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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Adult Education, University of Georgia, 2013

Master of Social Work, The University of Alabama, 2000

Bachelor of Social Work, Mississippi State University, 1997

Academic/Teaching Experience

- **Associate Professor**, Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology, Social Work, 06/2020-present
- **Social Work Program Director**, Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology, Social Work Program, 06/2019-present
- **Assistant Professor**, Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology, Social Work Program, 01/2012-06/2020
Courses taught:
 - SW 2313-Introduction to Social Work
 - SW 4613-Child Welfare Services
 - SW 3003-Social Work Practice with At-Risk Populations
 - SW 3513-Social Work Practice I
 - SW 3533-Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations
 - SW 4000-Directed Individual Study (Spirituality in Social Work Practice; Survey of Substance Abuse and Addiction Prevention)
- **Adjunct Instructor**, University of Georgia, College of Education, 08/2007-05/2009
Courses taught:
 - ECHD 2050-Career Discovery (taught 3 semesters)
 - ECHD 3010-Paraprofessional Development (taught 2 semesters)
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, The University of Alabama School of Social Work, 01/2000-05/2000

PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH

Book

- **McKinley, K.** (2017). *An examination of educational services for homeless adults*. Washington DC: Academica Press.

Refereed Publications

- Thompson, D., Johnson, K.R., **Cistrunk, K.M.**, Vancil- Leap, A., Nyatta, T., Gina Rico-Mendez, G., & Hossfeld, L. (2020). Assembling community stakeholders to facilitate food justice in rural Mississippi: The Oktibbeha Food Policy Council. *Sociological Spectrum*.
- **Cistrunk, K.M.**, Oliver, B., Kerr, L.J., Trihn, M., Kobia, C., Hossfeld, L., Johnson, K., & Jones, C. (2019). Program management best-practices for faith-based food pantries. *Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship*, 12(1), 68-77.
- **Cistrunk, K.M.**, Tofte, E., & Rogers, J. (2019). Building community one structure at a time: A partnership between social work and landscape architecture students. *Journal of Community Engagement and Higher Education*, 11(1), 53-63.
- Akande, K., **Cistrunk, K.M.**, & Eugene, D. (2019). *Talking with kids about Daddy going to jail*. (FCS-2309). The Alabama Cooperative Extension System. Auburn, Alabama.
- Johnson, K., **McKinley, K.**, Hossfeld, L. Jones, C., Kerr, L.J., Oliver, B., & Trinh, M. (2018). "God always provides": Challenges and barriers in food assistance delivery in Mississippi. *Community Development*, 48(1), 2-17.
- **McKinley, K.** (2017). Grief and loss: Reflections along the journey to healing. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping*, 22(3), 12-17.
- **McKinley, K.**, & Green, R. (2014). *Financial challenges facing low-wealth older adults*. The Deep South CME Network, UAB Geriatric Education Center, UAB Division of Continuing Medical Education, Birmingham, Alabama.
- Eaves, Y., Kelley, K., **McKinley, K.**, & Darcotte, S. (2014). *Interventions and resources to support caregivers and improve their health*. The Deep South CME Network, UAB Geriatric Education Center, UAB Division of Continuing Medical Education, Birmingham, Alabama.

Non-Refereed Publications

- **Cistrunk, K.M.** (2019). A closer look at homelessness. *SWHELPER: Social Welfare, Social Justice and Social Good*. Retrieved from <https://www.socialworkhelper.com/2019/08/02/a-closer-look-at-homelessness/>
- **McKinley, K.** (2014). From pariahs to partners: A book review. *The New Social Worker*, 21(3). 37.

Manuscripts in Progress

- **Cistrunk, K.M.**, Hossfeld, L., Johnson, K.R., Jones, C., Kerr, L.J., Oliver, B., & Trihn, M. Engaged at Every Age: Volunteerism for Older Adults.

Research Activities

Funded

- ORED/OIDI Research to Advance Diversity and Inclusion; Cultural Research and Engagement Project; PI-Dr. Brian Williams, Department of Geosciences and **Dr. Kenya McKinley Cistrunk**, Co-PI; Department of Sociology. November 1, 2020,
 - \$13, 650
- ORED Cross College Research Grant: Mississippi Food Insecurity Project (MFIP). PI-Dr. Leslie Hossfeld, Head of Sociology, Dr. Kecia Johnson; Co-PI; Department of Sociology; **Dr. Kenya McKinley**, Co-PI; Department of Sociology; Dr. Brittany Oliver, Co-PI; Department of Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion. Renewal 2016: \$2000
- ORED Cross College Research Grant: Mississippi Food Insecurity Project (MFIP). PI-Dr. Leslie Hossfeld, Head of Sociology, Dr. Kecia Johnson; Co-PI; Department of Sociology; **Dr. Kenya McKinley**, Co-PI; Department of Sociology; Dr. Brittany Oliver, Co-PI; Department of Food Science, Nutrition and Health Promotion. Funded 2015: \$2000.
- Akande, K, & **McKinley, K.** Staying Connected Father Engagement Project: Pilot Study. A collaborative partnership between Auburn University, Mississippi State University, and Mississippi Department of Corrections-Chickasaw Regional Correctional Facility. SEC Travel Grant.

Unfunded

- Mississippi Food Insecurity Project *Food-mapping Research*-on-going research which focuses on how citizen access healthy, affordable food options across the state of Mississippi

Presentations

Refereed

- Thompson, D., Johnson, K. R., **Cistrunk, K.M.**, Rico-Mendez, G., and Hossfeld, L. *The Oktibbeha Food Policy: Assembling Community Stakeholders and Initiatives to create Resilient and Inclusive Food Systems in Mississippi*. 82nd Annual Meeting of Southern Sociological Society. April 10-13, 2019. Atlanta, Georgia.
- Akande, K. & **Cistrunk, K.M.** Building Community Capacity to Maintain Father-Child Engagement. 19th Annual Families and Fathers National Conference. February 19-23, 2018. Los Angeles, California.

- Hossfeld, L., Rico-Mendez, G., Johnson, K..R., and **Cistrunk, K.M.** *The Oktibbeha Food Policy Council: Assembling Community Stakeholders and Initiatives to Create Resilient and Inclusive Food Systems in Mississippi*. Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Conference. October 24th-27, 2018. Birmingham, Alabama.
- **McKinley, K.** *God will provide: Combating food insecurity in Mississippi*, 41st National Institute Conference on Social Work & Human Services in Rural Areas. July 6-8, 2016, El Paso, TX.
- **McKinley, K.** *A Collaborative Effort to Understand Child Maltreatment*. Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare, September 24-25, 2015, Biloxi, MS.
- Savage, A., & **McKinley, K.** *Bent but not broken*. National Association of Social Workers-Mississippi Chapter Annual Conference, March 24-25, 2015, Biloxi, MS.

Invited

- **Cistrunk, K.M.**, Mississippi Food Insecurity Project (panel speaker). National Public Health Week, Mississippi State University. April 1-April 7, 2019
- **Cistrunk, K.M.**, Emergency Food Programs in Mississippi (keynote speaker). Health Equity Interest Group, Mississippi State University, October 3, 2018.
- **Cistrunk, K.M.**, “Volunteerism Among the Aging Population: Diverse Perspectives on Community Engagement” Mississippi Department of Human Services Aging and Adult Conference, Natchez MS; September 18-20, 2018.
- **McKinley, K.** Keynote Address for World Hunger Banquet; Christian World Mission, Starkville, MS; October 19, 2017.
- **McKinley, K.** Keynote Address: A Unified Community; NAACP-Choctaw County Chapter, Annual MLK Celebration Parade and Program, Ackerman, MS; January 17, 2017.
- **McKinley, K.** *God will provide: Combating food insecurity in Mississippi*. 2016 Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare Annual Forum; Hattiesburg, MS; September 22 & 23, 2016.
- **McKinley, K.** *Anger Management*. Invited by Choctaw County Christian Women Job Corp; Ackerman, MS; January 12, 2016.

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

09/2005-12/2011 *Area Coordinator*, Department of University Housing, University of Georgia

Participated in the recruitment, selection, training, supervision/mentorship and evaluation of a staff of 60 people; responded to students, parents, faculty, administrators, and other stakeholders regarding crisis management and policy issues; served as a university judicial hearing officer for students involved in both University and Housing policy violations; responded to emergencies and other unexpected events; assisted in the development and implementation of academic initiatives in the residence halls; provided on-going support and guidance to staff for program initiatives; managed the community office and the services offered; monitored and tracked budget allocations for operations and programs within the housing community.

2/2005-9/2005 *Interim Director*, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Wichita State University

Coordinated the daily operations of the Office of Multicultural Affairs; hired, trained and evaluated professional and support staff; supervised student, graduate, support and professional staff; served as a member of the Student Life senior leadership team; prepared and administered departmental budget of \$250,000; coordinated departmental marketing and promotions plan; implemented and evaluated long and short-term strategic planning for the department; served as resource person for campus and community multicultural issues, participated in cultural programs, managed and acquired resources for departmental programming for culturally diverse student population; conducted workshops regarding inclusion, respect and issues related to multiculturalism and diversity; served on committees to represent the interest of the department and culturally diverse student population; secured outside funding and coordinated grant writing for the department; advised recognized student organizations.

07/1999-05/2000 *Residence Hall Director*, The University of Alabama 09/2003-02/2005
Residence Hall Director, Wichita State University

Coordinated and managed daily operations of first-year residence halls; served as judicial officer for residence life; hired, trained, supervised and evaluated graduate staff, resident assistants, and student assistants; conducted staff development activities and training; supervised hall openings and closings; managed all aspects of summer camps and conferences and guest housing; supervised and evaluated community building activities and educational programming; conducted individual and group weekly staff meeting.

02/2002-08/2003 *Family Preservation Specialist*; Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Choctaw, MS

Conducted in-home assessments and developed case plans for the family unit; conducted in-home counseling with Native American families; worked with a multidisciplinary team to address needs of at-risk youth; monitored case records for accuracy and standardization according to regulatory guidelines; compiled statistical data for local, state, and national reports.

05/2000-10/2001 *Youth Services Case Manager*; Alabama DYS-Vacca Campus

Provided case management and counseling services for juvenile offenders and their families; planned, developed, and implemented individualized service plans for rehabilitation and

social development; conducted intake interviews, needs assessments, and individual and group counseling sessions; conducted training for direct care workers.

SERVICE

Professional/Discipline-Specific

Council on Social Work Education Annual Forum Program 2021- Reviewer
Journal of Community Engagement and Higher Education 2018 to present-Reviewer

Advising/Mentoring

Spring 2019-Undergraduate Research Symposium Faculty Mentor (two students)
2012-2021 Association of Student Social Workers Faculty Advisor

Department and University Committees

2018-present MSU Community Engagement Committee
2019-present College of Arts and Sciences Scholarship Committee
2012-present Social Work Admissions Team
2012-present Social Work Curriculum Committee
2012-present Social Work Scholarship Selection Committee
2012-present Social Work Advisory Board Faculty Representative
2017-2020 College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate Representative

Community and Local Committees

2020-present Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare-President Elect
2020-present Friends of J.L. King Center Executive Board Member
2018-present The Enterprise Board of Trustees; Member-at-Large
2013-present Choctaw County High School Alumni Association-member
2012-present Spay/Panhandle Community Organization-executive board member
2012-2018 Choctaw County Economic Development District-board member

MEMBERSHIPS & RECOGNITIONS

Memberships

Council on Social Work Education
Oktibbeha Food Policy Council
JL King Community Center Board Member
Spay-Panhandle Community Organization

Awards

2018- MSU College of Arts and Science *Teaching Award* in Social and Behavioral Sciences
2015- Keeper of the Dream Award in Education presented by the Choctaw County High School Alumni Association
1997- Charles R. Drew Memorial Research Scholars Program for International Research Scholarship Recipient

Certifications and Appointments

2017-Licensed Master Social Worker; Georgia License #MSW008061 (active)

2016-Co-Director of Mississippi Food Insecurity Project

2016-Faculty Affiliate-Myrlie Evers-Williams Institute for the Elimination of Health Disparities

2013-University of Alabama Geriatric Education Center Faculty Scholars Program