

CURRICULUM VITAE

SHIRLEY ANN THOMAS

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Home Address: 5660 High Ridge Dr.
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Education:

- 2001 Ph.D. (Social Work & Sociology)
University of Michigan
- 1992 M.A. (Sociology)
University of Michigan
- 1980 M.S.W. (Social Work)
University of Denver
- 1975 B.A. (Sociology)
Adams State College

PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 Thomas, S., Prys, N. Hong, J. Jafer, H. Understanding the Antecedents of Aggressive Behavior in Persian Gulf War Veterans within Individual, Interpersonal, and Community Contexts. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 29(6), 722-730
- 2014 Hopp, F.P., Marsack, C., Camp, J.K., & Thomas, S. Go to the hospital or stay at home? A Qualitative study of expected hospital decision making among African Americans with advanced heart failure. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 57, 4-23.
- 2011 Gonzalez-Prendes, A. & Thomas, S. Powerlessness and anger in African American women: The intersection of race and gender. *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science 1* (7), 1-8.
- 2009 Gonzalez-Prendes, A. & Thomas, S. Culturally sensitive treatment of anger in African American Women: A single case study. *Clinical Case Studies*, 8, 383-408.

- 2009 Thomas, S. & Gonzalez-Prendes, A. "Power and anger in African American: A theoretical perspective. *The Researcher: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 22(3), 23-42.
- 2009 Thomas, S. & Gonzalez-Prendes, A. Powerlessness, stress and anger in African American women: Implications for physical and emotional health. *Health Care for Women International*, 30(1), 93-113.
- 2006 Ford, M., Vernon, S., Havstad, S., Thomas, S. & Davis, S. "Factors Influencing Behavioral Intention Regarding Prostate Cancer Screening among Older African-American Men." *Journal of the National Medical Association*, 98(4), 505-514.
- 2006 Graham-Berman, S.A., Devoe, E., Mattis, J., Lynch, S., & Thomas, S. "Ecological Predictors of Traumatic Stress Symptoms in Caucasian and Ethnic Minority Children Exposed to Domestic Violence." *Violence Against Women*, 12, 662-692.
- 2001 Thomas, S. A. Recognizing Our Professional Limits. In B. Ingersoll-Dayton & R. Campbell (Eds.), *The Delicate Balance: Case Studies in Counseling and Care Management for Older Adults*. Washington, DC: Health Professions Press.
- 1992 Barton, W., Sarri, R., Rollin, J. & Thomas, S. *Michigan Jail Removal Assessment: 1992 Final Report*. Ann Arbor, Michigan: The University of Michigan, School of Social Work and Institute for Social Research.

Unpublished Research Manuscripts

Thomas, S., Murphy, R., & Maher, E. "Intervention Research with Combat Veterans: Grand Challenges for Recruitment."

Thomas, S.A. "Stress-Related and Ecological Factors Associated with Substance Abuse among Persian Gulf War Veterans."

Thomas, S., & Gonzalez-Prendes, A. "Stress-Related and Ecological Factors Associated with Depression among Female Persian Gulf War Veterans."

Thomas, S.A. & Ford, M.E. "The Physical Health of Persian Gulf Veterans and the Impact on Their Social Adjustment"

PRESENTATIONS

- December 2011 Annual UAW ESSP Conference, Detroit, MI.
Suicide: Underlying Causes and Assessment.

- December 2008 Dialogue on Father's Role in child Maltreatment, Detroit, MI. *Strategies for involving fathers in social services agencies.*
- August 2007 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, New York. *Reclaiming the village: Creating knowledge through dialogue.*
- August 2007 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, New York. Presented with Gonzales-Prendes, A. *The role of powerlessness on the onset of anger in African-American women: Implications for physical and emotional health.*
- August 2006 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. *Stress-Related and Ecological Factors Associated with Depression among Female Persian Gulf War Veterans.*
- June 2005 4th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences, Honolulu, HI. *Factors that Contribute to the Self-Reported Levels of Aggression among Persian Gulf War Veterans.*
- August 2005 Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA. *Stress-Related and Ecological Factors Associated with Substance Abuse among Persian Gulf War Veterans.*
- January 2003 Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC. *The Social Adjustment of Persian Gulf Veterans.*
- November 1997 Gerontological Society of America, Cincinnati, OH. *Visions and Realities: Recreating personal history in an African American writing group* in a Symposium entitled: Creativity in diverse populations: Giving voice to the unexpressed.
- September 1996 American Psychological Association: A Women's Health Conference, Washington, DC. *Breaking the cycle: Helping children help children* with Meena Desai, M.S.W. in a symposium entitled: Clinical intervention with battered women and their traumatized children.

RESEARCH GRANT SUBMITTED:

- 2019 Co-investigator—Culture Change in Advanced Illness: A Planning Grant to Strengthen Caregiving Support for Residents in Skilled Nursing Facilities.

- Submitted to the Michigan Health Endowment. Principal Investigator: Hopp, F. (not funded).
- 2019 Project Team Member—Detroit Area Agency on Aging, Needs Assessment Project (Phase III), Detroit Area Agency on Aging, September 2019-January 2020. \$56,295 grant received.
- 2018 Principal Investigator— Getting more specific: Engaging stakeholders to move From competencies to learning outcomes. 2018 Program Assessment Grant— Wayne State University. (Co-Investigators: Ernst, J. & Nahan, N.) \$2996 grant received
- 2016 Co-investigator—Donaldson Adoption Institute Project. Submitted to Donaldson Adoption Institute. Principal Investigator: Dayton, C. (not funded).
- 2011 Principal Investigator—Research on Using Motivational Enhancement Among OIF/OEF Veterans Returning to the Community. Community Partner: Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Center. (Earmark Funding: \$600,00).
- 2009 Co-investigator—Building a sustainable infrastructure among non-specialty care settings. Submitted to National Institute of Mental Health. \$500, 0000 (unfunded). Principal Investigator: Soebeck, Joanne.
- 2009 Principal Investigator—Aging and Substance Use among Gulf War 1 Veterans. Submitted to Michigan Canter for Urban African American Aging Research. \$20,000 (unfunded).
- 2008 Co-Principal Investigator—Powerlessness, anger, stress and depression in African American women. Submitted to University Research Grant. \$10,000 (unfunded). Co- Principal Investigator: Gonzalez-Prendes, A.
- 2008 Co-investigator—Building a sustainable infrastructure among non-specialty care settings. Submitted to National Institute of Mental Health. \$500, 0000 (unfunded). Principal Investigator: Soebeck, Joanne.
- 2008 Principal Investigator— An explanation of the military child welfare system: A resource dependency framework. Summer Grant. \$3200.
- 2008 Principal Investigator— Osborn Networking for Change Project Evaluation. Black Family Development, Inc. \$20,000.
- 2007 Collaborator—Strengthening Child Welfare Services to Children at Risk: Agency Based Training for Social Workers in Foster Care and Adoption. Submitted for Earmark Funding with Congressman Carl S. Levin. \$420,000 (not funded). Community Partner: Spaulding for Children.

- 2006 Co-investigator—“Multi-level dating and sexual violence prevention for middle schools.” Submitted to the Centers for Disease Control 9/1/06-8/31/09; \$900,000 (not funded). Principal Investigator: Black, Beverly.
- 2005 Co-investigator—“Motivating, implementing and sustaining anti-violence cultural changes in urban middle schools.” Submitted to the William T. Grant Foundation 7/1/06-6/30/09 (not funded). Principal Investigator: Weisz, Arlene.
- 2005 Principal Investigator—“Reclaiming the Village: A dialogue on the African American Family”. Detroit Youth Foundation. \$15,000.
- 2005 Principal Investigator—“The Ecological Factors Associated with Substance Abuse among Persian Gulf Veterans. University Research Grant. \$5,500.
- 2004 Principal Investigator—“Evaluating A Group Treatment Intervention For Mothers Whose Children Have Witnessed Parental Abuse, Minority Women Summer Grant. 6,400.
- 2005 Co-investigator—“A Structured Sensory Intervention in Reducing Mental Health Disparities and Improving Health and Academic Outcomes Among Urban Children Experiencing Trauma.” Submitted to WSU President’s Research Enhancement Program (\$381,932). Santiago, A. & Raider, M. Co-Principal Investigators. Finalist (not funded).
- 2003 Co-Investigator—1RO1 HD046866-01 Violence Exposure and Reading Achievement, Hurley, Sandra, PI (Unfunded)

Scholarly Awards and Honors:

- Rackham Merit Fellowship—University of Michigan (1988-1992)
 Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities—Adams State College (1974)

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Professional—University

- 2014-Current **Coordinator**, MSW Program, School of Social Work, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
- 2011-Current **Assistant Clinical Professor**, School of Social Work, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
- 2004-2011 **Assistant Professor**, School of Social Work, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan

- 2001-2004 **Assistant Professor**, Bachelor of Social Work Program, University of Texas, El Paso, Texas
- 1997-1999 **Graduate Student Instructor**, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 1997-1999 **Field Instructor (Graduate)**, School of Social Work, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 1995-1996 **Clinical Coordinator**, Family Violence Intervention Program, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 1991-1992 **Interviewer**, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 1989-1990 **Research Assistant**, School of Social Work, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1996-1999 **Social Worker**, Turner Geriatric Clinic, University of Michigan Medical Centers, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 1992-1993 **Social Worker**, Persian Gulf Family Support Program, Veterans Administration, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 1980-1988 **Social Worker**, El Paso County Department of Social Services, Colorado Springs, CO
- 1983-1986 **Contract Adoption Worker**, Lutheran Social Services, Denver, CO
- 1979-1980 **Protective Services Worker**, El Paso County Department of Social Services
- 1978-1979 **Parent Trainer**, Urban League Child Care Center, Colorado Springs, CO
- 1977-1978 **Field Advisor**, Girl Scouts, Wagon Wheel Council, Colorado Springs, CO
- 1973-1975 **Dormitory Counselor**, Adams State College, Alamosa, CO
- 1974-1975 **Community Organizer**, High Street Community Center, Denver, CO
- 1973-1974 **Assistant Program Developer**, Accion Community Center, Alamosa, CO

FIELDS OF SPECIAL INTEREST WITHIN PROFESSION

Social Work intervention and methods with children and families; Health and Health Disparities, Child Welfare Services and Policies; Family Policies within the Military; Social stress and Wartime Veterans; Neighborhood Stress and Stressors

COURSES TAUGHT IN SOCIAL WORK

Field Seminar; Field Instruction; Child Welfare Services and Policies; Introduction to Generalist Social Work Practice; Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare; Social Policy; Advanced Social Welfare Policy & Advocacy; Methods of Social Work Practice; Dynamics and Intervention in Family Violence; Understanding Military Personnel, Veterans and Families

COURSES TAUGHT IN SOCIOLOGY

Introduction to Sociology; Race and Ethnicity; Project Community (Service Learning)

DISSERTATION TOPIC:

The Social Adjustment of Persian Gulf Veterans: A Sociological Framework 2001

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS:

Groups and Organizations, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan

"An Explanation of the Military Child Welfare System", School of Social Work, University of Michigan

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Wayne State University

School Committees:

School of Social Work Curriculum and Instruction Committee (past Chair)

School of Social Work Retention Committee

School of Social Work Continue Education Committee

Search Committee

School of Social Work Baccalaureate Social Work Committee

School of Social Work Masters in Social Work Committee

Lead Teacher in Social Policy

Doctoral Committee

University Committees:

Academic Senate

General Education Oversight Committee

Sub-committee: Basic Competencies

Honors Thesis Sponsor:

2008-2009 Madison Marcus *Trends of Child Sexual Abuse Disclosure
And the Need for Comprehensive Peer Disclosure Education.*

Doctoral Substantive Paper Committee

- 2009 April Idalski Carcone Topic: A Social Ecological Perspective on Diabetes Care: Supporting Adolescents and Caregivers.
- 2017 Markus Whitehead Topic: Exploring emotional and psychological stress among African American women in the workforce.

Dissertation Committee

- 2009-2010 April Idalski Carcone Topic: A Social Ecological Perspective on Diabetes Care: Supporting Adolescents and Caregivers.
- 2009-2010 Rebecca Wiersma Topic: Children's Adaptive Psychological functioning in the Face of Adversity

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Community Service

Participant. (2007, May) Evidence Based Research Consortium, National Child Welfare Resource Center for Adoption, Spaulding for Children, Southfield, MI.

Consulting Member. In-sourcing committee, Child and Family Services, Department of Human Services, Detroit, MI, July, 2005-2006

Participant. (2005, April) Evidence Based Research Consortium, National Child Welfare Resource Center for Adoption, Spaulding for Children, Southfield, MI.

Professional Services

Reviewer. *Journal of Black Psychology*

Grants Reviewer. American Institute of Biological Sciences

Reviewer. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, EL PASO (2001-2004)

Department Committees:

Admissions Coordinator

Faculty advisor to Student Association of Social Workers

University Committees:

Social Work representative to the Library Allocation Committee

Member Faculty Mentoring Program for Women

Honors Theses Committee:

Committee member—*Correlates of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Access to*

Medical Care, 2002

Community Services:

Member—Thelma White Network, El Paso, TX

Member—Committee to Publish City-Wide Restaurant Guide for Diabetics, El Paso, TX;

Member—Aging Summit II Community Action Panel, El Paso, TX;