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Education

- 2010_(expected) Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Sociology
Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, Ohio
- 2008 Master of Arts (M.A.) Sociology
Case Western Reserve University Cleveland Ohio
- 2005 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Sociology
Morehouse College Atlanta, Georgia

Current Academic Position

- 2008-Present American Sociological Association Minority Fellow
Case Western Reserve University Department of Sociology
Academic Advisor: Dr. Sandra Barnes (Vanderbilt)

Fields of Interest

Medical Sociology, Race, Class and Gender Inequality, Quantitative and Qualitative Methods, Men's Health and Masculinities, and Health and Social Policy

Professional Submissions and Publications

- 2009 When Secrets Hurt: HIV Disclosure and the Stress Paradigm by Robert Peterson
published in the edited volume, *Let's Talk About Black Sexualities: Sex and Power in America* Rutgers University Press.
- 2006 Co-Reviewed an academic article with Dr. Dale Dannefer for Social Science and Medicine
- (In progress) Developing Vaccines in Developing Countries: A Case Study Analysis of HIV Vaccine Trials in Africa. Robert Peterson and Dr. Sandra Barnes

Academic Awards/Grants

- 2008 Ford Foundation Fellowship-Honorable Mention
- 2007 Ruth Barber Moon Award for Academic Excellence and Promise
- 2005-2008 Case Western Reserve University-Departmental Funding (Full tuition) with RA/TA
- 2004 Pennsylvania State University Minority International Research and Training Program (Cape town South Africa)
- 2003 Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociological Honor Society
- 2002 National Institutes of Mental Health-Career Opportunity and Training Program-Morehouse College

Previous Research and Work Experience

- 2005-2008 Case Western Reserve University Research Assistant
Successfully conducted several projects dealing with gendered differences in medical specialty choice, "deservingness" in physician practices and decision-making processes and video "gamers" and their social selves. Mentor: Dr. Sue Hinze.
- 2007-2008 Case Western Reserve University Research Assistant
Successfully completed extensive literature searches for books and articles on the

- 2003-2005 Black Church, HIV/AIDS, and spirituality. Mentor: Dr. Sandra L. Barnes.
Morehouse College NIMH-COR Fellow Research Assistant
Worked on a project titled, "Socio-Cultural Correlates of Risky Sexual Behaviors: A Pilot Study on HIV/AIDS Awareness and Prevention in the African American Community". Mentor: Dr. Michael Hodge
- 2004 Pennsylvania State University Minority International Research Training Program
Research Assistant (South Africa)
Acknowledged in submitted publication titled, "A Qualitative Investigation of Educator's Beliefs, Attitudes and Behaviors toward Sexual Reproductive Health".
Mentors: Dr. Alan Flisher and Nazeema Ahmed.
- 2002 Morehouse School of Medicine Summer Fellows Summer Program Research Assistant
Presented research on, "The Obstacles Faced When Measuring the Quality of Diabetes Care by Means of Medical Records." Mentor: Dr. Robert Mayberry.

Teaching Assistant Experience

- 2005-2008 Case Western Reserve University Teaching Assistant
Introduction to Sociology, Social Inequality, Race & Ethnicity, and The Black Family. Duties: Leading class discussion, grading papers and creating exams and study guides. Supervised by Drs. Sue Hinze and Sandra Barnes.

Professional Conferences and Presentations

- 2009 (Expected) Association of Black Sociologist Annual Conference (New Orleans, LA):
A Durkheimian Perspective of HIV Disclosure as a Social Fact. Presenter Robert Peterson
- 2009 (Expected) Association of Black Sociologist Annual Conference (New Orleans, LA):
Developing Vaccines in Developing Countries: A Case Study Analysis of HIV Vaccine Trials in Africa. Presenters: Robert Peterson and Dr. Sandra Barnes
- 2009 (Expected) American Sociological Association Annual MFP Session (San Francisco, CA):
A Durkheimian Perspective of HIV Disclosure as a Social Fact. Presenter Robert Peterson
- 2008 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference (Boston MA):
Black Mega Church: How Church Leaders Frame and Address HIV/AIDS. Presenters: Dr. Sandra Barnes and Robert Peterson
- 2008 Association of Black Sociologist Annual Conference (Boston MA):
The Calling and the Corner: How Black Churches are Responding to HIV/AIDS. Presenters: Dr. Sandra Barnes and Robert Peterson
- 2006 Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference (Richmond, VA)
The Social (De) Construction of (Virtual) Reality: Gaming "Addiction" among college students.
Presenters: Dr. Sue Hinze and Robert Peterson
- 2004 NIMH-COR Annual Conference (San Juan, PR)
Socio-Cultural Correlates of Risky Sexual Behaviors: A Pilot Study on HIV/AIDS Awareness and Prevention in the African American Community. Presenter: Robert Peterson
- 2003 Morehouse College Annual Family Institute Symposium (Atlanta GA)
AIDS: A New an Uprising Epidemic in the 21st Century. Presenter: Robert Peterson

Professional/National Membership

- 2007-Present Association of Black Sociologist
2007-Present Society for the Study of Social Problems
2002-Present American Sociological Association

Civic and University Service

- 2006-2008 Sociology Senator in the Graduate Student Senate
2006-2008 Sociology Departmental Graduate Student Representative
2005-2007 Cleveland AIDS Taskforce and Annual AIDS Walk
2001-2005 Atlanta AIDS Taskforce and Annual AIDS Walk

References furnished upon request

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