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EDUCATION

2018-2022	PhD	University of Georgia, College of Public Health Department of Health Promotion and Behavior Dissertation: <i>Examining Trauma Pathways and their Impact on HIV Risk Behavior Among Black Youth Entering Adulthood</i> Committee: Tamora Callands, Nathan Hansen, Donte Boyd, Isha Metzger
2016- 2018	MPH	Concentration: Health Promotion and Behavior Capstone: <i>Evaluating a Mental and Sexual Health Intervention for Young Pregnant Women in Liberia</i>
2012- 2016	B.S.	Health Promotion and Behavior

INTERESTS

Health Disparities

Social determinants of health, health equity, racial minority health and sexual minority health

Violence and Trauma Exposure

Sexual and gender-based violence, racial trauma and discrimination, and community violence

Maternal and Reproductive/Sexual Health

Maternal health, HIV/AIDS and STI-risk behaviors, HIV prevention

Methodology and Approaches

Implementation science, program evaluation, community-engaged research, mixed-methods design, and cultural adaptation

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

HIV Partner Services Program Evaluation Specialist

January 2022 - Present

Center for Disease Control & Prevention (Contractor)

Copial Business Strategists, LLC

- Conduct program monitoring and evaluation activities for National HIV Prevention Program Monitoring and Evaluation (NHM&E) Partner Services data and initiatives
- Collaborate with Communications Specialist to prepare communication products such as brief updates and individual recipient reports that include metrics and information on NHM&E operations, scientific contributions, and public health engagement
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- Create data visuals to enhance communication of results in evaluation products

Research and Evaluation Associate

September 2021 – Present

Urban Metrics Consultants, LLC

- Conduct process and outcome evaluation of the implementation of Usher's New Look core programs; Moguls in Training (MIT) and New Look Leadership Academy (NLLA) through quantitative data analysis
- Assist with qualitative code scheme development, coding, and content analysis to evaluate the United States Breastfeeding Committee partners efforts in implementing diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.
- Research, prepare, write, and submit grant proposals for partnering organizations
- Prepare annual evaluation reports and design data visualization for partnering organizations
- Prepare surveys, focus group guides, and other evaluation tools to enable collection of information

Co-Investigator/Team Lead

Spring 2021 - Present

RISE UPP (Reducing Intersectional Stress Experiences to Uplift Pregnant and Postpartum Women and Birthing Individuals) Study

- Lead a team of 10 student researchers for study.
- Oversaw activities such as development of research protocol, creation of screening surveys, qualitative code scheme development, partnership recruitment, social media activities, and manuscript writing.
- Conducted participant recruitment and facilitated 10 individual interviews.
- Conducted qualitative data analysis as team lead.

Graduate Research Assistant

Spring 2015 - Spring 2022

Social Technology and Risk Reduction Research Lab

University of Georgia

- Published 2 peer-reviewed journal articles in public health areas such as global health, HIV, maternal and child health, and trauma and violence.
- Conducted qualitative data analysis as team lead, oversaw coding to agreement activities, code scheme development and data inventory summaries.
- Participated in research study promotion and participant recruitment at local community events.
- Assisted with the development of a group-based sexual and mental health intervention for young pregnant Liberian women by creating study intervention activities, implementation and evaluation plans, and intervention program manual

Qualitative Research Consultant

Spring 2019

Examining the relationship between stigma and self-esteem, self-efficacy, and social satisfaction in young adults with autism spectrum disorder study

University of Georgia

- Provided consulting assistance to CURO scholar in the Child Attention and Autism Research/Evaluation (CAARE) Lab in qualitative coding key informant interviews. Consulting assistance included: Teaching the coding process, developing codebooks, developing code inventory, and translating findings into research poster and manuscripts.

Graduate Assistant

January 2017 – July 2018

Vice President's Office of Public Service and Outreach
University of Georgia

- Assisted Associate Vice President in preparation for outreach events and activities such as New Faculty Tour and Public Service and Outreach Annual Meeting
- Coordinated workshops and programs for 50+ graduate assistants in Public Service and Outreach.
- Assisted in peer-reviewing submissions to the Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement
- Assisted with University of Georgia Carnegie Re-Classification application

Graduate Research Assistant

Summer 2017

P3+ Study
Emory University

- In person patient recruitment and primary data collection at local women's clinic.
- Conducted over 85 participant screenings; Recruited and enrolled 62 participants.

Research Assistant

Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Project UPLIFT for African American Women with HIV/AIDS
University of Georgia

Project UPLIFT was a telephone-administered mindfulness intervention for African American women with HIV/AIDS.

- Co-facilitated and transcribed three focus groups, conducted eligibility screenings interviews, administered pre- and post-assessments, and assisted with quantitative data analyses.
- Published two peer-reviewed journal articles on study results

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant/Primary Instructor, University of Georgia

HPRB 3850: Chronic Disease Prevention and Control (3 credits-undergraduate, 34 enrolled in Fall 2018 section & 50 enrolled in Spring 2019 section)

Guest Lecturer, University of Georgia

HDFS 4330: Diversity in Human Development and Family Systems
Topic: Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity, Fall 2019

Guest Lecturer, University of Georgia

HPRB 7270: Resource Development and Program Implementation in Health Promotion
Topics: Logic Model and Budget Development, Spring 2020

Guest Lecturer, University of Georgia

HPRB 1710: Health and Wellness
Topic: Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity, Fall 2020

Graduate Teaching Assistant/Co-Lecturer/Co-Course Developer, University of Georgia

HPRB 5160: Health Disparities and Equity in Public Health (3 credits-undergraduate, 7 enrolled in Spring 2021 section, hybrid)

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Guest Lecturer, University of Georgia

HPRB 1710: Health and Wellness

Topic: Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity, Spring 2021

Guest Lecturer, University of Georgia

HPRB 3150: Issues in Women's Health

Topic: Contraception, Fall 2021

GRANTS, FUNDING AND SUPPORT

Research Grants and Support

Co-Investigator, Project Fostering the Empowerment and Engagement of Dads (FEED), Spring 2019

University of Georgia, College of Public Health

Mini-Grant: College of Public Health Diversity Committee

Funded Amount: \$750

Co-Investigator, RISE UPP Women: Exploring the Intersection of COVID-19 Related Stress and Racial Stress Among Black Perinatal and Postpartum Women, Spring 2021

University of Georgia, College of Public Health

Mini-Grant: College of Public Health Diversity Committee

Funded Amount: \$1,500

Service Grants and Support

Co-Curator and Co-Presenter, SREB and FORD Fellowships Workshops

University of Georgia, College of Public Health, and Franklin College of Arts & Sciences

Funded Amount: \$2,000

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Hunter-Jones, J.J., **Gilliam, S.M.**, Carswell, A.L., and, Hansen, N.B. (2019). Assessing the Acceptability of a Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy Intervention for African-American Women Living with HIV/AIDS. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities* 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-019-00617-5>
2. Sileo, K. M., Kershaw, T. S., **Gilliam, S.**, Taylor, E., Kommajosula, A., & Callands, T. A. (2019). Trauma Exposure and Intimate Partner Violence Among Young Pregnant Women in Liberia. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260519881533>
3. Hunter-Jones, J., **Gilliam, S.**, Davis, C., Brown, D., Green, D., Hunter, C., Carswell, A., & Hansen, N. (2020). Process and Outcome Evaluation of a Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy Intervention for Cisgender and Transgender African American Women Living with HIV/AIDS. *AIDS and behavior*, 10.1007/s10461-020-03017-7. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10461-020-03017-7>
4. Callands, T.A., **Gilliam, S.M.**, Sileo, K.M., Taylor, E, Hunter-Jones, J.J. & Hansen, N. (2020) Examining the Influence of Trauma Exposure on HIV Sexual Risk Between Men and Women in Post-Conflict Liberia. *AIDS Behav* (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10461-020-03088-6>
5. Callands, T.A., Hylick, K, Desrosiers, A, **Gilliam, S.M.**, Taylor, E, Hunter-Jones, J.J. & Hansen, N. (2021) The feasibility and acceptability of Project POWER: A cognitive-behavioral mindfulness-infused group-based mental and sexual health intervention among young pregnant women in Liberia. *Manuscript in review*.

6. Callands, T., Taylor, E., Sileo, K., **Gilliam, S.**, & Hansen, N. Understanding the synergistic effects of trauma exposure, life stress and mental health on STI risk in post-conflict Liberia. (2021) *Manuscript submitted*.
7. **Gilliam, S.M.**, Hylick, K., Taylor, E.N., La Barrie, D.L, Hatchett, E.E., Finch, M.Y., Kavalakuntla, Y., Hansen, N. (2021) Exploring the Intersection of COVID-19 Related Stress and Racial Stress Among Black Perinatal and Postpartum Women (RISE UPP Women and Birthing Individuals): Study Protocol. *Manuscript in preparation*.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

1. Hunter-Jones, J.; **Gilliam, S.** Adapting a Mindfulness-Based Tele-Delivered Intervention for African American HIV-Positive Women in Georgia. Presented at the 145th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo. Atlanta, GA.
2. **Gilliam, S.**; Callands, T.; Taylor, E; Hansen, N. Examining the influence of trauma exposure and daily stress on STI outcomes between men and women in post-conflict Liberia. Presented at the 147th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
3. Taylor, E., Callands, T., Sileo, K., **Gilliam, S.**, Hunter-Jones, J., & Hansen, N. The impact of mental health and psychosocial conditions on sexually transmitted infection risk in Liberian communities post-conflict. Presented at the 148th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo. Washington, DC
4. Hylick, K., Callands, T., **Gilliam, S.**, Taylor, E. Project POWER: A cognitive behavioral mindfulness-infused group-based mental and sexual health intervention among young pregnant women in Liberia. Presented at the 148th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo. Washington, DC
5. Hylick, K., **Gilliam, S.**, Taylor, E., La Barrie, D., Hatchett, E., Kavalakuntla, Y., Hansen, N. RISE UPP Women: Exploring the Intersection of COVID-Related Stress and Racial Stress Among Black Perinatal and Postpartum Women and Birthing People. Presented at AMCHP 2021 Conference.
6. Young, T. **Gilliam, S.**, Sankofa, N., Pymthe Seeger A., Schmidt, D., Muhammad, S., Wittreich K., Clampit, K., Black A., Broomfield-Massey, K. "I don't think there's a clear understanding": Defining and implementing diversity, equity, and inclusion among breastfeeding organizations and coalitions. To be presented at 149th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo. Boston, MA
7. Broomfield-Massey, K., Washington, J., Henry L., Lewis, K., **Gilliam, S.**, Wilson Ebba, C., Wittreich, K. Bradshaw N., Muhammad S., Moore, C. Youth empowerment approach to address social determinants of health. To be presented at 149th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo. Boston, MA

Invited-Talks

1. Gilliam, S. (2019, March). "The Importance of Empowering Black Women's Reproductive Rights to Reduce Maternal Deaths and Health Disparities". Presented to the National Residence Hall Honorary and Student Government Association, International Women's Month Celebration Program. University of Georgia. Athens, GA.
2. Rodriguez, V.J., Jean, K., **Gilliam, S.** (2019, October). FORD/SREB Fellowship Tips and Tricks. Presented by the UGA Psychology Diversity Committee. Athens, GA.

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3. **Gilliam, S.**, Jean, K. (2020, August) “What They Don’t Tell You About College.” Presented to Dekalb County Girl Scout Troop.
4. Rodriguez, V.J., Jean, K., **Gilliam, S.** (2020, October). FORD/SREB Fellowship Tips and Tricks. Presented by the UGA Psychology Diversity Committee. Athens, GA.
5. **Gilliam, S.** Rodriguez, V.J., Jean, K., (2021, May). Repurposing Rejected Fellowships. University of Georgia. Athens, GA.

Panelist

- *Real Students Real Conversations*, McNair Scholars Program (October 2019, November 2020)
- *Career Panel*, Abeneefoo Kuo Honor Society (November 28, 2017)
- *The More You Know Q&A*, The Black Affairs Council (2017)
- *MPH Accepted Students Day*, University of Georgia College of Public Health (March 2017)
- *How to Survive Graduate School*, Association of Minority Public Health Professional Scholars (October 18, 2017)

Non-Print Scholarship

Gilliam, S. Blog: Celebrating the Next Generation of Black Women Researchers - Shantesica Gilliam, MPH. Black Girls Breast Feeding Club. <https://www.blackgirlsbreastfeedingclub.com/post/celebrating-the-next-generation-of-black-women-researchers-shantesica-gilliam>

AWARDS, HONORS, AND RECOGNITION

2021	Southeastern Conference, SEC Emerging Scholar
2021	Blue Key Honor Society, Beta Chapter Initiate, University of Georgia Chapter
2021	Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia Building Perinatal Support Professionals Project Scholarship
2019	APHA Student Assembly Scholarship
2018	Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), Doctoral Scholar
2018	Graduate Scholars Leadership, Engagement & Development (GS LEAD), Graduate Scholar
2018	Department of Health Promotion & Behavior, University of Georgia Outstanding Graduate Achievement
2016	Multicultural Services and Programs, University of Georgia, Excellence in Community Service Award
2014, 2015	Dean’s List, University of Georgia
2012-2016	HOPE Scholarship Recipient

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2021	Department of Health Promotion and Behavior, Faculty Search Committee
2020-2021	College of Public Health, Curriculum and Academic Programs Committee
2019-2020	Department of Health Promotion and Behavior, Research Committee
2019-2020	Graduate Student Association, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Graduate Council Representative
2019	APHA Student Assembly, Abstract Reviewer
2019-2021	University of Georgia Conference Hotel’s Georgia Junior Science & Humanities Symposium, Research Symposium Judge and Paper Reader in the Behavioral and Health Sciences and Medicine and Health sections
2018	General Ray Davis Middle School, Science Fair Judge
2017	Association of Minority Public Health Professional Scholars, Co-Founder

shantesicagilliam@gmail.com Curriculum Vitae

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2017	Public Health Association, Philanthropy Chair
2016-2017	Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, Beta Zeta, Graduate Advisor
2015	Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, Beta Zeta, Registration Committee Chair
2014-2015	Black Affairs Council Executive Board, Community Service Chair
2014-2015	Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, Beta Zeta, External Affairs Liaison
2014	Camp Acheaway at Camp Twin Lakes, Counselor
2014	Brown Hall Council Executive Board, Community Service Representative
2014	Oasis Catalico: Service-Learning Project, Tutor
2014	Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, Beta Zeta, Spring Pledge Class President

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Statistical Software	SPSS, STATA, M-Plus, Qualtrics online survey tool.
Software	Adobe Photoshop; Adobe InDesign; Filemaker Pro; NVIVO; MAXQDA; Microsoft Office Products (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint)
Certifications	National Institutes of Health: Plain Language Training Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI): Social and Behavioral Research; Social and Behavioral Research: Pregnant Women; GCP for Clinical Trials with Investigational Drugs and Medical Devices; GCP for Clinical Trials with Investigational Drugs and Biologics Georgia Department of Public Health: HIV Counseling, Testing (INSTI) and Linkage 200HR Registered Yoga Instructor

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Student Inductee, Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Omega National Honorary Society in Public Health
Student Member, American Public Health Association
Student Member, Society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues
Member, Georgia Public Health Association
Life Member, Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity
Charter Member, University of Georgia Alumni Association: The 1961 Club