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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Expected May 2023 **Ph.D., Social Work**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Dissertation: *The Association Between Racial Discrimination and Postpartum Depression Among Racial Ethnic Minority Women with Disabilities*

Committee Chair: Dr. Karen Tabb-Dina
Committee: Dr. Chi-Fang Wu, Dr. Nichole Nidey, Dr. Willi Horner-Johnson

2017- 2018 **MSW, Social Work**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Concentration: Mental Health

2013- 2017 **BSW, Social Work**
Eastern Michigan University

FELLOWSHIPS

2022 Federal Grant Seeking Cohort, **William Julius Wilson Institute (WJWI)**
Training program designed to prepare individuals to become external consultants who provide direct federal grant writing services to place-based and cradle-to-career initiatives.
Awarded stipend support (\$10,000)

2020- 2022 Birth Equity Research Scholar, **National Birth Equity Collaborative (NBEC)**
Leadership development program designed to prepare doctoral students for research and practice careers that advance birth equity in disenfranchised communities.
Awarded stipend support (\$30,000)

2021 Research Trainee, **National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Minority Health Research Training Program (MHRT)**
International health disparities research training program.
Awarded stipend support (\$5,000)

2019- 2020 Pre-Doctoral Fellow, **Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related Disabilities (IL LEND)**
Interdisciplinary training program designed to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals with disabilities.
Awarded stipend support (\$5,000)

2017- 2018 Master's Fellow, **CSWE Master's Minority Fellowship Program (MFP)**
Training program for master's-level, direct practice-focused social work students
committed to health equity.
Awarded stipend support (\$6,500)

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Nidey N, Hoyt-Austin A., Chen M.J., **Bentley B.**, Tabb K.M., Anyigbo C., Wilder C., Terplan M.,
McAllister J.M., Wexelblatt S.L., and Murnan A. & Kair L.R. (2022). Racial Inequities in
Breastfeeding Counseling among Pregnant People who use Cannabis. *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

Tabb, K.M., **Bentley, B.**, Pinerros Leano, M.F., Simonovich, S.D., Nidey, N., Ross, K., Huang, W.D., Huang,
H. (2022). Home Visiting as an Equitable Intervention for Perinatal Depression: A Scoping Review.
Frontiers in Psychiatry, 13.

Spence, C. M., Miller, D., Corr, C., Santos, R. M., & **Bentley, B.** (2021) When in Doubt, Reach Out:
Teaming Strategies for Inclusive Early Childhood Settings. *Young Children, 76*(1). 39-49.

Tabb, K.M., **Bentley, B.**, Reinhart, C. (2020) Stakeholder Perceptions and Lessons Learned from the All
Our Kids (AOK) Early Childhood Networks. Champaign, IL.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Bentley, B., Hoang, TMH., Jenkins, KV., Reinhart, CA., Tabb, KM. (*Under review*). Parent Perceptions of
an Early Childhood System's Community Efforts: A Qualitative Analysis. *Children and Youth
Services Review*.

Hoang, TMH., **Bentley, B.**, Jenkins, KV., Reinhart, CA., Tabb, KM. (*Under review*). Network Coordinator
Perceptions of Early Childhood Community Systems Building and Development Efforts. *BMC
Public Health*.

PRESENTATIONS

Bentley, B & Bridges, K. & Hassan, A. (August, 2022). *The Making of the Safer Childbirth Cities Initiative
Data Dictionary*. Safer Childbirth Cities Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Morgan, I., **Bentley, B.** & Hassan, A. (July, 2022). *Community-Centered Research and Evaluation*. SCC
Grantees: Summer Webinar Series. Zoom Video Communications.

Bridges, K., **Bentley, B.**, Hassan, A. & McDonald, C. (December, 2021). *Safer Childbirth Cities Co-Funders'
Meeting*. Zoom Video Communications.

Bentley, B. (October, 2021). *Addressing Racial Disparities in Early intervention*. IL LEND. Zoom Video
Communications.

Bentley, B & Jenkins, K. (October, 2021). *AOK Awareness Campaign Part 2: Analytics*. All Our Kids Early
Childhood Networks Coordinator Meeting. Zoom Video Communications.

Bentley, B & Bridges, K. (July, 2021). *Community-Centered Monitoring and Evaluation*. Safer Childbirth Cities Annual Meeting. Zoom Video Communications.

Bentley, B & Jenkins, K. (May, 2021). *AOK Awareness Campaign Part 1: Assessment*. All Our Kids Early Childhood Networks Coordinator Meeting. Zoom Video Communications.

Bentley, B. (October, 2020). *Addressing Racial Disparities in Early intervention*. IL LEND. Zoom Video Communications.

Tabb, K.M. & **Bentley, B.** (November, 2019). *Academic Conferences and Presentations*. All Our Kids Early Childhood Networks Coordinator Meeting. Bloomington, IL.

Bentley, B. (November, 2019). *Developing Effective Infographics*. All Our Kids Early Childhood Networks Coordinator Meeting. Bloomington, IL.

Poster Presentations

Kair L.R., Hoyt-Austin A., Chen M.J., **Bentley B.**, Tabb K.M., Anyigbo C., Wilder C., Terplan M., McAllister J.M., Wexelblatt S.L., Murnan A., and Nidey N. (September 15-18, 2022.) *Racial Inequities in Breastfeeding Counseling among Pregnant People who use Cannabis*. Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine 27th Annual International Meeting. Baltimore, MD.

Sawyer, G., **Bentley, B.**, Chudzik, M. (March, 2022). *Ethical Dilemmas in Early Intervention*. College of Education Graduate Student Conference. Champaign, IL.

Bentley, B., Lebron, C., Vidot D.C. (December, 2021). *Provider Perceptions of Patient Cannabis Use During Pregnancy and Postpartum: A Systematic Review*. MHRT Research Day. Miami, FL.

Bentley, B. (April, 2020). *DSCC Youth Transition Council Guidebook*. IL LEND Open House. Zoom Video Communications.

Bentley, B., Tabb, K., Reinhart, C., Lavi, T., Wang, Y. (November, 2019). *Evaluating Community Systems Development Efforts to Improve Early Childhood Outcomes in Illinois*. American Public Health Association 2019 Annual Meeting and Exposition. Philadelphia, PA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2022 **Adjunct Instructor**
Course: SOCW 410: Social Welfare Policy and Services (MSW)
School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Summer
2022 **Adjunct Instructor**
Course: SOCW 410: Social Welfare Policy and Services (iMSW)
School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Spring 2022 **Graduate Teaching Assistant- Instructor**
Course: SOCW 410: Social Welfare Policy and Services (BSW)
School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Fall 2021 **Graduate Teaching Assistant- Instructor**
Course: SOCW 410: Social Welfare Policy and Services (BSW)
School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Fall 2020 **Teaching Practicum- Co-Instructor**
Course: SOCW 403: Practice III (BSW)
School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Instructor: Karen Tabb-Dina, Ph.D.
- Fall 2019 **Invited Guest Lecturer- Qualitative Research Methods**
Course: SOCW 427: Social Work Research Methods (BSW)
School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Instructor: Shou Xu

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021- Present **Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, Birth Equity Research Scholar**
National Birth Equity Collaborative
Supervisor: Kennedy Bridges, Birth Equity Program Associate
- Tasks:** Conduct key stakeholder interviews with Merck for Mothers Safer Childbirth Cities grantees to assess current monitoring and evaluation approaches. Develop a recommended set of people-centered harmonized indicators to evaluate progress (data dictionary) based on grantee priorities related to advancing maternal health equity. Provide technical assistance to grantees to support sustainable data collection, monitoring, and evaluation efforts.
- 2020- Present **Graduate Research Assistant**
Special Education, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Supervisor: Catherine Corr, Ph.D.
- Tasks:** Collaborate with an interdisciplinary team to collect, enter, code, and analyze primary data on diverse early childhood topics, including ethical dilemmas in Early Intervention services and expulsion in early childhood settings. Co-author manuscripts from collected data.
- 2018- Present **Graduate Research Assistant**
School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Supervisor: Karen Tabb Dina, Ph.D.
- Tasks:** Evaluate and summarize the perceived effectiveness of early childhood systems development efforts for 11 counties across the state of Illinois. Consult with All Our Kids Early Childhood Network stakeholders to support the development of training on

initiative strategies, implementation, evaluation, measurement, and data reporting. Supervise and mentor undergraduate research assistants in preparing manuscripts and conference presentations. Co-author manuscripts from collected data.

Summer 2021 **Research Trainee**

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
Minority Health Research Training Program, University of Miami
Supervisor: Denise Vidot, Ph.D.

Tasks: Gained hands-on experience working on an NIH R01 grant via mixed methods survey design, primary data collection, and data entry experiences. Mapped existing literature on cannabis use among birthing populations to identify key concepts and notable gaps.

2019- 2020 **IL LEND Pre-Doctoral Fellow**

IL LEND, University of Illinois at Chicago
UIC Division of Specialized Care for Children
Supervisor: Darcy Contri, Title V Program Transition Specialist

Tasks: Collaborated with Division of Specialized Care for Children Staff to develop, record, and report a proposed Youth Transition Council (YTC) framework. Responsibilities included conducting preliminary research about Youth Councils for Title V Programs, especially those engaging children and youth with special health care needs, proposing an organizational and leadership structure, and identifying YTC resources, training, and toolkits centering youth engagement.

2019- 2020 **Teacher Aide**

TRIO Upward Bound, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Supervisor: Sabrina Donegan, Assistant Director

Tasks: Assisted Instructional Staff with classroom instruction material, exams, and record-keeping for the following summer courses: Algebra II with Trigonometry, Chemistry, and Senior Seminar. Provided students with one-on-one tutoring, regular out-of-class assistance, and mentorship.

Summer 2018 **MSW Clinical Intern**

North Jersey Community Research Initiative
Community Wise
Supervisors: Liliane Windsor, Ph.D. and Steve Morris, LCDC

Tasks: Administered clinical screening assessments to formerly incarcerated men with a history of substance use disorders residing in Newark, NJ. Collaborated with Community Wise Staff and participants to promote community mobilization and social justice efforts. Co-led weekly group sessions focused on increasing critical consciousness and improving individual and community health outcomes.

- 2016- 2017 **BSW Student Intern**
Washtenaw County Community Mental Health, Ann Arbor, MI
Supervisor: Christina Rivest, LMSW
- Tasks:** Drafted concise and accurate records and case notes. Engaged, assessed, intervened, and evaluated youth and families. Fulfilled assigned case management responsibilities, including attending school meetings, coordinating home visits, updating paperwork, and linking families to community resources. Led intake appointments under professional direction and assessed clients' needs for services by completing initial biopsychosocial assessments and using the Child & Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale.
- Summer 2017 **Summer Immersion Program Scholar**
Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research, University of Michigan
Supervisor: Shervin Assari, MD, MPH
- Tasks:** Enhanced knowledge of research fundamentals through individual and team-based learning experiences. Explored the applicability of Jessor Theory of Problem Behaviors across various racial-ethnic, at-risk youth groups.
- Summer 2016 **Summer Research Program Scholar**
Minority Health Disparities Summer Research Program, University of Nebraska- Lincoln
Supervisor: Jordan Soilz, Ph.D.
- Tasks:** Utilized social network analysis to interpret and analyze the connections between multiethnic-racial identity development and well-being.
- Summer 2015 **Future Public Health Leaders Program Scholar**
Centers for the Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), University of Michigan
Black Mother's Breastfeeding Association
Supervisor: Kiddada Green, Founding Executive Director
- Tasks:** Partnered with the Black Mother's Breastfeeding Association to gain an increased knowledge of breastfeeding as a public health concern. Identified health disparities affected by low breastfeeding rates in the Black community. Collaboratively composed a community health needs assessment, under the guidance and support of community and government health leaders. Administered a community survey in the Detroit Osborn Community and surrounding areas.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2021- 2022 List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2021 Graduate College Conference Travel Award, **\$550**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2019	AUCD 2019 Pre-Conference Travel Support, \$675 Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
2019	IL LEND Travel Scholarship, \$900 University of Chicago
2019	School of Social Work, Departmental Travel Award, \$1000 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2018	Graduate College Conference Travel Award, \$500 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2018	PRBA Summer Graduate Student Mentoring Workshop Award, \$600 University of Michigan
2018	School of Social Work Educational Opportunity Award, \$2,250 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2017	NASW-Michigan Social Work Student of the Year Award Eastern Michigan University
2014- 2017	Ronald E. McNair Scholar

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAININGS

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research: Regression II. University of Michigan. Instructor: Timothy McDaniel, Ph.D.

Full Spectrum Doula Training. Sumi's Touch. Instructor: Sumayyah Franklin.

Quantitative Public Health Data Literacy Training. New York University. Instructors: Melody Goodman, Ph.D., Janice Johnson, Ph.D.

Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (M-CHAT-R) and Social Communication Questionnaire (SCQ) Screening Training. IL LEND. Instructor: Ann Cutler, MD.

SERVICE

Departmental Service

2022- 2023	Research Advisory Committee. School of Social Work. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
2019- 2021	Professional Development Chair, Doctoral Social Work Association. School of Social Work. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Community Service

- 2020- 2021 Case Manager Mentor, Avicenna Community Health Center. Champaign, IL.
- 2017- 2018 Case Manager. Avicenna Community Health Center. Champaign, IL.
- 2017- 2018 Tutor, Driven to Reach Excellence and Academic Achievement for Males (DREAAM). Champaign, IL.
- 2017- 2018 Secretary, UIUC- Association of Black Social Workers. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.