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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

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| 2020 – 2023 | Doctor of Social Work (DSW) , Capella University, Minneapolis, MN
School of Public Services and Education
Defense: <i>Social Workers and Black Barbers: A Collaboration to Address Mental Health Stigma</i> .
Chair: Dr. Joshua Kirven, PhD, MSW |
| 2017– 2019 | Master of Social Work (MSW) . University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, Graduate School of Social Work. Clinical Concentration, Specialization: Children and Families |
| 2014 –2017 | Bachelor of Science in Psychology . Howard University, Washington DC, College of Arts and Sciences |
| 2010-2012 | Associates of Arts (A.A) in Psychology , Tidewater Community College, Norfolk, Virginia |

ACADEMIC

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| 2025 – Present | Assistant Professor . Morgan State University, Baltimore Maryland, BSW Program, Department of Social Work . |
| 2025 – Present | Faculty Affiliate
Center for Urban Crime and Violence Reduction, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD |
| 2022 – 2025 | Guest Lecturer . Howard Community College, Columbia Maryland |
| 2023 – 2024 | Guest Lecturer . Bowie State University, Bowie, Maryland |
| 2019 – 2022 | Adjunct Professor . Howard Community College. Columbia, Maryland |
| 2014 – 2017 | Research Assistant . Mentor: Dr. Velma LaPoint - Howard University
Collected, reviewed, coded, and summarized data. |

TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS

Teaching Philosophy:

As an educator in the field of social work, I believe in creating inclusive, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive learning environments. My approach integrates experiential learning, critical dialogue, and student-centered pedagogy to prepare students for urban social work practice. I aim to empower students through relational teaching, real-world case application, and fostering a classroom culture that values diverse perspectives.

Course Development and Innovation:

- Developed and taught undergraduate and community college-level courses in social work, psychology, and mental health.
- Integrated culturally relevant case studies, reflective assignments, and community engagement projects to enhance learning.
- Incorporated multimedia tools, trauma-informed frameworks, and wellness-based practices into classroom discussions.

Courses Taught:

- *Diversity and Social Justice in Practice* – (Fall 2025)- Morgan State University
- *Human Behavior and the Social Environment* – Howard Community College
- *Social Work Practice with Children and Families* – Bowie State University

Student Engagement and Outcomes:

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Exploring mental health challenges and support systems for Black men.
- Impact of Parental Incarceration on First-Generation College Students
- Black Barbershops as Safe Spaces for Mental Health Support Among Black Boys and Men
- First-Generation College Syndrome: Navigating Challenges and Identity
- Mental Health and College Navigation Among LGBTQ Students
- Developing safe spaces for Black and Brown boys to challenge stigma and foster understanding that seeking professional help is a sign of strength

PUBLICATIONS

1. Shaw, S., Slovak, K., & Kirven, J. (2024). Social Workers and Black Barbers: A Collaboration to Address Mental Health Stigma. *Social Work in Public Health*, 39(7), 650–665. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19371918.2024.2376103>

PUBLICATIONS in PROGRESS

Shaw, S. (2025). Disrupting systems of stigma: A narrative inquiry of mental health education for Black men in barbershop settings. Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work.

CONFERENCE / PRESENTATIONS

- The Jevone Perspective Experience: **Community Healing** (17, August, 2025)
- THEM2US & JB ENTERPRISES EVENT: **Tanzanian & American Networking Event. 2024**
- **Bowie State University: Sex, Sexuality, and Disability (SSD)** (10, May, 2023)
- Morgan State University: **Morgan Mile Men Initiative** – (6, March, 2023)
- Psychotherapy: Guest Speaker: Navigating college w/ Dr. Afiya Mbilishaka (2, November, 2022) – Virtual
- The Winners Assembly - **IMMERGE: The Black College Experience** (16, April, 2022)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Co-Principal Investigator (2025 - 2026) “Stronger Safer Together (SST) - DJS Program.”

The evaluative project will evaluate the Safer Strong Together CAB formation, the Community-Driven funding model, and outcomes related to community-led violence reduction programming in partnership with the University of Maryland’s EMBRACE Initiative. Award period: July 01, 2025, to August 30, 2026. U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. FON: 26-IA-HQ-SST-CFBO-002: \$6,471,130 (\$3,235,565.00+ \$3,235,565.00 match / **sub-contract award: \$100,000.00**).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION)

Editorial Board Member, Practice Corner, *Journal of Social Work in Public Health*

Appointed by the Editor-in-Chief as an inaugural board member for the Practice Corner section of this peer-reviewed journal. Responsibilities include reviewing submissions, advising on content direction, and encouraging scholarly contributions bridging research and practice.
2025–Present

MENTORING / ADVISING

- August 2025 – Present: Academic Advisor, BSW Department

ACADEMIC SERVICE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT / SERVICE (giving back to the community)

- Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment program (**MBSYEP**) (6-week Mental Health Workshop), Washington DC,
 - June 2025 – August 2025
 - June 2024 – August 2024
 - June 2023 – August 2023

- June 2022 – August 2022
- The K. Shaw Scholarship 2021 – **Present**

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- **Psychotherapist**, Growing Young Minds Counseling (2021-present)
- **Clinical Mentor**, Capital Region Children's Center (2016 – 2019)
- **Social Worker**, Howard Community College Student Wellness Center (2024)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Council on Social Work Education
- National Association of Black Social Workers
- The Society for Social Work and Research
- American Public Health Association
- American Psychological Association

AWARDS AND HONORS

Humanitarian Award– 2024, East Africa, Tanzania. Presented by the U.S Ambassador: Michael A. Battle SR.

CERTIFICATIONS / LICENSES

LMSW – LICENSED MASTERS SOCIAL WORK
QMHP – Qualified Mental Health Professional