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Professional Objective:

To be a community-engaged, anti-oppressive scholar and educator that expands the field of study related to Black student achievement and Black mother-centered households. To engage in thoughtful research that centers and honors the taken-for-granted knowledge of Black students and Black mothers, amplifying their voices and perspectives, and disrupting the racialized, deficit-oriented focus on adverse outcomes.

Research Interests:

- Black student achievement
- Centering the lived experiences of Black single-mothers and their families
- Racial Socialization practices of Black mothers
- Anti-oppressive social work practice

Teaching Interests:

- Qualitative research methods
- Social policy
- Social justice and critical consciousness development
- Community engaged social work practice

EDUCATION

The University of Georgia, School of Social Work, Athens, GA

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work (PhD), June 2017

Dissertation: *Shifting the Discourse: An Exploration of Academic Success Among African American High School Seniors from "Single"-Mother Homes*

Dissertation Chair: Patricia Reeves, PhD

The University of Georgia, College of Education, Athens, GA

Certificate of Interdisciplinary Qualitative Studies, June 2017

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Degree: Master of Social Work- Advanced Standing, MSW, May 2007

Degree: Bachelor of Social Work, BSW, May 2006

Georgia Perimeter College, Decatur, GA

Degree: Associates of Arts, Sociology, May 2003

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Corley, N. A.** & Young, S. M. (In press) Is social work *still* racist?: An updated content analysis. *Social Work*
- Cage, J., **Corley, N. A.**, & Harris, L. A. (2018) Educational attainment of adolescents involved with the child welfare system: Exploring the intersection of race and gender. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 88, 550-557.
- Briggs, H. E., Cox, W., Sharkey, C. N., **Corley, N.**, Briggs, A. C., & Black, M. (2016). The role of behavioral theory in model development research with single parent families. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 33(4), 349-363.
- Corley, N. A.**, & Kim, I. (2016). An assessment of intervention fidelity in published social work intervention research studies. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 26(1), 53-60.
- Corley, N. A.** (2015). Educational Vouchers. In M. E. Okedon (Ed.) *Sage Encyclopedia of World Poverty* (Vol. 5) pp. 463-464. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications Ltd. doi: 10.4135/9781483345727.n236
- Corley, N.A.** & Reeves, P. (**Under review**) Poetry as method: “Re-presenting faithfully” the academic experiences of African American high school students and their mothers.
- Corley, N.A.** & Reeves, P. (**In progress**) “Always been like this.” Black mother and student perspectives on academic success.
- Corley, N.A.** & Belgrave, F. Z. (**In progress**) Parents use of cultural wealth to support academic achievement among African American adolescents: Translation to social work practice.

Book Review

- Corley, N. A.** (2016). "Black Single Mothers and the Child Welfare System: A Guide for Social Workers on Addressing Oppression by Brooks, Brandynicole." *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, 26(4), pp. 399–400.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work, Richmond VA

Assistant Professor, August, 2017- Present
SLWK 494 Senior Field Instruction
SLWK 311 Social Work with Oppressed Groups
SLWK 422 Social Welfare Legislation and Services,

Georgia State University School of Social Work

Adjunct Professor, August, 2016 – May, 2017

SW3700 Communication Skills for Social Workers

SW3000 Communications & Cultural Diversity

SW3200 Social Welfare Institutions

The University of Georgia, School of Social Work

Instructor, Fall, 2014 – Spring, 2016

SW2156 Social Work with Diverse Populations

Guest Lecturer

Social Work in Schools. Presentation to BSW Students in The Profession of Social Work (SW2154); April, 2016

Class Consciousness. Presentation to MSW Students in Poverty and Social Work Practice (SW7397); May, 2015

Understanding Diversity. Presentation to BSW Students in The Profession of Social Work (SW2154); March, 2015

Interracial Communication. Presentation to BSW Students in Communication and the Helping Process (SW2155); April, 2015; October, 2015; April, 2016

STUDENT COMMITTEES AND ADVISING

University Doctoral Committee Involvement

Eryn Delaney (PhD in Process) Thesis Committee, Counseling Psychology

School of Social Work Doctoral Committee Involvement

Michael Massey (PhD in Process) Dissertation Committee

Working Title: *A Critical Race Theory Examination of Educator Perceptions of School-Wide Positive Behavior Supports at the Pre-implementation Stage*

AWARDS and HONORS

2016 Diversity Research Scholarship for Graduate Students

\$1,500

The Graduate School, University of Georgia

NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Corley, N. A. (2018, May). "Poetry is not a luxury": Experiences using poetic transcription for exploring academic success among African American high school students, an oral presentation. Paper presentation at the 14th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (QI2018) in Champaign-Urbana, IL.

Corley, N. A. (2018, January). An exploration of academic success among African American high school seniors from "single"-mother homes. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 22nd Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

Young, S. & Corley, N. A. (2017, October). *Is social work “still” racist?* A content analysis of social work journals, an oral presentation. Paper presented at the 63rd annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, TX.

Corley, N. A., *Boyd, H., *Davis, A., *Manu, N., & *Spencer, L., (October, 2015). *Becoming an ally*. 2015 Annual Conference of the National Association of Social Worker, Georgia Chapter, Atlanta, GA

*Presentation with invited BSW students

LEADERSHIP and SERVICE

Virginia Commonwealth University

2018-Present **ASPiRE** Faculty Fellow
2017-Present **Faculty Affiliate**, Center for Cultural Experiences in Prevention
2017-Present **Qualitative Research Interest Group**, School of Social Work
2017-Present **BSW Program Committee**, School of Social Work
2017-Present **Government and Operations Committee**, School of Social Work

The University of Georgia

2012-2014 **Doctoral Program Committee**, School of Social Work

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT and SPECIALIZED TRAINING

2018 **Community Engagement Institute**, Virginia Commonwealth University
2016 **Summer Graduate Student Mentoring Workshop on African American Research Summer Workshop**, The University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research
2014-2015 **Emerging Leaders Program**, The University of Georgia

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

2016 - 2017 **Case Western Reserve University**, Cleveland OH
2010 - 2011 **University of Georgia**, Atlanta, GA
Field Instructor
Provide guidance to social work student(s) preparing to enter the profession. Orient student(s) to the agency’s policies and procedures, ethical standards and safety measures. Facilitate student’s access to productive learning experiences and other learning activities. Plan student assignments in accordance with field practicum objectives. Provided direct educational supervision/field instruction for student.

2007 – 2012 **Communities in Schools of Atlanta**, Atlanta, GA
Program Coordinator
Designed and implemented programs, classes, and activities geared toward increasing parent engagement and motivating students toward academic

success. Managed caseload of students identified as having academic and behavioral challenges. Provided short-term, crisis intervention to students.

2011 - 2012
2009 - 2010
GA

Advance Therapeutic Concepts, Atlanta, GA

Uplifting the Community –Assertive Community Treatment Atlanta, Clinician

Provided counseling services to clients with personal, social, and behavioral problems. Conducted assessments of client needs through interviews, collateral contacts and other resources. Work within multidisciplinary team to coordinate the development, implementation, and evaluation of the client's service plan. Conduct ongoing assessments of consumer needs and progress; and update consumer treatment plans as needed. Prepared detailed written report of treatment and interventions utilized. Developed individual work plan with clients. Educated family of client's diagnosis and treatment with supportive counseling to family.

FIELD EXPERIENCE and INTERNSHIPS

2006 – 2007

**Barton Juvenile Defender Clinic, Emory University School of Law
Atlanta, GA**

Social Work Intern

Assisted with infrastructure development of new Clinic through community resource identification, establishing social network of community agencies, public/community relations, and creating a resource manual. Supported the holistic legal representation of juvenile clients by serving as a liaison between clients, their families and community resources. Co-developed "Know Your Rights" training program to educate juveniles on their legal rights. Contributed to policy paper on secure detention of status offenders in Georgia. Conducted formative and process evaluations to ensure the Clinic achieved its desired goals.

2005 – 2006

DeKalb County Child Advocate Center, Decatur GA

Investigator Intern

Conducted placement visits and interviews with child clients and foster families to determine child's needs. Conducted interviews with community partners and other parties relevant to case investigation. Prepared child advocate attorney report detailing investigation findings and recommendations.

2005

**Department of Human Resources, Program, Planning and Policy
Development Unit Atlanta GA**

Georgia Governor's Internship Program

Researched state policies and federal regulations regarding administration of foster care system. Aided in editing foster care training manual. Maintained records of Comprehensive Child and Family Assessment (CCFA) providers.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES / LICENSES

2007 – 2012 **State of Georgia License Master Social Worker**
License # MSW004566
2008 – 2014 **State of Georgia Certified School Social Worker**
Certification # 865155

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

2013 – Present **Creator/Organizer**, My Mother has Sole, 3Mile Family Fun Run
2003 – 2017 **Mentor**, Big Brother Big Sister of Metro Atlanta
2007 – 2010 **Board Secretary**, 9 to 5 National Association of Working Women,
Georgia Chapter