

Curriculum Vitae
Thema Bryant-Davis

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Doctor of Psychology

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Degrees

Ph.D. Duke University, 2000 (Clinical Psychology)
M.A. Duke University, 1997 (Clinical Psychology)
B.A. Duke University, 1995 (Psychology and African & African-American Studies)

Awards and Honors

- Pepperdine University Dean's Medallion for Faculty Scholarship 2008, 2009
- Emerging Leader of Women in Psychology Award 2007 from the Committee on Women in Psychology of the American Psychological Association
- Research and Status of Black Women Award 2006
- Racist-Incident Based Trauma nominated best article of the year for *The Counseling Psychologist* journal 2006
- ESSENCE Magazine Women Who Are Shaping the World 2005
- National Honor's Society 1995; 2000

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Academic Positions

2009 – Present Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education & Psychology;
Director of Culture and Trauma Research Lab. Pepperdine University.

2007 – 2009 Assistant Professor. Pepperdine University. Courses taught include Professional Practice & Mental Health Systems, Intimate Partner Abuse; Individual and Family Development across the Lifespan, Trauma Recovery, Expressive Arts Therapy, and Clinical Skills Intensive.

2005 – 2007 Tenure Track Assistant Professor. California State University, Long Beach. Courses taught Cross-Cultural Psychology, Human Sexuality, and Counseling, and Personal Development, Child Abuse/Partner Abuse, Feminist Therapy, Play and Art Therapy with Children

2000 Adjunct Professor: Lesley College – Counseling Psychology Department. Professorship was half-time position. Classes taught on the graduate level were: Culture and Identity, Orientation to Psychology, and Lifespan Development.

1998 Teaching Assistant, Duke University course “Health Psychology”, Durham, NC, Supervisor Jean Hamilton, Ph.D.

1997 Teaching Assistant, Duke University course “Abnormal Psychology”, Durham, NC; Supervisor Bob Carson, Ph.D.

1996 Instructor Duke University House Course “African-American Psychology”; Durham, NC; supervisor, John Coie, Ph.D.

Clinical Positions

2006 – Present Private Practice; Los Angeles, CA specializing in trauma recovery; ethnic minority clients, faith issues; women; youth

2001-2004. *Coordinator of SHARE Program at Princeton University*

Direct and provide training for all crisis services, advocacy, medical responses, legal options, training, education, prevention, research, and counseling related to sexual assault, sexual harassment, and harassment based on sexual orientation, and dating violence for students, staff, and faculty on Princeton University’s campus.

2000- 2001 *Post-Doctoral Fellow - Victims of Violence Program: Harvard Medical Center*. Provided consultation as well as individual and group counseling for trauma survivors. Provided cultural competence training for staff during ground rounds and other hospital programming.

1999-2000 *Intern, APA Accredited Clinical Psychology Internship at The Cambridge Hospital: Harvard Medical Center*. Provided individual and group therapy as well as consultation for children and adults in Hospital and Community Health Center setting.

Graduate School Clinical Training and Experience

1998 Clinic Coordinator, Duke Psychology Clinic, Durham, NC; supervisor Ron Batson, MD and Susan Roth, Ph.D.

1992-1999 Counselor and Community Educator, Rape Crisis of Durham; Durham, NC

Research Grants and Experience

2009 – 2010 “Socio-economic correlates of partner abuse among ethnic minority populations.” Emerging Scholars Interdisciplinary Network Grant – Trauma and violence among diverse populations research group.

2008-2009 “Expressive Arts Therapy with Children Exposed to Intimate Partner Abuse: A pilot study” - Pepperdine University Graduate School Faculty Award.

2007 – 2008 “Risk and protective factors among African American female survivors of intimate partner abuse”. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Principal Investigator

2006 to the Present - Inter-disciplinary Child Trauma Research Team. Partners with faculty from University of Oklahoma, California State University Long Beach, UCLA, and University of Southern California. MCAVIC-USC Child and Adolescent Trauma Program, Long Beach, CA; Funded by SAMHSA and the UniHealth Foundation

2006 – 2007 “Integration of expressive arts in therapy” Enhancing Educational Effectiveness Faculty Award. California State University Long Beach

2005 – 2006 “Assessing trauma treatment need in an African American community setting.” Scholarly Activity Faculty Award. California State University Long Beach

2005-Present Expert Panel Member: Miller Children's Abuse and Violence Intervention Center and University of Southern California Child and Adolescent Trauma Program; funded by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network

2001 – 2003 Program Evaluation. Princeton University Health Services.

2000-2001 Research Assistant, Victims of Violence Program, Harvard Medical Center. Collected and analyzed qualitative and quantitative data on the trauma recovery process

1998-1999 Grant Awarded by the Duke University Women's Studies and African-American Studies departments for research on the intersection of Gender and Ethnicity. Awarded for the period 1998-1999. Project (dissertation) title: The Path of Wholeness: Effective Coping Strategies for African-American adult survivors of childhood violent experiences.

1998-1999 Research Assistant, Research Triangle Park Grant for the Mental Health of Women on Probation

1997 Research Assistant, Duke Coping Power Project, Durham, NC

1996 Research Assistant, Duke Longitudinal Research Program – Families and Schools Together Project; Durham, NC; supervisor John Coie, Ph.D.

1994 Grant awarded by National Institute of Mental Health Minority Research Grant in 1994. Title of Project: Disclosure Patterns of African-American Incest Survivors

Professional Organizations and Related Professional Activities

American Psychological Association

- 2010-2011 President Society for the Psychology of Women
- 2009 – 2010 President-Elect Society for the Psychology of Women
- 2009 – 2010 International Division Task Force on Human Trafficking
- 2009 - 2010 Trauma Division Liaison to Committee on International Relations
- 2008 – 2010 Elected to the Committee on Women in Psychology
- 2006 – 2007 Elected Chair of Committee on International Relations in Psychology
- 2005 – 2008 Board Member Division of International Psychology
- 2005 – 2007 American Psychological Association's Committee on International Relations in Psychology
- 2000 – 2004 American Psychological Association Representative to the United Nations
- 2002 – Present Global and International Issues Chair for the Society for the Psychology of Women; Executive Committee Member

National Child Traumatic Stress Network – Cultural Consortium Member; Trainer on Spirituality, Religion, & Child Trauma Recovery for On-Line Learning Institute

International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

- ❖ Special Interest Group Member – Cultural Competence and Diversity

Associate Editor: Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice and Policy

Ad hoc Journal Reviewer

- Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology
- The Counseling Psychologist
- American Journal of Orthopsychiatry
- The American Psychologist
- Psychology of Women Quarterly
- Journal of Marital and Family Counseling

International Community - Level Intervention

2009 Women's Global Initiative Convocation in Toronto, Canada

2005 Conference Workshop Facilitator. Young People's Division of the AME Church in Jamaica

2003 Executive Committee Member of the United Nations' Non-Governmental Organizations Committee for Health Promotions

2002 – Present Executive Committee Member of the Non-Governmental Organization Sub-Committee for the Elimination of Racism

2001 United Nations World Conference Against Racism – mental health policy advocate

2000 (spring) Women and Children's Psychological Needs in Coping with HIV/AIDS. Botswana, Southern Africa

1999 (spring) Conference on a Holistic Approach to Re-Building Liberia.

Summer 1996 Barbados facilitator of workshops on womanhood development for adolescent girls of African descent. Radiance Conference for Women of the African Diaspora.

Summer 1996 presentation on needs of children in the African Diaspora. World Council of Churches Conference. Senegal, West Africa

Summer 1995 Guyana, South America - Duke University Student Mission Trip - facilitator of workshops for adolescents on social skills, goal setting, and conflict resolution

1988-1990 Women's and Adolescent Girl's Self-Help Initiatives in Sierra Leone, Cote D'Ivoire, Nigeria and Liberia

National Community Level Intervention

Selected Workshops Conducted for:

- Princeton University
- C.A. Dillion Youth Correctional Facility (males 13-18)
- Polk Correctional Facility (men 18 and up)
- John Hopkins University for Black and Hispanic Student Association
- Duke University Cultural Series

- North Carolina Central University Honor's Society
- University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) - North Carolina's 1st Black Women Writers' Conference

Women focused and Youth focused workshops conducted at Churches and Community Centers in Arizona, California, Georgia, Colorado, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, Alabama, Washington, D.C., New York, Georgia, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Delaware, and Texas

Fields of Active Interests

- The cultural context of interpersonal trauma
- Mental health of women and girls
- The trauma of societal oppression (racism, etc.)
- International Psychology

Research Reports and Publications

Smith, K., Bryant-Davis, T., Marks, A., Tillman, S. (accepted). Stifled Voices: Barriers to Help-Seeking Behavior for South African Childhood Sexual Assault Survivors. *Journal of Childhood Sexual Abuse*

Bryant-Davis, T., Marks, A., Smith, K., Tillman, S. (accepted). Sexual assault recovery in the aftermath of the Liberian Civil War: Forging a sisterhood between feminist psychology and feminist theology. *Women & Therapy*.

Bryant-Davis, T. (accepted). Breaking the silence and shattering the shame: trauma-focused group psychotherapy. *Psychology of Women Quarterly*.

Bryant-Davis, T., Ullman, S., Tsong, Y., Gobin, R. (accepted). Surviving the Storm: The Role of Social Support and Religious Coping in Sexual Assault Recovery of African American Women. *Violence Against Women*.

Tillman, S., Bryant-Davis, T., Smith, K., & Marks, A. (accepted). Shattering Silence: Exploring Barriers to Disclosure for African American Sexual Assault Survivors. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*

Bryant-Davis, T.; Ullman, S., Tsong, Y., Tillman, S., Smith, K. (in press). Struggling to Survive: Sexual assault, poverty, and mental health outcomes of African American women. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*.

Taft, C., Bryant-Davis, T., Woodward, H., Tillman, S., & Torres, S. (2009). Intimate partner violence against African American women: An examination of the socio-cultural context. *Aggression and Violent Behavior, 14*(1), 50-58.

Bryant-Davis, T., Belcourt-Dittloff, A., Chung, H., & Tillman, S. (2009). The cultural context of trauma recovery: The experiences of ethnic minority women. *Diversity in mind and in action, Vol 3: Social justice matters* (pp. 127-147). Santa Barbara, CA US: Praeger

Bryant-Davis, T. (2009). Coming home: Sexual assault on college campuses. In D. Llera (Ed.) *Crossing Borders, Making Homes: Stories of Resilient Women*. PublishAmerica. Frederick, MD

Bryant-Davis, T., Tillman, S., Chung, H. (2009) From the Margins to the Center: Mental Health Effects of Sexual Violence in Ethnic Minority Women's Lives. *Trauma, Violence, and Abuse*.

Bryant-T., Tillman, S., Marks, A., Smith, K. (2009). Millennium Abolitionists: Addressing sex trafficking of African women. *Beliefs & Values: Understanding the global implications of human nature, Inaugural Issue*

Bryant-Davis, T. Tillman, S., Chung, H. (2009). The cultural context of trauma recovery: A look at the experiences of ethnic minority women. In J. Chin (Ed.) *Diversity in Mind and in Action*. Greenwood Press.

Bryant-Davis, T. & Tillman, S. (2008). Human Trafficking. *Encyclopedia of Trauma*. Wiley & Sons: Hoboken, NJ.

Rowe, D., Harrell, S., Gallardo, M., Bryant-Davis, T. & Asamen, J. (2007). Hanging Nooses, Hate Poses a National Health Risk. *Diverse Education*

Bryant-Davis, T. (2007). Sexual violence and the genocide in Darfur. *The Feminist Psychologist Newsletter of the Society for the Psychology of Women*.

Bryant-Davis, T. (2007) Healing requires recognition: The case for race-based traumatic stress. *The Counseling Psychologist*, 35(1), 135-143

Bryant-Davis, T. & Ocampo, C. (2006) A Therapeutic Approach to the Treatment of Racist Incident Based Trauma. *Journal of Emotional Abuse*, 6(4), 1-22.

Bryant-Davis, T. (2006). International Women's Day. *The Feminist Psychologist Newsletter of The Society for the Psychology of Women*.

Bryant-Davis, T. & Ocampo, C. (2005). An Exploration of Racist-Incident Trauma. *The Counseling Psychologist*, Vol 33(4), 479-500

Bryant-Davis, T. & Ocampo, C. (2005). .The Trauma of Racism: Implications for Counseling, Research, and Education. *The Counseling Psychologist*, 33(4). 574-578.

Bryant-Davis, T. (2005). Coping Strategies of African American Adult Survivors of Childhood Violence. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 36(4), 409-414

Bryant-Davis, T. (2005). *Thriving in the Wake of Trauma: A multicultural guide*. Praeger Press: CT.

Bryant-Davis, T. (2005). Rewriting the Script: African-American women's identity in Spike Lee's Films. In J. Henderson-Daniel (Ed.) *Media, Women, and Girls: Implications for Feminist Psychology*. American Psychological Association Press. Washington, DC

Bryant-Davis, T. (2004). Rape Is: Sexual assault psycho-education. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 5(2), 194-195.

Bryant-Davis, T., Okorodudu, C., & Holliday, B. (2004). Combating racism: The role of psychologists and the United Nations. In: *The psychology of prejudice and discrimination: Racism in America*, Vol. 1. Chin, Jean Lau; Westport, CT, US: Praeger Publishers/Greenwood Publishing Group, pp. 223-235.

Bryant-Davis, T. (2003). From Surviving to Thriving: Recovery from Sexual Violence. In A. Banks and J. Henderson-Daniel (Eds.) *The Complete Guide to Women's Mental Health*. Beacon Press.

Bryant-Davis, T. (2002). The Arts: A Healing Tool at the World Conference Against Racism. *The Communiqué: Ethnic Minority Psychology*.

Bryant-Davis, T. (2002). Advances for Women at the World Conference Against Racism. *The Feminist Psychologist*.

Bryant, T. (1999) The Path to Wholeness: Effective Coping Strategies of African-American Adult Survivors of Childhood Violence. *Dissertation Abstracts International*.

Bryant, T. (1999) Trauma Recovery within the Context of Liberation Psychology. Unpublished manuscript.

Bryant, T. (1998) Gender Role Discrepancy Strain and Psychological Functioning of Urban African-American Young Adults. Unpublished manuscript

Bryant, T. (1997) Gender Role Discrepancy Strain in the Lives of Urban African-American Male Adolescents. unpublished manuscript

Bryant, T. (1997) Conceptions of Home and Community for African-American Women: a qualitative study with African-American women who have visited or lived in West Africa. unpublished manuscript

Under Review and In Preparation

Bryant-Davis, T., Mays, V., Tsong, Y., Tillman, S., Smith, K. (in preparation). Prenatal and Post-Natal Substance Use and Intimate Partner Abuse among African American and White Mothers.

Bryant-Davis, T., Tillman, S., Tsong, Y., Chung, H., Shervey, S., Johnson, T. (under review). Socio-economic influences on intimate partner abuse of African American mothers.

Marks, A., & Bryant-Davis, T., Tillman, S., & Smith, K. (under review) Stepping out from behind the Mechitza: Exposing Jewish American Partner Violence. Violence Against Women.

Salimindejad, N., Bryant-Davis, T., Smith, K., & Tillman, S. (in preparation). Shamed into Silence: Partner Abuse among Arab-American Families.

Bryant-Davis, T., Smith, K., Moon, N., Burke, E., (in preparation). Culturally modified integrative group therapy with African American children exposed to intimate partner violence.

Presentations

Bryant-Davis, T. (2010, invited). Addressing the Trafficking of Women. National Summit on Interpersonal Violence and Abuse. Dallas, TX

Bryant-Davis, T. (2009). Clinical Implications of Spirituality and Religion on Child Trauma Recovery. Invited On-line Training for National Child Traumatic Stress Network.

Bryant-Davis, T.; Smith, K.; Tillman, S.; Marks, A. (2009). Millennium Abolitionists: Addressing sex trafficking of women in Nigeria and South Africa. American Psychological Association Convention: Toronto, Canada

Smith, K., Marks, A., Tillman, S., & Bryant-Davis, T. (2009) Barriers to help seeking behavior in South African childhood sexual assault survivors. Poster Presentation, California Psychological Association, Oakland, CA.

Marks, A., Smith, K., Tillman, S., & Bryant-Davis, T. (2009, April). *Stepping Out From Behind the Mechitza: Exposing Jewish American and Israeli Partner Violence*. Poster session at the 2009 California Psychological Association, Oakland, CA.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2009). Social context of intimate partner abuse of African American women. Multicultural Summit of the American Psychological Association. New Orleans, Louisiana

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2008). Socio-economic influences of partner abuse of African American mothers. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Vulnerable Populations Team Meeting.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2008). Gender roles and intimate partner abuse of African American women. International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. Chicago, IL

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2008). Addressing violence against women and girls in Darfur. American Psychological Association: Boston, MA

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2008). Income, education, and intimate partner abuse of African American women. American Psychological Association: Boston, MA

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2008). Social support, Intimate Partner Abuse, and African American Women. Society for the Study of Social Problems. Boston, MA

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2008). From the margins to the center: Sexual assault of ethnic minority women. National Scientific Meeting on Violence Against Women. Lexington, KY

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2008) Culture and interpersonal trauma. National Summit on Interpersonal Violence. Sponsored by APA and RWJF; Bethesda, MD

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2008). Intimate partner abuse, social support, and African American mothers. Association of Women in Psychology; San Diego, CA

Bryant-Davis, Thema; Chung, Heewoon; Lanktree, Cheryl; Briere, John. (2007). Cultural considerations in a school-based complex trauma youth intervention. Annual Conference of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Baltimore, MD

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2007). Help-seeking and African American female incest survivors. Association of Women in Psychology, California.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2007). Advocating for and activism with immigrant women. American Psychological Association Convention, California.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2007). The role of psychologists in combating human trafficking. American Psychological Association Convention, California.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2007). Strategies for psychologists and graduate students to become involved in International Psychology. American Psychological Association Convention, California.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2007). Psychology and the Genocide in Darfur. American Psychological Association Convention, California.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2006). Cultural Competence with International Women. American Psychological Association Convention, Louisiana.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2006). Psychologist as Artists. American Psychological Association Convention, Louisiana.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2006). Sex Trade Trafficking. American Psychological Association Convention, Louisiana.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2005). Advocating for Women: Internationally, Nationally, and Locally. American Psychological Association Convention, Washington, DC.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2005). Mental Health and Women of the African Diaspora. United Nations Headquarters. New York.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2004). Appropriate Clinical Responses to the Trauma of Racism. American Psychological Association Convention, Hawaii.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2004). Sexual violence trauma recovery in the Liberian war. American Psychological Association Convention, Hawaii.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2003). Feminist Leaders Enhancing the role of psychology at the United Nations. Panel - American Psychological Association Annual Convention. Canada.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2003). Psychologists Follow-Up to the World Conference Against Racism. Panel – Multicultural Summit. California

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2003). Race and Social Change. Panel – Princeton University. Princeton, New Jersey.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2002). The Trauma of Racism. Workshop – National Institute for the Application of Behavioral Psychology. Hilton Head, South Carolina.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2002). Vicarious Trauma. Training for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners. Princeton, New Jersey.

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2002). Sexual Assault Response. Training for campus counselors, mediators, faculty, judicial board members, medical personnel, and public safety officers. Princeton University

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2002). Preventing and responding to sexual harassment and harassment based on sexual orientation. Training for staff through human resources. Princeton University

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2002). The Intersection of racism and sexism in the lives of African-American Women. United Nations Headquarters, New York

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2002). The World Conference Against Racism. American Psychological Association (symposium and town hall meeting)

Bryant-Davis, Thema (2002). The Wounds of Racism and The Path to Wholeness. National Institute for the Clinical Application of Behavioral Medicine (workshop)

Bryant, Thema (2001). Psychology and Racism. United Nations World Conference Against Racism. Durban, South Africa

Bryant, Thema, (2001). Psychological Concerns, HIV/AIDS, and African Women. United Nations Headquarters, New York

Bryant, Thema (2001). In Search of Scripts: African-American Gender Identity Development in Spike Lee Films. (Images of Women of Color in Film Panel). Multicultural Summit II: American Psychological Association.

Bryant, Thema (2001). Healing Pathways: Clinical Implications for Working with Diverse Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse.

Bryant, Thema (2000) Healing Word Waters: African Diasporic Women Recovering from the Traumas of Violence, Racism, and Historical Oppression. National Association of Women in Psychology Conference – Salt Lake City, Utah.

Bryant, Thema (2000) Healing Hands: Trauma Recovery within the context of Liberation Psychology. American Psychological Association. (roundtable)

Bryant, Thema (1999) Identity Development and Community Empowerment of African-American Women. APA Division - Society of Community Research and Action Conference - New Haven, Connecticut

Bryant, Thema (1999) Effective Coping Strategies of African-American Adult Survivors of Childhood Violence (poster). American Psychological Association Annual Conference - Boston, Mass.

Bryant, Thema (1999) Conceptions of Community & Transnational Identity of African-American Women. (poster). American Psychological Association Annual Conference - Boston, Mass.

Bryant, Thema (1998) The Birthing of a Lioness (a poetic journey of the

identity development of African-American women). Presented at the Women's Unity Conference, London, England.

Bryant, Thema (1998) The Identity Development of African-American Women. Presented at the Women's Studies Conference. Duke Univ. Durham, NC