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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Michigan, Social Work and Sociology, 2000.
Major Examination Field: Social Stratification
M.A. University of Michigan, Sociology 1995.
M.A. University of Chicago, Social Service Administration 1991.

CURRENT POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2001

Adjunct Faculty Associate, Research Center for Group Dynamics, Institute for Social Research,
University of Michigan. 1999-

PUBLICATIONS

Articles (*peer reviewed)

Sellers, S. L. and Amell, J. (*in press*). Book Review—Changing Methods: Feminists transforming practice. Affilia

Bonham, V., Sellers, S.L., and Neighbors, H. (*in press*). John Henryism and Physical Health among High SES African American Men. American Journal of Public Health.*

Brown, T., Sellers, S. L., and Gomez, J. 2002. The relationship between internalization and self-esteem among black adults. Sociological Focus 35(1): 55-71.*

Carter, P., Sellers, S. L., and Squire, C. 2002. Reflections on race/ethnicity, class, and gender inclusive research. African American Perspectives (Authors listed alphabetically).

Sellers, S. L. 2001. Social mobility and psychological distress: Gender differences among black American men and women. African American Perspectives 7(1): 117-147.

Brown, T., Williams, D. R., Jackson, J. S., Neighbors, H., Sellers, S., Torres, M., and Brown, K. 2000. Being black and feeling blue: The mental health consequences of racial discrimination. Race & Society 2(2):117-131.*

Sellers, S. L., and Neighbors, H. 1999. Goal striving stress, social economic status, and the mental health of black Americans. Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences 896: 469-473.

Hunter, A. and Sellers, S. L. 1998. Feminist attitudes among African American women and men. Gender & Society. 12(1): 81-99. (Authors listed alphabetically).*

Jackson, J. S., Brown, T., Williams, D., Torres, M., Sellers, S., and Brown, K. 1996. Racism and the physical and mental health status of African Americans: A thirteen year national panel study. Ethnicity and Disease Vol 6(1,2): 132-147.*

Under review

Neighbors, H. and Sellers, S. L. The effects of goal-striving stress on the mental health of black Americans.

Sellers, S. L. Gender differences in the moderating effects of race-related factors on associations between social mobility and psychological distress.

Sellers, S.L. and Hunter, A. Private pain, public choices: Influence of problems in the family of origin on career choices among a cohort of MSW students.

Cash, S., Sellers, S.L., and Claps, M. Money equals time: Influence of poverty status on hours spent doing housework.

Sellers, S. L. Strategies for improving social work research, policy and practice in the area of gender and mental health in Africa.

Sellers, S. L., Mathesien, S., Perry, R., and Smith, T. Evaluation of social work journal quality: Citation vs reputation approaches.

Book Chapters

Cummings, C., Torres, M., and Sellers, S. L. (*in press*). Gender differences in the relationship between physical health and psychological well-being among African Americans. J. S. Jackson, and R. Gibson (eds.), Chapter to appear in Health of black Americans.

Jackson, J. S. and Sellers, S. L. 2001. Health and the Elderly. In R. Braithwaite and Sandra Taylor (eds.), Health Issues in the Black Community 2nd Edition. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Brown, T., Sellers, S. L., Brown, K., and Jackson, J. S. 1999. Race, ethnicity, and culture in the sociology of mental health. In C. Aneshensel and J. Phelan (Eds), Handbook of the sociology of mental health. NY: Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers.

Sellers, S. L., Jackson, J. S., and Hardison, C. 1998. Minority issues. In M. Hersen, and V. Van Hasselt (Eds.), Handbook of clinical geropsychology. NY: Plenum.

Taylor, R. and Sellers, S. L. 1997. Informal ties and employment among black Americans. In R. Taylor, J. Jackson, and L. Chatters (Eds.), Family life in black America. NY: Sage.

Jackson, J. S. and Sellers, S. L. 1997. Psychological, social, and cultural perspectives on minority health in adolescence: A life-course framework. In D. Wilson, J. Rodrigue, and W. Taylor (Eds.), Health-promoting and health-compromising behaviors among minority adolescents. American Psychological Association.

Jackson, J. S. and Sellers, S. L. 1996. African American health over the life-course: A multi-

dimensional framework. In P. Kato, and T. Mann (Eds.), Health psychology of special populations: Issues of age, gender, and ethnicity. NY: Plenum.

Books

Bowen, L. K. and Sellers, S. L. 1994. Family support & socially vulnerable communities: Three case studies and lessons learned. Chicago: Family Resource Coalition.

Bracey, E., Cunningham, M., and Sellers, S. L. 1993. Building Partnerships for Service: Articulation handbook for social work education. Normal, IL: Illinois State University.

(Authors listed alphabetically.)

Works in Progress

Sellers, S. L., Neighbors, H and Lipps, A. Patterns in predictors of goal-striving stress among black Americans.

Sellers, S. L., Wilson, C., and Harris, M. Methodological considerations in the study of work and occupations: Case of Domestic Workers in New York City.

Bonham, V., Sellers, S.L., and Neighbors, H. John Henryism, Hypertension, and Physical Health among High SES African American Men.

Sellers, S. L. Occupational stress and mental health of black Americans: A review.

Sellers, S. L. and Gomez, J. Impact of classroom discrimination on career aspirations of black women college students.

Sellers, S. L., Gomez, J. and Brown, T. Influence of social structural factors on relationship between stereotypes and the self-esteem of black Americans.

Sellers, S. L., Smith, T., Mathesien, S., and Perry, R. Overview of National Survey on Social Work Journals.

Jackson, J. S., Caldwell, C. and Sellers, S. L. (Eds). Research Methodology in African American Communities.

Sellers, S. L. and Williams, D. Racism and Mental Health: A review of the literature and an agenda for future research.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Sellers, S.L. Facilitator for American Sociological Association, Aging and Life Course Discussion Table on Race/Ethnicity Across the Life Course. Chicago, IL. August 2002.

Sellers, S. L. Organizer, chair, and presenter. "Gender and Mental Health: Patterns, Problems and Promising New Directions." The 8th International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women. Kampala, Uganda. July 2002.

Sellers, S. L., Mathesien, S., Perry, R. & Smith, T. "Findings from the National Survey on Social Work

Journals.” Society for Social Work Research. San Diego, CA. January 2002.

Gomez, J. and Sellers, S. L. “Impact of classroom discrimination on career aspirations of black and white female college students.” American Psychological Association. San Francisco, CA. August 2001.

Sellers, S. L., Neighbors, H., and Lipps, A. “Social origins of stress: Patterns among predictors of goal striving stress among black Americans.” Society for the Study of Social Problems. Presider for Association of Black Sociologists Session on the American Dream. Facilitator for American Sociological Association, Aging and Life Course Discussion Table on Race/Ethnicity Across the Life Course. Anaheim, CA. August 2001.

Jarmon, B. and Sellers, S.L. “Cultural Diversity in the Caribbean Context.” 5th Biennial Conference of Caribbean & International Social Work Educators. Nassau, Bahamas. August 2001.

Sellers, S. L. and Neighbors, H. “Effects of goal striving stress on the mental health of black Americans.” Association of Black Sociologists 30th Annual Conference. August 2000. Washington DC.

Sellers, S. L. and Williams, D. “Neighborhoods and Mental Health.” Neighborhoods and Health Conference. Harvard Center for Society and Health. Harvard School of Public Health. June 2000. Boston, Massachusetts.

Lipps, A. and Sellers, S. L. “Race-related predictors of goal striving stress.” Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Gender and African Americans. April 2000. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Sellers, S. L. and Neighbors, H. “Goal Striving Stress, Socioeconomic Status, and the Mental Health of Black Americans.” New York Academy of Sciences Conference--Socioeconomic Status and Health in Industrial Nations: Social, Psychological, and Biological Pathways. May 1999. National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

Sellers, S. L. “Mental and Physical Health Consequences of Social Mobility among Black Americans.” Association of Black Sociologists Annual Conference. August 1998. San Francisco, California.

Sellers, S. L., Garcia, D., Gomez, M., McKenny, R., McCoy, K., Washington, T., and Gutierrez, L. “Ethnic Identity, Gender Identity, and Attitudes Toward Race and Racism.” 60th Anniversary Convention of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. May 1996. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Williams, D., Brown, T., Sellers, S. L., Forman, T., and Jackson, J. “Racism and the Health Status of African Americans: Resources and Risk Factors.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 1995. Washington, DC.

Sellers, S. L. “Feminist Consciousness Among African American Men and Women.” National Council on Family Relations Annual Meeting. November 1994. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Brown, T., Williams, D., Jackson, J., Neighbors, H., Torres, M., Sellers, S. L., and Brown, K. “Racism and Mental Health: Findings from the National Study of Black Americans Panel Sample (1987-88 to 1988-89).” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. August 1994. Los Angeles, CA.

Brown, K., Jackson, J., Williams, D., Torres, M., Sellers, S. L., and Brown, T. "Changes in Mental Health Status Among African Americans, 1980-1992." Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. August 1994. Los Angeles, California.

Washington, E., Sellers, S. L., and Cunningham, M. "Model to Recruit and Train Minority Social Work Students to Work with Minorities and the Urban Poor." Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. March 1993. New York, New York.

Sellers, S. L. "Social Work Across Degree Levels." Biannual Midwest Social Work Conference. September 1992. LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Sellers, S. L. "Faculty Articulation Report." Presented final report of Humanities/Social Science Discipline Team at meeting of Regency Universities and City Colleges of Chicago. September 1991. Normal, Illinois.

Cunningham, M., and Sellers, S. L. "Building Partnerships for Service: Social Work Across Degree Levels." National Conference of Baccalaureate Social Work Directors. September 1991. Orlando, Florida.

RESEARCH AND TRAINING GRANTS

Active and previously funded

UW-Madison Health & Society Research Competition, sponsored by the RWJ Health & Society Scholars Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "The Health and Well-Being of African Immigrant Children and their Families: Madison Pilot." 2002-2003. \$40,000.

UW-Madison Graduate School. "Role of Occupational stress in racial/ethnic and gender differences in mental health." 2002-2003. \$14,000.

District 4 Mental Health Program, Department of Children and Families. "Self-Directed Care Project" Co-Investigator with Thomas Smith. Jacksonville, Florida. Summer 2001. \$20,000.

Committee for Black Faculty and Graduate Student Support, Florida State University. "Influence of goal-striving stress on health of black Americans." 2000-2001 & 2001-2002 \$9000.

NIMH Minority Supplement. Poverty, Risk, and Mental Health Center, University of Michigan. "Mental Health Consequences of Social Mobility." 1997-2000. \$123,000.

Survey Research Center. Institute for Social Research. University of Michigan. Summer course in longitudinal survey design and methods. 1997. \$4000.

Research Grant. Department of Social Work, University of Michigan. "Qualitative Study of Social Mobility" 1996-1997. \$1000.

Illinois Board of Higher Education, Higher Education Cooperation Act, "Linking Social Work Education Across Degree-Levels" (renewal proposals). 1990-1993. \$180,000.

Grants under review

National Science Foundation. Women's International Science Collaboration (WISC) Program. "Gender and Mental Health in the Ghanaian context."

National Institute on Aging. "National Survey of HRQL" (Principal Investigator, Dennis G. Fryback).

AWARDS

1st year Assistant Professor Award, Florida State University. 2000.
Henry Meyer Award, School of Social Work, University of Michigan. 1998.
American Sociological Association, Minority Fellowship (declined). 1996.
Minority Research Fellowship, Council on Social Work Education. 1994-1996.

RESEARCH AREAS & EXPERIENCE

Social Inequalities and Health	Intergenerational Relations
Social Stratification and Social Mobility	Gender and Family
Occupational Stress	

Experience

Program for Research on Black Americans, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan.
Provided assistance for a variety of Program projects. 1994-1999.

Infant Development Project: Children at Risk. Social Service Administration, University of Chicago.
1999-2001.

Religion and Aging Project, School of Public Health, University of Michigan.
Recruited older African American adults for study of religion, aging, and health. Participated in focus groups. Conducted in-home qualitative interviews. 1998.

Detroit Initiative, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan.
Helped to develop opportunities for students and faculty to engage in education, scholarship, and service in the Detroit area. Worked with the Michigan Neighborhood Partnership, a coalition of multiethnic, neighborhood-based organizations. 1995-1996.

TEACHING AREAS & EXPERIENCE

Social Welfare Policy--Urban Issues	Family Relations
Mental Health	Race and Ethnicity
Life Course Studies	

Post-doctoral Teaching Positions

Instructor, Social Work 420/865: Poverty and Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
(graduate and undergraduate)

Instructor, Social Work 944: Social Policy. University of Wisconsin, Madison. (graduate)

Instructor, Social Work 640: Race and Ethnicity in Social Work, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
(graduate and undergraduate)

Instructor, Social Work 4301: Introduction to Social Work Research, School of Social Work, Florida State University. (undergraduate)

Instructor, Social Work 4232: Social Welfare Policies and Practice, School of Social Work, Florida State University. (undergraduate)

Instructor, Social Work 5235: Social Welfare Policy and Services, School of Social Work, Florida State University. (graduate)

Faculty Mentor, Summer Research Opportunities Program, University of Michigan, 1999- 2001. (undergraduate)

Instructor, Social Work 6906: Directed Individual Study, Florida State University, Summer 2000 and 2001. (graduate)

Pre-doctoral Teaching Positions

Lab Instructor, Social Work 522: Basic Research Methods, School of Social Work, University of Michigan. Develop lab assignments. Present lectures on survey research methods and design, SPSS, and Excel. 1999. (graduate)

Co-Instructor, Psychology 470: Introduction to Community Psychology, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan. Taught Section 101: Empowering Families and Communities: African American Communities. 1996. (undergraduate)

Interdisciplinary Associate, Teaching Assistant Training and Development Program, College of Literature, Science and the Arts, University of Michigan. Assisted first-time graduate student instructors. Provided input on a range of topics including grading, organizing lectures, and facilitating class discussions. 1996. (graduate)

Graduate Student Instructor, Sociology 303: Race and Culture in American Society, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan. 1994 and 1995. (undergraduate)

Graduate Student Instructor, Sociology 101: Principles of Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan. 1994. (undergraduate)

Director, Building Partnerships for Service, Department of Social Work, Illinois State University. Developed curriculum and workshop series for project to recruit and train students across degree levels in the practice of urban social work. Team Leader for Humanities and Social Science Division of Faculty Articulation Project. 1990-1992. (undergraduate & graduate)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

University & Departmental

Co-leader, Diversity Team, Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2003-

Chair, Student Awards Committee, School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin, Madison. 2002-

- Member, Faculty Recruitment, School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin, Madison. 2002-
- Member, Grievance Committee, School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin, Madison. 2001-
- Member, Steering Committee, Center for Demography of Health and Aging. 2002-
- Member, Curriculum Committee, School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin, Madison. 2001-2002.
- Member, Graduate Policy Sub-committee, School of Social Work, Florida State University. 2000-2001.
- Member, Faculty Search Committee, School of Social Work, Florida State University. 2000-2001.
- Member, Ad hoc Committee on Admissions, School of Social Work, Florida State University. 2000-2001.
- Member, Curriculum Committee–Social Policy and Administration Concentration, School of Social Work, Florida State University. 2000-2001.
- Alternate Member, Merit Committee, School of Social Work, Florida State University. 2000-2001.
- Co-Author, Guidebook for Students in Social Work & Social Sciences and the Handbook of the Joint Program in Social Work and Sociology. 1998.
- Co-Chair, Doctoral Student Association. School of Social Work, University of Michigan. 1993-1994.
ProSeminar Coordinator, Department of Sociology. University of Michigan. Developed lecture series outlining a “roadmap” for graduate studies. 1993.
- Founding Co-Chair, Association of Black Sociologists, Student Chapter. University of Michigan. Initiated, developed, and coordinated career development workshop series. Wrote newsletter and managed email group. 1994-1996.
- State, National and International***
- Board Member, Community Partnerships. Madison, WI . 2002-
- Executive Committee, Center for the Study of Cultural Diversity in Healthcare. University of Wisconsin Medical School. 2002-
- Instructor, Northern Caribbean University. Mandeville, Jamaica. Summer 2002.
- Reviewer, *Ethnicity & Disease*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Journal for Social Work Research*, *Journal of Caribbean Studies*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.
- Reviewer, 5th Biennial Conference of Caribbean & International Social Work Educators. Florida State University. June 2001.
- Presenter, Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health. Mayor’s Initiative on Race Relations. City of Tallahassee. May 2001.

Conference Coordinator, *Black Agenda for the 21st Century: Toward a Synthesis of Culture, History, and Social Policy*. Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, University of Michigan. 1998-1999.

Member, Behavioral and Social Sciences Section Program Committee, Gerontological Society of America. 1997.

Grant Reviewer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) High Risk Youth Review Committee, 1995.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Association of Black Sociologists
Council on Social Work Education
National Black Women's Health Project
National Council on Family Relations
Society for Social Work and Research