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EDUCATION

PhD Sociology	Georgia State University, Atlanta, 2019 Dissertation: “Hair That Moves: Black Solidarity, Cognitive Pluralism, and The Natural Hair Social Movement.” Committee: Drs. Rosalind Chou, Katie L. Acosta, and Wendy Simonds
MA Sociology	Georgia State University, Atlanta, 2013 Thesis: “Coloring Outside the Lines: An Intersectionality Approach to Understanding the Homeschooling Experiences of Black Families.” Committee: Drs. Ralph LaRossa, Tomeka M. Davis, and Anthony Hatch
BBA Finance	Howard University, Washington, 2000

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race and Ethnic Relations
Social Stratification and Inequality
Cognitive Sociology
Intersectionality
Embodiment
Social Determinants of Health
Sociology of Education
Children and Childhood Socialization
Social Movements

PUBLICATIONS

Taylor, Taura (*in press*). “Going Natural: Black Women’s Didactic Hair Culture.” In *Navigating the Black Hair Phenomenon*, edited by Tameka N. Ellington. Kent: Kent State University Press.

Taylor, Taura 2021. “Can I Touch Your Hair? Black Hair, Microaggressions, and Urban Civility.” In *Alternative Urbanisms and the Real World of Deviance in the City*, edited by Deirdre Oakley. Great River Learning.

Taylor, Taura. 2018. “Exploring Black Women’s Homeschooling Experiences at the Intersections of Race, Gender, and Class.” Pp. 213-228 in *Marginalized Mothers, Mothering from the Margins (Advances in Gender Research, Volume 25)* edited by T. Taylor and K. Bloch. Emerald Publishing Limited.

Taylor, Taura. 2018. "Fatherhood, Resilience, and Black Men's Mental Health: Exploring the Contributions of Black Homeschooling Fathers." Pp. 235-249 in *The Handbook of Research on Black Males: Quantitative, Qualitative, & Multidisciplinary*, edited by T. S. Ransaw, C.P. Gause, and R. Majors. Michigan: Michigan State University Press.

Wingfield, Adia Harvey and **Taura Taylor.** 2016. "Race, Gender, and Class in Entrepreneurship: Intersectional Counterframes and Black Business Owners." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 39(9):1676-1696.

Harvey, Adia Wingfield and **Taura Taylor.** 2014. "Entrepreneurship as Empowerment: Agency, Racial Counterframing, and Black Business Owners' Decision-Making Processes," chapter submission *Racism: Global Perspectives, Coping Strategies and Social Implications*, Nova Publishers.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Goldman Sachs One Million Black Women Initiative and Urban Institute, Project: Meso-level Determinants and Intervention in Black Women's Wealth Disparities, *June 2022-Present*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Adia Harvey Wingfield, Georgia State University, College of Arts and Sciences, Sociology Department, *Spring 2011-Fall 2011:* Assisted with research study examining racial differences in motivations for entrepreneurship; contacted and interviewed study participants; transcribed study interviews; analyzed data; and co-authored two manuscripts. Research sponsored by Kauffman Foundation.

Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Christine D. Thomas, Georgia State University, College of Education, Department of Middle and Secondary Education, *Spring 2008-Spring 2009:* Performed general tasks associated with ongoing graduate student research projects; compiled and formatted notes; proofread graduate student submissions; and researched articles and literature related to mathematics education.

Survey Researcher/Volunteer, Drs. Erin Ruel, Deirdre Oakley, and Lesley Reid, Georgia State University, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Sociology, *Summer 2008:* Conducted interviews and surveys for the Urban Health and Well-being Research Initiative for Neighborhoods in Transition project. Research sponsored by National Science Foundation.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Morehouse College, Division of Social and Cultural Studies *2021-Present.* Courses include: Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, History of Social Thought, The Family, and African American Family.

Lecturer, Kennesaw State University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, *2020-2021.* Courses include: Sociology of Deviance, Medical Sociology, Race and Ethnicity, and Introduction to Sociology.

Adjunct Professor, Oglethorpe University, Core Studies, 2020-2021. Courses include: COR 201 and COR 202.

Visiting Lecturer, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology: Cognition and Society, and African American Families, *Summer 2020*; Race and Ethnic Relations, and Issues in the African American Community, *Spring 2020*; Introduction to Sociology, and Sociological Theory, *Fall 2019*.

Instructor, Kennesaw State University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, 2017-2019. Courses included: Social Change and Modernization, Social Class and Mobility, Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of Gender, and Race and Ethnicity.

Instructor, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, 2015-2017. Courses included: Introduction to Sociology and Cognition and Society.

Guest Lecturer, Clark Atlanta University (2019), Georgia State University (2014), and St. Augustine's College (2011). Topics included: Black Feminist Thought: Controlling Images, Homeschooling: Ameliorating Racial Academic Disparities, Social Construction of Beauty: Black American Natural Hair, Bullying: Social Contexts and Social Consequences.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Our Bodies Ourselves Today, Expert Panelist on Aging, *October 2021-Present*.

Media Appearance, Our Bodies, Our Temples, *Sophie's Parlor Women's Radio Collective*, *WPFW*, June 29, 2022

Media Appearance, C.R.O.W.N KBJ! *Small Talk*, *Big Names Podcast with Neiger*, April 17, 2022

Media Appearance, Sociologist and Parlor Owner, Dr. Taura Taylor, *Small Talk*, *Big Names Podcast with Neiger*, March 22, 2022

Media Appearance, BLACK WOMYN in America: Voices, of Liberation, Creativity, and Love, *Sophie's Parlor Women's Radio Collective*, *WPFW*, February 2, 2022.

Media Appearance, How the Natural Hair Movement Lead to the Natural Health Movement, *Koffee with Kaya Anchor Podcast*, May 13, 2020.

Media Appearance, Should Cosmetologists be Essential, *The Hair Debate*, *Facebook Live Interview*, April 26, 2020.

Media Appearance, Caregiving in the Time of Corona, *The Shape of Care Apple Podcast*, May 4, 2020.

Media Appearance, Natural Hair in Corporate America, Series 1-6. *Beauty Lifestyle Network*, Atlanta, Fall 2019.

Owner, The Nappy Parlor, Natural Hair Care and Beauty Salon, *January 2004-Present*. The owner and operator of a natural hair care and beauty salon. Primary duties include: stylist, manager, and bookkeeper.

Continuing Education Provider, Natural Hair Care Basics for Professionals, Atlanta, *November 2011-Present*.

Advisory Board Member, My World Program, *April 2014-December 2017*. Primary duties included: developing resources, raising funds, and building awareness.

Facilitator, Atlanta Chapter of the National Domestic Workers Alliance, *January 2017*. Survey Skills Workshop.

Facilitator, Finding Your Voice: Breaking Through the Silence, Atlanta, Presented the topic, A Thoughtful Conversation about Beauty Conventions and Presentations of Self: How Beauty Ideals, Trends and Norms Affect Our Mental and Physical Well Being, *September 2015*.

Guest Natural Hair Care Instructor, Atlanta Natural Hair Care *Fall 2013*; Urbanbella Salon *Spring 2013*; Ritz Beauty Academy, *Fall 2012*.

Media Appearance, Natural Beauty Happy-To-Be Nappy documentary, *Summer 2011*.

Facilitator, Señor Dunker Campaign, San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic: Presented the topic, Natural Hair Care and The Diaspora, *April 2010*.

Auditor, Georgia Department of Transportation, *September 2002-January 2004*. Performed audits and special analyses to ensure costs charge to GDOT by consultants, contractors, and other entities were accurate, reasonable, and complied with federal and state regulations.

ACADEMIC PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, “You Don’t Need a Mirror When Your Sister Does Your Hair,” TEXTURES: The History of Black Hair Symposium, *April 2022*

Panelist, The Nelson Center for Entrepreneurship at Brown University Second Research Conference Examining Entrepreneurship at the Intersection of Women, Refugees, Immigrants, Allyship, and Anti-Black Racism, *June 2021*.

Panelist, “Good Hair/Good Mother, Bad Hair/Bad Mother: How Natural Hair Constructs Black Motherhood,” Southern Sociological Society, *April 2021*.

Presenter, “It’s Absolutely Beautiful to Me Now: Consciousness-Raising in the Natural Hair Thought Community,” American Sociological Association, *August 2020*.

Round Table Discussant, “Black Solidarity, Cognitive Pluralism, and the Natural Hair Social Movement,” American Sociological Association, Seattle, *August 2016*.

Presenter, “It is Not What is on Your Head but What is in Your Head: How Culture and Social Location Affect our Perception of Beauty,” Georgia State University, Conference on Glorious HAIR and Academic Identities, Atlanta, *June 2016*.

Presenter, “Naturalista Hair Care Basics 101,” Georgia State University, Conference on Glorious HAIR and Academic Identities, Atlanta, *June 2016*.

Panelist, Morehouse College, Topic: Black Images and Perceptions, *April 2014*

Presider, Author Meets Critic Session, Enobong Hannah Branch’s *Opportunity Denied: Limiting Black Women to Devalued Work*, Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, *April 2013*.

Round Table Discussant, “Coloring Outside the Lines: How Black Families Identify within the Homeschooling Movement,” American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, *August 2011*.

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Advisor, Morehouse Sociology Association, *November 2021-Present*

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Membership, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, American Sociological Association, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements (elected), *Present*
Faculty Leader/Advisor, Senegal Service-Learning Study Abroad, Morehouse College, *May 2022-June 2022*

Committee Member, Ad Hoc Committee for Faculty Service Engagement, Morehouse College, *Present*

Committee Chair, Student Welfare Committee, Morehouse College, *November 2021-May 2022*

Committee Member, Search Committee for Associate Provost for Pedagogy and Assessment, Morehouse College, *October 2021-November 2021*

INSTRUCTIONAL TRAINING

John Hopkins Certified COVID-19 Contact Tracing

Sociology 9001: Teaching Internship

Sociology 9000: Teaching Sociology

Prepped Courses: Introduction to Social Problems *Spring 2014*; TCSG Health and Safety, Course, *Spring 2014*.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Association for Black Sociologists
Sociologists for Women in Society
Southern Sociological Society
Urban Affairs Association

REFERENCES

Dr. Katie L. Acosta
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