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Associate Professor of Sociology
University of South Carolina Aiken

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021-Present	University of South Carolina Aiken – Aiken, South Carolina Co-Director, Minor in African American Studies
2020-2021	University of South Carolina Aiken – Aiken, South Carolina University Ombudsperson
2018-Present	University of South Carolina Aiken – Aiken, South Carolina Department of Sociology Associate Professor
2012-2018	University of South Carolina Aiken – Aiken, South Carolina Department of Sociology Assistant Professor
2010-2012	Paine College – Augusta, Georgia Department of Sociology Assistant Professor

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Southern Illinois University Carbondale - Carbondale, Illinois Sociology with emphasis in Criminology from Department of Sociology
Graduate Certificate	Southern Illinois University Carbondale Women and Gender Studies from Department of Women's Studies
M.A.	Southern Illinois University Carbondale Sociology from Department of Sociology
B.A.	Norfolk State University - Norfolk, Virginia Sociology with an emphasis in Criminal Justice from Department of Sociology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Black Feminist Pedagogies, African American International Travel, Teaching Race, Rural Intimate Partner Violence, Environmental Justice

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 Donley, Sarah and **Melencia Johnson**. "Intersectional Experiences and Marginalized Voices." *Sociological Spectrum*. 41(8): 1-8.
- 2017 **Johnson, Melencia** and Philip Mason. "Just Talking about Life: Using Oral Histories of the Civil Rights Movement to Encourage Classroom Dialog on Race." *Teaching Sociology*. 45(3): 279-289.
- 2014 **Johnson, Melencia**, Shelly A. McGrath, and Michelle Hughes Miller. "Effective Advocacy in Rural Domains: Applying an Ecological Model to Understanding Advocates' Relationships." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. 29(12):2192-2217.
- 2012 McGrath, Shelly A., **Melencia Johnson**, and Michelle Hughes Miller. "Social Ecological Challenges of Rural Victim Advocacy: An Exploratory Study." *Journal of Community Psychology*. 40(5):588-606.

BOOK CHAPTER

2023 McGrath, Shelly A. & Melencia Johnson. "The provision of support and advocacy for rural victims" in *Rural Victims of Crime: Representations, Realities, and Responses* eds. Rachel Hale & Alistair Harkness. Routledge. ISBN 9780367677633

EDITED BOOK

2024 Donley, Sarah B. & Melencia Johnson. *Intersectional Experiences and Marginalized Voices: Research, Analysis, and Praxis*. Routledge. ISBN 1032696613

SELECTED CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 "Public Participation and Environmental Justice: The Case of Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board" with DeAnna Gore, Southern Sociological Society, Myrtle Beach, SC.
"Making a Way: Side Hustles for Sociologists" Southern Sociological Society, Myrtle Beach, SC.
- 2022 "Exploring Intentionally Inclusive Pedagogy" Mid-South Sociological Association, Nashville, TN.
- 2021 "Scholar-activist approach to addressing social problems" Mid-South Sociological Association, Charlotte, NC.
- 2019 "Race Based Microaggressions in the Academy" Mid-South Sociological Association, Jackson, MS.
"#MeToo: Listen to LGBTQ+ People of Color" Mid-South Sociological Association, Jackson, MS.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introductory Sociology, Sociology of Deviant Behavior, Girls' Delinquency, Sociology of the Black Experience, Black Experiences Through Film, Sociology of Delinquent Youth Behavior, Race Class Gender: Crime and Justice, Criminological Theory, Sociology of Gender, Demography, Methods of Research, Minority Groups, Community and Urban Life, Marriage and Family, Social Problems

SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

- 2022 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Justice Award from the Omicron Tau Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.
- 2021 University Teaching Excellence Award
- 2021 Student Life Diversity and Inclusion Advocate Award
University Service Award
- 2020 Dr. Deb Klavivko Outstanding Commitment to Student Development Award
Shark'Preneur Competition Winner – PEAK Mentor Program

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP

- 2016-present Member, Mid-South Sociological Association
- 2024-2025 President, Mid-South Sociological Association
 - 2023-2024 President-elect, Mid-South Sociological Association
 - 2022-2023 Vice President, Mid-South Sociological Association
 - 2021-2022 Vice President-Elect, Mid-South Sociological Association

- 2020-2021 Conference Planning Committee, Mid-South Sociological Association
 - 2019-present Editorial Board, *Sociological Spectrum*
- 2009-present Member, Southern Sociological Society
- 2022-2023 Program Committee, Southern Sociological Society
 - 2014-2017 Member, Committee on Racial and Ethnic Relations, Southern Sociological Society
- 2007-present Member, American Society of Criminology
- 2003-present Member, Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society
- 2003-Present Member, Golden Key International Honor Society

COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, EXECUTIVE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Aiken (SC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

Aiken Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

Aiken County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

South Carolina African American Heritage Commission

International African American Museum

Friends of Hopelands and Rye Patch