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## EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Vanderbilt University, 2017-present  
Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 2016-2017  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholar, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2014-2016

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 2014  
Minor: Social Sciences Approaches to Health and Healing Systems  
M.A., Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 2009  
B.A., Sociology and Hispanic Studies, Rice University, Houston, Texas, 2007

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Medical Sociology, Mental Health, Population Health, Race-Ethnicity-Immigration, Social Psychology, Gender

## PUBLICATIONS

**Peer-Reviewed Articles** (\*graduate student co-author)

**Erving, Christy L.**, Courtney S. Thomas, and Cleothia Frazier\*. Forthcoming. "Is the Black-White Mental Health Paradox Consistent Across Gender and Psychiatric Disorders?" *American Journal of Epidemiology*

**Erving, Christy L.** and Amy Irby-Shasanmi. 2018. "The Effects of Support Exchanges on the Psychological Well-Being of Volunteers." *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare* 45(3):17-38.

**Erving, Christy L.** 2018. "Physical-Psychiatric Comorbidity: Patterns and Explanations for Ethnic Group Differences." *Ethnicity & Health* 23(6): 583-610.

**Erving, Christy L.** and Courtney S. Thomas. 2018. "Race, Emotional Reliance, and Mental Health." *Society and Mental Health* 8(1): 69-83.

**Erving, Christy L.** 2018. "Ethnic and Nativity Differences in the Social Support-Physical Health Association among Black Americans." *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* 20(1): 124-139.

**Erving, Christy L.** 2017. "Physical-Psychiatric Comorbidity: Implications for Health Measurement and the Hispanic Epidemiological Paradox." *Social Science Research* 64:197-213.

Caralee Jones and **Christy L. Erving**. 2015. "Structural Constraints and Lived Realities: Negotiating Racial and Ethnic Identities for African-Caribbeans in the US." *Journal of Black Studies* 46(5): 521-546.

**Erving, Christy L.** 2011. "Gender and Physical Health: A Study of African American and Caribbean Black Adults." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 52(3): 383-399.

### **Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters**

**Erving, Christy L.** 2016. "Health across Diverse Communities of Color." Pp. 149-158 in *People of Color in the United States: Contemporary Issues in Education, Work, Communities, Health, and Immigration, Volume 3: Health And Wellness*, edited by Valire Carr Copeland.

McLeod, Jane D., **Christy L. Erving**, and Jennifer Caputo. 2014. "Health Inequality." Pp. 715-742 In *The Handbook of the Social Psychology of Inequality*, edited by J.D. McLeod, M.L. Schwalbe, and E.J. Lawler, Springer Science+Business Media.

**Erving, Christy L.**, Lauren J. Parker, Jamelle Williams, and Sean Colbert-Kelley. 2014. "Navigating Hurdles: How to Survive Your First Year." Pp. 15-51 In *GPS for Graduate School: Students Share Their Stories*, Purdue University Press.

### **Other Peer-Reviewed**

McLeod, Jane D., Jennifer L. Caputo, and **Christy L. Erving**. 2014. "Social Psychology and the Stress Process." In *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*, edited by W.C. Cockerham, R. Dingwall, and S. Quah.

### **Research Reports**

**Erving, Christy**. 2007. "The Health of the Hispanic Elderly: Mortality, Morbidity, and Barriers to Healthcare Access." *National Hispanic Council on Aging*.

### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

**Erving, Christy L.** "Gendered Racial Stratification and Health Disparities."

**Erving, Christy L.** and Ornella Hills\*. "Neighborhood Social Integration and Psychological Well-Being Among African Americans and Afro-Caribbeans."

Irby-Shasanmi, Amy and **Christy L. Erving**. "Gender Differences in the Effects of Support Exchanges on Self-esteem and Mastery."

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

**Erving, Christy L.** "The Undeniable Mind-Body Connection: A Sociological Perspective on Physical-Mental Comorbidity."

**Erving, Christy L.**, Lacey Satcher\*, and Yvonne Chen\*. “Physically Vulnerable, but Psychologically Resilient?: Exploring the Psychosocial Determinants of Black Women’s Physical and Mental Health.”

**Erving, Christy L.**, and Ryon Cobb. “Neighborhood Social Engagement and Depressive Symptoms among Older Black Americans: Does the Association Differ by Ethnicity?”

Thomas, Courtney S., **Christy L. Erving**, and Apurva Barve\*. “Socioeconomic Status (SES) and Unequal Access to Psychosocial Resources among Black and White Adults.”

Thomas, Courtney S., **Christy L. Erving**, and Taylor Hargrove. “Is the Black-White Mental Health Paradox Consistent across Age, Gender, and Psychiatric Disorders?”

Kendra, Jason and **Christy L. Erving**. “How Do Multiple Chronic Conditions and Depression Impact Workforce Engagement?: An Examination of Race and Gender.”

Jackson, Pamela B. and **Christy L. Erving**. “Social Role Participation and Mental Health: Does Race/Ethnicity Matter?”

### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

Vanderbilt Initiative Award (ViA), TIPS (Trans-institutional Programs), Vanderbilt Community Lab for the Intersectional Study of Black Women and Girls in Society, Faculty Collaborator, 2018-2022 (PI: Dr. Nicole M. Joseph)

Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2013-2014

Lindsmith-Mullins Fellowship for excellence in research, Department of Sociology, Indiana University (declined stipend), 2013-2014

Travel Grant, Society for the Study of Social Problems Lee Student Support Fund, 2013

Travel Grant, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society (CRRES) at Indiana University, 2013

Advanced Departmental Fellowship, Indiana University, 2013

American Sociological Association (ASA) Minority Fellowship Program Fellow, 2011-2012

Travel Grant, Midwest Sociological Society, 2011

Schuessler Scholarship for Study at Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, 2010

Summer Graduate Fellowship, Indiana University, 2009-2010

Graduate Scholars Fellowship, Indiana University, 2008-2009

Ford Foundation Diversity Pre-doctoral Fellowship, 2007-2011

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Rice University, 2006-2007

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

NCID Exemplary Diversity Scholar from the National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID), University of Michigan, 2014

Association of Black Sociologists (ABS) Student Paper Competition Award, 2013

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Society and Mental Health Division Student Paper Competition Award, 2013

Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) of Indiana University “Blackademic Spotlight Recognition,” established to honor outstanding black graduate students during Black History Month, 2013

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Health, Health Policy and Health Services Student Paper Competition Award, 2011

Karl F. Schuessler Award for Graduate Research in Sociology, Department of Sociology, Indiana University, 2011

North Central Sociological Association (NCSA) Graduate Student Paper Competition Award, 2011

National Achievement Scholar, National Merit Scholarship Corporation, 2003

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

### **Research Talks**

“Is Physical-Mental Comorbidity a Death Sentence?”

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Population Health Sciences, Madison, WI, 2016

“Physical-Psychiatric Comorbidity: Implications for Health Measurement and the Hispanic Epidemiological Paradox.”

Vanderbilt University, Department of Sociology, Nashville, TN, 2016

University of South Carolina, Department of Sociology, Columbia, SC, 2016

Brown University, Sociology Department Seminar Series, Providence, RI, 2016

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sociology Department Seminar, Lincoln, NE, 2015

“Physical-Psychiatric Comorbidity: Patterns and Explanations for Ethnic Differences.”

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Psychology, Brauer Lab, Madison, WI, 2015

### **Professional Development Talks**

“Navigating the Academic Job Market as a Candidate of Color.” Invited panelist at Annual Meeting of Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA, 2016

“Graduate School Advice from an MMUF Alumna.” Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows Program at Rice University, Guest Speaker, Rice University, Houston, TX, 2016

“Navigating Hurdles: How to Survive Your First Year of Graduate School.” Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) Fall Conference: The Art of Presentation, Indianapolis, IN, 2011

“Charting the Course to Funding.” Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) Brown Bag Series, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 2010

“Graduate School and Beyond: Tips for Applying to Graduate School.” Panelist at the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows Southeastern Regional Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2007

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Erving, Christy L. “Gendered Racial Stratification and Health Disparities.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.

Erving, Christy L., Lacey Satcher, and Yvonne Chen. “Physically Vulnerable, but Psychologically Resilient?: Exploring the Psychosocial Determinants of Black Women’s Physical and Mental Health.” *The Sixteenth International Conference on Social Stress Research*, Athens, Greece. May 2018; *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.

Thomas, Courtney S., Christy L. Erving, and Apurva Barve. “Socioeconomic Status (SES) and Unequal Access to Psychosocial Resources among Black and White Adults.” *The Sixteenth International Conference on Social Stress Research*, Athens, Greece. May 2018. *Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association*, San Diego, CA. November 2018.

Jason, Kendra and Christy L. Erving. “How Do Multiple Chronic Conditions and Depression Impact Workforce Engagement?: An Examination of Race, Gender, and Age.” *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society*, New Orleans, LA. April 2018.

Erving, Christy L., and Ornella Hills. “Neighborhood Social Interactions and Mental Health: Exploring Ethnic and Nativity Distinctions among Black Americans.” *Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society*, Greenville, SC. April 2017; *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Montréal, Canada. August 2017.

Irby-Shasanmi, Amy and Christy L. Erving “Gender Differences in the Effects of Support Exchanges on Psychological Well-Being.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*, Montréal, Canada. August 2017.

Erving, Christy L. “Physical-Psychiatric Comorbidity: Implications for Health Measurement and the Hispanic Epidemiological Paradox.” *Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association*, Seattle, WA. August 2016.

Erving, Christy L. and Courtney S. Thomas. “Emotional Reliance, Race, and Mental Health.” *International Conference on Social Stress Research*, San Diego, CA. June 2016.

Erving, Christy L. “Is Comorbidity a Death Sentence? Exploring the Relationship between Co-occurring Health Conditions and Mortality.” *Annual Meeting of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program*, Chapel Hill, NC. May 2016.

Erving, Christy L. “Theories of Racial Inequality and Health Disparities.” *Annual Meeting of Population Association of America*, Washington, DC. April 2016.

Prewitt, Dana, Christy L. Erving, Amy Irby-Shasanmi, and Deidre L. Redmond. “Establishing Authority in the Classroom: A Content Analysis of Race and Gender Patterns in Syllabus Language.” *Annual Meeting of Eastern Sociological Society*, Boston, MA. March 2016.

Erving, Christy L. "Physical-Psychiatric Comorbidity: Exploring Differences across Race, Ethnicity, and Immigrant Status." *Annual Meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Chicago, IL. August 2015; *Annual Ford Foundation Fellows Conference*, Washington, DC. September 2013.

Jones, Caralee and Christy L. Erving. "Just As Black?: Understanding the Racial and Ethnic Identities of Afro-Caribbeans in the U.S." *Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists*, New York, NY. August 2013.

Erving, Christy L. "Social Support and Health: The Role of Ethnicity and Nativity among Black Americans." *Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO. August 2012.

Rohrman, Shawna and Christy L. Erving. "The Discrimination-Mental Health Relationship among Children of Immigrants." *Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO. August 2012.

Erving, Christy L., and Amy Irby-Shasanmi. "Getting and Giving: The Effect of Support on Multiple Measures of Health." *Annual Meeting of North Central Sociological Association*, Pittsburgh, PA. April 2012.

Erving, Christy L. "Gender and Physical Health: A Study of African American and Caribbean Black Adults." *Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association*, Las Vegas, NV. August 2011.

Erving, Christy L., and Shawna Rohrman. "Psychological Well-Being, Perceived Discrimination, and Acculturation: Evidence from the Children of Immigrants Longitudinal Study." *Annual Meeting of Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Las Vegas, NV. August 2011.

Erving, Christy L. "African American Women and HIV/AIDS: Social Factors that Influence Risk." *Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program Conference*, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC. August 2006.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### Vanderbilt University

- Survey Seminar on Race and Ethnic Relations (graduate, Spring 2018)
- Directed Study: Race, Health, and the Environment (graduate, Fall 2018)
- Contemporary Social Issues: Mental Health and Illness (undergraduate, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019)
- Racial Domination, Racial Progress (undergraduate, Fall 2018)
- Social Psychology of Prejudice (undergraduate, Fall 2017)

### UNC Charlotte

- Sociology of Mental Health and Illness (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)
- American Minority Groups (Fall 2016)

Indiana University

Critical Reading and Reasoning for the New College Student (Summer 2014)

Sociology of Mental Illness (Fall 2012, Summer 2013)

Rise of China? (Spring 2009), graduate assistant

Social Problems and Policies (Fall 2008), graduate assistant

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Public Health Department Summer Intern, 2012

National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago

Responsibilities: data management and statistical analysis; literature review; wrote research reports; presented research findings

Co-investigator/Interview Supervisor, 2011

Principal Investigator: Dr. Peggy Thoits

Project Title: "Social Support and Volunteer Identities."

Department of Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington

Responsibilities: survey development; conduct and transcribe semi-structured in-depth interviews; supervised and trained graduate student interviewers at Center for Survey Research at Indiana University

Research Assistant, 2008

Principal Investigator: Dr. Patricia McManus

National Telephone Survey, Project Title: "Social Contact between Immigrants and Native Born in Six American Cities."

Department of Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington

Responsibilities: conducted telephone interviews using computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) system

Emmett J. Conrad Summer Internship Program Participant, 2008

University of Texas, Southwestern/ National Hispanic Council on Aging

Project Title: "The Health of the Hispanic Elderly: Mortality, Morbidity, and Barriers to Healthcare Access."

Responsibilities: literature search and review; developed research report on the health of Hispanic elderly in US; presented findings

Moore Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program Participant, 2006

Principal Investigator: Dr. Deborah Jones

Project Title: "African American Women and HIV/AIDS Risk: The Role of Socioeconomic Status for Sexual Risk Behaviors."

Department of Psychology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Responsibilities: conducted an independent research project; assisted in interviewing process during data collection; submitted research paper and presented findings at the Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program Conference

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association (Section Membership: Aging and the Life Course; Medical Sociology; Mental Health; Race, Gender, and Class; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Social Psychology)

Association of Black Sociologists

Population Association of America

Society for the Study of Social Problems (Section Membership: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Society and Mental Health)

Southern Sociological Society

## **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE**

2018 Longitudinal Data Analysis Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

2017 Introduction to the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

2017 Butler-Williams Scholars Program, National Institute on Aging Participant, Bethesda, MA.

2016 Multiple Imputation using STATA, Social Science Computing Cooperative, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

2015 RAND Summer Institute, Mini-Medical School for Social Scientists and Demography, Economics, Psychology, and Epidemiology of Aging Conference, Participant, Santa Monica, CA.

2015 Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research (MCUAAAR) Summer Workshop, Participant, Detroit, MI.

2012 Compact for Faculty Diversity Institute on Teaching and Mentoring Annual Conference, Participant, Tampa, FL.

2011 Howard University Graduate School's Preparing Future Faculty Summer Institute, Participant, Washington, DC.

2010 Great Lakes Alliance for the Social and Behavioral Sciences (GLASS) Student Research Symposium, Participant, Chicago, IL.

2010 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

## **SERVICE**

### **Discipline**

2019-2021 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*

2017-2019 Membership Committee Chair, American Sociological Association (ASA), Mental Health Section

2018 National Science Foundation (NSF), Proposal Reviewer

2016 Session Presider ("*Medical Sociology and Mental Health*"), Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting

2015 Session Organizer ("*The Stress Process and Mental Health*"), Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting, Society and Mental Health Division

2014 Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Society and Mental Health Division Graduate Student Paper Competition, Evaluation Committee



- 2012- Occasional Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Ethnicity and Health*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Gender & Society*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Research on Aging*, *Social Currents*, *Social Problems*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Social Science Research*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Women's Health Issues*
- 2012-2014 Graduate Student Representative, American Sociological Association, Mental Health Section
- 2012 Session Organizer (“*Health Disparities: A Persistent Sociological and Public Health Challenge*”) with Dr. Pamela Braboy Jackson, American Sociological Association, Medical Sociology Section
- 2010-2012 Student Council Member, American Sociological Association, Medical Sociology Section

### **University**

- 2014-2016 Affiliate, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2013-2014 College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) Graduate Hearing Board, Indiana University
- 2011 Juneteenth Freedom Celebration Planning Committee, Indiana University NealMarshall Black Culture Center
- 2009-2010 Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, Advisory Board, Indiana University
- 2008-2011 Ronald E. McNair Scholars Summer Research Program, Graduate Student Mentor for undergraduate McNair Scholars, Indiana University

### **Vanderbilt University Department of Sociology**

- 2018-2019 Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee (Medical/Health)
- 2018-2019 Member, M.A. Thesis Committee, Darwin Baluran (in progress)
- 2018-2019 Member, M.A. Thesis Committee, Rachel Zajdel (in progress)
- 2018-2019 Chair, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee, Madison Brown (in progress)
- 2018 Ad Hoc Faculty Expertise and Methodology Committee
- 2017-2018 Undergraduate Committee
- 2017-2018 Sociology Advisory Chair Selection Committee (ACSC)
- 2018 Member, Special Area Exam (Medical Sociology), Yvonne Chen (in progress)
- 2018 Member, Special Area Exam (Medical Sociology), Lacey Satcher
- 2018 Member, Special Area Exam (Medical Sociology), Ashley Kim
- 2018 Member, Special Area Exam (Social Psychology), Lacey Satcher
- 2018 Member, Special Area Exam (Medical Sociology), Ryan Talbert
- 2018 Member, Dissertation Committee, Gabriela León Pérez

### **Vanderbilt University Center for Latin American Studies**

- 2018-2019 Chair, M.A. Thesis Committee, Demetrius Murphy (in progress)

### **Indiana University Department of Sociology**

- 2012-2013 Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Member (Katie French, Sociology),
- 2012 Graduate Student Association Election Committee, Member
- 2011-2012 Personnel Committee, Student Member, Department of Sociology
- 2010-2011 Public Sociology Forum, Member, Department of Sociology
- 2009-2011 Gender, Race, and Class (GRC) Workshop, Student Coordinator, Department of Sociology
- 2010-2011 Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Sociology
- 2009-2011 Graduate Student Association, Secretary, Department of Sociology
- 2008-2009 Race and Ethnic Relations Committee, Co-Chair, Department of Sociology

### **Community**

- 2018- Volunteer, Nathar Foundation, Incorporated, Nashville, TN
- 2008-2010 Mentor, Early College Mentoring Program at Bloomington North High School, Bloomington, IN