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EDUCATION

- 2022 PhD , Boston University School of Social Work Boston, MA
Dissertation: *The tale of two cities: A qualitative investigation of the experiences of survivors of homicide victims in Boston, MA and Detroit, MI*
- 2016 MSW, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI
- 2015 B.S., University of Michigan, Evolutionary Anthropology and German, Ann Arbor, MI

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Community violence and trauma in black neighborhoods; Mental health

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2016, 2017 Immanuel Lutheran Church Continuing Education Scholarship, Detroit, MI
- 2015 Mary DeLue Romano Memorial Scholarship. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2015 Dean's Mission Scholarship. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2015 University Honors March. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2012, 2014 Alpha Phi Alpha Salute to African-American Women Award Recipient, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2013 Rev. Robert L. Wietelmann Scholarship
- 2011 Michigan Tradition Scholarship, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Appointments

- 2022- Dean's Research Associate, Michigan State University School of Social Work, East Lansing, MI

Research Experience

- 2021- Research Project Director, Engaging Community Health Workers to Improve Viral Suppression and Self-Management among people living with HIV in Shelby County, Tennessee: Providing Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Boston University, University of Massachusetts Lowell, University of Memphis. PI: Serena Rajabiun

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- 2019- Doctoral Research Assistant, Children and Families Across Cultures Coping with Trauma (CFACCT), Boston University, Boston, MA. PI: Judith C. Scott
- 2018- Co-PI, Enough is Enough: The experience of Black homicide survivors and the impact of homicide in the Boston area, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2018- Doctoral Research Assistant, Youth Initiated Mentoring, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2018- Doctoral Research Assistant, The Culture of Health Accelerator: Harnessing the power of youth voice to inform health care decision-making Authors: Sprague Martinez, L. PhD, Houston, K., Short, A. BSSW, Tang, C. MA, **Johnson, K.G.** MSW, Gergen Barnett, K. MD, MPH, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2017- 2018 Doctoral Research Assistant, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center Program Evaluation, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2016 Research Assistant, Sefansky, S (LMSW), Wade, K (LMSW, PhD), Jensen, N, **Johnson, K.G.**, Hlavaty, L (MD), Diaz, F (MD), Myers, J. (MD), Tolle B., Voshel, E. (LMSW). 2016. The Social Work-Medical Examiner Model: Meeting the needs of decedents and families at the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2016 Master's Research Intern, Case Analysis Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office: A Homicide Epidemic and the Social Work Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2015 Undergraduate Researcher, Changes in Diet During Developmental Stages in Yellow Baboons, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2015 Undergraduate Researcher, Sickle Cell Disease: An Investigation of Natural Selection within Hemoglobin Beta (HBB), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Teaching Experience

- Summer 2021 Section Instructor, Racial Justice and Cultural Oppression, School of Social Work Online Degree, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Summer 2020 Section Instructor, Racial Justice and Cultural Oppression, School of Social Work Online Degree, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Summer 2020 Instructor of Record, Social Work Research II, School of Social Work, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Fall 2019 Instructor of Record, Communities and Organizations, School of Social Work, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Summer 2019 Section Instructor, Racial Justice and Cultural Oppression, School of Social Work Online Degree, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Spring 2019 Teaching Assistant, Clinical Practice with Individuals, School of Social Work, Boston University, Boston, MA

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Applied Experience

2021	Prevention Specialist, National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence Greater Detroit Area, Detroit, MI
2019	Intern, 1000 Dreams Fund Washington, D.C.
2018-2020	Pageant Historian, Pageant Planet, Cheyenne, WY
Summer 2017	Job Coach Jewish Vocational Services, Southfield, MI
2016	Social Work Intern, Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office, Detroit, MI
2014-2016	Coordinator Dean Ambassador Program College of Literature, Science and the Arts, Ann Arbor, MI
2015	Intern, Adolescent Health Initiative University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI
2013-2015	Research Assistant Michigan Genomic Initiative University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2019	Institute for Health System Innovation & Policy Summer Fellowship, Boston University (\$2,500)
2018	Initiative on Cities-Early Stage Urban Research Award, Boston University (\$10,000)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed

Morris, K.G. and Jensen, N. (2022) Serving the decedents of Wayne County. The Social Work-Medical Examiner Model. *Health & Social Work*.

Scott, J.C., McDermott, E., Harris, A. , **Johnson, K.G.***, Pinderhughes, E.E., Umaña- Taylor, A., Spencer, M.B. (2021) Looking through a kaleidoscope: Considering skin color in ethnic-racial socialization among U.S. Black and Latinx youth. *Journal of Social Sciences: Ethnic-Racial Socialization Among Children and Adolescents*. (Invited special issue)

Morris, K.G. and Sprague-Martinez, L.S. (under review) "We continue to keep the crisis in the forefront". Women survivors of homicide advancing justice.

Johnson, K.G. and Scott, J.C. (under review) No One Can Feel My Pain. The experience of Black homicide survivors and the impact of homicide in the Boston area.

Tang, C., **Johnson, K.G.**, Kwesele, C., Brinkerhoff, C. and Sprague Martinez, L. (2021) Critical reflections from doctoral students engaging in local and transnational community-based participatory (CBPR) approaches to health promotion. *Journal of Social Work Education*

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Jaramillo, R.F., Scott, J.C., **Johnson, K.G.**, & Martin, M. (2019) Drawing agency: Enabling youth who are refugees to be agents of their own healing within educational spaces. *Research in Human Development*, 16 (3-4), 226-245.

Reports

Morris, K.G.(2022) We are better together communities prepared for re-entry pilot program final report. Boston, MA.

Morris, K.G. (2022) We are better together the journey continues: I heal, we heal annual retreat final report. Boston, MA.

Zhang, X, Scott, J.C., and **Johnson, K.G.** (2018) Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center evaluation report

Media Articles

Johnson, K.G. & Scott, J.C. (July 31st, 2020) [A desperate need: Black homicide epidemic demands prevention, justice.](#) [Op ed] The Hill.

In preparation

Morris, K.G. Reducing the Impact of Community Violence by Ensuring Mental Health Support Services for those Affected: A Grand Challenge for Social Work.

Sprague-Martinez, L., Houston, K., Short, Tang, C., **Johnson, K.G.**, Gergen-Bernett, K. The culture of health accelerator: Harnessing the power of youth voice to inform health care decision making

Scott, J.C., **Morris, K.G.**, Wang J., & Weng, Y. Discrimination experiences among low-income Chinese immigrant families living in the Greater Boston Area.

Lennon-Dearing, R., **Morris, K.G.**, Hirschi, M., & Rajabiun, S. The impact of COVID-19 on community health workers.

PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed

Morris (Johnson) K.G., D'Abreu, Karl, and Wade, Gerald (2021, September) "The Intersection of Substance Abuse and Trauma in African-American Youth and Young Adults: Delivering Services & Support to a Uniquely Impacted Population" presented at the 22nd Annual Substance Use and Co-Occurring Disorder Conference, Virtual

Johnson K. G., Scott J.C., Liu J., Wang J., Sopper, C., Zhang X., Weng Y., Fleckman J., Cho B., Yau Y. and Lee G. (2021, April) "Discrimination Experiences Among Low-Income Chinese Immigrant Families Living in the Greater Boston Area". ePoster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Virtual

Scott J.C., Zhang X., Wang J., Liu J., Sopper, C., **Johnson K. G.**, Weng Y., Fleckman J., Cho B., Yau Y. and Lee G. (2021, April) "What is Positive Parenting?: Perspectives from Low-Income Chinese Immigrant Caregivers Living in Greater Boston". ePoster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Virtual

Spencer, R., **Johnson, K.G.**, Brinkerhoff, C., John, R. and Nicholson, J. (2019, June) "No one can feel my pain": Reflexivity in qualitative research when the topic hits close to home. Presented as part of the symposium, "Boston Spotlight Plenary: Teaching and Learning through Doing Qualitative Methods" (Chair: Spencer, Renee) at the Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology, Boston, MA

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Johnson, K.G., and Scott, J.C. (2019, March) “No one can feel my pain. The experience of Black homicide survivors and the impact of homicide in the Boston area” at the Society for Research on Child Development Conference, Baltimore, MD

Johnson, K.G., Zhang, X., and Scott, J.C. (2019, January) “Cultural exchanger: Using a narrative approach to evaluate a culturally-based family agency”. ePoster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA

Sprague-Martinez, L., **Johnson, K.G.**, Brinkerhoff, C., and Kwesele, C. (2019, January) Constructing meaning about exposure to community violence: Participatory action research with urban youth of color in Boston, MA. Paper presented as part of the symposium, “Local and transnational youth and community-based participatory research approaches to health promotion” (Chair: Sprague-Martinez, Linda) at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA

John, R., **Johnson, K.G.**, and Tang, C. (2018, November) “Critical race theory & capability theory: Alignment with social work and Dr. King’s dream” at the National Association for Multicultural Education Conference, Memphis, TN

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

Boston Medical Center Child Protection Team Grand Rounds (2022, March) *The impact of community violence & trauma on black youths mental health*, Presenter

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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| 2018- | Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA)
Emerging Scholar, Member |
| 2018- | Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) |
| 2019- | Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)
Black Caucus Member |

SERVICE

Boston University

Guest lectures, workshops and events

2018 Moderator, “On the Market: The Search for a Tenure Track Position”, PhD program, BUSSW (May 31, 2018)

2019 Guest speaker, “Arts & Activism”, Helen Davis Leadership Academy (March 15, 2019)

Professional Activities

Reviewing

Fall 2020 Student Abstract Reviewer, Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), SRCD 2020 Biennial Conference

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- 2020 Boston, MA State Representative, Black Girls in Social Work
- 2018- 2019 Founding Board Member, The My Sister's Keeper Experience, Atlanta, GA
- 2018 Model, Heartland Model Agency, New York, NY
- 2018- 2019 Contributing Blogger, Black Women Hustle
- 2018- 2019 Contributing Blogger, In Color Magazine
- 2018- Blogger, KendallTheModelScholar, Boston, MA
- 2018- 2019 President, Social Work Action Group (SWAG), Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2018- Emerging Scholar Blogger, Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA)
- 2017- 2019 Student Advisory Board Member, 1,000 Dreams Fund
- 2016 Social Work Representative, Central Student Government, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2016 Vice Chair, Michigan Union Board of Representatives, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2015-2016 President, Treasurer NOiR Runway Fashion, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2015- Executive, University of Michigan Young Alumni Council Boston Region, Boston, MA

MENTORING

MSW Student Mentoring (External)

Rebecca Watkins, MSW student, University of Maryland, 2022-

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- 2019- Program Volunteer, Dress for Success Boston
- 2019- National Miss Captivating 2020
- 2019 Miss Massachusetts Captivating 2019
- 2017 Winner Miss Division, Miss Universal World 2017
- 2016 Founder, Young Women Walking in Purpose
- 2016 Program Volunteer, Community Action Network Youth
- 2016 Program Volunteer, Girls on the Run
- 2016 4th Runner-Up, Miss Captivating 2017
- 2016 3rd Runner Up Miss Nationwide 2017

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2016 Winner Swimsuit Division, Miss Lake State USA

2015 Contestant, Miss Michigan USA Contestant 2015

2015 Phi Beta Sigma Scholarship Pageant Judge

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