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EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC TRAINING

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| 2002-2003 | <p>University of Miami Miller School of Medicine,
Miami, FL</p> <p>Department of Psychiatry
 Clinical and Research Training
 Specialization: HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse Prevention</p> | Post Doc |
| 2002 | <p>Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee</p> <p>Specialization: Counseling Psychology (APA Approved)
 Dissertation Title: <u>AIDS health locus of control, self-efficacy for safer sexual practices, and future time orientation as predictors of condom use in college students</u>
 Dissertation Chairman: Steven Olivas, Ph.D.</p> | Ph.D. |
| 1998 | <p>Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee</p> <p>Specialization: Guidance and Counseling
 Thesis Title: <u>Condom use among college students: The relationship between fear, behavioral skills, and past experiences with condom usage</u>
 Chair: John Joyner, Ph.D.</p> | M.S. |
| 1994 | <p>Howard University, Washington, DC</p> <p>Major: Human Development
 Minor: Psychology</p> | B.S.
Cum Laude |

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2011-present **Associate Professor, Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, College of Psychology, Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL**
- Undergraduate courses-Introduction to Psychology; Personality; Abnormal Psychology; Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse; Group Counseling in Substance Abuse; Drug Prevention and Education; Rehabilitation Strategies; General Studies Capstone Experience; Stress Management; Positive Psychology
- Department of Counseling, College of Psychology, Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL**
- Graduate courses: Career and Lifestyle Assessment; Substance Abuse; Psychopharmacology of Illicit and Licit Drugs
- 2007-2011 **Assistant Professor of Psychology/Counseling, Nevada State College, Henderson, NV**
- Undergraduate courses-Introduction to Human Services and Counseling; General Psychology; Personality; Psychology of Learning; Health Psychology; Counseling Skills in Human Services; Psychology of Sex; Drugs and Behavior; Identification and Assessment in Addictions; Advanced Professional Issues in Substance Abuse; Sports Psychology
- 2003-2007 **Project Director, University of Miami, Center for Family Studies, Miami, FL.**
- Population: HIV+ Women recovering from substance abuse and their family members.
- Responsibilities
- Directed a staff of 16 in coordinating 2 large and complex clinical trial studies pertaining to adherence in HIV+ women recovering from substance abuse and the effects it has on family members.
 - Supervised recruitment, enrollment, and assessment staff in their work with study participants.
 - Prepared reports (e.g. Serious Adverse Events, Continuing Review) to IRB and NIH.
 - Selected and hired staff.

- Oversaw subject flow and the collection of data from study subjects.
 - Created and implemented documentation and study monitoring plan.
 - Participated in publication plans for the study.
 - Supervisor: Victoria Mitrani, Ph.D., and Daniel Feaster, Ph.D.
- 2006-2007 **Adjunct Professor, Florida Memorial College,
Department of Psychology, Miami, FL**
- Undergraduate courses-Introduction to Psychology; Learning Theories.
- 2004-2005 **Adjunct Professor, Florida International University,
Department of Psychology, Miami, FL.**
- Undergraduate courses-Introduction to Psychology; Human Growth and Development
- 1999-2000 **Research Associate, Behavioral Health Services Division,
Metropolitan Police Department of Nashville and Davidson
County**
- Collected, coded, and analyzed data for the study of resiliency and stress among law enforcement officers and their families.
 - Supervisor: Lorraine Greene, Ph.D.
- 1999 **Teaching Assistant, Tennessee State University, Department of
Psychology, Nashville, TN.**
- Undergraduate course-Elementary Statistics
- 1998-2001 **Adjunct Instructor, Tennessee State University, Department of
Psychology, Nashville, TN.**
- Undergraduate courses-Principles of Human Sexuality; General Psychology; History and Systems of Psychology; Senior Project; Computer Application and Technical Writing; and Personality Theories
- 1996-2000 **Teaching Assistant, Tennessee State University, Department of
Sociology, Nashville, TN.**
- Undergraduate course-Courtship and Marriage; and Social Statistics
- 1996-2000 **Research Assistant, Center for Health Research, Tennessee State
University, Nashville, TN**

- Edited grant proposals
 - Collected, coded, and analyzed data using SPSS for grant proposals and various research grants.
 - Supervisor: Baqar A. Husaini, Ph.D.
- 1996 **Program Assistant and Adjunct Instructor, Bowie State University-Bowie Maryland, College of Education**
- Directed and assisted a staff of undergraduate college students with their work in providing academic, social, and emotional support for incoming freshmen students.
 - Taught undergraduate course-Freshman Orientation
 - Supervisor: Bruce Purnell, M.S.
- 1995 **Adjunct Instructor, Indian River College-Fort Pierce, Florida**
- Undergraduate course-Freshman Orientation
- 1994 - 1996 **Fourth Grade Teacher, Saint Lucie County School Board.**
- Manatee Elementary School-Port Saint Lucie Florida
- 1991-1992 **Counselor/Tutor, University Counseling Service, Howard University, Washington, DC**
- Provided academic and emotional support for incoming freshmen and school age children.
 - Supervisor: Michael Barnes, Ph.D.
- 1991-1993 **Research Assistant, National Head Start Association, Alexandria, VA**
- Collected, coded, and analyzed data for a project concerned with educating parents about teenage drug use.
 - Supervisor: Ura Jean Oyemade, Ph.D.

PUBLICATIONS

- Reiter, M.D., Burns, M.J. and Sabo, K. (2023). Forms & Pragmatic Letters. In M.D. Reiter (Eds.), *A Therapist's Guide to Writing in Psychotherapy: Assessment, Documentation, and Intervention*. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Burns, M.J. (2019). Addictive Disorders and Families. *Macmillan Encyclopedia of Intimate and Family Relationships: An Interdisciplinary Approach*. Macmillan Reference USA/Gale. Cengage Company.

- Burns, M. J. (2019). Behavioral Addictions. In M.D. Reiter (Eds.), *Substance Abuse and the Family*. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Mitrani, V.B., McCabe, B.E., Burns, M.J., and Feaster, D.J. (2012). Family mechanisms of structural ecosystems therapy for HIV-seropositive women in drug recovery. *Health Psychology, 31* (5), 591-600. doi: [10.1037/a0028672](https://doi.org/10.1037/a0028672)
- Brincks, A. M., Feaster, D. J., Burns, M. J., and Mitrani, V. B. (2010). The influence of health locus of control on the patient-provider relationship. *Psychology, Health and Medicine, 15* (6), 720-728.
- Feaster, D. J., Mitrani, V. B., Burns, M. J., McCabe, B. E., Brincks, A. M., Rodriguez, A. E., Asthana D., and Robbins, M. S. (2010). A randomized controlled trial of structural ecosystems therapy for HIV medication adherence and substance abuse relapse prevention. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence, 111*, (3), 227-234.
- Feaster, D. J., Burns, M. J., Brincks, A. M., Prado, G., Mitrani, V. B., Mauer, M. H., and Szapocznik, J. (2010). Structural Ecosystems Therapy for HIV+ African American Women and Drug Abuse Relapse. *Family Process, 49*, (2), 204-219.
- Mitrani, V.B, Weiss-Laxer, N.S., Ow, C., Burns, M.J., Ross, S., and Feaster, D.J. (2009). Examining the family networks of HIV+ women in drug recovery: Research challenges and opportunities. *Families, Systems, and Health, 27*, (3), 267-283.
- Burns, M.J., Feaster, D.J., Mitrani, V.B., Ow, C., and Szapocznik, J. (2008) Stress processes in HIV+ African American mothers: Moderating effects of drug abuse history. *Anxiety Stress and Coping, 21*, (1), 95-116.
- Robbins, M., Szapocznik, J., Feaster, D.J., Mayorga, C., Dillon, F.R., and Burns, M.J. (2007). The impact of family functioning on adolescent proactive racial socialization. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology, 13*, (4), 313-320.
- Burns, M.J. and Dillon, F.R. (2005). AIDS health locus of control, self-efficacy for safer sexual practices, and future time orientation as predictors of condom use in African American college students. *Journal of Black Psychology, 31*, (2), 172-188.
- Burns, M.J., Cain, V., and Husaini, B.A. (2001). Depression, service utilization and treatment costs among medicare elderly: Gender differences. *Home Health & Community Care Services Quarterly, 19*, (3), 35-44.

Lasane, T.P., Sweigard, P.N., Czopp, A.M., Howard, W.L., and Burns, M.J. (1999). The effects of student academic presentation on perceptions of gender and sociability. *North American Journal of Psychology*, 1, (2), 173-188.

PRESENTATIONS

Burns, M.J. (2017). “*Mental Health Utilization in the African American Community*”. Invited roundtable presentation for Golden Parents Association. Boca Raton, FL.

Burns, M.J. (2012). “*The Stigmatization of Mental Health in the African American Community*”. Invited roundtable presentation for Medivance (insurance billing company). This forum was taped and broadcast on the local NBC News affiliate. Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Burns, M.J., Feaster, D.J., Mitrani, V.B., Ow, C., and Szapocznik, J. (2008). *Drug Abuse and Stress Process in HIV+ African American Mothers*. In S Safren (Chair). Impact of Stress and Coping on Mental Health in HIV. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Mescia, N. Ow, C.E., Burns, M.J., Mitrani, V.B., and Feaster, D.J. (2007). *IMB and adherence among African American HIV+ women in recovery*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Ow, C.E., Mitrani, V.B., Feaster, D.J., Burns, M.J. and Ross, S. (2007). *Identifying the family context surrounding HIV+ women in recovery*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Burns, M.J. (2005). *Structural Ecosystems Therapy for Recently Sober Women: Medication Adherence, Drug Abuse Relapse Prevention, and Family Mechanisms of Action*. In A. Ehrhardt (Chair). Structured Ecological Therapy. Symposium conducted at the NIMH Annual Conference on the Role of Families in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS. Brooklyn, New York.

Burns, M.J. (2005). *A Research Program to Examine Structural Ecosystems Therapy for HIV+ Persons and their Families*. Invited presentation at the University of South Carolina Annual Multicultural Symposium, “Health Disparity Research”, Columbia, South Carolina.

Mitrani, V.B., Feaster, D.J., Burns, M.J. and Szapocznik, J. (2004, August). *A Research*

- Program to Examine the Family Mechanisms of Structural Ecosystems Therapy in HIV+ Women Recovering from Drug Abuse.* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI.
- Lucenko, B.A., Jennings, T., Farrell, N., Dévieux, J., Malow, R.M., and Burns, M.J. (2002, November). *Audio-Casi vs. interview administration of an HIV/STD risk of exposure measure for substance abusing adolescents.* Poster presented at the American Public Health Association 130th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- Lasane, T.P., Hunting, W., Jacques, T., Switzer, J., Weaver, A., Munro, G., and Burns, M.J. (2000, March). *Gendered Social Perception as a Function of Academic Presentation Style and Ethnicity.* Poster Presented at the annual meeting of Eastern Psychological Association, Baltimore, MD.
- Burns, M.J., Cain, V., Husaini, B.A., McClain, R. and Gadsden, K. (1999, November). *Depression, Service Utilization and Treatment Costs Among Medicare Elderly: Gender Differences.* Poster Presented at the annual meeting of The Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.
- Lasane, T.P., Trionfo, G., Jeffers, J., Smith, R., Burns, M.J., Seeley, E. and Josph, K. (1999, April). *Interracial Dating Attitudes and Racial Identity.* Poster Presented at the annual meeting of Eastern Psychological Association, Providence, RI.
- Husaini, B.A., Levine, R., Blasi, A., Miller, O., Cain, V., and Burns, M.J. (1998, November). *Medicare health care costs for African American beneficiaries with psychiatric illness: Rural-urban differences.* Paper presented at the American Public Health Association 126th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Husaini, B.A., Levine, R., Blasi, A., Miller, O., Cain, V., Pitts, D., and Burns, M.J. (1998, November). *Effect of Co-Morbidity on Health Care Cost Among Medicare Beneficiaries with Psychiatric Diagnoses.* Paper presented at the American Public Health Association 126th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Husaini, B.A., Neff, J.A., Miller, O., Blasi, A., Cain, V., Burns, M.J., and Pitts, D. (1998, November). *Outcome of a pilot AIDS intervention program for Black College students.* Paper presented at the American Public Health Association 126th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Lasane, T.P. and Burns, M.J. (1998, August). *The content of social perceptions of Black- White couples.* Poster accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American

Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Husaini, B.A., Levine, R., Blasi, A., Miller, O., Cain, V., and Burns, M.J. (1998, July). *Medicare costs for beneficiaries with a primary diagnosis of mental disorders: Racial differences*. Paper presented at the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged National Health Symposium, Washington, D.C.

Burns, M.J. (1998, March). *College students' level of HIV knowledge, attitudes, and past experiences with condom usage*. Paper presented at Tennessee State University 20th Annual University-Wide Research Symposium, Nashville, TN.

Lasane, T.P., Maxson, E., Pickett, L. and Burns, M.J. (1998, February). *Attitudes and social perceptions of Black-White couples*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Sweigard, P.N., Lasane, T.P., Czopp, A.M., Howard, W.L., and Burns, M.J. (1998, February). *Social perceptions as a function of academic self-presentation: Influences of masculinity*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Husaini, B.A., Levine, R., Blasi, A., Miller, O., Cain, V., and Burns, M.J. (1997, November). *Mental health service utilization by the elderly in Tennessee: The effect of race, social class, and co-morbidity*. Poster session presented at the American Public Health Association 125th Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.

Burns, M.J. (1993, August). *Afro-Americans and Euro-Americans Attitudes Towards School*. Paper presented at the Summer Minority Research Institute, University of Delaware, Newark, DE.

Burns, M.J. (1992, July). *Attributions of Familiarity*. Paper presented at the Human Development Research Institute, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.

Funded Research Performed

National Institute of Health Loan Repayment Program Award Recipient-Health Disparities Research, total award \$70,000; 2004-2006

Co-Investigator/Project Coordinator, Family Therapy Mechanisms in HIV+ Women in Drug Recovery, NIDA (Grant #1R01 DA016543-01A2) Victoria Mitrani, Principal Investigator, total award: \$2,524,033; 2003-2008

Co-Investigator/Project Coordinator, Adherence in HIV+ Women Recovering from Substance Abuse, NIDA (Grant # RO 1 DA 15004) Daniel J. Feaster, Principal Investigator, total award: \$3,684,794; 2002-2007.

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Editorial Board *Research Directs in Health Sciences* 2021-present

Reviewer *Journal of Black Psychology* 2009-2011; 2015-2019

Editorial Board *Journal of Black Psychology* 2006-2008

Reviewer for *Journal of Social Behavior, and Health Sciences* 2008

Reviewer for the *International Journal of Sociology of the Family* 2006-2007

Reviewer for the *Hispanic Health Care International* 2006-2007

RESEARCH INTEREST

- Substance abuse prevention; stress-process of health outcomes in first responders and military personnel, The effects of gratitude on health outcomes

CORE TRAINING EXPERIENCES

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2001-2002

Doctoral Internship: Southern Mississippi Psychology Internship Consortium, Hattiesburg, Mississippi (APA Approved)

Population: Undergraduate and graduate students attending a state university. Inpatient/outpatient adults, adolescents, and children.

Responsibilities:

- Conducted short-term individual counseling services for individuals of varying ages and comprising a variety of mental health issues including depression, adjustment, anxiety, interpersonal relationship, phobias, eating disorders, career and college major decisions, and grief issues.
- Supervised two doctoral practicum students work with clients.
- Conducted clinical interviews, administered test batteries and scored, interpreted, and wrote report findings. Assessment batteries typically included personality measures and individual test of intelligence.
- Group co-therapist for adult psychiatric inpatients and outpatients-

The approach of the groups was process oriented.

2000-2001

Practicum: Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Adult Psychiatry, Nashville, TN.

Population: inpatient/outpatient adults

Responsibilities:

- Conducted clinical interviews, administered test batteries and scored, interpreted, and wrote report findings. Assessment batteries typically included personality measures and individual test of intelligence.
- 3 hours of client contact and 2 hours of individual supervision per week.
- Supervisor: Howard Roback, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist.

2000-2001

Practicum: Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute, Nashville, TN.

Population: inpatient adults

Responsibilities:

- Conducted clinical interviews and forensic evaluations for competency to stand trial.
- Conducted short-term individual counseling sessions for individuals who vary in age, gender, ethnicity, and lifestyles presenting for mental health issues such as mood disorders, schizophrenia, adjustment and grief issues.
- 3 hours of client contact and 1 hour of individual supervision per week.
- Supervisor: Joe Mount, Ed.D., Licensed Psychologist

1999-2000

Group Therapist, Center for Health Research, Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN.

Population: Elderly

Responsibilities: Led group therapy program aimed at reducing depression among elderly high-rise residents. Funded by National Institute of Health

- Total Hours: 160
- Principal Investigator: Baqar A. Husaini, Ph.D.
- Clinical Supervisors: Howard Roback, Ph.D. and Sherry Cummings, Ph.D.

- Fall 1997 **Practicum: Cumberland Heights Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center, Nashville, Tennessee.**
Population: inpatient/outpatient adults
Responsibilities:
- Conducted intake evaluations, drug therapy sessions and wrote discharge evaluations and progress notes.
 - Total hours: 150
 - 1 hour of individual supervision weekly
 - Supervisors: Fran Overall, M.A. and Robert Chapman, MSSW

OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Summer, 1993 **University of Delaware-Newark DE**
- Supervisor: James Jones, Ph.D.
 - Participated in an 8-week summer program dealing with research design and methodology.
- Summer, 1992 **University of North Carolina-Greensboro**
- Supervisor: Robert Guttentag, Ph.D.
 - Participated in a 6-week summer program dealing with research design and methodology.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association, Member

2004-2005 Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Miami-Dade County Chapter, Inc., Board Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

2022-present Chair, Student Success Fund Committee. Committee responsible for reviewing student applications who apply for funds to defray costs of travel for conference presentations, the purchase of research equipment and/or consumables, or the cost of entrance exams for graduate/professional schools.

2017-present Academic Integrity Committee Member

2019-2021 First Year Experience Curriculum Committee

2016-2020 Experiential Learning. Committee charged with identifying course work and learning opportunities which provides students immersive and transformative learning that actively engage the student through ongoing critical reflection.

2012-2020 Faculty peer-reviewer for Assessment of Student Learning (ASLO) Outcomes as required by SACS. Nova Southeastern University. Assess whether program:

- Identified program outcomes
- Established direct measures to assess student learning
- Applied and used the ASLO findings for academic improvement.

2011- present Member: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee; Department of Psychology, Nova Southeastern University

2013-2014 Faculty Authored textbook

- Committee charged with developing a policy for faculty use of their authored textbooks in classes taught by them. Nova Southeastern University

2012 & 2014 Faculty Merit Portfolio Review Committee, Nova Southeastern University

2010-2011 Fiscal Affairs Committee, Nevada State College

2010-2011 Diversity Coalition, Nevada State College

2008-2010 Accreditation Team, Nevada State College

2008-2010 Core Curriculum Review, Liberal Arts and Sciences-Social Sciences, Nevada State College

2007-2011 Institutional Review Board (IRB), Nevada State College

2007- 2009 Faculty Senate, Nevada State College

2001-2002 Advisor, Men of Excellence, University of Southern Mississippi.

- Advised a group of undergraduate African American males with their work in providing community services.

1998 – 2002 Graduate Psychology Student Organization, Tennessee State University

1994 – 1996 Businessmen, Manatee Elementary, Port St. Lucie, FL

- Lobbied local businesses in providing funds for school activities.

- 1994-1996 Multicultural, Manatee Elementary, Port St. Lucie, FL
- Chaired committee responsible for developing a multicultural curriculum for elementary students.
- 1993 – 1994 Psychology Club, Howard University
- 1992-1993 Vice President, Activity Coordinator, Absalom Jones Student Association, Howard University.

HONORS AND REWARDS

- 2023 Nova Southeastern University Merit Pay, Service
- 2022 Nova Southeastern University Merit Pay, Service
- 2020 Nova Southeastern University Merit Pay, Service
- 2020 Nova Southeastern University Merit Pay, Teaching
- 2018 Nova Southeastern University Merit Pay, Service
- 2016 Nova Southeastern University Merit Pay, Teaching
- 2013 Nova Southeastern University Merit Pay, Teaching
- 2008 Nevada State College Travel Award, Liberal Arts and Sciences
- 2006 National Institute of Health funded Summer Travel Award, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences 10th Anniversary Meeting.
- 2005 National Institute of Health funded Summer Institute on the Design and Conduct of Randomized Clinical Trials Involving Behavioral Interventions
- 2004 National Institute of Health funded Summer Institute, University of Pittsburgh Mind-Body Center Travel Award - *Basic Pathways Linking Behavior and Disease* (\$1000)
- 1998 Minority Biomedical Research Support Program Fellowship, Tennessee State University
- 1998 2nd Place winner in Tennessee State University 20th Annual University-Wide Research Symposium, Graduate Science and Social Science Category

- 1996 Fred D. Calhoun Memorial Scholarship, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity
- 1993 Kappa Delta Pi International Education Honor Society
- 1993 Summer Minority Research Fellow, University of Delaware
- 1992 Summer Minority Research Fellow, University of North Carolina-Greensboro
- 1990 Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Scholarship

REFERENCES

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