

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-present **Professor**
University of Houston, Department of Psychology
Houston, TX
- 2012-present **Associate Professor**
University of Houston, Department of Psychology
Houston, TX
- 2010-2012 **Associate Professor**
University of Georgia, Department of Psychology
Athens, GA
- 2008-2010 **Assistant Professor**
University of Georgia, Department of Psychology
Athens, GA
- 2006-2008 **Assistant Professor**
Southern Illinois University, Department of Psychology
Carbondale, IL
- 2002-2006 **Assistant Professor**
University of South Carolina, Department of Psychology
Columbia, SC
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EDUCATION and TRAINING

- August 2002 **Ph.D. Florida State University**
APA Accredited program in Clinical Psychology
Doctoral Dissertation: *An investigation of acculturative stress and ethnic identification as risk factors for suicidal ideation in African American versus Anglo American men and women.*
(Chair, Thomas Joiner, Jr., Ph.D.)
- Sept 2001- 2002 **Pre-Doctoral Internship**, Veterans Affairs Medical Center-Atlanta

- April 2000 **M.S.** Florida State University
 APA Accredited program in Clinical Psychology
 Master's Thesis: *Familial predictors of violent and non-violent offending among incarcerated women*
 (Chair, Joyce Carbonell, Ph.D.)
- Dec 1994 **A.B. Psychology**, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Honors and Awards:

- 2019-2020 **University of Houston Teaching Excellence Award**
- 2018 **Fellow**, American Psychological Association (effective January 1, 2019)
- 2012 **APA Division 45 Emerging Professional-Contributions to Research Award Nominee**
- 2008-2012 **Fellow**, Institute for Behavioral Research Grant Mentoring Program
 University of Georgia
- 2011 **Merit Award for Best Professional Poster Presentation**
 American Association of Suicidology
- 2009-2011 **National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities Scholar**
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)
 NIH Loan Repayment Program
- 2007-2008 **National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities Scholar**
 National Institutes of Health (NIH)
 NIH Loan Repayment Program
- 2006 **Mortar Board Award for Excellence in Teaching Nominee**
 University of South Carolina
- 2006 **Awardee "10 Rising Stars in the Academy"**
Diverse Issues in Higher Education
 January 10, 2006
- 2005-2006 **Mentoring Fellow**, African American Mental Health Research Scientist Consortium:
 Research Scientist Grant-Mentoring Program.
 National Institute of Mental Health. Washington, DC.
- 2005-2006 **"Visiting Research Scientist"**
 Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide
 University of Rochester Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry

- 2004-2006 **National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities Scholar**
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
NIH Loan Repayment Program
- 2001-2002 American Psychological Association (APA) Minority Fellowship Program (MFP)
- 1999-2001 Delores Auzenne Graduate Fellowship
- 1995-2002 McKnight Doctoral Fellow, Florida Education Fund

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Peer-reviewed Journals:

(*indicates advisee or student author)

1. *Brooks, J. R. *Hong, J.H., *Cheref, S., & **Walker, R. L.** (in press). Perceived discrimination influences capability for suicide. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*.
2. *Brooks, J. R., *Hong, J. H., *Madubata, I. J., *Odafe, M. O., *Cheref, S., & **Walker, R. L.** (in press). The moderating effect of dispositional forgiveness on perceived racial discrimination and depressive symptoms for African American adults. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*.
3. *Hong, J., *Talavera, D, Barr, C., & **Walker, R.L.** (in press). Does purpose in life or ethnic identity moderate the association for racial discrimination and suicide ideation in racial/ethnic minority emerging adults? *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*.
4. *Madubata, I.J., *Cheref, S., *Eades, N., *Brooks, J., *Talavera, D.C., & Walker, R.L. (in press). Non-suicidal self-injury, neuroticism, and ethnic identity in young Latina adults. *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*.
5. Zvolensky, M. J., Bakhshaie, J., Shepherd, J. M., Peraza, N., Viana, A. G., Walker, R. L., Garza, M., Ochoa-Perez, M., & Lemaire, C. (in press). Anxiety Sensitivity and Acculturative Stress: Concurrent Relations to Mental Health Among Spanish-Speaking Latinx in Primary Care. *Journal Anxiety Disorders*.
6. Zvolensky, M.J., Jardin, C., Rogers, A., Bakhshaie, J., Mayorga, N.A., Viana, A.G., **Walker, R.L.**, Berger Cardoso, J., Garey, L. (in press). Anxiety sensitivity and acculturative stress among trauma-exposed Latino young adults. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*.
7. Zvolensky, M. J., Rogers, A. H., Bakhshaie, J., Viana, A. G., **Walker, R.L.**, Mayorga, N. A., Lopez, K., Garza, M., Lemaire, C., Ruiz, A., Ochoa-Perez, M. (in press). Perceived racial discrimination, anxiety sensitivity, and mental health among Latinos in a federally qualified health center. *Stigma and Health*.

8. Viana, A. G., Bakhshaie, J., Raines, E. M., Lopez, A., Garza, M., Ochoa-Perez, M., ... & Zvolensky, M. J. (2020). Anxiety sensitivity and acculturative stress facets among Latinx in primary care. *Stigma and Health*, 5, 22-28.
9. Salami, T. K., Carter, S. E., Cordova, B., Flowers, K. C., & **Walker, R. L.** (2019). The Influence of Race-Related Stress on Eating Pathology: The Mediating Role of Depression and Moderating Role of Cultural Worldview Among Black American Women. *Journal of Black Psychology*, 45 (6), 571-598.
10. *Cheref, S., *Talavera, D.C., & **Walker, R.L.** (2019). Perceived discrimination and suicide ideation: Moderating role of anxiety among Asian American, African American, and Hispanic emerging adults. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*, 49(3), 665-677.
11. Cheref, S., Benoit, J. S., & **Walker, R. L.** (2019). Refining Psychological, Substance Use, and Sociodemographic Predictors of Suicide Ideation and Attempts in a National Multiethnic Sample of Adults, 2008–2013. *The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*, 207(8), 675-682.
12. Talavera, D. C., Odafe, M., Cheref, S., Hong, J. H., Leslie, R., & **Walker, R. L.** (2019). Stress in Relation to Anxiety and Depression Among Racial/Ethnic Minority Women: The Differential Impact of Cultural Mismatch on Somatic and Cognitive Symptoms. *Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development*, 47(2), 131-140.
13. Torous, J., & **Walker, R.L.** (2019). Leveraging digital health and machine learning toward reducing suicide—From panacea to practical tool. *JAMA Psychiatry*, 76(10), 999-1000.
14. Viana, A. G., Raines, E. M., Woodward, E. C., Hanna, A. E., **Walker, R.L.**, & Zvolensky, M. J. (2019). The relationship between emotional clarity and suicidal ideation among trauma-exposed adolescents in inpatient psychiatric care: does distress tolerance matter?. *Cognitive behaviour therapy*, 48(5), 430-444.
15. **Walker, R. L.**, Talavera, D. C., Nomamiukor, F., Madubata, I. J., Alfano, C., & Vujanovic, A. A. (2019). Sleep-related problems and suicide behavior and ideation among Black and White trauma-exposed psychiatric inpatients. *Comprehensive psychiatry*, 91, 22-28.
16. *Madubata, I.J., *Odafe, M.O., *Talavera, D.C., & **Walker, R.L.** (2018). Helplessness mediates the association for racial discrimination and depression for African Americans. *Journal of Black Psychology*, 7, 626-643.
17. *Talavera, D. C., Paulus, D. J., Garza, M., Ochoa-Perez, M., Lemaire, C., Valdivieso, J., Bogiaizian, D., Robles, Z., Bakhshaie, J., Manning, K., **Walker, R.**, Businelle, M., & Zvolensky, M. J. (2018). Subjective social status and rumination in relation to anxiety and depressive symptoms and psychopathology among economically disadvantaged Latinos in primary care. *Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 88, 169-174.

18. **Walker, R.L.**, *Hong, J.H., *Talavera, D.C., Cameron, M.V., & Woods, S.P. (2018). Health literacy and current CD4 cell count in a multi-ethnic U.S. sample of adults living with HIV Infection. *International Journal of STD & AIDS*, 29(5), 498–504.
19. Lester, D., & **Walker, R. L.** (2017). Religiosity is a protective factor for suicidal ideation in European American students but not in African American students. *OMEGA-Journal of Death and Dying*, 74, 295-303.
20. Manning, K., Bakhshaie, J., McLeish, A. C., Luberto, C., **Walker, R.**, & Zvolensky, M. J. (2017). Emotional non-acceptance and anxiety sensitivity in relation to anxious arousal, social anxiety, and depressive symptoms among African American young adults. *Journal of Black Psychology*, 43(7), 669-687.
21. *Odafe, M. O., Salami, T. K., & **Walker, R. L.** (2017). Race-related stress and hopelessness in community-based African American adults: Moderating role of social support. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 23(4), 561-569.
22. *Salami, T., **Walker, R.L.**, & Beach, S.R.H. (2017). Comparison of helplessness and hopelessness as sources of cognitive vulnerability among Black and White college students. *Journal of Black Psychology*, 43, 565-587.
23. *Smack, A.J., *Herzhoff, K., *Tang, R., **Walker, R.L.**, & Tackett, J. (2017). Latent class analysis of personal values in young adults. *Collabra: Psychology*, 3, 1-10.
24. **Walker, R. L.**, Salami, T. K., Carter, S. E., & Flowers, K. C. (2017). Religious coping style and cultural worldview are associated with suicide ideation among African American adults. *Archives of Suicide Research*, 3, 1-12.
25. **Walker, R.L.**, Francis, D.J., Brody, G.H., Simons, R.L., Cutrona, C., & Gibbons, F. (2017). Perceived discrimination and morbid ideation in a longitudinal sample of African American girls and boys: Mediating effects of depression and anxiety symptomatology. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*, 47, 86-102.
26. Carter, S., **Walker, R. L.**, & Beach, S. R. H., Cutrona, C., Simons, R. (2016). Anxiety mediates the effect of perceived racial discrimination on chronic health conditions among African American women. *American Journal of Health Behavior*, 40, 697-704.
27. *Odafe, M., *Talavera, D., *Cheref, S., *Hong, J., & **Walker, R.L.** (2016). Suicide in Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Hispanic, and Asian adults in the U.S.: A review of the last decade. *Current Psychiatry Reviews*, 12, 181-198.
28. Valdés Velasco, R., Bakhshaie, J., **Walker, R. L.**, Viana, A., Garza, M., Ochoa-Perez, M., Paulus, D., Robles, Z., Valdivieso, J., & Zvolensky, M. J. (2016). Synergistic effects of pain intensity and anxiety sensitivity in relation to anxiety and depressive symptoms and disorders among economically disadvantaged Latinos in a community-based primary care setting. *Journal of Anxiety Disorders*, 43, 23-31.

29. Boggero, I.A., *Smart, L.M., Kniffin, T.C., & **Walker, R.L.** (2014). Brief report: Neuroticism interacts with mean arterial pressure to predict pain tolerance in normotensives. *Personality and Individual Differences, 69*, 140-143.
30. *Carter, S. E., & **Walker, R.L.** (2014). Anxiety symptomatology and perceived health in a community sample of African American adults: Moderating role of emotion regulation. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology, 20*(3), 307-315.
31. *Flowers, K.C., **Walker, R.L.**, Thompson, M.P., & Kaslow, K.J. (2014). Reasons for Living as an indicator of suicide-related outcomes in a sample of African American female suicide attempters. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease, 202*(8), 569-575.
32. *Maples, J., & **Walker, R.L.** (2014). Consolidation rather than termination: Rethinking how psychologists label the final phase of psychological treatment. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice, 45*(2), 104.
33. **Walker, R.L.**, *Salami, T.K., *Carter, S., & *Flowers, K.C. (2014). Perceived racism and suicide ideation: Mediating role of depression but moderating role of religiosity among African American adults. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior, 44*(5), 548-559.
34. *Salami, T. K., & **Walker, R. L.** (2014). Socioeconomic status and symptoms of depression and anxiety in African American college students: The mediating role of hopelessness. *Journal of Black Psychology, 40*(3), 275-290.
35. **Walker, R.L.** & *Flowers, K. C. (2011). Effects of race and precipitating event on suicide versus non-suicide death classification in a college sample. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior, 41*, 12-20.
36. Rockett, I.R, Wang, S., Stack, S., De Leo, D., Frost, J.L., Ducatman, A.M., **Walker, R.L.**, & Kapusta, N.D. (2010). Race/Ethnicity and potential suicide misclassification: Window on a minority suicide paradox? *BMC Psychiatry, 10*, 35-43.
37. Rockett, I.R, Hobbs, G., De Leo, D., Stack, S., Frost, J.L., Ducatman, A.M., Kapusta, N.D., & **Walker, R.L.** (2010). Suicide and unintentional poisoning mortality trends in the United States, 1987-2006: Two unrelated phenomena? *BMC Psychiatry, 10*, 705-21.
38. **Walker, R.L.**, *Alabi, D., *Roberts, J., & Obasi, E. (2010). Ethnic group differences in reasons for living and the moderating role of cultural worldview. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology, 16*(3), 372-378.
39. Watkins, D.C., **Walker, R.L.**, & Griffith, D.M. (2010). A meta-study of qualitative research on Black men's mental health and well-being. *Journal of Black Psychology, 36*, 303-330.
40. **Walker, R.L.**, Ashby, J., *Hoskins, O., & *Greene, F. (2009). Peer-support suicide prevention in a non-metropolitan U.S. community. *Adolescence, 44*(174), 335-346.

41. Gençöz, F., Vatan, S., **Walker, R.L.**, & Lester, D. (2008). Helplessness, hopelessness, and haplessness as predictors of suicidal ideation: A cross-cultural study. *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*, 57(3), 315-318.
42. **Walker, R.L.**, Wingate, L., Obasi, E.M., & Joiner, T. E. (2008). An empirical investigation of acculturative stress and ethnic identity as moderators for depression and suicidal ideation in African American and European American college students. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 14, 75-82.
43. Gençöz, F., Vatan, S., **Walker, R.L.**, & Lester, D. (2007). Hopelessness and suicidality in Turkish and American respondents. *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*, 55, 311-319.
44. Lester, D., & **Walker, R.L.** (2007). Hopelessness, helplessness, and haplessness as predictors of suicidal ideation. *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*, 55, 325-328.
45. **Walker, R. L.** (2007). Acculturation and acculturative stress as indicators of suicide risk for African Americans. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 77, 386-391.
46. Lester, D., & **Walker, R. L.** (2006). The stigma for attempted suicide and the loss to suicide prevention efforts. *Crisis: The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention*, 27 (3), 147-148.
47. *Paukert, A.L., Pettit, J.W., Perez, M., & **Walker, R.L.** (2006). Cognitive and affective components of acculturative stress in ethnic minority undergraduates. *The Journal of Psychology: Interdisciplinary and Applied*, 140(5), 405-419.
48. **Walker, R.L.**, Lester, D., & Joe, S. (2006). Lay theories of suicide: An examination of culturally-relevant suicide beliefs and attributions. *Journal of Black Psychology*, 32, 320-334.
49. Joiner, Jr., T. E., **Walker, R. L.**, Pettit, J. W., Perez, M., Cukrowicz, K. C. (2005). Evidence-based assessment of depression in adults. *Psychological Assessment*, 17, 267-277.
50. **Walker, R. L.**, & *Bishop, S. (2005). Examining a model of the relation between religiosity and suicidal ideation in a sample of African American and White college students. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*, 35, 630-639.
51. **Walker, R. L.**, Utsey, S.O., *Bolden, M.A., & *Williams, III, O. (2005). Do sociocultural factors predict suicidality among persons of African descent living in the U.S.? *Archives of Suicide Research*, 9, 203-217.
52. *Wingate, L. R., Joiner, T. E., **Walker, R. L.**, Rudd, M. D., & Jobes, D. A. (2004). Empirically informed approaches to topics in suicide risk assessment. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*, 22, 651-665.

53. Voelz, Z. R., **Walker, R. L.**, Pettit, J. W., Joiner, Jr., T. E., & Wagner, K. D. (2003). Depressogenic attributional style: Evidence of trait-like nature in youth psychiatric inpatients. *Personality & Individual Differences, 34*, 1129-1140.
54. Joiner, Jr., T. E., Perez, M., **Walker, R. L.** (2002). Playing devil's advocate: Why not conclude that the relation of religiosity to mental health reduces to mundane mediators? *Psychological Inquiry, 13*, 214-216.
55. Joiner, Jr., T. E., Pettit, J. W., **Walker, R. L.**, Voelz, Z. R., Cruz, J., Rudd, M. D., Lester, D. (2002). Perceived burdensomeness and suicidality: Two studies on the suicide notes of those attempting and those completing suicide. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology, 21*, 531-545.
56. Joiner, Jr., T. E., & **Walker, R. L.** (2002). General and factorial construct validity of a measure of acculturative stress in African-Americans and Anglo-Americans. *Psychological Assessment, 14*, 462-466.
57. Pettit, J. W., Lam, A. G., Voelz, Z. R., **Walker, R. L.**, Perez, M., Joiner, Jr., T. E., Lester, D., & He, Z. X. (2002). Perceived burdensomeness and lethality of suicide method among suicide completers in the People's Republic of China. *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying, 45*, 57-67.
58. **Walker, R. L.**, Joiner, Jr., T. E., & Rudd, M. D. (2001). The course of post-crisis suicidal symptoms: How and for whom is suicide "cathartic"? *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior, 13*, 144-125.
59. Joiner, Jr., T. E., **Walker, R. L.**, Rudd, M. D., & Jobes, D. A. (1999). Scientizing and routinizing the assessment of suicidality in outpatient practice. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice, 30*, 447-453.

Book:

Walker, R.L. (2020). *The Unapologetic Guide to Black Mental Health*. New Harbinger Publications.

Manuscripts Under Review:

1. Brooks, J. R. Lebeaut, A., Zegel, M., Eades, N., **Walker, R. L.**, & Vujanovic, A. A. (under review). Anxiety sensitivity and suicide ideation: Mindfulness as a psychological buffer for Black adults.
2. Brooks, J. R., Madubata, I. J., Jewell, R. D., Eades, N. D., Ortiz, D. A., & Walker, R. L. (under review). Depression and suicide ideation: The role of self-acceptance for Black young adults in the U.S.
3. Long, L.J., Lu, Q., **Walker, R.L.**, & Gallagher, M.W. (under review). Examining the measurement invariance of the LOT-R Measure of Optimism in Japan and the United States.
4. *Talavera, D., *Odafe, M., *Cheref, S., & *Hong, J., & **Walker, R.L.** (under review). Perceived

stress and anxiety symptomatology: Moderating role of self-construal for Hispanic, Asian American, and African American women.

5. **Walker, R.L.**, *Odafe, M.O., *Hong, H.H., Talavera, D.C., Barr, C., & Naik, A.D. (under review). Type 2 diabetes self-management among African American Adults: Moderating effect of having reasons to live.

Manuscripts in preparation

1. Brooks, J. R. Lebeaut, A., Zegel, M., Eades, N. Walker, R.L., & Vujanovic, A. A. (in preparation). Mindfulness mediates the association between anxiety sensitivity and suicidality for Black adults.
2. Odafe, M.O., Madubata, I., Cheref, S., Hong, J.H., Brooks, J. & **Walker. R.L.** (in preparation) Diabetes self-efficacy, depression, and Africultural coping among older African American adults.
3. **Walker, R.L.**, *Hong, J.H., *Madubata, I.J. (in preparation). A content analysis of suicide notes for Black and White adult decedents.
4. **Walker, R.L.**, *Odafe, M., *Talavera, D., *Hong, J., & *Cheref, S. (in preparation). Discrimination and resilience among racial/ethnic minorities: A review of the literature.

Published Abstract

Walker, R.L., *Odafe, M.O., *Hong, J. H., *Talavera, D., Barr, C., & Naik, A. (2017, March). Depression and Diabetes Self-care among Black American adults: Moderating Effects of Reasons for Living and Spiritual Coping. *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, 51, S1960-S1961.

Book Chapters and Encyclopedia Entries

1. Cornette, M.M., & **Walker, R.L.** (2016). Warning signs for suicide. In (Ed). Wenzel, A., *The Sage Encyclopedia of Abnormal and Clinical Psychology*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
2. *Talavera, D.C., **Walker, R. L.**, & Cornette, M. M. (2016) Suicide Risk Factors. In (Ed). Wenzel, A., *The Sage Encyclopedia of Abnormal and Clinical Psychology*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
3. **Walker, R.L.**, *Leslie, R., and Cornette, M.M. (2016). Suicide risk assessment. In (Ed). Wenzel, A., *The Sage Encyclopedia of Abnormal and Clinical Psychology*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
4. Buchanan, K.L., *Flowers, K., *Salami, T., & **Walker. R.L.** (2011). Racial and ethnic differences in college student suicidality. In D. Lamis & D. Lester (Eds.), *Understanding and Preventing College Student Suicide*. Springfield, IL: Charles C. Thomas Publishers.

5. **Walker, R.L.**, & *Hunter, L.R. (2008). *From anxiety and depression to suicide and self-harm*. In H. Neville, B.M. Tynes, & S. O. Utsey, (Eds.), *Handbook of African American Psychology*. New York: Sage Publications.
6. **Walker, R.L.**, *Townley, G., & *Asiamah, D. (2008). Suicide prevention in U.S. ethnic minority populations. In F. Leong & M. Leach (Eds.), *Suicide among racial and ethnic groups: Theory, research, and practice*. New York: Brunner-Routledge.
7. **Walker, R.L.** (2006). Xenophobia. In M. Constantine (Volume Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Counseling: Cross-Cultural Counseling*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
8. Wingate, L. R., Burns, A., Gordon, K., Perez, M., **Walker, R. L.**, Williams, F. & Joiner, T. (2006). Is positive psychology relevant to the understanding and treatment of suicidal behavior? In T.E. Ellis (Ed.), *Cognition and Suicide: Theory, Research, and Practice*. Washington, D.C: American Psychological Association.
9. Lester, D., & **Walker, R. L.** (2006). Psychology of suicide. In G. Fink (Ed.). *Encyclopedia of Stress* (2nd ed.). Oxford: Elsevier.
10. Utsey, S. O., **Walker, R. L.**, & Kwate, N. A. (2005). Conducting quantitative research in a cultural context: Practical applications to conducting research with ethnic minorities. In M. G. Constantine & D. W. Sue, (Eds.), *Strategies for building multicultural competence in mental health and educational settings*. Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.
11. Utsey, S. O., **Walker, R. L.**, Dessources, N., & Bartalemeo, M. (2004). The African American bicultural experience: A psychohistorical analysis of the double consciousness dilemma. In R.T. Carter (Ed.), *Handbook of Racial-Cultural Counseling and Psychology*. Wiley & Son: New York.

Papers and Presentations at Professional Meetings:

- *Brooks, J. R., *Hong, J. H., *Madubata, I. J., *Odafe, M. O., *Cheref, S., & **Walker, R. L.** (2019, November). Perceived discrimination influences capability for suicide. Poster presented at the 2019 Annual Convention of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Atlanta, Georgia.
- *Madubata, I.J., *Hong, J.H., *Talavera, D.C., *Cheref, S., *Odafe, M.O., *Brooks, J., *Leavitt, J., & **Walker, R.L.** (2019, November). Environmental Mastery Moderates Physical and Mental Health and Suicide Ideation for African American and Latinx Adults. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies 53rd Annual Convention (2019), November 22nd, Atlanta, GA.
- *Brooks, J. R., Hong, J. H., Madubata, I. J., Odafe, M. O., Cheref, S., & **Walker, R. L.** (2019, July). The moderating effect of dispositional forgiveness on perceived racial discrimination and depressive symptoms for African American adults. Poster presented at the 2019 Black Graduate Conference in Psychology (BGCP), Ann Arbor, Michigan.

- Walker, R.L.**, Talavera, D.T., Nomamiukor, F., Madubata, I., J., Alfano, C. & Vujanovic, A.A. (2019, March). Sleep-related problems and suicide behavior among Black trauma-exposed psychiatric inpatients. Paper presentation at the International Convention of Psychological Science. Paris, France.
- *Madubata, I., *Hong, J.H., *Talavera, D.C., *Odafe, M.O., *Cheref, S., & **Walker, R.L.** (2018, July). *Helplessness mediates racial discrimination and depression for African Americans*. Poster accepted for presentation at the APA Division 45 Research Conference, University of Texas, Austin, TX.
- Cheref, S., Madubata, I., Hong, J.H., Odafe, M.O., Talavera, D.C., & **Walker, R.L.** (2018, April). Ethnic identity buffers the relationship between neuroticism and non-suicidal self-injury for second-generation Latinas. Poster presentation at the American Association of Suicidology 51st Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Odafe, M.O., & Walker, R.L. (2018, April). *Race-related stress and hopelessness: Social support as a protective mechanism?* Paper presented at the Benjamin Rabinowitz Symposium in Medical Ethics, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.
- Hong, J.H., Talavera, D.C., Odafe, M.O., Barr, C.D., & **Walker, R.L.** (November, 2017). Purpose in life as a tool for managing racial discrimination and suicide ideation in racial/ethnic minority emerging adults. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT) 51st Annual Convention, San Diego, CA.
- Talavera, D.C., Hong, J.H., Odafe, M.O., Cheref, S., **Walker, R.L.** (November 2017). *Stress and internalizing symptoms among racial/ethnically diverse women: A cultural mismatch perspective*. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT) 51st Annual Convention, San Diego, CA.
- Odafe, M.O., **Walker, R.L.** (June 2017). Perceived diabetes self-management and depression in African American adults: The role of cultural coping. Poster presented at the 23rd Annual Black Graduate Conference in Psychology, Prairie View, TX
- Walker, R.L.**, Odafe, M., Hong, J.H., Talavera, D.C. Barr, C., & Naik, A.D. (2017, April). *Depression and diabetes self-care among Black American adults: Moderating effects of reasons for living*. Poster presented at the 38th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions of the Society for Behavioral Medicine, San Diego, CA.
- Talavera, D.C., Cheref, S., Odafe, M., Hong, Judy, Leslie, R., **Walker, R. L.** (2016, June) *Psychometric Properties of the Interpersonal Needs Questionnaire: An examination across Hispanic, Asian American, White/non-Hispanic, and African Americans adults*. Poster presented at the 4th Biennial APA Division 45 Research Conference, Stanford, CA.
- Odafe, M.O., Salami, T.K., Carter, S.E., **Walker, R.L.** (July 2015). *Perceived discrimination and hopelessness in African Americans: Moderating role of social support*. Presented at the 47th Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) Annual International Convention, Las Vegas, NV

- Cheref, S., & **Walker, R.L.** (2015, May) *Perceived discrimination and suicidal ideation: Moderating role of anxiety symptoms among Asian, Black, Hispanic, and White individuals*. Poster presented at the 27th Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science (APS), New York, NY.
- Walker, R.L.**, Cheref, S., Odafe, M., Talavera, D. & Gonzalez, I. (2015, April). *Burdensomeness and Belongingness as Predictors of suicide desire among Hispanic, Asian, and non-Hispanic White young adults: Interdependence as a Moderator*. Poster to be presented at the 48th Annual American Association of Suicidology Convention, Atlanta, GA.
- Walker, R.L.**, Hong, J.H., Talavera, D.C., Cameron, M.V., & Woods, S.P. (2015, April). *Health literacy is differentially associated with CD4 cell count in a multi-ethnic sample of persons living with HIV Infection*. Poster to be presented at the 36th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Antonio, TX.
- Walker, R.L.**, Vujanovic, A., Rhoades, H., Cheref, S., Odafe, M., Talavera, D. (2015, June). *Risk factors for suicide behavior: A comparison of Black, Hispanic/non-White and White Adults Admitted for Acute Psychiatric Care in the U.S.* Poster to be presented at the 28th International Association for Suicide Prevention World Congress, Montréal, Canada.
- Salami, T. K., Carter, S., **Walker, R. L.**, & Beach, S. R. H. (2014, November). *Does Race Matter for Detecting Cognitive Vulnerability to Depression? An Examination of the Attributional Style and Cognitive Style Questionnaires among African Americans and European Americans*. Poster to be presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies 48th Annual Convention. Philadelphia, PA.
- Carter, S., Salami, T. K., **Walker, R. L.**, & Beach, S. R. H. (2014, November). *Perceived racial discrimination is associated with chronic health problems among African American women: Mediation by anxiety and moderation by health-promoting behaviors*. Poster to be presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies 48th Annual Convention. Philadelphia, PA.
- Walker, R. L.**, Salami, T. K., Carter, S. E., & Flowers, K. C. (2013, August). Cultural worldview, religious coping style, and suicide ideation among African American adults. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association 121th Annual Conference. Honolulu, HI.
- Salami, T. K., Carter, S. E., Flowers, K. C., & **Walker, R. L.** (2013, May). Examining the Attributional Style and Cognitive Style Questionnaires in African Americans. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science 35th Annual Convention. Washington, DC.
- Flowers, K.C., **Walker, R.L.**, Thompson, M.P., & Kaslow, N.J. (2012, April). *Reasons for Living as an indicator of suicide-related outcomes in a sample of African American female suicide attempters*. Poster presented at the American Association of Suicidology 45th Annual Convention.

- Flowers, K.C., Smart, L., Salami, T.K., Carter, S.E., & **Walker, R.L.** (2012, April). *Gender differences in impulsivity and emotion regulation among college students with and without a history of deliberate self-harm*. Poster presented at the American Association of Suicidology 45th Annual Convention.
- Walker, R.L.** (2011, August). *Suicide Risk and Protective Factors for College Students from Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Groups*. Panel presentation at the American Psychological Association 119th Annual Convention.
- Carter, S.E., Flowers, K.C., Salami, T.K., & **Walker, R.L.** (2011, November). *Emotion regulation, perceived health, and symptoms of anxiety in a community sample of African American adults*. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies 45th Annual Convention.
- Walker, R.L.**, Carter, S., Brody, G.H., Simons, R.L., Cutrona, C., & Gibbons, F. (2011, April). *Perceived discrimination and suicide ideation in a longitudinal sample of African American girls and boys: Mediating effects of depressive and anxious symptoms*. Poster presented at the American Association of Suicidology 44th Annual Convention.
- Flowers, K.C., Salami, T.K., Carter, S.E., & **Walker, R.L.** (2011, April). *Perceived racism, hopelessness, and eating disorder pathology among African American women: A community study*. Poster presented at the 2011 International Conference on Eating Disorders.
- Salami, T.K., Flowers, K.C., Carter, S., & **Walker, R.L.** (2010, November). *Socioeconomic status and symptoms of hopelessness, anxiety, and depression in African American adults*. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies 44th Annual Convention.
- Salami, T.K., Flowers, K.C., & **Walker, R.L.** (2009, November). *Can zip code predict individual level hopelessness?: Examining the role of neighborhood context, individual SES and ethnicity in predicting hopelessness*. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies 43rd Annual Convention.
- Walker, R.L.**, Flowers, K.C., & Salami, T. (2009, April). *Effects of participant race, target race, and precipitating event on suicide versus non-suicide death classification*. Poster presented at the American Association of Suicidology 42nd Annual Convention.
- Walker, R.L.** (2008, August). *African-American suicide: Empirical updates and new directions*. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association 116th Annual Convention.
- Walker, R.L.**, Huggenvik, J., Hoskins, O., & Enriquez, V. (2008, April). *Genetic factors influencing vulnerability to suicide in African American college students*. Paper presented at the American Association of Suicidology 41st Annual Convention.
- Walker, R.L.**, Huggenvik, J., Alabi, D., Roberts, J., & Enriquez, V. (2008, April). *Genotype, hopelessness, negative emotionality, alcohol use, and stressful life events in a university sample*. Paper presented at the American Association of Suicidology 41st Annual Convention.

- Alabi, D., Roberts, J., & **Walker, R.L.** (2008, March). *The role of hopelessness and worldview in predicting "Reasons for Living"*. Poster presented at the 2008 International Counseling Psychology Conference.
- Van Horn, L., **Walker, R.L.**, & Northrup, T. (2007, May). *Differences between Caucasians and African Americans in the Beck Depression Inventory*. Paper presented at the Society for Prevention Research 15th Annual Meeting.
- Walker, R.L.** (2006, October). Acculturative stress and ethnic identity as moderators for depression and suicidal ideation in U.S. college students. Paper presented at the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention international meeting.
- Walker, R.L.**, & Obasi, E.M. (2006, November). *Coping in a community sample of African American adults with chronic illness, depressive symptomatology, and acculturative stress: A preliminary study*. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies 40th Annual Convention.
- Lester, D., & **Walker, R.L.** (2006, April). *Hopelessness and helplessness: A modification of the Beck Hopelessness Scale*. Paper presented at the American Association of Suicidology 40th Annual Convention.
- Bishop, S., & **Walker, R.L.** (2006, January). *Emotional support, gendered racism, and mental health among African American women*. Poster presented at the 23rd Annual Winter Roundtable on Cultural Psychology and Education.
- Walker, R. L.**, Kwate, N., Neville, H., & Constantine, M. (2005, August). *Saving OurSelves (SOS): Mentoring the next generation of Black female psychologists in academia*. Think Tank presented at the Association of Black Psychologists Annual Convention 37th Annual Convention.
- Walker, R. L.**, (2005, April). *New Advances in Black Suicide Research*. Paper presented at the American Association of Suicidology 39th Annual Convention.
- Walker, R. L.**, (2004, April). *Black Suicide: Cultural Risk and Protective Factors*. Paper presented at the American Association of Suicidology 38th Annual Convention.
- Walker, R. L.**, & Bishop, S. (2004, April). *Intrinsic/Extrinsic religiosity and Black suicide*. Paper presented at the American Association of Suicidology 38th Annual Convention.
- Walker, R. L.**, Utsey, S. O., and Bolden, M. A. (2003, November). *The relationship between acculturation and suicide in a sample of African descent individuals*. Poster presentation at the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy 37th Annual Convention.
- Walker, R. L.**, Utsey, S. O., Cokely, K., Thompson, S., & Kwate, N. (2002, August). *From antiquity to the future: The role of the new professional in the future of the Association of Black*

Psychologists. Think tank conducted at the Association of Black Psychologists Annual Convention.

Voelz, Z. R., Pettit, J. W., Perez, M., **Walker, R. L.**, Gencoz, F., Gencoz, P., Joiner, Jr., T. E. (2000, November). *Patterns of Hemispheric Perceptual Asymmetries: Left Hemispatial biases predict changes in anxiety and positive affect in undergraduate women*. Poster presented at the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy 34th Annual Convention.

Walker, R. L., Perez, M., Pettit, J. W., Voelz, Z. R., Joiner, Jr., T. E., (2000, November). *Suicide catharsis*. Poster presentation at the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy 34th Annual Convention.

Walker, R. L. (2000, August). *Cultivating cultural diversity in psychotherapy*. Think Tank presented at the Association of Black Psychologists Annual Convention, Ghana, West Africa.

Watson, T. N. & **Walker, R. L.** (1999, August) *Cultivating cultural diversity in psychotherapy: Healing the minds of African-American clients*. Mini Workshop presented at the Association of Black Psychologists Annual Convention, Charleston, SC.

Community-Based Workshops and Presentations (since January 2016)

Walker, R.L. (2017, February). Knowing thyself is key to emotional health. Houston Public Library, Connecting Communities to Critical Conversations. Houston, TX

Walker, R.L. (2016, September and November). Depression, Anxiety, and Suicide: Trends and Challenges Facing African Americans. African American Faith-Based Mental Health Conference, Houston and Dallas, TX.

Reese, L., **Walker, R.L.**, & Williams, B. (2016, October). Christian counseling in the African American church. Workshop conducted at the Gulf Coast of Texas African American Family Support Conference. Houston, TX.

Walker, R.L. (2016, October). Why we need more research on African American youth suicide. Royce West Forum and Lecture Series. Prairie View, TX.

Walker, R.L. (2016, July). Examining emotional health for Black women, but in context. University of Houston Black Women's Conference. Houston, TX.

Walker, R.L. (2016, April). How to communicate with someone who is suicidal. *Sharon K. Burrows Conference Series/Suicide Prevention and Awareness Conference*. Houston, TX

Walker, R.L. (2016, January). Emotional distress: Recognizing when it is time to get help. Blessed Hope Baptist Church. Advancing Emotional Health: A Wheeler Avenue 5C's Faith-Based Mental Health Initiative.

- Walker, R.L.** (2015, February). African American Emotional Health: Addressing Unique Needs in Context. First Congregational Church, Mini-workshop, Houston, TX.
- Walker, R.L.** (2014, June). 14th Annual Disparities in Health in America: Working Toward Social Justice Workshop.
- Walker, R.L.** (2013, December). Depression: Not just a bad day. Madge Bush Transitional Living Center. Houston, TX
- Walker, R.L.** (2012, May). Suicide ideation, attitudes, and attempts among African Americans: Evidence for psychosocial and cultural correlates University of Texas Harris County Psychiatric Center Grand Rounds.
- Walker, R.L.** (November, 2008). *A primer on African-American suicide*. Plenary address. Ohio Statewide Suicide Prevention Coalition.
- Walker, R.L.** (February, 2008). *Pursuing graduate training in psychology*. Invited panelist. The Fattah Conference on Higher Education. Philadelphia, PA.
- Walker, R.L.** (June, 2007). *Depression in senior adults*. Invited address. Southern Illinois Health Senior Advantage, Carbondale, Illinois.
- Walker, R.L.** (May, 2007). *Prevention suicide in older adults*. Invited workshop. Jackson County (IL) Health Communities. Carbondale, Illinois.
- Walker, R.L.** (June, 2006). *Tackling the myth of race and IQ*. Invited radio panelist. WWDM-FM. Columbia, South Carolina.
- Walker, R.L.** (April, 2006). *Depression: Not just a bad day, the blues, or bad nerves*. Invited keynote address. Palmetto Health Center, Columbia, South Carolina.
- Walker, R. L.** (November, 2005). *What's Depression Got to Do With It?* Invited Talk, African American Conference on Diabetes, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, South Carolina.
- Walker, R.L.** (November, 2005). *Employment opportunities, negotiating contracts, and earning tenure in academia*. Invited Presentation. 21st Annual McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Conference. Tampa, Florida.
- Walker, R.L.** (September, 2005). *Suicide in the African-American community*. Invited presentation. South Carolina Violence Prevention Annual Meeting. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, South Carolina.
- Walker, R.L.** (June, 2005). *A primer on Black mental health and well-being*. Invited workshop presentation. Department of Psychiatry and Health Behavior, Medical College of Georgia.

Walker, R. L. (November, 2004). *Understanding diabetes and depression*. Invited Talk, African American Conference on Diabetes, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, South Carolina.

Walker, R. L. (November, 2003). *What's Depression Got to Do With It?* Invited Talk, African American Conference on Diabetes, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Columbia, South Carolina.

Walker, R. L. (2003, March). *Black suicide: Cultural predictors of a mental health crisis in the making*. Invited Talk, 2003 Multicultural Symposium, "Promoting Resilience in the African American Community," University of South Carolina.

Media Interviews & Coverage

Print or Web Media

Washington Post

Los Angeles Times

Chicago Tribune

CNN Health

Ebony Magazine

The Conversation

Forbes

Vogue

SELF

Men's Health

Houston Chronicle

Atlanta Black Star

Diverse Issues in Higher Education

Television

Good Morning America

TD Jakes (national TV talk show)

ABC 13 Houston

Fox 26 Houston

ABC Crossroads (metropolitan Houston, TX broadcasts)

Radio

NPR

The Breakfast Club

Houston Public Media

Grants (funded):

- 2017-2018 **Computerized Suicide Prevention for Latinos in Primary Care**
HEALTH Research Institute, University of Houston
Awarded \$24,920
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Michael Zvolensky)
- 2014-2017 **Advancing Emotional Health Initiative**
Hogg Foundation for Mental Health
Awarded \$81,000
Role: Lead consultant (PI: Wheeler Avenue 5C's)
- 2013-2018 **Stress and Drug Use Vulnerability in the African American Community**
NIH, National Institute on Drug Abuse
Awarded \$2,525,288
Role: Co-Investigator (P.I. Ezemenari Obasi)
- 2009-2014 **A Transdisciplinary Prevention Center Focused on African-American Families**
NIH, National Institute on Drug Abuse
Awarded \$4,494,218
Role: Co-Investigator (P.I. Gene Brody)
- 2009-2010 **Psychological, Cultural, and Contextual Factors Associated with Suicide Vulnerability in a Community Sample of African American Adults**
University of Georgia Research Foundation (2009-2010)
Awarded \$15,000
Role: Primary Investigator
- 2007-2008 **Environmental and Genetic Factors in Suicide Risk**
Southern Illinois University Office of Research Development and Administration
Awarded \$19,725
Role: Primary Investigator
- 2007 **Community Suicide Prevention Development**
Illinois Statewide Suicide Prevention Coalition
Awarded \$4800
Role: Primary Investigator
- 2007 **Exploratory Study of Genetic and Social Factors in Negative Emotionality**
Southern Illinois University Office of Research Development and Administration
Awarded \$5800
Role: Primary Investigator
- 2005-2006 **Piloting the Psychological Autopsy Method for African American Suicide**
University of South Carolina Research Foundation
Awarded \$5,000
Role: Primary Investigator

- 2009-2011 **NIH, Health Disparities Research Loan Repayment Program** (2004-2006, renewed 2007-2008, 2009-2011).
Awarded \$27,130 (2009-2011)
Role: Primary Investigator
- 2003-2004 **An Examination of Acculturation to Explain the Surge of Suicidality Among African American Men**
University of South Carolina Research Foundation
Awarded \$10,600
Role: Primary Investigator

Grants (in preparation/pending/unfunded):

- In preparation **Computerized suicide prevention for African Americans in acute psychiatric care**
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Estimated Budget \$350,000
Role: Primary Investigator
- 2018-2019 **Diabetes with Depression: Factors that Determine When and How Adults Manage Chronic Illness**
Pending
Mindlin Foundation
Requested: \$1600
Role: Primary Investigator
- 2017 **Diabetes, Depression, Morbid Ideation and Self-care Among Black American Adults**
Unfunded
NIH, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease
Requested: \$589,787
Role: Primary Investigator
- 2017-2022 **Synergizing Transdiagnostic Advancements in Racial/Ethnic (STAR) Health Center**
Unfunded
NIH, National Institute of Minority Health & Health Disparities
Requested: 7,267,500
Role: Co-Investigator (Primary Investigators: Ezemenari Obasi, Lorraine Reitzel)
- 2017-2019 **Psychological Effects of Processing a Never-Ending Queue**
Pending
Borders Trade Immigration Institute, Department of Homeland Security
Requested: \$350,000
Role: Co-Investigator (P.I. Christiane Spitzmueller)

- 2016 *Unfunded* **Diabetes, Depression, Morbid Ideation and Self-care Among Black American Adults** (score=49)
NIH, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease
Requested: \$375,000
Role: Primary Investigator
- 2014 *Unfunded* **Diabetes, Depression, Morbid Ideation and Self-care Among Black American Adults**
NIH, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney
Requested: \$375,000
Role: Primary Investigator
- 2011 *Unfunded* **Impact of Culturally-Related Stress on Multi-level Mechanisms of Risk for Depression, Anxiety, and Suicidal Behavior in Ethnically Diverse Emerging Adults**
NIH, National Institute of Mental Health
Role: Consultant (P.I. Regina Miranda)
- 2009 *Unfunded* **Identifying Risk and Protective Factors in African American suicide.**
NIH, National Institute of Mental Health
Requested: \$100,000
Role: Primary Investigator
- 2007 *Unfunded* **Rural Women's Victimization: Mediating Effects of Resources on Health, Substance abuse, and Help-seeking.**
NIH, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
Requested: \$550,000
Role: Co-Investigator (P.I. Rebecca Weston)
- 2005 *Unfunded* **Psychological, Physiological, and Cultural Factors That Predict Trauma and Resilience in African Americans Displaced by Hurricane Katrina**
National Science Foundation
Requested: \$275,000
Role: Co-Investigator (P.I. Shawn Utsey)
- 2005 *Unfunded* **Reducing Suicide Risk: Rural African American Male Youth**
NIH, National Institute of Mental Health
Requested: \$400,000
Role: Co-Investigator (P.I. Janet Grossman)
- 2005 (November) *Unfunded* **Pathways to African American Suicide**
NIH, National Institute of Mental Health
Requested: \$100,000
Role: Primary Investigator

- 2005 (February) **Pathways to African American Suicide**
Unfunded NIH, National Institute of Mental Health
 Requested: \$100,000
 Role: Primary Investigator
- 2004 **Reconnecting Rural Black At-Risk Male Youth to Community.**
Unfunded Centers for Disease Control- Injury Research Grant Review Committee
 Requested: \$588,308
 Role: Co-Investigator (P.I. Janet Grossman)
- 2002 *An Examination of Acculturation as an Explanation for the Surge in Suicidality among African Americans*
Unfunded **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Young Investigator Award**
 Requested: \$69,958
 Role: Primary Investigator

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Courses Taught

- Multicultural Psychology (graduate level, 2012-2016)
- Psychology and the African American Experience (undergraduate level, 2002-present)
- Advanced Clinical (Psychotherapy) Practicum (graduate level, 2003-present)
- Interventions II (graduate level, 2016-present)

Dissertations/Theses (Chair/Primary Mentor)

- Talavera, D.T. (2017). Stress and health among racial/ethnic minorities: The role of cultural mismatch. Doctoral dissertation, University of Houston.
- Noblin, J.L. (2017). The role of cultural worldview in mortality salience. Doctoral dissertation, University of Houston.
- Hong, J. H. (2017). Purpose in life as a tool for managing racial discrimination and suicide ideation in racial/ethnic minority emerging adults. Master's thesis, University of Houston.
- Cheref, S. (2016). Perceived discrimination and suicide ideation: Moderating roles of anxiety symptoms and ethnic identity among Asian American, African American, and Hispanic emerging adults. Master's thesis, University of Houston.
- Odafe, M. (2016). Race-related stress and hopelessness in community-based African American adults: Moderating role of social support. Master's thesis. University of Houston.
- Talavera, D.T. (2015). Perceived stress and anxiety symptomatology: Moderating role of self-construal for Hispanic, Asian American and African American women. Master's thesis, University of Houston.

Carter, S. (2012). Psychological, behavioral, and cultural factors that influence the relationship between perceived discrimination and chronic health illnesses among African American women. Master's thesis, University of Georgia.

Flowers, K. (2012). Disordered eating among African American girls: The impact of racism, depression, and spiritual well-being. Doctoral dissertation, University of Georgia.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board:

Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology (APA)
Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior (Wiley)
Journal of Black Psychology (SAGE)

Membership in Professional Associations:

American Psychological Association
American Association of Suicidology
Association of Black Psychologists
Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies
Society of Behavioral Medicine
South Carolina Statewide Suicide Prevention Task Force (2003-2006)

Other Service:

Founding President, SC Association of Black Psychologists (2005)
Appointed Member, Council of Delegates, American Association of Suicidology (2007-2009)
Society for the Psychology of Women (APA Division 35) Hyde Graduate Student
Research Award Committee (2008-2010)
Affiliate Faculty, Emory Center for Injury Control, Emory University (2008-2012)
Affiliate Faculty, West Virginia University Injury Control Research Center (2010-present)

Ad hoc Journal and Grant Review:

American Journal of Psychiatry
American Psychologist
Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology
Archives of Suicide Research
Behavioral Medicine
Comprehensive Psychiatry
Journal of Clinical Psychology
Journal of Family Psychology
Journal of Health Psychology
Journal of Religion and Health
Journal of Research in Personality
Journal of Social Psychology
Journal of Counseling Psychology
Psychiatric Services
Psychiatry Research

Centers for Disease Control, Injury Research committee (2010)

REGIONAL, UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE & PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2016- Parliamentarian, Houston African American Health Coalition

2005- Licensed Clinical Psychologist
 Board of Examiners in Psychology, South Carolina (2005-2009)
 Board of Examiners in Psychology, Georgia (2009-present)
 Board of Examiners in Psychology, Texas (provisional, 2016-present)

University of Houston

2012 Psychological Research and Services Center Evaluation and Planning study
 2014- 2017 Faculty Senate Member
 Faculty Senate, Budget and Facilities Subcommittee
 2017 - 2018 Clinical Psychology Program Research Showcase
 2018 Appointee, Dean's Ad-hoc Committee on Graduate Funding
 2018 Search Committee, College of Medicine Leadership team

University of Georgia

2008-2012 Institute for Behavioral Research Mentoring Fellow
 University Diversity Research Discussion Group
 Graduate Admissions Committee, Clinical Program Area
 2008-2009 Psychology Department Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)
 2010-2012 UGA Franklin College Senate Member

Southern Illinois University

2006-2007 Graduate Admissions Committee, Psychology Department
 Jackson County Mental Health Task Force (2006-2008)
 Guest Contributor, The Southern Illinoisan, *Living Well* Column
 Carbondale, IL. (September 2006, November 2006, January 2007)

University of South Carolina

2002-2003 Undergraduate Awards Committee
 2003-2004 Colloquium Committee
 Faculty Search Committee--Quantitative
 Ad Hoc Committee for Strategic Plan
 2004-2005 Coordinator, Assistant Professors' Research Showcase
 Faculty Search Committee—Health Disparities/ WOST
 Ad Hoc Committee for Departmental Hiring
 Annual Multicultural Symposium, Faculty Advisor
 2005-2006 Department Executive Committee

Committee on Health Disparities Hiring
Annual Multicultural Symposium, Faculty Advisor