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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. – Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work  
University of Utah, School of Social Work, Salt Lake City, Utah

M.Ed. – Master’s in Educational Administration, Higher Education  
University of Utah, School of Education, Salt Lake City, Utah

M.S.W. – Master’s in Social Work  
University of Hawai’i-Manoa, School of Social Work, Honolulu, Hawai’i

B.S. – Bachelor’s in Business Management  
Brigham Young University-Hawai’i Laie, Hawai’i

## **ACADEMIC AND LEADERSHIP/ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE**

Dean and Professor, 2018 to present  
Hawai’i Pacific University, College of Health and Society, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Associate Dean and Professor, 2014 - 2018  
Associate Dean and Associate Professor, 2012 – 2014  
Morgan State University, School of Social Work, Baltimore, MD 21251.

Director of Master’s Social Work Program and Associate Professor, 2007 - 2012  
George Mason University, Department of Social Work, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Accreditation Specialist, 2005 - 2007  
Council on Social Work Education, Office of Social Work Accreditation and Educational  
Excellence, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Coordinator of Baccalaureate Social Work Program and Lecturer, 2003 - 2004  
San Francisco State University, School of Social Work, San Francisco, CA 94132.

Department Chair and Assistant Professor, 2002 – 2003  
Assistant Professor, 2001 - 2002  
Brigham Young University-Hawaii, Department of Social Work, Laie, HI 96762.

Assistant Professor, 1999 - 2001  
New Mexico State University, School of Social Work, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

**Peer-Reviewed Professional Journal**

*Urban Social Work* (2017) peer-reviewed journal, partnership among Morgan State University, Lehman College, Hawai'i Pacific University, underwritten by New York Community Trust, and published by Springer Publishing. Co-Editor in Chief, Co-Founder (with Dr. Dana Wilson, Dr. Brenda Williams-Gray, Dr. Carl Mazza).

### **Special Section/Issue**

Stevenson, A., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & McPhatter, A., Editors (2016). *Journal of Social Work Education, Special Section on "The HBCU Experience: Contributions to Social Work Education"*.

### **Book(s)**

Wells-Wilbon, R., McPhatter, A., & Vakalahi, H.F.O., Editors (2015). *Social Work Practice with African Americans in Urban Environments*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing.

Ritter, J., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2014). *101 Careers in Social Work*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. New York, NY: Springer Publishing.

Vakalahi, H.F.O., Simpson, G.M., & Giunta, N., Editors (2014). *The Collective Spirit of Aging Across Cultures*. New York, NY: Springer Science and Business Media publisher.

Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Godinet, M., Editors (2014). *Transnational Pacific Islander Americans and Social Work: Dancing to the Beat of a Different Drum*. Washington DC: NASW Press.

Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Peebles-Wilkins, W., Editors (2009). *Women of Color on the Rise: Leadership and Administration in Social Work Education and the Academy*. New York, NY: Columbia University Press.

Ritter, J., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Kiernan-Stern, M. (2009). *101 Careers in Social Work*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition. New York, NY: Springer Publishing.

Vakalahi, H.F.O., Starks, S., & Ortiz Hendricks, C., Editors, (2007). *Women of Color as Social Work Educators: Strengths and Survival*. Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education Press.

### **Journal Articles Peer-Reviewed**

Rasheem, S., Alleman, A., Mushonga, D., Toney, D., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (accepted). *Mentor-shape: Exploring the Mentoring Relationships of Black Women in Doctoral Programs*. *Mentoring and Tutoring: Partnership in Learning Journal*.

Countee-Gilliam, C., Chandler, M., Al Hajjaj, H., Mooney, A., & Vakalahi, H. (in press). *Taking Social Work Leadership to the Top*. *Advances in Social Work*.

Vakalahi, H.F.O., Countee-Gilliam, C., McPhatter, A., Washington, E.M., & Waites, C. (in press). *Women of color pipeline to academic leadership*. *Advancing Women in Leadership*.

- Baldwin, T., Vakalahi, H.F.O., Anderson, B. (in press). What about African American older women and depressive symptoms? *Educational Gerontology*.
- Godinet, M.T., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Mokuau, N. (2019). Transnational Pacific Islanders: Implications for Social Work. *Social Work*.
- Alleman, A., Allen, S., Darrell, L., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2018). Women of Color and work-life balance in an urban environment: What is reality? *Urban Social Work, 2(1)*, 80-95.
- Van Sluytman, L., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2017). Our immigrant fathers: Reflecting on caregiving. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping, 23(1)*, 13-26.
- Vakalahi, H.F.O. & Hafoka, O.K.L. (2017). Beyond Words: Language of our Ancestors. *Ameriasia Journal, 43(1)*, 1-12.
- Egleton, M., Banigo, D., McLeod, B., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2016). Homelessness among formerly incarcerated African American Men: Contributors and consequences. *Contemporary Social Science, 11(4)*, 403-413. DOI: 10.1080/21582041.2016.1258590
- Allen, S.A., Sinclair, M. & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2016). Organizational Identification: Perspectives of Dispersed Social Workers. *Advances in Social Work, 17(2)*, 285-303.
- Mafile'o, T. & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2016). Indigenous social work across borders: Expanding social work in the South Pacific. *International Social Work*. DOI: 10.1177/0020872816641750
- Davis, R.L., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Smith, L.L. (2015). Pacific Islander youth and sources of risk for problem behavior. *Families in Society, 96(2)*, 99-107.
- Vakalahi, H.F.O., Sermon, M., Richardson, A., Dillard, V., & Moncrief, A. (2014). Do you see me? The complex experiences of female students of color. *Intercultural Education, 25(5)*, 418-427.
- Baldwin, T., Vaughn, J., Cotton, C., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2014). Where is Spirituality in Social Work? *Perspectives on Social Work, 10(1)*, 5-13.
- Vakalahi, H.F.O. & Davis, R.L. (2014). The Taro Plant and Pacific Islander Health: Returning to the Wisdom of the Elders. *Food Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal, 3(4)*, 9-18.
- Starks, S.H., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & McPhatter, A. (2014). Spirituality: A sustaining force among Women of Color academics. *Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought, 33*, 131-147.
- Vakalahi, H.F.O., Ihara, E.S., Hafoka, M.P. (2014). Family Roots: Sustenance for Samoan and Tongan American Elders. *Journal of Family Strengths, 13(1)*, 1-17.
- Allen, S.A., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2013). My team members are everywhere! A critical analysis of the emerging literature on dispersed teams. *Administration in Social Work, 37*, 1-8.

- Vakalahi, H.F.O & Taiapa, J. (2013). Getting Grounded on Maori research. *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 34(4), 399-409.
- Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2013). Generations Linked: A case example of Māori grandparents. *Journal of Family Social Work*, 16(4), 332-347.
- Vakalahi, H.F.O., Taiapa, J., & Ware, F. (2013). *Taonga*: Grandchildren the Treasures of Grandparents. *Journal of Cultural Diversity*, 20(3), 112-119.
- Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Godinet, M.T. (2012). Lived experiences of youth of color in secured facilities. *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*, 10, 295-315.
- Ihara, E.S. & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2012). Collective Worldviews and Health: Through the Lens of Pacific American Elders. *Journal of Educational Gerontology* 38(6), 400-411.
- Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2012). Cultural context of health and well-being among Samoan and Tongan Elders. *Indian Journal of Gerontology*, 12(1), 75-93.
- Ihara, E.S. & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2011). Spirituality: The Essence of Wellness among Tongan and Samoan Elders. *Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought*, 30(4), 405-421.
- Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2011). Pacific roots and American wings. Advancing the Conversation (Personal Reflections). *Multicultural Perspectives*, 13(2), 105-110.
- Vakalahi, H.F.O. & Ihara, E. (2011). Research with Indigenous Cultures: A Case Study Analysis of Tongan Grandparents (Research Note). *Families in Society*, 92(2), 230-235.
- Vakalahi, H.F.O. & Starks, S.H. (2011). Health and well-being of women of color academics. *International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, 1(2), 185-190.
- Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2011). Tongan grandparents and grandchildren: The impact of grandparenting. *International Social Work*, 54(4), 580-598.
- Vakalahi, H.F.O., De Paz, C.M., & Davis, M.E. (2010). Diversity and difference: What's the social work commitment? *Mosaic*, 3(1), 13-24.
- Kashim, S. & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2010). Children, Youth, and Families in Dual Jurisdictions: An analysis of the emerging literature. *The Michigan Child Welfare Law Journal*, XII, 2, 7-18.
- Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Starks, S.H. (2010). Complexities of becoming visible: Reflecting on the stories of women of color as social work educators. *AFFILIA*, 25(2), 110-122.
- Starks, S.H., Vakalahi, H.F.O., Comer, J., & Ortiz Hendricks, C. (2010). Gathering, telling, preparing the stories: A vehicle for healing. *Journal of Indigenous Social Work*, 1(1), 8-16.

Vernon, B., Vakalahi, H.F.O., Pittman-Munke, P., Adkins, L., & Pierce, D. (2009). Distance Education Programs in Social Work: Present Trends and Future Intentions. *Journal of Social Work Education, 45*(2), 1-13.

Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2009). Pacific Islander Students: Caught Between a Rock and a Hard Place? *Children and Youth Services Review, 31*(12), 1258-1263.

Godinet, M., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2009). Conceptualizing Delinquency among Samoan adolescents: An Integrative Model. *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice, 7*(2), 135-159.

Godinet, M.T., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2008). Community, Neighborhood, and Peer Influence on Samoan-American Youths. *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work, 17*(4), 326-348.

Vakalahi, H.F.O., Toafa, S.G., & Moala, K.O. (2008). Grand-parenting in the Tongan Community: A Cultural Model. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships, 6*(3), 305-319.

Vakalahi, H.F.O. & Godinet, M. (2008). Family and culture and the Samoan youth. *Journal of Family Social Work, 11*(3), 229-253.

Vakalahi, H.F.O., Heffernan, P.K., & Johnson, R.A. (2007). Pacific Islander elderly: A model for bridging generations and systems. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work, 12*(2), 26-41.

Vakalahi, H.F., Briar-Lawson, K., Yaffe, J., & Durrant, L. (2002). Family-based Predictors of Adolescent Substance Use. *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse, 11*(3), 1-15.

Vakalahi, H.F. (2001). Adolescent Substance Use and Family-Based Risk and Protective Factors: A Literature Review. *Journal of Drug Education, 31*(1).

Vakalahi, H.F., Harrison, R. S., & Janzen, F.V. (2000). The Influence of Family-Based Risk and Protective Factors on Adolescent Substance Use. *Journal of Family Social Work, 4*(1), 21-34.

### **Book Chapters, Commendatory, and References**

Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Hafoka Kanuch, O.K.L. (in press). *Our Pacific Elders as keepers and transmitters of culture*. In Ravulo, J., Mafile'o, T., & Yeates, D.B., (Editors). *Pacific Social Work: navigating practice, policy and research*. Routledge (UK).

Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Hafoka Kanuch, O.K.L. (in press). *Navigating the Hyphen: Tongan-American Women in Academia*. In Hune, S. & Nomura, G.M., (Editors). *Our Voices, Our Lives: New Dimensions of Asian American and Pacific Islander Women's History*. New York University Press.

Vakalahi, H.F.O., Sinclair, M.M., & Schaefer, B. (in press). Organizations and Associations. *Encyclopedia of Social Work* by Oxford Press.

Wagner, F.A., Van Sluytman, L.G., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Wosu, C.N. (2018). Qualitative research in gerontology and geriatrics, p. 73-81. In *Aging Research Methodology* by Carmen Garcia Pena, Luis Miguel Gutierrez Robledo, Mario Ulises Perez Zepeda. NY, NY: Spring Link.

Vakalahi, H.F.O., Hafoka, O.K.L., & Fong, R. (2016). *Asian and Pacific Islander Immigrant and Refugee Children and Families*. In Alan Dettlaff and Fong, R. (editors), *Immigrant and Refugee Children and Families: Culturally Responsive Practice*. New York, NY: Columbia University Press.

Vakalahi, H.F.O. & Fong, R. (2015). *Asian and Pacific Islander Americans*. In *Social Workers' Desk Reference*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. New York, N.Y.: Oxford University Press.

Pittman, M.E., Scheidt, L.M., Munford, M.R., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2015). The Magic of Aging in the Urban Environment. In R.W. Wilbon, A. R. McPhatter, & H. F. O. Vakalahi (Eds.), *Social work practice with African Americans in urban communities*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company, LLC.

Littlefield, M.B., McLane-Davison, D., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2015). *Global Gender Inequality*. Oxford Encyclopedia of Social Work Online. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.013.932.

Davis, R. & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2014). *Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders*. Oxford Bibliographies in Social Work. Ed. Edward J. Mullen. New York: Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/OBO/9780195389678-0185.

Davis, M.E., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Scales, S.R. (2014). *Women of Color in the Academy: From Trauma to Transformation* (p. 265-177). In *Disrupting the Culture of Silence: Women Navigating Hostility and Making Change in the Academy*, Sterling, VA: Stylus Publishing.

Yancey, K., Baldwin, T., Saran, A. & Vakalahi, H.F.O. (2014). *City Life—What a Wonderful Way of Life: Aging in the Urban Environment*. In Vakalahi, HFO, Simpson, G., & Guinta, N. *The Collective Spirit of Aging Across Cultures*. Springer Media and Business Publishing.

Vakalahi, H.F. (2011). Commentary: Embracing Culture as Essential to Pacific People. Invited Expert Commentary. *Journal of Pacific Rim Psychology*, 5(2), 85-89.

Vakalahi, H.F.O. & Fong, R. (2008). *Asian and Pacific Islander Americans*. In *Social Workers' Desk Reference*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New York, N.Y.: Oxford University Press.

Vakalahi, H.O., Godinet, M., & Fong, R. (2006). *Pacific Islander Americans: Impact of Colonization and Immigration*. In R. Fong, R.G. McRoy, & C.O. Hendricks, (Eds.), *Intersecting Child Welfare, Substance Abuse, and Family Violence*. Washington, D.C.: Council on Social Work Education Press.

Vakalahi, H.O., (2005). Commendatory Preface. In D. Hippolite Wright, K. Ward, & R. Ram, *In her own voice: Pacific Islander women speak*. Mellen Press.

Ofahengaue Vakalahi, H.O. (2005). *From Outside the Box: Too Pacific Islander, Woman, Professional?* In R. Takahashi (Ed.), *Diversity: Value, Promote, and Achieve*. San Francisco, CA: Institute for Multicultural Research and Social Work Practice (IMRSWP).

Vakalahi, H.O., & Godinet, M. (2004). *Pacific Islanders and the Juvenile Justice System*. In K. Davis & T.M. Goodley, (Eds.), *The Color of Social Policy*. Washington, DC: Council on Social Work Education Press.

Vakalahi, H.F., Coggins, K., & Holley, L. (2001). *Crime and Delinquency and Child Welfare*. In K. Briar-Lawson, Lawson, H., & Sallee, A. (Eds.). *New Century Practice with Vulnerable Families*. Dubuque, IA: Eddie bowers publishing, inc.

Vakalahi, H.F. & Khaja, K. (2001). *Parent to Parent & Family to Family: Innovative Mutual Support Services*. In K. Briar-Lawson, Lawson, H., & Sallee, A. (Eds.). *New Century Practice with Vulnerable Families*. Dubuque, IA: eddie bowers publishing, inc.

National Association of Social Workers, Member, National Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (2001). Member of the group who wrote the NASW Standards for Cultural Competence in Social Work Practice. NASW Press.

Vakalahi, H.F. (2000). Reviewer, book *Infants, Toddlers, and Families*. *Family Preservation Journal* 5(1), 63-63.

### **Competitive Presentations**

Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, TX (2017). *Women of Color Writing Retreats: Experiences and Outcomes, Hot Topics*. Vakalahi, H.F.O., Davison, D., Wilson, D., Alston, S., Evans, D., & Countee-Gilliam, C.

The 21<sup>st</sup> IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA (2017). *Promoting Healthy Aging in Diverse Older Communities through Academic-Community Research, Symposium*. Vakalahi, H.F.O., McGovern, J., Giunta, N., Gelman, C., Gardner, D., Glushefski, R.E., Morano, C.

Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA (2017). *Community Based Participatory Research with Diverse Urban Older Adults, Symposium*. Vakalahi, H.F.O., Giunta, N.

Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA (2016). *Women of Color in the Academy: A Collaborative Approach to Transforming Trauma*. Davis, M., & Vakalahi, H.F.O.

Council on Social Work Education, Tampa, FL (2014). *Creating a pipeline for women of color leaders and administrators*. Vakalahi, H.F.O., McPhatter, A., Waites, C., & Washington, E.M.

Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development, Melbourne, Australia (2014). Mafile'o, T. & Vakalahi, H.F.O. Re-centering and re-invigorating Pacific indigenous approaches for Pacific peoples' social and economic development.

NCORE Conference, New Orleans, LA (2013). Scales, R., Davis, M., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. Women of color and trauma, paper presentation.

Food Studies Conference, Austin, TX (2013). Davis, R., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. Cultural significance of Taro, paper presentation.

NIH Health Disparities Summit, Washington DC (2012). Davis, M.E., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Davis, B. Trauma in the Chantilly Mews Community, poster presentation.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Washington, DC (2012). Sermon, M., Richardson, A., Moncrief, A., Dillard, V., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. Female Students of Color: The complexities of lived experiences, panel presentation.

International Conference in Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI (2012). Vakalahi, H.F.O., Davis, M.E., & Scales, S.R. Traumatic Experiences of Women of Color in the Academy: A Call to Action, Panel.

International Conference in Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI (2012). Davis, M.E., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Scales, S.R. A College Dream Tour, Panel.

International Conference in Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI (2012). Scales, S.R. Davis, M.E., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. Mental health issues among medical and non-medical students, Workshop.

Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA (2012). Vakalahi, H.F.O.. Pacific Islander American Elders: Cultural Navigators, Paper Presentation.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA (2011). Vakalahi, H.F.O., Starks, S.H., Davison, D., & Dozier, C. Women of Color at the Intersection of Race/Gender/Power and Leadership, Panel, Feminist Scholarship track.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA (2011). Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Saleeby, P. Health Disparities, Panel, CSWE Commission on Diversity and Social and Economic Justice.

American Public Health Association, Washington, DC (2011). Ihara, E.S., & Vakalahi, H.F.O. Pacific American elders: The salience of spirituality for health and well-being, Oral Presentation.

International Conference on Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI (2011). Davis, M.E. & Vakalahi, H.F.O. Transforming Life Course Trauma.

Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA (2009). Davis, M.E., Vakalahi, H.F.O., & Ihara, E. Risk assessment: Cultural practices in Pacific Islander, African American, and Asian American elders and healthy aging, Poster.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (2008). Co-presenter Sandra Starks, Women of Color as Social Work Educators: Health and Wellbeing.

George Mason University, College of Health and Human Services, Research Day, Fairfax, VA (2008). Presenter, Women of Color as Social Work Educators: Health and Well-being.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco, CA (2007). Co-presenter Sandra Starks, Women of Color as Social Work Educators: Health and Wellbeing.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco, CA (2007). Co-presenters Robert Vernon, Dean Pierce, & Peggy Pittman-Munke, Distance Social Work Education.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco, CA (2007). Panel member on special topic of academic social work careers, sponsored by CSWE.

Indigenous Voices in Social Work: Not Lost in Translation, Honolulu, HI (2007). Co-presenter Sandra Starks & Carmen Ortiz Hendricks, Voices of Women of Color in Social Work Education.

Rural Social Work Conference, Bowling Green, KY (2006). Co-presenter Sandra Starks & Suzie Cashwell, Women of Color as Social Work Educators: Implications for Practice and Education.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Chicago, IL (2006). Co-presenter Carmen Ortiz Hendricks & Sandra Starks, Women of Color as Social Work Educators: Implications for Practice and Education.

National Gerontological Social Work Conference, NY (2005). Co-presenter Kaunanga Moala and Jamee Enesa, Grandparenting in the Tongan Culture.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Anaheim, CA (2004). Co-presenter Sharlene Furuto & Isaac Kuzukuma, Sovereignty and Health of Indigenous People: Implications for Social Work Practice and Education.

Asia-Pacific Social Work Conference, Japan (2003). Accepted co-presentation of paper "Moana Nui: A Pacific Model of Inclusion and Leadership" Meripa Godinet. [Conference cancelled due to SARS].

International Baccalaureate Program Directors Conference, Africa (2003). Accepted co-presentation of paper "The Pacific, U.S.A, and Africa: Cultural Competency in HIV/AIDS Education". [Unable to attend due to reduction in university travel funds].

Baccalaureate Program Directors Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA (2002). Co-presenter, Ho'okele: A Pacific Island Approach to Aging.

International Conference of Schools of Social Work, Montpellier, France (2002). Co-facilitator, Moana Nui: A Pacific Island Approach to Global Citizenship.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Nashville, TN (2002). Co-presenter, Asian and Pacific Islanders through 2010: Demographic, social and political realities.

Cultural competence in Child Welfare practice, Austin, TX (2001). Commentator, Pacific Islander families and issues of substance abuse and family violence in relation to child welfare.

Family Preservation Institute Conference, San Antonio, TX (2000). Co-presenter, Pacific Islanders and Family Preservation.

Building on Family Strengths Conference, Portland, OR (2000). Poster presenter, Influence of Family-Based Risk and Protective Factors on Adolescent Substance Use.

Family Preservation Institute Conference, Austin, TX (1999). Presenter, Influence of Family-Based Risk and Protective Factors on Adolescent Substance Use.

Society for Social Work Research Conference, Austin, TX (1998). Accepted for poster presentation, Pacific Islander Adolescents at Risk for HIV/AIDS. [Unable to attend due to financial difficulty].

Hawaii Psychological Association Conference, Honolulu, HI (1994). Co-presenter, Pacific Islander Adolescents at Risk for HIV/AIDS, master's thesis.

### **Grants and entrepreneurial activities**

ASCEND Health-Related Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Small Grants, Morgan State University (2016-2017). Development and Translation of Medical Technologies to Reduce Health Disparities. PI with Co-PI Dr. Alice DeLaney and Dr. Jayfus Doswell.

New York Community Trust (2016-2018). Establishment of the peer-reviewed Urban Social Work journal, partnership between Morgan State University and Lehman College. Co-Editors in Chief with Dr. Carl Mazza, Dr. Brenda Williams-Gray, Dr. Dana B. Wilson.

Title III SAFRA grant (2015-2020). Expanding the School of Social Work. Co-PI and Co-grant writer with Principal Investigator Dr. Anna McPhatter.

Annie E. Casey Foundation (2014-2018). Results Accountability Training Program, Casey-Morgan Partnership to train scholars of color on results accountability methods. Co-Principal Investigator with Dr. Anna McPhatter; Co-Investigator/Co-grant Writer/Program Coordinator with Dr. Denise Davison.

“SOAR” Continuing Education and Professional Development Program (2015). Launched the School of Social Work’s Continuing Education and Professional Development. Partnership with Dr. Belinda Smith, Dr. McPhatter, Ms. Deja Mathews and Mrs. Sherrie Eaton.

Geriatric Social Work Initiative, Hartford Faculty Scholar (2009-2012). Research topic “Engagement in Cultural Practices: Protective Influences on Physical Health and Psychosocial Wellbeing of Polynesian Grandparents”. Principal Investigator.

Fulbright Scholar, U.S. Department of State (2010). Research topic “Grandparenting among Pacific Islanders in New Zealand”. Principal Investigator.

National Institute on Aging, Summer Institute at the College of St. Scholastica (2008-2009). Scholar.

George Mason University, Faculty Research Seed Grant (2008-2010). Research topic “Health and well-being among Samoan and Tongan elders”. Principal Investigator.

George Mason University, Fenwick Library Fellow (2007-2008). Research topic “Pacific Islander immigrants in the U.S.” and addition to the Fenwick Library collection on Pacific Islander. Principal Investigator.

George Mason University, Faculty Research Program (2007-2008). Research topic “Health and well-being of women of color social work educators”. Principal Investigator.

Peninsula Community Foundation and San Francisco Foundation, San Francisco, CA (2005-2007). Pacific Islander Association of California. Principal Investigator.

BYU-Hawaii, College of Arts and Sciences, Laie, HI (2002-2003). Research topic “Grandparenting in the Tongan Culture in Tonga and Hawaii”. Principal Investigator.

American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grants (2002). Research topic “Grandparenting in the Tongan Culture”. Principal Investigator.

University of Utah, Graduate School of Social Work and the Utah State Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Legal System (1998-2000). Research topic “Ethnic minority overrepresentation in the Utah Juvenile Justice System” (Principal Investigator Russell K. VanVleet). Researcher.

U.S. Children’s Bureau and Parents Anonymous (1998). Parents Anonymous mutual support services in Utah (Principal Investigator Dr. Katharine Briar-Lawson). Grant Co-Writer.

## **SERVICE AND OUTREACH**

### **Editorship & Reviewer Experience**

- Co-Editor in Chief, Urban Social Work (2017-present), with Dr. Wilson, Dr. Mazza, Dr. Gray-Williams.
- Editorial Board Member (2014-present), NASW Social Work journal.

- Reviewer (2012-2018), Journal of Social Work Education.
- Abstract Reviewer (2012-2018), APHA Cleckley Award Selection Committee.
- Associate Editor (2014), Food Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal. Volume 3, Issue 3.
- Consulting Editor (2010-2014), AFFILIA journal.
- Reviewer (2009-2013), NASW Book Committee, Press and Publication division.
- Invited Pacific Islander expert reviewer (2011, 2010). World Medical & Health Policy journal, US; Journal of Social Work, UK.
- Abstract Reviewer (2010-2011, 2001-2003). Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting.
- Abstract Reviewer (2006-2007). National Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect Conference (Children's Bureau), 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Portland, OR.
- Consulting Editor (2001-2005). Social Work: Journal of the National Association of Social Workers.
- Grant Reviewer (2001). Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), SAMHSA.

### **Discipline and Regional Accreditation Experience**

- Commission on Accreditation, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Commissioner (2017-present). Commissioner.
- Peer Evaluator (2017-2018). Middle States Commission on Higher Education.
- Accreditation Specialist (2005-2007), Consultant (2007-2012), Site Visitor (2007-2017), Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

### **Social Work Professional Organization Experience**

- National Nominating Committee, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Chair (2016-2017). Committee Member (2014-2016).
- Diversity Center Working Committee, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Committee Member (2013-2015).
- National Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (NCORED), National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Committee Member (2008-2013, 1999-2003).
- CSWE Commission on Diversity and Social and Economic Justice. Commission Member (2007-2013). Member.
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW), New Mexico Chapter. Board Member (2000-2001).
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Committee Chair (1998-1999), Utah Chapter, Social Policy and Action Committee.

### **University level**

- Morgan State University representative on the Mid-Atlantic Campus Compact, Taskforce for Community Engaged Teaching and Scholarship in P&T, 2016-2018.
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Morgan State University Accreditation Steering Committee Member (2016-2018). Chaired Subcommittee on Standard IV Student Learning Experience.
- ASCEND Internal Committee (2016-2018). Member of the advisory committee.
- Internal Research Council, Morgan State University. Member (2013-2018).

- University Taskforce on Faculty Workload, Morgan State University. Member (2015-2018).
- Intellectual Property Committee, Morgan State University. Committee Member (2014-present).
- Faculty Senate (2011-2012). George Mason University. Senator, Member of the Academic Policies Committee of the Senate.
- Brigham Young University-Hawaii, Pacific Institute Board (2002-2003). Board Member.
- New Mexico State University, Undergraduate Education Committee (2000-2001). Member.
- New Mexico State University Police Chief's Advisory Board (2000-2001). Vice Chair.
- New Mexico State University Bridges Program for American Indian students (1999-2001). Faculty Mentor.

## **TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP**

### **Morgan State University, School of Social Work**

#### **Course(s)**

SOWK 807 Issues in Social Work Pedagogy and Education (PhD program) (2013-2018).

#### **Dissertation Chair**

Chair (2014 graduated). Tiffany Rice, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Mental Health and Clinical Service Utilization among Sexually Victimized Women.

Chair (2014 graduated). Janet Vaughn, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Lived experiences of lesbian women who served under the "Don't Ask Don't Tell" Policy.

Chair (2014 graduated). Tamika Baldwin, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Factors Associated with Depression Among Older, Community-Dwelling, African American Women.

Chair (2014 graduated). Rod Michael Jones, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Lift every voice: Informal and formal social support experiences among African American gay men 50 and older living with HIV/AIDS.

Chair (2015 graduated). Ruby Nelson, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Organizational Culture and Vicarious Trauma.

Chair (2015 graduated). Diari Banigo, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Exploring Family Functioning of Service Members Exposed to War: Implications for Social Work Practice.

Chair (2015 graduated). Myia Eggleton, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Relationship between self-esteem, parental challenges, and social networks among African American single mothers.

Chair (2017 graduated). Gregson Francis, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Middle class African Americans and the economic crisis.

Chair (2017 graduated). Ali-Sha Alleman, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Women Entrepreneurs.

Chair (2018 graduated). Stacy Smith, Morgan State University, Dissertation: Hybrid Gang Families.

### **George Mason University, Department of Social Work**

#### **Courses**

SOCW 623: Human Behavior and Social Systems I (2007)  
SOCW 670: Communication and Technology for Social Work Practice (2009, 2011)  
SOCW 685: Organizational Leadership (2010, 2011)  
SOCW 697: Thesis Seminar (2012)

**Invited Dissertation Expert Reviewer**

International/External Dissertation Expert Reviewer (2010)  
Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand

**Courses Taught or Developed at Other Institutions**

Six (6) years total teaching at New Mexico State University (School of Social Work),  
BYU-Hawai'i (Department of Social Work), and San Francisco State University  
(School of Social Work)

- Human Behavior and the Social Environment, 6 years, undergraduate & graduate
- Social Policy, 6 years, undergraduate and graduate
- Social Welfare in Asia and the Pacific, 2 years, undergraduate
- Child Welfare, 2 years, undergraduate
- Social Differences and Social Work Practice, 1 year, undergraduate
- Social Work Practice, 2 years, undergraduate & graduate
- Social Work Research, 1 year, graduate
- Child Welfare Policy, graduate
- Juvenile Delinquency, undergraduate

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

- Morgan State University, 2017 Iva G Jones award for excellence in research, teaching and service, Recipient.
- Council on Social Work Education, Women's Council (2016), 2016 Feminist Scholar.
- Harvard Institutes of Higher Education & Council on Social Work Education (2014), Management Development Program fellow.
- American Public Health Association, Aging and Public Health Awards (2011), Honorable Mention Award for Betty J. Cleckley Minority Issues Research Award category, Recipient.
- National Institutes of Health, Translational Research on Health and Health Disparities Course (2011), Recipient Scholar.
- Council on Social Work Education, Minority Fellowship Program (1995-1998), Recipient.
- University of Utah, Presidential Graduate Fellowship (1995-1998), Recipient.
- University of Hawai'i, School of Social Work, Pacific Islander Scholarship (1991-1993), Recipient.
- Okura Mental Health Foundation Leadership Fellowship Program (1992), Recipient.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Council on Social Work Education  
National Association of Social Workers  
Gerontological Society of America  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)  
Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society