
RESEARCH INTERESTS

Grief and Loss • Thanatology • African American Families • Black Communities • Violent Death (homicide, suicide, death after police contact) • Trauma • Mental Health • Spirituality • Health Equity • Family Resilience • Human Growth and Development • Structural Racism • Health Outcomes • Population health • Therapeutic Outcomes • Discrimination • Intersectionality•

EDUCATION

**University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

PhD Student

Present

*Family Social Science,
Couple & Family Therapy*

**Saint Thomas University
Minneapolis, MN**

Masters in Counseling Psychology, M.A.

May 2021

Magna Cum Laude

**Bethel Theological Seminary
Arden Hills, Minnesota**

Masters in Theology, M.Div

June 2013

Magna Cum Laude

**University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Bachelor's in Philosophy, B.A.

May 2008

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

Fellowships

- 2021 Summer Institute Diversity Fellowship
- 2021 Student Access Grant, NCFR
- 2019-2021 GSSP Student Merit Scholarship, St. Thomas

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Minnesota, Medical School

Writing Team Student Member

Minneapolis, Minnesota

September 2021- Present

- **Family Matters Study**
- NIH Grant
- Principal Investigator: Dr. Jerica Berge, UMN

University of Minnesota Family Social Science

Research Assistant

Minneapolis, Minnesota

September 2021 – Present

- **African American Couples and Stress Management Study**
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant
- Principal Investigator: Dr. Chalandra Bryant, UMN

PUBLICATIONS

- Mendenhall, T.J., **McIntosh, D.**, Hottinger, D. (2021) Walking-the-Walk: Attending to the “Spiritual” in Medical Family Therapy’s Biopsychosocial/Spiritual Care. *Contemporary Family Therapy*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10591-021-09619-0>
- Bryant, C., **McIntosh, D.** (2022) Disenfranchised Grief: A Focus on African American’s Experiences of Social Injustice. In Progress: *Journal of Family Therapy & Review*

GUEST LECTURER

Fall 2021 FSOS 4107: Family Social Science: Traumatic Stress and Resilience in Vulnerable Families Across the Lifespan

- Course Level: Undergraduate
- Instructor: Armeda Wojciak, PhD

- Lecture: Family Resilience

PRESENTATIONS

Summer 2022 Empathic Failures: The impact of Racism for African Americans experiencing Disenfranchised Grief.

- Concurrent Presentor
- International Death, Grief, and Bereavement Conference
- La Crosse, WI

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall/Spring 2018- 2020 Adjunct Professor, Department of Reconciliation Studies,
Bethel University Arden Hills, MN

- Course: RES 340Z: Principles and Methods of Intercultural Leadership
- Teaching hours: 3hr/week
- Topics: Leadership, Cultural Competency

Fall/Spring 2018-2020 Adjunct Professor, Department of Reconciliation Studies,
Bethel University Arden Hills, MN

- Course: RES 499: Senior Seminar in Reconciliation Studies
- Teaching hours: 3hr/week
- Topics: Critical Race Theory, Intersectionality, Leadership

Professional Service

Institutional Service

2021 Council of Graduate Students: Grant Reviewer

2021-2022 Faculty Representative: GRADS Student Council- Family Social Science Department

2021-2022 Family Social Science PhD/MA Program Committee

Boards

2019-Present Minnesota Council of Churches, Vision and Commission Board

2018-2020 Center for Justice and Renewal Board

2015-2017 Duke University Center for Reconciliation Director Advisory Board

2015-2017 Kaleo Center for Faith, Justice, and Social Transformation, United Theological Seminary

WORK EXPERIENCE

Walker Methodist Health Center

Hospice Chaplain

Minneapolis, Minnesota

October 2016-September 2021

- Provide direct spiritual care to patients and families based on assessment of spiritual needs in assigned clinical areas.
- Administer Spiritual Needs and Trauma-based intake form for residents
- Demonstrate ongoing ability to provide care and service to diverse populations including developmental, cultural, and religious differences.
- Collaborate with community clergy and spiritual leaders in all faith groups in relation with Spiritual care and community health.
- Provide spiritual support and education to professional staff members

THERAPY EXPERIENCE

Brakins Consulting & Psychological Services

Therapy-Intern

Minneapolis, Minnesota

September 2021- Present

Family Means Stillwater Clinic

Therapy-Intern

Stillwater, Minnesota

August 2020- June 2021

