

CURRICULUM VITA

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EDUCATION:

PhD Sociology 2007
University of Maryland-College Park, Department of Sociology
Advisor: Bonnie Thornton Dill

MA Sociology 1995
Eastern Michigan University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology

BA Social Science 1991
Eastern Michigan University

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS:

1. International Migration/ Immigration
2. Gender, Family and Social Support
3. Acculturation, Family, and Health
4. Race & Ethnicity/Social Inequality

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Assistant Professor 2009-present
Department of Behavioral Sciences, University of Michigan-Dearborn

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow 2007-2009
Program for Research on Black Americans (PRBA), Institute for Social Research (ISR)
University of Michigan
Advisor: James S. Jackson, Director, ISR

Research Associate 2005-2007
Program for Research on Black Americans, Institute for Social Research
University of Michigan
Supervisor: James S. Jackson, Director ISR.

Full-time Lecturer 2004-2005
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Delta College, University Center, MI.

Adjunct Lecturer 2000-2003
Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work
Central Michigan University.

Graduate Research Assistant 1998-1999
Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity
University of Maryland
Advisor: Bonnie Thornton Dill, Director

Graduate Assistant 1997-1998
Ford Foundation Project- The Meanings and Representations of Black Women & Work.
University of Maryland
Supervisors: Bonnie Thornton Dill and Sharon Harley, Directors

Graduate Assistant 1997-1998
Department of Afro-American Studies
University of Maryland
Supervisor: Sharon Harley, Chair

Graduate Research Assistant 1996-1997
Campus Assessment Working Group (CAWG)
Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs
University of Maryland
Supervisor: Dr. William Thomas, Vice President of Student Affairs.

Adjunct Lecturer 1995-1996
Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology
Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant 1994-1995
Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology
Eastern Michigan University.
Advisor: Jay Weinstein, Professor of Sociology

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Nominated for Distinguished Teaching Award (Non-Tenured Category), University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2015 (not awarded).

New Connections Research Symposium on Minority Health - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Princeton, NJ, 2014.

Post-Doctoral Research and Training Fellowship, Program for Research on Black Americans, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2007-09.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Society
Arab American Studies Association
Caribbean Studies Association
Association for Black Sociologists

TEACHING ACTIVITIES:

Teaching Assignments at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2009-present

Term	Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	No. of Students
Summer 2015	SOC 398	Directed Readings	3	1
	SOC 403	Minority Groups	3	31
Winter 2015	SOC 200	Understanding Society	3	56
	SOC 398	Directed Readings	1	1
	SOC 413	Qualitative Research Methods	3	4
	SOC 445	The Family	3	30
	SOC 498	Directed Readings	2	1
	SOC 498	Directed Readings	3	1
Fall 2014	SOC 403	Minority Groups	3	33
	SOC 413	Qualitative Research Methods	3	8
	SOC 4555	Immigrant Cultures and Gender	3	19
Summer 2014	SOC 403	Minority Groups	3	24
Winter 2014	SOC 200	Understanding Society	3	58
	SOC 403	Minority Groups	3	37
	SOC 413	Qualitative Research Methods	3	6
Fall 2013	SOC 403	Minority Groups	3	39
	SOC 413	Qualitative Research Methods	3	11
	SOC 4555	Immigrant Cultures and Gender	3	22
	SOC 498	Directed Readings	2	2
Summer 2013	SOC 403	Minority Groups	3	28
	SOC 398	Directed Readings	2	1
Winter 2013	SOC 200	Understanding Society	3	51
	SOC 403	Minority Groups	3	37
	SOC 413	Qualitative Research Methods	3	11
Fall 2012	SOC 403	Minority Groups	3	39
	SOC 413	Qualitative Research Methods	3	13
	SOC 445	The Family	3	20
Winter 2012	SOC 200	Understanding Society	3	55
	SOC 455/545	The Family	3	38/1
	SOC 498	Directed Readings	3	1
	WGST 498	Directed Readings	3	1
Fall 2011	SOC 403	Minority Groups	3	41
	SOC 413	Qualitative Research Methods	3	11
	SOC 398	Directed Readings	3	2
Winter 2011	SOC 403	Minority Groups	3	38
	SOC 445	The Family	3	33
	SOC 490/590G	Contemporary Immigration: Post 1965	3	14/3

Fall 2010	SOC 200	Understanding Society	3	58
	SOC 403	Minority Groups	3	36
	SOC 445	The Family	3	37
Summer 2010	SOC 503	Minority Groups	3	2
Winter 2010	SOC 200	Understanding Society	3	59
	SOC 200	Understanding Society	3	55
	SOC 403	Minority Groups	3	45
Fall 2009	SOC 200	Understanding Society	3	59
	SOC 403	Minority Groups	3	43

Curriculum Development

SOC 362 – Science Fiction and Social Life - I developed a new course in winter 2015. The first offering of this course will be winter 2016.

SOC 4555: Immigrant Cultures and Gender (crosslisted with WGST 4555/ ANTH 455/CRJ 455) - Re-established course in 2013. The course was effectively a new course offering since it had not been taught in over five years. It has been approved for four General Education categories; Intersections, Critical and Creative Thinking, Upper-division Intensive Writing, and Social and Behavioral Analysis.

Undergraduate Supervision

Riley, John (Summer 2015) Sociology in Science Fiction

Barragan, Grizel. (Winter 2015). Contemporary Mexican American Families

Huzair, Asma. (Winter 2015). Religion and Acculturation among South Asian Americans

Khalid, Fareeha. (Winter 2015). Health Disparities among South Asian Americans

Mikols, Dionis. (Fall 2013). An Overview of Minority and Dominant Group Relations in the U.S.

Wright, Ashley. (Fall 2013). Gender, Culture and Family in Immigrant Families

Johnson, Sara. (Summer 2013). Child Welfare and the Legal System.

Hatcher, Diane. (Winter 2012). Educational Attainment, College, and the Working-class Student.

Jones-Bolek-Toubeaux, Tiffany. (Winter 2012). Attitudes about Interracial Marriages among African American College-Age Women.

Karam, Rebecca. (Fall 2011). Pan-Ethnicity among Arab Americans

Braun, Kristin. (Fall 2011). Contemporary attitudes of Muslims in the Balkans.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

Publications in Refereed Journals

- Lacey, Krim, Karen Sears, Ishtar O. Govia, **Ivy Forsythe-Brown**, Nikki Matusko, and James S. Jackson. 2015. "Substance use, mental disorders and physical health of Caribbeans at-home compared to those residing in the United States." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJERPH)* 12: 710-734. Special Issue - Jorge Delva (co-editor), Taylor Francis.
- Taylor, Robert Joseph, **Ivy Forsythe-Brown**, Karen Lincoln and Linda Chatters. 2015. "Extended family support networks of Caribbean Black adults in the United States." *Journal of Family Issues*, Sage. *In Press* (published online 3/2015) DOI: 10.1177/0192513X15573868.
- Taylor, Robert Joseph, **Ivy Forsythe-Brown**, Harry Owen Taylor, and Linda Chatters. 2014. "Patterns of emotional social support and negative interactions among African American and Black Caribbean extended families." *Journal of African American Studies*, 18: 147-163. Springer.
- Jackson, James S., **Ivy Forsythe-Brown**, and Ishtar O. Govia. 2007 "Age cohort, ancestry and immigrant generation influences in family relations and psychological well-being among Black Caribbean family members." *Journal of Social Issues* 63(4): 729-734. John Wiley and Sons.

Publications in Book Chapters

- Aronson, Pamela and **Ivy Forsythe-Brown**. Forthcoming. "'The scarf on my head is not oppressing me. I can become who I want.'" The college experience of Arab American women in the U.S." To appear in *Gender and Youth Migration: A Global Survey*, edited by Glenda Tibe Bonifacio.
- Chatters, Linda, Ivy Forsythe-Brown, Robert Joseph Taylor. In Press. "Informal social support networks and Black Americans." In Valerie C. Copeland (editor) *People of Color in the United States: Contemporary Issues in Education, Work, Communities, Health, and Immigration, Volume 4*. Greenwood (August 2016).

Papers Submitted for Publication in Refereed Journals

- Krim K. Lacey, Dawn M. Mouzon, Ishtar O. Govia, Niki Matusko, **Ivy Forsythe-Brown** and James S. Jackson. "Substance use among Blacks across the diaspora." *Substance Use and Misuse* (Revise and resubmit 7/2015).
- Thornton, Michael C., Robert Joseph Taylor, Linda M. Chatters and **Ivy Forsythe-Brown**. "All Black together?: African American and Black Caribbean feelings of closeness to Africans." *Identities* (Revise and resubmit 6/2015)
- Aronson, Pamela and **Ivy Forsythe-Brown**. "'Family is just so much a part of life:' The gendered college experiences of Arab American emerging Adults." *Emerging Adulthood* (submitted 10/2015)
- Forsythe-Brown, Ivy**. "Ethnicity and health: Comparing the health status and health behaviors of native-born and foreign-born Black Americans." *Journal of Black Studies*. (submitted 6/2015)

Manuscripts in Preparation

- Forsythe-Brown, Ivy**, Robert Joseph Taylor, Dawne M. Mouzon, David Chae, Jamila McLean, and Linda M. Chatters. “Everyday Discrimination among Black Caribbeans in the United States: The Impact of Nativity and Country of Origin.”
- Forsythe-Brown, Ivy**, Robert Joseph Taylor, Linda M. Chatters, Ishtar O. Govia, and James S. Jackson. “Kin relations and social support in Jamaican immigrant families.”
- Forsythe-Brown, Ivy**. “Transnationalism, assimilation, and identity among second generation Caribbean immigrants in Britain.”
- Forsythe-Brown, Ivy**, Robert Joseph Taylor, and Linda M. Chatters. “Gender, transnational contact, and exchanges in Caribbean immigrant families.”

Book Reviews

- Forsythe-Brown, Ivy**. 2013. – Book Review – Elaine Arnold, *Working with families of African Caribbean origin: Understanding issues around immigration and attachment*, London and Philadelphia: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2011, 160 pp. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 36(7) 1252-1253. Taylor Francis.

Conference Presentations

- Forsythe-Brown, I. “Transnational Elder Care and Gender among Caribbean Black Immigrant Families,” *Proceedings of the 85th Annual Eastern Sociological Society* February 2015, New York, NY.
- Forsythe-Brown, I. “Black Ethnic and Immigrant Families.” *Proceedings of the 109th Annual American Sociological Association*, August 2014, San Francisco.
- Forsythe-Brown, I. “Considering Ethnic Variability in Black Families.” *Proceedings of the 108th Annual American Sociological Association* August 2013, New York, NY.
- Forsythe-Brown, I. “Can Segmented Assimilation be Linked to Health?: A Comparison of native-born and foreign-born Black Americans.” *Proceedings of the 83rd Annual Association of Black Sociologists* August 2013, New York, NY.
- Forsythe-Brown, I. “Stories of Second Generation Transnationalism and Identity among Caribbean Immigrants in Britain.” *Proceedings of the 82nd Annual Eastern Sociological Society* February 2012, New York, NY
- Forsythe-Brown, I. “Perceptions of Health, BMI and the ‘Healthy Immigrant’ Effect: A Caribbean Immigrant Exploration.” *Proceedings of the 106th Annual American Sociological Association* August 2011, Las Vegas, NV
- Forsythe-Brown, I. “Gender and Kin-keeping in Caribbean Immigrant Families.” *Proceedings of the 104th Annual American Sociological Association*, August 2009, San Francisco, CA.
- Forsythe-Brown, I. “West Indian Health Status and Substance Use in the United States and the Caribbean: An Overview” *Proceedings of the 34th Annual Caribbean Studies Association* May
- Forsythe-Brown, I. “Gender, Proximity and Parental Care among Caribbean Immigrant Families.” *Proceedings of the 103rd Annual American Sociological Association*, August 2008, Boston, MA.

Forsythe-Brown, I. "Afro-Caribbean Immigrant Families: Managing Kinship across Distance and Time." *Proceedings of the 71th Annual Southern Sociological Society*, March 2008, Richmond, VA.

Forsythe-Brown, I. "Familial Reciprocity and Transnational Contact in Immigrant Families." *Proceedings of the 102nd Annual American Sociological Association*, August 2007, New York, NY.

Forsythe-Brown, I. "Maintaining a Transnational Family: A Caribbean Case Study." *Proceedings of the 101th Annual American Sociological Association*, August 2006, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Forsythe-Brown, I. "Linking Educational Aspirations and Motivations for Migration among Caribbean Immigrants: Notes from the Field." *Proceedings of the 100th Annual American Sociological Association*, August 2005, Philadelphia, PA.

Other (Invited) Presentations

Forsythe-Brown, I. "Race and Privilege in America: A Workshop." October 2015, Waters of Reconciliation: Race Relations and Diversity, *The 181th Convention of the Diocese of Michigan*, The Suburban Collection Diamond Center, Novi, MI.

Forsythe-Brown, I. "Caribbean health status, health behaviors, and theories of societal incorporation." Program for Research on Black Americans, 2013, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

Forsythe-Brown, I. "Gender and Kin Work in Caribbean Immigrant Families," 2009, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University, Detroit MI

Forsythe-Brown, I. "Black Immigrants: Gender, Family, and Contact," 2009, Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

Forsythe-Brown, I. "Black Immigrants, Gender, and Family Contact," 2009, Department of Sociology and the African American Studies Research Center, Purdue University

Forsythe-Brown, I. "Black Immigrants: Transnational Relations and Societal Incorporation," 2008, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI.

Forsythe-Brown, I. "Confronting the Legacy of the Race Myth," 2006, Diversity Conference at Greenhills Schools, Ann Arbor, MI.

Research Grants

Grants Awarded

Faculty Research Support and Maintenance Grant, University of Michigan-Dearborn, 2011. To support research project on transnational kinship and ethnic identity among Caribbean immigrants in Britain (\$6000).

Grants Submitted

Exploring Cultural Attitudes and Health Outcomes among American Blacks: A Comparison of West Indians, Haitians, Sub-Saharan Africans and Native-Born Non-Hispanic Blacks. Invited qualifying grant proposal to New Connections, Minority Health, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (*not funded*).

Professional Development for Research

New Connections Research Symposium on Minority Health - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation,
Princeton, NJ – 2014

Connecting Micro and Macro in Ethnography – American Sociological Association Pre-convention
Course, *Proceedings of the 108th Annual American Sociological Association* August 2013, New
York, NY.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Faculty Training Workshop, UM-Dearborn – Summer 2012

Worldviews Seminar [survey course of world religions and religious communities in metropolitan
Detroit], UM-Dearborn – Summer 2011

National Science Foundation Grants Workshop, Wayne State University – Fall 2010

National Science Foundation Grants Workshop, University of Toledo – Fall 2010

Summer Institute on Survey Methodology, University of Michigan – 2010
- Focus Groups as Qualitative Data

Inter-Group Dialogue Institute, University of Michigan – 2010
- Pre-Institute Workshop on Inter-group Dialogues on Religion
- Inter-group Dialogues on Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Sexuality and other forms of difference.

Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social
Research [ICPSR] University of Michigan – 2008
- Methodological Issues in Quantitative Research on Race and Ethnicity
- Regression Analysis II: Linear Models

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, New Connections Research and Coaching Clinic – 2007
American Public Health Association [APHA] Conference, Washington, DC.

Center for Statistical Consultation and Research - Statistical Analysis Courses, University of
Michigan– 2007 – 2008
- Multivariate Techniques - Logistical Regression and Related Techniques
- Regression Analysis
- Introduction to NVIVO
- Statistics: A Review

Summer Training Workshop on African American Aging Research – 2006
Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research
University of Michigan/Wayne State University – Institute for Gerontology

SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

College Committees

Religious Studies Program Curriculum Advisory Board (Member) 2011-present	College-level
Center for Arab American Studies Advisory Board (Member) 2011-2014	College-level
Worldviews Seminar Advisory Board (Member) 2011-present Center for the Study of Religion in Society	College-level
Lecturer Review Committee – Criminal Justice (Member) 2014	College-level

College of Arts, Sciences and Letters Dean's Search Committee 2013

College-level

Department Committees

Behavioral Sciences Major Advisory Committee (Member) 2013-present

Department-level

Lecturer Review Committee - Sociology (Member) 2014

Department-level

Behavioral Sciences Major Review Committee (Member) 2011-13

Department-level

Curriculum Review of the Behavioral Sciences Major (Member) 2010-13

Department-level

Lecturer Review Committee - Sociology (Member) 2010

Department-level

Professional Activities

Ad Hoc reviewer:

- *Journal of Marriage and Family* – topic: Care-giving among Mexican American Families, 2014

- *Journal of Marriage and Family* – topic: African Immigrant Families, 2014

- *Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research* – grant proposal – topic: Caribbean Women 2014

- *Journal of Marriage and Family* – topic: Transnational Families, 2014

- *Journal of Marriage and Family* – topic: Immigrant Families, 2013

- *Criminal Justice Policy Review* – topic: Diversity in Policing, 2013

- *Social Problems* – topic: Transracial Adoption, 2012

Session Organizer, "Black Immigrants in the United States." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2007

Affiliations

Program for Research on Black Americans, Institute of Social Research (ISR)

U of M, Ann Arbor

African and African American Studies – Affiliate Faculty

College-level

American Studies – Affiliate Faculty

College-level

Arab American Studies – Affiliate Faculty

College-level

Criminal Justice – Affiliate Faculty

College-level

Women's and Gender Studies – Affiliate Faculty

College-level

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

2015-present **Member**, Race and Diversity Taskforce, The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, Detroit, MI.

2014-present **Member**, Haiti Outreach Mission, St. David's Episcopal Church, Southfield, MI – an ecumenical medical, dental, and educational support mission to rural Haiti.

2014-present **Server**, Crossroads of Michigan, Detroit MI – an inner city Detroit social service agency with food pantry and weekend soup kitchen.

- 2006-2009 **Council Member**, Trinity Lutheran Church, Midland, MI – served on church council, making decisions about church mission, personnel, and finances (\$1.7 million annual budget).
- 2003-2008 **Counselor**, “A Day at the Lake,” Trinity Lutheran Church, Midland, MI - a week long day camp for Black and Latino youth from inner-city Saginaw, MI.
- 2006 **Mentor**, Summer Research Opportunity Program, University of Michigan - designed to encourage outstanding undergraduate students underrepresented in their field of study to conduct intensive research, pursue graduate study and academic careers.
- 2005 **Consultant**, Anti-Racism Taskforce, Northwest Lower Michigan Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America [ELCA] - committee charged with increasing racial and ethnic understanding among congregations and increase diversity within the synod organizational leadership.