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EDUCAT	ION		
2015	Post-Doctoral	National Hartford Center of	Gerontology
	Fellowship	Gerontological Nursing Excellence	
2012	PhD	Southern University and A&M College	Nursing
2003	MSN	Loyola University New Orleans	Health Care Systems
2000	BSN	Tuskegee University	Nursing
2019-Prese 2016-Prese	ent Illinois Stat	Support te Board of Nursing, RN licensure	041448435
2003 Resident Asse		ate Board of Nursing, RN licensure ssessment Coordinator-Credentialed	25821
2000-Prese	ent Louisiana S	State Board of Nursing, RN licensure	101028

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

AWARDS	
Claudia J. Beverly Innovation Award	National Hartford Center of
	Gerontological Nursing Excellence
Fellow	American Academy of Nursing
Innovation in Alzheimer's Care	Maude's Awards
Applied Gerontologist Award	Southern Gerontological Society
Beeson Scholars Travel Awardee	Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders
	Career Development Awards in Aging
Excellence Recognition for Distinguished	National Hartford Center of
Educator in Gerontological Nursing Award	Gerontological Nursing
Distinguished Faculty Award	Georgia State University, Gerontology
	Institute
E. Louise Grant Award	Georgia State University, School of
	Nursing
Scholarship Recipient and Fellow	Retirement Research Foundation,
	Center for Innovative Care in Aging
	Claudia J. Beverly Innovation Award  Fellow Innovation in Alzheimer's Care Applied Gerontologist Award Beeson Scholars Travel Awardee  Excellence Recognition for Distinguished Educator in Gerontological Nursing Award Distinguished Faculty Award  E. Louise Grant Award

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Academic Positions**

2021-Present	Adjunct Faculty (courtesy)	NIH IMPACT Collaboratory
		Pilot Studies Core
2019-Present	Assistant Professor, Tenure Track	Emory University, School of Nursing
2017-2019	Affiliate Faculty (courtesy)	Georgia State University,
		Partnership for Urban Health Research
2016-2019	Affiliate Faculty (courtesy)	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)	Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady
	Instructor (2005-06, 2010-12)	University, School of Nursing
	Clinical Adjunct (2007-10)	
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**

The Integrated Memory Care in Community (Clevenger)

American Nurses Foundation Co-I, 15% (Y1), 5% (Y2-3) Amount Requested: \$1,499,851

Proposed Funding Period: 2/2022-05/2025

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

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

PI, 30% (Y1-Y3)

Amount Requested: \$450,000

Proposed Funding Period: 7/2022-06/2025

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

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

MPI, 4% Effort Total Costs: \$75,000

Funding Period: 9/1/2020-08/31/2021 (requesting a no cost extension)

Administrative Supplement to P30AG06400 Mastering the Challenges of Dementia Family Caregiving in a Time of COVID-19: An Online Course (Clevenger/Perkins/Hepburn)

NIA Co-I, 5%

Total Costs: \$75,000

Funding Period: 9/1/2020-08/31/2021 (requesting a no cost extension)

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

National Institute on Aging (K23AG065452)

PI, 75% Effort

Total Costs: \$531.348

Funding Period: 3/15/2020-2/28/2023

#### **Research Grants Funded by other agencies**

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

Alzheimer's Association

Co-I. 5%

Total costs: \$249,998

Funding Period: 10/1/2021-9/30/2023

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

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

PI, 1% Effort

Total Costs: \$49,999

Funding Period: 1/31/2021-2/28/2022

The CaRE Course: Caregiving and racial considerations during a pandemic online training education

(Epps/Clevenger/Hepburn)

RRF Foundation for Aging (2020213)

MPI. 3% Effort Total Costs: 177,236

Funding Period: 1/15/2021-6/15/2022

Dementia-Friendly Faith Congregation Community Program (Johnson) HRSA: Georgia Workforce Enhance Program (Grant #U1QHP33070)

Program Lead, 3% Effort

Total Costs: \$500,000 (subcontract) Funding Period: 7/1/2019-6/30/2024

Dementia-Friendly Faith Villages to Support African American Families (Epps)

Alzheimer's Association (AARGD-18-562293)

PI, 2.5% Effort

Total Costs: \$150,000

Funding Period: 3/1/2018-2/28/2022

#### **Completed Research Projects**

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. 5% Effort

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, 75% Effort

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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)

Co-PI, 0% Effort 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, 0% Effort 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: \$73,291.99 Funding Period: 2018-2022

SCHOLARSHIP: PUBLICATIONS (data-based denoted with \*, senior or first author with +,

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

#### **Peer-Reviewed Publications – Published**

- 1. +\*Gore, J., Brewster, G., Sainz, J., Ge, Y., James, T., Xie, J., & Epps, F. (in press). Using a Multiple-Case Study Design to Explore the Worship Experiences of Black Families Affected by Dementia. *Clinical Gerontologist.* (impact factor 2.646)
- 2. +\*Alexander, K., Oliver, S., Henry, J., Bennett, S., Clevenger, C., Hepburn, K., & **Epps, F.** (in press). "Falling Between the Cracks": Experiences of Black Dementia Caregivers Navigating U.S. Health Systems. *Journal of American Geriatrics Society* (impact factor 5.562)
- 3. \*Lopez, R., McCarthy, E., Mazor, K., Hendricksen, M., Roach, A., Rogers, A., Akunor, H., **Epps, F.,** Johsnon, K., & Mitchell, S. (in press). ADVANCE: Nursing home organizational culture and burdensome interventions. *JAMA Internal Medicine*. (impact factor 21.87)
- 4. **+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. + <u>Boateng, A., Britt, K.</u>, 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
- 6. +Bonds, K., Brewster, G., Cicero, E., Hepburn, K., Clevenger, C., Daniel, G., Pak, V., Paul, S., & Epps, F. (2021, online). Promoting caregiver mastery in Black American dementia caregivers. *The Gerontologist.* gnab147. doi.org:10.1093/geront/gnab147 (impact factor 3.286)
- 7. \*Rogers, A., **Epps, F.,** Hendricksen, M., Roach, A., Akunor, H., & Lopez, R. (in press). Trust of nursing home staff caring for residents with advanced dementia: A qualitative descriptive study of family caregivers' perspectives. *Geriatric Nursing*. (impact factor 2.361)

- 8. **+Epps, F.,** Moore, M., Chester, M., Gore, J., Sainz, M., Adkins, A., Clevenger, C., & Aycock, 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.00000000000000506
- 9. +\*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)
- 10. \*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)
- 11. \*Hepburn, K., Nocera, J., Higgins, M., **Epps, F.,** Brewster, G., Lindauer, A., Morhardt, D., Shah, R.C., Nash, R., Bonds, K., & Griffiths, P. (2021, online). 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.* (impact factor 3.286)
- 12. +**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)
- 13. \*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 3.200)
- 14. +\*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 3.200)
- **15.** +\*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 3.200)
- 16. \*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)
- 17. +\*Epps, F., Alexander, K., Brewster, G., Parker, L., Chester, M., <u>Tomlinson, A., Adkins, A., Zingg, S.,</u> & 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)
- 18. \*Kim, H., Kim, Y., Kwon, S., Mahmood, M., Kwon, S., Zavanelli1, 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)
- 19. +\*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)
- 20. #Brewster, G., Bonds, K., Moss, K., McLennon, S., **Epps, F**., & Lopez, R. (2020, online). Missing the mark: The complexity of African American dementia caregiving. *Journal of Family Nursing*. doi:10.1177/1074840720945329 (impact factor 1.891)
- 21. +\*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)
- 22. +\*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 3.200)
- 23. +**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)
- 24. **+Epps, F.,** To, H., Lui, T., Karanjit, A., & Warren, G. (2021). Effect of exercise training on the mental and physical well-being of caregivers for persons living with chronic illnesses: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 40(1), 18-27. doi:10.1177/0733464819890753 (impact factor 2.248)
- 25. \*Brewster, G., **Epps, F.,** Dye, C., Hepburn, K., Higgins, M., & Parker, M. (2020). The effect of 'The Great Village' on mastery and psychological outcomes in African American caregivers of persons living with dementia. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. doi:10.1177/0733464819874574 (impact factor 3.200)
- 26. +**Epps, F.,** Brewster, G., <u>Alexander, K., Choe, J., Heidbreder, V.,</u> & Hepburn, K. (2019). Dementia-friendly faith village worship services to support African American families: Research protocol. *Research in Nursing and Health, 42*(3), 189-197. doi:10.1002/nur.21940 (impact factor 2.163)
- 27. \*Coombe, A., **Epps, F.,** Lee, J., Chen, M., Imes, C., & Chasens, E. (2019). Sleep and self-rated health in an aging workforce. *Workplace Health & Safety, 67*(6), 302–310. doi:10.1177/2165079919828748 (impact factor 0.922)
- 28. +\*Epps, F., Rose, K., Lopez, R. (2019). Who's your family: African Americans caregivers of older adults with dementia. *Research in Gerontological Nursing*, 12(1), 20-26. doi:10.3928/19404921-20181212-04 (impact factor 1.571)
- 29. \*McLennon, S., Anderson, J., **Epps, F.,** & Rose, K. (2018, online). "It's just part of life": African-American daughters' caregiving for parents with Alzheimer's disease. *Journal of Women and Aging*. doi: 10.1080/08952841.2018.1547002 (impact factor 1.049)
- 30. \*Wharton, W., **Epps, F.,** <u>Kovaleva, M.</u>, Bridwell, L., Tate, C., Dorbin, C., & Hepburn, K. (2018). Photojournalism reduces caregiver burden and depression in dementia caregivers. *Journal of Holistic Nursing*, *37*(3), 214–224. doi: 10.1177/0898010118801636
- 31. \*Scott, C., Clay, O., **Epps, F**., Cothran, F., & Williams, I. (2018, online). Associations of knowledge of Alzheimer's disease and memory Loss and employment status with burden in African American and Caucasian family caregivers. *Dementia*. doi: 10.1177/1471301218788147 (impact factor 2.238)
- 32. +\*Epps, F., Rudell, G., Graham, E., & Luster, D. (2018). Challenges to aging in place for African Americans living with dementia and their families. *Geriatric Nursing*, 39, 646-652. doi: 10.1016/j.gerinurse.2018.04.018 (impact factor 2.361)
- 33. <u>Kovaleva, M., Bilsborough, E.,</u> Griffiths, P., Nocera, J., Higgins, M., **Epps, F.**, Kilgore, K., Lindauer, A., Morhardt, D., Shah, R., Hepburn, K. (2018). Testing Tele-Savvy: Protocol for a randomized controlled trial. *Research in Nursing and Health*, *41*(2), 107–120. doi:10.1002/nur.21859 (impact factor 2.163)
- 34. \*Cothran, F., Paun, O., Barnes, L., **Epps, F.,** Schoeny, M., & Farran, C. (2017). Comparing the effect of a moderate physical activity intervention on the mental health outcomes of African American and Caucasian dementia family caregivers: Secondary data analysis. *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, 38(4), 1-9. doi:10.1080/01612840.2017.1364807 (impact factor 0.825)

- 35. \*Robinson, E. & **Epps, F.** (2017). The impact of a palliative care elective course on nursing students' knowledge and attitudes toward end-of-life care. *Nurse Educator*, 42(3), 155-158. doi: 10.1097/NNE.000000000000342 (impact factor 1.245)
- 36. Jao, Y., **Epps, F.,** <u>McDermott, C.,</u> Rose, K., & Specht, J. (2017). Effects of support groups for individuals with early-stage dementia and mild cognitive impairment: An integrative review. *Research in Gerontological Nursing*, 10(1), 35-51. doi: 10.3928/19404921-20160726-01(impact factor 1.571)
- 37. +\*Epps, F., Skemp, L., & Specht, J. (2016). How do we promote health? From the words of African American elders with dementia and their family members. *Research in Gerontological Nursing*, 9(6), 278-287. doi: 10.3928/19404921-20160928-01(impact factor 1.571)
- 38. +\*Epps, F., Skemp, L., & Specht, J. (2015). Using culturally informed strategies to enhance recruitment of African Americans in dementia research: A nurse researcher's experience. *Journal of Research Practice*, 11(1), Article M2.
- 39. \*Clark, K., Guerin, S., Skemp, L., **Epps, F**., & Specht, J. (2015). Implementing gerontological nursing evidence-based practice guidelines in a BSN curriculum. *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, 41 (7), 21-28. (impact factor 0.752)
- 40. **+\*Epps, F**. (2015). A closer look at religiosity among family caregivers. *Journal of Religion, Spirituality & Aging, 27* (2-3), 166-182. doi: 10.1080/15528030.2014.971141.
- 41. **+\*Epps, F**. (2014). The relationship between family obligation and religiosity on caregiving. *Geriatric Nursing*, *35* (2), 126-131. doi: 10/1016/gerinurse.2013.11.003. (impact factor 2.361)

#### Peer-Reviewed Publications - Submitted/Under review

- 1. Brewster, G., Pierpaoli, C., **Epps, F.,** Bonds, K., Yeager, K. (in revision). Sleep phenotypes of carers for persons living with dementia.
- 2. Brewster, G.S., Wang, D., McPhillips, M.V., **Epps, F., &** Yang, I. (in review). Predictors of and interventions for sleep disturbance in caregivers of persons living with dementia: A systematic review.
- 4. Kovaleya, M., Nocera, J., Hepburn, K., Higgins, M., Nash, R., **Epps, F.,** Brewster, G., Bilsborough, E., Bluming, S., & Griffiths. (in revision). Attention Control in a Trial of an Online Psychoeducational Intervention for Caregivers.

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

- 1. Book chapter: Williams, I.C., **Epps, F.,** <u>Lee. M.</u> (Contributors). (2021). Caregiving. In J. F. Giddens (Author). *Concepts for Nursing Practice, Third Edition*. (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier Inc.
- 2. 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
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.

- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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/Csomay Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence.
- 10. Continuing Education: **Epps, F.** (2017). *Healthy Aging*. (2<sup>nd</sup> ed). Western Schools. (continuing education of 10 contact hours).

**SCHOLARSHIP: PRESENTATIONS** (invited presentations denoted with #, podium presentations denoted with ^)

#### **International Presentations**

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. #^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.
- 4. ^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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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 Rapides, MI.

#### **National Presentations**

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.

- 3. <u>Alexander, K., Oliver, S., & Epps, F.</u> (2021). Experiences of African American Dementia Caregivers During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Poster. Gerontological Society of American 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting Online.
- 4. 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.
- 5. **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.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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.
- 8. **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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. **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.
- 11. #Epps, F. (2021). Alter: Inspiring and Equipping Faith Communities. Invited Paper. 2021 National Hartford Center for Gerontological Nursing Excellence Virtual Leadership Conference.
- 12. #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.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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.
- 15. **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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. 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.
- 18. **Epps, F.,** & Zingg, S. (2020). *Screening for Cognitive Impairment in African American Congregations*. Paper. Gerontological Society of America 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting. Online.
- 19. 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.
- 20. 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.

- 21. 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.
- 22. ^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.
- 23. ^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.
- **24.** #^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.
- 25. **Epps, F.,** <u>Bilsborough, E.,</u> 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.
- 26. **Epps, F.,** <u>Bilsborough, E.,</u> 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.
- 27. 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.
- 28. **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.
- 29. ^Hepburn, K., Nocera, J., **Epps, F.,** <u>Kovaleva, M.</u> &. Griffiths, P. (2018). *Pragmatic and Ethical Issues in Attention Control Group Design*. Symposium. 2018 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Boston, MA.
- 30. ^Epps, F., Griffiths, P., Nocera, J., <u>Kovaleva, M.,</u> & 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.
- 31. ^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.
- 32. ^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.
- 33. ^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.
- 34. ^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.
- 35. ^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.
- 36. ^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. 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Gerontological Meeting. Buford, GA.

- 37. ♯^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.
- 38. 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.
- 39. ^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.
- 40. ^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.
- 41. ^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.
- 42. ^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.
- 43. **Epps, F.,** Skemp, L., & Specht, J. (2014). *Recruiting African-Americans with Dementia and Their Family Caregivers: What Works*. Poster. Gerontological Society of America 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting. Washington D.C.
- 44. 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 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting. Washington D.C.
- 45. **Epps**, F. (2013). *Influence of Filial Obligations Among African American, Hispanic and Non-Hispanic Caucasian Family Caregivers*. Poster. Gerontological Society of America 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- 46. **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.
- 47. **Epps, F.** (2012) Cultural Values, Religiosity, and Family Member's Caregiving on the Positive Appraisal of Caring for Elders. Poster. Gerontological Society of America 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting. San Diego, CA.

#### **State/Regional Presentations**

- 1. **Epps, F.,** Gore, J., & <u>Sainz, M.</u> (2021). Worship Experiences of Black Families at Dementia-Friendly Churches: A Multiple-Case Study Design Paper. 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia Gerontology Society Conference. Lake Lanier, GA.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Kemp, C., Benner, A., Burgess, E., Morgan, J., **Epps, F.,** Perkins, M., Ciofi, J., <u>Hill, A.</u>, 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.
- 4. #^Epps, F. (2021). A Nurse Researcher's Journey to Creating Dementia-Friendly Faith Villages. Invited Presentation. Georgia State University Seminar Series. Atlanta, GA.

- 5. ^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. 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Gerontological Meeting. Miramar Beach, FL.
- 6. **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. 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Gerontological Meeting. Miramar Beach, FL.
- 7. Choe, J., Alexander, K., & Epps, F. (2019). Worship Service Modifications to Support African American Families Living with Dementia. Poster. 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society. Orlando, FL.
- 8. **Epps, F.,** & <u>Alexander, K.</u> (2019). *Understanding Dementia in the African American Faith Community: A Program Evaluation*. Poster. 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society. Orlando, FL.
- 9. #^Epps, F. (2019). *Dementia-Friendly Faith Villages*. Invited Presentation. Dementia Friendly Georgia Initiatives. 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgia Gerontology Society Conference. Lake Oconee, GA.
- 10. ♯^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.
- 11. ^Epps, F., Heidbreder, V., & Alexander, K. (2019). What Does a Dementia-Friendly Church Look Like in the African American Community. Paper. 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Gerontological Meeting. Miramar Beach, FL.
- 12. <u>Kovaleva, M. A.,</u> 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. 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society. Atlanta, GA.
- 13. ♯**^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.
- 14. ♯^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.
- 15. ♯**^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.
- 16. #^Epps, F. (2018). The Tele-Savvy Program and Other Technological Approaches to Care: One Size Does Not Fit All. Invited presentation. 24<sup>th</sup> Alzheimer Day. Northwestern Medicine Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center. Chicago, IL.
- 17. #^Epps, F., & Brewster, G. (2018). Become a Research Rock Star: Your Guide to Successful Dissertation and Research Career. Invited Preconference Workshop. 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society. Atlanta, GA.
- 18. #^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. 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Gerontological Meeting. Buford, GA.
- 19. ♯^Epps, F. (2017). Roadblocks Confronting African American Elders Living with Dementia in an Urban Community. Invited Paper. Aging and Dementia in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Knoxville, TN.
- 20. ^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 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Asheville, NC.
- 21. ^Epps, F. & Skemp, S. (2016). *The Role of Religiosity in Health Promotion for African American Elders with Memory Impairment*. Paper. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Interdisciplinary Faith and Health Outcomes Forum. Dillard University, School of Nursing. New Orleans, LA.
- 22. #^Epps, F. (2016). *Religiosity Among Family Caregivers*. Invited presentation. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alzheimer's and Caregivers' Symposium. Shreveport, LA.

- 23. #^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
- 24. #^**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 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Educational Conference. Baton Rouge, LA.
- 25. **Epps, F.,** Skemp, L., & Specht, J. (2015). *Road Map to Accessing African-American Family Caregivers*. Poster. 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society. Tampa, FL.
- 26. #^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.
- 27. ^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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2020	Speaker, Creating Dementia-Friendly Faith Villages, Alzheimer's Disease Virtual
	Conference, Hampton University, Hampton, VA
2020	Speaker, Supporting African American Families through Dementia-Friendly Faith
	Villages, Faith and Health Outcomes Forum 2020, Dillard University, New Orleans,
	LA
2019	Speaker, Creating Dementia-Friendly Faith Villages, Community Townhall,
	Tuskegee University, Tuskegee AL

### **Fellowships and Training**

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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 Le	earning, School	of Nursing, The	<b>University</b>	of North	Carolina at

Chapel Hill

Workgroup Fellow. Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research 2013

Summer Training Workshop on African American Aging Research

Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence Summer Scholars Seminar 2012

College of Nursing, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

# **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

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<b>Emory University</b>		
November, 2021	NRSG 705 Endogenous & Exogenous Determinants	Guest Lecture
	of Human Health	
February, 2021	NRSG 435D Acute and Chronic Care II	Guest Lecture
October, 2020	NRSG 705 Endogenous & Exogenous Determinants	Guest Lecture
	of Human Health	
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 Illinois at Urbana

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

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	Guest Lecture			
	Research				
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

#### Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University

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 Direct Student Reading/Learning

Georgia State University

African American Caregiving: Who is Your family?

2017 Robbi Grier Direct Student Reading/Learning

Georgia State University

Using Evidence-Based Practice Guidelines to Prevent Deep Vein

Thrombosis in Postoperative Patients.

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.

#### **Doctor of Philosophy Nursing Advisement**

2021-Present Mayra Sainz ` Advisor

**Emory University** 

Young LatinX Caregivers for Persons Living with

Dementia

2020-Present Karah Alexander Advisor

**Emory University** 

Health Literacy for Caregivers

2020 Michelle Gaddis Committee Member

Georgia State University

Disease Self-Management capacity and Patient Burden for African American Adults with Type 2

Diabetes and Hypertension

2018-Present Dhruvangi Sharma Committee Member

Georgia State University

Predictors of Hypertension Self-Management for Primary Stroke Prevention in Middle-Age to

Older-Age African Americans

2018-2019 Kim Massey Committee Chair

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The Experiences of National Guard Fathers when Communicating with Their Young Children During

Combat Deployment

**Thesis Advisement** 

2020-2021 Janelle Gore Committee Member

Emory University, School of Public Health

How do Black Religious Youth Perceive the Mental Health Culture within their Faith Communities

2017-2018 Pamela Manley Committee Member

Black Women's Views on Menopause: A

Phenomenological Study

**Other Student Advisement not Captured** 

2021-Present Ja'Mya Yancey Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor

Emory University, School of Nursing

Honors Project: Evaluation of a Dementia-Friendly African American

Congregation Program.

2021 Jenyl Henry Public Health Intern Preceptor

Grand Canyon University, Public Health Administration

2021 Jamilla Tolliver Master of Public Health Preceptor

Eastern Virginia Medical School

Research Practicum: Roadmap to delivering a dementia-friendly

congregation program for African American Churches.

2019-2021 Yiran Ge Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor

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.

2019 Chanel Richmond Master of Public Health Preceptor

Georgia State University

Research Practicum: Implementing and Evaluating Faith-Based Dementia-Friendly Education Programs Support African American

Families Affected by Dementia.

2018-2019 Jenny Choe Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor

Emory University, School of Nursing

Honors Project: Ways to Modify Worship Services to Support African

American Persons Living with Dementia

2018 Asmita Karanjit Gerontology Intern Preceptor

Georgia State University, Gerontology Institute

FAYRON EPPS, PhD, RN

9/30/2021 Page **16**  2018 Karah Alexander Master of Public Health Preceptor

Georgia State University

Research Practicum: Designing a Preliminary Dementia-Friendly Faith

Village and Worship Service

**David Shearhouse** 2018 Gerontology Intern Preceptor

Georgia State University, Gerontology Institute

2018 Gerontology Intern Preceptor

Georgia State University, Gerontology Institute

2017 Sabitha Chacko Master of Public Health Preceptor

Georgia State University

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

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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

Louisiana Organization of Nurse Executives 2004-2005

2003-Present American Nurses Association

#### b. Offices held

Southern Gerontological Society

2019-Present Member: Board of Directors

Co-chair: Annual Meeting, Wellness, Well-being, & 2017-2018

Quality of Life Track

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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

2015 ESPO Senior Representative: Minority Issues in Gerontology Committee 2013-2014 ESPO Junior Representative: Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology

#### c. Committees

Gerontological Society of America

2022-2024 Member (Presidential Appointment): Membership Committee

2021 Member: Health Science Awards Review Panel

National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence

Member: Annual Leadership Conference Planning Committee
 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**

2022-2025 Journal of Gerontological Nursing 2021-2022 Journal of Applied Gerontology 2019-2022 Research in Gerontological Nursing

#### **Manuscript Reviewer**

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**

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.

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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**

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 <sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific
	Meeting.
2016	Abstract Reviewer. American Public Health Association. Aging and Public Health
	Program.
2016	Abstract Reviewer. Gerontological Society of America 69th Annual Scientific
	Meeting.
2016	Abstract Reviewer. Southern Nursing Research Society 30th Annual Conference.

# **National and International Consultation**

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
	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)

# **Emory University Service**

University		
2021-Present	Emory Primary Care Consortium Grants Committee	Member
2021-Present	Chair of the Department of Behavioral, Social, and Health	Member
	Education Sciences Search Committee, Rollins School of	
	Public Health	
2020-Present	Emory Collaborative Community Outreach and Health	Member
	Disparities (CCOHD) Team	
2020-Present	CCOHD Research Subcommittee	Co-Chair
Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing Service		
2019-Present	Graduate PhD Faculty Committee	Member

Honor Council Committee

Member

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2019-Present

Other Communit	Public Health Considerations and Models for Cultural	Panelist
	Adaptations in Dementia Caregiving	
	BOLD Public Health Center of Excellence on Dementia	
	Caregiving	
2021	Barriers to Implementing Brain Health Behavior Change	Panelist
	and Building Equity	
	AARP Global Council on Brain Health	
2021	COVID-19 & Diverse Communities - Part 2: A Panel	Panelist
	Discussion on ORE Efforts	
	NIA ORE Steering Committee & National Alzheimer's	
	Coordinating Center	
2020	Caregivers Impact Day: Women's Health Summit:	Panelist
	Care Strategies for Dementia Caregivers	
	Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Hampton and	
	Newport News Chapters	
2020	Creating Dementia Friendly Churches	Panelist
	Alzheimer's Association, Northern Carolina &	
	Nevada Chapter.	
2020	Pain in the Pews: Mental Health & Ministry	Panelist
	Payne & Glory, Inc.	
2019-Present	Board of Directors of the Georgia Chapter,	Member
	Alzheimer's Association	
2019-Present	The James M. Dixon Foundation Advisory Board	Member
2019	Supporting Loved Ones with Mental Illness.	Moderator
	8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Health Summit. The Fulton-DeKalb	
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2019	Cognitive and Mental Health Challenges.	Panelist
	TREE Assembly. In His Great Name Ministries.	
2010 D	Fairburn, GA.	N/ 1
2018-Present	SageNavigator Board of Directors	Member
2018-Present	Meals on Wheels Atlanta Board of Trustees	Member
2018	Planning committee for Active Boomer's Expo,	Member
2017 D	Atlanta GA.	<b>V</b> 7 1 4
2017-Present	American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).	Volunteer
2016 D	Georgia Chapter	M 1
2016-Present	Workforce Development Work Group. Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan	Member
2016 Dungant		Community Edwarton
2016-Present	Alzheimer's Association, Georgia Chapter.	Community Educator
	Outreach Department, Diversity & Inclusion Committee,	
2014-2016	and Leadership Council.	Volunteer
2014-2010	Alzheimer's Association. Louisiana Chapter. Program	v oluliteer
2013-2016	Department. (Community Outreach and Education team) Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area. Program	Volunteer
2013 <b>-</b> 2010	Department. (Education and Public Relations Committees)	v Olullicel
2013	Unitech Training Academy Occupational Advisory Board	Member
2013	Officer Training Academy Occupational Advisory Board	INICILIUCI

# **Service at Other Universities**

# **University of Minnesota**

2021-Present	Leadership	Core: Public	Health Center of	Excellence in	Member

Dementia Caregiving

# **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

# **Media contributions**

2021	Guest. Dementia in Black and White Podcast
2021	Guest. WATC TV Ch 57 Atlanta Live
2021	Guest. Black Aging Parents Podcast
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