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EDUCATION:

- **2010:** Doctoral Student, Doctor of Public Health, Health Care Organization & Policy. University of Alabama at Birmingham: Birmingham, AL.
- **2008:** Master of Public Health, Community and Family Health.
- **2008:** Master of Library & Information Science, Library and Information Science. Dual-Degree, University of South Florida: Tampa, FL.
- **2005:** Bachelor of Arts, Communication. Columbus State University: Columbus, GA.
- **2002:** Associate of Science, Pre-Pharmacy. Gordon College: Barnesville, GA.

HONORS & AWARDS:

- **2007:** Elected President; Special Libraries Association Student Organization
- **2006:** Elected Treasurer; American Libraries Association, Special Libraries Association, and American Society for Information Science & Technology Student Orgs
- **2004:** Inducted into the Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honor Society
- **2001:** Inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa English Honor Society

SCHOLARSHIPS/INTERNSHIPS:

- **2010-2011:** HRSA Public Health Traineeship Recipient
- **2006-2008:** Academic Librarians for Tomorrow's Academic Researchers (ALSTARS) Scholarship/Internship Recipient
- **2000-2004:** Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally (HOPE) Scholarship Recipient

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- **2010:** Respect in Research Partnerships, TU Bioethics Center – A workshop to increase understanding of respect suitable in biomedical settings
- **2009:** Humility in Research Partnerships, TU Bioethics Center: A Participatory Dialogue – A workshop overviewing the importance of humility in research partnerships
- **2006-2008:** Database training, USF Libraries – Detailed training sessions in the use of academic databases (e.g. Pubmed, Medline, Psycinfo, Lexis Nexis, WorldCat, etc.)
- **2008:** Prostate Cancer Symposium, Moffitt Cancer Center - A symposium on proven and effective strategies for bridging research and practice to eliminate health disparities.
- **2008:** Diversity unplugged, Moffitt Cancer Center – A workshop to increase awareness of the differences in health outcomes
- **2008:** Cancer Biostatistics, Moffitt Cancer Center – A series of lectures covering basic statistical methods that are paramount in cancer research
- **2007:** Interviewer training, Moffitt Cancer Center – A training session for research associates and coordinators involved in in-depth interviews

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- EndNote, ProCite, and Refworks, reference management software
- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook)
- Atlas.ti, program used for Qualitative Data Analysis (QDA)
- SPSS, program used for statistical analysis

- Adobe Creative Suite, collection of graphic design and web development applications

Served as coordinator for studies addressing library science and cancer.

- Applied Behavior Analysis Graduate Program Library Needs Assessment , Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI) Research Library
- African American Colorectal Cancer (AACC) Education and Early Detection Project, Moffitt Cancer Center
- Colorectal Cancer in Ethnic Subgroups of U.S. Blacks: Exploring Diversity, Moffitt Cancer Center
- Psychosocial Needs of Couples Surviving Prostate Cancer, Moffitt Cancer Center

Health communication and outreach:

- Created Prostate Cancer Website for the then *Florida Prostate Cancer Network*, a non-profit organization that provided cancer patients and their families with educational programs, materials, and health forums.
- Volunteered and assisted with the coordination of the 8th & 9th Annual African American Men's Health Forum; Tampa, FL. The health forum was a collaborative effort providing free health screenings for prostate cancer, colon cancer, diabetes, and hypertension.

Additional skills:

- Web Design
- Podcast script-writing and creation
- Conducting literature and systematic reviews

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

04/2011 – Present: Graduate Assistant, Survey Research Unit; Birmingham, AL

- Search for grant opportunities for SRU faculty
- Develop productivity reports for interviewers
- Enter data for ongoing survey studies
- Assist in the development of grants and posters

09/2009 – 04/2011: Research Associate, National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care; Tuskegee, AL

- Assisted in the development of manuscripts and grant proposals
- Managed the submission of grant proposals
- Conducted literature searches that identify databases, archives, publications and research relevant to Center-related writing, research and presentations
- Conducted library and archival research, assessing availability of relevant information, and gathering health, health disparities, and bioethics data
- Organized and maintain the Center-related research files and databases

06/2008 – 06/2009: Research Coordinator II, Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute; Tampa, FL

- Provided health information to community members
- Identified potential study participants and reviewed the protocol summary, informed consent form, and follow-up procedures with them
- Conducted in-depth interviews with study participants
- Assisted in manuscript development
- Conducted literature reviews and organized information in EndNote Databases

10/2007 – 06/2008: Research Associate II, Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute; Tampa, FL

- Coordinated and conducted activities associated with the preparation and shipment of protocol

- Reviewed and verified all relevant source documentation as appropriate to protocol requirements
- Conducted literature and systematic reviews and organized information in reference management software

01/2006 – 08/2008: Graduate Assistant, Florida Mental Health Institute Research Library/USF Libraries; Tampa, FL

- Assessed effectiveness of the services and resources offered to health professionals, students, and faculty of the Applied Behavior Analysis Program
- Reviewed and compared existing collection of research monographs, journals, and materials to peer and aspirant institutions
- Conducted surveys of faculty and staff of Applied Behavior Analysis Program
- Assisted patrons with locating books, periodicals, and library resources
- Assisted in development of newsletter articles

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer-Reviewed

6. Gwede, C. K., Jean-Francois, E., Quinn, G. P., Wilson, S., Tarver, W. L., Thomas, K. B., . . . Meade, C. D. (2011). Perceptions of colorectal cancer among three ethnic subgroups of U.S. Blacks: A qualitative study. *Journal of the National Medical Association*, 103(8), 669-680.
5. Gwede, C. K., William, C. M., Thomas, K. B., Tarver, W. L., Quinn, G. P., Vadaparampil, S. T., . . . Meade, C. D. (2010). Exploring disparities and variability in perceptions and self-reported colorectal cancer screening among three ethnic subgroups of U.S. Blacks. *Oncology Nursing Forum*, 37(5), 581-91.
4. Sodeke, S. O., Turner, T., Tarver, W. L. (2010). The ethics of good communication in a complex research partnership. *Journal of Healthcare for the Poor & Underserved*, 21(Suppl. 3), 35-45.
3. Warren, R. C., Tarver, W. L. (2010). A foundation for public health ethics at Tuskegee University in the 21st Century. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor & Underserved*, 21(Suppl 3), 46-56.
2. Gwede, C. K., William, C. M., Thomas, K. B., Tarver, W. L., Quinn, G. P., Vadaparampil, S. T., . . . Meade, C. D. (2010). Exploring disparities and variability in perceptions and self-reported colorectal cancer screening among three ethnic subgroups of U.S. Blacks. *Oncology Nursing Forum*, 37(5), 581-91.
1. Thomas, K. B., Simpson, S. L., Tarver, W. L., & Gwede, C. K. (2010). Is social support from family associated with PSA testing in a sample of men? An exploratory analysis using the Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS) 2005. *American Journal of Men's Health*, 4(1), 50-59.

Popular Press

Turner, T., Sodeke, S., Carter, V., Tarver, W., Mwase, I., & Yates, C. (2010, Summer). Your prostate, your life. *African American Perspectives*, 32-35.

Book Chapters

- Sodeke, S. O. & Tarver, W. L. (Submitted). The ethics and politics of assistance for family planning services: Historical, religious, and ethical perspectives on reproductive rights and sexual health. In L. Boyd-Judson & P. James (eds). *Women's global health: Norms, state policies, and future prospects*.
- Sodeke, S. O. & Tarver, W. L. (Submitted). The ethics and politics of assistance for family planning services: Integrative bioethics of reproductive care, family planning and stakeholders' values and interests. In L. Boyd-Judson & P. James (eds). *Women's global health: Norms, state policies, and future prospects*.

Manuscripts Under Review or In Preparation

- Tarver, W. L., Malcolm, S. D., & Sodeke, S. O. (Submitted to Journal of Health Care for the Poor & Underserved). Community consultation in cancer health disparities research: A systematic review of ethical outcomes.
- Thomas-Purcell, K. B., Tarver, W. L., Coulter, M., Bryant, J., & Gwede, C. K. (Submitted to Communication Monographs). The criteria for revealing family secrets: A framework for understanding the decision to disclose a colorectal cancer diagnosis among an African American patient population.
- Wells, K. J., Tarver, W. L., Luque, J., Kumar, A., Meade, C. D., Roetzheim, R. G., Djulbegovic, B., Aslam, S., & Gwede, C.K. (In Preparation). Systematic review on the effect of community health worker interventions on colorectal cancer screening.
- Gwede, C. K., Tarver, W. L., Jean-Francois, E., Quinn, G. P., Wilson, S., Thomas, K. B.,...Meade, C. D. (In Preparation). General health seeking and perceptions of cancer among three ethnic subgroups of U.S. Blacks: A qualitative study.
- Thomas-Purcell, K. B., Tarver, W. L., & Gwede, C. K. (In Preparation). The role of family in African American men's health-seeking.

POSTER SESSIONS & ABSTRACTS:

- Tarver, W. L. & Malcolm, S. D. (**Poster Presenter**). *Community consultation in cancer health disparities research: A systematic review*. Poster presented at the First Bioethics Conference on Cancer Health Disparities Research: Celebrating Scholars Ethically Working toward Reducing Cancer Health Disparities.
- Sodeke, S. O., Tarver, W. L. (2010, April). *Reproductive health disparities, human rights, and bioethics: Under what circumstances should we reward family planning?* Oral presentation presented at the Ethics of State Involvement in Womens' Health Conference.
- Gwede, C. K., Rivers, B. M., Tarver, W. L., Ramos, R., Morris, J., Coulbertson, L., Rivera Colón, V., and Green, B. L. (2009, July). *Colorectal cancer knowledge and screening behaviors of African American men who attended a men's health forum*. Poster session presented at American Cancer Society (ACS) Health Equity through the Cancer Lens Conference. Las Vegas, NV.
- Thomas, K. B., Simpson, S. L., Tarver, W. L., Gwede, C. K. (**Poster Presenter**) (2009, March). *Is social support from family associated with PSA testing? An exploratory analysis using the Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS) 2005*. Poster session presented at Moffitt Cancer Center 2009 Scientific Retreat "New Approaches, New Partners." Tampa, FL.
- Gwede, C. K., Thomas, K. B., Tarver, W. L., Quinn, G. P., Yu D., Zhu, W., Jacobsen P. B., Dessureault, S., and Shibata, D. *Healthcare provider discussion of familial risk with colorectal cancer patients*. Poster session presented at the 33rd Annual American Society of Preventive Oncology (ASPO) Meeting. Tampa, FL.
- Thomas, K. B., Gwede, C. K., Tarver, W. L., Quinn, G. P., Yu, D., Zhu, W., Jacobsen P. B., Dessureault, S, and Shibata, D. (2009, February). *Exploring motivations for disclosure of a colorectal cancer diagnosis to first-degree relatives (FDR) & cancer survivors' perceptions of familial risk to FDRs*. Poster session presented at the 6th Annual American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) Meeting. Charlotte, NC.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC INSTRUCTION WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED

- Tarver, W.L. (2010, January-Present). *The ins and outs of EndNote X2/X3: An introductory workshop*.
- Tarver, W.L. (2010, April). *The ins and outs of EndNote X2/X3: A writing workshop*.
A two-series workshop providing an overview of EndNote Reference Management Software to Bioethics Center faculty/staff and TU graduate students. Tuskegee University, AL.
- Tarver, W.L. (2010, January). *Advanced database searching*. A workshop providing tips and techniques for searching academic databases presented to a Tuskegee University health disparity class. Tuskegee University, AL.