

CURRICULUM VITAE
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PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Develop a framework for transformative potential that informs social work education curriculum and pedagogy.
- Integrate a structural competence framework into social work field education to shape experiential learning that develops students' transformative potential.
- Build strategic university and community partnerships that strengthen experiential learning opportunities and pedagogical resources for social work students.

EDUCATION

2019 - present

University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work – Houston, TX
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Social Work

2015

University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work – Houston, TX
Master of Social Work (MSW), political specialization

2003

University of Houston College of Technology – Houston, TX
Master of Science (MS) in Training and Organization Development

1988

University of Louisiana at Lafayette – Lafayette, LA
Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English Education

1986

University of Louisiana at Lafayette – Lafayette, LA
Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Journalism

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

March 2022 - present **University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work**
Graduate Research Assistant for *COVID-19 Testing and Vaccinations: Perspectives of Formerly Incarcerated Black and Hispanic/Latino People*, an interpretive phenomenological analysis to identify strategies that community-based reentry programs can use to increase COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. Responsibilities include conceptual commenting on individual narratives and identifying emerging themes.

June 2020 - present **University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work**
Graduate Research Assistant for *Sick and Tired of Being Sick & Tired*, a qualitative research study on the mental health impacts of COVID-19 for Black women. Responsibilities include coding interviews and co-writing articles based on the study about coping and healing practices of Black women during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jan. 2020 - present **University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work**
Graduate Research Assistant for *Place Matters*, a qualitative study on the impacts of racial residential segregation and depression for middle-class Black women.

Jan. - June 2015 **Texas Civil Rights Project, Houston, TX**
Research Assistant, Interviewer, and Case Study Writer for joint report issued by Texas Civil Rights Project and ACLU-Texas: *A Solitary Failure: The Waste, Cost & Harm of Solitary Confinement in Texas*.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2015 - 2019 **Neighborhood Recovery Community Development Corporation**
Community Health Liaison

Conducted community assessment, program development, implementation, and evaluation; oversaw grant writing team and project management; facilitated community engagement, advocacy, and coalition development of OST/South Union Health Improvement Partnership.

2005 - 2013 **YMCA of Greater Houston**
Chronic Disease Prevention Program Coordinator

Facilitated YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program, Livestrong Foundation's Empowering Survivors to Rebuild Well-Being, and other evidence-based health and wellness interventions for children, adults, and families.

2001 - 2005 Synhrgy HR Technologies, Inc.
HR Communications Consultant

Managed turnkey HR outsourcing communications projects for clients including research with internal and external stakeholders; interviews with subject matter experts; writing communications plans; drafting and editing materials; and working with graphics and web design experts to produce and disseminate communications deliverables.

1996 - 2001 Houston Industries/Reliant Energy Inc.
Corporate/HR Communications Project Manager

Collaborated with subject matter experts in employee benefits to write and produce multimedia communications materials for annual open enrollment; developed and conducted new employee benefits orientation; facilitated leadership training; managed company-wide communications campaign for corporate name change.

PRACTICUM PLACEMENTS

2014 - 2015 Leading Consciously Inc., Macro Social Work Intern

Assisted Dr. Jean Latting with evaluation and redesign of the Leading Consciously Assessment Tool, facilitation of leadership development training, and quantitative analysis of VIA Survey of Character Strengths results.

2013 - 2014 Texas Civil Rights Project, Macro Social Work Intern

Conducted qualitative interviews with incarcerated individuals who were housed in administrative segregation at several state prisons and developed case studies as part of a joint report issued by TCRP and ACLU-Texas that advocated for reform of solitary confinement policy.

CONSULTATION/SUPERVISION

2016 - present University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work, Social Work Practicum Instructor

Supervise MSW students assigned to Third Ward Community Cloth Intern Project, teach grant writing seminar to interns, and write proposals for funding the project.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

June 2022	University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work <i>Teaching Assistant</i> Social Work and Mass Incarceration (Graduate)
October 2020	University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work <i>Guest Lecturer</i> Program Planning and Evaluation (Graduate)
November 2020	University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work <i>Guest Lecturer</i> Qualitative Research for Evidence-Based Social Work (PhD)
November 2020	University of Houston College of Education <i>Guest Lecturer</i> History & Philosophy of Higher Education (PhD)

GRANTS COMPLETED

2019	Hogg Foundation Communities of Care (\$800,000) Co-wrote grant proposal to fund prevention programs that build resilience, address social determinants of mental health, and improve community conditions that affect children of color and their families through interdisciplinary collaboration with established community partners.
2018	Episcopal Health Foundation (\$320,000) Co-wrote Year 2 grant proposal to fund continuation of interdisciplinary health improvement partnership and special-issue campaigns to raise community voices including a voter registration/education drive; an anti-gun violence rally and parade; and a resident-led effort to advocate for minimum lot size ordinance to discourage building of multi-family units on small lots in the neighborhood.
2017	Episcopal Health Foundation (\$250,000) Co-wrote grant proposal; managed implementation and convening of multi-sector coalition, OST/South Union Health Improvement Partnership (OHIP), to build capacity for addressing social determinants of health in the community. OHIP now includes 70 community partners from government, non-profit, academic, healthcare, residential, and business sectors.

- 2017 Garden Club of Houston (\$42,000)
Managed grant development process including writing the proposal and managing site visits, grant implementation, budget, and evaluation for installation of 20 backyard gardens at OST/South Union residents' homes and the purchase of a CoolBot refrigerated food storage unit for the neighborhood community garden.
- 2016 State Farm Insurance Youth Advisory Board (\$90,000)
Collaborated with OST/South Union Youth Council members in grades 6-12 to write grant proposal for service-learning project with arts & culture focus; managed grant implementation, budget, and project partners to culminating exhibition of a series of art doors placed throughout the community to honor various resident leaders.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- Lea, C., Brown, M., Rodriguez, M., Bhatt, R., **Kennedy, P.**, & Ma, Y. (2022, Nov.). *Structural racism and COVID-19: Exploring the health beliefs and behaviors of Black adults in reentry*. Oral presentation accepted at the American Public Health Association 2022 Annual Meeting and Expo, Boston, MA.
- Tahija, N., **Kennedy, P.**, Allen, P., Aquino, G., Ranganath, E., & Walton, Q. (*Under Review*). *"No one ever asked me": Using real-time reflexivity in qualitative interviewing*. Oral paper proposal for the 27th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Phoenix, AZ.
- Aquino, G., Ranganath, E., Allen, P., **Kennedy, P.**, Tahija, N., & Walton, Q. (*Under Review*). *"Permission to rest": Spirituality as an intervention to address the mental health of middle-class Black women during the COVID-19 pandemic*. Oral paper proposal for the 27th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Phoenix, AZ.
- Ranganath, E., **Kennedy, P.**, Tahija, N., Aquino, G., Allen, P., & Walton, Q. (*Under Review*). *The burden: Living at the intersection of being Black, female, and middle-class within the U.S. healthcare system*. Oral paper proposal for the 27th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Phoenix, AZ.
- Kennedy, P.**, & Aquino-Adriatico, G. (2021, Nov.). *COVID-19, Nontraditional doctoral students and the public good: Toward using antiracist frameworks*. Oral presentation accepted at the Council on Social Work Education 67th Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- Walton, Q. L., **Kennedy, P.**, Allen, P., Ranganath, E., & Tahija, N. (2021, April). *"We're trying to manage, but can't control it": A grounded theory exploration of COVID-19, racism,*

and mental health among middle-class Black women. Oral presentation accepted at the 26th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Washington, D.C.

Allen, P. C., **Kennedy, P.**, Ranganath, E., Tahija, N., Aquino, G., & Walton, Q. L. (2021, April). *Applying a healing centered framework with middle-class Black women navigating COVID-19.* Oral presentation accepted at the 26th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Washington, D.C.

Kennedy, P., & Brooks, S. (2020, Nov.). *Social justice in field education: A new approach to university/community partnerships.* Oral presentation accepted at the Council on Social Work Education 66th Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

Kennedy, P., Walton, Q., & Washington, T. (2020, Nov.). *Not All Black Women Are Poor: Examining Depression Beyond a Poverty Discourse.* Oral presentation accepted at the Council on Social Work Education 66th Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

Block, C., Robbins, S., & **Kennedy, P.** (2020, Nov.). *Perceived Acceptability of Social Services in Primary Care: A Thematic Analysis Session: Health Care Social Workers: Negotiating the Fit.* Oral presentation accepted at the Council on Social Work Education 66th Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

Kennedy, P. (2013, Dec.) *A Psychosocial, Culturally-Relevant Approach to Type 2 Diabetes Prevention.* Poster presentation at the University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work Research Conference, Houston, TX.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Walton, Q. L., **Kennedy, P. P.**, Allen, P., & Oyewuwo, O. B. (*Under Review*). "This person is safe": An exemplar of conducting individual interviews in qualitative research with Black women. *Qualitative Research. [Impact Factor: 2.918]*

Eigege, C., & **Kennedy, P.** (2020, Oct.). Doctoral Students' Reflection on a Pandemic: Disruptions, Distractions, and Discoveries. Manuscript accepted for publication in *Qualitative Social Work Journal Special Issue (Pandemic)*.

Walton, Q., Sacks, T., Bell, C., Thomas, C., & **Kennedy, P.** (in progress). Place Matters: A Qualitative Study of Middle-class Black Women's Perspective on Depression and Racial Residential Segregation.

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL) Associate Level certification for completion of Transforming Your Research into Teaching (TYRIT) Workshop (completed August 2021)
- Licensed Master of Social Work, State of Texas
- Mediation Certification from UH Graduate College of Social Work
- Member, Society for Social Work Research Qualitative Research Special Interest Group
- Member, Council on Social Work Education
- Member, National Association of Social Workers
- Member, Social Workers Against Solitary Confinement National Task Force
- Member, IMPACT Collaborative (Impacting Maternal and Prenatal Care Together)
- Member, Network of Hunger Free Community Coalitions