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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2011 **Ph.D.** in Sociology, Indiana University (***November 2011***).
- Thesis: *Untangling Racial and Gender Disparities in Health and Well-Being in the U.S. 1972-2008* (Committee: Jane D. McLeod (Chair), Pamela Braboy Jackson, Brian Powell, and Quincy Thomas Stewart)
- Minor: Applied Social Statistics (advanced training in Categorical Data Analysis, Time Series Analysis, Methods of Population Analysis, and Longitudinal Analysis)
- 2007 **Qualifying Exam** in Medical Sociology & Stratification, Indiana University.
(Committee: Jane D. McLeod (Chair); Pamela Braboy Jackson and Quincy T. Stewart)
- 2004 **M.A.** Sociology, Indiana University, December 2004
Thesis: "His Loss or Her Gain: An Examination of Gender and Racial Disparities in Self-Rated Health." Committee: Brian Powell (Chair) and Pamela Braboy Jackson
- 2002 **B.A. Honors** in Sociology/English (Double Major), Fairfield University

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2011-Present Research Associate of Sociology, University of South Carolina
- 2011-Present Research Associate of African-American Studies, University of South Carolina

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Medical Sociology, Mental Health, Stratification, Race and Gender, Sociology of Family, and Quantitative Methodology

GRANTS

- 2009-2011 National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities Dissertation Award
(*National Dissertation fellowship funded by the National Institute of Health*), **\$63,602**
- 2003-2006 American Sociological Association / NIMH Minority Fellowship, **\$45,000**

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2009-2011 National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities Dissertation Award
(*National Dissertation fellowship funded by the National Institute of Health*)
- 2003-2006 American Sociological Association / NIMH Minority Fellowship
- 2002-Present College of Arts & Sciences Graduate Tuition Scholarship – Indiana University
- 2002-2003 Dean’s Minority Fellowship - Indiana University
- 2002-2003 University Graduate School Fellowship – Indiana University

PUBLICATIONS

Jackson, Pamela Braboy and Jason L. Cummings. 2011. “Health Disparities and the Black Middle Class Paradox: Overview, Empirical Investigation, and Discussion.” *The Handbook of the Sociology of Health, Illness, & Healing: Blueprint for the 21st Century*, edited by Bernice Pescosolido, Jack Martin, Jane McLeod, and Anne Rogers. New York: Springer Publishers.

Cummings, Jason L. and Pamela Braboy Jackson. 2008. “Race, Gender and SES Disparities in Self-Assessed Health 1974-2004.” *Research on Aging*. 2:137-167 (Lead Article)

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Jackson, Pamela Braboy, Quincy Thomas Stewart, Jason L. Cummings and Deidre Redmond. “The Health Paradox of the Black Middle Class: Racism in the Workplace and Chronic Health Conditions.” *American Journal of Epidemiology*

SELECTED PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Cummings, Jason L. and Tiffani N. Saunders. “Race, Ethnicity, Parental Stress and Health: Are Some Groups More Vulnerable?” In preparation for *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*

Cummings, Jason L. and Tiffani N. Saunders. “The Role of Incarceration on Mental and Physical Health: Testing the Social Selection and Social Causation Hypotheses”

Cummings, Jason L. “Race, Ethnicity, Culture and Health: Moving Forward and Advancing Theory.”

Cummings, Jason L. "Racial Stratification as a Fundamental Cause of Disease: Embracing an Upstream Approach to Race, Health and Social Inequality"

Stewart, Quincy, Irma Elo and Jason L. Cummings. "How Far Have We Come?: A Study of the Black-White Gap in Mortality since the early Depression Years."

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED PAPERS

- 2009 Cummings, Jason L. "Assessing the Health of the Nation: U.S. Racial and Gender Disparities in Subjective Well-Being" *HALC Workshop; Purdue University Department of Sociology*
- 2008 Cummings, Jason L. (with Tiffani N. Saunders). "Race, Ethnicity, Parental Stress and Health: Are Some Groups More Vulnerable?" *Eleventh International Conference on Social Stress Research. Sante Fe, New Mexico*
- 2007 Cummings, Jason L. (with Melissa Reyes). "Race, Ethnicity, Culture and Health: Moving Forward and Advancing Theory" *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association in New York*
- 2007 Cummings, Jason L. "Racial Stratification as a Fundamental Cause of Disease: Embracing an Upstream Approach to Race, Health and Social Inequality" *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association in New York*
- 2007 Cummings, Jason L. (with Tiffani N. Saunders). "The Role of Incarceration on Mental and Physical Health: Testing the Social Selection and Social Causation Hypotheses" *Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Association in Chicago*
- 2005 Cummings, Jason L. "His Gain or Her Loss: An Examination of Gender and Racial Disparities in Self-Rated Health 1972-2002.": *Herman C. Hudson Symposium in Bloomington, Indiana*
- 2004 Cummings, Jason L. "Gender and Racial Disparities in Self-Rated Health 1972-2000: The Role of Socioeconomic Status, Marriage and Employment.:" *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association in San Francisco*

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2007-2009 Research Assistant/Co-Author, *Dr. Pamela Braboy Jackson*
Robert Wood Johnson Investigator Award in Health Policy
Explaining Elevated Health Risks of the Black Middle Class
Indiana University, Sociology
- 2006-Present Statistical Consultant, *Professor Emeritus Maurice Garnier*
Education Inequality in Benin
Indiana University, Sociology
- 2006-2008 Statistical and Computing Lab Consultant (graduate)
Indiana University, Sociology

- 2006 Research Assistant, *Dr. Quincy Stewart* (Summer)
African-American Mortality 1850-2000
Indiana University, Sociology
- 2003 Research Assistant, *Dr. Brian Powell*
Constructing the Family in the 21st Century
Indiana University, Sociology
- 2002-2003 Research Assistant, *Dr. Quincy Stewart*
African-American Mortality 1850-2000
Indiana University, Sociology
- 2000-2002 Research Assistant, *Dr. Kurt Schlichting*,
African-American Segregation 1900 U.S. Census
Fairfield University, Sociology

TEACHING POSITIONS

- 2008-2009 Associate Instructor, *Introduction to Sociology* (undergraduate level)
Full Responsibility for Course Development, Lecture and Grading
Indiana University (Fall 2008 / Spring 2009)
- 2005-2006 Teaching Assistant/ Lab Instructor, *Categorical Data Analysis* (graduate level)
Partial Responsibility for Lab/ Course Development, Lecture and Grading
Indiana University
- 2005 Teaching Assistant, *Regression II* (graduate level)
Partial Responsibility for Course Development, Tutoring and Grading
Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
University of Michigan

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT

- 2009-2011 Chair, *Faculty/ Graduate Student Mentor Award Committee*
Indiana University, Sociology
- 2008-2011 Member, Steering *Committee Building Bridges: Diversity Series Symposium*
Indiana University
- 2008 Invited Panel Member, *Diversity in the Classroom*
2nd Year Graduate Seminar
Indiana University, Sociology
- 2008 Member, *Race and Ethnic Relations Committee*
Indiana University, Sociology
- 2004-2011 Member, *Graduate Student Mentor Award Committee*
Indiana University, Sociology

- 2004-2011 Member, *S.H.E.L. (Social Psychology, Health & Life Course Research Workshop)*
Indiana University, Sociology
- 2004-2005 Graduate Student Representative, *Undergraduate Affairs Committee*
Indiana University, Sociology
- 2003-2011 Member, *Faculty Mentor Award Committee*
Indiana University, Sociology
- 2002-2004 Member, *NIMH Training Program in Identity, Self, Role and Mental Health*
Indiana University

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

- 2008 Member, Steering *Committee Building Bridges: Diversity Series Symposium*
Indiana University
- 2006 Consultant, *Herman B. Wells Library*
Survey Design and Administration
Indiana University
- 2003-2007 Member, *Population Institute for Research and Training*
Indiana University

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2002-Present Member, *American Sociological Association*
Section on Sociology of Mental Health
Section on Medical Sociology
Sociology of Family
- 2005-Present Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*
Research on Aging

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

- 2008 Co-Leader, *Back to School Drive*
Distributed School Supplies to local students
- 2006 Member, *MLK celebration performer at Rogers and Fairview elementary school*
Bloomington, IN
- 2003 Invited Panelist, *Graduate Course: Multicultural Issues in Mental Health Counseling*
Fairfield University
- 2002 Invited Panelist, *Race & Education: Conversation, Collaboration and Action*
Fairfield University

References

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