



Morgan State University
School of Social Work
Prospective Ph.D. Graduates, 2021



Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to introduce you to our 2021 prospective graduates of the PhD program in social work at Morgan State University. They are Taylor Geyton, Darius Gwynn, Nia Johnson, Robert Mays, and Dasha Rhodes. Included are their research interests and professional highlights and achievements.

Each prospective graduate has presented at national conferences, and they have peer-review publications or works in progress. They also have exceptional practice-based experience at various levels of intervention and in diverse work-place settings. Additionally, our prospective graduates are dedicated to the principles of racial and social justice and have demonstrated this commitment in their research and practice.

Please contact me at the below email address or telephone number if I can help connect you to our prospective graduates, or if I can provide you with further information about them. I hope you are well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerome H. Schiele".

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Taylor Geyton



Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work
Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
(2021 Prospective Graduate)

Master of Social Work, University of Maryland
School of Social Work,
Baltimore MD
(2015)

Research Interests:

- Identity Formation
- Women and Gender Studies
- Racial and Ethnic Minority Studies
- Social Movements

Dissertation Title:

The Identity Formation of
Black Women Activists
Within and Across Social
Movements

Bachelor of Social Work
Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA
(2011)



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Resident Fellow, August 2020 – Present
James Madison University, Department of Social Work
Harrisonburg, Virginia

Therapist/Owner, January 2020 – Present
Soliloquy Therapeutic Services
Catonsville, MD

Rehabilitation Specialist, October 2018 – October 2019
Sarah's House Mental Health System
Baltimore, Maryland

Multi-Systemic Therapist-Emerging Adults, December 2017 – October 2018
Community Solutions, Inc.
Towson, MD

Clinical Therapist, October 2015 – Dec 2017
Woodbourne Center
Baltimore, M

Clinical Therapist, May 2016- September 2016
Optimum Health Systems
Baltimore, MD

Clinical Case Manager, May 2015 – September 2015
Seraaj Family Homes
Towson, MD



PUBLICATIONS

Peer Review Articles

Wells-Wilbon, R., Porter, R., Geyton, T., Estreet, A. (In Press) Mental health disparities. *Encyclopedia Social Work*

Geyton, T., Johnson, N., Ross, K. (In Press). I'm fine: examining the internalization of the strong black woman archetype. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*

PRESENTATIONS

Geyton, T., Johnson, N., Ross, K. (2020). *I'm fine: examining the internalization of the strong black woman archetype*. CSWE Annual Program Meeting 2020, Virtual, Nov16-19, 2020

Johnson, N., Geyton, T., *Evolving the Social Work Identity*. Urban Social Workday 2019 at Morgan State University, Baltimore MD, April 16, 2019

AWARD

Recipient of an award for the best Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 2020 APM conference paper submission by a doctoral student from CSWE's Council on Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Diversity. The prestigious award recognizes doctoral students with exceptional research in the areas of racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity. The paper's title is "The Identity Formation of Black Women Activists Within and Across Social Movements."



Darius Gwynn



Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work
Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
(2021 Prospective Graduate)

Master of Social Work
Howard University, Washington, DC
(2017)

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration
Bowie State University, Bowie, MD
(2014)

Research Interests:

- Coping with Depression
- Family and Child Welfare

Dissertation Title:

An Examination of Coping
Strategies used by Black
Men with Self-Reported
Depression



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Mental Health Therapist, 2018 – Present

All Walks of Life, LLC.

Prince Georges County, MD

School Social Worker, July 2018 – February 2019

The Children's Guild

Washington, DC

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2019

Morgan State University

Baltimore, MD

School Social Worker II, May 2017 – July 2018

Children's Choice

Baltimore, MD

Program Manager, February 2016 – May 2017

Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County

Kensington, MD

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts In Progress

Gwynn, D. Coping with Academic Depression as a Double Minority

Dickens, D. Green, K. Gwynn, D. For the Culture: Hip-Hop Infusion in Social Work Education

PRESENTATIONS

Gwynn, D. (2020). *Coping with Depression*, All Walks of Life, LLC.

Gwynn, D. (2020). *Coping with COVID-related Depression*, Win Family Services.

Gwynn, D. (2019). *I'm Mad as Hell: Helping HIV-Positive Black Men Cope with their Depression*, All Walks of Life, LLC.



PROFESSIONAL, UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE

(2019) Member, Field Education Committee, School of Social Work
Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD

(2018) Co-Chair, Urban Social Work Day, School of Social Work,
Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD

(2019) Abstract Reviewer, Council for Social Work Education,
Annual Conference, Field Education Track

(2019) Abstract Reviewer, Council for Social Work Education,
Annual Conference, Child Welfare Track

(2019) Abstract Reviewer, Council for Social Work Education,
Annual Conference, Addictions Track

LICENSURE

MD Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical (LCSW-C)– License # 23173

DC Licensed Graduate Social Worker – License # LG50082400



Nia Johnson



Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work
Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
(2021 Prospective Graduate)

Master of Social Work
University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD
(2009)

Bachelor of Social Work,
Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
(2008)

Research Interests:

- Social Work Professional Identity Formation
- Health Awareness
- Use of Creative Arts and Interdisciplinary work in Social Work Education

Dissertation Title:

'Double Dutching':
Cultivating the
Professional Identity of
Dual Degree Social
Workers



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Director of Title III Programs, September 2018 - Current
Morgan State University, Office of Title III Programs
Baltimore, MD

Director of Student Affairs and MSW Admissions, October 2016 - September 2018
Morgan State University
Baltimore, MD

Field Liaison, August 2015 - October 2016
Morgan State University, School of Social Work
Baltimore, MD

Adjunct Faculty, August 2012 - August 2019
Morgan State University, School of Social Work
Baltimore, MD

Adjunct Faculty, August 2012- May 2014
Community College Baltimore County, Human Services,
Baltimore, MD

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Review Articles

Estreet, A., Johnson, N., & Archibald, P. (In Press). Teaching social justice through critical reflection: Using immersive theatre to address HIV among BMSM. *Journal of Social Work Education*.

Geyton, T., Johnson, N., & Robinson, K. (In Press). 'I'm Good': Examining the Internalization of the Strong Black Woman Archetype. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*.



Peer Review Article (Under Review)

Johnson, N., Archibald, P., Estreet, A., & Morgan-Henry, A. The Cost of Being Black in Social Work Education. *Advances in Social Work*.

PRESENTATIONS

Johnson, N. (2020, November). *Double-Dutching: The Professional Identity of Dual Degree Social Workers*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Denver, CO.

Geyton, T., Johnson, N., Robinson, K. (2020, November). “*I’m fine*”: *Examining the internalization of the Strong Black Woman Archetype*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Denver, CO.

Johnson, N, Estreet, A. (2020, May 22). *Sustaining Self to Sustain Practice*. National Conference on Social Work and HIV. New Orleans, LA. (Conference canceled)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member of the National Association of Black Social Workers, Baltimore Legacy Chapter

Member of Grant Professionals Association

Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment (**Reviewer**): October 2020 – Present

Perspectives on Social Work Journal (**Reviewer**): September 2020 – Present

Advances in Social Work (**Reviewer**): September 2020 - Present

LICENSURE & AWARD

(2009-Present) Licensed Master Social Worker, State of Maryland

Member of Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society



Robert Mays



Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work
Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
(2021 Prospective Graduate)

Master of Social Work
University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD
(2014)

Bachelor of Science, Neuroscience
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
(2011)

Research Interests:

- Black Adolescents and Young Adults
- Cultural Studies
- Mental Health Service Usage
- Health Behavior

Dissertation Title:

Examining the State of Wellbeing and Use of Outpatient Mental Health Services for Young Black Adults In Urban Environments



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Social Worker, August 2018 – Current

District of Columbia Public Schools – Amidon Bowen ES
Washington, DC

Clinical Social Worker, August 2016 - July 2018

University of Maryland Medical Center at Midtown-Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology
Baltimore, MD

Social Worker, July 2014 – July 2016

District of Columbia Child and Family Services, Child Protection Services-Family Assessment
Washington, DC

Medical Social Worker, April 2014 – June 2014 (Temporary Position)

Park West Health Systems and Sinai Community Care-Pediatric Health
Baltimore, MD

Graduate Social Work TECI & LEND Trainee, September 2013- April 2014

The Center for Family and Traumatic Stress at Kennedy Krieger Institute
Baltimore, MD

Graduate Social Work Intern, August 2012- April 2013

Promise Heights Agency-Furman L. Templeton Preparatory Academy
Baltimore, MD



PUBLICATIONS

Manuscript in Progress

Townsend, L. N., Porter, R. C., Mays, R.A., Crawford, P. A., Cudjoe, T. R. M., Vakalahi, H. F. O. Black college students: Where do we go from here? *Journal of Black Studies*.

Book Chapter

Mays, R. A. (2019). When the waters met: A story of brotherhood, friendship and service. In B.L. Wright, N. Bryan, C. Sewell, K. Thomas, L. Yates, C. Barrett, M. Robinson.(Eds.), *Gumbo for the soul III: Males of color share their stories, meditations, affirmations, and inspirations*. (pp. 21-24) Charlotte, NC: *Information Age Publishing*.

PRESENTATIONS

Mays, R. (2019). *Greenleaf: An Examination of The Black Church and its Influence on Human Behavior*. Council on Social Work Education 65th Annual Program Meeting, Human Behavior Track, Denver, Colorado

Mays, R. (2018). *African American College Students, Historical Trauma and the Current Political Climate*, Council on Social Work Education 64th Annual Program Meeting, Hot Topic Presentation, Orlando, Florida

Townsend, L., Crawford, P., Porter, R., & Mays, R. (2018). *African American college students: Historical trauma and the current political climate*. Council on Social Work Education 64th Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida



PROFESSIONAL, UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE

(2018) Morgan State University SSW Urban Social Workday Committee – **Doctoral Student Representative**

(2014) University of Maryland School of Social Work Graduation Committee – **MSW Student Representative**

(2013) University of Maryland, Baltimore-President's Summer Clinic – **Intern**

(2011-2012) Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Pre-Med Volunteer Program – **Abramson Cancer Center Worker**

(2010-2011) Temple University Pre-Students of Osteopathic Medicine Association – **Student Government Representative**

(2010) Thomas Jefferson University Hospital – **Hospital Volunteer**

(2009-2010) Philadelphia School District: Meade School – **Youth Mentor**

LICENSURE & AWARDS

(2017-2019) Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker - Washington, DC

(2014) Licensed Graduate Social Worker -Washington, DC

(2014) Licensed Graduate Social Worker -Maryland

(2019-2020 & 2020-2021) Council on Social Work Education Minority Fellowship Program Recipient, Funded by CSWE, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and The US Department of Health and Human Services



Dasha J. Rhodes



Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work
Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
(2021 Prospective Graduate)

Master of Science, Social Work
University of Houston, Houston TX
(2014)

Bachelor of Social Work,
Stephen F. Austin State University,
Nacogdoches, TX
(2012)

Research Interests:

- Police and Community Relations
- Psychological Distress among Black/African Americans
- Community Violence and Public Health
- Police and Social Work

Dissertation Title:

Am I Next? An Examination of Black Americans' Anxiety During Police Encounters



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Instructor, 2019 – Present

Frederick Douglass Institute Teaching Fellow,
Shippensburg University, Department of Social Work and
Gerontology, Undergraduate and Graduate Program
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

Research Assistant, Aerial Surveillance Project, July 2020 – Present

Morgan State University, School of Social Work
Baltimore, Maryland

Principal Investigator, January 2020 – Present

Morgan State University
Baltimore, Maryland

Guest Lecturer, 2019

Shippensburg University, Department of Social Work and
Gerontology, Undergraduate and Graduate Program
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

Guest Lecturer, 2018

Morgan State University, School of Social Work
Baltimore, Maryland

Hospice Social Worker, June 2014 – July 2017

Vantage Hospice,
Katy, Texas



PUBLICATIONS

Peer Review Articles

Wilson, D., Darrell, L., & Rhodes, D. (2020). Autumn divas: Women of color who achieved doctorate degrees after age 50. *Urban Social Work*. doi: 10.1891/USW-D-20-00004

Robinson, D.L., Rhodes, D.J., & Van Sluytman. (2020). Watching neighborhoods vanish: The intertwining of gentrification, race, class, and policy. *Journal of Poverty*. doi:10.1080/10875549.2020.1728008

Rhodes, D.J., Robinson, D.L., Archibald, P.C., & Van Sluytman, L.G. (2019). A decade's tale: Consent decrees and police use of disproportionate excessive force with communities of color. *Advances in Social Work*, 19(1). doi:10.18060/22599

Burdnell Wilson, D., Darrell, L., & Rhodes, D. (2018). Autumn divas: Reflections of two women of color who achieved doctorates after age 50. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*, 24(4), 70–83

Manuscripts Under Review

Van Sluytman, L. G., Nesbitt, J. M., & Rhodes, D. J. No man is an island: Resiliency among older African American men living with HIV. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*.

Slay, Z.M., Robinson, D.L., & Rhodes, D.J. Shared perspectives of strength among Black women social work educators in a global pandemic. *Journal of Social Work Education*



Manuscripts In Progress

Rhodes, D.J., & Van Sluytman, L.G. Social contextual factors and mental health among Black women and girls.

Rhodes, D.J., & McDaniel, D. Police violence as a structural determinant of health for Black women and mothers.

Rhodes, D.J., Geyton, T.A., & Taylor, M. The integration of social work values and principles in police work.

Other Publication

Cooper, S.H., Adejunoko, A., Berry, R., Cruz, S., Daniels, D., Evans, D., Willis, L. (2013). San Augustine County, Texas social services needs assessment community profile. Center for Rural Social Work Research and Development

PRESENTATIONS

Taylor, M. & Rhodes, D.J. (Scheduled November 2020). *An examination of social work education and its influence on community policing*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program. Meeting conducted virtually, November 16-20, 2020

Taylor, M. & Rhodes, D.J. (July 2020). *The impact of social work education on police work*. Joint. Social Work Education and Research Conference in Cardiff, United Kingdom, July 8-10, 2020. Rescheduled July 2021 due to COVID-19

Rhodes, D.J., Robinson, D.L., Allen, S., & Archibald, P. (April 2020). *Healing community and police relations through implementation of African-centered values and principles*. National Association of Black Social Workers 52nd Annual Conference in Detroit, MI, April 14-18, 2020 Canceled due to COVID-19



PRESENTATIONS (Cont'd)

Archibald, P.C., & Rhodes, D.J. (2019). *PITCH framework: A prevention method applied to social work practice and education*. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo in Philadelphia, PA, November 2-6, 2019.

Rhodes, D.J., Robinson, D.L., Archibald, P.C., & Van Sluytman, L.G. (2019). *A decade's tale: Consent decrees and police excessive force*. National Association of Black Social Workers 51st Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA, April 23-27, 2019.

Rhodes, D.J. & Ross, K.L. (2018). *A snapshot: Mass incarceration, reentry, and African American men in Maryland*. National Association of Social Workers National Conference in Washington, D.C., June 20-23, 2018

PROFESSIONAL, UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE

2019 – Present – Member Dual Degree Planning Committee, Department of Social Work and Gerontology and Department of Political Science, Shippensburg University

2019 – Present – Reviewer, Advances in Social Work Journal

2019 – Present – Board Member, Institute for Civility in Government, Houston, TX

2018 – Member MSW Admission Review Committee, School of Social Work, Morgan State University

AWARD

(2020-2021) Council on Social Work Education Minority Fellowship Program Recipient, Funded by CSWE, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and The US Department of Health and Human Services