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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. 2010 Sociology, North Carolina State University  
 Concentrations: Crime, deviance, and social control (criminology)  
 Inequality: Class, race, and gender

Doctoral Dissertation: [Black Political and Socioeconomic Status Attainment and the Direction of Lethal Violence: Comparing the Suicide of Young Black and White Males in U.S. Counties](#)

M.S. 2003 Criminal justice, Virginia Commonwealth University  
 B.A. 1999 Political science, criminal justice minor, pre-law, University of Richmond

### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Community advocacy  
 Medical and health equity  
 Suicide and suicidal self-harm  
 Mental health  
 Disabilities  
 Police-court-penal  
 K-12 curriculum and course materials  
 College curriculum and course materials  
 Academic program evaluations and assessments  
 Policy, procedure, budget, law evaluations and assessments

### **RECENT CERTIFICATES AND TRAININGS**

2023, Baltimore County Department of Health, Baltimore County Peer Conference  
 2023, District of Columbia Department of Health Narcan (Naloxone) Community Education Course  
 2022 American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED  
 2019 Inaugural Cohort, Connection Academy Scholars Program, Cone Health  
 2019 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) New Connections Capstone  
 2010, 2019 SafeZone LGBTQ+ awareness and ally training  
 2018 WRAP: Wellness Recovery Action Plan  
 2018 Policy Engagement Training for Researchers: How to Build Relationships for Long-term Impact, Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy and SSN: Scholars Strategy Network  
 2010, 2017 Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (A.S.I.S.T.), NC AFSP  
 2016 Wake Forest School of Medicine Health Equity Research Opportunity (HERO) Fellowship

**RELEVANT AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

Association of Black Sociologists, Life Member  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS): 2008-2020; Public Policy Committee 2015-2018, 2019—  
2020; Elections & Nominations Committee 2017  
The American Society of Criminology (ASC): 2008-2020

**RELEVANT RECENT COMMUNITY AND ORGANIZATION CONTRIBUTIONS**

July 2023, 365 Diversity Health-Education-Economics Resource Table, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Happy Nappy Day, Baltimore

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-concert-poor-righteous-teachers-tickets-657308737127?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

July 8, 2023, Livestream, Demystifying the Mind: Understanding Mental Health vs. Mental Illness, Black Mental Health Matters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r9JCGtHsxvs&t=1s>

July 1, 2023, Livestream, Social Media and Cognitive Overload: Understanding the Impact on Mental Well-Being, Black Mental Health Matters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ay2XQKeIvPA>

June 2023, 365 Diversity Health-Education-Economics Resource Table, Justice4Donnell Community Event, Baltimore

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-honor-of-donnell-we-will-celebrate-who-he-was-tickets-637827307647?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

June 2023, 365 Diversity Health-Education-Economics Resource Table, Spring Mini-Health & Beauty Expo, Baltimore

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sis-building-a-better-youspring-mini-health-beauty-expo-2023-tickets-592062774697?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

May 2023, Virtual Mental Health Panel, Divine 9 NC Legislative Day, NC Black Alliance

<https://ncblackalliance.org/nc-divine-9-legislative-day-sets-record-participation/>

April 2023, 365 Diversity Health-Education-Economics Resource Table, IBW21 State of the Black World Conference, Baltimore <https://ibw21.org/sobwcv/>

April 2023, 365 Diversity Health-Education-Economics Resource Table, Community Block Party

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/generation-now-easter-block-party-extravaganza-egg-hunt-tickets-571921672117?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

March 2023, 365 Diversity Health-Education-Economics Resource Table, B'More Healthy Expo

<https://bmorehealthyexpo.com/>

February 2023, 365 Diversity Health-Education-Economics Resource Table, Baltimore UNIA-ACL Division 106 Barca-Clarke

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/our-story-365-event-supporting-african-culture-and-black-entrepreneurs-tickets-555985827577?aff=efbneb>

February 2023, Presenter, "Our lives are more than data representation: The urgency of substance use and suicide," [Students Recover](#) online recovering community

October 2022, Co-Planner and Co-Presenter, "[Part 2: Afrikans with Epilepsy](#)," Shawna Divine and Kimya Nuru Dennis, Be More Green, Baltimore

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reUI-E98s88&t=34s>

July 2022, Co-Planner and Co-Presenter, "[Part 1: Afrikans with Epilepsy](#)," Shawna Divine and Kimya Nuru Dennis, TNAT Holistic Wellness Center, Baltimore

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-RpQq30TA0>

July 2021, Presenter, Epilepsy Health Disparities, Health Equity, and Cultural Competency, Epilepsy Foundation, AAP Community Health Workers ECHO.

April 2021, Presenter, "Racial equity and epilepsy," National Public Health Week (NPHW), Epilepsy Foundation, AAP Community Health Workers ECHO [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3\\_A1ZcXbFPs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_A1ZcXbFPs)

March 2021, Trainer, "Redefining suicide and suicidal self-harm," Race and Mental Health Training, Suicide Prevention Training, Maryland Department of Health.

January 2021, Presenter, "Interlocking Racial Inclusion, Racial equity, and Campus Safety," Campus Safety Educational Webcast Series. <https://www.campusafetymagazine.com/webcast/interlocking-racial-inclusion-racial-equity-and-campus-safety/>

December 2020, Trainer, systemic racism in all aspects of medical-health system, Acadia Healthcare Maryland, Black Mental Health Alliance (BMHA), Baltimore, Maryland.

December 2020, Trainer, "Diversity and Inclusion." NAMI Metro Baltimore, Black Mental Health Alliance (BMHA), Baltimore, Maryland.

October 2020, Co-Facilitator and Co-Consultant, Black Mental Health Alliance (BMHA), Baltimore, MD.

July 2020, Panelist, "A conversation: health equity, healthcare systems and next steps to achieve progress," Novant Health.

July 2020, Presenter, "What behavioral health professionals must do to support Blacks disproportionately targeted and harmed by police," Black Mental Health Alliance (BMHA).

June 2020, Training Creator and Trainer, "365 Diversity's We Need H.E.L.P.: Introduction" and July 2020, trainer, "365 Diversity's We Need H.E.L.P.: Train the Trainer," Black Mental Health Alliance (BMHA).

2014-2019, Board of Directors, The Mental Health Association in Forsyth County, North Carolina  
Contribution: Chair, Community Health Advocacy.

May 2019, Keynote Lunch Presenter, Mental Health Seminar: User-Friendly Service, Winston-Salem Urban League, Continuing Education Credits provided by Northwest AHEC.

2016-2019, Co-Chair for Medical-Health Committee, Black Health Presenter, and Black Mental Health Resource Table, Juneteenth Annual Festival, Triad Cultural Arts, Inc., Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

<https://wschronicle.com/juneteenth-festival-celebrates-freedom/>

<https://wschronicle.com/juneteenth-festival-includes-serious-discussions/>

<https://wschronicle.com/33567/>

November 2018, Guest Lecturer, "Urban farming, food access, poverty, crime, and health outcomes," Green Infrastructure: The Functional Role of Plants in Urban Areas course, NCSU Department of Horticultural Sciences.

November 2018, Panelist, Law enforcement and community engagement, “Black Superhero Magic Mama,” NC Black Repertory Company, UNC School of the Arts, Winston-Salem, NC  
[https://www.journalnow.com/relishnow/events/community-discussion-will-follow-reading/article\\_dc410868-dfcf-11e8-8c8d-ff2a216948c6.html](https://www.journalnow.com/relishnow/events/community-discussion-will-follow-reading/article_dc410868-dfcf-11e8-8c8d-ff2a216948c6.html)

September 2018, Trainer, “Throughout College and Careers: Teaching and Training about Demographic and Cultural Variance for Health Students, Health Professionals and Health Practitioners,” 15th Annual Statewide Training Conference, Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence, Inc. (MACC), Columbus, OH  
<http://www.maccinc.net/training-conference/>

July 2018, Guest Lecturer, “Teaching medical students about community outreach: How to use art to explain neuroscience,” Wake Forest School of Medicine class for neuroscientist Dr. Siobhan Hoscheidt.

2014-2017, Board of Directors, North Carolina Chapter, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention  
Contribution: Community Outreach and Black Suicide.

2016, Co-Planner and Co-Moderator, Winston Salem Urban League Black & Blue Town Halls  
<http://www.wsurban.org/community-partners-host-community-police-town-hall-series/>  
[http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/civilians-police-officers-have-racial-bias-against-black-males-researcher/article\\_44997bbc-0d77-5a29-a2ba-057bd88aa754.html](http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/civilians-police-officers-have-racial-bias-against-black-males-researcher/article_44997bbc-0d77-5a29-a2ba-057bd88aa754.html)  
<http://www.wschronicle.com/2016/11/final-urban-league-town-hall-tackles-implicit-bias/>

2014-2015, Consulting Group and Working Group, NC Suicide Prevention Plan, Injury and Violence Prevention (IVP) Branch and UNC Department of Health Behavior.  
<https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/preventionResources/docs/2015-NC-SuicidePreventionPlan-2015-0505-FINAL.pdf>

2014-2015, Consulting Group and Working Group, NC Suicide Prevention Plan, Injury and Violence Prevention (IVP) Branch and UNC Department of Health Behavior.  
<https://www.injuryfreenc.ncdhhs.gov/preventionResources/docs/2015-NC-SuicidePreventionPlan-2015-0505-FINAL.pdf>

September 2013, Co-Planner and Panelist, Gun Violence: A Campus and Community Discussion, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.  
[https://journalnow.com/news/local/article\\_512e0e42-2198-11e3-9bae-0019bb30f31a.html](https://journalnow.com/news/local/article_512e0e42-2198-11e3-9bae-0019bb30f31a.html)

2012-2015, Volunteer, Forsyth County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Trainings for first responders, mental health professionals, and law enforcement, MHA Forsyth, North Carolina.

### **RECENT RELEVANT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

May 2023, Virtual Presenter, “Ways to Prepare Black People for Mental Health Services and Physical Health Services,” ClinicianFest  
<https://www.clinicianfest.com/>  
<https://www.clinicianfest.com/2023-presenter/dr.-kimya-nuru-dennis>

October 2022, Presenter, “The Impossibility of Criminology Academic Programs and Criminology Organizations to Reflect the Racial Demographics of the World,” [Criminology Consortium \(CrimCon\)](#).

October 2021, Presenter, “How Predominantly White and White-Controlled Local and National Suicide Prevention Organizations Must Go Beyond Surface-Level Racial Equity,” Maryland 33rd Annual Suicide Prevention Conference

November 2019. Presenter and Chair, session title: "Perils and Promises of Mental Health and Health Services," presentation title "Lack of Cultural Awareness and Inclusiveness in Health Services Contributes to Disproportionate Representation of African Americans in Criminal Justice System," American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

November 2019. Critic and Moderator, Author Meets Critics: Dr. Andrea S. Boyles' You Can't Stop the Revolution: Community Disorder and Social Ties in Post-Ferguson America, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

April 2019. Presenter, "Redefining suicide and suicidal self-harm: Cultural consciousness to better reach communities and better teach-train health students and health professionals-practitioners." American Association of Suicidology Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

March 2019. Presenter, "Does CIT Training Help African Americans with Mental Illness?" Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

November 2018, Presenter, "Black men, mental health, and suicidal self-harm: Not 'criminals' and 'thugs'," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.

September 2018, Panelist, "The Black Health Forum: Embracing Black Mental Wellness." North Carolina Chapter of National Association of Health Services Executives. UNC Chapel Hill.

September 2018, Presenter, Mental Health Breakout Session, "The state of mental health among African Americans," State of Black Health National Conference. Atlanta, GA.

June 2018, Presenter, "Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT): Connecting Communities and Law Enforcement," Conference Banquet for Furniture City Chapter of North State Law Enforcement Officers Association.

May 2018, Co-Presenter and Co-Facilitator, "Providing services for children/families in homes with substance use," Break Out Session for State and Research University Partnerships in the Opioid Crisis, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy. <https://www.appam.org/member-forum-state-and-research-university-partnerships-in-the-opioid-crisis/>

March 2018, Co-Presenter, "'You Feel Me?' Social-Emotional Intelligence and Mental Health among Men of Color," North Carolina Community College System, Minority Male Mentoring Conference, Bridging the Gap: Innovative Approaches to Minority Male Success. Durham, NC.

March 2018, Co-Presenter, "Suicide as the Ultimate Social Risk: Mental health and cultural correlates and how this impacts the juvenile justice population," North Carolina Juvenile Services Association Conference. Carolina Beach, NC.

February 2018, Roundtable, "Developing and Strengthening Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships," Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

February 2018, Open Seminar, "Black 'Boys II Men': Masculinity shapes, and is shaped by, mental health and suicidal self-harm," Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

November 2017, Policy Presenter and Panelist, "Transitions in Public Policy for Mental Health," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

November 2017, Session Chair and Presenter, "'Violent Criminals' or Suicidal: Re-conceptualizing Suicide and Suicidal Self-harm," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

November 2017, Co-Presenter, "Racial and Economic Segregation: A Spatial Perspective of Persistent, Concentrated Poverty," Class, Power, Gender, and Poverty Session. Southern Economic Association Conference.

September 2017, Presenter, "African Diaspora Life Stressors Contribute to Mental Health and Suicide," Black Mental Health Symposium, UNC-Charlotte.

March 2017, Open Seminar, "Ways to Reduce the Mental-Illness-to-Incarceration Pipeline", Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO.

February 2017, Presenter, "Black 'Boys II Men': Re-conceptualize and Re-categorize." North Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting. High Point University.

March 29-April 2, 2016, Roundtable, "Black Suicide and Self-Harm", Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

February 2016, Presenter, "Mental Health Outreach and Cultural Correlates." North Carolina Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Winston-Salem, NC.

### **RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS**

Kendra J. Jason, Sonyia Richardson, Kimya Nuru Dennis. Fall 2022. "Relieving the Burden of Self-Reliance: Centering the Experiences of Black Women Graduate Students in Predominantly White Institutions." *Journal of African American Women and Girls in Education*.  
<https://jaawge-ojs-tamu.tdl.org/JAAWGE/article/view/95/40>

Patrick Webb, Cynthia-Lee Williams, Kimya Nuru Dennis, Jason Chin. 2021. "Technological Advocacy and Crime Reporting in an HBCU Setting: Addressing the Prospect of Legal Cynicism in the Ebony Tower." *Journal of Black Studies*.

Darrell N. Burrell, Jorja B. Wright, Mindy Perot, Delores Springs, Shanel Lu, Amalisha Sabie Aridi, Kimya Nuru Dennis, Rajanique Modeste and Darrell Ezell. 2021. "Financial Management Education Courses as Social Societal Learning Tools at Minority-Serving Colleges and Universities." *International Journal of Public Sociology and Socioterapy* <https://www.igi-global.com/gateway/article/269516?ct=-8585920633548088039>

Rutledge M. Dennis and Kimya Nuru Dennis. 2020. "Confrontational Politics: The Black Lives Matter Movement." *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism*, First Edition.  
[https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Rutledge-Dennis/publication/343672819\\_Confrontational\\_Politics\\_The\\_Black\\_Lives\\_Matter\\_Movement/links/5f596e3f92851c0789585980/Confrontational-Politics-The-Black-Lives-Matter-Movement.pdf](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Rutledge-Dennis/publication/343672819_Confrontational_Politics_The_Black_Lives_Matter_Movement/links/5f596e3f92851c0789585980/Confrontational-Politics-The-Black-Lives-Matter-Movement.pdf)

Kimya Nuru Dennis. 2018. "Black Male Suicide: Inward-Expressed Frustration and Aggression" of Part 5 "The Criminal and Social Justice" In Ransaw, Gause, and Majors (eds.) *Handbook of Research on Black Males*. Michigan: Michigan State University Press.  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.14321/j.ctv4g1qgh?fbclid=IwAR1QGtQgbOuKKk6GCiDY0LLODPjBiir53b0LNc5IaLkFCiWFECDF9P8xb8Q>

Kimya Nuru Dennis and Kendra J. Jason. 2018. "Black women academics: Artistic expression through teaching, research, and activism," *Association of Black Sociologists, Issues in Race & Society: An Interdisciplinary Global Journal*. <https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/9decaa3f-e027-48c7-8f23-a99a0247d475/downloads/Kimya%20N.%20Dennis.pdf?ver=1577659556976>

**RELEVANT RECENT PUBLIC WRITINGS**

Winter 2022, "Sociology of Black health," pp. 18-19, The Griot, Association of Black Sociologists  
<https://blacksociologists.wildapricot.org/resources/Pictures/The%20Griot%20-%20Winter%202022.pdf>

Summer 2022, "Black suicide and Black suicidal self-harm: Holding suicide prevention and mental health students and professionals accountable for centuries of medical racism and scientific racism," The Griot: The Newsletter for the Association of Black Sociologists

March 2022, "Art and Black Health," FotoShoot Magazine  
<https://www.fotoshootmagazine.com/post/ifotc-art-and-black-health>

January 2019, Kimya Nuru Dennis and Cassey Mapp-Ahmed, "Connecting Our Communities with Medical-Health Professionals," Winston Salem Chronicle  
<https://wschronicle.com/connection-our-communities-with-medical-health-professionals/>

2017-2019, Guest Writer, MHA Virginia  
<https://mhav.org/?s=kimya+dennis>

February 2018, "Suicide isn't just a 'white people thing,'" The Conversation: Academic rigor, journalistic flair  
<https://theconversation.com/suicide-isnt-just-a-white-people-thing-77367>

Featured <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/5-important-stories-that-have-nothing-to-do-with-the-trump-kim-summit>

June 2016, Guest Column, "Commentary: Devon Davis and mental health in our community," Winston Salem Chronicle  
<https://wschronicle.com/33671/>

March 2016, Guest Column, "The larger implications of the death of Darryl Hunt"  
[http://www.journalnow.com/opinion/columnists/kimya-n-dennis-the-larger-implications-of-the-death-of/article\\_cc1188c3-1937-50cd-bc02-b52fe5adf156.html?mode=story](http://www.journalnow.com/opinion/columnists/kimya-n-dennis-the-larger-implications-of-the-death-of/article_cc1188c3-1937-50cd-bc02-b52fe5adf156.html?mode=story)

**EXAMPLES OF MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

October 2021, "Computer tablets and podcasts becoming the new normal in prisons nationwide," Yahoo News  
<https://news.yahoo.com/computer-tablets-and-podcasts-becoming-the-new-normal-in-prisons-nationwide-090001826.html>

July 2021, "Police willing to talk, agree more work needs to be done," Concord Monitor  
<https://www.concordmonitor.com/Organizers-say-Nashua-conversation-events-help-community-police-find-common-ground-41521498>

May 2021, "COMMENTARY: America's Policing and Political Practices Inextricably Linked to KKK and White Supremacy," The Skanner  
<https://www.theskanner.com/opinion/commentary/31397-commentary-america-s-policing-and-political-practices-inextricably-linked-to-kkk-and-white-supremacy>  
Republished: <http://www.louisianaweekly.com/from-the-klan-to-white-supremacy-where-does-america-go-from-here/>

April 2021, "Will there be changes in the public force after the conviction against the agent who killed George Floyd? Too early to know," Univision (en español)  
<https://www.univision.com/noticias/estados-unidos/verdicto-derek-chauvin-punto-de-inflexion-contra-la-brutalidad-policial-ligada-al-racismo>

April 2021, "Derek Chauvin verdict is in... and the jury has found him GUILTY of all charges of murdering George Floyd!" Celebrity Myxer

<https://alexusrenee.com/derek-chauvin-verdict-guilty/>

January 2021, "Some Winston-Salem residents see a double standard regarding law enforcement's treatment of Capitol rioters and Black Lives Matter protesters," Winston-Salem Journal

[https://journalnow.com/news/crime/some-winston-salem-residents-see-a-double-standard-regarding-law-enforcements-treatment-of-capitol-rioters/article\\_f95f52d2-55cb-11eb-a662-db4a4943c178.html](https://journalnow.com/news/crime/some-winston-salem-residents-see-a-double-standard-regarding-law-enforcements-treatment-of-capitol-rioters/article_f95f52d2-55cb-11eb-a662-db4a4943c178.html)

July 2020, "BLM murals being defaced across US, communities trying to deal with fallout," The Denver Channel <https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/america-in-crisis/blm-murals-being-defaced-across-us-communities-trying-to-deal-with-fallout>

August 2019, "Seventeen homicides and a rash of shootings have occurred in the city this year," Winston Salem Journal

[https://www.journalnow.com/news/crime/homicides-and-a-rash-of-shootings-have-occurred-in-the/article\\_aedf44af-85d4-59f0-a0b6-7891363547e0.html](https://www.journalnow.com/news/crime/homicides-and-a-rash-of-shootings-have-occurred-in-the/article_aedf44af-85d4-59f0-a0b6-7891363547e0.html)

September 2019, "One size doesn't fit all: The alarming rates of suicide in the Black community," RTV6 Indianapolis <https://www.theindychannel.com/lifestyle/health/one-size-doesnt-fit-all-the-alarming-rates-of-suicide-in-the-black-community>

<https://www.wrtv.com/lifestyle/health/one-size-doesnt-fit-all-the-alarming-rates-of-suicide-in-the-black-community>

November 2018, "Historic Showing for Black Sheriffs Elected in The Piedmont and Beyond," 88.5 WFDD, NPR Wake Forest University

<https://www.wfdd.org/story/historic-showing-black-sheriffs-elected-piedmont-and-beyond>

August 2018, "USA leads world in gun-related suicides, study says," USA Today

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2018/08/28/new-study-shows-u-s-leads-world-gun-suicides/1128184002/>

June 2018, "Should We Tell Fewer Stories About Suicide or Better Ones?" The Atlantic

<https://www.theatlantic.com/membership/archive/2018/06/should-we-tell-fewer-stories-about-suicide-or-better-ones/562577/>

December 2017, "Winston-Salem experienced 25 homicides in 2017; community urged to join together to lower that number" [http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/winston-salem-experienced-homicides-in-community-urged-to-join-together/article\\_84180633-56c1-5e64-b6f0-517c39bc6ad8.html](http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/winston-salem-experienced-homicides-in-community-urged-to-join-together/article_84180633-56c1-5e64-b6f0-517c39bc6ad8.html)

Republished <https://tarrant.tx.networkofcare.org/ps/news-article-detail.aspx?id=90509>

October 2017, "Birth of a 'Shooter' Roots of Black Violence Can Be Found in a Community's History

<http://www.thereporters.org/article/birth-of-a-shooter/#more-1472>

September 2017, "After shootings, Winston-Salem police vow to 'combat this stuff'"

[http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/after-shootings-winston-salem-police-vow-to-combat-this-stuff/article\\_b961986b-5bb6-5e4a-a56b-e637b5ca1cf0.html](http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/after-shootings-winston-salem-police-vow-to-combat-this-stuff/article_b961986b-5bb6-5e4a-a56b-e637b5ca1cf0.html)

June 2017, "Authorities identify home invasion suspect shot to death at Lewisville home"

[http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/authorities-identify-home-invasion-suspect-shot-to-death-at-lewisville/article\\_b62767db-85bc-5fb7-a808-1c3534bdad6d.html](http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/authorities-identify-home-invasion-suspect-shot-to-death-at-lewisville/article_b62767db-85bc-5fb7-a808-1c3534bdad6d.html)

April 2017, "Interdisciplinary work in suicide, self-harm and mental health," Ourselves Black

<https://ourselvesblack.com/journal/2017/4/29/ourselves-black-professional-spotlight-and-dialogue-dr-kimya-dennis>



February 2017, "Winston-Salem police officials review recent chase on Business 40"

[http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/winston-salem-police-officials-review-recent-chase-on-business/article\\_ef15f311-7924-5b6d-a47a-141cdd7726d1.html](http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/winston-salem-police-officials-review-recent-chase-on-business/article_ef15f311-7924-5b6d-a47a-141cdd7726d1.html)

November 2016, "Our view: Down with death on our streets"

[http://www.journalnow.com/opinion/editorials/our-view-down-with-death-on-our-streets/article\\_5db68d9b-a6af-5c3d-a306-51ea13b90d88.html](http://www.journalnow.com/opinion/editorials/our-view-down-with-death-on-our-streets/article_5db68d9b-a6af-5c3d-a306-51ea13b90d88.html)

October 2016, "Homicides climb in city of Winston-Salem"

[http://www.journalnow.com/news/crime/homicides-climb-in-city-of-winston-salem/article\\_bd8cd78e-231a-5bf9-a207-d5af6af3de07.html](http://www.journalnow.com/news/crime/homicides-climb-in-city-of-winston-salem/article_bd8cd78e-231a-5bf9-a207-d5af6af3de07.html)

July 2016, "Community leaders in Winston-Salem saddened, frustrated by week's violence"

[http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/community-leaders-in-winston-salem-saddened-frustrated-by-week-s/article\\_864ffa49-51d0-53c4-a221-de8633d0c93e.html](http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/community-leaders-in-winston-salem-saddened-frustrated-by-week-s/article_864ffa49-51d0-53c4-a221-de8633d0c93e.html)

July 2016, "The economic approach of fighting injustice," Winston Salem Chronicle

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**SOME OF THE ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

Adjunct Associate Professor	Wake Forest University School of Medicine The Roots of Health Inequity Summer 2019
Department Chair	Department of Sociology and Criminal Studies Salem College Spring 2019
Tenured Associate Professor	Department of Sociology and Criminal Studies Salem College Fall 2017—Spring 2019
Academic Tutor	Student Athletes Services Wake Forest University Fall 2012—Fall 2018
Creator and Coordinator	Criminal Studies Program Department of Sociology and Criminal Studies Salem College Fall 2011—Spring 2019
Assistant Professor	Department of Sociology and Criminal Studies Salem College Fall 2010—Spring 2017
Adjunct Faculty	Department of Sociology and Social Work Meredith College Fall 2009
Visiting Instructor	Department of Sociology and Anthropology North Carolina State University Spring 2006-Spring 2009/Spring 2010
Teaching Assistant	Department of Sociology and Anthropology North Carolina State University Fall 2003-Fall 2005

**RELEVANT COURSES CREATED AND TAUGHT**

Criminological and Criminal Justice Theory  
 Criminal Studies Senior Seminar  
 Gender and Crime  
 Independent Study: Applied Qualitative Research  
 Media and Crime  
 Mental Health: Cultural Competence and Community Outreach  
 Race and Crime  
 Serial Killers

**RELEVANT COURSES TAUGHT**

American Class System  
 Corrections in America  
 Introduction to Criminal Justice  
 Introduction to Criminology

Introduction to Sociology  
Juvenile Delinquency  
Medical Sociology/Sociology of Medicine  
Race and Ethnic Relations  
Race, Class, and Gender  
Roots of Health Inequity  
Social Stratification  
Sociological Theory  
Sociology of Mental Health  
Sociology of Race  
Urban Community