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## **EDUCATION**

- 2008 – Present      Ph.D. Student, Social Work, University of Houston  
Houston, TX 77004  
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Research Interests: Psychosocial factors, social influences, and barriers  
for males' access to and utilization of healthcare services and health  
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- 2005 – 2007      MSW, Social Work, University of Houston  
Houston, TX 77004
- 2001 – 2002      M.A., Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Texas at Dallas  
Richardson, TX 75080-3021
- 1996 – 2000      B.S., Health, College of Education, University of Houston  
Houston, TX 77004

## **LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION**

Licensed Master Social Worker – Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners  
Austin, TX

Certified Health Education Specialist – National Commission for Health Education Credentialing  
Whitehall, PA

## **FELLOWSHIP**

- 2008 – 2009      Doctoral Research Assistant, University of Houston, Graduate College of  
Social Work, Dr. Patrick Leung, Ph.D., Research Supervisor.
- 2005 – 2007      Graduate Research Assistant, University of Houston, College of Liberal  
Arts African American Studies, Dr. James Conyers, Jr., Ph.D., Research  
Supervisor.

## **SERVICE TO GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK**

- 2009                      Planning Committee  
Fifth Doctoral Social Work Student Research Symposium  
Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston
- 2009 - present        Member  
Editorial Board  
*Perspectives in Social Work*, doctoral student edited online journal  
Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2007 – Present        Renal Social Worker, DaVita Reliant Dialysis  
1335 LaConcha Lane  
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- 2003 – 2005           Health Education Coordinator, UTHSC-Houston  
7000 Fannin, Ste. 1200  
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- 2003 – 2003           Health Educator, Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services  
2223 West Loop South  
Houston, TX 77027
- 2001 – 2002           Health Education Coordinator, UT Southwestern Medical Center  
5323 Harry Hines Blvd.  
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## **PRESENTATIONS**

- Balkan, B., **Cummings, T.\***, Leal, R., Pappadis, M., Rose, A., & Walijarvi, C. (2009).  
Interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research: Concepts and practice. Fifth Annual  
Doctoral Social Work Research Symposium of the University of Houston G.C.S.W.  
Doctoral Program & G.C.S.W. Alumni Association, March 5.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- 2007 – 2009            Council for Nephrology Social Workers