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EDUCATION

- 2016 **PhD Sociology, Texas A&M University (expected)**
 Dissertation: "Class, Race, and Social Support: Examining Adolescent Mental Health; *Chairs:* Verna Keith and Joe Feagin
- 2013 **MS, Sociology, Texas A&M University**
 Thesis: "Educational attainment, Race, and Health Awareness"
- 2011 **BA Sociology, Salem College (with Honors)**

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Medical Sociology
Mental Health
Race, Class, and Gender
Health Policy
Quantitative Methods
Qualitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 Keith, VM., Marquez-Velarde, G., & **Bennefield, Z.** 2015. Race, Gender, SES and the Mental Status of African American and Latina women. *Contemporary People of Color: Health and Wellness*. ABC_CLIO Publishing Company. Editor Valire Carr Copeland (in press).
- 2015 **Bennefield, Zinobia C.** 2015. Disparities in HPV and Cervical Cancer Literacy between Highly Educated White and Minority Young Women. *American Journal of Health Education*. 46(2):90-98.
- 2014 Feagin, J and **Bennefield, Z.** 2014. Systemic Racism and U.S. Health Care. *Social Science and Medicine*. 103:7-14.
- 2011 **Bennefield, Zinobia C.** 2011. Injecting Illness: An Analysis of the Role Institutional Inequality Plays in Health Disparity among African American Women." *Journal of Black Masculinity* 2(1): 117-134.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Bennefield, Z, Eason, J., Sparks, C., “Imprisonment, Reentry, and HIV/AIDS Incidents across the Rural-Urban Continuum in Arkansas.”

Bennefield, Zinobia C. “The Racialization of Abortion Politics in the United States from the Early Nineteenth Century to the Present.”

Bennefield, Zinobia C. “Just Wait: Measuring the Impact State Law on Counseling and Waiting Periods for Abortion have on Women’s Reproductive Health.”

HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2015 Minority Fellowship Program Fellowship, Cohort 42. American Sociological Association and Society for Women in Sociology. \$18,000.

Ruth Schaffer Best Paper Award, Texas A&M University Department of Sociology. \$1,000

Competitive Dissertation Summer Fellowship. Texas A&M University. \$3,200

2012 Travel Grant. The Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (SBE), National Science Foundation. \$220

Research Grant, Texas A&M Department of Sociology. \$500

Travel Grant. Texas A&M University. \$300

Travel Grant. Texas A&M Department of Sociology. \$300

2011 National Science Foundation Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Fellowship, Texas A&M University. \$6,800

Visions 2020 Fellowship, Texas A&M Department of Sociology. \$40,000.

Competitive Graduate Assistantship. Texas A&M University Department of Sociology. 2011-2015. \$51,600.

2009 Ann MacPhearson Leadership Award, Salem College. \$500

CERTIFICATIONS

Graduate Certificate in Education & Social Sciences Advanced Research Methods (ARM), Texas A&M University

PRESENTATIONS

- 2012 “Systemic Racism in Health and U.S. Health Care” Accepted at Columbia University Structural Stigma Conference, New York, NY, with Dr. Joe Feagin.
- 2012 “Whiteness and Health: A Critical Look at Health Disparities” Invited by Hunter College Whiteness and Health Conference, New York, NY.
- 2009 “Dying to Live: Examining Health Disparities among African American Women” Accepted at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society Association, Atlanta, GA.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Program Participant. 11th Annual Summer Workshop Disparities in Health in America: Working Towards Social Justice. “Addressing Health Disparities in the 21st Century, A New Paradigm Needed”. 2013.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Disparities Research and Vulnerable Populations: Exploring ICPSR Data Sources Competitive Workshop. 2013.

RESEARCH SKILLS

Statistical Programming in STATA & SPSS, Focus group Facilitation, In-depth Interviewing, Historical Comparative Methods

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Instructor. Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University. 2013- Present.
Graduate Teaching Assistant. Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University. 2011-2012.

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Sociology (3 semesters, Undergraduate, TAMU)
Racial and Ethnic Relations (1 semester, Undergraduate, TAMU)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Sociologists for Women in Society

REFERENCES

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