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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

- 1992 Ph.D.
Howard University; Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Department of
Sociology and Anthropology
Major Areas: Medical Sociology and Demography; Minor Area: Health Services
Administration
(Dissertation: *Preventive Behavior and HIV/AIDS: A Study of Minority Women in
the U.S.*)
- 1989 M.A.
Howard University; College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Sociology
Major Areas: Sociology
(Thesis: *The Impact of Mass Media on Self-Care and Self-Medication: A Study In
Health and Illness Behavior.*)
- 1985 B.A., *Cum Laude*
Howard University; College of Liberal Arts, Department of Sociology and
Anthropology
Major Areas: Anthropology
(Honors Thesis: *Theory and Medical Anthropology.*)
- American University; College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biology (2
years)

Continuing Education

Harvard University, Radcliffe College, Henry A. Murray Research Center: Studying Work and
Family Life: Methodological Strategies in Secondary Analysis, 1995.

Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Hygiene and Public Health, Introduction to
Health Policy and Management, Epidemiology, 1995.

George Washington University, School of Medicine, Department of Public Health,
Coursework in Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Health Promotion, and Disease Prevention, 1993-
1994.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Epidemiology, Prevention, and Control of
Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (2.7 Continuing Education Credits), 1994.

PROFESSIONAL AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Present Position

Associate Vice President for Research Compliance, Office of the Vice President for Research and Compliance, Howard University, Washington, D.C. (July 2009 to present) – manage, support, coordinate research compliance across the University, including the medical and dental schools; manage and coordinate the Institutional Review Board (IRB), the Institutional Animal Care Committee (IACUC), and the Institutional Bio-Safety Committee (IBC); train and monitor the HU community on issues related to responsible conduct of research and research compliance; coordinate with Federal regulatory agencies and the organizations; collaborate with other universities.

Past Experience

The National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Drug Abuse, Division of Epidemiology, Services and Prevention Research (DESPR) – (2003 to 2009):

Chief, Epidemiology Research Branch – Plan and manage major research programs involving complex administrative/management issues; member of the DESPR leadership team – i.e. participate in divisional leadership decision-making, strategy development, and budget management and decision-making. Official leader of all epidemiologic research conducted/supported by the Institute:

- Lead Institute effort on mapping the social environment in drug abuse research and the social epidemiology of drug abuse; lead a trans-NIH workgroup on the mapping of the social environment as it relates to the social determinants to health
- Represent the Institute Director at the Executive Roundtable on the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health chaired by the Eunice Shriver Institute on Child Health and Development (NICHD) and NIH's Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research
- Develop and stimulate a portfolio of science focused broadly on the epidemiology and etiology of drug abuse and specifically on areas of science such as emerging and current trends in drug abuse and drug-related disorders, social epidemiology, genetic liability and phenotypic heterogeneity, drug abuse and psychopathology: vulnerability and comorbidity, human development in adolescence and adulthood, family processes and early risks of drug use, social and behavioral consequences of street drugs, drug markets and behavior economics, health and medical consequences of drugs of abuse and co-occurring infections.
- Communicate scientific, programmatic, and administrative information to a wide audience of scientific and non-scientific personnel within and outside the Institute and across NIH
- Write and present on a range of scientific topics for diverse scientific and non-scientific audiences outside of NIH
- Foster and maintain trans-NIH scientific collaborations
- Serve as member on and chair various trans-NIH and NIDA committees
- Manage a budget of approximately \$84.7M (FY 2008) covering approximately 300 centers, institutional, training, individual-PI, and other grants.

- Make budgetary recommendations and decisions for institutional funding of external researchers – individual scientists as well as centers and institutes
- Manage a staff of health scientist administrators (psychiatrists, developmental psychologists, biostatisticians, public health scientists); promote staff development, retention, and recruitment
- Liaise with the NIDA grants management and grants review and the NIH's Center for Scientific Review.

The National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Drug Abuse, Division of Epidemiology, Services and Prevention Research (DESPR) – (2000 to 2003):

Director for Research on the Social Epidemiology of Drug Abuse – Manage program of extramural research on the social epidemiology of drug abuse and the ecology of the HIV/AIDS-drug abuse tandem across communities and population groups. For example, studies that: (1) examine cumulative exposure – i.e., the independent and related effects environmental, familial, and community risk and protective factors; (2) examine the moderating effects of social and environmental contexts on the expression of biological and/or genetic predisposition; (3) examine the impact of collective properties, group, and community factors as risk or protective factors – i.e., neighborhood and community-level variables such as residential instability, neighborhood disadvantage, collective efficacy, social cohesion or other aspects of locally shared environments as contributors to drug abusing behavior and the consequences of such behavior; and (4) examine drug abuse as an adverse health behavior and HIV/AIDS as one consequence of that behavior.

Program Officer – Function as the alternate project office for the Community Epidemiology Workgroup (CEWG) project with an emphasis on focusing attention to approaches to understanding the ecology of drug abuse and HIV/AIDS at the community level. Collaborate with the Center on AIDS and Other Medical Consequences of Drug Abuse (CAMCODA) on the implementation of the “Diffusion of HIV infection through sexual risk behaviors of drug users” cooperative agreement project by attending and participating as a non-voting resource to the Steering Committee and its subcommittees, including providing scientific expertise in Medical Sociology and the social epidemiology of infectious disease transmission. Collaborate with CAMCODA on projects such as the “Bionomics of drug abuse and HIV/AIDS,” the Caribbean Initiative, and other scientific activities. Administer grant portfolio and promote extramural research. Keep abreast of on-going research and developments in drug abuse etiology, multilevel approaches to understanding the occurrence and persistence of drug abusing behaviors in different populations, trends in use and related beliefs and attitudes, and the social epidemiology and ecology of drug abuse and HIV/AIDS, including making presentations in various scientific forums and generating scientific papers.

The National Academies – National Academy of Sciences/Institute of Medicine (1997-June, 2000):

Senior Program Officer, Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, Division on Social and Economic Studies – Committee on Law and Justice, Board on Children, Youth, and Families. Direct studies; implement project activities including: identify candidates for membership on committees, develop membership nomination packages,

develop study plans and milestones, plan/conduct meetings and site visits; collection/analysis/synthesis of data and information; develop background papers, cases studies, and various research reports, and write preliminary sections of reports; help manage the preparation of committee reports for formal review, initiate report reviews, manage response-to-review process, and complete reports for release and publication; develop research concept papers and prospectuses for various funding entities and agencies requesting research support, monitor budgets and staffing, make presentations within the Academy at other research and policy venues.

Study Director, Committee on Data and Research for Policy on Illegal Drugs, Committee on Law and Justice

Study Director, Workshops on Child Care Performance Measurement, Board on Children, Youth and Families

CSR, Incorporated (1991-1998; 2000)

Senior Research Associate – Member of the senior research management and evaluation team responsible for research and development, proposal and program management, and fiscal management, including:

Corporate Monitor/Project Director – Family Health Program Initiative sponsored by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Department of Health and Human Services.

Corporate Monitor/Project Director – Development of Training and Education Materials on Drugs in the Workplace, sponsored by CSAP, SAMHSA.

Corporate Monitor – Contract to develop the National Institute on Drug Abuse Report on “Drug Use among Racial/Ethnic Minorities,” 1997.

Associate Project Director – Process Evaluation of the Comprehensive Child Development Program (CCDP) Cohort I sponsored by the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Supervised the data analysis tasks and research design development, instrument construction; data collection, database development, data analysis, and report writing.

Senior Research Analyst – Analysis of Epidemiologic Study Data, sponsored by the Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health.

Senior Research Analyst – The Washington DC Metropolitan Area Drug Study (DC*MADS), Homeless and Transient Population and Drug Use Among DC Women Delivering Live Births in DC Hospitals – two components of an exploratory study to examine the nature and extent of drug abuse among all types of people in a single metropolitan area at the same time, with special focus on populations who were underrepresented or un-represented in the NHSDA and funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse’s Division of Epidemiology.

Senior Analyst – National Cross-Site Evaluation of High Risk Youth ATOD Prevention Demonstration Programs, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Public Health Service, HHS. Program evaluation activities including, development of data collection and analysis plans for secondary analysis of cross-sectional and longitudinal grantee databases.

Senior Analyst – Prevention Effectiveness: Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President of the United States. Worked on the design, implementation, analysis, and reporting requirements for the identification and assessment of effective alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) prevention programs. Conducted literature reviews,

secondary analysis of extant data, and wrote project reports.

Senior Evaluator – Study of Implementation and Effectiveness of High Risk Youth Demonstration Grants, sponsored by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Senior Analyst – Management Support for the Comprehensive Child Development Program (CCDP), Cohorts I and II sponsored by the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Responsible for giving guidance to the analytic staff working on the Management Information System on how to parallel qualitative and quantitative data. Develop methodology for collection of immunization data across 24 projects.

Senior Research Analyst – Survey of Head Start Family Self-Sufficiency Initiatives, sponsored by ACYF, HHS. Developed survey design and instruments, trained staff on use of instruments, data collection oversight, analysis and reporting of survey results.

Howard University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Graduate Researcher (1987-1991) – Conducted statistical analyses for various studies (e.g., the implications of underlying versus multiple-cause of death for preventive health behavior using the 1986 National Mortality Follow Back Survey; an annotated bibliography of studies describing issues affecting social bonds between the aged and their families; perceptions of risk of disease and health status - differences among racial/ethnic groups; how migration patterns affect the spread of disease, particularly HIV/AIDS).

Principal investigator on two research projects – (1) A study of the impact of the mass communications media on health and illness behavior, self-medication, and self-care, particularly in the use of over-the-counter medications, including development of the research design and self-administered questionnaires; and (2) A study of HIV/AIDS prevention behavior among minority women in the United States, using the AIDS Knowledge and Attitudes Supplement of the National Health Interview Survey.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Howard University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology (Fall Semester 2008) – *Adjunct Assistant Professor*. Course: Social Epidemiology.

National Hispanic Science Network, Summer Training Institute (SRTI), University of Houston, Graduate School of Social Work, Office of Drug and Social Policy Research (ODSPR) (2005-present) – *Lecturer*. Course: Drug Abuse Epidemiology and Emerging Strands of Research.

American University (1997-2000) – *Professorial Lecturer* – Department of Justice, Law, and Society, School of Public Affairs; Courses taught: Drugs, Alcohol and Society; Violence and Institutions.

George Mason University (1999) – *Lecturer* – Department of African American Studies, Office of Minority Affairs. Course taught: Understanding Research through History

Department of Psychiatry, Howard University College of Medicine (1990-1992) – *Instructor/Research Faculty* (worked closely with Maxie Maulsby, M.D., Department Chair).

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Howard University (1987-1991) – *Teaching Assistant* (1989-1990). Courses taught: *Introduction to Medical Sociology* and *Research Methods* at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and *Population and Health* at the graduate level.

Dissertation Committees

April 2008, External Examiner, Howard University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology: Cheryl Denise ‘Afua’ Jones – “Lay Midwifery in Jamaica and the United States.”

April 2007, External Examiner, Howard University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology: Stanley Warren – “An Investigation of Utilization Patterns of Selected Mental Health Services by Schizophrenic Patients in Jamaica during the Period of 1974 to 1989.”

April 2006, External Examiner, Howard University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology: Karen Wright – “The Relationship of Socio-demographic Factors, Social Relations, Health Behaviors and Other Correlates for Metabolic Syndrome Among Mexican-American, Non-Hispanic Black, and Non-Hispanic White Women.”

April 2006, External Examiner, Howard University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology: Sheldon Applewhite – “The Relationship between Gender Role Conflict, Substance Use, and the Sexual Health Behaviors of Black Men: An Exploratory Research Study of Black College Men.”

December 2003, External Examiner, Howard University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology: Jesse McKinnon – “The Effects of Sociodemographic, Familial, and Residential Variables in Explaining Mortality Differentials: A Comparison of the Dahrendorf and Weberian Social Class Models.”

April 2001, External Examiner, Howard University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology: Marie C. Jipguep Boucam: “Assessing the Importance of Awareness and Related Factors on the Adoption of Non-Risky Health Behaviors: A Focus on the Republic of Cameroon.”

FIELD WORK

1995 Collect data on indicators of program quality.
(Little Rock, Arkansas; Nashville, Tennessee; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;

Auburn, Washington; Venice, California; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Fort Worth, Texas; Brooklyn, New York; Brattleboro, Vermont)

- 1991-1994 Evaluate program effectiveness; collect data on services provided to low-income children and families: prenatal care, well-baby/well-child care, early childhood development/early intervention/child care, parent education and training, literacy, job development, vocational training and education, and services integration. (Brattleboro, Vermont - rural school district; Brooklyn, New York - superurban, family services agency; Miami, Florida - urban/community action agency; Little Rock, Arkansas - rural/university hospital; Albuquerque, New Mexico; urban/city administration; Las Cruces, New Mexico - rural/urban/health agency; San Antonio, Texas - urban/family services agency; Fort Worth, Texas - urban/day care association; Marshalltown, Iowa - dispersed rural/community action agency; Denver, Colorado - urban/foundation; Fort Totten, North Dakota - Native American Reservation/community college; Phoenix, Arizona - urban/family services agency; Venice, California - urban/health clinic; and Auburn, Washington - dispersed urban/family services agency).
- 1992-1993 Evaluate the effect of substance abuse prevention and intervention services provided to high-risk youth. (Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Atlanta, Georgia (2 uniquely different projects); Washington, DC)
- 1988-1989 Develop and test questionnaire on health beliefs and health behavior among low income groups; collect data at The Washington Free Clinic, Washington, DC.

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION – RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Epidemiology
Geography, environment and health
Social inequalities and health
Drug Abuse Epidemiology
Medical Sociology and Demography

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Special Journal Issues

Thomas, YF, Richardson, D, Kwan, MP, Galea, S. (Forthcoming) Geography, HIV/AIDS, and Drug Abuse. New York, NY: Springer.

Thomas, YF, Richardson, D, Cheung, I. 2008. Geography and Drug Addiction. New York, NY: Springer.

Thomas, YF and Iguchi, MY. Guest Editors, “Behavioral and Economic Perspectives in Drug

Abuse Research,” *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, Volume 90, Suppl., September 2007.

Thomas, YF. Guest Editor, “Understanding the Social Epidemiology of Drug Abuse and HIV/AIDS,” Supplement to *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, June 2007.

Manski, C., **Thomas, Y.**, and Pepper J. 1999. “Assessment of Two Cost-Effectiveness Studies on Cocaine Control Policy.” National Academy Press: Washington, D.C.

Articles, Chapters, and Major Papers

Thomas, YF and Conway, KP. 2010. “The Epidemiology of Drug Abuse: How NIDA Stimulates Research.” In Scheier, Lawrence M, Ed. Handbook of Drug Use Etiology: Theory, Methods, and Empirical Findings, American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Thomas, YF and Compton, WM, 2007. “Rural populations are not protected from drug use and abuse,” *The Journal of Rural Health*, Volume 23, Supplemental Issue, Fall 2007.

Thomas, YF, Schnur P, Iguchi, MY, 2007. “Behavioral and economic perspectives in drug abuse research,” editorial. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, Volume 90, Suppl., September 2007.

Thomas, YF. 2007. The Social Epidemiology of Drug Abuse. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, Vol. 32 (6S), pp. s141-s146, 2007.

Compton, WM, **Thomas, YF**, Stinson FS, Grant, BF. Prevalence, correlates, disability, and comorbidity of DSM-IV drug abuse and dependence in the United States: results from the national epidemiologic survey on alcohol and related conditions. *Arch Gen Psychiatry*. 2007 May; 64(5):566-76.

Compton, WM, **Thomas, YF**, Conway, KP, Colliver, JD. Developments in the epidemiology of drug use and drug use disorders. *Am J Psychiatry*. 2005 Aug; 162(8):1494-502.

“Getting to Positive Outcomes for Children in Child Care: Issues in Child Care Performance Measurement,” Board on Children, Youth, and Families, The National Academies, National Academy Press, 2001.

Thomas Y. and Pepper J. 2001. “Measuring the Prevalence, Dynamics, and Effects of Illegal Drug Use for the Purpose of Informing Policy.” National Academy of Sciences White Paper.

Thomas, Y., 1993. “CCDP Health Services Guidelines.” In the *Proceedings of the CCDP Tenth Grantees’ Conference: October 31-November 4, 1992*, Washington, DC: CSR, Incorporated.

Aitken, S.A., Reed, M.C., Poston, J., and **Thomas, Y.** 1992. *Rites of Passage and Afrocentricity: A Review of CSAP’s HRY Grantee Programs from Cohorts 1 and 2*. Washington, DC: CSR, Incorporated.

Aitken, S.A., **Thomas, Y.**, et al., 1992. *Study of the Implementation and Effectiveness of OSAP High Risk Youth Demonstration Grants: First Annual Report*. Rockville, MD: Office for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Thomas, Y., 1992. "Preventive behavior and HIV/AIDS: A study of minority women in the U.S." Presented to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Howard University, Washington, DC. August 1992.

Thomas, Y., 1989. "The impact of mass media on self-care and self-medication: A study of Health and illness behavior." Unpublished Master's Thesis, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Howard University, Washington, DC, Ann Arbor, MI: Dissertation Abstracts International, copyright 1992.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Chair: Panel on "Public Health Implications of Emerging Trends in Drug Use on the US-Mexico Border." American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA, October 2008.

Presenter: "Panel on Careers in Medical Sociology." American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 2008.

Presenter: "Panel on Applied Sociology." American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 2008.

Chair and presenter: Research Support Forum – "Navigating the NIH Research Grant Process." American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 2008.

Presenter: "The Epidemiology of Drug Abuse." The Fourth Regional Workshop of the Project AD/CAM/04/H90: "Establishment of a network of treatment, rehabilitation and social reinsertion for Central America." Salinitas, El Salvador, June 2008.

Chair: "Social epidemiology and behavioral health: methodological approaches, problems, and promise." Society for Epidemiologic Research, Chicago, IL, June 2008.

Discussant: Presidential Plenary – "Geography at Work in Developing Regions," 2008 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Boston, MA, April 2008.

Presenter: "The Epidemiology of Drug Abuse: New Directions." Humphrey Fellows Program, Department of Epidemiology, Virginia Commonwealth University, February 2008.

Chair: "Substance Abuse and Mental Health." International Conference on Urban Health, Baltimore, Maryland, October 2007.

Chair: "Spatial Epidemiologic Methods in Drug Abuse Research." Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, California, April 2007.

Presenter: "Mapping the Social Environment." Advisory Council of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, February 2007.

Chair and Presenter: "Mapping the Social Environment." National Institute on Drug Abuse, Bethesda, Maryland, November 1-2, 2006.

Chair and Presenter: "Drug Use Trajectories among African Americans." National Institute on Drug Abuse, Bethesda, Maryland, November 13, 2006.

Chair and Presenter: Workshop – "Bringing the social environment into focus in drug abuse research." The 11th International Congress of the International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology, Goteborg, Sweden, May 2006.

Chair and Presenter: "Symposium on Geography and Drug Addiction" Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, IL, March 2006.

Chair and Presenter: "The Epidemiology of Drug Abuse: Linking Environment, Culture and Genes." 16th International Conference on Addiction, International Society of Addiction Medicine, Vienna, Austria, September, 2004.

Chair and Presenter: "Seminar on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Research: Possibilities for International Collaboration." Academia Medica Pragensis and the Ministry of Health, Prague, Czech Republic, August, 2004.

Presenter: "Behavioral and Social Science Research at the National Institute on Drug Abuse: Opportunities for Sociological Research within the Division of Epidemiology, Services, and Prevention Research." American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, August 2003.

Chair, Symposium: "Epidemiology of Drug Abuse: What Else Should We Know?" Society for Epidemiologic Research, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2003.

Presenter: "The Social Epidemiology of Drug Abuse: A NIDA Focus." Society for Epidemiologic Research, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2003.

Preventive Behavior and HIV/AIDS: A Study of Minority Women in the U.S. Paper presented at the International Conference on Socio-Cultural and Policy Dimensions of Health Care, sponsored by The Policy Research Programme of the National University of Singapore and the Research Committee on Sociology of Health of the International Sociological Association. November 20-22, 1999: Singapore.

Thomas, Y., 1998. *Study on Data and Research for Policy on Illegal Drugs: Scope and Significance.* Invited paper at the Session on Assessment of Drug Interdiction Activities, The Joint Statistical Meetings, Dallas, Texas; August 9-13, 1998.

Thomas, Y., 1997. "Evaluation Exchange: Emerging Strategies for Evaluating Child and

Family Services." Workshop on Program Management/Continuous Improvement conducted at the Cornerstones Project Leadership, Education and Awareness Conference, McLean, Virginia, March.

Thomas, Y., O'Campo, P., Caughy, M., Aronson, R., and Schafer, P. 1996. "The effects of Neighborhood context on parenting priorities of families living in three urban Neighborhoods" Poster presentation at Head Start's Third National Research Conference: Washington, DC. June 1996.

Thomas, Y., 1996. "The CCDP process study" Presentation given as part of the Research Demonstration and Evaluation Branch Symposia Series: Evaluation of the Head Start Comprehensive Child Development Program (CCDP) at Head Start's Third National Research Conference, Washington, DC. June 1996.

Thomas, Y., Kinney, B., and St. Pierre, R., 1994. "Comprehensive Child Development Centers: Interim Evaluation Results." Presentation given at the Family Resource Coalition Conference: Chicago, IL, May 1994.

Thomas, Y. and Kelly, T. 1993. "The New Tuberculosis. HIV/AIDS and TB in America's Correctional Systems: Rising Contagion in a Vulnerable Population." Case Study Presentation in Health and Society Seminar, George Washington University, Washington, DC, May 1994.

Thomas, Y., 1992. "Employment strategies used in CCDP projects" Presentation at the Eighth CCDP Grantees' Conference, Washington, DC, April 1992.

SERVICE

National Institutes of Health (Current)

Committee on Social Science Symposia Series – Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research

Big Data Workgroup – Trans-NIH

Population Modeling Special Interest Workgroup – Trans-NIH

Genetic Epidemiology Workgroup – National Institute on Drug Abuse

Child and Adolescent Workgroup – National Institute on Drug Abuse

Workgroup on Minority Mental Health Research – Trans-DHHS

National Hispanic Science Network, Liaison and Member of the Steering Committee – Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami and the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Community and Scientific Service

Councilmember, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs Section, American Sociological Association

Board Vice President and Chair of the Architectural Review Committee, Wingate Homeowners' Association

Member and Ombudsperson of the Board of Directors of Student Pugwash USA (SPUSA), the U.S. student affiliate of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, recipients of the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize, 1998-2004.

Member – Prince George's County Commission for Children, Youth and Families, Local Management Board, from 1997.

Program Committee, High School Heart Research, The American Heart Association of the National Capital Area, since 1997.

Advisory Board Member, The Cornerstones Project, Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families/Freddie Mac Foundation, 1996-1997.

Participant in the Early Childhood Work Group at the *School-Linked Comprehensive Services for Children and Families: What We Know and What We Need to Know*, sponsored by the US Department of Education, Office of the Assistant Secretary. 1995.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Society for Epidemiologic Research
Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociological Honor Society

AWARDS AND HONORS

Science Policy Leader, American Sociological Association (2008)
Director's Award of Merit (2008)
Excellence in Service, National Hispanic Science Network (2007)
Cum Laude, Howard University (1985)
The National Dean's Honor List (1987-1988)
Who's Who among International Students (1987-1988)
Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges (1989-1990)

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

English: Native speaker.
French: Reading and translation: high intermediate.
Spanish: Reading and comprehension: intermediate.

