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EDUCATION

- 2008 – Present Ph.D. Student, Social Work, University of Houston
Houston, TX 77004
Anticipated Year of Graduation 2011
Research Interests: Stress management and coping factors, health disparities among African Americans
- 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

- 2010 Planning Committee
Sixth Doctoral Social Work Student Research Symposium
Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston
- 2009 Planning Committee
Fifth Doctoral Social Work Student Research Symposium
Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston
- 2009 – 2010 Member
Editorial Board
Perspectives in Social Work, doctoral student edited online journal
Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2009 - present Program Services Committee Member
March of Dimes, Houston, TX
Serve as an advisor on the committee for all program services conducted
by the agency.

2010 - present Antepartum Program Support Volunteer
March of Dimes, Houston, TX
Serve as a volunteer/social support provider to pregnant women on the
Antepartum unit at Memorial Hermann Medical Center Hospital

COURSES TAUGHT

Disparities in Health in America

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2010 Adjunct Instructor. Graduate College of Social Work, University of
Houston, Houston, TX

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2007 – Present Renal Social Worker, DaVita Dialysis
1335 LaConcha
Houston, TX 77054

2003 – 2005 Health Education Coordinator, UTHSC-Houston
7000 Fannin, Ste. 1200
Houston, TX 77030

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.
Dallas, TX 75390

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 GCSW Doctoral Program & G.C.S.W. Alumni
Association, March 5.

Cummings, T. (2010). Conceptual framework: Relationship between socioeconomic status, stress, coping style,
and health status of African American men. Sixth Annual Doctoral Social Work Research Symposium
of the University of Houston GCSW Doctoral Program & GCSW Alumni Association, March 4.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2007 – 2009 Council for Nephrology Social Workers