

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Degree Information

- Degree: Ph.D.
- Institution granting degree: University of Illinois, Jane Addams College of Social Work
- Major: Social Work
- Date awarded : August 2003

- Degree: Masters of Social Work (M.S.W.)
- Institution granting degree: University of Illinois, Jane Addams College of Social Work
- Major: Social Work
- Date awarded (month/year) May 1992

- Degree: Bachelor of Science
- Institution granting degree: Loyola University, Chicago
- Major: Criminal Justice
- Date awarded : August 1985

Academic Appointments

- Employing academic institution: University of Mississippi
- Title: Associate Professor
- City and state: Oxford, Mississippi
- Start date (month/year): 8-2007
- End date (month/year): Current

- Employing academic institution: Jackson State University
- Title: M.S.W. Program Director & Assistant Professor
- City and state: Jackson, Mississippi
- Start date (month/year): August 2003
- End date (month/year): June 2007

Professional post–baccalaureate and post–master’s social work experience

- Employer: The Woodlawn Organization
- Position: V.P., Behavioral Health
- City and state: Chicago, Illinois
- Start date: May 1993
- End date: January 2003

- Position: Employee Assistance Counselor
- City and state: Chicago, Illinois
- Start date: September 1992
- End date : May 1993

Current Professional, Academic, Community-Related, and Scientific Memberships

National Association of Black Social Workers

National Association of Bachelor Program Directors

Community Service Responsibilities and Activities

- Board Membership
Chairperson. Families of Incarcerated Individuals, Memphis, TN
- Workshop/Seminar
Putting the petals back on the rose: growing into health and healing from domestic violence. Series of workshops for domestic violence survivors at Urban Youth Initiatives, Memphis, TN

Publications

Watson, J. Stepteau-Watson, D. (In Press). Troubled waters: The black church in Mississippi, a single subject case study. *Journal of Social Work and Christianity*.

Watson, J. Washington, G. & Stepteau-Watson, D, (2015). Umoja: A culturally specific approach to mentoring young African American males. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*. 32(1), 81-90.

Stepteau-Watson, D., Watson, J., & Lawrence, S. K. (2014). Young African American Males in Reentry: An Afrocentric Cultural Approach. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 24(6), 658-665.

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2014). Dating Violence, Young African American Males, and Risk and Protective Factors: A Review of the Literature. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 24(6), 694-701.

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2014). Family planning services. *Encyclopedia of Human Services & Diversity*. L. H. Cousins (Ed). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2014). Nursing home care. *Encyclopedia of Human Services & Diversity*. L. H. Cousins (Ed). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications

Watson, J. & Stepteau-Watson, D. (2014). The transpassages theory of change. *The International Journal of Liberal Arts and Social Science*. 2(8), 85-91.

Lawrence, S. K., Watson, J., & Stepteau-Watson, D. (2013). President Obama and the fatherhood initiative. *Race, Gender & Class*, 20.

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2012). Infusing service learning in the college curriculum: a report of a service-learning project to bring awareness to sexual violence. *The College Student Journal*, 46:4, 788-794

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2012). Ready or not here they come: field education and developing a professional identity. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping Journal*.

Lawrence, S. K., Stepteau-Watson, D. & Honre'-Collins, C. (2007). An Exploratory Study: Incarcerated Mothers with Daughters Involved in Child Welfare. *Race Class & Gender*, 14(1-2), 227-235.

Professional Presentations - last 5 years

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2015). Cultural competence in the workplace. Annual Conference of the National Association of Social Workers Mississippi Chapter, Biloxi, MS.

Lawrence, S.K., Watson, J., & Stepteau-Watson, D. (2014). President's Obama's Fatherhood Initiative and African American Men. Annual Conference of the National Association of Social Workers Mississippi Chapter. Biloxi, MS.

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2013). Cultural competence for social workers. Statewide social work training, Mississippi Department of Public Health. Batesville, MS.

- Lawrence, S.K., Watson, J., & Stepteau-Watson, D. (2013). Fathers' perceptions of their fathers and themselves. National Association of African American Studies. Baton Rouge, LA
- Stepteau-Watson, D. (2012). Fifty shades of grey: ethical considerations and African American elderly. Families & Communities together conference (FACT). Tupelo, MS.
- Stepteau-Watson, D. & Ellison, A. (2012). Soul Healing III: Incarcerated Mother-Caregiver Relationship Quality and Community Engagement Strategies. Presented at the 39th Annual National Black Family Conference, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
- Moore, D., & Stepteau-Watson, D. (2012). The levels of hope in children living in Tanzania, Belize, and Mississippi. Proposal submitted to the Council on Social Work Education 58th Annual Program Meeting. Notification pending.
- Stepteau-Watson, D. (2011). Healthy Moms Healthy Babies: the social work response. Annual Conference of the Mississippi Public Health Association, Tunica, MS.
- Ellison, A. & Stepteau-Watson, D. (2010). Black women and stress: Reduction and Management. Women's Leadership Symposium. University of Illinois at Chicago. Chicago, IL.
- Stepteau-Watson, D. (2010). Infant Mortality in rural settings. (2010) Infant Mortality Conference. Rust College. Holly Springs, MS.
- Stepteau-Watson, D. & Ellison, A. (2009). Soul Healing: Black Women and Wellness. 35th Annual conference on the Black Family in America. University of Louisville. Louisville, KY.
- Stepteau-Watson, D., Moor, D., & Watson, J. (2009). Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies. Alabama/Mississippi Social Work conference. Jackson State University. Jackson, MS
- Stepteau-Watson, D. (2009). Perceptions of social support among young mothers in the Mississippi delta. National Conference on the Black Family in America. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY.
- Stepteau-Watson, D. (2007). Care giving with African American Elders. NASW Mississippi, Jackson Mississippi
- Stepteau-Watson, D. (2006). Substance Abuse Treatment with African American Clients: An Afrocentric Approach. Jackson State University, Southern Institute for Mental Health Advocacy, Research and Training Third Annual Mental Health Research Conference. Tunica, Mississippi.

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2005). African American Adolescent Dating Violence: Mental Health Implications. Jackson State University, Southern Institute for Mental Health Third Biennial Research Conference.

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2005). Adolescent Girls and Aggressive Behavior: What are the Contributing Factors? The National Association of African American Studies National Conference. Houston, Texas.

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2005). Adolescent Girls and Parental Communication about Violence. University of Louisville. 32nd National Conference on the Black Family in America.

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2004). African American Adolescent Dating Violence: Risk and Protective Factors. The National Association of African American Studies National Conference. Houston, Texas.

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2004). African American Girls and Parental Communication about Violence: What do Girls Learn from their Parents? Jackson State University, Center for University Scholars Symposium, Jackson, Mississippi.

Lawrence-Wills, S. & Stepteau-Watson, D. (2003). Daddy's Girl: Father Contact with Daughters whose Mothers are Incarcerated. National Association of Black Social Workers Southwest Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2003). Dating Violence and African American Adolescents. The Institute of Epidemiology and Health Services Second Annual Conference, Eliminating Health Disparities in Mississippi: Concepts and Measures. Jackson, Mississippi.

Watson, J & Stepteau Watson, D (2000). Spiritually and Addictions Treatment. Proceedings of the Great Lakes Addictions Transfer and Technology Center. Chicago, Illinois.

Ellison, A & Stepteau Watson, D. (2000). Superwomen in the Millennium: African American Women in Leadership. Proceedings of the National 27th Annual National Conference on the Black Family in America. University of Louisville. Louisville, KY.

Stepteau Watson, D. (1999). Counseling the Mentally Ill Substance Abuser. Proceedings of the Great Lakes Addictions Transfer and Technology Center. Chicago, Illinois.

Funded Grants

Juvenile Intervention and Faith-based Follow Up Evaluation. (2014-2015). Principle Investigator.

Research Activities

Watson, J. Simmons, C. & Stepteau-Watson, D. (2012). Social worker worldviews. Unfunded project.

Allen, S., Moore, D., Simmons, C., Brooks, L., & Stepteau-Watson, D. (2011). Self-help and empowerment in the delta through the Mound Bayou legacy. Proposal submitted to the University of Mississippi, School of Applied Sciences IWOG program. Not funded.

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2011). Relationship quality incarcerated mothers, caregivers, and children: impact on child behavior and reunification efforts. Project funded by the University of Mississippi, School of Applied Services, summer research grant.

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2010). Increasing prosocial skills among adjudicated juveniles. Proposal submitted to the University of Mississippi, School of Applied Sciences, summer research grant. Not accepted.

Stepteau-Watson, D. (2008). Perceptions of health and social support among pregnant women and women with infants. Project funded by the University of Mississippi, School of Applied Services, summer research grant.

Service to the University

2014-2015 Faculty Senate

2014-2015 Faculty Senate-Governance Committee

2014-2015 Sensitivity and Respect - *University Standing*

Service to the School of Applied Sciences

2008-2009 Curriculum and Policy Committee

Service to the Department of Social Work

2007-Present Human Behavior and the Social Environment committee

2007-Present Social Work Practice Committee