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EDUCATION

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Ph.D. in Applied Anthropology, May 2013

Dissertation: “It’s This Simple, You Really Have to Want to be Together”: A Qualitative Study of African American Military Couples

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia

Masters of Social Work, May 1997

Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia

Bachelor of Arts in Economics; Minor: Management, May 1993

Institute of European Studies, Milan, Italy, 1992

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Shifting Cultural Norms
- Military and Veterans
- Marriage and Families
- Race and Gender
- Qualitative Methods

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

- Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Florida Board of Clinical Social Work

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Professor of Instruction

August 2024 – Present

Graduate Program Coordinator

ISS Undergraduate Program Director, Tampa Campus

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Department of Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

Associate Professor of Instruction

August 2018 – August 2024

Graduate Program Coordinator

ISS Undergraduate Program Director, Tampa Campus

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Department of Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

Assistant Professor of Instruction (formerly Instructor I) August 2014 – August 2018
Graduate Program Coordinator
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Department of Sociology

Adjunct Instructor (Online) August 2015 – December 2015
University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Adjunct Instructor August 2013 – August 2014
University of South Florida
Department of Sociology, Tampa, FL

TEACHING

Courses Taught

- Introduction to the Social Sciences
- Senior Seminar in the Social Sciences
- Social Work with Military, Veterans, and Families
- Research Methods
- Race and Relationships

Student Mentorship

- Ph.D. Dissertation Committee
 - Member – Meya Hemphill-Hodges (Anthropology)
- M.A. Thesis Committee
 - Chair – Monica Heimos
 - Member – Carley Geiss
 - Member – Matthew Ahlfs
- Honors College Thesis Committee
 - Member – Amanda Rio
 - Member – Chelsea Chacko

Teaching-Related Certification and Training

Engaging Dual Audiences Workshop Using Technology Spring 2022
Engaging Students Synchronously Spring 2022
Inclusive and Equitable Pedagogy Fall 2022
Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL)

USF Online Instructor Certification Course Fall 2020

Certified Online Instructor. Completed TOL 5100: Summer 2015
Teaching Online: Online Course Delivery
at University of North Florida

USF Adjunct Workshop Series	Fall 2013
USF Adjunct Retreat	Summer 2013
Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence (ATLE)	
Teaching Anthropology Course (ANG 5937)	Fall 2010

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Interviewer/Focus Group Facilitator May 2013 – August 2013

- Collected data for research project on HIV treatment
- Moderated focus groups with HIV care providers
- Conducted interviews with HIV patients

Doctoral Research March 2011 – March 2013

- Conducted semi-structured interviews
- Utilized MAXQDA software for data management and analysis

Research Assistant September 2011 – May 2012
 University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Tampa, FL

- Study: Health Inventory in The Villages Community
- Collected data for research project on health and aging
- Moderated focus groups with residents of a retirement community
- Utilized SPSS and NVivo software for data management and analysis

Graduate Assistant November 2009 - June 2011
 University of South Florida, Department of Mental Health Law and Policy

- Conducted literature reviews
- Collected data for research projects on justice-involved veterans
- Assisted faculty with writing of journal articles

Research Librarian September 2008 - November 2009
 University of South Florida, Florida Mental Health Institute, Tampa, FL

- Conducted literature reviews for faculty on mental health topics
- Managed database of library materials

PUBLICATIONS

Yelvington, K., A. Winn, E.C. Wells, A. Stuesse, N. Romero-Daza, L.C. Johnson, A.T. Jackson, **E. Curry** and H. Castañeda. “Diversity Dilemmas and Opportunities: Training the Next Generation of Anthropologists.” *American Anthropologist* 117, no. 2 (2015): 387-392,

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Sociology Department IRB Reviewer	Fall 2016 – Present
Sociology Instructor Search Committee	Fall 2022
Sociology Assistant Professor Search Committee	Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Interdisciplinary Social Science Planning Committee
Sociology Community Engagement Committee, Chair
Sociology Instructor Search Committee

Fall 2016 – Spring 2017
Fall 2014 – Spring 2015
Summer 2015

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2019 Research Boot Camp Organizing Committee (Co-Chair) Fall 2019 – Summer 2019
USF CAS Academic Grievance and Integrity Committee Member Fall 2018 – Fall 2020
USF Graduate Student Research Symposium (Judge) Spring 2016, 2017
USF ATLE Affiliated Faculty Member Fall 2014 – Fall 2015
USF Undergraduate Research and Arts Colloquium (Judge) Spring 2014

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Training Coordinator

January 2005 - July 2008

Florida Kinship Center, Tampa, FL

- Facilitated training for caregivers and community-based agencies.
- Collaborated with partners and grassroots group to provide kinship support services.
- Organized an annual conference and major advocacy event.
- Managed two grant-funded programs and staff.

Community Services Advocate

September 2002 - September 2004

American Cancer Society, Washington, D.C.

- Facilitated planning and coordination groups to address survivor and caregiver needs.
- Conducted brief psychosocial assessments, intervention and follow-up.
- Advocated for clients to facilitate provision of services.
- Coordinated volunteer training sessions for cancer survivors.

HIV Community Services Coordinator

February 2001 - September 2002

Washington Free Clinic, Washington, D.C.

- Planned outreach strategies and education programs for targeted communities
- Developed community linkages and participate in community meetings to promote program activities
- Recruited, hired and supervised education and outreach staff
- Maintained required data and reporting to funding agencies
- Participated in grant writing activities related to HIV service delivery areas

Case Manager

March 2000 - February 2001

Washington Free Clinic, Washington, D.C.

- Conducted psychosocial assessments and provided referrals for mental health and substance abuse treatment services
- Provided entitlements eligibility assessments and assisted with applications for entitlements
- Provided referrals for all necessary supportive services and assisted clients with maintaining linkages
- Maintained accurate and confidential social service records in accordance with Title II case management protocols
- Participated in multidisciplinary team meetings for care planning

- Maintained Title II case management data and report to funding agencies

Social Worker

June 1997 - August 1999

Whitman-Walker Clinic, Austin Center for Health and Living, Washington, D.C.

- Worked within a multi-disciplinary team to provide comprehensive day treatment to clients with HIV/AIDS
- Provided direct service to clients, especially 1:1 sessions and group facilitation
- Assumed major role in development and implementation of addictions treatment programming
- Assisted in development and implementation of general day treatment programming
- Acted as a liaison between client and primary case manager

PRESENTATIONS

Curry, E. (2016). Military Wives and the Call of Duty: An Exploration of Gender in Relationships. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

Curry, E. (2014). Military Wives and the Call of Duty: An Exploration of Gender in Relationships. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque, NM.

Curry, E. (2011). An Exploration of African American Military Marriages Using Photo Elicitation. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Florida Education Fund Mid-Year Research and Writing Conference, Tampa, FL.

Curry, E. (2006). Kinship Care Challenges in Florida: Reconciling Caregiver Needs with Agency and Systemic Goals. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Child Advocacy Center Conference, Gainesville, FL.

Curry, E. (2006). Kinship Care Challenges in Florida: Reconciling Caregiver Needs with Agency and Systemic Goals. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Families First Network and Florida Department of Children and Families Training, Ft. Walton Beach, FL.

Curry, E. (2005). Kinship Care: Making a Difference for Relatives Raising Children. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Florida Coalition for Children, Tampa, FL.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

McKnight Doctoral Fellowship, Florida Education Fund, 2008-2013

One of fifty fellowships awarded statewide (200 submissions)

Virginia Commonwealth School of Social Work Scholarship, 1995

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