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EDUCATION

2015	Post-Doctoral Fellowship	National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University	Gerontology
2012	PhD	Southern University and A&M College	Nursing
2003	MSN	Loyola University New Orleans	Health Care Systems
2000	BSN	Tuskegee University	Nursing

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

2016-Present	Georgia State Board of Nursing, multi-state RN licensure	25821
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HONORS & AWARDS

2024	Human Rights Award	Church Women United Atlanta, Inc.
2024	Proclamation	Atlanta City Council
2023	Kay Hind Change Agent Award	Georgia Gerontology Society
2023	The Leader in Dementia Care Award	James M. Dixon Foundation
2023	Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award	Emory University
2022	Innovations in Alzheimer's Caregiving Legacy Award	Family Caregiver Alliance
2022	Fellow	Gerontological Society of America
2022	Victor W. Marshall Fellow in Applied Gerontology	Southern Gerontological Society
2021	Claudia J. Beverly Innovation Award	National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence
2021	Fellow	American Academy of Nursing
2021	Innovation in Alzheimer's Care	Maude's Awards
2021	Applied Gerontologist Award	Southern Gerontological Society
2019	Beeson Scholars Travel Awardee	Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Awards in Aging
2019	Excellence Recognition for Distinguished Educator in Gerontological Nursing Award	National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing
2019	Distinguished Faculty Award	Georgia State University, Gerontology Institute
2017	E. Louise Grant Award	Georgia State University, School of Nursing
2017	Scholarship Recipient and Fellow	Retirement Research Foundation, Center for Innovative Care in Aging

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Positions

2024-Present	Professor, Tenured Endowed Chair for Caregiving	UT Health San Antonio, School of Nursing
2019-2023	Associate Professor, Tenured (2023) Director of Community Engagement & Research, Office of DEI (2022-Present) Assistant Professor, Tenure Track (2019-2023)	Emory University, School of Nursing
2017-2019	Affiliate Faculty (courtesy)	Georgia State University,

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2016-2019	Affiliate Faculty (courtesy)	Partnership for Urban Health Research Georgia State University, Gerontology Institute
2016-2019	Assistant Professor, Tenure Track	Georgia State University, School of Nursing
2015-2016	Adjunct Faculty (courtesy)	Louisiana State University Life Course and Aging Center
2010-2015	Assistant Professor (2012-15) Instructor (2005-06, 2010-12) Clinical Adjunct (2007-10)	Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, School of Nursing

Clinical Positions

2014-2016	Compliance Officer/ Chief Clinical Officer	Iberia Rehabilitation Hospital
2010-2012	Quality Improvement Specialist	Coventry Health Care of Louisiana
2009	Director of Nursing	Iberia Rehabilitation Hospital
2007-2009	Case Manager/Nurse Liaison	Gulf States Health System
2006-2007	Staff Development Coordinator	Touro Infirmary
2003-2007	Home Health Nurse	Egan Healthcare Services
2003-2004	Director of Nursing	St. James Parish Hospital
2002-2003	Unit Manager	Twin Oaks Nursing Home
2001-2002	Charge Nurse	Laplace Rehabilitation Hospital
2000-2001	Staff Nurse	Ochsner Clinic Foundation

SCHOLARSHIP: GRANTS & OTHER FUNDING

Research Grants Under Review

Leveraging Community Health Workers to Facilitate Clinical Trial Readiness Through Risk Reduction (Hilsabeck)

National Institute on Aging
Co-I, 15% Y1 & 4; 5% Y2-3
Total Costs: 3,150,000
7/1/2025-6/30/2029

Creating and Supporting African American Dementia-Friendly Congregations for Caregivers through a Sustainable and Equitable National Public Health Dissemination Model of the Alter Program (Epps)

RRF Foundation for Aging
PI, 10% Effort
Total Costs: 184,994
11/01/2024-10/31/2026

Deciphering genome-phenome relationships using generative pre-trained transformers (Zare)

National Institute on Aging
Co-I, 5% Y1-2; 15% Y3-5
Subaward Costs: 7,965,236
04/01/2025-03/31/2030

Easing the Burden of Dementia Caregiving: A Telephone-based Mindful Communication Intervention for Rural, African American Families (Farout/Gaylord)

National Institute on Aging (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
Co-I, 5% Effort
Subaward Costs: \$147,826
04/01/2024-03/31/2028

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A POLST Decision Aid for Caregivers of Racially Diverse Nursing Home Residents with Dementia (Hickman)
National Institute on Aging (Indiana University)
Co-I, 10% Effort
Subaward Costs: \$226,480
04/01/2025-03/31/2030

North Texas Alzheimer's Research and Disease Center (Hajjar)
National Institute on Aging (UT Southwestern)
Co-I, 10% Effort
Subaward Costs: \$218,180
04/01/2025-03/31/2030

Advancing the Science of Palliative Care Research Across the Lifespan (Johnson)
National Institutes of Health (University of Colorado)
Co-I, 8% Effort
Subaward Costs: \$227,123
09/03/2024-09/02/2029

NIA AD/ADRD Health Care Systems Research Collaboratory (Mor)
National Institute on Aging (Brown University)
Co-I/Site PI, 10% Effort
Subaward Costs: \$235,930
07/01/2025-06/30/2030

Research Grants Funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Caregiver Bootcamp: Mastering the First Hundred Days (Clevenger/Epps)
Pilot Award to Emory Roybal Center for Dementia, National Institute on Aging (2P30AG064200)
MPI, 10% Effort
Total costs: \$782,500
09/01/2024-08/31/2026

Roybal Translational Research Center to Promote Context-Specific Caregiving Mastery for Informal Caregivers of Community-Dwelling Persons Living with Alzheimer's Disease or Related Disorders (Hepburn/Perkins)
National Institute on Aging (2P30AG064200)
Co-I, 10% Effort
Total Costs: \$1,187,665
Funding Period: 08/15/2024 – 05/31/2029

Caregiving while Black-LIVE: Empowering Black Dementia Caregivers to Navigate Care (Epps/Clevenger)
National Institute on Aging (1R21AG083366)
MPI, 10% Effort
Total Costs: \$433,523
Funding Period: 9/5/2023-8/31/2025

Caregiver as Navigator-Developing Skills Online (CAN-DO): Developing Dementia Family Caregiver Mastery for Navigating Complex Health, Social Service, Legal, Financial, and Family Systems (Clevenger/Hepburn)
National Institute on Aging (1R01AG082833)
Co-I, 10% Effort
Total costs: \$3,518,541
Funding Period: 07/01/2023-06/30/2028

Research Grants Funded by other agencies

Building Capacity in African American Faith Communities to Address Dementia-Related Disparities

Arthur N. Rupe Foundation (Epps)

PI, 0% Effort

Total costs: \$95,000

Funding period: 4/1/2024-3/31/2025

Feasibility of Dementia Care Companion Training for Congregation Members (Hepburn)

Eastern Tennessee Foundation

Co-I, 0% Effort

Total costs: \$10,000

10/01/2023-09/30/2024

Caregiving while Black: Optimizing Outcomes for Black Dementia Caregivers (Epps)

UC Davis, Betty Irene Moore Fellowship for Nurse Leaders and Innovators (66515)

PI, 20% (Y1)*; 35% (Y2, Y3) Effort

Total costs: \$500,000

Funding Period: 7/1/2022-6/30/2025

The Integrated Memory Care in Community (Clevenger)

American Nurses Foundation (66098)

Co-I, 5% Effort

Total costs: \$1,499,851

Funding Period: 5/1/2022-4/30/2025

Completed Research Projects

Roybal Translational Research Center to Promote Context-Specific Caregiving Mastery for Informal Caregivers of Community-Dwelling Persons Living with Alzheimer's Disease or Related Disorders (Hepburn/Perkins)

National Institute on Aging (P30AG064200)

Co-I, 6% Effort

Total Costs: \$3,944,802

Funding Period: 09/2019 – 05/2024

Assessing a new measure of community level dementia friendliness (Moore/Bender)

Alzheimer's Association (ACROM-22-882653)

Co-I, 5% Effort

Total costs: \$249,998

Funding Period: 12/1/2021-06/30/2024

Dementia-Friendly Faith Congregation Community Program (Johnson)

HRSA: Georgia Geriatric Workforce Enhance Program (Grant #U1QHP33070)

Program Lead, 10% Effort

Total Costs: \$500,000

Funding Period: 7/1/2019-6/30/2024

Creating a Faith-Based Toolkit for African Americans Living with Moderate and Severe Dementia (Epps)

National Institute on Aging (K23AG065452)

PI, 75% Effort (25% effort reduction effective 3/1/2023)

Total Costs: \$531,348

Funding Period: 3/15/2020-2/29/2024

Promoting Health Equity in Parkinson's Care for Black Families through Faith-Based Partnerships (Epps)

Parkinson's Foundation (PF-CG-1049293)

PI, 0% Effort

Total costs: \$6,000

Funding Period: 7/1/2023-12/31/2023

Promoting Health Equity in Dementia Care for African American Families through Faith-Based Partnerships (Epps)

AARP (71855)

PI, 0% Effort

Total costs: \$49,955

Funding Period: 1/1/2023-12/31/2023

The Expansion of a Nurse-Led Dementia Outreach Program for African American Faith Communities

Arthur N. Rupe Foundation (70637)

PI, 0% Effort

Total costs: \$50,000

Funding period: 1/1/2023-12/31/2023

Georgia B-SEEN / CDC Bold Act (Epps)

Georgia Department of Public Health (GDPH-40500-035-21213721)

PI, 1% Effort

Total Costs: \$195,000

Funding Period: 6/1/2021-9/29/2023

Expanding Access to Dementia-Friendly Online Worship Services (Epps)

Alzheimer's Association (AARGD-18-562293-RAPID)

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Funding Period: 9/8/2020-05/31/2022

Producing a Fully Asynchronous Online Tele-Savvy Program (Epps/Clevenger)
NIA/ Emory Roybal Center for Dementia Caregiving Mastery (P30AG06400)
MPI/PD

Total Costs (Pilot): \$75,000

Funding Period: 9/15/2020-05/31/2022

Designing Faith-Based Home Activities for African American Older Adults with Dementia (Epps)
NIA/Oregon Health and Science University, Oregon Alzheimer's Disease Center (P30 AG008017-30)
PI

Total Costs: \$30,000

Funding Period: 4/1/2020-3/31/2021

Supplement to R01 AG054079. Testing Tele-Savvy, an On-line Psychoeducation Program for Dementia
Family Caregivers (Hepburn)

NIA (R01 AG054079 S1)

Diversity Candidate

Total Costs: \$316,642 (subcontract)

Funding Period: 8/1/2017-12/31/2019

A Quest for Dementia-Friendly Faith Villages to Support African American Families and Quantification of
Autonomic Activation via Skin-Like Electronics (Epps/Yeo)

NIA/Emory University Alzheimer's Disease and Research Center (P50 AG025688)

MPI

Total Costs: \$45,000

Funding Period: 5/1/2018-10/31/2019

Exploring the Community Context of the Atlanta Metropolitan Area in Relation to Health Promotion
Activities for African American Elders with Dementia and Their Family Caregivers (Epps)

GSU, Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions

PI

Total Costs: \$7,000

Funding Period: 10/6/2016-6/30/2017

Other Funding Captured

NIH Loan Repayment Program Award for Clinical Research, National Institute on Aging

Awardee

Total Costs: \$84,605.71

Funding Period: 2018-2024

SCHOLARSHIP: PUBLICATIONS (data-based denoted with *, senior or first author with +,
student authors underlined)

Peer-Reviewed Publications – Published

1. *+Sainz, M., Gore, J., Colquitt, M., Donald, A., Kaur, M., Brewster, G., & **Epps, F.** (in press). Assessing the feasibility and acceptability of a faith-based home activity toolbox designed for African American families affected by dementia. *Mental Health, Religion, & Culture*. (impact factor 1.3)
2. Dombrowski, W., Mims, A., Kremer, I., Desandes, P., Rodrigo-Herrero, S. **Epps, F.**, Snow, T., Gutierrez, M., Nasta, A., Epperly, M., Manaloto, K., & Hansen, J. (in press). Dementia ideal care: Ecosystem map of best practices and care pathways enhanced by technology and community. *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*. (impact factor 4.0)
3. Johnson, T., Freiji, J., Moore, M., Bender, A., Munroe, D., Geresu, H., Baxter, G., **Epps, F.**, Taylor, L., Bussey, J., Suggs, A. (2024, online). Engaging partners, lay persons, and learners through effective

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- marketing and messaging. *Journal of the American Geriatric Society*. doi.org:10.1111/jgs.18914 (impact factor 6.3)
4. *Thai, G., Rivette, S. Sharman, J. **Epps, F.**, & Masoud, S. (2024, online). Dementia caregiver experiences: insights from a telephone-based support program. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. doi.org:10.1177/07334648241234745 (impact factor 3.0)
 5. *+Alexander, K., Cave, N., Oliver, S., Bennett, S., Higgins, M., Hepburn, K., Clevenger, C., & **Epps, F.** (2024). Caregiving while Black: A novel, online culturally tailored psychoeducation course for Black dementia caregivers. *The Gerontologist*. doi.org:10.1093/geront/gnae009 (impact factor 3.826)
 6. Brewster, G., Bilwise, D., McPhillips, M., Bonds Johnson, K., **Epps, F.**, Yaeger, K., Griffiths, P., Hepburn, K. (2023). The effect of Tele-Savvy on sleep quality and insomnia in caregivers of persons living with dementia. *Clinical Interventions in Aging*, 18, 2117–2127. doi.org/10.2147/CIA.S425741 (impact factor 2.651)
 7. *Kemp, C. L., Bender, A.A., Morgan J.C., Burgess, E.O., **Epps, F.**, Hill, A.M., Anglin, E., & Perkins, M. M. (2023, online). “Just Join Them”: Improv and Dementia Care”. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. doi.org:10.1177/07334648231203195 (impact factor 3.0)
 8. Gaugler, J., Borson, S., **Epps, F.**, Shih, R., Parker, L., & McGuire, L. (2023). The intersection of social determinants of health and family care of people living with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias: A public health opportunity. *Alzheimer’s & Dementia*, 19 (12). 5837-5846. doi.org:10.1002/alz.13437 (impact factor 14.0)
 9. *+Sainz, M., James, T., Strader, S., Gore, J., **Epps, F.** (2023). "I Didn't Know I Needed to be Still": The experiences of Black dementia caregivers attending tailored online worship services. *Research in Gerontological Nursing* 16(6), 273–282. doi.org:10.3928/19404921-20230706-03 (impact factor 1.643)
 10. +Britt, K.C., Boateng, A., Zhao, H., Ezeokonkwo, F.C., Federwitz, C., & **Epps, F.** (2023). Spiritual needs of older adults living with dementia: An integrative review. *Healthcare*, 11(1319). doi.org:10.3390/healthcare11091319 (impact factor 3.160)
 11. *Brewster, Pierpaoli Parker, C. **Epps, F.** Bonds Johnson, K, Yeager, K. (2023, online). Sleep phenotypes of carers for persons living with dementia: A qualitative study. *Western Journal of Nursing Research*. doi:10.1177/01939459231175242 (impact factor 1.774)
 12. *Bonds Johnson, K., Higgins, M., **Epps, F.**, Brewster, G., Alexander, K., Hepburn, K. (2023, online). Tele-Savvy outcomes of non-Hispanic Black American and White caregivers. *The Gerontologist* (impact factor 3.826)
 13. Booker, S. Q., Baker, T. A., **Epps, F.**, Herr, K. A., Young, H. M., & Fishman, S. (2023). Interrupting biases in the experience and management of pain nurses can help address challenges faced by racially and ethnically diverse patients and caregivers. *Home Healthcare Now*, 41(2), 98–104. doi:10.1097/NHH.0000000000001150 (impact factor .328)
 14. *Kemp, C. L., Bender, A.A., Morgan J.C., Burgess, E.O., **Epps, F.**, Hill, A.M., & Perkins, M. M. (2023). Understanding capacity and optimizing meaningful engagement among persons living with dementia. *Dementia*. doi:10.1177/14713012231162713 (impact factor 2.238)
 15. *+Cicero, E., Lett, E., Flatt, J., Benson, P., & **Epps, F.** (2023). Transgender adults from minoritized ethnoracial groups in the U.S. report greater subjective cognitive decline. *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*. doi:10.1093/geronb/gbad012 (impact factor 4.942)
 16. *McCarthy, E., Lopez, R., Hendricksen, M., Mazor, K., Roach, A., Rogers, A., **Epps, F.**, Johnson, K., Akunor, H., & Mitchell, S. (2023). Black and White proxy experiences and perceptions that influence advanced dementia care in nursing homes: The ADVANCE study. *Journal of American Geriatrics Society*. doi:10.1111/jgs.18303 (impact factor 7.538)
 17. Stevens, D., Brody, A., **Epps, F.**, Hendricks, S., & Sherman, C. (2023). Using meta-research to foster diverse, equitable, and inclusive collaborative research networks. *Journal of American Geriatrics Society*, 71(4). 1028-1033. (impact factor 7.538)
 18. *Brewster, G., Wang, D., McPhillips, M.V., **Epps, F.**, & Yang, I. (2022, online). Correlates of sleep disturbance experienced by informal caregivers of persons living with dementia: A systematic review. *Clinical Gerontologist*. (impact factor 2.871)

19. *Turner, S., **Epps, F.**, Li, M., Leggett, A., & Hu, M. (2023). Validation of a measure of role overload and gains for end-of-life dementia caregivers. *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, 78(Supplement 1). S15-S26. doi: 10.1093/geronb/gbac145 (impact factor 4.942)
20. Bowen, F., **Epps, F.**, Lowe, J., & Guilamo-Ramos, V. (2022). Restoring trust in research among historically underrepresented communities: A call to action for antiracism research in nursing. *Nursing Outlook*. (impact factor 3.250)
21. Booker, S., Baker, T., **Epps, F.**, Heer, K., Young, H., & Fishman, S. (2022). Interrupting biases in the experience and management of pain. *American Journal of Nursing*, 122(9), 48-54. doi.org:10.1097/01.NAJ.0000874120.95373.40 (impact 2.22)
22. +*Gore, J., Tolliver, J., Moore, M.A., Aycok, D., & **Epps, F.** (2022). A mixed-methods formative evaluation of a dementia-friendly congregation program for Black churches. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19(8). doi.org:10.3390/ijerph19084498 (impact factor 3.390)
23. +*Oliver, S., Alexander, K., Bennett, S., Hepburn, K., Henry, J., Clevenger, C., & **Epps, F.** (2022). Experiences of Black American dementia caregivers during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Family Nursing*, 28(3), 195-204. doi.org:10.1177/10748407221102465 (impact factor 3.818)
24. *Ejem, D., Atkins, G., Perkins, M., Morhardt, D., Williams, I., Cothran, F., **Epps, F.**, Scott, C., Mittleman, M., & Clay, O. (2022). Stressors and acceptability of services within Black caregivers of patients with memory problems. *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, 48(6), 13-18. doi.org:10.3928/00989134-20220505-01 (impact factor 1.254)
25. *Kovaleya, M., Nocera, J., Hepburn, K., Higgins, M., Nash, R., **Epps, F.**, Brewster, G., Bilsborough, E., Bluming, S., & Griffiths. (2022). Attention control in a trial of an online psychoeducational intervention for caregivers. *Research in Nursing and Health*, 45. 337-349. doi.org:10.1002/nur.22208 (impact factor 2.163)
26. +*Gore, J., Brewster, G., Sainz, J., Ge, Y., James, T., Xie, J., & **Epps, F.** (2023). Using a multiple-case study design to explore the worship experiences of Black families affected by dementia. *Clinical Gerontologist*, 46(1), 80-90. doi.org:10.1080/07317115.2021.2017378 (impact factor 2.871)
27. +*Alexander, K., Oliver, S., Henry, J., Bennett, S., Clevenger, C., Hepburn, K., & **Epps, F.** (2022). "Falling between the cracks": Experiences of Black dementia caregivers navigating U.S. health systems. *Journal of American Geriatrics Society*, 70(2), 592-600. doi.org:10.1111/jgs.17636 (impact factor 7.538)
28. *Lopez, R., McCarthy, E., Mazor, K., Hendricksen, M., Roach, A., Rogers, A., Akunor, H., **Epps, F.**, Johnson, K., & Mitchell, S. (2022, online). ADVANCE: Nursing home organizational culture and burdensome interventions. *JAMA Internal Medicine*. Doi.org: 10.1001/jamainternmed.2021.7921 (impact factor 21.87)
29. + Boateng, A., Britt, K., Schwartz, B., Xiao, C., Oh, H., & **Epps, F.** (2021, online). Decline in religiosity: A public health crisis. *Journal of Community and Public Health Nursing*, 7(11). doi.org:10.4172/2471-9846.1000313
30. +Bonds, K., Brewster, G., Cicero, E., Hepburn, K., Clevenger, C., Daniel, G., Pak, V., Paul, S., & **Epps, F.** (2021). Promoting caregiver mastery in Black American dementia caregivers. *The Gerontologist*, 62(5), 685-93. gna147. doi.org:10.1093/geront/gna147 (impact factor 3.286)
31. *Rogers, A., **Epps, F.**, Hendricksen, M., Roach, A., Akunor, H., & Lopez, R. (2021). Trust of nursing home staff caring for residents with advanced dementia: A qualitative descriptive study of family caregivers' perspectives. *Geriatric Nursing* 42(6), 1362-1366. doi.org:10.1016/j.gerinurse.2021.09.003. (impact factor 2.361)
32. +**Epps, F.**, Moore, M., Chester, M., Gore, J., Sainz, M., Adkins, A., Clevenger, C., & Aycok, D. (2021). The Alter Program: A nurse-led, dementia-friendly program for African American faith communities and families living with dementia. *Nursing Administration Quarterly*, 46(1), 72-80. doi.org:10.1097/NAQ.0000000000000506
33. +*Ge, Y., Sainz, M., Gore, J., & **Epps, F.** (2021). "Everything is either sent by God or used by God": An exploratory study on the impact of COVID-19 upon the religious lives of Black families living with dementia. *Journal of Religion and Health*, 60(5). 3193-3208. doi.org:10.1007/s10943-021-01332-4 (impact factor 1.898)

34. *Bonds, K., **Epps, F.**, Song, M., Lyons, K., & Driessnack, M. (2021, online). Using poetry as data to explore daily and formal care decision making within African American dementia dyads. *Geriatric Nursing*. doi.org:10.1016/j.gerinurse.2021.05.001 (impact factor 2.361)
35. *Hepburn, K., Nocera, J., Higgins, M., **Epps, F.**, Brewster, G., Lindauer, A., Morhardt, D., Shah, R.C., Nash, R., Bonds, K., & Griffiths, P. (2022). Results of a randomized trial testing the efficacy of Tele-Savvy, an online synchronous/asynchronous psychoeducation program for family caregivers of persons living with dementia. *The Gerontologist* 62(4), 616–628. doi.org:10.1093/geront/gnab029 (impact factor 3.286)
36. +**Epps, F.**, Wiley, Z., Tuenis, L., Johnson, T., Patzer, R., Ofotokun, I., & Franks, N. (2021). A framework for mobilizing health care to respond to the community within the COVID-19 pandemic. *Preventing Chronic Disease*, 18:200572. doi.org/10.5888/pcd18.200572 (impact factor 2.038)
37. *Kemp, C., Ciofi, J., Bender, A., Craft Morgan, J., Duong, S., Hill, A., Manley, P., Burgess, E., **Epps, F.**, Sease, J., & Perkins, M. (2021). Meaningful engagement among assisted living residents with dementia: Successful approaches. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 40(12), 1751–1757. doi.org/10.1177/0733464821996866 (impact factor 3.0)
38. +***Epps, F.**, Brewster, G., Phillips, J., Nash, R., Shah, R.C., & Hepburn, K. (2021). Using a warm hand-off approach to enroll African American caregivers in a multi-site clinical trial: The Handshake Protocol. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 41(1), 142-147. doi.org/10.1177/0733464821992920 (impact factor 3.0)
39. +***Epps, F.**, Foster, K., Alexander, K., Brewster, G., Chester M., Thornton, J., & Aycock, D. (2021). Perceptions and attitudes toward dementia in predominantly African American congregants. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 40(11), 1511-1516. doi.org/10.1177/0733464820987350 (impact factor 3.0)
40. *Kim, H., Kima Y-S., Mahmooda, M., Kwona, S., **Epps, F.**, Rim, Y.S., & Yeo, W-H. (2020). Wireless, continuous monitoring of daily stress and management practice via soft nanomembrane bioelectronics. *Biosensors & Bioelectronics*. doi.org/10.1016/j.bios.2020.112764 (impact factor 10.257)
41. +***Epps, F.**, Alexander, K., Brewster, G., Parker, L., Chester, M., Tomlinson, A., Adkins, A., Zingg, S., & Thornton, J. (2020). Promoting Dementia Awareness in African American Faith Communities. *Public Health Nursing*, 37(5), 715-721. doi.org/10.1111/phn.12759 (impact factor 1.111)
42. *Kim, H., Kim, Y., Kwon, S., Mahmood, M., Kwon, S., Zavanelli, N., Kim, H.S., Rim, Y.S., **Epps, F.**, & Yeo, W. (2020). Fully integrated, stretchable, wireless skin-conformal bioelectronics for continuous stress monitoring in daily life. *Advanced Science*, 7 (15), 1-10. doi.org/10.1002/advs.202000810 (impact factor 15.804)
43. +***Epps, F.**, Choe, J., Alexander, K., & Brewster, G. (2020). Designing worship services to support African American persons living with dementia. *Journal of Religion and Health*, 59(4), 2163-2176. doi: 10.1007/s10943-020-00993-x (impact factor 1.898)
44. #Brewster, G., Bonds, K., Moss, K., McLennon, S., **Epps, F.**, & Lopez, R. (2020). Missing the mark: The complexity of African American dementia caregiving. *Journal of Family Nursing*, 26(4):294–301. doi:10.1177/1074840720945329 (impact factor 1.891)
45. +***Epps, F.**, Heidbreder, V., Alexander, K., Tomlinson, A., Freeman, V., & Williams, N. (2020, online). A dementia-friendly church: How can the African American church support families affected by dementia. *Dementia: The International Journal of Social Research and Practice*. doi:10.1177/1471301219900416 (impact factor 2.238)
46. +***Epps, F.**, & Williams, I.C. (2020). The importance of religiosity to the well-being of African American older adults living with dementia. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. doi: 10.1177/0733464818820773 (impact factor 3.0)
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Peer-Reviewed Publications – Submitted/Under review

1. Kovaleva, M., **Epps, F.**, Jennings, B., Song, M., Clevenger, C., Griffiths, P., Oliver, S., Simon, K., and Hepburn, K. (in review). Scoping Review of Outpatient Dementia Care Programs in the U.S. from 2011-2021.
2. Parker, L., Nkimbeng, M., **Epps, F.**, Stallings, T., James, J., Williams, I.C. (in progress). Words matter:

An examination of terminology to define culturally informed dementia caregiving interventions.

Other Publications (please label as book chapter, book review, research abstract, software, video, etc.)

1. Editorial: +Alexander, K., & Epps, F. (in press) What does Health Literacy Mean to Black Dementia Family Caregivers. *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*. (impact factor 1.1)
2. State of the Science: +Epps, F., Gore, J., Flatt, J.D., Williams, I.C., Wiese, L., Masoud, S., & Franks, N. (2024). Synthesizing best practices to promote health equity for older adults through community engaged research. *Research in Gerontological Nursing*. 17(1), 9–16. (impact factor: 1.571)
3. Abstract/Proceeding: +Epps, F., Bender, A.A., Gore, J., Gunn, G., Market, D., & Moore, M.A. (2022). Developing a measure of community level dementia-friendliness in faith communities. *Innovation in Aging*, 6(Supplement 1), 24.
4. Editorial: +Epps, F., Aycock, D., Suggs, A., & Moore, M. (2022). Placing nurse-led programs in the hands of the right consumers: The value of collaborating with branding consultants. *Research in Gerontological Nursing*. (impact factor 1.571)
5. Editorial: +Epps, F., Skipper, A., Williams, I.C. (2020). Broadening research and practice approaches to assessing religiosity in African American older adults. *Research in Gerontological Nursing*, 13(4), 170-172. (impact factor 1.571)
6. Book chapter: Williams, I.C., Epps, F., Lee, M. (Contributors). (2021). Caregiving. In J. F. Giddens (Author). *Concepts for Nursing Practice, Third Edition*. (3rd ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Inc.
7. Abstract/Proceeding: #Brewster, G., Epps, F., Nash, R., Griffiths, P., Phillips, J., Nocera, J., Shah, R., & Hepburn, K. (2019). Recruiting Family Caregivers of Persons Living with Dementia for Participation in an Online Intervention. *Innovation in Aging*, 3(1), S592. [doi:10.1093/geroni/igz038.2199](https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igz038.2199)
8. Abstract/Proceeding: *Epps, F. (2019). Creating dementia-friendly faith villages to support African American Families. *Alzheimer's & Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association*, 15(7), 865-866.
9. Abstract/Proceeding: *Brewster, G., Parker, M., Epps, F., Dye, C., Higgins, M., Bliwise, D., & Hepburn, K. (2019). Does a Psychoeducational Intervention with and Without Exercise Affect Sleep Quality in African American Caregivers? *Innovation in Aging*, 2(S1), 391. doi: 10.1093/geroni/igy023.1458.
10. Abstract/Proceeding: *Nocera, J.R., Griffiths, P.C., Epps, F., Kovaleva, M., & Hepburn, K. (2018). The Tele-savvy healthy living attention control group: Content, curriculum, and key elements. *Innovation in Aging*, 2(S1), 224.
11. Abstract/Proceeding: *Epps, F., Griffiths, P.C., Nocera, J.R., Kovaleva, M., & Hepburn, K. (2018). “The last thing I have time for is healthy living!” Debriefing attention control group participants. *Innovation in Aging*, 2(S1), 223-224.
12. Abstract/Proceeding: *Hepburn, K., Nocera, J.R., Epps, F., Kovaleva, M., & Griffiths, P.C. (2018). Pragmatic and ethical issues in attention control group design. *Innovation in Aging*, 2(S1), 223.
13. Abstract/Proceeding: *Spurlock, W., Epps, F., & Anthony, S. (2017). Reducing antipsychotic use in nursing home residents with dementia. *Innovation in Aging*, 1(1), 544. doi: 10.1093/geroni/igx004.1921.
14. Guidelines: # Epps, F., Skemp, L., Specht, J., & Maas, M. (2015). Family Involvement in Care. In Howard K. Butcher (Series Ed.), *Series on Evidence-Based Practice Guidelines*, Iowa City, IA: The University of Iowa College of Nursing John A. Hartford Foundation/Csomas Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence.
15. Continuing Education: Epps, F. (2017). *Healthy Aging*. (2nd ed). Western Schools. (continuing education of 10 contact hours).

SCHOLARSHIP: PRESENTATIONS (invited presentations denoted with #)

International Presentations

1. Epps, F., Gore, J., Shoemake, J., Cave, N., Alexander, K., & Bennett, S. (2024). *From the Voices of Black Dementia Caregivers: The Need for Culturally Responsive Education on Navigating Care*. Poster. Alzheimer’s Association International Conference. Philadelphia, PA.
2. Alexander, K., Cave, N., Oliver, S., & Epps, F. (2023). *The Feasibility & Preliminary Efficacy of a Novel, Online Culturally Tailored Psychoeducation Course for Black Dementia Caregivers*. Paper. Alzheimer’s Association International Conference. Amsterdam, Netherlands.

3. Britt, K., Boetang, A., Zhao, H., Ezeokonkwo, F., Federwitz, C., & **Epps, F.** (2023). *Spiritual Needs of Older Adults Living with Dementia: An Integrative Literature Review*. Poster. Alzheimer's Association International Conference 2023. Amsterdam, Netherlands.
4. Moore, M., Grayson, G., Chester, M., Chan, K., & **Epps, F.** (2023). *Creating a measure of community level dementia-friendliness in faith communities*. Poster. Alzheimer's Association International Conference 2023. Amsterdam, Netherlands.
5. **Epps, F.**, Moore, M., Chester, M., Gore, J., & Aycock, D. (2022). *Why and How to Engage with African American Faith Communities in Brain Health Research?* Paper presented virtually at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference 2022.
6. Kemp, C., **Epps, F.**, Bender, A., Ciofi, J., Hill, A., Duong, S., & Manley, P. (2020). *Optimizing Meaningful Engagement among Persons Living with Dementia Through Sensitivity to Differing Situations and Realities*. Poster presented virtually at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference 2020.
7. Bonds, K., Griffiths, P., Higgins, M., Nocera, J. R., **Epps, F.**, Brewster, G. S. & Hepburn, K. (2020). *Comparison of baseline characteristics of African American/Black and non-Hispanic White family caregivers in tele-savvy, an online psychoeducation program*. Poster presented virtually at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference 2020.
8. **#Epps, F.** (2019). *Creating Dementia-Friendly Faith Villages to Support African American Families*. Invited Presentation. Highlights from Emerging Leaders in Alzheimer's and Dementia: Butler Williams Scholars and Alzheimer's Association Awardees. Alzheimer's Association International Conference. Los Angeles, CA.
9. Sanford, S. & **Epps, F.** (2013). *Chartering New Paths to Nursing Education: A Reflection on Implementation of Active Learning Strategies in a Concepts Based Curriculum*. Paper. Enhancing Nursing Excellence through Partnerships, Collaboration and Advocacy. Chi Eta Phi Sorority Inc. (International Organization of Nurses) Boule' 2013 Educational Workshops. Mobile, AL.
10. Spurlock, W., **Epps, F.**, & Anthony, S. (2017). *Reducing Antipsychotic Use in Nursing Home Residents with Dementia*. Poster. 2017 International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) World Congress. San Francisco, CA.
11. Rose, K., Bossen, A., **Epps, F.**, Jao, Y., Specht, J., & Williams, I. (2015) *Use of support groups for persons with early-stage dementia*. Poster. International Dementia Scholars Collaborative Annual Meeting. Grand Rapids, MI.

National Presentations

1. **Epps, F.**, & Gore, (2024). How Black Churches are Supporting Families Affected by Dementia and Opportunities for Partnerships. On Aging 2024. San Francisco, CA.
2. **Epps, F.**, Gore, J. Sainz, M., & Colquitt, M. (2024). How Tailored Research for Black families affected by dementia is translated into sustainable programming. On Aging 2024. San Francisco, CA.
3. Clevenger, C.K., **Epps, F.**, Higgins, M.K., Brewster, G., Raina, K.R., Hepburn, K. (2023). Results of an online caregiver during crisis course. Poster. Gerontological Society of America 2023 Annual Meeting. Tampa, FL.
4. **Epps, F.** Clevenger, C., Higgins, M., & Hepburn. (2023). Tele-Savvy@Home: Producing and Testing a Fully Asynchronous Online Tele-Savvy Program. Paper. Gerontological Society of American 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting. Tampa, FL.
5. **Epps, F.**, Chester, M., Gore, J., Brewster, G., Sainz, M., Frazier, R., Monroe, S., Biggar, V. (2023). Paper. Faith in Action Brain Health Program: Addressing Brain Health Equity Gaps in the Black Community. Paper. Gerontological Society of American 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting. Tampa, FL.
6. **Epps, F.**, Pierson, K., Sainz, M., & Gore, J. (2023). Faith-based Home Activity Toolbox for Black Families Affected by Dementia. Symposium. Gerontological Society of American 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting. Tampa, FL
7. Oliver, S., Alexander, K., Cave, N., **Epps, F.** (2023). Examining the Preliminary Efficacy of an Online Asynchronous Psychoeducation Course for Black Dementia Caregivers. Poster. Gerontological Society of American 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting. Tampa, FL.
8. **Epps, F.** (2023). IMPACT/ CVS ePCT Protocol Development Project. NIA IMPACT Collaboratory Scientific Conference. Bethesda, MD.

9. **Epps, F.** (2023). Alter--Innovative Faith Communities Grow Dementia Awareness. Symposium. American Society on Aging 2023 Conference. Atlanta, GA.
10. **Epps, F.** (2023). Community Relationships--Filling Research to Policy Gaps Through the Inclusion of Diverse Caregivers. Symposium. American Society on Aging 2023 Conference. Atlanta, GA.
11. **#Epps, F.,** (2023). Community Relationships are Critical for the Recruitment of African American Families in Dementia Care Research. Invited Presentation. 2023 National Research Summit on Care, Services, and Supports for Persons Living with Dementia and Their Care Partners/Caregivers.
12. **Epps, F.,** Bender, A., Gore, J., Gunn, G., Market, D., & Moore, M. (2022). Developing a measure of community level dementia-friendliness in faith communities. Paper. Gerontological Society of American 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting. Indianapolis, IN
13. **Epps, F.,** Clevenger, C., & Hepburn, K. (2022). Tele-Savvy@Home: Converting to a completely asynchronous delivery approach. Paper. Gerontological Society of American 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting. Indianapolis, IN
14. Sainz, M., James, T., Strader, U., Xie, J., **Epps, F.** (2022). "*I Didn't Know I Needed to Be Still*": The Experiences Of Black Caregivers Attending Tailored Online Worship Services. Poster and Flash Talk. 2022 National Hartford Center for Gerontological Nursing Excellence Virtual Leadership Conference.
15. Donald, A., Sainz, M., & **Epps, F.** (2022). *Exploration of Meaningful and Engaging Religious Home Activities and Practices for African American Family Caregivers and Persons living with Dementia.* Poster and Flash Talk. 2022 National Hartford Center for Gerontological Nursing Excellence Virtual Leadership Conference.
16. Clevenger, C., **Epps, F.,** Hepburn, K., Perkins, M., & Brewster, G. (2021). *Learning Needs of Dementia Family Caregivers during the Pandemic.* Poster. Gerontological Society of American 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting Online.
17. Brewster, G., McPhillips, M., Yaeger, K., **Epps, F.,** Bonds Johnson, K., Hepburn, K., & Bliwise, D. (2021). *Gender-specific predictors of poor sleep quality and insomnia among caregivers of persons living with dementia.* Poster. Gerontological Society of American 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting Online.
18. Alexander, K., Oliver, S., & **Epps, F.** (2021). *Experiences of African American Dementia Caregivers During the COVID-19 Pandemic.* Poster. Gerontological Society of American 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting Online.
19. Oliver, S., Alexander, K., & **Epps, F.** (2021). *Falling Between the Cracks: Experiences of Black Dementia Caregivers Navigating U.S. Health Systems.* Poster. Gerontological Society of American 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting Online.
20. **Epps, F.** (2021). *Using Advisory Boards to Develop a Faith-Based Toolbox to Support African American Families Facing Dementia.* Paper. Gerontological Society of American 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting Online.
21. Brewster, G., Pierpaoli, C., **Epps, F.,** Bonds Johnson, K., & Yaeger, K. (2021). *Sleep Phenotypes of Caregivers for Persons Living with Dementia.* Paper. Gerontological Society of American 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting Online.
22. Lopez, R., Roach, A., Hendricks, M., Rogers, A., **Epps, F.,** & McCarthy, E. (2021). *Impact of Race on Decision Making for Nursing Home Residents with Advanced Dementia: Can We Disrupt and Transform?* Paper. Gerontological Society of American 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting Online.
23. **Epps, F.,** Ge, Y., Sainz, M., & Gore, J. (2021). *Either Sent by God or Used by God: Impact of COVID-19 on the Religious Lives of Black Families with Dementia.* Paper. Gerontological Society of American 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting Online.
24. Bonds Johnson, K., **Epps, F.,** Brewster, G., Clevenger, C., Daniel, G., Pak, V., Paul, S., & Hepburn, K. (2021). *Mastery Goals for Black American Dementia Caregivers.* Paper. Gerontological Society of American 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting Online.
25. **Epps, F.,** Gore, J., Sainz, M., & Brewster, G. (2021). *Worship Experiences of Black Families at Dementia-Friendly Churches: A Multiple-Case Study Design.* Paper. Gerontological Society of American 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting Online.
26. **#Epps, F.** (2021). *Alter: Inspiring and Equipping Faith Communities.* Invited Paper. 2021 National Hartford Center for Gerontological Nursing Excellence Virtual Leadership Conference.

27. #Epps, F. (2021). *Trust and Historical Trauma: Working with Black Faith Communities*. Invited Presentation. Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science Virtual Advanced Methods Conference.
28. Gore, J., Sainz, M., & Epps, F. (2021). *Worship Experiences of Black Families Living with Dementia at Dementia-Friendly Churches: A Multiple Case Study*. Poster. Medicine and Religion Virtual Conference.
29. Ge, Y. Sainz, M., Gore, J., & Epps, F. (2021). *Church Engagement During the Pandemic: Effect of COVID-19 on Black Families Living with Dementia*. Poster. Medicine and Religion Virtual Conference.
30. Epps, F. (2020). *Partnering with African American Churches to Support Families Affected by Dementia Through Research*. Paper. Gerontological Society of America 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting. Online.
31. Clay, O., Epps, F., Scott, C., Cothran, F., & Williams, I. (2020). *Interest in Supportive Services Among Black Working and Non-Working Caregivers in the Deep South*. Paper. Gerontological Society of America 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting. Online.
32. Foster, K., & Epps, F. (2020). *Content Analysis of Church Leaders' Perceptions and Attitudes Toward Dementia*. Poster. Gerontological Society of America 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting. Online.
33. Epps, F., & Zingg, S. (2020). *Screening for Cognitive Impairment in African American Congregations*. Paper. Gerontological Society of America 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting. Online.
34. Kemp, C., Benner, A., Burgess, E., Ciofi, J., Epps, F., Morgon, J., & Perkins, M. (2020). *Examining Meaningful Engagement Among Assisted Living Residents With Dementia*. Paper. Gerontological Society of America 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting. Online.
35. Ge, Y. Sainz, M., Gore, J., & Epps, F. (2020). *The Impact of COVID-19 on Church Engagement for Black Families Affected by Dementia*. Poster. 2020 National Hartford Center for Gerontological Nursing Excellence Virtual Leadership Conference.
36. Ciofi, J., Kemp, C., Bender, A., Burgess, E., Morgan, J., Epps, F., Doyle, P., & Perkins, M. (2019). *Meaningful Engagement and Quality of Life among Assisted Living Residents with Dementia: Emergent Findings*. Poster. 2019 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Austin, TX.
37. Brewster, G., Bilwise, D., Epps, F., Yaeger, K., & Hepburn, K. (2019). *Dyadic Factors that Associate with Insomnia in Caregivers of Persons Living with Dementia*. Paper. 2019 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Austin, TX.
38. Brewster, G., Epps, F., Nash, R., Griffiths, P., Phillips, J., Nocera, J., Shah, R., & Hepburn, K. (2019). *Recruiting Family Caregivers of Persons Living with Dementia for Participation in an Online Intervention*. Paper. 2019 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Austin, TX.
39. #Epps, F. (2019). *Designing Dementia-Friendly Faith Villages*. Invited Presentation. Diversifying Disability and Family Caregiving: Rewards and Challenges. National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence 2019 Leadership Conference. Austin, TX.
40. Epps, F., Bilsborough, E., Griffiths, G., & Hepburn, K. (2019). *The Impact of Tele-Savvy on the Caregiving Experience of Dementia Family Caregivers: Qualitative Findings*. Poster. 2019 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Austin, TX.
41. Epps, F., Bilsborough, E., Griffiths, G., & Hepburn, K. (2019). *Exploring how Tele-Savvy Influences Self-Care Behaviors for Dementia Family Caregivers*. Poster. 2019 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Austin, TX.
42. Cothran, F., Clay, O., Epps, F., Scott, C., & Williams, I. (2018). *Gender Differences Among African American ADRD Family Caregivers*. Poster. 2018 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Boston, MA.
43. Epps, F., Kilgore, K., Phillips, J., Shah, R., & Hepburn, K. (2018). *Recruiting from a Distance: Using a Handshake Protocol to Improve Enrollment in Telehealth Interventions*. Poster. 2018 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Boston, MA.
44. Hepburn, K., Nocera, J., Epps, F., Kovaleva, M., & Griffiths, P. (2018). *Pragmatic and Ethical Issues in Attention Control Group Design*. Symposium. 2018 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Boston, MA.
45. Epps, F., Griffiths, P., Nocera, J., Kovaleva, M., & Hepburn, K. (2018). *"The Last Thing I have time for is Healthy Living!": Debriefing Attention Control Group Participants*. Symposium. 2018 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Boston, MA.

46. Nocera, J., Griffiths, P. **Epps, F.**, Kovaleva, M., & Hepburn K. (2018). *The Tele-Savvy Healthy Living Attention Control Group: Content, Curriculum, and Key Elements*. Symposium. 2018 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Boston, MA.
47. **Epps, F.** Rose, K., & Lopez, R. (2018). *Who's Your Family? African American Caring for Older Adults Living with Dementia*. Symposium. 2018 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Boston, MA.
48. Brewster, G., Parker, M., **Epps, F.**, Dye, C., Higgins, M., Bliwise, D., & Hepburn, K. (2018). *Does a Psychoeducational Intervention with and Without Exercise Affect Sleep Quality in African American Caregivers?* Symposium. 2018 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Boston, MA.
49. Williams, I., **Epps, F.**, Cothran, & Clay, O. (2018). *Health Promoting Behaviors Among Rural African American Dementia Caregivers*. Symposium. 2018 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Boston, MA.
50. Clay, O., Scott, C., Cothran, F., **Epps, F.**, & Williams, I. (2018). *Associations of Care Recipient Difficulties with Burden Among African American and White Dementia Caregivers*. Symposium. 2018 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Boston, MA.
51. **Epps, F.**, Weeks, G., Graham, E., & Luster, D. (2018). *Challenges to Improving the Health of African American Elders Living with Dementia & Their Families in Urban Neighborhoods*. Paper. 39th Annual Southern Gerontological Meeting. Buford, GA.
52. **Epps, F.** (2018). *Dementia-Friendly Faith Villages*. Invited Presentation. Focus on Caregiving Session. National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence 2018 Leadership Conference. Boston, MA.
53. Anthony, S., Spurlock, W., & **Epps, F.** (2016). *Unlocking Hidden Treasures: Effective Tools to Reduce Inappropriate Antipsychotic Use in Long-Term Care Facilities*. Poster. National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence 2016 Leadership Conference. New Orleans, LA.
54. **Epps, F.**, & Skemp, L. (2016). *The Role of Religiosity in Health Promotion for African American Elders with Memory Impairment*. Symposium. 2016 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
55. **Epps, F.**, & Skemp, L. (2016). *How Do We Promote Our Health? From the Words of African American Dementia Families*. Paper. 2016 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
56. **Epps, F.**, McDermott, C., Rose, K., & Specht, J. (2016). *Effects of Support Groups for Individuals with Early-Stage Dementia and Mild Cognitive Impairment: An Integrative Review*. Symposium. 2016 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
57. **Epps, F.**, & Skemp, L. (2016). *Family Involvement in Health Promotion Activities for African Americans with Dementia*. Symposium. 2016 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
58. **Epps, F.**, Skemp, L., & Specht, J. (2014). *Recruiting African-Americans with Dementia and Their Family Caregivers: What Works*. Poster. Gerontological Society of America 67th Annual Scientific Meeting. Washington D.C.
59. Clark, K., Guerin, S., Skemp, L., **Epps, F.**, & Doyle, B. (2014). *Integrating Gerontological Nursing Evidence-Based Practice Guidelines in Nursing Education*. Poster. Gerontological Society of America 67th Annual Scientific Meeting. Washington D.C.
60. **Epps, F.** (2013). *Influence of Filial Obligations Among African American, Hispanic and Non-Hispanic Caucasian Family Caregivers*. Poster. Gerontological Society of America 66th Annual Scientific Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
61. **Epps, F.** (2013). *The Dimensions of Religiosity in African American, Hispanic and Non-Hispanic Caucasian Family Caregivers*. Paper. National Association of African American Studies and Affiliates National Conference. Baton Rouge, LA.
62. **Epps, F.** (2012) *Cultural Values, Religiosity, and Family Member's Caregiving on the Positive Appraisal of Caring for Elders*. Poster. Gerontological Society of America 65th Annual Scientific Meeting. San Diego, CA.

State/Regional Presentations

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1. Alexander, K., Cave, N., Oliver, S., & **Epps, F.** (2023). *Caregiving While Black: Dementia Caregivers' Experiences with a Novel Culturally Tailored Course*. Georgia Gerontology Society Annual Conference. Lake Oconee, GA.
2. Alexander, K., Cave, N., Oliver, S., & **Epps, F.** (2023). *The Feasibility & Preliminary Efficacy of a Novel, Online Culturally Tailored Psychoeducation Course for Black Dementia Caregivers*. Paper. 19th Annual Yale Bouchet Conference on Diversity and Graduate Education. 2023. Yale University.
3. Stallings, T., James, J., **Epps, F.**, & Parker, L. (2023). *Developing a Public Health Toolkit for the Cultural Adaption of Dementia Caregiver Programs*. Paper. Southern Gerontological Society 44th Annual Meeting and Conference. Norfolk, VA.
4. Alexander, K., Cave, N., Oliver, S., & **Epps, F.** (2023). *Caregiving while Black: Dementia Caregivers Experiences with a Novel Culturally Tailored Course*. Paper. Southern Gerontological Society 44th Annual Meeting and Conference. Norfolk, VA.
5. Moore, S., Gore, J. , Frazier, R., & **Epps, F.** (2023). *Dementia-Friendly Initiatives: Engaging Black Parishioners in Health Promotion Activities*. Poster. Southern Gerontological Society 44th Annual Meeting and Conference. Norfolk, VA.
6. Sainz, M., James, T., Strader, U., Xie, J., **Epps, F.** (2023). *"I Didn't Know I Needed to Be Still": The Experiences Of Black Caregivers Attending Tailored Online Worship Services*. Paper. 37th Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Conference. Orlando, FL.
7. Donald, A., Sainz, M., Gore, J., Pierson, K., Kim, S., & **Epps, F.** (2023). *How are African American Faith Communities Supporting Families Facing Dementia during the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Poster. 37th Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Conference. Orlando, FL.
8. Yancey, J., Gore, J., & **Epps, F.** (2023). *Exploration of Meaningful and Engaging Religious Home Activities for African American Family Caregivers and Persons living with Dementia*. Poster. 37th Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Conference. Orlando, FL.
9. Kemp, C., Heidbreder, V., Perkins, M., Lesandrini, J., Bender, A., Burgess, E., Morgan, J., & **Epps, F.** (2022). *Understanding Meaningful Engagement among Persons Living with Dementia*. Symposium. Southern Gerontological Society 43rd Annual Meeting and Conference. Panama City, FL.
10. Sainz, M., Gore, J., James, T., & **Epps, F.**(2022). *Strategies to Engaging Black Caregivers of a Person Living with Dementia in Faith-Based Research*. Paper. Southern Gerontological Society 43rd Annual Meeting and Conference. Panama City, FL.
11. **Epps, F.**, Chester, M., Gore, J., & Moore, M. A. (2022). *Strategies for engaging with African American faith communities in research*. Workshop. Southern Gerontological Society 43rd Annual Meeting and Conference. Panama City, FL.
12. Parker, L., **Epps, F.**, Resendez, J., Le, O., Gaugler, J., & Williams, I.C. (2022). *Public Health Considerations for Cultural Adaptations in Dementia Caregiving Support*. Paper. Southern Gerontological Society 43rd Annual Meeting and Conference. Panama City, FL.
13. Boateng, A., Chester, M., Gore, J., & **Epps, F.** (2022). *Place Matters: Understanding the Spatial Relationships of African American Churches Committed to Supporting Families Facing Dementia*. Paper. Southern Gerontological Society 43rd Annual Meeting and Conference. Panama City, FL.
14. Alexander, K., Oliver, S., & **Epps, F.** (2022). *"Falling between the cracks": Experiences of Black American dementia caregivers navigating U.S. health systems*. Paper. 36th Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society. New Orleans, LA.
15. Sainz, M., Gore, J., James, T., & **Epps, F.** (2022). *Strategies to engaging Black caregivers of a person living with dementia in faith-based research*. Poster. 36th Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society. New Orleans, LA.
16. **Epps, F.**, Gore, J., & Sainz, M. (2021). *Worship Experiences of Black Families at Dementia-Friendly Churches: A Multiple-Case Study Design*. Paper. 66th Annual Georgia Gerontology Society Conference. Lake Lanier, GA.
17. Bonds, K., **Epps, F.**, Song, M., Lyons, K. S., Driessnack, M. (2021). *Using poetry as data to explore daily and formal care decision making within African American dementia dyads*. Paper. Southern Gerontological Society 42nd Annual Meeting and Conference. Online.
18. Kemp, C., Benner, A., Burgess, E., Morgan, J., **Epps, F.**, Perkins, M., Ciofi, J., Hill, A., Duong, S., Manely, P., & Jensen, C. (2021). *Meaningful Engagement and Quality of Life among Assisted Living*

Residents with Dementia. Paper. Southern Gerontological Society 42nd Annual Meeting and Conference. Online.

19. #Epps, F. (2021). *A Nurse Researcher's Journey to Creating Dementia-Friendly Faith Villages*. Invited Presentation. Georgia State University Seminar Series. Atlanta, GA.
20. Epps, F., Bilsborough, E., Griffiths, P., & Hepburn, K. (2019). *The Preliminary Results of the Effectiveness of 'Tele-Savvy' on Self-Care and Positive Caregiver Experiences in Caregivers of Persons Living with Dementia*. Paper. 40th Annual Southern Gerontological Meeting. Miramar Beach, FL.
21. Epps, F., To, H., Liu, T., Karanjit, A., & Warren, G. (2019) *Effect of Exercise on the Mental and Physical Well-Being of Caregivers for Persons Living with chronic Illnesses: A Meta-Analysis*. Poster. 40th Annual Southern Gerontological Meeting. Miramar Beach, FL.
22. Choe, J., Alexander, K., & Epps, F. (2019). *Worship Service Modifications to Support African American Families Living with Dementia*. Poster. 33rd Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society. Orlando, FL.
23. Epps, F., & Alexander, K. (2019). *Understanding Dementia in the African American Faith Community: A Program Evaluation*. Poster. 33rd Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society. Orlando, FL.
24. #Epps, F. (2019). *Dementia-Friendly Faith Villages*. Invited Presentation. Dementia Friendly Georgia Initiatives. 64th Annual Georgia Gerontology Society Conference. Lake Oconee, GA.
25. #Epps, F. (2019). *The preliminary efficacy of the Tele-Savvy and Healthy Living programs on dementia family caregivers' self-care behaviors and their positive experiences in caregiving*. Invited Presentation. Geriatrics Research Seminar. Emory University School of Medicine. Atlanta, GA.
26. Epps, F., Heidbreder, V., & Alexander, K. (2019). *What Does a Dementia-Friendly Church Look Like in the African American Community*. Paper. 40th Annual Southern Gerontological Meeting. Miramar Beach, FL.
27. Kovaleva, M. A., Wharton, W., Epps, F., Bridwell, L., Dorbin, C., Tate, R. C., & Hepburn, K. (2018). *Dementia and painting: How art helps dementia caregiving dyads*. Poster discussion. 32nd Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society. Atlanta, GA.
28. #Epps, F. (2018). *A Nurse Researcher's Journey to Serving African American Families living with Dementia*. Invited presentation. Research Colloquia. University of Alabama. Tuscaloosa, AL.
29. #Epps, F. (2018). *Understanding the Journey to Having a Successful Academic Career for Women of Color in Science*. Invited presentation. Center for Diversity and Inclusion. Oregon Health and Science University. Portland, OR.
30. #Epps, F. (2018). *Family Activities to Promote Aging*. Invited presentation. The PreSERVE Coalition's Talk n' Taste series. Oregon Health and Science University. Portland, OR.
31. #Epps, F. (2018). *The Tele-Savvy Program and Other Technological Approaches to Care: One Size Does Not Fit All*. Invited presentation. 24th Alzheimer's Day. Northwestern Medicine Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center. Chicago, IL.
32. #Epps, F., & Brewster, G. (2018). *Become a Research Rock Star: Your Guide to Successful Dissertation and Research Career*. Invited Preconference Workshop. 32nd Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society. Atlanta, GA.
33. #Epps, F., Thornton, J., Miller, T., Allen, G., & Chester, M. (2018). *Faith Connections to Memory Support: Developing a Dementia-Friendly Faith Village*. Invited Presentation for Partnership in Care Feature Session. 39th Annual Southern Gerontological Meeting. Buford, GA.
34. #Epps, F. (2017). *Roadblocks Confronting African American Elders Living with Dementia in an Urban Community*. Invited Paper. Aging and Dementia in the 21st Century. Knoxville, TN.
35. Epps, F., & Skemp, L. (2017). *Exploring Barriers to Participation in Health Promotion Activities for African American Elders with Dementia and Their Family Caregivers*. Paper. Southern Gerontological Society 38th Annual Meeting. Asheville, NC.
36. Epps, F. & Skemp, S. (2016). *The Role of Religiosity in Health Promotion for African American Elders with Memory Impairment*. Paper. 2nd Annual Interdisciplinary Faith and Health Outcomes Forum. Dillard University, School of Nursing. New Orleans, LA.
37. #Epps, F. (2016). *Religiosity Among Family Caregivers*. Invited presentation. 5th Annual Alzheimer's and Caregivers' Symposium. Shreveport, LA.

38. #Epps, F. (2016). *How do we promote our health? From the words of African American Elders with Dementia and their Family Members*. Invited presentation. Research Seminar. Emory University Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. Atlanta, GA
39. #Epps, F. *Health Promotion Activities for African Americans with Dementia*. (2016). Invited presentation. Living Well with a Purpose. Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area 23rd Annual Educational Conference. Baton Rouge, LA.
40. Epps, F., Skemp, L., & Specht, J. (2015). *Road Map to Accessing African-American Family Caregivers*. Poster. 29th Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society. Tampa, FL.
41. #Epps, F. (2015). *Recruiting African Americans in Dementia Research: A Nurse Researcher's Experience*. Invited presentation. Research Brief. Louisiana State University Life Course and Aging Center. Baton Rouge, LA.
42. Clark, K., Guerin, S., Skemp, L., Epps, F., & Doyle, B. (2014). *Integrating Gerontological Nursing Evidence-Based Practice Guidelines in Nursing Education*. Paper. Transforming Research into Practice. Our Lady of the Lourdes Regional Medical Center. Lafayette, LA.

Other Scholarship and Professional Development

Invited Speaking Engagements

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| 2022 | Speaker, <i>Caregiving while Black</i> , Annual Update in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias, Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute |
| 2022 | Speaker, <i>Supporting African American Adults with Dementia & their Caregivers through Partnerships with Faith-Based Communities</i> , Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine Grand Rounds at Mount Sinai, New York, NY |
| 2022 | Speaker, <i>Promoting Dementia Awareness in African American Communities</i> , Alzheimer's Triple E Virtual Summit Experience |
| 2020 | Speaker, <i>Creating Dementia-Friendly Faith Villages</i> , Alzheimer's Disease Virtual Conference, Hampton University, Hampton, VA |
| 2020 | Speaker, <i>Supporting African American Families through Dementia-Friendly Faith Villages</i> , Faith and Health Outcomes Forum 2020, Dillard University, New Orleans, LA |
| 2019 | Speaker, <i>Creating Dementia-Friendly Faith Villages</i> , Community Townhall, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee AL |

Fellowships and Training

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| 2022 | National Academy of Medicine Emerging Leaders Forum |
| 2021-2023 | IMPACT Faculty Scholars Program, Pilot Studies Core, NIA IMPACT Collaboratory |
| 2021 | Research Workshop on Religion, Spirituality and Health Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC |
| 2021 | Michigan Center for Contextual Factors in Alzheimer's Disease Summer Data Immersion Program
University of Michigan (virtual) |
| 2020-2021 | Fellow: Georgia CTSA TEAMS (Translational Education and Mentoring in Science)
Emory University, Atlanta, GA |
| 2019 | Research Workshop on Religion, Spirituality and Health Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC |
| 2019 | Qualitative Research Methods
Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA |
| 2018-2019 | Tideswell, AGS, ADGAP Emerging Leaders in Aging Program Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatrics, University of California San Francisco |
| 2017 | Designing a Mixed Methods Research project: An Interactive Workshop
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI |
| 2017 | Butler-Williams Scholars Program
National Institute on Aging, Bethesda, MD |
| 2017 | Summer Research Institute on Developing Behavioral Interventions
School of Nursing, John Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD |

2015	Facilitated Learning to Advance Geriatrics (FLAG) Minnesota Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence, Oregon Health & Sciences University, Portland, Oregon
2014	Qualitative Research: Qualitative Analysis Center of Lifelong Learning, School of Nursing, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2013	Workgroup Fellow. Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research Summer Training Workshop on African American Aging Research Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
2012	Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence Summer Scholars Seminar College of Nursing, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Courses Taught

Emory University

February, 2023	NRSG 733 Health Risk Interventions and Outcomes	Guest Lecture
October, 2022	NRSG 322 Health Promotion and Wellness	Guest Lecture
November, 2021	NRSG 705 Endogenous & Exogenous Determinants of Human Health	Guest Lecture
February, 2021	NRSG 435D Acute and Chronic Care II	Guest Lecture
October, 2020	NRSG 705 Endogenous & Exogenous Determinants of Human Health	Guest Lecture
September, 2020	NRSG 435D Acute and Chronic Care II	Guest Lecture
May, 2020	NRSG 435D Acute and Chronic Care II	Guest Lecture
October, 2019	NRSG 371 Evidence-Based Practice for Nurses	Guest Lecture

University of Alabama at Birmingham

April, 2024	PY 619 42 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Research and the Workplace	Guest Lecture
April, 2023	PY 619 42 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Research and the Workplace	Guest Lecture

Southern University and A&M College

March, 2022	NURS 712 Advanced Nursing Research	Guest Lecture
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University of Illinois at Urbana

September, 2020	Aging, Families, & Health (Department of Human Development & Family Studies)	Guest Lecture
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Georgia State University

April, 2021	NURS 8012 Qualitative Methods	Guest Lecture
October, 2019	GERO 4610 Psychology of Aging	Guest Lecture
April, 2019	GERO 8124 Diversity and Aging	Guest Lecture
Spring 2019	Qualitative Methods: Didactic	Instructor
October, 2018	CNHP 3500 Research Methods	Guest Lecture
October, 2018	NURS 8045 Introduction to Advanced Nursing Research	Guest Lecture
September, 2018	Seminar in Gerontology	Guest Lecture

April, 2018	GERO 8124 Diversity and Aging	Guest Lecture
February, 2018	NURS 7010 Gerontological Nursing	Guest Lecture
2016-2017	Leadership and Management in Nursing: Didactic	Course Coordinator

University of Utah

December, 2021	NURS 7885 Cancer, Aging Care Research	Guest Lecture
January, 2017	NURS 7885 Cancer, Aging Care Research	Guest Lecture

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2012-2013	Concept-Based Learning Curriculum	Course Leader
	Pathophysiology: Didactic	
2012-2013	Health Assessment: Didactic/Lab	Instructor
2010-2012	Fundamentals of Nursing: Didactic/Practicum	Course Coordinator
2010-2012	Medical Surgical Nursing I: Didactic/Practicum	Instructor
2010-2012	Medical Surgical Nursing II: Didactic/Practicum	Course Coordinator
2010-2012	Medical Surgical Nursing III: Didactic/Practicum	Instructor
2007-2010	Medical Surgical Nursing I: Practicum	Instructor
2004-2006	Medical Surgical Nursing I: Didactic/Practicum	Course Coordinator
2004-2006	Medical Surgical Nursing III: Practicum	Instructor

Other Teaching not captured

2018	AnneMarie deWitt Georgia State University <i>African American Caregiving: Who is Your family?</i>	Direct Student Reading/Learning
2017	Robbi Grier Georgia State University <i>Using Evidence-Based Practice Guidelines to Prevent Deep Vein Thrombosis in Postoperative Patients.</i>	Direct Student Reading/Learning
2018	Facilitator. Research Doctorate Student Workshop. Georgia Nursing Leadership Coalition 2018 Doctoral Symposium. Atlanta, GA.	
2017	Facilitator. Research Doctorate Student Workshop. Georgia Nursing Leadership Coalition 2017 Doctoral Symposium. Atlanta, GA.	
2016	Guest Speaker and Panelist. A Doctorate Bootcamp. Louisiana League for Nursing. Baton Rouge, LA.	

Postdoctoral and Faculty Mentoring

2024-Present	Shanae Rhodes, PhD, RN UT Health San Antonio, Postdoctoral Fellow	Mentor
2024-Present	Kelly McGlothen-Bell, PhD, RN, IBCLC, FAWHONN UT Health San Antonio Reducing Health Disparities and Improving Health Equity for Communities of Color and Families affected by Trauma and Substance Use	Mentor
2024-Present	Kalisha Bonds Johnson, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC Emory University Designing a Culturally Tailored Formal Care Decision-Making Intervention for African American	Mentor

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Dementia Dyads and Families

2023-Present	Bianca Shieu, PhD, RN UT Health San Antonio Developing a Caregiver-focused Auricular Point Acupressure Training Program to Assist Caregivers in Managing Chronic Pain in Patients with Mild to Moderate Dementia	Mentor
2022-2023	Onome Henry Osokpo, PhD, MSc., MSN, RN University of Pennsylvania Culturally concordant interventions to advance health equity among vulnerable and marginalized populations	Mentor
<u>Doctor of Philosophy Nursing</u>		
2024-Present	Olajide Opalege Georgia State University, School of Nursing Impact of African American clergy, spiritual leaders, and children's ministry teachers on their knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors toward children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder	Committee Member
2024-Present	Andrya River Aburciaga UT Health San Antonio, School of Nursing Exploring the perceptions, attitudes, and life experiences among Mexican Americans living with serious illnesses and their caregivers	Committee Member
2023-2024	Megan Mayfield Emory University, School of Nursing Relationship between Perceived Stress, Inflammation, and CVD risk in rural Heart Failure Caregivers and the Influences of Social Determinants of Health	Committee Member
2023-Present	Octavia Vogel Emory University, School of Nursing Womanist Visions: Black Women's Health Experiences	Committee Member
2023-Present	Valencia Freeman Augusta University, School of Nursing Alzheimer's Knowledge in the African American Community	Committee Member
2022-2023	Sonia Shamlin Texas Christian University, Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences African American Caregivers' Perception of Support and Information Needs to Provide to Provide Care for a Family Member with Dementia: A Qualitative Study	Committee Member
2022-2024	Nia Lane University of Texas Health San Antonio, School of Nursing Perceived Life Experiences of AME Church Members and their Influence on Health	Committee Member

2022-Present	Clara Scher Rutgers University, School of Social Work The Impact of Socio-Spatial Inequities on the Health and Well-Being of Black Older Adults Aging in Community with Dementia	Committee Member
2021-Present	Mayra Sainz Emory University, School of Nursing Young LatinX Caregivers for Persons Living with Dementia	Advisor/Committee Co-Chair
2020-2024	Karah Alexander Emory University, School of Nursing Health Literacy for Black Caregivers	Advisor/Committee Co-Chair
2020	Michelle Gaddis Georgia State University, School of Nursing Disease Self-Management Capacity and Patient Burden for African American Adults with Type 2 Diabetes and Hypertension	Committee Member
2018-2019	Kim Massey Georgia State University The Experiences of National Guard Fathers when Communicating with Their Young Children During Combat Deployment	Committee Chair

Thesis Advisement

2021-2022	Virginia Heidbreder Georgia State University, Gerontology Institute The Role of the Salon Experience as a Form of Meaningful Engagement in the Lives of Persons Living with Dementia in Assisted Living	Committee Member
2020-2021	Janelle Gore Emory University, School of Public Health How do Black Religious Youth Perceive the Mental Health Culture within their Faith Communities	Committee Member
2017-2018	Pamela Manley Georgia State University, Gerontology Institute Black Women's Views on Menopause: A Phenomenological Study	Committee Member

Other Student Advisement not Captured

2024	Michelle Bolden Chamberlain University Caregiver Education Program for Dialysis Caregivers	DNP Preceptor
2024-Present	Solee Wirba University of Texas Health Science Center, School of Nursing Project: Evaluating the capacity of Black churches to	Sunrise Mentee

implement the Alter program

2022-2023	Audric Donald Emory University, School of Nursing Honors Project: Evaluation of Meaningful Faith-Based Home Activities for African American Families Facing Dementia.	Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor
2021-2023	Ja'Mya Yancey Emory University, School of Nursing Honors Project: Evaluation of a Dementia-Friendly African American Congregation Program.	Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor
2021	Jenyl Henry Grand Canyon University, Public Health Administration	Public Health Intern Preceptor
2021	Jamilla Tolliver Eastern Virginia Medical School Research Practicum: Roadmap to Delivering a Dementia-Friendly Congregation Program for African American Churches.	Master of Public Health Preceptor
2019-2021	Yiran Ge Emory University, School of Nursing Honors Project: "Either sent by God or used by God": An Exploratory Study on the Impact of COVID-19 on the Religious Lives of Black Families with Dementia.	Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor
2019	Chanel Richmond Georgia State University Research Practicum: Implementing and Evaluating Faith-Based Dementia-Friendly Education Programs Support African American Families Affected by Dementia.	Master of Public Health Preceptor
2018-2019	Jenny Choe Emory University, School of Nursing Honors Project: Ways to Modify Worship Services to Support African American Persons Living with Dementia	Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor
2018	Asmita Karanjit Georgia State University, Gerontology Institute	Gerontology Intern Preceptor
2018	Karah Alexander Georgia State University Research Practicum: Designing a Preliminary Dementia-Friendly Faith Village and Worship Service	Master of Public Health Preceptor
2018	David Shearhouse Georgia State University, Gerontology Institute	Gerontology Intern Preceptor
2018	Molly Ray Georgia State University, Gerontology Institute	Gerontology Intern Preceptor
2017	Sabitha Chacko Georgia State University	Master of Public Health Preceptor

Research Practicum: Faith Based Institutions Offering Dementia-Friendly
Worship Services to Support the African American Community.

2017 Evan N. Graham Master of Public Health Preceptor
Georgia State University
Research Practicum: Exploring the Community Context of the Atlanta
Metropolitan Area in Relation to Health Promotion Activities for African
American Elders with Dementia and their Family Members.

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Membership in Professional Organizations

a. Membership

2023-Present	Religion Research Association
2021-Present	American Academy of Nursing
2017-Present	International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment
2016-Present	Georgia Gerontology Society
2016-Present	Georgia State Nurses Association
2016-Present	Southern Gerontological Society
2015-2016	Louisiana League for Nursing
2014-2017	American Public Health Association
2014-2017	Louisiana Enhancing Aging with Dignity through Empowerment and Respect
2013-Present	Southern Nursing Research Society
2013-Present	International Dementia Scholars Collaborative
2013-Present	National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence
2013-2017	National Gerontological Nurses Association
2012-Present	Gerontological Society of America
2012-2016	Louisiana Geriatrics Society
2003-2016	Louisiana State Nurses Association
2004-Present	Sigma Theta Tau International
2004-2005	Louisiana Organization of Nurse Executives
2003-Present	American Nurses Association
1999-Present	Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc

b. Offices held

Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.
2022-Present Co-chair: Research Committee

Southern Gerontological Society
2019-Present Member: Board of Directors
2017-2018 Co-chair: Annual Meeting, Wellness, Well-being, &
Quality of Life Track

National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence (NHCGNE)
2017-2019 Member: Board of Directors & Executive Committee, Legacy Affiliate
2014-2018 Chair: Communications Committee

Louisiana Enhancing Aging with Dignity through Empowerment and Respect (LEADER)
2016 Member: Board of Directors
2016 Co-chair: Communications Committee

Gerontological Society of America
2024-2027 Member: Board of Directors
2015 ESPO Senior Representative: Minority Issues in Gerontology Committee
2013-2014 ESPO Junior Representative: Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology

c. Committees

Religious Research Association's

2024-2026 Member: Awards Committee
American Academy of Nursing
2022-Present Member: Aging Expert Panel
2022-Present Member: Health Equity Expert Panel
Gerontological Society of America
2022 Chair: Fellows Engagement Subgroup
2022-2024 Member (Presidential Appointment): Membership Committee
2021 Member: Health Science Awards Review Panel
National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence
2020 Member: Annual Leadership Conference Planning Committee
2016 Member: Annual Leadership Conference Planning Committee
2013-Present Member: Communications Committee
Southern Gerontological Society
2017-Present Member: Budget and Finance Committee
National Gerontological Nurses Association
2016-2017 Member: Membership and Marketing Committee

Editorial Board Member

2024-2026 Generations
2024-2027 Alzheimer's & Dementia: Behavior & Socioeconomics of Aging
Section Editor: Caregiving and Support Partnership
2023-Present The Gerontologist
2022-2025 Journal of Gerontological Nursing
2021-2024 Journal of Applied Gerontology
2019-2022 Research in Gerontological Nursing

Manuscript Reviewer

2022-Present Family and Community Health
2022-Present Community Health Equity Research and Policy
2021-Present Journal of Women and Aging
2020-Present Association of Black Nursing Faculty Journal
2020-Present Journal of Religion and Health
2020-Present The American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry
2020-Present Dementia: The International Journal of Social Research and Practice
2019-Present Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences
2019-Present Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action
2018-Present International Journal of Qualitative Studies on Health & Well-being
2018-Present Ethnicity and Health
2017-Present American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease & Other Dementias
2017-2019 DISCOVERY: Georgia State Honors College Undergraduate Research Journal
2016-Present Rehabilitation Nursing
2014-Present The Gerontologist
2014-Present Research in Gerontological Nursing
2013-Present Geriatric Nursing

Reviewer for Research and Evidence-Based Project Grants

2024 Co-Chair. Health Disparities, Policy and Ethics in Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Research. Alzheimer's Association
2022 Short-term Reviewer. NIH Community Influences on Health Behavior Study Section.
2022 Reviewer. NIH Small Business (SBIR/STTR) Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group 2022/08 ZMD1 JT (A1). Technologies/Innovations for Improving Minority Health and Eliminating Health Disparities.
2021 Ad Hoc Reviewer. NIH Community Influences on Health Behavior Study Section.

2021	Grant Peer Reviewer. Alzheimer's Association.
2020	Grant Peer Reviewer. Alzheimer's Association.
2018	Grant Peer Reviewer. Alzheimer's Society Research Program. Alzheimer's Society.
2018	Ad Hoc Reviewer. NIH Clinical Management of Patients in Community-based Settings Study Section.
2016-2018	NIH Early Career Reviewer Program at the Center for Scientific Review.
	2017 Reviewer. Nursing and Related Clinical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel.
2015	Alzheimer's and Public Health Application Review Committee. Alzheimer's Association.

Reviewer- Abstracts

2022	Abstract Reviewer. 2022 Alzheimer's Association International Conference.
2021	Abstract Reviewer. 2021 NHCGNE Virtual Leadership Conference.
2021	Abstract Reviewer. Gerontological Society of America 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting.
2020	Abstract Reviewer. 2020 NHCGNE Virtual Leadership Conference.
2020	Abstract Reviewer. Gerontological Society of America 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting.
2019	Abstract Reviewer. Gerontological Society of America 72 th Annual Scientific Meeting.
2016	Abstract Reviewer. American Public Health Association. <i>Aging and Public Health Program</i> .
2016	Abstract Reviewer. Gerontological Society of America 69 th Annual Scientific Meeting.
2016	Abstract Reviewer. Southern Nursing Research Society 30 th Annual Conference.

National and International Consultation

2024-2027	Member: Creating & Advancing Caregiving Research and Evidence Network (CARE Network) Steering Committee, National Alliance for Caregiving
2024-2027	Member: The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (AFTD) Medical Advisory Council and Education Committee
2023-2028	Member: External Advisory Board for the Alzheimer's Disease-Resource Center on Minority Aging Research, Michigan Center for Contextual Factors in Alzheimer's Disease
2023-2027	Member: VA Geriatrics and Gerontology Advisory Committee
2022-2025	Member: International Research Grant Program (IRGP) Council Alzheimer's Association
2022-2024	Member: Medical and Scientific Advisory Council for Alzheimer's Research and Prevention Foundation
2022	Member: External Review Team for the BRFSS Caregiver Module Revision
2021	Member: External Review Team for the 2022 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures Report
2021-Present	Member: Dementia Friendly America National Council
2020-Present	Member: Research Steering Committee Alzheimer's Association LINC-AD Consortium (Leveraging an Interdisciplinary Consortium to Improve Care and Outcomes for Persons living with Alzheimer's and Dementia),
2020-2021	Member: COVID-19 Prevention Network Panel (National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases; NIAID)

UT Health San Antonio**University**

2024-Present	UTHSA Office of Outreach and Health Access Advisory Council	Member
2024-2027	Council of Principal Investigators	Member

School of Nursing

2024-Present	Promotion and Tenure Appointment Committee	Member
2024-Present	Committee on Scholarship	Member

Service at Other Universities**Emory University Service****University**

2021-2023	Emory Primary Care Consortium Grants Committee	Member
2021-2022	Chair of the Department of Behavioral, Social, and Health Education Sciences Search Committee, Rollins School of Public Health	Member
2020-2022	Emory Collaborative Community Outreach and Health Disparities (CCOHD) Team	Member
2020-2022	CCOHD Research Subcommittee	Co-Chair

Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing Service

2022-Present	PhD Admissions Committee	Member
2022-Present	Community and Research Engagement for the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Office	Director
2019-Present	Graduate PhD Faculty Committee	Member
2019-Present	Honor Council Committee	Member

University of Minnesota**Public Health Center of Excellence in Dementia Caregiving**

2021-Present	Leadership Core	Member
2021-Present	Health Equity Task Force	Member

Georgia State University

2019	Nominations Committee	Member
2018-2019	Faculty Evaluation Committee	Member
2018-2019	PhD Program Committee	Member
2018	Triennial Director Evaluation Committee	Member
2017	Faculty Search Committee	Member
2016-2017	Barbara Pittard Payne Annual Lecture Planning Committee	Member

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2014-2015	Research and Scholarship Council	Member
2014-2015	Assessment and Evaluation Committee	Member
2013-2014	Curriculum Committee	Member
2012-2015	Gerontology Infusion Group	Member
2011-2013	Admissions and Progression Committee	Member
2011-2012	Assessment and Evaluation Committee	Member
2010-2011	Curriculum Committee	Member
2005-2006	Curriculum Committee	Member
2005-2006	Information and Learning Committee	Member

2005	Admissions and Progression Committee	Member
<u>Other Community Service</u>		
2024-2026	Respite for All Foundation Board of Directors	Member
2022	<i>Public Health and Faith</i> BOLD Public Health Center of Excellence on Dementia Caregiving	Panelist
2022	<i>Family Caregiving for People with Cancer and Other Serious Illnesses: A Workshop</i>	Panelist
2022	National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine <i>Perspectives from Health Researchers in Advancing Health Equity in Diverse Communities</i> National Hispanic Council on Aging and the Diverse Elders Coalition	Panelist
2021	<i>Public Health Considerations and Models for Cultural Adaptations in Dementia Caregiving</i> BOLD Public Health Center of Excellence on Dementia Caregiving	Panelist
2021	<i>Barriers to Implementing Brain Health Behavior Change and Building Equity</i> AARP Global Council on Brain Health	Panelist
2021	<i>COVID-19 & Diverse Communities - Part 2: A Panel Discussion on ORE Efforts</i> NIA ORE Steering Committee & National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center	Panelist
2020	<i>Caregivers Impact Day: Women's Health Summit: Care Strategies for Dementia Caregivers</i> Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Hampton and Newport News Chapters	Panelist
2020	<i>Creating Dementia Friendly Churches</i> Alzheimer's Association, Northern Carolina & Nevada Chapter.	Panelist
2020	<i>Pain in the Pews: Mental Health & Ministry</i> Payne & Glory, Inc.	Panelist
2019-2024	Board of Directors of the Georgia Chapter, Alzheimer's Association	Member
2019-Present	The James M. Dixon Foundation Advisory Board	Member
2019	<i>Supporting Loved Ones with Mental Illness.</i> 8 th Annual Health Summit. The Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority. Atlanta, GA.	Moderator
2019	<i>Cognitive and Mental Health Challenges.</i> TREE Assembly. In His Great Name Ministries. Fairburn, GA.	Panelist
2018-Present	SageNavigator Board of Directors	Member
2018-2024	Meals on Wheels Atlanta Board of Trustees	Member
2018	Planning committee for Active Boomer's Expo, Atlanta GA.	Member
2017-2024	American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). Georgia Chapter	Volunteer
2016-2024	Workforce Development Work Group. Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan	Member
2016-2024	Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter. Outreach Department, Diversity & Inclusion Committee,	Community Educator

2014-2016	and Leadership Council. Alzheimer's Association. Louisiana Chapter. Program Department. (Community Outreach and Education team)	Volunteer
2013-2016	Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area. Program Department. (Education and Public Relations Committees)	Volunteer
2013	Unitech Training Academy Occupational Advisory Board	Member

Media contributions

2024	Guest. Roland Martin Unleashed Talk Show. Dementia in the Black Community
2024	Guest. Terrie & Laurie WTD: Let's Talk About It. Podcast.
2023	Featured Expert. Remember Me: Dementia in the African American Community Documentary
2022	Guest. Alzheimer's Speaks Radio. Spirituality, Research, Programs, & Services
2022	Panelist. WAOK 1380 Talk Show: The Mental Space. Black Women and Mental Health
2022	Guest. House of Hope TV
2021	Guest. Dementia in Black and White Podcast
2021	Guest. WATC TV Ch 57 Atlanta Live
2021	Guest. Black Aging Parents Podcast
2020	Guest. House of Hope TV. Thriving and Surviving in a Pandemic
2019	Guest. WAOK 1380AM Talk Show: The Movement
2019	Guest. Alzheimer's Speaks Radio. African Americans - Living Fully Leveraging Faith, Dementia and Selfcare.
2019	Panelist. WAOK 1380AM Talk Show: Love and Relationships. Loving While Caregiving
2018	Panelist. Love in Action TV Show (Cans TV, Chicago IL): Love and Relationships. Caregiving and Loving for a Person Living with Dementia
2018	Panelist. Fox Trap Radio, Gospel Hour: Love and Relationships. Caregiving and Loving for a Person Living with Dementia
2017	Panelist. WAOK 1380AM Talk Show: Love and Relationships. Caregiving and Loving for a Person Living with Dementia