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EDUCATION

Louisiana State University, Sociology —
Ph. D, Graduate Student
August 2018- PRESENT

Tougaloo College, Sociology — B.A
May 2018

Senior Thesis Title: “Mate Selection Preferences
Among HBCU College Students

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race and Ethnicity
Criminology
Black Motherhood
Gun Violence

Relevant Experience

Research Assistant/Mentee for Dr. Kirk A. Johnson (in conjunction with Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program at the University of Mississippi)

- Collaborated with other McNair scholars to perform research
- Assisted with analysis and write-up of data, as well as coding
- Conducted six interviews with people who have had experiences with the criminal justice system and who work closely with the youth in the communities of Chicago
- Presented my research findings to the McNair cohort for constructive feedback about how to structure final report

PUBLICATIONS

“Mate Selection Preferences Among HBCU College Students” at the Mississippi Academy of Sciences Eighty Second Annual Meeting Volume 63 (April 1, 2018) University of Southern Mississippi

PRESENTATIONS

**“Investigating the Problem of Youth Gun Violence among Black Males in Baton Rouge”
Roundtable Presentation**

American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting San Francisco, California. November 2019.

**“Investigating the Problem of Youth Gun Violence among Black Males in Baton Rouge”
Paper Presentation**

Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting New York, New York. August 2019.

“Mate Selection Preferences Among HBCU College Students” Poster Presentation

The Mississippi Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting Starkville, Mississippi. April 2018.

“Why Do African American Youth in Chicago Turn to Crime?” Paper Presentation

The Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program Oxford, Mississippi. July 2016.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Black Sociologists

American Society of Criminology

HONORS/AWARDS

Graduate School Dean’s Travel Award

Louisiana State University, August 2019

Doctoral Student Fellow, Louisiana Board of Regents/Southern Regional Education Board

Louisiana State University, September 2018

Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society

Tougaloo College, April 2017

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Tougaloo College, April 2017

Ronald E. McNair Scholar

University of Mississippi, May 2016

Alpha Lambda Delta National Honors Society,

Tougaloo College, April 2015

ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member, LSU Sociology Graduate Students Association, Louisiana State University. 2018-2019.

Researcher, East Baton Rouge Parish Redevelopment Authority Plank Road Project, Spring 2019. *Conducted interviews with longtime residents in the community and presented project findings to EBRA*