

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

- Present Doctoral Student, University of Alabama at Birmingham (Health Behavior)
- 2010 Graduate Certificate, University of South Carolina (Women and Genders Studies)
- 2006 Graduate Certificate, Florida State University (Adult Education and Human Resource Management)
- 2002 Master of Public Health, Florida A&M University, Institute of Public Health (Environmental and Occupational Health)
- 2001 Bachelor of Science, Florida A&M University, College of Arts and Sciences (Biology/ Chemistry)

Certification

- 2007 Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES ID: 14612); National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.

Professional Experience

- 2008 -2010 Graduate Research Assistant, University of South Carolina, Arnold School of Public Health, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, Columbia, SC
- 2008 - 2010 Health Educator, Palmetto Health Diabetes Health Initiative, Columbia SC
- 2009 Intern, American Public Health Association, Health Communication Working Group, Columbia, SC
- 2003 - 2008 Program Coordinator, Florida A&M University, Environmental Sciences Institute, NOAA Environmental Cooperative Science Center, Tallahassee, FL
- 2002 Environmental Health Specialist, Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Tallahassee, FL

Professional Experience continued

- 2002 Research Assistant, Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation,
Tallahassee, FL
- 2001 - 2002 Graduate Staff Assistant, Florida Department of Health, Tallahassee FL
- 2000 - 2002 Graduate Research Assistant, Florida A&M University, Institute of Public
Health, Tallahassee FL

Teaching Experience

- 2009 - 2010 Instructor, Benedict College, Department of Health, Physical Education, and
Recreation, Columbia, SC
Courses Taught: HE 230 Health Education (Fall 2009, Spring 2010), PHE
334 Public Health Special Topics (Fall 2009), PHE 232 Mental
Health (Spring 2010), HR 312 Junior Seminar II (Spring 2010)
- 2009 - 2010 Instructor, Sherwood Test Prep, Columbia, SC
Courses Taught: GRE Test Prep, SAT Test Prep (Spring 2009, Summer 2009,
Fall 2009, Spring 2010)
- 2006 - 2008 Adjunct Instructor, Florida A&M University, College of Engineering Science,
Technology and Agriculture, Tallahassee, FL
Courses Taught: HUN 1201 The Science of Nutrition (Fall 2006, Spring 2007,
Summer 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Summer 2008)
- 2004 - 2006 Graduate Teaching Assistant (instructor of record), Florida State University,
College of Human Sciences, Tallahassee, FL
Course Taught: HUN 1201 The Science of Nutrition (Fall 2004, Spring 2005,
Summer 2005, Fall 2005, Spring 2006)
- 2002 - 2008 Adjunct Professor, Tallahassee Community College, Department of
Technology and Professional Programs, Tallahassee, FL
Course Taught: HSC 1100 Concepts of Positive Living (Fall 2002, Spring
2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Fall 2004, Spring 2005, Fall 2005, Spring 2006,
Summer 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008)

Instructional Training Experience

- 2009 Cancer Education Guide Facilitator Training, Medical University of South Carolina, Hollings Cancer Center and the South Carolina Cancer Alliance
- 2008 - 2009 Preparing Future Faculty Program, University of South Carolina, Center for Teaching Excellence, Columbia SC
- 2006 - 2007 Adjunct Faculty Advancement Program, Tallahassee Community College, Center for Teaching Excellence, Tallahassee, FL
- 2004 - 2005 Program for Instructional Excellence, Florida State University, Center for Teaching and Learning, Tallahassee FL

Research Activities

Project Title: The Development of a Culturally Relevant Cervical Cancer Education Intervention for Women in Kumasi, Ghana
Funding Agency: Fulbright Program for U.S. Students
Funding Period: 08/17/2010 - 06/17/2011
Description: This research project involves developing a cervical cancer education intervention that is culturally appropriate for women in Kumasi, Ghana.

Project Title: WE CAN! Wellness Education Community Awareness Navigation Program
Funding Agency: The Duke Endowment
PI: Dr. Heather Brandt
Role: Graduate Assistant
Funding Period: 1/30/ 2009 - 12/30/2011
Description: The goal of the WE CAN! (Wellness, Education, Community Awareness and Community Navigation) program is to increase awareness of and participation in colon cancer screening among men and women aged 50 and older (45 and older for African Americans) in Richland and Lexington Counties.

Project Title: The Influence of Cultural and Sexual Health Beliefs on the Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer Screening Practices of Women in Kumasi, Ghana
Funding Agency: National Institutes of Health Minority Health Research Training Program
PI: Dean Henry Lewis
Role :Scholar/Researcher
Funding Period: 5/29/2009 - 7/14/2009
Description: This project investigated the cultural factors that influence Ghanaian women's knowledge of breast and cervical cancer risk factors, and how those beliefs influence their cancer screening practices.

Research Activities continued

Project Title: An Evaluation of the Shop Talk Movement: A Community Driven Colorectal Cancer Education and Awareness Campaign in Barbershops and Beauty Salons

Funding Agency: University of South Carolina Institute for African American Research

PI: Michelle Williams

Role: PI

Funding Period: 1/09/2009 - 8/14/2009

Description: The specific aims of this proposed research project are to: 1) evaluate the impact of the Shop Talk program on the colorectal cancer knowledge and screening activities; and 2) assess Shop Talk's programmatic coverage and delivery.

Project Title: Shop Talk Movement: A Community Driven Colorectal Cancer Education and Awareness Campaign in Barbershops and Beauty Salons

Funding Agency: Center for Colorectal Cancer Research at the University of South Carolina

PI: Heather Brandt

Role: Graduate Research Assistant

Funding Period: 08/2008 - 05/22/2009

Description: The Shop Talk Movement was a community-driven program to raise awareness of and promote colorectal cancer screening among African Americans in South Carolina. The program took place in barbershops and beauty salons. Barbers and stylists were trained to deliver colorectal cancer awareness messages in normal conversations with clients to prompt action.

Project Title: Fit for Life

Funding Agency: Florida A&M University, School of Allied Health Sciences

PI: Peggy Pope-Grattan

Role: Research Assistant

Period: 1/2006 - 5/2006

Description: The study was conducted at an elementary school in Gadsden county, FL. The goal of the study was to determine the effects of a nutrition intervention on overweight elementary school students.

Project Title: Modified Soul Food Club

Funding Agency: Florida State University, Department of Nutrition and Exercise Sciences

PI: Janice Rankins

Role: Research Assistant

Funding Period: 6/2004 - 5/2005

Description: The study was conducted to investigate the effects of the low sodium DASH diet on the health of low-income African American women.

Research Activities continued

Project Title: Demystifying Weight Loss Diets
Funding Agency: Florida State University, Department of Nutrition and Exercise Sciences
PI: Janice Rankins
Role: Research Assistant
Period: 1/2005 - 5/2005
Description: The objective of this study was to compare and contrast popular weight loss diets including an economic analysis of the programs that were examined.

Project Title: A Health Survey of the Jacksonville Ash Site
Funding Agency: EPA Environmental Justice Small Grant Award
PI: Adrienne Hollis
Role: Research Assistant
Period: 1/2002 - 5/2002
Description: The objective of this study was to assess the health status of residents living in communities within the Jacksonville Ash Superfund site.

Project Title: The Affect of Various Levels of Protein on the Growth Performance of Meat Goats
Funding Agency: Florida A&M University, Cooperative Research Extension Farm
PI: Angela Jakes
Role: Research Assistant
Period: 5/1999 - 8/1999
Description: The objective of this study was to determine most cost effective means of maximizing the growth rates of meat goats.

Research Training Experience

2011	Summer Institute in Population Health, University of Boston
2010	Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, University of Michigan
2010	Disparities in Health in America: Working Towards Social Justice 8th Annual Summer Workshop The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
2009	Health Disparities Research Seminar, Health Disparities Reduction Certificate Program, Columbia University, Teacher's College
2009	Scholar, National Institutes of Health, Minority Health International Research Training Program, Training Site: Ghana, West Africa

Grant

USC Institute for African American Research Williams, M(PI) (1/09-8/09)
An Evaluation of the Shop Talk Movement: Community-Driven Colorectal Cancer Awareness
and Education in Barbershops and Beauty Salons. Role: Primary Investigator

Peer Reviewed Publications

Rankins, J., **Williams, M.**, Montgomery, D., and Wilton, D. (2006). Demystifying Weight Loss
Diets. *Ecology of Food and Nutrition* 45(5), 0367-0244

Bynum, S., Brandt, H., Sharpe, P., **Williams, M.**, and Kerr, J. (2011). Working to Close the
Gap: Identifying Predictors of HPV Vaccine Initiation among Young African American
Women. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* 22(2), 549-561

Honors and Awards

2010	Bronze Award, St. Jude's Cure4Kids eHealth Challenge
2010	Fulbright Award for Research in Ghana, West Africa, Fulbright U.S. Student Program Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State
2010	Second Place, University of South Carolina Graduate Student Day
2010	Academic Achievement Award, USC Black Graduate Student Association
2009	Best Student Poster in Social Science, Carolina Women's Health Research Forum
2008 - 2009	Graduate Incentive Fellowship, University of South Carolina Graduate School
2001	Recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Tallahassee March of Dimes Collegiate Council
2001	Recipient of the Outstanding Research Abstract Award from TerraSeer graduate research contest
2000	First Place Poster, Life Sciences Category, the Florida Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance Student Research Expo

Invited Presentations

Williams, M. Presented April 8, 2010. The Influence of Cultural Beliefs on the Breast Cancer Risk Factor Knowledge of Women in Kumasi, Ghana. Invited presentation for the University of South Carolina Women and Gender's Studies Graduate Student Research Panel.

Williams, M. Presented April 25, 2009. Cancer 101 presentation. Invited presentation by the South Carolina Cancer Disparities Community Network at Bushy Pond Baptist Church, Norway, SC

Williams, M. Presented April 18, 2009. Cancer 101 presentation. Invited presentation by the South Carolina Cancer Disparities Community Network at Langrum Road Baptist Church, York SC

Williams, M. Presented February 21, 2009. Cancer 101 presentation. Invited presentation by the South Carolina Cancer Disparities Community Network at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Marion, SC

Williams, M. Presented January 31, 2009. HPV and Cervical Cancer presentation. Invited presentation by the South Carolina Cancer Disparities Community Network at New Hopewell Baptist Church, Hartsville, SC

Selected Presentations

Williams, M. Presented September 9, 2011. We Are on Facebook: A Social Media Marketing Approach for Developing a Cervical Cancer Education Intervention Targeting Young Adult Women and Men in Ghana, West Africa. International Cancer Education Conference, Buffalo, NY

Williams, M., Kuffuor, G., Ekuadzi, E., Tuffuor Ampen, P., Korang-Yeboah, M., El-Duah, M., Brandt, H., and Messias, D. Presented April 7, 2010. The Influence of Cultural Beliefs on the Breast Cancer Risk Factor Knowledge of Women in Kumasi, Ghana. James Clyburn Lecture Series, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Williams, M., Kuffuor, G., Ekuadzi, E., Tuffuor Ampen, P., Korang-Yeboah, M., El-Duah, M., Brandt, H., and Messias, D. Presented December 6, 2009. The Impact of Sexual Health Taboos on the Cervical Cancer Screening Practices of Women in Kumasi, Ghana. American Association of Cancer Researchers, Houston, TX.

Williams, M., Kuffuor, G., Ekuadzi, E., Tuffuor Ampen, P., Korang-Yeboah, M., El-Duah, M., Brandt, H., and Messias, D. Presented November 10, 2009. The Impact of Sexual Health Taboos on the Cervical Cancer Screening Practices of Women in Kumasi, Ghana. American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA

Selected Presentations Continued

Williams, M., Kuffuor, G., Ekuadzi, E., Tuffuor Ampen, P., Korang-Yeboah, M., El-Duah, M., Brandt, H., and Messias, D. Presented October 30, 2009. The Influence of Cultural Beliefs on the Breast Cancer Risk Factor Knowledge of Women in Kumasi, Ghana. Carolina Women's Health Research Forum, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Williams, M., Brandt, H., Davis, A., Daguise, V., Spencer, S., Berger, F., Footman, G., and Berwer-Footman, T. Presented April 21, 2009. An Evaluation of the Shop Talk Movement: Community-Driven Colorectal Cancer Awareness and Education in Barbershops and Beauty Salons. James E. Clyburn Lecture Series, University of South Carolina, Columbia SC

Williams, M., Brandt, H., Davis, A., Daguise, V., Spencer, S., Berger, F., Footman, G., and Berwer-Footman, T. Presented April 3, 2009. An Evaluation of the Shop Talk Movement: Community-Driven Colorectal Cancer Awareness and Education in Barbershops and Beauty Salons. University of South Carolina, Graduate Student Day, Columbia SC

Williams, M., Brandt, H., Davis, A., Daguise, V., Spencer, S., Berger, F., Footman, G., and Berwer-Footman, T. Presented March 13, 2009. An Evaluation of the Shop Talk Movement: Community-Driven Colorectal Cancer Awareness and Education in Barbershops and Beauty Salons. Medical University of South Carolina, Hollings Cancer Center Spring Symposium, Charleston SC

Williams, M., Brandt, H., Davis, A., Daguise, V., Spencer, S., Berger, F., Footman, G., and Berwer-Footman, T. Presented February 23, 2009. An Evaluation of the Shop Talk Movement: Community-Driven Colorectal Cancer Awareness and Education in Barbershops and Beauty Salons. University of South Carolina, Arnold School of Public Health, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, Doctoral Seminar, Columbia SC

Williams, M. and Angela Jakes. Presented on February 26, 2000. The Affect of Various Levels of Protein on the Growth Performance of Meat Goats. Florida Georgia Louis Stokes Alliance Expo, Jacksonville FL

Grant Reviewed

2009 Sumter County Active Lifestyles; University of South Carolina
Prevention Research Center

Manuscript Reviewed

2010 Manuscript for Arête, College of Social Work, University of South
Carolina, Columbia, SC Spring

Abstracts Reviewed

- 2011 Abstract Reviewer for the 2011 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting: Women’s Caucus
- 2011 Abstract Reviewer for the 2011 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting : Academic Public Health Caucus, and the Health Communications Working Group

Professional and Administrative Service

- 2011- Present UAB Student Government Graduate Senator
- 2011 – present APHA Student Assembly Diversity Committee Co-Chair
- 2010 Conversation Partner, English Programs for Internationals, University of South Carolina
- 2009 - 2010 Chair, University of South Carolina Graduate Student Association, Healthcare Committee
- 2009 - 2010 Webmaster, Black Graduate Student Association, Professional and Leadership Committee
- 2009 - 2010 Graduate Student Member, Academic Responsibility Faculty Senate Committee, University of South Carolina
- 2009- 2010 Co-Chair, Latina Health Task Force, Women’s Well-Being Initiative Community Advisory Board
- April 2010, April 2009 Judge, University of South Carolina, Discovery Day
- 2008 - 2010 Committee Member, American Cancer Society Downtown Columbia Relay for Life
- 2008 Counselor, University of South Carolina, Office of Sexual Health and Violence Prevention Research, HIV/AIDS Testing event on World AIDS Day
- 2008 Volunteer, University of South Carolina, The Health Word Project
- April 2008 Judge, Florida State University Regional Science Fair

Professional and Administrative Service continued

April 2004, April 2005, April 2006, April 2007	Judge, Sealy Elementary School Science Fair
Spring 2002 2007 – 2008	Instructor, American Lung Association Open Airways Program Appointed Board Member, Florida A&M University President's Environment and Sustainability Council
2007 - 2008	Board Member, Florida A&M University Green Coalition

Professional Memberships

2008 – 2010	Graduate Student Association, University of South Carolina
2008 - 2010	Black Graduate Student Association, University of South Carolina
2000 - present	American Public Health Association
2008 - present	American Association of Cancer Educators
2002 - present	Florida A&M University Alumni Association