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AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Sociology of Gender and Sexuality, Race and Ethnicity, Family Studies, Feminist Theories, Microsociology, Social Theory, Sociology of Religion, Ethnography, Pedagogy, and Qualitative Methods

EDUCATION

- 2016 PhD, Sociology** **Northwestern University, Evanston, IL**
Dissertation Title: “Stepping Out on Faith: Family, Gender, and Religious Belonging in Black Churches”
Dissertation Committee: Carolyn Chen, Aldon Morris (Co-Chair), Mary Pattillo (Co-Chair)
- 2009 M.A., Sociology** **Northwestern University, Evanston, IL**
- 2003 M.A., Clinical Psychology** **University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT**
- 2001 B.S., Psychology** **Bennett College for Women, Greensboro, NC**
Graduated *summa cum laude* (GPA 4.0)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Centre College, Danville, KY, Fall 2017- Present

Sociology 200 and 300 level courses:

Social Theory (Classical and Contemporary)
Race and Immigration
Sociology of Crime and Deviance
Race, Class, and Gender
Race and Ethnicity
Sociology of Sexuality (canceled)

Lived Religion and Everyday Life
Introduction to Gender Studies
Black Women in Contemporary Society
Senior Seminar

Sociology 100 level course:

(Un)Doing Gender in Contemporary Society
Introduction to Sociology

Instructor, DePaul University, Chicago IL, Winter 2017

Soc 381: Qualitative Research Methods II

Instructor, Triton Community College, River Grove, IL, Fall 2016- Spring 2017

Soc 100: Introduction to Sociology

Instructor, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, Summer 2013

Soc 310: Sociology of the Family

Teaching assistant, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2007 - 2013

Soc 110: Introduction to Sociology

Soc 202: Social Problems: Norms and Deviance

Soc 204: Social Interaction: Individual and Society

Soc 216: Gender and Society

Soc 307: The School and Society

Soc 310: The Family and Social Learning

Psych 101: Introduction to Psychology (2001-02, University of Connecticut)

CERTIFICATIONS

Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies, Interdisciplinary Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies, Northwestern University.

Certificate in Undergraduate Teaching, The Searle Center for Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2020-21 | Centre College Faculty Development Grant |
| 2019 | Centre College Center for Teaching and Learning Course Development Award |
| 2011-2015 | Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Fellowship |
| 2012 | Northwestern University Graduate Research Grant |
| 2008 | Mac Arthur Summer Research Grant Award |
| 2006 | Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention List |
| 2002 | University of Connecticut Zeaman Fellowship |
| 2002 | APA MFP Diversity Program Predoctoral Fellowship |
| 2001 | Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship (Awarded but declined to accept) |

PUBLICATIONS

Brewster, K., Wileyto, E.P., Kessler, L., Collier, A., Weathers, B., Stopfer, J.E., Domchek, S., Halbert, C.H. (2007). "Sociocultural predictors of breast cancer risk perceptions in African American breast cancer survivors." *Cancer, Epidemiology, Biomarkers, and Prevention* 16(2), 244-248.

Halbert, C.H., **Brewster, K.**, Collier, A., Smith, C., Kessler, L., Weathers, B., Stopfer, J.E., Domchek, S., Wileyto, E.P. (2005). "Recruiting African American women to participate in hereditary breast cancer research." *Journal of Clinical Oncology* 23, 7967-73.

Kessler, L., Collier, A., **Brewster, K.**, Smith, C., Weathers, B., Wileyto, E.P., & Halbert, C.H. (2005). "Attitudes about genetic testing and genetic testing intentions in African American women at increased risk for hereditary breast cancer." *Genetics in Medicine* 7, 230-238.

WORKS IN PREPARATION

Crafting Men and Women from the Pulpit: Negotiating Gender and Power within African American Christian Communities of Faith. Article manuscript.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- March 2021. "Let's Talk Pleasure." Invited speaker for Centre College Feminists affiliated **workshop** on pleasure politics and college hook-up culture.
- August 2020. Coordinated and collaborated with faculty to present a diversity and inclusion **workshop** for the annual faculty retreat at Centre College, Danville KY.
- November 2020 "*How to Be an Anti-Racist*" Zoom **panel discussion** hosted by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Centre College, Danville, KY.
- June 2020. Co-facilitator for the philosophy program's June Summer Book Club Zoom Discussion "Black Lives Matter as Identity Politics" Centre College, Danville, KY.
- August 2019. Gendered Spaces: Small Group Ministries and the Production of Gender among African American Evangelical and Protestant Christians. **Paper presentation** at the Association of Black Sociologists Annual Research Conference, New York.
- March 2019. "Feminism and the Importance of Intersectionality." **Invited speaker** for Centre College Feminist's International Women's Day Celebration, Danville, KY.
- February 2019. "Creative Conversations: Gender Based Community and the African American Church." **Panel discussion** at the Norton Center for the Arts, Danville, KY.
- November 2014. Attitudes toward Faith and Family among African American Evangelical Husband and Wife Dyads. **Paper presentation** at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Research Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- August 2014. Stepping Out on Faith: Family, Gender, and Religious Belonging in Black Churches. **Round table** at the American Sociological Association Research Conference, San Francisco.
- August 2013. Beyond Classic Symbolic Interactionism: Towards an Intersectional Reading of George H. Mead's Mind, Self, and Society. **Round table** at the American Sociological Association Research Conference, New York.
- November 2012. Stepping Out on Faith: Family, Gender, and Religious Belonging in Black Churches. **Paper presentation** at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Research Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.
- August 2009. Theory on the Physical Embodiment of Traditional Gender Ideology among African American Pastoral Wives. **Paper presentation** at the American Sociological Association Research Conference, San Francisco, California.

PREVIOUS RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2/2004- 7/2006 *University of Pennsylvania Medical School, Department of Psychiatry, Research Assistant; Principal Investigator- Chanita Hughes-Halbert, PhD*

Research involved developing culturally sensitive genetic counseling procedure for African American women at risk of hereditary Breast or Ovarian Cancer. Responsibilities involved actively recruiting participants, conducting telephone interviews, focus groups, data entry, data analysis, and quality control.

2003 *University of Pennsylvania, Biomedical Graduate Studies Program, Department of Neuroscience;*
Research advisor- Julie Blendy, PhD

Investigated the role of the opioid system in altering nicotine-induced behaviors such as nociception and locomotor activity in mice.

PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Centre College

Underrepresented Faculty Council, Fall 2020; UFC Faculty of Color Co-Chair, Fall 2021 - present
Gender Studies Minor Faculty Committee, Fall 2017- present
African and African American Studies Minor Faculty Committee, Fall 2017- present; Interim Chair
Spring 2021
Institutional Review Board Committee member- Fall 2018 - present
Centre College Feminists- Faculty Advisor- Fall 2018 – present
General College Council- Fall 2018- 2020
Undergraduate Research Committee- Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Northwestern University

Multicultural Affairs Office, Invited Panelist, 2012
Department of Sociology Graduate Admissions Committee, 2009-10
Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA):
2008, 2009, and 2010 Member, Annual Research Conference Planning Committee
2009-2010 Community Outreach Coordinator
2008-2009 BGSA Treasurer
Spring 2007 Undergraduate Student Mentor Coordinator

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Member; Association of Black Sociologist Lifetime Member;
and American Sociological Association Member

Associated Colleges of the South (ACS) Faculty of Color Uniting for Success (FOCUS) Workshop held
at Hendrix College, Arkansas, June 2019.

Associated Colleges of the South (ACS) Teaching and Learning Workshop held at Sewanee: The College
of the South, Tennessee, June 2018.

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE

2007-2016 *Chicago Cares Volunteer*

Taught homeless youth essential job skills. Also, tutored folks in ESL classes and prepared people to take
United States citizenship exams at Chicago's Erie Neighborhood House. Language proficiency in
Spanish.

2013-2014 *Evanston McGaw YMCA Project SOAR Mentor*

Worked with at-risk youth to help them reach educational, social, and personal developmental milestones.

1/7/2003 - 4/1/2003 *Salem Junior Secondary School, Akuapim, Ghana, West Africa*

Taught English and Grammar at a small rural middle school located in the Eastern region of Ghana and
assisted in fundraising efforts for the Mampong library.