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Education

PhD Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY)
MA Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY)
BS John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Employment

2007 – present Associate Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
1995 – 2006 Assistant Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
1989 – 1995 Staff Psychologist, Health and Hospitals Corporation
1986 – 1989 Staff Psychologist, Sheltering Arms Children Services

Courses Taught

Introduction to Psychology
Race and Ethnicity in America
Psychology of Oppression
Psychology of the African American Family
Psychology of the African American Experience

Mentoring in the conception and execution of three student research projects each year in the Ronald McNair Program, which prepares intellectually promising undergraduates for graduate and doctoral studies who are the first of their of their immediate family to attend college.

Publications

Adams, C.J. (2005). Subjectivity, difference and commonalities in the context of gender in the Caribbean. *Caribbean Quarterly*, 51, (2), 1-13.

Adams, C.J. (2005). Poor African American fathers: Evolutionary perspectives. *Journal of Infant, Child, and Adolescent Psychotherapy*, 4, 4, 378-407.

Adams, C.J. (2005). Some personality characteristics within the identities of Caribbean-Americans. In Ann Carter Obaynwana, Sharon Gopaul-McNicol, Deiroy Loudon (Eds.), *Personality assessment and culture* (pp. 17-129). Lincoln, PA: Lincoln University.

Adams, C.J. (in press). Fathering in constrained places. *Proceedings from the Third Caribbean Conference on Criminal Justice*.

Adams, C.J. (2000). Integrating children into families separated by migration: A Caribbean-American case study. *Journal of Social Distress and the Homeless*, 9, 1

Adams, C.J. (1999). The construction of identities among Caribbean-Americans. *Caribbean Quarterly* 45, 4.

Adams, C.J. (1999). Contested Space: Psychosocial themes around the construction of Caribbean-American identities. *Wagabini*, 2, No. 1.

Presentations

Working effectively with young African American boys. Training module for citywide social workers assigned to early childhood programs. New York City: Department of Education. February 2006

Psychoanalytic perspectives on Blackness. Department of Psychology: Adelphi University. Long Island, NY .April 2005.

Organizational perspectives on working with a failing school. North East Sector of the Jamaican Diaspora Organization New York: April 2005.

Maintaining discipline and facilitating creativity: Working the tensions .Medgar Evers College High School. Brooklyn, NY: September, 2004

The challenges of learning in a multicultural environment: The Lawrenceville School. Lawrenceville, NJ: November 2004

Fathering in constrained places. Presentation at the Third Caribbean Conference on Crime and Justice. Kingston, Jamaica. February, 2004

Working with children from low income homes Trench Town Comprehensive High School, Kingston, Jamaica: September 2003

Works in Progress

Coping strategies among poor African-American men. An examination of differentiating psychological factors among related dyads of men, one of whom functions in mainstream

society and the other with a history of criminal activities and other dysfunctional behaviors.

Systems perspectives in working with a father and his preschool child with a disability: A case study.

Grants

2005-2006: CUNY Diversity Projects Development Fund: Received grant for \$2,200.00 to study coping strategies among poor African-American men.

2006-2007: PSC-CUNY 37 Research Award for \$3000.00 to begin July 1, 2006 to study coping strategies among poor African-American men.

Service

College Service

Departmental Committees:

- (1) Curriculum Committee
- (2) Personnel and Budget
- (3) Grade Appeals
- (4) Search Committee for New Faculty Appointments.

College Wide Committees:

- (1) Curriculum
- (2) Sub-committee of the Curriculum committee: Departments and Programs without Majors.
- (3) Black Male Initiative
- (4) Provost Search Committee

Other Professional Activities

- (1) Pro-bono work around improving parenting skills. Work with parents of pre kindergarten parents in Central Harlem schools
- (2) Pro-bono work with the Institute for Psychoanalytic Training and Research. A member of a committee whose task is to diversify the applicant pool for the institute.
- (3) Part-time Consulting Clinical Psychologist Consultant