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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy: Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis In Progress

Master of Arts: Sociology, *University of Colorado Denver* 2023
Thesis: *“More of Us to Take Care of Us”: The Role of Black Maternal Health Providers and Racial Concordance in Addressing Systemic Maternal Health Inequities*
Method: In-depth qualitative interviews, thematic coding, modified grounded theory, feminist theory

Bachelor of Arts: Sociology, *University of Colorado Denver* 2019

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Qualitative Methods, Race, Reproductive Justice, Family Policy, Gender, Economic Inequality

FELLOWSHIPS

Lynne Cooper Harvey Fellow in American Culture Studies 2024 - 2030
Washington University in St. Louis (\$3,000)

Dean’s Distinguished Graduate Fellow 2024 - 2030
Washington University in St. Louis (\$6,550)

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Qualitative Research Assistant, Dartmouth University November 2023 - July 2024
Worked under the direction of Dr. Casey Stockstill, Professor of Sociology. Conducted in-depth interviews, qualitative coding and analysis. Worked as part of a collaborative including two professors of Sociology, a quantitative researcher, and qualitative researcher. Contributed to the drafting of three in-progress manuscripts that will be submitted for publication in 2024.

Topic: Racial Socialization in Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Education

Research and Evaluation Coordinator, Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab January 2024 - August 2024
Coordinated research and evaluation activities of ten different evaluation teams tasked with evaluation over twenty federal stimulus funded programs in Colorado. Ensured methodological alignment and engaged in regular problem solving meetings with evaluation teams and state programs administrators.

Project Manager/ Researcher, Early Milestones Colorado 2021 - January 2024
Designed and implemented mixed-methods and qualitative research projects. Conducted qualitative data collection, coding and analysis. Conducted in-depth interviews, and moderated focus groups. Authored research briefs, reports, and blogs for

varying audiences. Presented research to diverse audiences of early childhood stakeholders including state legislators and state department officials.

Research Assistant, University of Colorado Denver, Department of Sociology

June 2019 - December 2019

Conducted literature review and background research. Conducted descriptive analysis and initial coding. Assisted with proposal review for faculty research.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

Thornton, C., & Reich, J. A. (2022). Black mothers and vaccine refusal: Gendered racism, healthcare, and the state. *Gender & Society*, 36(4), 525-551. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08912432221102150>

Other Selected Professional Publications & Policy Briefs

Thornton, C., Delap, S., Nicolaou, K., & Franko M. (2022) Sustaining & Adapting During the Pandemic: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Women in the Workforce. Denver, Colorado: Early Milestones Colorado.

<https://earlymilestones.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/W2-Women-in-the-Workforce-FINAL.pdf>

Thornton, C., Delap, S., Nicolaou, K., & Franko M. (2021) Sustaining & Adapting During the Pandemic: Impact of COVID-19 on Early Educators of Color. Denver, Colorado: Early Milestones Colorado.

<https://earlymilestones.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/COVID-W2-Educators-of-Color.pdf>

Early Milestones Colorado. (2023, March 6). Some Colorado families Squeezed by Child Care Needs, Financial, and Social Stress.

<https://earlymilestones.org/some-colorado-families-squeezed-by-child-care-needs-financial-and-social-stress/>