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EDUCATION

- DrPH, 2010 Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, New York, NY
Dissertation: *Racial Disparities in Women's Smoking Cessation: A Life Course Approach*
Chair: Peter Messeri Adviser: Joyce Moon-Howard
- MPH, 2003 Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, New York, NY
Concentration: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
Masters Integrative Project: "*Connecting and Coping Outcome Evaluation Design: A Program to Strengthen and Repair Relationships among Women in Recovery from Addiction and Psychological Trauma*"
- Non-degree Howard University, Washington, DC,
Coursework in anthropology, 1999-2000
- BA, 1998 Howard University, Washington, DC
Major: Print Journalism

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2009-2011 National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Postdoctoral Traineeship in Mental Health Services Research
- 2008 Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health Student Travel Award
- 2005-2009 National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) Pre-doctoral Traineeship in Drug Abuse Research
- 2005 Columbia University Center for the Health of Urban Minorities Fellowship
- 2003-2008 W.K. Kellogg Fellowship in Health Policy Research
- 2001 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Eliminating Health Disparities through Research and Education Fellowship

PUBLICATIONS

Melnick, G., Duncan, A., **Thompson, A.B.**, Wexler, H., Chaple, M. Racial disparities in substance abuse treatment and the ecological fallacy. Accepted for publication in *The American Journal of Drug & Alcohol Abuse*.

Thompson, A.B., Moon-Howard, J., Messeri, P. (2011). Smoking cessation advantage among adult initiators: Does it apply to black women? *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, Vol. 13, Issue 1, 15-21.

Thompson, A.B., Carrasquillo, O., Gameraff, M., Weissman, M. (2010). Meeting the psychiatric treatment needs of the medically underserved: a study of black and white primary care patients residing in a racial minority neighborhood. *The Primary Care Companion to the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, Vol. 12, Issue 6, e1-e7. doi:10.4088/PCC.09m00804whi

Murphy, E. & **Thompson, A.** (2009). Attitudes towards psychiatric genetic research among black Americans. *Psychiatry: Interpersonal and Biological Processes*, Vol. 72, Issue 2, p. 177-194.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Thompson, A.B., Sequencing of smoking initiation and first adult roles: Does order help to explain smoking cessation disparities among black and white women adult initiators?

Thompson, A.B., Black and white differences in the emotional response to loss.

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Nicotine & Tobacco Research

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Thompson, A.B. (2009, April) Racial differences in the effects of developmental stage of smoking initiation on women's smoking cessation. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Behavioral Medicine, Montreal, Canada.

Duncan, A., **Thompson, A.B.**, Melnick, G (2008, August). Racial differences in the quality of residential substance abuse treatment programs. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Thompson, A.B. (2008, June) Racial differences in the effects of family formation on women's smoking cessation. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD), San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Thompson, A.B. (2008, June) Racial disparities in women's smoking cessation: A life course perspective. Presented at the W.K. Kellogg Health Policy Meeting, Washington, DC

Thompson, A.B. (2007, June) Black women quitting in New York City: The social and cultural context of smoking cessation. Presented at the W.K. Kellogg Health Policy Meeting, Washington, DC

Thompson, A.B., Revenson, T. and Covey, L. (2007, March) A qualitative exploration of women's experiences in a smoking cessation clinical trial. Panel presentation at the annual Health Disparities Conference at Columbia University Teachers College, New York, NY.

Thompson, A.B., Carrasquillo, O., Gameroff, M., Weissman, M. (2006, April) Psychiatric disorders and treatment among black and white patients in an urban primary care setting. Poster presented at the Society for General Internal Medicine (SGIM) National Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

Thompson, A.B., Revenson, T. and Covey, L. (2004, April) Understanding ethnic differences in quit rates among women in a smoking cessation study. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Behavioral Medicine, Baltimore, MD.

Thompson, A.B. (2001, March) Hip Hop culture and the AIDS epidemic: Outcomes of urban decay in the South Bronx. Presented at the Hip-Hop Cultural Studies Collective Conference at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2007 & 2008 *Seminar Leader*, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, Introduction to Sociomedical Sciences
Seminar focused on the application of social science theories and methods to the analysis and formulation of public health programs and policies. Developed content for and taught seminar, graded assignments and exams.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Oct. 2009-pres. *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey-New Brunswick, NJ
Conducting research on how social inequalities shape race differences in the course consequences and treatment of psychiatric and substance use problems.

Fellowship Directors: Deborah Carr, PhD, Allan Horwitz, PhD & David Mechanic, PhD

Sept. 08-Sept. 09 *Research Assistant*, Project URBAN-New York, NY
Utilized the street-intercept method to recruit and interview participants for a study examining the health effects of residing in NYC racially segregated neighborhoods. Managed study data base. Assisted with manuscript preparation.

Principal Investigator: Naa Oyo Kwate, PhD

May 05-Jan. 07 *Qualitative Interviewer*, Columbia University Center for the Psychosocial Study of Health and Illness-New York, NY
Conducted 75 in-depth interviews with HIV positive adults and their caregivers for a study investigating the effects of life goals on end-of-life care preferences. Study sample drawn from a Bronx HIV clinic.

Principal Investigator: Victoria Raveis, PhD

February 2006 *Interviewer*, Louisiana & Mississippi Child & Family Health Study-Gulf Coast Region
Conducted household surveys to assess the mental and physical health effects of children and families displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Principal Investigator: David Abramson, PhD

July 04-May 05 *Research Assistant*, Columbia University Center for the Psychosocial Study of Health and Illness-New York, NY
Utilized the street-intercept method to recruit participants for a study investigating the dental/oral health issues of African Americans residing in Harlem. Conducted 25 in-depth semi-structured interviews.

Principal Investigator: Karolynn Siegel, PhD

Oct. 03-Mar. 04 *Research Assistant*, Graduate Center of the City University of New York-New York, NY
Investigated racial disparities in quit rates among women in a smoking cessation clinical trial. Prepared focus group protocol and questionnaire, organized and moderated 4 focus group and 8 in-depth interviews, coded and analyzed data, and completed final report.

Supervisors: Tracey Revenson, PhD, Lirio Covey, PhD

July 02-Sept. 03 *Research Assistant*, National Center for Children in Poverty-New York, NY
Scheduled and administered an estimated 80 interviews with adolescents and their parents for an evaluation study of a violence prevention program. Administered Clinical Interview Schedule for Children (CIS-C) and a semi-structured questionnaire. Co-facilitated 6 focus group discussions among adolescents on violence prevention strategies.

Principle Investigator: J. Lawrence Abers, PhD

Oct. 01-May 03 *Research Assistant*, Columbia University Community Research Group-New York, NY
Conducted a formative evaluation of a psychosocial curriculum aimed at addressing trauma among women in recovery from substance use disorders in The Bronx. Developed protocol for and conducted 16 in-depth interviews. Coded and analyzed data. Developed a questionnaire/instrument for impact evaluation.

Supervisors: Robert E. Fullilove, EdD & Mindy T. Fullilove, MD

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jan. 04-Dec. 04 *Program Facilitator*, New Settlement Apartments (NSA)-Bronx, New York
Developed and facilitated bi-weekly sessions for NSA's girls (ages 11-14) leadership group. Recruited program participants. Sessions included activities that addressed team building, critical thinking, community development, body image and social and psychological development.

May 00-Aug. 01 *Health Editor*, *Washington Afro-American Newspaper*-Washington, DC
Weekly readership 44,000. Wrote 4 to 6 stories each issue. Developed page content. Edited copy. Areas of expertise - health issues relating to minority populations and women.

May 00-Jul. 01 *Coordinator*, Youth, Food in the Neighborhood-Washington, DC
Entrepreneurship, nutrition and culinary arts training program that prepared inner-city high school aged students for business opportunities. Organized, planned and implemented strategies to operate program. Hired staff. Developed program curriculum. Recruited program participants.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2010-pres. Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues, member
2002-pres. American Public Health Association, member
2002-2004 Student National Medical Association, international health committee

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

2010 Longitudinal Data Analysis Using STATA course, Statistical Horizons, LLC, Washington, DC
2009 Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Longitudinal Surveys General User Workshop, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
2008 SAS Programming 1: Essentials course, SAS Institute, Inc., Seattle, WA
2007 Qualitative Methodology Institute, Edmonton, Alberta
2006 Psychiatric Epidemiology Summer Institute, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
2006 University of Michigan, Survey Research Institute, Ann Arbor, Michigan
2005 Rakai Health Science Program International Workshop on Reproductive Health Research-Rakai District, Uganda
2004 Medical Educational Cooperation with Cuba (MEDICC) health systems course-Havana and Santiago de Cuba, Cuba
2003 Co-facilitator, C-CLAK First Annual Health Education Conference-Mirebalais, Haiti
2002 & 2003 Medical Mission to Ghana-Ada, Ghana