Stone Youth Resource Publication*.
- Brade, K. (January/February 2001). "Suffering in Silence" in *Message Magazine*.
- Brade, K. (2008). Lessons from Our Past: African American Christian Women and the Integration of Faith and Practice, *Social Work and Christianity*, 35 (3).
- Brade, K. (Winter 2008/2009). "I Believe in Miracles: A Critique of Insensitive Pastoral Theology". *The African American Pulpit*.
- Brade, K., & Bent-Goodley, T. (2009). A Refuge for My Soul: Examining African American Clergy's Perceptions Related to Domestic Violence Awareness and Engagement in Faith Community Initiatives, *Social Work and Christianity*, 36 (4), 430-448.
- Brade Stennis, K. (2011). This Is My Story. This Is My Song in *Finding Our Way Home: The Lenten Journey Through Prayer and Reflection*. Georgetown University Protestant Ministry & The Office of Mission and Ministry. Washington, DC.
- Brade Stennis, K. (2012). God's Plans, Processes and Promises in *Faith: Journey for a Lifetime: The Lenten Devotional*. Georgetown University Protestant Ministry & The Office of Mission and Ministry. Washington: DC.
- Brade Stennis, K. (2014). Reflection: A Lesson on Grace in *Lent: A Daily Devotional by and for the Georgetown University Community*. Georgetown University Protestant Ministry & The Office of Mission and Ministry. Washington, DC.
- Brade Stennis, K. (2015). Have Faith, Find Friends, Fight or Fold: The Plight of Black Churches in Washington, DC Facing Gentrification in A. Pollard and V. Love (Eds.), *Equipping the Saints: Promising Practices in Black Congregational Life Research Findings*. Washington, DC: Howard University.
- Brade Stennis, K., & Ally, R. (2019). "I'm a Survivor': Reconsidering Identity, Stigma, and Institutions for Domestic Violence Survivors" in *Women and Inequality in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Oxford, UK: Routledge.
- Brade Stennis, K., & Gilliam, C. (2019). "Editor's Corner: Voices from the Margins" [Special Issue Editors]. *Social Work & Christianity*, 46 (1), 3-5.
- Brade Stennis, K., Fischle, H., Purnell, K., Bent-Goodley, T., & Williams, H. (2015). S.T.A.R.T.© – The Development of a Culturally Competent Intimate Partner Violence Intervention: Implications for Competency-Based Social Work Practice. *Social Work & Christianity*, 42 (1), 96-109.
- Brade Stennis, K., Purnell, K., Bryant, V., Taylor, A., Gilliam, C., & Bynum, E., (2021). Establishing Professional Pathways: Considerations for African American Women in Social Work Education. In C. Gadling-Cole (Ed). *African American Women in Academia: Intersectionality of race and gender*. Nova.

- Brade Stennis, K., Purnell, K., Perkins, E., & Fischle, H. (2015). Lessons Learned: Conducting Culturally Competent Research and Providing Interventions with Black Churches. *Social Work & Christianity*, 42, (3), 332-349.
- Brade Stennis, K., Purnell, K., Perkins, E., & Fischle, H. (2016). Lessons Learned: Conducting Culturally Competent Research and Providing Interventions with Black Churches. *Christianity and Social Work: Readings on the Integration of Faith and Social Work Practice, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition*. NACSW Press.
- Gilliam, C. & Brade Stennis, K. (2019). "Developing Leaders, Building Collaborations and Addressing Social Justice: One HBCU's Experience". *Urban Social Work*, (3), 40-51.
- Perkins, E., Brade Stennis, K., Spriggs, V. T., Kwegyir-Afful, E. A., & Prather, A. (2014). Is Knowledge Enough? Considering HIV/AIDS Risk Behaviors and HIV/AIDS Knowledge with African American Women. *International journal of high-risk behaviors & addiction*, 3(3).
- Perkins, E., Chacon, F., Obizoba, C., Brade Stennis, K., & Wutoh, R. (2020) "Determinants of Risky Sexual Behaviours in an HBCU Community" *Journal of Mental Health and Social Behaviour*. 2 (116).
- Perkins, E., Voisin, D. & Brade Stennis, K. (2013). Sociodemographic factors associated with HIV status among African American women in Washington D.C. *International Journal of Women's Health*, 3(5), 587-591.
- Rich, T. M., & Stennis, K. B. (2021). More Than Conquerors: Embracing Transformational Leadership and Spiritual Coping During the Pandemic. *Social Work & Christianity*, 48(4).
- Sanders, C. & Brade Stennis, K. (2014). Gentrification: Holistic Practices in the Nation's Capital (Washington, District of Columbia). In A. Pollard and V. Love (Eds.), *Equipping the Saints: Promising Practices in Black Congregational Life Resource Manual*. Washington, DC: Howard University.
- Slatton, B. C., & Brailey, C. D. (Eds.). (2019). *Women and Inequality in the 21st Century*. Routledge.

## Works in Progress

- Brade Stennis, K. "Giving Thanks: Acknowledging Spirituality & Mindfulness at an HBCU."
- Brade Stennis, K., Perkins, E., & Wutoh, R. "Domestic Violence at an HBCU: Considering Perspectives and Experiences of Students."
- Brade Stennis, K., Thurman, D., & Burley, J. (under revision). Mothering and Othering: Experiences of African American Professional Women. *Demeter Press edited collection: Mothering and Social Work*.
- Gilliam, C., & Brade Stennis, K. "Sankofa: A Social Justice Message from Black Women Pioneers and Contemporary Leaders"
- Brade Stennis, K. & Brailey, D. "Sojourners' Truth: Exploring the Role of Faith for Contemporary Women in Leadership"

## Selected Professional Presentations

- 2021                      Co-Presenter, 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, "Crabs in a Barrel? Exploring Supporting SistaHood Circles in Academia"

- 2021 Panelist (Invited), 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Society for Social Work Research, Doctoral Student Panel
- 2019 Co-Presenter, 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, Feminist Scholarship Track  
“Sankofa: A Social Justice Message from Black Women Pioneers and Contemporary”
- 2019 Co-Presenter, 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, National Association of Christians in Social Work  
“Sankofa: Social Justice by Faith for Black Women Pioneers and Contemporaries”
- 2019 Co-Presenter, 15th Annual Dr. Habtu Braha Information Technology in Teaching & Learning Conference, Coppin State University  
“Crossing the Great Technological Divide: Intentional Infusion and Proliferation of Technology in Social Work Education”
- 2019 Co-Presenter (accepted workshop presentation), 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities Annual Conference, Best Practices Track  
“Developing Civic Leaders, Building Collaborations and Producing Engaged Citizens: One HBCU’s Experience with Civic Engagement”
- 2018 Presenter (Poster), North American Association of Christians in Social Work Annual Convention  
“Sex in the City: Students’ Reflections on Developing, Implementing, and Testing a Sex Education Model for 18 to 24-Year Old”
- 2017 Presenter (Poster), Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Field Symposium  
“Coppin State University: Fostering Community Engagement and Furthering Social Justice”
- 2017 Co-Presenter, North American Association of Christians in Social Work Annual Convention, Charlotte, NC  
“Faith, Finances, Future: Social Work and Financial Capability”
- 2017 Moderator, North American Association of Christians in Social Work Annual Convention, Charlotte, NC  
“Unity in the Midst of Diversity: Dialogue Panel on Racial Reconciliation”
- 2017 Presenter, Coppin State University, Dorothy Height Center for the Advancement of Social Justice, Baltimore, MD  
“In My House: Domestic Violence, Sex and Communities of Color”
- 2017 Presenter, Coppin State University, Center for Teaching and Learning, Baltimore, MD  
“The Impact of Domestic Violence on Learning and Teaching in the Academy”
- 2016 Co-Presenter, Bowie State University, Annual Grants and Research Symposium, Bowie, MD  
“An Investigation of Attitudes, Beliefs, and Behaviors among Students at Bowie State University Surrounding Intimate Partner Violence”
- 2016 Co-Presenter, Bowie State University, Annual Grants and Research Symposium, Bowie, MD  
“HIV Knowledge and Attitudes as Determinants of Risky Sexual Behaviors in Bowie State University Students”

- 2016 Co-Presenter, National Association of Social Workers Conference, Washington, DC  
“Transforming Communities by Developing Leaders: One University’s Experience”
- 2016 Co-Presenter, Pre-Conference Institute, North American Association of Christians in Social Work (Poster Presentation), Cincinnati, OH  
“The Intersection of Faith and Racial Justice: Addressing Race and Diversity from a Christian Social Work Perspective”
- 2016 Co-Presenter, North American Association of Christians in Social Work (Poster Presentation), Cincinnati, OH  
“Transforming Communities by Developing Leaders: One University’s Experience”
- 2016 Co-Presenter, North American Association of Christians in Social Work (Poster Presentation), Cincinnati, OH  
“Empowerment 101: Exploring Mentoring Relationships between African American Females”
- 2016 Co-Presenter, North American Association of Christians in Social Work (Oral Presentation), Cincinnati, OH  
“Exploring Implicit Bias through Courageous Conversations”
- 2016 Co-Presenter, North American Association of Christians in Social Work (Oral Presentation), Cincinnati, OH  
“Professional Pathways: Considerations for Women of Color in Social Work”
- 2016 Co-Presenter, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting (Oral Presentation), Atlanta, GA  
“Addressing Social Justice & Collaborations: One University's Experience”
- 2016 Co-Presenter, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting (Oral Presentation), Atlanta, GA  
“Empowerment 101: Exploring Mentoring Relationships between African American Females”
- 2016 Invited Key Note Speaker, Howard University, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual PhD Student Recognition Program  
“Advancing the Social Work Grand Challenges: Lessons from the Pencil”
- 2016 Co-Presenter, Coppin State University, FIT Conference, Baltimore, MD  
“From Online Class to Professional Conference Presentations: Student/Teacher Reflections”
- 2015 Co-Presenter, Howard University School of Social Work, Field Education Training Conference, Washington, DC (Invited)  
“Religiosity, Spirituality, and Mindfulness; Considering the Issue of Poverty”
- 2015 Presenter, North American Association of Christians in Social Work 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Grand Rapids, MI (Accepted)  
“Gentrification and Black Churches: Implications for Social Work”
- 2015 Presenter, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting (Oral Presentation Proposal-Accepted)  
“African American Churches and Gentrification: Implications for Social Work”

- 2014 Co-Presenter, Howard University School of Divinity's 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation, Equipping the Saints: Promising Practices in Black Congregational Life Conference, Washington, DC  
"Surviving, Transitioning, and Thriving Shifting Populations"
- 2014 Presenter, Howard University School of Divinity's 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation, Equipping the Saints: Promising Practices in Black Congregational Life Conference, Washington, DC  
"Gentrification in Washington, DC"
- 2014 Co-Presenter, North American Association of Christians in Social Work Annual Convention, Annapolis, MD.  
"Conducting Culturally Competent Research with Black Churches"
- 2013 Co-Presenter, North American Association of Christians in Social Work Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA  
"Stories of Faith & Resilience among Afro Caribbean Professionals: Using the Personal Narrative (Storytelling) to Increase Cultural Competence"
- 2013 Co-Presenter (Poster), 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Grants Expo and Research Day, Bowie State University, Bowie, MD  
"Developing Social Work Leaders: Social Work Club Service Initiatives Beyond the Classroom"
- 2013 Plenary Speaker, Adventist Student Personnel Association, Washington Adventist University, Silver Springs, MD  
"A Monument of Service: Exploring the Foundation"
- 2013 Panel Participant, "Men of Faith" Conference, Howard University, Washington, DC  
"Domestic Violence in the Sacred Place: Promoting Domestic Violence Awareness in the Church"
- 2013 Presenter, Center for the Rights of Ethiopian Women Annual Conference, Washington, DC  
"Ending Violence against Ethiopian Women"
- 2013 Presenter, National Association of Social Workers Metro Chapter Conference, Washington, DC  
"Domestic Violence in the Sacred Community: Considering the Issue of Cultural Competence"
- 2013 Co-Presenter, National Association of Social Workers Metro Chapter Conference, Washington, DC  
"The Social Work Entrepreneur: The PhD Consultants"
- 2013 Co-Presenter, Bowie State University Spring Faculty Institute, Bowie, MD  
"Expanding Social Work Students' Knowledge of Spanish by Using Software"  
"Exposing Social Work Undergraduates to Research Beyond the Classroom"  
"Incorporating a Recording Lab in Social Work Practice and Field Courses"
- 2012 Co-Presenter, Council on Social Work Education 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Washington, DC  
"Domestic Violence, African American Faith Communities and Social Work Education: Achieving Cultural Competence"

- 2012 Co-Presenter, North American Association of Christians in Social Work Annual Convention, St. Louis, MO  
 “Achieving Cultural Competence with African American Faith Communities Impacted by Domestic Violence”
- 2012 Presenter, Coppin State University’s Women and Point Zero International Women’s Literary Conference, Baltimore, MD  
 “Cut from a Different Cloth: The Experiences and Perceptions of African American Clergy Women Surrounding Domestic Violence”
- 2012 Invited Guest Presenter, Oakwood University, Social Work Department, Huntsville, AL  
 “Women of Color and Women of Faith: African American Women’s Historic Role in the Development of Faith-based Community Social Services”
- 2011 Presenter, National American Association of Christians in Social Work, 61<sup>st</sup> Convention, Pittsburg, PA  
 “Straight from the Preacher’s Mouth: An Exploration of Domestic Violence Perceptions and Experiences from a Cohort of Clergy- Qualitative Findings”
- 2011 Presenter, National Council for Black Studies, 45<sup>th</sup> Conference, Cincinnati, OH  
 “Preaching to the Choir: African American Clergy’s Experiences Regarding Domestic Violence”
- 2011 Panel Participant, National Woman and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day at Howard University, Washington, DC  
 “Healthy Relationships”
- 2011 Co-Presenter, Howard University School of Social Work Field Education Conference, Washington, DC  
 “Spirituality and Suicide: The Juxtaposition in Social Work Practice”
- 2010 Presenter, National American Association of Christians in Social Work, 60<sup>th</sup> Convention, Durham, NC  
 “The Empowered Preacher: Perceptions of African American Seminarians Surrounding Domestic Violence Advocacy”
- 2010 Presenter, The National Black Religious Summit on Sexuality 2010; Mississippi State Summit, Coldwater, MS  
 “Moving Beyond the Veil: Domestic Violence and the Black Church”
- 2009 Presenter, National Association of Social Workers, DC Metro Chapter Meeting, Washington, DC  
 “Perceptions and Experiences of Clergy Related to Domestic Violence: Awareness and Practices”
- 2009 Presenter, National Black Religious Summit 12 on Sexuality, Washington, DC  
 “Community Involvement in Addressing Taboo Issues”
- 2009 Invited Guest Expert, WEUP Radio Interview with David Person, “Clergy Misconduct”
- 2009 Invited Guest Expert, WEUP Radio Interview with David Person, Infidelity in Light of Steve McNair”
- 2008 Invited Guest Expert, WEUP Radio Interview with David Person, “Uncovering Issues of Child Abuse”

- 2008 Panelist, Howard University School of Divinity 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convocation, Washington, DC  
“Theological Education & Interdisciplinary Studies”
- 2008 Respondent, Howard University School of Divinity Feminist Lecture Series, Washington, DC  
“I Believe in Miracles: Responding to Insensitive Theology”
- 2008 Presenter, Ph.D. Forum, Howard University, Washington, DC  
“In Pursuit of the Ph.D.: Demystifying the Process to the Doctorate”
- 2008 Presenter, National Black Religious Summit 12 on Sexuality, Washington, DC  
“Moving Beyond the Veil: Domestic Violence and the Black Church”
- 2008 Presenter, Community Forum at Mays Hall, Howard University, Washington, DC  
“Community Speaks on Social Justice and Black Folk: Domestic Violence”

## **Selected Recent Service to the Profession**

- 2020-Present Guest Editor (Special Editor), *Social Work & Christianity* “Faith and Practice Within a Global Crisis”
- 2019-2020 Co-Chair, North American Association of Christians in Social Work 2020 Annual Convention
- 2017-2019 Guest Editor (Special Edition), *Social Work & Christianity*. “Voice from the Margins: Contemplations on Diversity and Christianity in Social Work”
- 2017-Present Organizer, HBCU Student Leadership and Social Justice Conference
- 2017-Present Article Reviewer, *Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought*, Society for Spirituality and Social Work
- 2014-Present Article Reviewer/Consulting Editor, *Social Work*, National Association of Social Workers
- 2014 Webinar/Audio Conference Lead Presenter, North American Association of Christians in Social Work, “Considering Intimate Partner Violence, Cultural Competence, and African American Faith Communities”
- 2012-Present Article Reviewer/Consulting Editor, *Social Work & Christianity*, North American Association of Christians in Social Work
- 2013 Blogger, North American Association of Christians in Social Work
- 2012-2018 President, Vice President, and Secretary, North American Association of Christians in Social Work Board of Directors
- 2012-2014 Co-Chair, North American Association of Christians in Social Work 2014 Annual Convention
- 2012-2015 Workshop Coordinator, North American Association of Christians in Social Work 2013-2015 Annual Conventions
- 2012 Conference Presentation Reviewer, Baccalaureate Social Work Program Director’s 2013 Annual Conference

2012 Conference Presentation Reviewer, Baccalaureate Social Work Program Director's 2013 Annual Conference

## Selected Recent Service to the Community

- 2016- 2019 Planning Committee, Presenter & Panel Moderator, Woman 4 All Seasons Conference, Riverside, CA
- 2018-Present Community Outreach Coordinator & Parent Liaison, Dance Therapy Arts, Waldorf, MD
- 2017 Supporter (Written and Oral Testimonies), Maryland State Judiciary Committee (Senator Anthony Muse and/or Delegate Angela Angel)  
"HB 359: Children Who Witness Violence"  
"HB 803: Domestic Violence Definition of Abuse"  
"HB 900: Domestic Violence Definition of Abuse"
- 2017 Pinning Ceremony Speaker (Invited), Department of Social Work, Oakwood University, Huntsville, AL  
"New Beginnings: Lessons from the Pencil"
- 2017 Presenter, MOMENTUM CONFERENCE (Invited), Prince George's County Department of Family Services, Upper Marlboro, MD  
"Every Woman's Dream Relationship"
- 2016 Supporter (Written Testimony), Maryland State Judiciary Committee (Delegate Angela Angel)  
"HB 1184: Counseling Support for School-Aged Children"
- 2016-2019 Speaker (Invited), Red Flags Conference, First Baptist Church of Glenarden, Glenarden, MD
- 2012-Present Founder and Mentor, The PhD Consultants, Upper Marlboro, MD
- 2012-Present Founder, Kesslyn Enterprises, LLC, Washington, DC
- 2012-2014 Chaplain, Georgetown University, Washington, DC
- 2011 Consultant, Levite Praise Ministries, Upper Marlboro, MD
- 2009-2012 Minister of Music/Coordinator of Gospel Service, Protestant Ministry, Georgetown University, Washington, DC
- 2009-2010 Featured Blogger, Adventist Today (www.atoday.com)
- 2008-2009 Chaplain-in-Residence, Georgetown University, Washington, DC
- 2006-2009 Mentor, Young Ladies of Christ, Washington, DC

## Previous and Current Professional Affiliations

- Alpha Chi National Honor Society



- Biblical Institute for Social Change
- Council on Social Work Education (National Nominating Committee, Undergraduate Faculty Representative)
- National Association of Social Workers
- National Association of Black Social Workers
- North American Association of Christians in Social Work (Past President)
- Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society
- Society for Social Work and Research
- The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors

## Additional Experiences

Board President of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work, Community and Organizational Leader, Minister to Women, Minister to Youth and Children, Minister of Music, Motivational and Inspirational Speaker, Researcher, Editor, Corporate and Small Group Trainer, Consultant, Mentor, Substance Abuse Counselor, and Ordained Elder

## Additional Trainings

Online Learning Consortium for Online Teaching Certificate, Extreme Execution Coaching Certificate, Essential Partners Courageous Conversations Certificate, Council on Social Work Education Site Visitor Training, NVivo Qualitative Analysis Software Training, Bowie State University LOTTO Online Learning and Teaching Certificate, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative Certification of Conducting Research with Human Subjects, Ethnicity & Empowerment, Crisis Debriefing Training, Domestic Violence Intervention, Federal Emergency Management Agency Resilience Training, American Sign Language, and CPR/First Aid Certification.

## Honors

University System of Maryland Elkins Professor, Council on Social Work Education Minority Fellow, Howard University School of Divinity “Vernon Johns Preaching Award” for Social Justice and Community Activism Recipient, Howard University Residence Life Leadership Award, Oakwood University “Youth Motivational Task Force” Service Recognition, Dr. Bettye Bouye-Yates Educational Foundation Scholarship to South Africa, “Who’s Who Among American College & University Faculty” Recipient, “Domestic Violence Community Service Award,” “Who’s Who Among American College & University Students” Recipient, “Howard University Ph.D. Fellowship” Recipient, “The Ohio State University Dean’s Fellowship” Recipient, “UNCF/Citicorp Bank Fellowship” Recipient, and “Oak Award Favorite Faculty” Nominee.