



Kamesha Spates, Na'Tasha Evans, **Watts, B. Clarvon**, and Imani Reynolds. "A Qualitative Exploration of African Americans perceptions of Depression."

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### CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

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Stacey, Clare, Nicholas KREATSOULAS, Debra Pohlman, **Brittany Watts**, and Steven Radwany. 2020. "African American Faith Leaders' Experience, Knowledge, and Perceptions of Hospice and Palliative Care."

Looking Past and Present: An In-depth Analysis of Black Student Organizations and Movements at Kent State University, International Studies Association/Peace History Society (Kent, OH, October 2019). Tierra James., **Brittany Watts.**, Kamesha Spates.

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### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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2020 – 2023 | Graduate Research Assistant – S.T.A.R.S. Program, Kent, OH and Raleigh, NC

- ⇒ Led qualitative interviews
- ⇒ Evaluates new literature
- ⇒ Analyzed, managed, and organized new data
- ⇒ Oversees undergraduate and graduate students

2019 – 2023 | Project Coordinator – Racial Justice & Health Equity Research Education  
Kent, OH Collaborative

- ⇒ Oversees groups of undergraduate and graduate students
- ⇒ Responsible for developing and organizing research projects
- ⇒ Assists with data collection, analysis, and dissemination

2017 – 2018 | Research Assistant – "Palliative Care in African American Churches"  
Kent, OH

- ⇒ Participated in recruitment of participants
- ⇒ Provided assistance during focus groups
- ⇒ Assisted with the development of the surveys

2017 – 2018 | Research Assistant – "Secularization in the A.M.E. Church"  
Kent, OH

- ⇒ Participated in recruitment of participants
- ⇒ Conducted qualitative interviews

Winter 2012 | Research Fellow – "Life in Soweto"  
Johannesburg, South Africa

- ⇒ Studied the people, culture, and politics of Johannesburg, South Africa
- ⇒ Collected empirical data on social inequalities in township called, Soweto
- ⇒ Prepared reports on findings

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## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2019 | Elaine Mai Schock Outstanding M.A. Award  
Kent State University, Kent, OH
- 2015 – 2016 | W. Fletcher Nelson Quasi Endowment Scholarship  
Duke Divinity, Durham, NC
- 2014 – 2015 | Calvin Hill Scholarship Endowment  
Duke Divinity, Durham, NC
- 2013 – 2016 | Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Endowed Fund Scholarship  
Duke Divinity, Durham, NC

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## TEACHING/WORK EXPERIENCE

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2023 - *present* | Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Visiting Faculty Associate, Hartford Institute for Religion Research, Hartford International University, Hartford, CT

- ⇒ Lead qualitative and quantitative analysis
- ⇒ Manage and organize new data
- ⇒ Research new literature

2023 – *present* | Grant Reader, Reflective Leadership, Duke Divinity, Durham, NC

- ⇒ Review applications and make funding recommendations.

2017 – *present* | Program Director & Grant Writer, Shiloh Development Corporation, New London, CT

Child Works Preschool

- ⇒ Collaborate with Lead Teacher and Shiloh Development Corporation (SDC) Executive Director concerning accreditation/reaccreditation.
- ⇒ Research /review and apply for appropriate grants
- ⇒ Collaborate with appropriate agencies to ensure preparedness and to maintain a relationship that will ensure the incorporation of current models and techniques, which are being employed regionally/nationally.
- ⇒ Serve as a liaison for Child Works Preschool as needed.
- ⇒ Coordinate study groups and teacher/parent meetings with Lead Teacher.
- ⇒ Maintain accurate tuition payment records/parent notices and assists with existing and new Child Works Preschool programs/activities.
- ⇒ **Special Project:** I was one of a two-member team to develop a child assessment tool used across the state of CT to assist teachers with classroom observations for the CT Early Learning Development Standards (ELDS) in birth to kindergarten classrooms.

Shiloh Pantry

- ⇒ Oversees food pantry operations
  - Efficiently sources and distributes food across New London county and local charitable food systems by organizing intake and distribution logistics.

- Maintains personnel safety, food safety, and cleanliness standards across pantry operations, and oversees accurate record keeping.
- ⇒ Manages staff and volunteers
  - Collaborates with program coordinator to train and schedule volunteers
  - Ensures effective collaboration with partner agencies
- ⇒ Continually develops and promotes pantry programs that promote holistic health & wellness.
  - Works with community partners and community leaders to meet ongoing community health and wellness needs (i.e., health clinics/testing)
  - Engages with community partners and networks to coordinate food security programs through streamlining and collaboration in New London

#### Grant Writer

- ⇒ Collaborates with staff to identify the organization's gaps, needs, and fiscal goals.
- ⇒ Conducts internal/external research and data analysis for relevant grants for programming and community development initiatives.
- ⇒ Draft and submit proposals to ensure the organization meets funding goals.

#### 2016 – 2017 | Teacher, Child Works Preschool, New London, CT

- ⇒ Under the direction of the Head Teacher, assist in planning, carrying out age-appropriate curriculum to meet the social, emotional, cognitive, and physical needs of each child.
- ⇒ Demonstrate a thorough understanding of child development principles through daily interaction with children.
- ⇒ Delegating classroom assignments and ensure that the daily routine and plans are carried out in cooperation with the Head Teacher.

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### INVITED LECTURES

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#### **Watts, B. Clarvon.,** Black Women, Faith and Mental Health

Understanding the intersectional experience as it relates to race, gender, and religion for Black Christian women. New London, CT, 2019.

#### **Watts, B. Clarvon.,** Gender and Inequality

Understanding the past and current issues surrounding gender inequality in U.S. Kent State University, OH, 2019.

#### **Watts, B. Clarvon.,** James Cone: A Black Theology of Liberation

Understanding the history and implications of a theology of and for the oppressed through an inclusive Christological lens; drawing connections between liberation theologies of James Cone and Gustavo Gutiérrez. Guest Lecture. Wheaton College, MA, 2012.

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### ACADEMIC SERVICE

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Member, Alpha Kappa Delta, *2017-present*

Co-Chair, Black Graduate Student Association, *2017-2019*

Class Representative, Graduate Student Council, Duke University, *2014-2015*

Member, Black Seminarians Union, Duke Divinity School, 2013-2016  
Advisor, Duke Housing, Duke University, 2013-2016

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**BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

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Member, Connecticut Storytelling Center, 2023 – present  
Member, Opportunities Industrialization Center of New London County, 2023 – present

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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Co-Creator and Member, Shiloh Food Pantry, 2020 – present  
Member, New London School Readiness Council, 2017 – present  
Mentor, Women of Excellence Debutante Scholarship Program, 2013 – present  
Member, Shiloh New London Church’s Prison Ministry, 2010 – present  
Member, National Council of Negro Women, The New London Section, 2009 – present

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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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**Grant Writing** | “Talking Grants”: Grant Writing Certificate | 2022  
**Photovoice Worldwide** | “Talking with Pictures”: Photovoice Certificate | 2020

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Member, American Academy of Religion  
Member, American Sociological Association  
Member, Association for the Sociology of Religion  
Member, Association of Black Sociologists  
Member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
Member, Sociologists for Women in Society

*References are available on request.*