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Dr. Kimya Nuru Dennis is an activist, educator, sociologist and criminologist with a criminal justice background, trainer, evaluator, and researcher specializing in demographic-and-cultural variance, inclusion, and equity.

As founder of 365 Diversity, LLC, Dr. Dennis provides results-based trainings, workshops, evaluations, and assessments for local, national, and international K-12 schools, colleges and universities, businesses, non-profit organizations, and for-profit organizations.

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

365 Diversity, LLC Introduction Training
365 Diversity, LLC Get Work Done Workshops
365 Diversity, LLC We Need H.E.L.P. for Medical-Health Professionals
Measurable outcomes: diversity, inclusion, equity
Organization policies, procedures, and practices
Employee recruitment, retention, and promotion
Community-customer-consumer-patient experiences
Employer profit and reputation

Community action-activism
Grant writing
Small, local non-profit
Black owned and operated
Woman owned and operated

Education-school system
Police-legal system
Health-medical system
Suicide and suicidal self-harm
Mental health and mental illness

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, pre-law, criminal justice minor, University of Richmond

RECENT CERTIFICATES AND TRAININGS

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

RECENT SPEAKING, TRAINING, AND EVALUATING

October 2020, Unstoppable Women's Virtual Summit, Blissful 4 U. https://www.unstoppable-womens-summit.com/virtual?r_done=1

October 2020, Anti-racism co-facilitating and co-consulting, Black Mental Health Alliance, Baltimore, MD.

August 2020, "Gender inclusion, equity, and justice: Changing knowledge and increasing company profit," ACT-W (Advancing the Careers of Technical Women) Virtual Conference, ChickTech. <https://act-w.org/about/>; <https://chicktech.org/>

July 2020, "How to increase profit by increasing inclusion and equity for Black employees, Black customers and Black communities," Innovation Women Home Summit, Innovation Women. <https://summit.innovationwomen.com/speakers/kimya-nuru-dennis/>

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

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

July 2020, "Sounds of Blackness: Our Blackness and Black Pride mean ALL Blacks," Baltimore Corps, Public Allies Workshop.

July 2020, Train the Trainer, "We Need H.E.L.P." Black Mental Health Alliance (BMHA).

June 2020, "We are more than armchair theorists and social media activists." Baltimore Corps.

June 2020, Introduction to "We Need H.E.L.P." Black Mental Health Alliance (BMHA).

April 2020, "Coronavirus (COVID-19) reiterates and proves what we already know," Public Allies: COVID-19 + Communities of Color, Baltimore Corps.

April 2020, "How we can help ourselves and help each other," Webinar for Youth and Parents, 100 Black Men of America, Prince George's County Chapter.

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

September 2018, "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/>

August 2018, "Understanding mental health: Reach K-12 children and families," Guilford County Schools, Annual Conference of School Social Workers and School Counselors, Greensboro, NC.

August 2018, Guest presenter: Holistic resources for homeless populations, Salvation Army Center of Hope—Homeless Shelter, Winston-Salem, NC.

August 2018, Guest presenter: Holistic resources for substance use, GreenTree Peer Center, Winston-Salem, NC.

July 2018, "Personality or mental illness? Demographic and cultural variance in mental health," Guilford County Schools, Annual Conference of School Social Workers and School Counselors, Greensboro, NC.

July 2018, "Community mental health," Summer Youth Employment Program, Winston-Salem Urban League.

July 2018, "Mental health for mothers and daughters," Honorable Youth, SG Atkins Community Development Corporation, Winston-Salem, NC

March 2017, "Health and Freedoms: Sociocultural Identities and Experiences," Maya Angelou Center for Women's Health and Wellness: International Women's Health Summit 2017 - A Global Priority, Winston-Salem, NC.

September 2016, "Expanding Perspectives of Black Suicide and Black Suicidal Self-Harm." Cleveland Urban Minority Alcoholism Drug Abuse Outreach Project (UMADAOP), Cleveland, OH.

2016, Co-Planner and Co-Moderator, Winston Salem Urban League Black & Blue Town Halls.
http://www.journalnow.com/news/local/civilians-police-officers-have-racial-bias-against-black-males-researcher/article_44997bbc-0d77-5a29-a2ba-057bd88aa754.html

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

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Kimya N. Dennis and Kendra 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>

Kimya N. 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=IwAR1QGtQgbOuKKk6GCiDY0LLODPjBiir53b0LNc5IaLkCiWFECDF9P8xb8Q>

RECENT PUBLIC WRITINGS

MHA Virginia Blog, "From the Desk of Dr. Kimya Dennis: Connecting Our Communities with Medical-Health Professionals," January 2019 <https://mhav.org/1529-2/>

MHA Virginia Blog, "Minority Mental Health: Important Every Month and Every Day," July 2018 <https://mhav.org/minority-mental-health-important-every-month-and-every-day/>

“Suicide isn’t just a ‘white people thing,’” The Conversation: Academic rigor, journalistic flair, February 2018 <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>

MHA Virginia Blog, “Demographic and Cultural Variance in this ‘Opioid Crisis,’” November 2017 <https://mhav.org/demographic-and-cultural-variance-in-this-opioid-crisis/>

MHA Virginia Blog, “First Responders Need Mental Health Too,” July 2017 <http://mhav.org/first-responders-need-mental-health/>

MHA Virginia Blog, “Mental Health and Substance Abuse,” April 2017 <http://mhav.org/mental-health-substance-abuse/>

MHA Virginia Blog, “How will Virginia Address Mental Illness in Jails and Prisons?” March 2017 <http://mhav.org/will-virginia-address-mental-illness-jails-prisons/>

RECENT MEDIA INTERVIEWS

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

“7 anti-racism educators your company needs now,” Forbes.com, June 2020 <https://www.forbes.com/sites/janicegassam/2020/06/12/7-anti-racism-educators-your-company-needs-now/#2cf862603d72>

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

“Wake’s yearbook had blackface, KKK images in 1970s,” Winston-Salem Journal, February 2019 https://www.journalnow.com/news/local/wake-s-yearbook-had-blackface-kkk-images-in-s/collection_cd0e2b1c-2cd4-11e9-88df-5b947a755505.html#5

“USA leads world in gun-related suicides, study says,” USA Today, August 2018 <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2018/08/28/new-study-shows-u-s-leads-world-gun-suicides/1128184002/>

“Should We Tell Fewer Stories About Suicide or Better Ones?” The Atlantic, June 2018 <https://www.theatlantic.com/membership/archive/2018/06/should-we-tell-fewer-stories-about-suicide-or-better-ones/562577/>

RECENT VISUAL RECORDINGS

The NotMom Conversation, July 2020 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqWD4Bslphk>

Race and Childfreedom, Childfree Girls, June 2020 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vIZidVL1R4>

Shattering Black Male Stereotypes, May 2020 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1X4fep4gJUQ>

Suicide Prevention Social Media (SPSM): Suicide in Marginalized Communities, September 2019 <https://www.pscp.tv/w/1OwxWdybvWAKQ?t=57s>

American Association of Suicidology FB Live, August 2019

<https://www.facebook.com/AASuicidology/videos/join-us-live-now-for-a-courageous-conversation-regarding-suicide-in-the-african-2331875037059289/>

RECENT AUDIO RECORDINGS

This week in the conversation: The Breonna Taylor investigation is over. Now What? 89.3 WFPL, Louisville, Kentucky NPR station, October 2020

<https://wfpl.org/this-week-in-conversation-the-breonna-taylor-investigation-is-over-now-what/>

The Joy from Fear, The Blissful Living Show, September 2020

<https://podcasts.google.com/feed/aHR0cHM6Ly9mZWVklmBvZGJlYW4uY29tL2JsaXNzZnVsbGl2aW5nL2ZlZWQueGls/episode/Ymxpc3NmZWxsaXZpbmcucG9kYmVhbi5jb20vODIwMDQ1NDAtZWFiZi0zMmJkLWJlZjYxMjM1OGFjZTJk?sa=X&ved=0CAUQkfYCAhcKEwiohorUvdfrAhUAAAAAHQA AAAAQA>

84: Why the Indians Have So Many Tribes + Kimya Nuru Dennis, Janelle Hardy's Personal Myth Making Podcast, September 2020 <https://www.janellehardy.com/84-kimya-nuru-dennis/>

Black Lives Matter: Performative Allyship and Corporate America, Blackness and the Workplace, August 2020 <https://www.blacknessandtheworkplace.com/podcast>

Transforming our narrative around white supremacy, June 2020

<https://dragondigitalradio.podbean.com/e/transforming-our-narrative-around-white-supremacy/>

Assessing 2020 presidential candidates on criminal justice reform, NPR Here & Now, 90.9 WBUR Boston, August 2019. <https://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2019/08/27/2020-candidates-criminal-justice-reform>

Diversity 365 with Dr. Kimya Dennis, Leading in Color with Sarah Morgan Podcast, Season 1: Episode 6, May 2019 <http://leadingincolorpodcast.libsyn.com/website/diversity-365-with-dr-kimya-dennis-leading-in-color-s1-ep6>

Suicide and Black America, Scholars Strategy Network, No Jargon, August 2018

<https://scholars.org/podcast/suicide-and-black-america>

Shattering Mental Health Stereotypes, Susan Lambert, LCSW: In the Balance Podcast, August 2018

<http://liftingtheself.libsyn.com/shattering-mental-health-stereotypes-a-conversation-with-dr-kimya-n-dennis>
<https://player.fm/series/in-the-balance-1485269/shattering-mental-health-stereotypes-a-conversation-with-dr-kimya-n-dennis>

Suicides across Cultures, The Matt Townsend Show, BYU Radio, May 2018

<http://www.byuradio.org/episode/b7c00a8d-1815-4454-b700-359b7afd4c0d?playhead=752&autoplay=true>

Mental Health and Minority Communities, All Sides with Ann Fisher, WOSU-NPR, March 2018

<http://radio.wosu.org/post/mental-health-and-minority-communities>

Seeing Suicide Through A Non-White Lens, Straight Fruit: 89.3 WFPL, Louisville, Kentucky NPR station, March 2018 <http://wfpl.org/strange-fruit-seeing-suicide-through-a-non-white-lens/>

Demographic and Cultural Variance in Suicide and Mental Health, All Sides with Ann Fisher, WOSU-

NPR, February 2018 <http://radio.wosu.org/post/wellness-wednesday-exercise-science-and-suicide-demographics> ; <http://radio.wosu.org/programs/all-sides-ann-fisher#stream/0>

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences <https://www.acjs.org/>
 American Evaluation Association <https://www.eval.org/>
 American Society of Criminology <https://www.asc41.com/>
 Association of Black Sociologists, Life Member <http://www.associationofblacksociologists.org/>
 Baltimore City Chamber of Commerce <https://baltimorecitychamber.org/>
 Black Mental Health Alliance <https://blackmentalhealth.com/>
 Black Speakers Network, Silver Member <https://www.blackspeakersnetwork.com/>
 Board Pipeline Leadership Development Project, Autumn 2020 Cycle XVIII, Associated Black Charities (ABC) <http://www.abc-md.org/board-pipeline-program>
 Clctivly, Baltimore and surrounding areas <https://clctivly.org/about/>
 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated <https://www.deltasigmatheta.org/>
 Spring 1998, Rho Rho, University of Richmond
 Gate City Chapter, North State Law Enforcement Officers Association <http://www.nsleoagatecity.com/>
 Greater Baltimore Black Chamber of Commerce <http://www.greaterbaltimoreblackchamber.org/>
 Innovation Women, Speaker <https://innovationwomen.com/>
 Maryland LGBT Chamber of Commerce <https://mdlgbt.org/>
 NAACP, Baltimore City Chapter <https://www.naacp.org/>
 National Association of Minority Speakers <https://www.namspeakers.com/featured-speakers>
 Scholars Strategy Network <https://scholars.org/scholar/kimya-dennis>
 Washington Women in Public Relations <https://wwpr.org/>

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

With 15 years as academic faculty and staff, Dr. Dennis has experience with program and curriculum development, course creation and evaluation, faculty evaluation, and annual assessments. Dr. Dennis implements demographic and cultural variance in every aspect of education—recruitment and trainings of academic faculty and staff, student recruitment and development, reaching marginalized and underserved students, and course design and materials.

Adjunct Associate Professor	Wake Forest University School of Medicine The Roots of Health Inequity Summer 2019
Associate Professor	Department of Sociology and Criminal Studies Salem College Tenured, Fall 2017—Spring 2019
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
Academic Tutor	Student Athletes Services Wake Forest University Fall 2012—Fall 2018
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

ACADEMIC AWARDS

2018, Salem College Distinguished Professor Award: teaching, community work, conference presentations, and qualitative research.

December 2017-January 2018, Megan Regan and Kimya N. Dennis, Visiting Fellows, Winston-Salem State University Center for the Study of Economic Mobility (CSEM): surveys and interviews of residents of East Winston to address component of housing costs, housing conditions and poverty in East Winston.

2017, Megan Regan, Kimya N. Dennis and Salem College student Keiry Bonilla Valladeres, Patricia Flynt C'57 Faculty/Student Summer Research Project Grant.

2015, Faculty Summer Research Sabbatical

2014, Faculty College Summer Research Sabbatical

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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, November 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, April 2019.

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

COURSES CREATED AND TAUGHT

Criminological and Criminal Justice Theory
Criminal Studies Senior Seminar
Serial Killers
The Childfree
Race and Crime
Gender and Crime
Media and Crime
Mental health: Cultural competence and community outreach
Black feminism
Independent Study: Applied Qualitative Research

COURSES TAUGHT

Juvenile Delinquency

Corrections in America

Race, Class, and Gender

Roots of Health Inequity, Summer 2019, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Introduction to Criminology

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Race and Ethnic Relations

Social Stratification

Urban Community

Sociological Theory

Introduction to Sociology