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## **EARL WRIGHT II**

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### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. University of Nebraska, Sociology, Lincoln, Nebraska, August, 2000.  
Dissertation: Atlanta University and American Sociology, 1896-1917:  
An Earnest Desire for the Truth Despite Its Possible Unpleasantness
- M.A. University of Memphis, Sociology, Memphis, Tennessee, May, 1997.  
Thesis: More Than Just A Haircut: An Ethnographic Study of an Urban  
African American Barbershop
- B.A. University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, August, 1994.  
Major: History, Minor: Black Studies

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- September 2010 - Present Professor  
Department of Africana Studies  
University of Cincinnati  
(Promoted from Associate to Full Professor June 2013)
- September 2006 - August 2010 Associate Professor  
Department of Sociology  
Texas Southern University
- January 2005 - August 2006 Associate Professor  
Department of Sociology  
Fisk University
- August 2000 - December 2004 Assistant Professor,  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
University of Central Florida

### **ADMINISTRATIVE / PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- September 2014 - Present Co-Founder, The Cincinnati Project, University of Cincinnati
- Director, Classroom Based Research, The Cincinnati Project,  
University of Cincinnati.
- September 2006 - August 2010 Chairperson  
Department of Sociology  
Texas Southern University

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## **BOOKS**

Earl Wright and Thomas C. Calhoun, eds. 2016. *What to Expect and How to Respond: Success and Distress in Academia*. Rowman and Littlefield.

Earl Wright II. 2015. *The First American School of Sociology: W. E. B. Du Bois and the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory*. Routledge / Ashgate Publishing Company.

Earl Wright II and Edward Wallace, eds. 2015. *The Ashgate Research Companion to Black Sociology: Contemporary Issues and Future Directions*. Ashgate Publishing Company

Sandra L. Barnes, Zandria Robinson and Earl Wright II, eds. 2014. *Re-Positioning Race: Prophetic Research in a Post-Racial Obama Age*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

## **REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

Earl Wright II and Kalasia Daniels. "An Earnest Desire for the Truth Despite Its Possible Unpleasantness: A Comparative Analysis of the Atlanta University Publications and American Journal of Sociology, 1895-1917" CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW

Earl Wright II. 2014. "W. E. B. Du Bois, Howard Odum and the Sociological Ghetto." *Sociological Spectrum* 34(5): 453-468.

Earl Wright II. 2012. "Why, Where and How to Infuse the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory into the Sociology Curriculum." *Teaching Sociology* 40: 257-270.

Gordon, Jr, Clarence L., Andonnia Maiben and Earl Wright II. 2010. "The Damnation of Hip Hop: A Critique of Hip Hop through the Lens of W. E. B. Du Bois" *International Journal of Africana Studies* 16(1): 62-76.

**REPRINTED** Gordon, Jr, Clarence L., Andonnia Maiben and Earl Wright II. 2010. "The Damnation of Hip Hop: A Critique of Hip Hop through the Lens of W. E. B. Du Bois" in *Higher Learning: Hip Hop in the Ivory Tower*. Black Classic Press.

Wright II, Earl. 2010. "The Tradition of Sociology at Fisk University" *Journal of African American Studies* 14(1): 44-60.

Wright II, Earl. 2009. "Beyond W. E. B. Du Bois: A Note on Some of the Lesser Known Members of the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory" *Sociological Spectrum* 29(6): 700-717.

Wright II, Earl. 2008. "Deferred Legacy!: The Continued Marginalization of the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory" *Sociology Compass* 2(1): 195-207.

Wright II, Earl and Thomas C. Calhoun. 2006. "Jim Crow Sociology: Toward An Understanding of the Origin and Principles of Black Sociology Via the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory" *Sociological Focus* 39(1):1-18.

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Wright II, Earl. 2006. "W. E. B. Du Bois and the Atlanta University Studies on the Negro, Revisited." *Journal of African American Studies* 9(4): 3-17.

**REPRINTED** Wright II, Earl. 2010. "W. E. B. Du Bois and the Atlanta University Studies on the Negro, Revisited." Pp. 75-89 in *W. E. B. Du Bois*, edited by Reiland Rabaka. Surrey, England: Ashgate Publishers.

Wright II, Earl. 2005. "W. E. B. Du Bois and the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory." *Sociation Today - The Official Journal of The North Carolina Sociological Association: A Refereed Web-Based Publication*, Volume 3(1) <http://www.ncsociology.org/sociationtoday/v31/outline5.htm>

**REPRINTED** Wright II, Earl. 2010. "W. E. B. Du Bois and the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory." Pp. 93-100 in *W. E. B. Du Bois* by Reiland Rabaka. Surrey, England: Ashgate Publishers.

Wright II, Earl. 2002. "The Atlanta Sociological Laboratory, 1896-1924: A Historical Account of the First American School of Sociology." *Western Journal of Black Studies* 26(3):165-174.

Battle, Juan and Earl Wright II. 2002. "W. E. B. Du Bois's Talented Tenth: A Quantitative Assessment." *Journal of Black Studies* 32(6):654-672.

Wright II, Earl. 2002. "Why Black People Tend To Shout!: An Earnest Attempt To Explain the Sociological Negation of the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory Despite Its Possible Unpleasantness." *Sociological Spectrum* 22(3):325-361.

Wright II, Earl. 2002. "Using The Master's Tools: Atlanta University and American Sociology, 1896-1924." *Sociological Spectrum* 22(1):15-39.

Wright II, Earl and Thomas C. Calhoun. 2001. "From the Common Thug to the Local Businessman: An Exploration into an Urban African American Barbershop." *Deviant Behavior* 22(3): 267-288.

Stephens, Ronald J. and Earl Wright II. 2000. "Beyond Bitches, Niggers, and Ho's: Some Suggestions for Including Rap Music as a Qualitative Data Source." *Race and Society* 3(1):23-40.

Parker, Keith D., Earl Wright II, and Jennifer Wingren. 1999. "Fear of Crime Among African American Males in Two American Cities: A Multivariate Analysis." *Challenge: A Journal of Research on African American Men* 10:51-60.

Wright II, Earl. 1998. "More Than Just a Haircut: Sociability Within the Urban African American Barbershop." *Challenge: A Journal of Research on African American Men* 9:1-13.

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## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Earl Wright II and Edward V. Wallace. 2015. "Black Sociology: Toward A 22<sup>nd</sup> Century Agenda." Pp. 1-10 in The Ashgate Research Companion to Black Sociology: Contemporary Issues and Future Directions, edited by Earl Wright II and Edward V. Wallace.

Earl Wright II. 2014. "Am I My Brother's Keeper: W. E. B. Du Bois' New Talented Tenth." Pp. 49-67 in Re-Positioning Race: Prophetic Research in a Post-Racial Obama Age, edited by Sandra L. Barnes, Zandria Robinson and Earl Wright II

Wright II, Earl. 2014. "A Personal Narrative on Masculinity." Pp. 7-17 in Hyper Sexual-Hyper Masculine?: Deconstructing Masculine, Sexual, and Racial Identity Formation among Contemporary Black Men, edited by Brittany Slatton and Kamesha Spates. Boulder, Colorado: Paradigm Publishers.

## **ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES**

Wright II, Earl. 2009. "W. E. B. Du Bois." *Encyclopedia of African American Education*. Sage Publications. (15 manuscript pages)

Wright II, Earl. 2007. "American Sociology." *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. New York: McMillan Press. (5 manuscript pages)

Wright II, Earl. 2007. "The Color Line." Blackwell Publishers. Pp. 604-605 in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology Volume II*, edited by George Ritzer, Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing.

## **NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

Wright II, Earl. 2015. "In Memoriam: Charles Ullman "C.U." Smith." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 1(2):1-2.

Wright II, Earl. 2013. Book Review of Poor and Homeless in the Sunshine State: Down and Out in Theme Park Nation. *Contemporary Sociology* 42(1): 120-121.

Wright II, Earl. 2010. "Atlanta: Birthplace of American Sociology," *Footnotes*, American Sociological Association.

Wright II, Earl and Jean Shin. 2009. "History of the Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award," *Footnotes*, American Sociological Association.

Wright II, Earl. 1997. "A Tale from the 'Hood.'" A book review of William Julius Wilson's *When Work Disappears: The New World of the New Urban Poor*. In *Center News*, The Center for Research on Women, University of Memphis, Volume 15, Number 2.

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## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

Earl Wright II. *Beyond W. E. B. Du Bois: Predominately Black Colleges and the Rise of American Sociology*

Earl Wright II, Barbara Scott and Derrick Brooms. *Lift As We Climb: A History of the Association of Black Sociology, 1970-2020*.

## **GRANT**

Wright II, Earl. 2016. "The Cincinnati Project Symposium," Taft Research Center, University of Cincinnati, \$6,000 funded.

Wright II, Earl. 2016. "The Cincinnati Project." Diversity and Inclusion Incentive Grant, President's Diversity Council, University of Cincinnati, \$6,000 funded.

Wright II, Earl. 2015. "Publications Award for Indexing Expenses for *Ashgate Research Companion to Black Sociology*." Taft Research Center, University of Cincinnati, \$913 funded.

Wright II, Earl. 2008. "Uncovering the Origins of Black Sociology: Atlanta, Tuskegee, Fisk & Howard," Office of Enhanced Research, Texas Southern University, \$15,544.01 funded.

## **MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER FOR**

*Sociological Focus* (2015); *American Journal of Sociology* (2013); *Qualitative Sociology* (2013 & 2012); *Sociological Spectrum* (2009, 2007 & 2003); *The Historian* (2007); *Challenge: A Journal of Research on African American Men* (2007); *Sociology Compass* (2007); *Sociological Quarterly* (2007); *Sociological Perspectives* (2006); *American Sociological Review* (2012 & 2005); *Sociological Inquiry* (2005 & 2004); *Race & Society* (2004); *Social Forces* (2004); *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* (2015); *Journal of Social Science Research* (2004); and *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* (2004 & 2003)

### **Member of Editorial Boards:**

- 1) *Sociological Focus* (2014 – Present)
- 2) *International Journal of Sociology Study* (2013 – Present)
- 3) *Phylon* (2014 – Present)

### **Past Member of Editorial Boards:**

*Journal of African American Studies* (2005 – 2012), *Sociology Compass* (2006 – 2010)

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## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

### **Research: (In alphabetical order)**

Historical Sociology

Race and Ethnicity

Urban Sociology

### **Teaching: (In addition to the areas listed under research)**

Qualitative Research Methods

Race, Class, and Gender

Sex/Gender

### **Courses Taught:**

Afrocentric Studies (Graduate); Black Experiences; Black Feminism (Graduate & Undergraduate); Black Urban Poverty; Introduction to Africana Studies; Introduction to Ethnic Studies; Introduction to Sociology; Nationality and Race Relations; Practicum/Internship (Graduate & Undergraduate); Professional Development Seminar (Graduate); Qualitative Research Methods (Graduate); Racism; Race and Ethnic Minorities in the United States; Race and Ethnicity (Graduate); Race, Class, and Gender (Graduate & Undergraduate); Social Problems; Sociological Theory; Sociology of the Black Community; Sociology of W. E. B. Du Bois (Graduate & Undergraduate); Sociology of Hip Hop; Sociology of Women (Graduate & Undergraduate); Urban Social Issues; Urban Sociology (Graduate & Undergraduate); and Women in Contemporary Society.

## **PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

### **Paper Presentations:**

Earl Wright II and Kalasia Daniels. "An Earnest Desire for the Truth Despite Its Possible Unpleasantness: A Comparative Analysis of the Atlanta University Publications and American Journal of Sociology, 1895-1917," North Central Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois, March, 2016.

Earl Wright II. "The Sociology of W. E. B. Du Bois." American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois, August, 2015.

Earl Wright II. "Why and How the Atlanta Sociological Canon Excludes W. E. B. Du Bois and the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory." American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois, August, 2015.

Earl Wright II. "Preparing for the Academic Market: Interviewing and the Job Talk." Association of Black Sociologists, Chicago, Illinois, August, 2015.

Earl Wright II. "Why Black People Tend To Shout?: An Earnest Attempt to Explain the Sociological Negation of the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory, *Again*." Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana, March, 2015.

Earl Wright II. "W. E. B. Du Bois, Howard Odum and the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory." Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, North Carolina, April, 2014.

Earl Wright II. "Horror Stories & Tales of Success: A Guide to Understanding and Overcoming Pitfalls in Academia." Mid-South Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, October, 2013.

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Earl Wright II. "Why, Where and How To Infuse the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory into the Sociology Curriculum." Mid-South Sociological Association, Little Rock, Arkansas, October, 2011.

Earl Wright II. "Charles S. Johnson, Fisk University and the Tradition of Black Sociology." Southern Sociological Society, Jacksonville, Florida, April, 2011. INVITED PANELIST for Charles S. Johnson's induction into Southern Sociological Society "Ring of Honor"

Earl Wright II. "W. E. B. Du Bois, the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory and Sociology of the South." Southern Sociological Society, Jacksonville, Florida, April, 2011.

Earl Wright II. "Crashing Through the Gate (Keepers): A Final Statement on the Sociological Significance of W. E. B. Du Bois and the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory." American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, August, 2010.

Wright II, Earl. "Howard Odum and the (Black) Sociology of the South." Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana, April, 2009.

Wright II, Earl. "The Big Four and American Sociology: Atlanta, Fisk, Howard and Tuskegee." Association of Black Sociologists, Boston, Massachusetts, August 2008.

Wright II, Earl and Clarence Gordon. "But Words Will Never Hurt Me?: The Sociology of Hip Hop." Southwestern Sociological Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March, 2008.

Wright II, Earl. "The Tuskegee Institute: The Second School of Black Sociology." Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile, Alabama, October, 2007.

Wright II, Earl. "Her Sons and Daughters Ever on the Alter: The Tradition of Sociology at Fisk University, 1911-1955." Midwest Sociological Society & North Central Sociological Association (Joint Meeting), Chicago, Illinois, April, 2007.

Wright II, Earl. "Darkening the Discipline: The Parallel Worlds of Black Sociology and Mainstream (White) Sociology." Midwest Sociological Society, Omaha, Nebraska, March, 2006.

Wright II, Earl. "W. E. B. Du Bois, Booker T. Washington, and An American Disaster: How Hurricane Katrina Exposed the Crisis of Black Leadership." Association of Behavioral and Social Scientists, Jackson, Mississippi, March, 2006.

Wright II, Earl. "Fisk University and American Sociology." Mid-South Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, November, 2005.

Earl Wright II. "Am I My Brother's Keeper?: A Re-Examination of W. E. B. Du Bois' Theory of the Talented Tenth." Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, Georgia, April, 2004.

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Earl Wright II. SPECIAL SESSION *The Souls Of Black Folk: 100 Years Later*, “The Atlanta Sociological Laboratory and American Sociology.” American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, August, 2003. INVITED PANELIST

Earl Wright II. “The Sociological Significance of the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory, 1896-1924.” American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois, August, 2002.

Earl Wright II. “Jim Crow Sociology: Toward An Understanding of Black Sociology Via the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory.” Association of Black Sociologists, Chicago, Illinois, August, 2002.

Earl Wright II. “The Sociological Significance of the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory, 1896-1924: An Argument for the Inclusion of Atlanta University and W. E. B. Du Bois in the Sociological Canon.” Southern Sociological Society, Baltimore, Maryland, April, 2002.

Earl Wright II. “The Sociological Significance of the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory, 1896-1924: An Argument for the Inclusion of Atlanta University and W. E. B. Du Bois in the Sociological Canon.” Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Greensboro, North Carolina, March 2002.

Earl Wright II. “The Women of the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory, 1896-1924.” Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile, Alabama, October, 2001.

Earl Wright II. “‘We Study the Problems That Others Talk About’: The Sociological Significance of the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory.” Eastern Sociological Society, November 9, 2005, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March, 2001.

Earl Wright II. “Using The Master’s Tools: Debunking the Chicago School of Sociology, Part 1.” Mid-South Sociological Association, Knoxville, Tennessee, October, 2000.

Earl Wright II and Thomas C. Calhoun. “From the Common Thug to the Local Businessman: An Exploration Into an Urban African American Barbershop.” Mid-South Sociological Association, Jackson, Mississippi, October, 1999.

Ronald J. Stephens and Earl Wright II. “Wonder Why They Call You Bitch?: Rap Music, the Voice of the Proletariat.” National Ethnic Studies Association, Orlando, Florida, March, 1999.

Earl Wright II, Jennifer Wingren, and Keith Parker. “Fear of Crime in Two American Cities: A Multivariate Analysis.” American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C., Nov., 1998.

Earl Wright II and Kee-Sha Adams-Parks. “Why Black People Tend To Shout!: The Experience of Being An African American Graduate Student In A Predominately White Institution.” People of Color in Predominately White Institutions, Lincoln, Nebraska, April, 1998.

Earl Wright II. “Who’s That Knocking At The Door?: The Exclusion of W.E.B. Du Bois from the Sociological Canon.” Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, Georgia, April, 1998.



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Earl Wright II. "More Than Just A Haircut: Alternative Economy." Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana, April, 1997.

Earl Wright II. "More Than Just A Haircut: Barbershop Sociability." Mid-South Sociological Association, Little Rock, Arkansas, November, 1996.

**Session/Panel Organizer: Regular**

"Teaching Sociology." Mid-South Sociological Association, Lafayette, Louisiana, November, 2009.

"The Agony and Ecstasy of Historical Documents," with Marianne Fisher-Giorlando (Grambling State University). Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile, Alabama, 2007.

"Historical Sociology" with Marianne Fisher-Giorlando (Grambling State University). Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile, Alabama, 2007.

"Historical Sociology" with Marianne Fisher-Giorlando (Grambling State University). Mid-South Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, 2005.

"Historical Sociology" with Marianne Fisher-Giorlando (Grambling State University). Mid-South Sociological Association, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 2003.

"Historical Sociology." Mid-South Sociological Association, Memphis, Tennessee, October, 2002.

"Historical Sociology." Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile, Alabama, October, 2001.

**Session/Panel Organizer: Special**

"Teaching at HBCU's" (with Thomas C. Calhoun – Jackson State University), American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, August, 2010.

"Black Folk and the Sociology of Knowledge," American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, August, 2010.

"Race Matters Deep In the Heart of Dixie: Toward A Post-Racial Era in the American South." Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Regional Spotlight on the South, American Sociological Association, August, 2010.

"The History of the Association of Black Sociologists," Association of Black Sociologists, New Orleans, Louisiana, June, 2010.

"Atlanta University and American Sociology, 1895-1924: An Earnest Desire for the Truth Despite Its Possible Unpleasantness." American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois, August, 2002. Panelists included Rutledge M. Dennis, Shaun L. Gabbidon, Vernon J. Williams, Jr., and Earl Wright II.

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“The Atlanta Sociological Laboratory, 1896-1924: America’s First Model of Urban Sociological Research?” Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, Georgia, April, 2001. Panelists included Rutledge Dennis and Earl Wright II.

### **INVITED LECTURES**

“The First American School of Sociology,” Celebration of the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory and the work of W. E. B. Du Bois, Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, February, 2016.

“Am I My Brothers’ Keeper?,” Alpha Kappa Delta Initiation Ceremony, Department of Sociology, Bethune-Cookman University, Daytona, Florida, November, 2010.

“The Naked Truth and A Well Dressed Lie,” Sponsored by Omega Psi Phi, Lamar University, April, 2010.

“Jim Crow Sociology: The Significance of Black Institutions to the Social Sciences,” Department of Sociology, Fayetteville State University, April, 2009.

“What the Election of Barak Obama Means for Black Americans,” Houston Area Urban League Young Professionals, Houston, Texas, November, 2008.

“W. E. B. Du Bois and Africa,” Houston International Festival, Rice University, April, 2008.

“N-Word Forum,” Sponsored by the NAACP, Texas Southern University, February, 2007.

“Using the N-Word?,” Sponsored by the Freshman Year Research Experience Program, University of Houston, February, 2007.

“Am I My Brother’s Keeper?: W. E. B. Du Bois’ New Talented Tenth,” College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences Lecture Series, Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas, October, 2006.

“More Than Just A Haircut: A Sociological Analysis of an Urban African American Barbershop,” Student Research Forum, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, April, 2005.

“The Naked Truth and A Well Dressed Lie: Unity and Black College Students,” National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (Undergraduate Chapter), Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, April, 2005.

“Racial Disparities in HIV: A Sociological Analysis,” HIV/AIDS International Problems, Local Solutions - Memphis In May Health Care Conference, Sponsored by Methodist Healthcare Hospitals, Memphis, Tennessee, May, 2004

“To Be Young, Black, and Racially Profiled: The Murder of Unarmed Black Men by Police Officers,” Masquerade Ball presented by Volunteer UCF and the Student Government Association, University of Central Florida, March, 2004.

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“Does Race Still Matter?” Office of Diversity Initiatives, University of Central Florida, March, 2004.

“Black Sociology: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow,” Inaugural Alpha Kappa Delta Initiation Ceremony, Department of Sociology & Gerontology, Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona, Florida, February, 2004.

“Am I My Brother’s Keeper?: African American College Students and Their Responsibility To Eradicate Social Oppression,” African American Studies Program, *James Weldon Johnson Lecture Series*, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, September, 2003.

“The Sociology of Tupac Shakur: From the Miracle of the 20th Century to the Hope for the 21st Century,” African American Studies Program, *James Weldon Johnson Lecture Series*, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, October, 2002.

“An Urban Sociological Analysis of the Spread of HIV/AIDS in the African American Community,” African-American Pastors Consortium, Seventh Annual Education and Leadership Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, March, 2002.

“Civil Liberties: Sex, Gender, and Race,” Learning Institute for Elders at University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, February, 2002.

“If You Believe It You Can Achieve It,” Urban League of Nebraska, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, June, 1999.

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## **HONORS and AWARDS**

- 2016-2017      *Taft Research Center Fellow*, University of Cincinnati.  
The Taft Center Fellowship is an internal grant program that relieves a small number of university faculty of their teaching and service duties for one academic year in order to complete a major book length project.
- 2016            *Charles S. Johnson Award*, Southern Sociological Society. The Charles S. Johnson Award is given to an individual in recognition of distinguished scholarly contributions on race and the South. The individual's contribution may be an exceptional single work, several pieces of work, or a significant career of professional achievement.
- 2004            Scholar of Note, *Black Issues in Higher Education*.
- 2002            Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award, Black Female Development Circle, Inc., University of Central Florida.
- 1999            Graduate Assistant Mentoring Award, Office of Graduate Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- 1999            Shades of Leadership Award, Office of Student Involvement, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

## **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES**

- 2015            Attendee, "How to Create and Run an Online Course," Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, University of Cincinnati, May, 2015. This workshop ran for one week.
- 2015            Panelist, "Facilitating Challenging Conversations in Diverse Classrooms," Center for Enhancement in Teaching and Learning, University of Cincinnati, October, 2015.
- 2015            Panelist, "Strategies for Teaching Race and #BlackLivesMatter," Kunz Center, Department of Sociology, University of Cincinnati, January, 2015.
- 2006            Attendee, "Faculty Retreat," Fisk University, May 2005. Workshop topics addressed technology in the classroom, assessing student learning outcomes, and alternative teaching pedagogies.
- 2005            Attendee, "Faculty Retreat," Fisk University, May 2005. Workshop topics addressed technology in the classroom, testing methodologies, and alternative learning styles.

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- 2004 Attendee, Office of Diversity Initiatives, "Summer Faculty Development Conference." University of Central Florida, April, 2004. Workshop topics addressed course assessment, course transformation, and the incorporation of international issues into the curriculum.
- 2003 Attendee, Office of Diversity Initiatives, "Social Awareness and Cultural Change: Brown v. Board of Education and Issues of Social Justice." University of Central Florida, April, 2003. Workshop topics addressed techniques by which the 50th anniversary of the landmark Brown v. Topeka court case can be incorporated into classes taught during the 2003-2004 academic year.
- 2002 Attendee, Office of Diversity Initiatives, "Domestic Diversity Summer Institute." University of Central Florida, May, 2002. Workshop addressed techniques by which to include domestic diversity in course syllabi and class discussion.
- 2001 Attendee, Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, "Technology in the Classroom Workshop." University of Central Florida, May 2001. Seminar topics included computer classroom uses and powerpoint presentations.
- 2000 Attendee, Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, "Diversity in the Classroom." University of Central Florida, May 2000. Seminar topics included diversity in the classroom, mass class management, and effective teaching strategies.
- 1999-1998 Fellow, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Preparing Future Faculty, funded by the Pew Charitable Trust. Faculty Advisor: Helen Moore. Seminar topics included undergraduate assessment, professional development, diversity and the college curriculum, higher education missions and issues, and instructional technologies.

### **WORKSHOP(S) ORGANIZED**

- 2002 "The Difference Between An Advisor and A Mentor," Research and Mentoring Program (RAMP), University of Central Florida. This workshop outlined the specific characteristics of an undergraduate mentor-mentee relationship that extends beyond that of an advisor-research assistant relationship. Activities included a break-out session. This workshop was a joint endeavor conducted by Dr. Cheryl Green and Dr. Earl Wright II. October 2002.

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## **DISSERTATION / THESIS COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION**

### **Member (Ph.D.):**

ShaDawn Battle (2016), Ciera Graham (2015), Nycole Simpkins (2009 Public Affairs)

### **Chairperson (M.A.):**

Ashley Elmore (2004), Andrea Brossett (2002)

### **Member (M.A.):**

Auna Hearne (2015), Brian Bigelow (2005), Yalitza Narrero (2005), Rae Taylor (2003), Kevin O'Farrell (2003), Nicole Royer-Douglas (2002)

### **Member (Senior):**

Racquel Findlay (2003), Lenora Creed-Davis (2002)

## **SERVICE (Selected Items)**

### **Professional:**

Vice President-Elect, Southern Sociological Society, 2017-2019.

Member, W. E. B. Du Bois Career of Distinguished Scholarship Award Committee, American Sociological Association, 2017-2019.

Member-At-Large, Executive Committee, Association of Black Sociologists, 2014-Present.

Chairperson of the Committee on the Profession and Executive Committee Member, Mid-South Sociological Association, 2014-2016.

Member, International Travel Grant Committee, American Sociological Association, 2014.

President, Association of Black Sociologists, 2012 - 2013.

President, Mid-South Sociological Association, 2012 - 2013.

President, Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, 2010-2011.

Member-At-Large (Member of Executive Committee), Association of Black Sociologists, 2008-2011.

Council Member, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, American Sociological Association, 2006 – Present. Served as Chair of the Oliver C. Cox Book Award Committee (2006). Served as Co-Chair of Founder's Award (2009).

Chairperson, Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award Committee, American Sociological Association, 2010-2011.

Member, Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award Committee, American Sociological Association, 2009-2011.

Chair, Committee on Minorities, Mid-South Sociological Association, 2003-2006.

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Book Review Editor, *Journal of African American Studies*, 2006 – 2007.

Chairperson, Publications Committee, Association of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2006 - Present.

Member, Editorial Board, *Sociology Compass*, 2006 – Present.

Member, Editorial Board, *Challenge: A Journal of Research on African American Men*, 2004 – Present.

Editor, Newsletter, Association of Black Sociologists, 2003 - 2006.

Representative, Membership Committee, Association of Black Sociologists, 2000-2006.

Member, Undergraduate Research Committee, Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, 2002-2005.

**University:**

Chairperson, Career Advancement Committee, Black Faculty Association, 2016-Present.

Advisor, Women's Lacrosse Team, University of Cincinnati, 2015-Present.

Member, Executive Committee, Taft Research Center, University of Cincinnati, 2013 - 2016.

Chairperson, Conference and Invited Lecture Committee, Taft Research Center, University of Cincinnati, 2013 - 2016.

Member, Honors College Curriculum Committee, Texas Southern University, 2008-2009.

Member, SACS Reaffirmation of Accreditation, University Curriculum Committee for the Graduate School, Texas Southern University, 2007-2008.

Member, SACS Reaffirmation of Accreditation, Student Affairs and Services Committee, Texas Southern University, 2007-2008.

Member, Academic Standards and Degrees Committee, Fisk University, 2005-2006.

Member, Race Relations Institute Direction Committee, Fisk University, 2006.

Member, President's Leadership Institute Committee (ad hoc), Fisk University, 2005.

Member-At-Large, Faculty Senate, University of Central Florida, 2004.

Co-President, Black Faculty and Staff Association, University of Central Florida, 2000-2002.

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Advisor, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (Fisk University), Fisk University, 2005-2006.

Advisor, Black Female Development Circle, University of Central Florida, 2002-2004.

Advisor, The Elements, University of Central Florida, 2002-2004.

Advisor, Men of Integrity, University of Central Florida, 2003-2004.

Advisory Committee, Multicultural Student Center, University of Central Florida, 2003-2004.

Advisory Committee, African American Studies Program, University of Central Florida, 2002-Present.

Advisory Committee, Research and Mentoring Program, University of Central Florida, 2002-2003.

Mentor, Research and Mentoring Program (RAMP), University of Central Florida, 2002-2003.

Founder and President, Black Graduate Student Association, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1998- 1999.

President, Nebraska Association of Sociology Graduate Students, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1998- 1999.

**Community/Volunteer:**

Speaker, "Explaining the Implications of the Myth of the Willie Lynch Letter," GQ Student Organization, University of Cincinnati, October, 2015.

Speaker, "From Selfishness to Unselfishness: W. E. B. Du Bois's Scholar-Activism," University of Cincinnati Graduate School, University of Cincinnati, September, 2015.

Panelists, "Discussion on Movie, Fruitvale Station: Race at the University of Cincinnati," Department of Sociology, University of Cincinnati, September, 2015.

Panelist, "Race and #BlackLivesMatter at the University of Cincinnati," McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, University of Cincinnati, September, 2015.

Panelist, "Race and #BlackLivesMatter at the University of Cincinnati," McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, University of Cincinnati, August, 2015.

Speaker, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?: W. E. B. Du Bois' Talented Tenth," College of Liberal Behavioral Sciences and Liberal Arts, Texas Southern University, October, 2006.

Panelist, "Hurricane Katrina and the Government's Response," B. L. A. C. K., Inc. (Brothers for Love, Achievement, Culture, and Knowledge), Tennessee State University, September, 2005.



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Speaker, Barbershop Research,” Student Research Day, Fisk University, March 2005.

Speaker, “How To Conduct Sociological Research,” Ronald McNair Program, Fisk University, May, 2005.

Panelist, “Soul Ties, Part 2: Sex and Spirituality,” B. L. A. C. K., Inc. (Brothers for Love, Achievement, Culture, and Knowledge), Tennessee State University, April, 2005.

Panelist, “UCF Psychological Society Presents “Free Your Mind,” Undergraduate Psychological Society, University of Central Florida, December, 2003.

Moderator and Panelist, “Connecting the UCF Community: Brown v. Board of Education,” Multicultural Student Center, University of Central Florida, September, 2003.

Panelist, “Diversity Student Panel: Hip Hop and How It Can Help Solve Societal Problems,” The Elements, University of Central Florida, March, 2003.

Judge, “Stroll Show Contest,” Black Female Development Circle, University of Central Florida, April, 2002.

Master of Ceremony, “Mr. Debonair Scholarship Pageant,” Delta Sigma Theta, University of Central Florida, March, 2002.

Santa Claus, “Christmas Program at Hungerford Elementary School,” Eatonville, Florida, Delta Sigma Theta, December, 2001. Dressed as Santa Claus and handed out presents to children.

Panelist, “The Color of Fear” film, Black Faculty and Staff Association, Diversity Week, University of Central Florida, October, 2001.

Judge, “Stroll Show Contest,” Black Female Development Circle, University of Central Florida, April, 2001.

Judge, “Mr. Debonair Pageant,” Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., University of Central Florida, March, 2001.

Teacher Shadow Program, African American Student Union, University of Central Florida, February 2001 (Group of high school students came to class for college experience).

Judge, Poetry contest, African American Student Union, University of Central Florida, February 2001.

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## **IN THE NEWS**

“Fruitvale Station Opens Dialogue,” The News Record: University of Cincinnati. 2015. My comments centered on the proactive steps that can be taken by Black student organizations to make institutional change in the wake of the murder of Samuel DuBose by a University of Cincinnati police officer. [http://www.newsrecord.org/news/free-movie-screening-to-inspire-conversation-of-social-inequality/article\\_6c78c33c-5ccd-11e5-af0d-8fa80d2a859b.html](http://www.newsrecord.org/news/free-movie-screening-to-inspire-conversation-of-social-inequality/article_6c78c33c-5ccd-11e5-af0d-8fa80d2a859b.html)

“UC Faculty Leads Discussion on Race in Wake of Samuel DuBose Shooting,” The News Record: University of Cincinnati. 2015. My comments centered on the proactive steps that can be taken by Black student organizations to make institutional change in the wake of the murder of Samuel DuBose by a University of Cincinnati police officer. [http://www.newsrecord.org/news/uc-panel-leads-discussion-on-race-in-wake-of-samuel/article\\_d75423ea-5a61-11e5-9069-f715c1f74ebf.html](http://www.newsrecord.org/news/uc-panel-leads-discussion-on-race-in-wake-of-samuel/article_d75423ea-5a61-11e5-9069-f715c1f74ebf.html)

“The Importance of Young Thug and Jaden Smith Challenging Hip Hop’s Masculinity,” Bossip (online blog). 2015. My comments focused on the hypermasculinity in hip hop and the ways that Young Thug and Jaden Smith are helping to (re)define masculinity and maleness in an era where new understandings of gender roles are needed. <http://bossip.com/1139585/the-importance-of-young-thug-and-jaden-smith-challenging-hip-hops-masculinity/>

“Rappers face Extra Scrutiny from the ‘Hip Hop’ Police,” interviewed by Emmanuel A. Otiko, for article that appeared in Our Weekly (Los Angeles) newspaper. 2015. My comments focused on masculinity and authenticity in hip hop and how these factors combine with excessive police scrutiny of artists sometimes leads to arrests. <http://ourweekly.com/news/2015/apr/23/rappers-face-extra-scrutiny-hip-hop-police/?page=1>

“Drama, Interest Builds for ‘Empire’ Season Finale,” interviewed by Mekeisha Madden Toby for an article that appeared in the *Detroit News* newspaper. 2015. My comments focused on the popularity of the new hit show *Empire* and the public’s desire for shows like this that depict many of the subjects discussed in rap music. <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/entertainment/2015/03/17/drama-interest-builds-empire/24933127/>

“Cycle of Violence: Young Lives Cut Short,” interviewed by Tim Evans for an article that appeared in the *Indianapolis Star*. My comments focused on the contributing factors of the high rate of Black male incarceration. September 29, 2013. <http://www.indystar.com/article/20130928/NEWS/309280065/Cycle-violence-Young-lives-cut-short>

Appeared on Houston, Texas radio station KPFT for an hour long discussion of W. E. B. Du Bois and his African perspective. This talk was moderated by Jew Don Boney as part of the Houston International Festival where Dr. Wright was the keynote speaker for the conference on education at Rice University. 2008

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“Assessing Attitudes: Pew Survey Highlights Perceptions of a Deepening Social Split Between Poor and Middle-Class Blacks,” Interviewed by Ronald Roach for *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* for a story on the Pew report’s assessment of the perceived split between poor and middle-class Blacks. My comments highlighted the recent attacks on affirmative action and social justice achievements made during the 1950’s and 1960’s. This article appeared in the February 7, 2008 issue. <https://www.questia.com/magazine/1G1-175180647/assessing-attitudes-pew-survey-highlights-black-perceptions>

Appeared on Texas Southern University radio station KTSU with Jew Don Bonry, Jr. for an hour long conversation on “W. E. B. Du Bois and the Atlanta Sociological Laboratory.” The program aired February 2007.

“Is Pageant Boosting Girls or Simply Judging Them In A Different Way,” Interviewed by *Dallas Morning News* for story on a new type of beauty pageant that does not include swimwear competition. My comments expressed the view that such a new pageant may gain widespread acceptance. The article appeared in the February 24, 2007 edition.

Appeared on Houston, Texas CBS affiliate news station for segment titled, “Economic Gap Between Whites and Blacks” on November 30, 2006. My comments focused on differences in the funding of inner city and suburban schools and the resulting unequal education dispensed by the respective school districts.

Appeared on Houston, Texas CBS affiliate news station for segment titled, “Using the N- Word: Is It Ever OK?” on November 27, 2006. My comments focused on the use of the n-word by the current hip hop generation and whether or not Black American professionals deem the word acceptable.

Panelist, UCF Metro with Linda Chapin; Show titled “Urban Revitalization” and aired in February 2004. In my appearance on this television show I discussed my research on the effect of urban revitalization on the Parramore neighborhood in downtown Orlando, Florida. Orlando mayor Buddy Dyer also appeared on the panel.

“A Cutting-Edge Approach,” *Black Issues in Higher Education*, January 15, 2004 (p 32). This article highlights the career of Dr. Earl Wright II who was selected by the magazine as one of nine American “Scholars of Note” for 2004.

Interviewee, *Central Florida Future*, Interviewed and quoted extensively in article concerning the continued need for affirmative action in higher education. Appeared in February 2004 issue.

Interviewee, *Campaign Corner: Blacksonville.com*, Interviewed and quoted extensively concerning the lack of participation by Hip-Hop era Black Americans in the political process. Appeared in August 24, 2004 edition.

Interviewee, *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*, Interviewed and quoted extensively in a lengthy article celebrating the centennial anniversary of the publication of W. E. B. Du Bois’ book, *The Souls of Black Folk*. Comments appear in November 2003 (E1) edition titled, “W. E. B. Du Bois: A Forgotten Prophet” by Gregory Lewis.

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Interviewee, *Magic Magazine* (Orlando Magic), Interviewed for article concerning the prevalence of National Basketball Association players wearing tattoos. Comments appear in March 2001 (page 34) issue titled "Some Social Perspective" by Christopher Harne.

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American Sociological Association  
Association of Black Sociologists  
Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists  
Mid-South Sociological Association  
Southern Sociological Society