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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Educational Psychology: Developmental and Socialization Processes
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1990
Doctoral Dissertation: *The Influence of Parental Supervision and Rules on Black Adolescent Females' Sexual Activity and School Achievement*
- M.T.S. Master of Theological Studies
Emory University Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia, 1998
Magna cum Laude.
Certificates: *Women's Studies* and *Black Church Studies*.
- M.S. Applied Developmental and Educational Psychology
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, 1987
Master's Thesis: *Sexual Activity, Contraceptive Use, and Reproductive Knowledge Among Black Adolescent Females*
- B.A. Psychology-Anthropology/ Sociology
Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee, 1984

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- President and Professor of Psychology and Practice*** July 2025 – Present
Hartford International University for Religion and Peace,
Hartford, CT
- Vice President for Strategic Initiatives*** February 2018 – October 2024
Rhodes College, Memphis, TN
- President*** September 2010 – Present
Turner Russell Rivers Associates
(Formerly Strength & Dignity, International)
- Director, Institutional Success and Support*** April 2016 – November 2017
UNCF Institute for Capacity Building, Atlanta, GA
- Executive Director and CEO*** January 2011 – April 2016
Atlanta University Center (AUC) Consortium, Inc.,
Atlanta, GA

Vice President for Student Affairs
Spelman College, Atlanta, GA

September 2005 – May 2010

Assistant to the President and Secretary of the College
Spelman College, Atlanta, GA

July 2002 – August 2005

Ombudsperson
Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA

November 1999 – June 2002

Assistant Dean of the College
Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA

November 1999 – June 2002

Assistant Professor of Psychology
Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA

1990 - 1998

Associate Dean of Studies & Dean of Third World Affairs
(Interim)
Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA

September 1992 - June 1993

William Randolph Hearst Dissertation Fellow
Rhodes College, Memphis, TN

January 1989 -December 1989

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS

Montgomery, J. and Turner, S. L. (2018). *Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Enrollment Management: Implications for Private Historically Black Colleges and Universities*. Washington, DC: UNCF/ Institute for Capacity Building.

Turner, S. L. At the Center and Not the Margins: Preparing Free Thinking Women for Leadership in the New Millennium at a Historically Black College for Women. *ACPA Developments*, Volume 6, Winter 2008.

Turner, S. L. & Bagley, C. (2000). The Role of the Black Church and of Religion in the Lives of African American Women. In N. Burgess and E. Brown (Eds.) *African American Women: An Ecological Perspective*. New York, NY: Falmer Press.

Turner, S. L., Jacobs, M., Hamilton, H., Angood, L., & Hovde, D. (1997). The effects of fashion magazines on the body image satisfaction of college women: An exploratory analysis. *Adolescence*, 32, 603 - 614.

Turner, S. L. (1996). Enhancing Women's Ministry by Confronting Barriers to Relationship Building. In *Woman to Woman: Approaches to Witness and Outreach*. Valley Forge, PA: National Ministries American Baptist Churches USA, 37-38.

Scott-Jones, D. & Turner, S. L. (1990). The impact of adolescent childbearing on educational attainment and income of Black females. *Youth and Society*, 22, 35-53.

Turner, S. L. (1990). *The Influence of Parental Supervision and Rules on Black Adolescent Females' Sexual Activity and School Achievement*. (Doctoral dissertation, University of Illinois).

Scott-Jones, D., & Turner, S. L. (1988). Sex education, reproductive knowledge, and contraceptive knowledge among Black adolescent females. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 3, 171-187.

Turner, S. L. (1987). Sexual activity, contraceptive use, and reproductive knowledge among Black Adolescent females. Unpublished master's thesis, North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Turner, S. L. and Berrios, L. (2013, October). Through the Looking Glass: Visions and Planning for the Future of Higher Education. Paper presented at the Southern Regional Meeting of the Society for College and University Planning, Atlanta.

Turner, S. L. and Mosley, J. (2011, March). The Thin Line Between Pursuing Passion and Obtaining the Position: Strategies for Finding Meaningful Work in A Constricted Job Market. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Philadelphia.

Turner, S. L. (2009, March). Addressing Relationship Aggression and Violence on Campus: Culturally-Relevant and Generationally-Relevant Strategies. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Seattle.

Turner, S. L. (2008, November). No More Silence: Promoting Contemporary Culturally-Relevant Strategies to Address Relationship Violence and Aggression. Paper presented at the NASPA Student Success Series: Enhancing and Supporting African American Students in College, Atlanta.

Turner, S. L. and Cash, A.W. (2008, November). When and Where I Enter: The Experience and Status of African American Women in College. Paper presented at the NASPA Student Success Series: Enhancing and Supporting African American Students in College, Atlanta.

Turner, S. L. (2002, March). A Womanist Approach to Understanding the Sexuality of African American Adolescent Females. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Women in Psychology, Jersey City, NJ.

Turner, S. L., Hamilton, H., Jacobs, M., Angood, L. M., & Dwyer, D. (1995, March). The Influence of Fashion Magazines on the Body Image Satisfaction of College Women. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Women in Psychology, Indianapolis.

Turner, S. L. (1991, October). Understanding the Role of Contextual Influences on Minority Children's Development. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the New England Psychological Association, Portland, ME.

Turner, S. L., & Scott-Jones, D. (1988, August). Adolescent pregnancy: Issues of empowerment. In P. Bowman (Chair), Dynamics of family role strain in Black America: Research, theory, and empowerment. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Atlanta.

Scott-Jones, D. & Turner, S. L. (1986, August). Black and white single mothers: Stress, social support and achievement socialization. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

Wetzel, C., Lacey, A., Tiefert, D., & Turner, S. L. (1986, August). Seduced Again: Professor's Reputation and Coherency Effects on Teacher Ratings. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

SELECT WORKSHOPS, LECTURES AND CONSULTATIONS

Expert Testimony, *Preserving Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*. Freedom to Be Heard: The Office of the Senate and House Minority Leader Legislative Field Hearing. Memphis, TN, June 2024.

Content Faculty, *Integrating Diversity, Equity and Inclusion into Your College's Strategic Plan*. Tennessee Independent College and University Association Executive Leadership Institute, 2024, 2023, 2022.

Faculty, *Creating an Engaged and Inclusive Campus*. Council of Independent Colleges New Presidents Program, 2024, 2023.

Workshop Presenter, *Creating an Engaged and Inclusive Campus*. Council of Independent Colleges Presidential Spouses and Partners Program, 2024.

Panelist, *Organizational Models to Build Equitable Campuses*. Council of Independent Colleges Presidents Institute. San Francisco, CA, January 2023.

Invited Keynote Address, *The State of the Student: Generation Z, the Pandemic and Beyond*. Council of Independent Colleges Presidential Spouses and Partners Program, San Francisco, CA, January 2023.

Presenter, *Supporting Equity Minded Student Mentoring to Increase Student Success* (with Dr. Shana Stoddard, Dr. Justin Rose and Dr. Katherine Bassard), American Association of Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting, January 2022.

Presenter, *Maximizing Student Achievement and Retention*. Council of Independent Colleges Institute for Chief Academic Officers with Chief Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officers, 2021.

Presenter, *Strength, Integrity and Transformation: Leadership in a 21st Century Context*. College Board's A Dream Deferred and HBCU Conference. Washington, DC. March 2017.

Presenter, *The Importance of Data in the Current National Higher Education Landscape*. UNCF Institute for Capacity Building Institute on Data Management and Analysis, Atlanta, GA. July 2017.

Moderator, *Shifting Campus Culture for Greater Institutional Effectiveness Presidential Panel*. UNCF Institute for Capacity Building Institute on Data Management and Analysis, Atlanta, GA. July 2017.

Presenter, *The Enrollment Management Imperative and the Opportunity: Ensuring UNCF Member Institution Success*. UNCF Institute for Capacity Building Institute on Enrollment Management, Atlanta, GA. July 2016.

Moderator, *Presidential Perspectives: Enrollment Management Challenges, Strategies and Lessons Learned*. UNCF Institute for Capacity Building Institute on Enrollment Management, Atlanta, GA. July 2016.

Moderator, *Presidential Perspectives on Collaboration*. Annual Conference of the Association for Collaborative Leadership, Atlanta, GA. November 2015.

Presenter, *Race, Gender and the Politics of Calling: A Womanist Approach to Vocation*. Council of Independent Colleges Vocation in Undergraduate Education Conference. Washington D.C. March 2009.

Panelist, *Images of Black America: Is It Our Image or Theirs?* Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference, Washington D.C. September 2008.

Faculty, *African American Women's Summit: Navigating Campus Politics and Culture*. American College Personnel Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, March 2008.

Presenter, *The Glass Ceiling: Women as Higher Education Administrators*. Annual Conference of the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals. Atlanta, GA, April 2008.

Convener, Regional Meeting of Senior Student Affairs Officers at HBCUs in Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. Joint Meeting of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals, November 2007.

Facilitator, *Sexuality in the Life of the Church*. Workshop presented for Sexuality and the Sacred Conference. Candler School of Theology. Emory University, March 1998.

Facilitator, *Maintaining the Boundaries: Understanding Clergy Sexual Ethics and Misconduct*. Workshop presented at Conference on Navigating Ecclesiastical Hierarchy in the Church. Candler School of Theology. Emory University, March 1998.

Facilitator, *Let's Talk About Sex! A Womanist Approach to the Sexuality of African American Adolescent Girls and Women*. Workshop Presented at the First Annual Meeting of the National Black Herstory Conference, Atlanta, GA, March 1998.

Respondent, *Practicing Theology with Youth Consultation*. Youth Theology Institute, Candler School of Theology. Emory University, January 1998.

Facilitator, *In the Image of God: Dismantling Racism*. Workshop presented at Youth Theology Institute Summer Academy, Candler School of Theology. Emory University, July 1997.

Facilitator, *Stages of Racial Identity Development and Awareness of Race and Racism*. Workshop presented for Youth Theology Institute Staff Training Retreat, Candler School of Theology. Emory University, May 1997.

Invited Keynote Speaker, *Viewing African American Adolescents' Sexual Activity, Pregnancy, and Childbearing in Light of Historical and Social Change in the United States*. Harvard University School of Public Health Conference on Adolescent Sexuality, Boston, April 1995.

Facilitator, *Young Women's Sexuality*. Workshop presented at Harvard University School of Public Health Conference on Adolescent Sexuality, Boston, MA, April 1995.

Lecturer, *The History of Our Faith: The Role of Religion in the Lives of Three Prominent African-American Women*. Elms College, Springfield, MA, February 1992.

SELECT PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hartford International University for Religion and Peace, Board Member, 2023-present; 2nd Vice Chair, 2024-present

Conference Chair, *Purposeful, Strategic and Inclusive Partnerships*. Annual Conference of the Association for Collaborative Leadership, November 2015

Conference Chair, *Embracing the Diversity Within: Critical Issues for HBCUs and Campuses Serving Students of Color*, Mid-Year Conference of the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals, July 2008

University Community Development Corporation, Board Member, 2010-2015; Treasurer, 2010-2015

Giwayen Mata Dance, Percussion, and Vocal Ensemble, Board Member, 2014-2017; *Dance Africa Atlanta* Host Committee, 2012-2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

American Academy of Religion

American College Personnel Administrators

Association for Collaborative Leadership, Board Member, 2015; Professional Development Committee Member, 2012-2015; Annual Conference Chair and Host, 2015

Association for Women in Psychology

National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Member of HBCU Task Force, 2006, *Convener*, 2009

Phi Delta Kappa Education Fraternity

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society

Society for Research on Adolescence

Womanist Approaches to Religion & Society

CERTIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Executive Leadership Institute, Tennessee Independent College and University Association, 2023.

Executive Leadership Program, Leadership Memphis, 2020.

Certificate of Nonprofit Management and Leadership, Georgia Center for Nonprofits, 2012.

Certificate of Nonprofit Fundraising, Georgia Center for Nonprofits, Atlanta, GA, 2011.

James E. Scott National Academy for Leadership and Executive Effectiveness, New Senior Student Affairs Officers Institute, Washington DC, October 16-18, 2005.

Institute for Educational Management, Harvard Institutes for Higher Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA, July 24-August 5, 2005.

Mediator and Conflict Resolution Negotiator Certificate: Workplace Disputes. Justice Center of Atlanta, 2000.

SELECT HONORS AND AWARDS

Memphis Magazine's Who's Who, August 2021

Rhodes College Black Student Association Distinguished Alumna of the Year, 2019

Atlanta Business Chronicle's 100 Who's Who in Education, 2014

Atlanta Business Chronicle's 100 Who's Who in Education, 2013

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Japan	The Gambia	Canada	Scotland
China	South Africa	Panama	
Senegal	Egypt	Ghana	

REFERENCES

Available upon request