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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 2011** **Ph.D.**, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Department of Health, Behavior, and Society,
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD
- 2007** **MPH**, Behavioral and Community Health Sciences
Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences
University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2007** **Graduate Certificate**, Evaluation of Public Health Promotion and Health Education Programs
Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences
University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2005** **BS (Cum Laude)**, Nutritional Sciences (Concentration: Community Nutrition; Minor: Chemistry)
Department of Nutritional Sciences
Howard University, Washington, DC

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (Selected)

- 2013-present** **Assistant Professor**, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, School of Health and Human Sciences, Department of Nutrition
- 2013** **Study Coordinator & Co-Investigator**, The University of Maryland, School of Public Health. Directed research concerning the current status of minority inclusion in industry research that results in application for drug or device approvals from the US Food and Drug Administration. This position required supervisory role of master- and doctoral-level students.
- 2011-2013** **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, The University of Maryland, School of Public Health, Maryland Center for Health Equity. Postdoctoral fellowship to conduct community-based research in health equity and building trust between researchers and minority communities.
- 2008-2011** **Research Assistant**, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Health, Behavior & Society. Assisted faculty with qualitative research focusing on women's perceptions of nutrition information presented in news media and how those perceptions influenced their dietary decisions for themselves and their families.
- 2009-2011** **Research Coordinator**, Research and Evaluation Solutions, Inc. Directed a variety of research and evaluation projects, including assessments of public health and faith-based initiatives sponsored by the US Office on Women's Health and US Indian Health Services. Topic areas included HIV prevention for female adolescents, domestic violence, and homelessness.
- 2008-2009** **Research Assistant**, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Department of Pediatrics, Center for Child and Community Health. Assisted faculty with mixed-methods research exploring how household and neighborhood environments may be linked to obesity and related health disparities among Baltimore City children.
- 2006** **Graduate Intern**, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Center for Health Disparities. Assisted faculty with community-based participatory research, including a needs assessment and evaluation of a faith-based health promotion and disease prevention program for African Americans

HONORS & AWARDS (Selected)

- 2012-2014** **Health Disparities Research Scholar**, NIH Health Disparities Research Loan Repayment Program, NIH/NIH National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
- 2012** **Health Equity Scholar**, Health Equity Leadership Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison Collaborative Center for Health Equity
- 2012** **Invited Attendee**, New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming, Sixth Annual new Connections Symposium, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- 2012** **Scholarship/Travel Award Recipient**, AcademyHealth/Aetna Foundation Minority Scholars Program
- 2011** **Invited Attendee**, New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming, Fifth Annual Research and Coaching Clinic, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- 2010-2011** **Predoctoral Fellow**, Behavioral and Preventive Aspects of Heart and Vascular Disease Predoctoral Fellowship, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
- 2009-2010** **Recipient**, Doctoral Distinguished Research Award, Department of Health, Behavior & Society, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- 2009** **Recipient**, Minority Health Award, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- 2007-2009** **Predoctoral Fellow**, Health Diversity and Health Disparities Predoctoral Fellowship, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- 2007** **Inductee**, Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society (Omicron Chapter), University of Pittsburgh

PUBLICATIONS

Brown, N.A., Thornton, R.L., Smith, K.C., Surkan, P.J., & Levine, D.M. (In Press). "It's Like Big Mama's house": Examining extended family influences on the dietary behaviors of African American Children. *Ecology of Food and Nutrition*.

Brown, N.A., Smith, K.C., & Kromm, E.E. (2012). Women's perceptions of the relationship between recent life events, transitions, and diet in midlife: Findings from a focus group study. *Women and Health*, 52(3), 234-251.

Smith, K.C., Kromm, E.E., **Brown, N.A.**, & Klassen, A.C. (2012). "I come from a black-eyed pea background": The incorporation of history into women's discussions of diet and health. *Ecology of Food and Nutrition*, 51(1), 79-96.

Brown, N.A., Hulseley, E., Wing, Y.M., Hall, A.T., Ramachandran, S., DeLuca, M.E., Butler, J., & Burke, J.G. (2010). Perspectives on a community-based course for public health students. *Health Promotion Practice*, 11(2), 235-243.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Brown, N.A., Smith, K.C., Thornton, R.L., Bowie, J.V., Surkan, P.J., Thompson, D.A., & Levine, D.M. Gathering perspectives on extended family influence on African American children's physical activity. *Paper Under Review*, 2013.

Brown, N.A., Thomas, S.B., Quinn, S.C., Kim, K.H., Creekmur, P.B. Race, income, and physical activity: Risk for obesity in an affluent African American majority county in Maryland. *Paper Under Review*, 2013.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

Brown, N.A. Thornton, R.L.J., Smith, K.C., Surkan, P.J. & Levine, D.M. (2012, December 18). "Maybe I can lead more by example": Examining Dietary Socialization Strategies in African American Extended Families. Presented at the 2012 Summit on the Science of Eliminating Health Disparities, National Harbor, MD.

Thomas, S.B., Quinn, S.C., Butler, J., Chaney, J., Fryer, C.S., Garza, M.A., Himber, M., **Brown, N.A.**, et al. (2011, December 1). The Self-Reflective Researcher: Building Capacity to Recruit & Retain Minority Populations in Research. Pre-conference course taught at the 2011 Advancing Ethical Research Conference, National Harbor, MD.

Brown, N.A. Thornton, R.J., Smith, K.C., & Ellen, J.M. (2011, November 2). "It's like Big Mama's house.": Understanding the importance of extended family networks in addressing childhood obesity among urban African American children. Accepted for presentation at the American Public Health Association 139th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Brown, N.A., Johnson, R.T., Smith, K.C., & Ellen, J.M. (2011, June 2). Exploring differences in how parents and extended family members socialize children to adopt cultural physical activity norms. Presented at the Society for Prevention Research 19th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Brown, N.A., Thornton, R.J., Smith, K.C., & Ellen, J.M. (2011, March 8). "It's only when grandma's here.": Exploring differences in how parents and extended family members socialize children to adopt weight-related behaviors. Presented at the 22nd Annual National Youth at Risk Conference, Savannah, GA.

Brown, N.A., Thornton, R.J., Smith, K.C., & Ellen, J.M. (2010, October 29). "Don't tell, but my grandmother lets me cook.": Exploring differences in how urban parents and extended family members socialize children to adopt cultural dietary and physical activity norms. Presented at the 9th International Conference on Urban Health, New York, NY.

Brown, N.A., Houston, S., Peebles, A.C., Whiten, Y. & Langhorne, A. (2010, October 29). "Agencies have the services, and churches have the audience": How do we maximize the intersection of health service agencies and churches to address domestic violence and related social policies? Presented at the 9th International Conference on Urban Health, New York, NY.

Brown, N. A., Hulse, E., Wing, Y.M., Hall, A.T., Ramachandran, S., DeLuca, M.E., Butler, J., & Burke, J.G. (2007, April 12). Agency-based courses for students in public health: Stepping stones to university-community partnerships. Presented at the Campus-Community Partnerships for Health 10th Anniversary Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Brown, N. A., Sbrocco, T., Hsiao, J., & Hill, L. (2007, March 22). Two Years of Health Education Program Needs Assessment in African American Churches: G.O.S.P.E.L. Cares 2004-2005. Presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine 28th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Terry, M.A., Thomas, T., Jewell, I.K., & **Brown, N.A.** (2006, November 4-8). Addressing Immunization Disparities: A Practice-Level Observation Study. Presented at the American Public Health Association 134th Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

RESEARCH SUPPORT (Selected)

2012-2013 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, The Center of Excellence on Race, Ethnicity & Health Disparities. NIH/NIMHD, P20MD006737 (PIs: Quinn, S.C. & Thomas, S.B), 08/2012-07/2017

2013 **Co-Investigator & Study Coordinator**, Investigating and Addressing Factors Associated with Participation of Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations in FDA Regulated Research. US Food and Drug Administration Office of Minority Health / University of Maryland Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science & Innovation. (PI: Quinn, S.C.), 01/2013-09/2013

2011-2012 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Research Center of Excellence in Minority Health & Health Disparities. NIH/NIMHD, 5P60MD000207 (PI: Thomas, S.B.), 09/2002-04/2012

- 2011-2012** **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, NIH Bioethics Research Infrastructure Initiative: Building Trust between Minorities and Researchers. NIH/NIMHD, 7RC2MD004766 (PIs: Quinn, S.C. & Thomas, S.B.), 09/2009-06/2012
- 2009-2010** **Principal Investigator**, Doctoral Distinguished Research Award, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Health, Behavior & Society (\$2,000 to support dissertation research)
- 2010-2011** **Graduate Student Investigator**, Research Training Grant in Behavioral and Preventive Aspects of Heart and Vascular Disease. NIH/NHLBI, 5T32HL007180 (PI: Levine, D.M.), 07/1976-06/2016
- 2008-2011** **Graduate Student Investigator**, Roles of the News Media in Knowledge Dissemination around Nutritious Diet. CDC/National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 5K01DP001129 (PI: Smith, K.C.), 09/2007-09/2011
- 2008-2009** **Graduate Student Investigator**, Washington, DC-Baltimore Research Center on Child Health Disparities. NIH/NIMHD, 5P20MD000198 (PIs: Jenkins, R. & Cheng, T.), 09/2002-05-2012

ACADEMIC TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

- 2013-present** **Assistant Professor**, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Department of Nutrition. Professor for undergraduate nutrition course NUTR 213 (Introductory Nutrition)
- 2011-2013** **Adjunct Instructor**, College of Southern Maryland, Division of Social Sciences, Human Services, and Teacher Education. Instructor for WFS 1790 (Wellness for a Diverse Society)
- 2006-2007** **Teaching Assistant**, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences. Course assistant for BCHS 2509 (Social and Behavioral Aspects of Public Health Practice)

APPLIED PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERIENCE (Selected)

- 2010** **Health Education Consultant**, American Heart Association, Mid-Atlantic Affiliate, Greater Washington Region, Arlington, VA. Collaborated with community-based organizations serving African Americans and Hispanics/Latinos to develop culturally appropriate strategies for implementing the three-part *Search Your Heart* educational program focusing on heart disease and stroke, nutrition, and physical activity.
- 2007** **Association of Schools of Public Health Intern**, US DHHS, Health Resources and Services Administration, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Division of Training and Technical Assistance, HIV Education Branch, Rockville, MD. Conducted needs assessment sessions with HIV Education Branch staff to develop streamlined versions of the 11 Regional AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) 2005-2006 Annual Reports. Revised reports reflected comparisons to National AETC data and facilitated more effective program management between branch and AETC staff.
- 2002-2005** **Information Specialist**, USDA, Agricultural Research Service, National Agricultural Library, Food Safety Information Center, Food Safety Research Information Office, Beltsville, MD. Conducted extensive food safety literature searches to develop online and print factsheets and comprehensive resources lists on salient food safety topics. Assisted in content reviews of online resources for 2004 redesign of federal nutrition and food safety websites, including Nutrition.gov and the FSRIO website.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (Selected)

- 2012-present** **Manuscript Reviewer**, *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*
- 2012-present** **Abstract Reviewer**, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Public Health Education and Health Promotion Program Section
- 2012** **Mentor**, Summer Research Institute, Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, University of Maryland
- 2012** **Grant Review Panel Chair**, Health Care Innovation Challenge, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- 2011-present** **Manuscript Reviewer**, *American Journal of Health Behavior*
- 2011-present** **Board Member**, Community Outreach Workers Network (CROWN), Uniformed Services University Center for Health Disparities, Bethesda, MD. Participate in quarterly reviews of research protocols to ensure that scientists are upholding principles of respectful community engagement and cultural competence prior to granting the scientists access to a database of African Americans who are interested in research; provide enhancement recommendations for applications that do not meet access criteria
- 2011** **Grant Reviewer**, Affordable Care Act – Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, US DHHS
- 2010** **Grant Reviewer**, Suburban Maryland Ryan White Part A FY2011 Competitive Grant, Suburban Maryland Ryan White Part A Administrative Agency, Office of the Health Officer, Prince George's County Health Department
- 2009-2010** **Editor-in-Chief**, *Context Journal: The Journal Recognizing Student Health Professionals Engaged in Their Communities*
- 2008-2009** **Associate Editor-in-Chief**, *Context Journal: The Journal Recognizing Student Health Professionals Engaged in Their Communities*
- 2007-present** **Manuscript Reviewer**, *Health Promotion Practice*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2011-present** **The Obesity Society**, Member
- 2011-present** **Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues**, President Elect (2012-present); Secretary (2011-2012); Co-Chair, Mentoring and Professional Development Affairs Committee
- 2006-present** **American Public Health Association**, Member, Public Health Education and Health Promotion Section