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Education

Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, Summa Cum Laude April 2004
Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University

Medical Degree May 2007
University of Florida College of Medicine
Research Honors
Chapman Humanism Honors Society
AQA Honor Medical Society (Alumna Inductee)

Residency and Fellowship Training

General/Adult Psychiatry Residency July 2007 – June 2011
Harvard Medical School/Cambridge Health Alliance

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship July 2010 - June 2012
Emory University School of Medicine

Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship July 2012 – June 2013
Emory University School of Medicine

Specialized Training

Victims of Violence Program September 2009 – June 2010
Harvard Medical School/Cambridge Health Alliance



Medical and Psychological Documentation of Asylum Seekers February 6, 2010
Physicians for Human Rights Training Course

Forensic Interview Protocol for Children, Adolescents and Vulnerable Adults August 24 - 28, 2015
Cornerhouse On-Site Training Course

Lean for Healthcare March 27- 28, 2018
Johns Hopkins Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality

Accelerating Board Diversity Certificate October 2021
Harvard Business School Executive Education

Applied Data Science Program July 2023 – October 2023
Leveraging AI for Effective Decision-Making
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Professional Education

General/Civil Mediation and Practicum Training September- October 2023
University of Georgia

Licensure and Certification

Nationally Board Certified in General/Adult Psychiatry, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology as of September 13, 2012

Nationally Board Certified in Child Psychiatry, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology as of September 23, 2013

Nationally Board Certified in Forensic Psychiatry, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology as of October 15, 2013

Georgia Medical License as of April 1, 2010

Controlled Substance Registration as of May 19, 2010

North Carolina Medical License as of April 23, 2020

Florida Expert Witness Certificate as of July 8, 2015



Arizona Medical License as of June 1, 2020

Michigan Medical License as of August 25, 2020

Virginia Medical License as of September 10, 2020

Ohio Medical License as of January 25, 2022

Louisiana Medical License as of August, 11, 2023

California Medical License as of February 27, 2025

Academic Appointments

Director, Community Alliance-Building, Research, Education and Service, Morehouse School of Medicine January 2026 – Present

Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Morehouse School of Medicine July 2023 - present

Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Pediatrics, Morehouse School of Medicine July 2023 - present

- Medical Advisor, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) Center of Excellence to Address African American Behavioral Health Disparities, October 2020 - October 2025

Collaborating Psychiatrist, GA DBHDD + Psychiatry Rural Youth Mental Health Psychopharmacology Program, Morehouse School of Medicine May 2019 - Present

Interim Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Morehouse School of Medicine July 2022 - June 2023

Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and Pediatrics, Morehouse School of Medicine July 2018 - present

- Program Director, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship, February 2019 – June 2023
- Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Morehouse School of Medicine July 2016 – June 2018



- Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Morehouse School of Medicine August 2013 – June 2016
- Clinical Adjunct Faculty, Emory University School of Medicine July 2012 – present
- Supervision and Case-Based Teaching of Emory Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellows and Forensic Psychology and Psychiatry Trainees June 2015 - Present
- Rotation Director, Supervision and Teaching of Emory Child and Adolescent Psychiatry fellows' forensic rotation; teaching forensic report writing and reviewing practice guidelines regarding forensic issues/evaluations in child and adolescent psychiatry July 2012 – June 2015
- Supervision and teaching of Emory Forensic Psychiatry fellows in a jail-based competency restoration program July 2013 – June 2015

Boards, Advisory Positions and Political Appointments

Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee, December 2023 – August 2025

- Appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services

Felton Institute Board of Directors, October 2023 - Present

Pew Charitable Trusts, Expert Advisor on Racial Equity in Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Systems June 2021 – December 2022

MindMed (Nasdaq: MNMD) Board of Directors May 2021 - May 2022

Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group February 2021 – Present

- Appointed by Georgia Governor Brian Kemp

National Judicial Task Force to Examine State Courts' Response to Mental Illness August 2020 - October 2022

- Invited by the Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators to task force charged with making policy and practice recommendations to improve state courts' responses to people with mental illness

Georgia Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission September 2019 – present



- Appointed by Georgia Governor Brian Kemp to the 24-member Commission
- Appointed as Initial Chair of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Sub-committee

The Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law April 2020 – Present

University of Florida College of Medicine Alumni Board April 2020 – December 2022

National Co-Chair and Trainer for the Judges and Psychiatrists Leadership Initiative of the Council on State Governments and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation June 2018 – Present

American Association of Community Psychiatrists Summer 2016 - May 2026

Work Experience

Principal Consultant, Founder Lorio Forensics July 2020 – Present

- Forensic Psychiatric Consultation Services
 - Civil – including but not limited to independent medical/psychiatric evaluations/consultation for psychic injury, fitness for duty, medical malpractice, political asylum, child custody, and Title IX cases
 - Criminal – including but not limited to independent medical/psychiatric evaluations/consultation for criminal responsibility/insanity, trauma evaluations, competency to stand trial, mitigation, transfer hearings, adolescent and developmentally disabled adult psychosexual evaluations, child witness competency/reliability evaluations and consultation, consultation regarding and performance of child witness forensic interviews, and competence to be executed
 - July 2013 – July 2020 forensic services were provided under the Lorio Psych Group entity

Private Practice Psychiatrist at the Lorio Psych Group July 2013 – Present

- Clinical care including assessment, diagnosis and treatment of children, adolescents and adults
 - Treatment for adult patients with mood disorders, anxiety disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism spectrum disorder, racial trauma, and adjustment/life transition issues. Treatment modalities including but not



limited to psychotherapy, environmental and lifestyle interventions, and/or psychiatric medications

- Treatment for child and adolescent patients with mood disorders, anxiety disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism spectrum disorder, racial trauma, and adjustment/life transition issues. Treatment modalities including but not limited to psychotherapy, environmental and lifestyle interventions and/or psychiatric medications

Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) August 2013 – Present

- Medical Advisor, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) Center of Excellence to Address African American Behavioral Health Disparities October 2020 - October 2025
- Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship
 - Associate Professor July 2023 – present
 - Program Director, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship February 2019 – June 2022
 - Inaugural Program Director
 - Course Director and Developer
 - Trauma Seminar June 2023 - Present (biennial course)
 - Child & Adolescent Forensic Seminar June 2021 – Present (biennial course)
 - Life of Children Course RE: Sociocultural and Structural Child Psychiatry April 2020 – Present (biennial course)
 - Black Child Psychiatry Course June 2020 – Present (biennial course)
- Secondary Appointment in Pediatrics
 - Rotation Developer, Coordinator and Clinical Attending for Child Psychiatry Mini-Rotation in Child Psychiatry July 2016 - June 2022
- General Psychiatry Program
 - Course Director, Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, July 2023 - Present
 - Course Director, Developer and Coordinator for Forensic Psychiatry Lecture Series for Psychiatry Residents July 2015 – December 2020
 - Course Director, Creator and Coordinator for Trauma Lecture Series July 2018 – December 2020



- Undergraduate Medical Education
 - Co-Course Director, Developer and Creator for The Marginalized, Society and Psychiatry: Lessons Rooted in Georgia's History, July 2025 - Present
 - Rotation Director, Developer and Coordinator for Forensic Psychiatry Elective for Medical Students and Residents July 2015 – present
 - Co-Course Director, Developer and Creator for Forensic Psychiatry Rotation for medical students July 2014 – June 2016
- Co-Course Director for Fundamentals of Medicine, Human Behavior Section, 1st Year Medical Student Course July 2015 – June 2017
- Program Director, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship February 2019 – June 2022
- Interim Medical Director, CHRIS 180 August 2019 – June 2020
 - Policy development, chart review, clinical care, training creation and delivery, case-based supervision
- Satcher Health Leadership Institute July 2015 – June 2016
 - Health Disparities in African-American Populations Lecturer for Satcher Health Leadership Institute Health Policy Fellowship 2018, 2017, 2016
 - Child and Adolescent Psychiatry consultation regarding primary care and behavioral health integration projects July 2015 – June 2016
 - Needs assessment, program development, and service delivery in co-located pediatric/child and adolescent psychiatry clinic August 2013 – June 2014
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team Psychiatrist August 2013 – June 2015
 - ACT serves patients with severe, persistent mental illness by providing multidisciplinary care in community as well as clinic settings. Many ACT patients are forensically involved and were referred directly from jails or the forensic units of Georgia Regional Hospital
- Department of Juvenile Justice Regional Youth Detention Center Psychiatrist July 2015 – June 2019
 - Psychiatric assessment, psychopharmacology treatment, and team treatment participation for detained youth
- Child and Transitional Age Youth Psychiatry Educational Clinic July 2015 – January 2024
 - Assessment, treatment and referrals for behavioral health complaints in children and adolescents and teaching and supervision of Morehouse School of Medicine psychiatry residents in a psychopharmacology clinic located within a public sector setting



- Course Director for Forensic Psychiatry Lecture Series for Psychiatry Residents July 2015 – December 2020
- Rotation Director for Forensic Psychiatry Elective for Medical Students and Residents July 2015 – present
- Co-Course Director and Creator Forensic Psychiatry Rotation for Medical Students July 2014 – June 2016
- Psychotherapy Supervisor July 2014 – July 2015

Pew Charitable Trusts June 2021 - December 2022

- Expert Advisor on Racial Equity in Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Systems

Carter Center Consultant January 2017 - July 2018

- Developed Curriculum and Provided Instruction regarding Child and Adolescent Substance Use Disorders used in the training of nurses, physician assistants, and mid-wives in the country of Liberia

BIG Technology Founder Incubator Mental Wellness Consultant June 2017 – September 2017

- Mental wellness educational group programming and group facilitation as well as providing individual coaching sessions for black and Latinx female tech entrepreneurs

Mental Health Integrated Care Consultant at the HEALing Community Center July 2015 – June 2017

- Established community mental health partnerships, developed mental health policies and procedures, provided education for staff and clinicians regarding mental health, phone and direct patient consultation

National Alliance on Mental Illness, Georgia Consultant October 2016 – April 2017

- Development of National Alliance on Mental Illness Georgia Chapter Crisis Intervention Training Youth Curriculum

Medical Director of the Fulton County Jail Competency Restoration Program August 2013 – June 2015

- The program serves up to 16 inmates in Fulton County Jail and provides services including psychiatric treatment, legal education groups, individualized legal education, and cognitive remediation



- Medical Director responsibilities included overseeing the psychiatric care of the inmates in the program, supervising the Emory Forensic Psychiatry Fellows who provided patient care, working with an interdisciplinary treatment team, contributing to program development and assessment, and reviewing and editing correspondence to the court regarding the inmates in the program.

Contract Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist February 2013 – February 2014

- Progressive Consumer Counseling 5536 Old National Hwy #100, College Park, GA 30349

Psychiatric Admissions Unit/On-Call Psychiatrist March 2013 – December 2013

- Georgia Regional Hospital 3073 Panthersville, Rd. Decatur, GA 30034

Professional Memberships and Organizations

American College of Psychiatry October 2020 - present

- Selected for this honorary association whose membership is limited to psychiatrists who have demonstrated outstanding competence in the field of psychiatry and achieved national recognition in clinical practice, research academic leadership, or teaching

Georgia Council on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Summer 2010 - present

- Immediate Past President July 2018 – June 2019
- President February 2016 – June 2018
- Vice-President / President Elect June 2015 – February 2016
- Secretary/Treasurer June 2014 – June 2016
- Advocacy Liaison July 2013 – June 2014
- Trustee-At-Large July 2013 – June 2014
- Executive Board Resident Representative July 2011- June 2012
- Member Summer 2010 – present

American Association of Community Psychiatrists

- Community Psychiatry Model Curriculum Committee Chair June 2018 - July 2020
- Board Member Summer 2016 - May 2026

Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association

- President Summer 2022 – Spring 2023



- President Elect Summer 2021 – Spring 2022
- Vice President Summer 2020 - Spring 2021
- Treasurer Summer 2019 – Summer 2020
- Secretary Summer 2018 – Summer 2019
- Chair of the Community Psychiatry Committee Summer 2018 - present
- Co-Chair of the Early Career Psychiatrist Committee Summer 2016 – Summer 2018
- Trustee Spring 2014 – Summer 2017
- Member Summer 2010 - present

American Psychiatric Association (APA)

- Distinguished Fellow May 2023 - Present
- Presidential Appointee to Chair the Scientific Program Committee of the 2021 Mental Health Services Conference May 2020 – October 2021
- Presidential Appointee to the Scientific Program Committee of the 2020 American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting May 2019 – May 2020
- Presidential Appointee to the Council on Communications May 2016 – May 2017
- Presidential Appointee to the 2019 Scientific Program Committee of the Institute on Psychiatric Services January 2018 – October 2019
- Co-Chair of APA Knowledge Exchange Committee for the May 2016 Annual APA Meeting February 2016 – May 2016
- APA SAMHSA Fellow Appointee to the Council on Advocacy and Government Relations 2009 – 2011
- Member 2005 – Present

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fall 2007 – present

- Appointee to Policy Statement Advisory Committee Winter 2010 – Fall 2012
- Member 2007 – present

American Academy of Psychiatry and Law Member Spring 2012 – 2013, Spring 2021 - Spring 2022

Physicians for Human Rights 2009 – 2011

Cambridge Health Alliance Committee of Interns and Residents Patient Care Fund Committee 2007 – 2010

University of Florida Medical College Council 2005 – 2007

- **President** 2006 – 2007
- **Vice-President** 2005 – 2006



University of Florida College of Medicine Admissions Committee Fall 2006 – Spring 2007

- One of ten 4th year medical students selected by College of Medicine Faculty

Publications

Liu, W., Xie, Y., **Vinson, S.**, Yu, J., & Serban, N. (2025). Prevalence of diagnosed mental health conditions among US children with public and commercial insurance. *BMC public health*, 25(1), 4050. doi.org/10.1186/s12889-025-25422-0

Williams, K., French, A., Jackson, N., McMickens, C., White, D., **Vinson, S.** Mental Health Crisis Responses and (In)Justice: Intrasystem and Intersystem Implications. *Psychiatric Clinics of North America*, September 2024

Yared, A., Cárdenas-Bautista, E., **Vinson, S.**, Ohiomoba, P., Melecio, N., Amare, H., Vivian, J., Karippara, H. Implementing and Analyzing the Advantages of Voice AI as Measurement-Based Care (MBC) to Address Behavioral Health Treatment Disparities among Youth in Economically Disadvantaged Communities. *Telehealth and Medicine Today*, August 2024

McMickens CL, Jackson N, Williams K, Reese L, Hardeman LS, **Vinson S.** Justice-Involved Youth: Support for Community and Family Interventions. *Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Clinics of North America*, April 2024

Ogbu-Nwobodo, L., Shim, R., **Vinson, S.**, Fitelson, E., Biggs, A., McLemore, M., Thomas, M., Godzich, M., Mangurian, C., Mental Health Implication of Abortion Restrictions for Historically Marginalized Populations, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, October 2022

Wamuo, C., Pearson, M., **Vinson, S.**, The Collaborative Advocate: Psychiatrists' Role in Addressing Criminal Legal Involvement, *Psychiatric Services*, October 2022

Goldman, M., **Vinson, S.**, Centering Equity in Mental Health Crisis Services, *World Psychiatry*, June 2022

Vinson, S., Invited Guest Editorial, Structural Trauma and Psychiatric Practice: A Call to Action, *Psychiatric Annals*, November 2021

Vinson, S., Kamara, A., Disabled Individuals and Structural Trauma: Implications for Mental Health Providers, *Psychiatric Annals*, November 2021

Shadravan S.M., Edwards M.L., **Vinson S.** Dying at the Intersections: Police-Involved Killings of



Black People With Mental Illness. *Psychiatric Services*, June 2021

Vinson, S., Dennis, A., Systemic, Racial Justice-Informed Solutions to Shift "Care" from the Criminal Legal to the Mental Health Care System. *Psychiatric Services*, May 2021

Robles-Ramamurthy, B., Coombs, A., Wilson, W., **Vinson, S.**, Black Children and the Pressing Need for Anti-Racism in Child Psychiatry. *Journal of American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, Accepted for publication

Vinson, S., Waldman, R., A Pandemic Paused the U.S. School to Prison Pipeline: Potential Lessons Learned. *The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health*, Published Online September 2020

Shim, R., **Vinson, S.**, Social (In)Justice and Mental Health in Shim, R., Vinson, S., editors *Social (In)Justice and Mental Health*. Washington D.C. American Psychiatric Publishing, 2021

Shim, R., **Vinson, S.**, Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Editors. *Washington D.C. American Psychiatric Publishing*, 2021

Wilson, W., Cotton, N., **Vinson, S.**, Social (In)Justice and Child Trauma in Shim, R., Vinson, S., editors *Social (In)Justice and Mental Health*. *Washington D.C. American Psychiatric Publishing*, 2021

Reese L., Amosu, S., **Vinson, S.**, Social (In)Justice and the Carceral System in Shim, R., Vinson, S., editors *Social (In)Justice and Mental Health*. *Washington D.C. American Psychiatric Publishing*, 2021

Cyrus, K., **Vinson, S.**, Social Justice and Advocacy in Shim, R., Vinson, S., editors *Social (In)Justice and Mental Health*. *Washington D.C. American Psychiatric Publishing*, 2021

Vinson, S., Shim, R., Social Justice and Mental Health: A Call to Action in Shim, R., Vinson, S., editors *Social (In)Justice and Mental Health*. *Washington D.C. American Psychiatric Publishing*, 2021

Murray, P., **Vinson, S.**, Social Determinant of Children's Mental Health in Cultural Psychiatry in Children, Adolescents and Families. *Washington D.C. American Psychiatric Publishing*, 2021

Fowler, B., **Vinson, S.**, Digital Media, Culture and Child and Adolescent Mental Health in Cultural Psychiatry in Children, Adolescents and Families. *Washington D.C. American Psychiatric Publishing*, 2021

Vinson, S., Waldman, R., A Pandemic Paused the U.S. School to Prison Pipeline: Potential Lessons Learned. *The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health*, Published Online September 2020

Vinson, S., Et al. Two Systems, One Population: Mental Healthcare, Criminal Justice and Marginalized



Populations Living with Mental Illness. *Psychiatric Clinics* Fall 2020, September Vol. 43 Issue 3. P. 525-538

Vinson, S., Coffey, TT, Jackson, N, McMickens, CL, McGregor, B, Leifman, S. Two Systems, One Population: Mental Healthcare, Criminal Justice and Marginalized Populations Living with Mental Illness. *Psychiatric Clinics* Fall 2020, Published Online June 30, 2020

Vinson, S., Vinson, E., (2018) *Pediatric Mental Health for Primary Care Providers: A Clinician's Guide*. New York: New York: Springer

Vinson, S., (2018) Consideration on Resilience in At-Risk Youth in Vinson, S., Vinson, E., editors. *Pediatric Mental Health for Primary Care Providers: A Clinician's Guide*. New York: New York: Springer. p. 3-11

Mattox, G., **Vinson, S.**, (2018) Culturally Competent Approaches to ADHD: Issues in African-American Populations. *Psychiatric Times*. September Vol. 35 Issue 9.

Hoffman, C., **Vinson, S.** (2018) Book Review of Forensic Interviews Regarding Child Sexual Abuse: A Guide to Evidence Based Practice, *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law Online*, Vol. 46 Issue 3

Waldman, R., **Vinson, S.**, Howard, J., Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Youth in the Justice System, *Florida Coastal School of Law Law Review*, Fall 2015. Vol. 17 No.1.

Editorial Review Team Member for "A Core Set of Outcome Measure for Behavioral Health Across Service Settings. Supplement to Fixing Behavioral Health Care in America: A National Call for Measurement-Based Care in the Delivery of Behavioral Health Services" published by The Kennedy Forum in 2016.

Vinson, S., (2012) BlackMentalHealthNet.com A Forum for Culturally-Sensitive Psychoeducation and Mental Health Discussion. *AACAP News*. March/April Vol. 43 Issue 2.

Vinson S., Vinson E. (2009) No you're not crazy – know you're not crazy. Opinion article regarding mental health help seeking behaviors in the black community. *The Bay State Banner*, 44 (44). July 2009

Vinson S., Graham N., Gold M. (2006) Socioeconomic Inequities Often Translate into Health Inequities. *Journal of the National Medical Association*, 98, pg. 816-817

Vinson S., Foote K, Okun M. (2006) The Past Present and Future of Psychosurgery: Is there a Role for Deep Brain Stimulation? In: Laderman G. and Eisen A., eds. *Science, Religion And Society: An*



Encyclopedia of History, Culture, And Controversy, ME Sharpe, New York.

Jacobs W., Repetto M., **Vinson S.**, Pomm R., Gold M., (2004) Random Urine Testing as an Intervention for Drug Addiction: Drug Screening Can Play a Critical Role in the Treatment of Physicians with Substance Abuse Disorders. *Psychiatric Annals*, 3, pg. 781-785.

Select Peer Reviewed and Invited Continuing Medical Education Presentations

Exploring Diverse Paths in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry for Students and Trainees, American Association of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Annual Meeting, Panelist, October 2025

Fostering the Mental Health of a Generation: Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists' Role in Prevention, Health, Promotion and Wellbeing, Panelist, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2025

Uniting for Change in Memphis TN: Partnerships for Juvenile Justice Reform, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, Panelist, May 2025, Panelist

U.S. Gun Violence: Our Role in Policy, Narrative and Prevention, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, Session Chair and Panelist, May 2025

Forensics as a Frontier in Mental Health Equity: Taking Diagnostic, Cultural and Structural Expertise from Clinic to Court, Black Psychiatrists of America Spring Conference, Session Chair and Panelist, April 2025

The Black Doc Brain Drain: Challenges of Recruiting and Retaining Black Physicians in Academia, Black Psychiatrists of America Spring Conference, Session Chair and Panelist, April 2025

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia – University of Pennsylvania, Invited Grand Rounds Speaker, Social (In)Justice and Children's Mental Health, December 2024

Minnesota State University Health Summit Keynote Speaker, Community, Context and Critical Hope: A Call to Reimagine Health, Healthcare and Clinician Roles, April 2024

Nuvance Health Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds Speaker, Mass Violence and Psychiatry's Role in Addressing It, March 2024

Lancet Webinars Panelist: Public Policy and Health in the USA Miniseries: Reimagining Care for Americans with Severe Mental Illness, January 2024



We Should All Be Child Psychiatrists: A Call to Action for all Mental Health Professionals in Promoting Population Mental Health, Invited Grand Rounds Speaker, Zucker Hillside Hospital, Grand Rounds, January 2024

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Invited Speaker, Alabama School of Medicine, October 2022

Public policy and health in the USA: Reimagining Care for Americans with Severe Mental Illness, Invited Panelist, The Lancet, January 2024

ADHD: Cultural and Structural Considerations, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Grand Rounds, January 2024

Mental Health Crisis Interventions and (In)Equity Intra and Inter-Structural Implications, Black Psychiatrists of America Transcultural Conference, Session Chair and Panelist, October 2023

Clinical Perspectives, ADHD: Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Diagnosis and Treatment, American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Annual Meeting, Discussant October 2023

Ignite Plenary Session Speaker, What We Can Do About Mass Violence, American Psychiatric Association Mental Health Services Conference, October 2023

We Should All Be Child Psychiatrists: A Call to Action for all Psychiatric Educators in Promoting Population Mental Health, Invited Grand Rounds Speaker, Mount Sinai Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds, October 2023

The Crisis within the Black Youth Health Crisis: A Multi-Faceted Problem Requiring a Multi-Pronged Solution, American Psychiatric Association Mental Health Services Conference, Discussant, October 2023

Believe the Hype, The Black Youth Mental Health Crisis & A Call to Action, National Medical Association Conference – Pediatrics Section, Invited Speaker, July 2023

We Should All Be Child Psychiatrists: A Call to Action for all Psychiatric Educators in Promoting Population Mental Health, Invited Grand Rounds Speaker, Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, June 2023

Culture, Context and Critical Hope: Considerations for Caregiver's Mental Wellbeing, Invited Grand Rounds Speaker M.D. Anderson, May 2023



Answering the Judges Gavel: Decriminalizing Mental Illness and the National Judicial Mental Health Task Force, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting Workshop Presenter, May 2023

The Intersection of Gun Violence, Race, and Mental Health in the US: An Overview of the Problem and Strategies for Harm Reduction for Psychiatrists, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting Workshop Presenter, May 2023

Hiding in Plain Sight - Youth Mental Illness: Lessons in Centering Youth and Lived Experience From a Ken Burns Documentary, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting Workshop Presenter, May 2023

We Should All Be Child Psychiatrists: A Call to Action for all Psychiatric Educators in Promoting Population Mental Health, Invited Grand Rounds Speaker, Duke University, May 2023

After the DEI Statement: The Work of AntiRacism in Medical Academia, Invited Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Grand Rounds Speaker, Brown School of Medicine, May 2023

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Invited Speaker, University of Massachusetts School of Medicine Grand Rounds, May 2023

We Should All Be Child Psychiatrists: A Call to Action for All Psychiatric Educators in Promoting Population Mental Health, Invited Plenary Speaker, American Assn. of Directors of Psychiatry Residency Training, March 2023

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Invited Speaker, Boston School of Medicine Grand Rounds, October 2022

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Invited Speaker, Cambridge Health Alliance/Harvard Medical School, October 2022

Society Series Suicide Prevention with DR Christine Moulter, Invited Plenary Moderator, Assn. of American Medical Colleges 2022 Annual Meeting, November 2022

An Antidote to Burnout and the Great Resignation, Panelist and Speaker, American Association of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Annual Meeting, October 2022

They Are After Me, Panelist and Speaker, American Psychiatric Association Mental Health Services Conference, October 2022 Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Invited Speaker, University of Vermont, September 2022



Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Invited Speaker, University of Texas Health San Antonio, February 2022

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Invited Speaker, Tulane University School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, February 2022

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Invited Speaker, Emory University School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, January 2022

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Invited Speaker, Emory University School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, September 2021

Structural and Cultural Considerations in Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Opening Keynote Address for the 2021 Virtual International Conference on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, November 2021

Health Equity in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry for Black and Latinx Families, Panelist and Speaker, American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Annual Meeting, October 2021

Addressing Sociopolitical Determinants of Health Across Disciplines: A Fireside Chat with Harvard Economist Peter Q. Blair, PhD, Speaker, American Psychiatric Association Mental Health Services Conference Plenary, October 2021

System Health Thyself: Acknowledging and Addressing Structural Trauma in the Mental Health System, Session Chair and Moderator, American Psychiatric Association Mental Health Services Conference, October 2021

The Criminal Justice System and Mental Illness: A Bi-Directional Relationship in Need of Multi-Systemic, Collaborative Remedies, Session Chair and Moderator, American Psychiatric Association Mental Health Services Conference, October 2021

Structural Trauma in Communities, Session Chair and Moderator, American Psychiatric Association Mental Health Services Conference, October 2021

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Invited Speaker, Dartmouth Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Dartmouth School of Medicine, September 2021

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Iowa Mental Health Equity Grand Rounds, Invited Speaker, University of Iowa, August 2021

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Invited Speaker with Ruth Shim,



MD, MPH, The New York State Psychiatric Institute at Columbia University Medical Center
Grand Rounds, May 2021

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Harry Ford Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Invited Speaker,
Massachusetts General Hospital - Harvard Medical School, March 2021

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, University of California at Davis Luke and Grace Kim Visiting
Professor and Psychiatry Grand Rounds Speaker, March 2021

Social (In)Justice and Children's Mental Health, Invited Speaker, Tulane Medical School Child
Psychiatry Grand Rounds, February 2021

Social (In)Justice and Children's Mental Health, Invited Speaker, Morehouse School of Medicine
Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds, February 2021

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Invited Speaker, University of California San Francisco
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Grand Rounds, February 2021

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Invited Speaker, Einstein Medical Center Department of
Psychiatry Grand Rounds, February 2021

Social (In)Justice and Children's Mental Health, Invited Speaker, Medstar Georgetown University
Hospital Child Psychiatry Grand Rounds, January 2021

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health, Invited Speaker, Stanford Department of Psychiatry and
Behavioral Sciences Grand Rounds, December 2020

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: Impairment (Under)Treatment and Stigma, Invited
Speaker, University of Tennessee Health Science Center Psychiatry Grand Rounds, November
2020

Pediatric Depression and Anxiety in the Age of COVID, Invited Speaker, Georgia Chapter of the
American Association of Pediatricians

Pediatrics on the Parkway Annual Meeting, October 2020

Reimagining Excellence: Achieving Equity as the Outcome, Discussant, American Association of
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Annual Meeting, October 2020

AACAP Annual Meeting Media Theatre for Emmanuel: The Untold Story of the Victims and



Survivors of the Charleston Church Shooting, Discussant, October 2020

Improving Knowledge, Skill, and Attitudes Regarding Racial Bias in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Speaker and Discussant, American Association of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Annual Meeting, October 2020

Structural Racism and Black Children's Mental Health, Invited Speaker, University of Tennessee Health Science Center Pediatric Grand Rounds, August 2020

Ghosts in the Office: Structural Racism and Black Mental Health Inequities, Invited Speaker, Colosseum Health Psychiatry Department Grand Rounds, March 2020

Diverse Perspectives and Practical Strategies in URM Psychiatry Recruitment, Retention and Development, Presenter and Small-Group Discussion Leader, American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training Annual Meeting, February 2020

Women in Psychiatry: Money, Career and Allyship Considerations, Invited Presenter, Georgia Psychiatric Physician's Association Winter Meeting, February 2020

The Structural Trauma to Prison Pipeline: Implications for Child & Adolescent Mental Health Professionals, Invited Speaker, Tulane Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Division Grand Rounds, February 2020

Ghosts in the Office: Historical and Contemporary Considerations in Black Mental Health and Substance Use, Invited Speaker for the Addiction Medicine Grand Rounds, Morehouse School of Medicine, January 2020

Structural Racism: Why Medicine is No Better - But Should Be, Invited Keynote Speaker, Racism Awareness Week, Florida State University College of Medicine, January 2020

Disparities at the Intersection of Mental Health and Criminal Justice: A Round Table Discussion, Speaker and Panelist, American Psychiatric Association Institute on Psychiatric Services Meeting, October 2019

Social Determinants of Children's Mental Health, Invited Speaker, Georgia Psychiatric Physician's Association Summer Meeting, August 2019

Hip-Hop: Cultural Touchstone, Social Commentary, Therapeutic Expression and Poetic Intervention, Chair and Presenter, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2019

Ghosts in the Office: Historical and Contemporary Structural Considerations in Black Mental



Health, Chair and Presenter, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2019

Inequity by Structural Design: Psychiatrists' Responsibility to Be Informed Advocates for Systemic Education and Criminal Justice Reform, Chair and Presenter, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2019

Police Brutality and Black Americans: Evaluating the Problem, Understanding Its Impact on Mental Health, and Finding Solutions, Presenter, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2019

Pediatric Integrated Care: The Big Picture and Practical Nuts & Bolts, Chair, Presenter, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2019

Advancing Psychiatrists' Influence Within the Criminal Justice System: Moving the Stepping Up Initiative Forward, Presenter, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2019

Treating Black Children and Families: What Are We Overlooking?, Presenter and Panelist, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2019

Successful Negotiations for Women in Academic Medicine Workshop, Presenter, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2019

Double Trouble: Pediatric Anxiety and Depression – Invited Speaker for the Georgia School Based Health Conference, Atlanta, GA, May 2019

Pediatric Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder - Invited Speaker, Cherokee Health Systems Clinician 4 Hour Workshop, Knoxville, TN, May 2019

Double Trouble: Pediatric Anxiety and Depression – Invited Speaker for the University of Florida College of Medicine Pediatrics Grand Rounds, April 2019

Double Trouble: Pediatric Anxiety and Depression – Invited Speaker for the Piedmont Columbus Regional – The Children's Hospital Grand Rounds, March 2019

Social Media and Sanity – Must Know Info. for Working with Digital Natives, Invited Speaker for the Georgia Psychiatric Physician's Association Winter Meeting, January 2019

Black Mental Health in Primary Care and Emergency Departments: Frontline Perspectives and Future Possibilities, Session Chair and Speaker, Black Psychiatrist of America Transcultural Conference, Bermuda, November 2018



Mental Healthcare Guidelines for Treatment with African Americans, Invited Workshop Speaker and Curriculum Developer for CEU

Event for Park Center in Fort Wayne, IN, October 2018

Alternatives to Incarceration for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness: Opportunities and Challenges, Speaker and Panelist, American Psychiatric Association Institute on Psychiatric Services, October 2018

Women Psychiatrists and Money: Personal Practicalities, Payment, Professional Practice and Power, Session Chair, American Psychiatric Association Institute on Psychiatric Services, October 2018

Race From Our Past – How the History of Psychiatry Creates a Present Legacy of Racism in Clinical Practice, Speaker and Panelist, American Psychiatric Association Institute of Psychiatric Services, October 2018

Maintenance of Certification II: Mental Health Issues Early Identification & Intervention, Invited Lecturer, Georgia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Pediatrics on the Perimeter Conference, September 2018

Management of Pediatric Psychiatric Emergencies, Invited Lecturer, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Updates in Pediatric Emergency Medicine: What to Expect When You are Suspecting Conference, September 2018

Warehousing – How Did We Get Here? Cutting Mass Incarceration in the United States – The Physician's Responsibility, Panelist, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2018

Women Psychiatrists and Money: Personal Practicalities, Payment, Professional Practice and Power, Session Chair, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2018

Ghosts in the Office: Historical and Contemporary Considerations in Black Mental Health and Substance Use, Invited Speaker for the Psychiatry Department Grand Rounds, Cambridge Health Alliance/Harvard Medical School, April 2018

Ghosts in the Office: Historical and Contemporary Considerations in Black Mental Health and Substance Use, Invited Speaker for the Addiction Medicine Grand Rounds, Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, March 2018

Social Exclusion and Health Disparities, Invited Speaker for the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic Center for Public Service Psychiatry Community Psychiatry Forum, November 2017



An Expert's Opinion: Making the Most of Expert Witnesses, 2018 Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys 14th Annual CLE at Sea Conference and Retreat, October 2017

Big Goals, Small Steps: The Psychiatrist's Journey to Advocate, Chair and Panelist, American Psychiatric Association Institute on Psychiatric Services, October 2017

Development of a Psychiatry Mini-Rotation for Pediatric Interns, American Psychiatric Association Institute on Psychiatric Services, October 2017

Media Presentation: 3 ½ Minutes, Ten Bullets: Psychiatric Perspectives on Race-Based Shooting Deaths in America, Panelist, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2017

Pediatric Depression for General Pediatricians: Screening, Treatment and Referral, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Continuing Medical Education Event – Invited Speaker, November 2016

Myths and Realities of Correctional Psychiatry, Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association Summer Meeting – Invited Speaker, 2016

Media Presentation: What Happened Miss Simone?, Session Chair and Panelist, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2016

Black Lives and the Juvenile Justice System, Session Chair, American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, May 2016

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, National School-Based Health Care Convention – Invited Speaker, Summer 2016

Attention Deficit Disorder in Children and Adolescents, Presenter, Grady Hospital Ambulatory and Community Medicine Grand Rounds, Spring 2015

Screening for Pediatric Depression in Primary Care, Morehouse School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds, Atlanta, GA Winter 2014

Psychiatric Emergencies, Emory School of Medicine Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference – Invited Speaker, Atlanta, GA Fall 2014

Child and Adolescent Bipolar Disorder, Morehouse School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds, Atlanta, GA Spring 2014

“Love is All that Made Sense: A Mother Daughter Memoir.” Chair and Panelist of Media Presentation. American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist Annual Meeting, Orlando,



FL Fall 2013

E-Psychiatry: How Innovative Websites Reach Diverse Populations. Speaker and Panelist.
American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA Spring 2013

Putting Parents to the Test: Do They Know Enough to be Effective Educational Advocates?
American Academy of Psychiatry and Law Poster Session, Montreal, QC Fall 2012

Interpersonal Violence in a Cross-Cultural Treatment Setting. Co-chair and Speaker, American
Psychiatric Association, Institute on Psychiatric Services, Boston, MA Fall 2010

Mental Health Utilization Pre and Post Incarceration and Undiagnosed Mental Illness in a Nationally
Representative Sample of Black and Latino Prisoners with White Prisoners as Controls, Black
Psychiatrist of America 2008 Transcultural Conference, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands Fall 2008

Select Invited Continuing Legal Education Presentations

"Emerging Adults, Transitional Aged Youth, & Mental Health" and Small Group Facilitator,
Superior Court of the District of Columbia 2023 Judicial Hybrid In-Service Plenary Speaker,
Washington D.C., December 2023

Culture, Context and Critical Hope: considerations for Attorney Mental Wellbeing,
Presentation for the FL Bar Association, November 2023

Social (In)Justice and Mental Health of Youth, Plenary in Congreso de Justicia y Salud
Mental: Un Nuevo Paradigm, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 2023

"Prevent the Trauma: Diverting from the System," Kentucky Court of Justice Mental Health
Conference, June 2023

The Critical Role of the State Courts for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness, Invited
Speaker at the Opening Session of the 2022 Conference of Chief Justices/Conference of
State Court Administrators National Meeting along with the Hon. Judge Steven Leifman
and Capt. Jeffrey A. Coady, Psy.D., ABPP, Acting Director of Center for Substance Abuse
Prevention and SAMHSA Region 5 Administrator, Chicago, IL, July 2022

Developing Capital Mitigation Based on Trauma, Mental Health and Sociocultural
Considerations in Justice-Involved Youth, Orlando, FL, February 2022

Social Determinants of Mental Health and Racism: Role in Diagnosis, Invited Plenary

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Speaker at the Capital Case Defense Seminar in Monterrey, CA, February 2021

Antisocial Personality Disorder: Conceptual, Diagnostic and Practical Issues, Invited Workshop
Speaker at the Capital Case Defense Seminar in Monterrey, CA, February 2021

Secondary Traumatic Stress and Judges, Invited Speaker for Utah Judicial Conference,
October 2021

Social (In)Justice, Trauma and Mental Illness, Invited Speaker for Improving the Court and
Community Response to Persons with Mental Illness and Co- Occurring Disorders Through
Compassion and Hope, at the Illinois Mental Health Summit, a Program in Collaboration with
National Center for State Courts, October 2021

Identifying Clients Living with Mental Illness, Invited Speaker for the Defender Services Office Training
Division, September 2020

Commonly Misunderstood Signs and Symptoms of Mental Illness and Trauma, Invited Speaker,
Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel
Project - Authorized Case Consultation & Training, January 2020

Trauma-Informed Legal Interviews of Children & Adolescents, Invited co-presenter with Professor
Ranee Waldman of Emory Law School, Emory Law School Trauma-Informed Legal Services
Workshop, January 2020

The Trauma to Prison Pipeline, Invited Plenary Speaker, Winning Strategies Seminar – Mindful
Advocacy: Learning, Litigating and Leading on Mental Health Issues, Administrative Office of the U.S.
Courts Defender Services Office Training Division, November 2019

Developmental Considerations in Justice-Involved Youth, Raise the Age Training for North Carolina
Juvenile Justice Prosecutors, November 2019

The Trauma to Prison Pipeline: Why Your Client's Childhood Experiences Matter, Invited Speaker,
Telling the Client's Story CLE Conference Presented by the Georgia Capital Defender, Ninth Circuit
Orange and Osceola Public Defender and National Center for Forensic Science, November 2019

Select Awards

Jeanne Spurlock MD Social Justice Award from the Association of Women in Psychiatry, 2026



Andrew J. Young Humanitarian Award, Conferred by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs MLK Commission, 2026

James Reed Lectureship, Keynote Presentation, Morehouse School of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, 2024

Andrea Delgado Memorial Lecture Award, Black Psychiatrists of America, 2023

Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture's 2022 Creative Scholarship Award for co-editing the book, *Social (In)Justice and Mental Health*

Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Psychiatrist of the Year, 2021

Atlanta 40 Under 40 Award Recipient, 2020 Class

National Alliance for Mental Illness Exemplary Psychiatrist Award, May 2020

American Psychiatric Association Minority Fellowship Outstanding Alumna Award, May 2020

Atlanta Business Chronicle 2018 Health Care Heroes Rising Star Award Finalist, May 2018

2018 University of Florida College of Medicine Outstanding Young Alumni Award, January 2018

Community Preceptor Teaching Award, Morehouse School of Medicine, July 2017

Community Preceptor Teaching Award, Morehouse School of Medicine, July 2016

Morehouse School of Medicine Psychiatry Faculty of the Year 2014-2015 Academic Year, Awarded Summer 2015

Georgia Council on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Advocacy Fellowship Award Winner, Spring 2011

Jean Spurlock Outstanding Resident Award from Black Psychiatrists of America, Winter 2010

American Psychiatric Association/SAMHSA Minority Fellowship Award 2009-2011

- Resident member of the Committee for Advocacy and Government Relations



- Collaborative community outreach event with the National Alliance on Mental Illness Dorchester/Roxbury/Mattapan branch in MA to recognize minority mental health month
- Programming with minority medical student groups to encourage consideration of psychiatry careers at Tufts and Boston Medical School
- Collaborative community outreach event with the National Alliance on Mental Illness DeKalb branch to recognize minority mental health month
- Created www.BlackMentalHealthNet.com, a culturally tailored psycho-educational website

American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Education Outreach Program Travel Scholarship Award (one of 20 residents selected nationwide)

Graduation from University of Florida College of Medicine with Honors in Research, Spring 2007

Distinguished Service Award from the University of Florida College of Medicine, Spring 2007

- One of three students awarded through peer nominations

Outstanding Achievement in the History of Medicine Award from the University of Florida College of Medicine, Spring 2007

Emerald Award for Outstanding Mentorship from the University of Florida Chapter of the Student National Medical Association, Spring 2007

Ann Copeland Award for Outstanding Service and Mentorship from the University of Florida College of Medicine Office of Minority Affairs, Spring 2007

Selected by medical school peers for the Chapman Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honors Society at the University of Florida, Fall 2006

R.I.S.E. Award and Scholarship in Recognition of Outstanding Community Service and Dedication to Addressing Disparities in Healthcare, Awarded by two U.F. College of Medicine Alumni, Spring 2005

Commendation for Outstanding Leadership, University of Florida, College of Medicine Office of Minority Affairs, Spring 2005



Select Writings RE: Legal Matters

[Expert Statement](#) on Individual and Community Effects from Trauma Due to NYPD Use of Force in Response to the Mott Haven Protest on June 4, 2020, Physicians for Human Rights, Michele Heisler, MD, MPA, Brianna da Silva Bhatia, MD, Sarah Y. Vinson, MD, Jack Saul, PhD, April 2021

[Declaration](#) of Sarah Yvonne Vinson in State of Minnesota, Plaintiff vs. Derek Michael Chauvin, Defendant RE: psychological, developmental, and racial considerations raised by the discussion of the presence of minors at the time of Derek Chauvin's murder of George Floyd. Filed with the State of Minnesota County of Hennepin District Court, July 2021

Amicus Curiae Brief of Barton Law & Policy Center of Emory University School of Law, Lorio Forensics and Dr. Sarah Y. Vinson in Support of T.B., A Child RE: the recognition of the affirmative defense of insanity, including delusional compulsion in Georgia's juvenile courts. Filed with the GA State Court of Appeals, November 2020

Waldman, R., Vinson, S., Howard, J., Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Youth in the Justice System, Florida Coastal School of Law Law Review, Fall 2015. Vol. 17 No.1

Select Media

The New York Times - ['Disruptive' or Depressed? Psychiatrists Reach Out to Teens of Color](#), December 2023

[Ken Burns Presents Hiding in Plain Sight: Youth Mental Illness](#): A Film by Erik Ewers and Christopher Loren Ewers, Subject Matter Expert, Released Summer 2022

Scientific American [To Achieve Mental Health Equity, Dismantle Social Injustice](#), Co-Author, Mar. 2021

The New York Times – How to Help When Adolescents Have Suicidal Thoughts, Quoted in Article, Feb. 2021

CBS Sunday Morning – The Mental Health Toll of COVID Guest Expert Nov. 2020



Vox - Remote school has kids isolated and stressed. Here's how to help, Quoted in Article, Sept. 2020

The New York Times - When Things Aren't OK With a Child's Mental Health, Quoted in Article, Aug. 2020

The New York Times - Young Adults' Pandemic Mental Health Risks, Quoted in Article, Aug. 2020

Insider – A psychiatrist explains how Jacob Blake's 3 sons seeing police shoot their father could affect them for years to come, Quoted in Article, Aug. 2020

Roll Call – Virus, racism pose more mental health risks for black Americans: The twin challenges pose a problem as mental health providers are in shortage, Quoted in Article, July 2020

PBS NewsHour - A child psychiatrist answers viewer questions on parenting during the pandemic, Guest Expert, May 2020

Georgia NPR – Political Rewind Guest RE: COVID and Public Schools, February 2021

Invited Contributor to the 2016 Kelly Report on Health Disparities in America, a report published by the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust Chair, United States Congresswoman Robin Kelly, October 2016

NPR – Interview on NPR Regarding Police Shootings and Children's Mental Health, July 2016

Mental Health expert on "In Contact: Schizophrenia in the Black Community" WPBA-TV30, PBS Atlanta. May 2012

Select Activities and Community Service

Mental Health & BIPOC Communities, "Holding Sacred Space: Mental Health & Faith," Invited Keynote for the United Methodist Church, October 2023

A Path to Racially Equitable Healthcare, Invited Panelist, Georgia Budget Policy Initiative Insights Conference, January 2021



Shocking Injustices: Mental Healthcare & Black Americans, Invited Panelist, The Kennedy Forum, January 2021

Helping Children Cope with Racial Trauma, Invited Panelist, Education Now by Harvard School of Education, AASA the School Superintendents Association, October 2020

Innovating in the Workplace, Supporting Mental Health of Young People of Color During COVID-19 and Beyond, The Forum Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in partnership with the Steve Fund, October 2020

Your Hustle, Your Zone, and You - Invited Speaker for the 2019 Yale Black Solidarity Conference, New Haven, CT, February 2019

Typical or Troubled? Child and Adolescent Mental Health. Speaker and Panelist. Fulton DeKalb Hospital Authority Community Health Summit, Atlanta, GA Winter 2014

Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference Health Braintrust Townhall, Panelist, Fall 2015

Confining the Young: Costs and Controversies, Invited Panelist, Rethinking Solitary Confinement: Where Do We Go From Here National Conference at John Jay School of Journalism, April 2018

National Alliance for Mental Illness – Georgia, Board Member, 2017 - Present

Clark Atlanta University, Health Professions Advisory Unit Student Group – Invited Speaker, October 2019

Presentation to Fulton County School Nurses Regarding Child Trauma and Trauma-Informed Care – Invited Speaker, Nov. 2018

National Alliance on Mental Illness – Georgia CIT- Youth, Train-the-Trainer Instructor, May 2018

Trauma-Informed Care Panel Moderator, Georgia School Based Health Conference, May 2018

University of Florida College of Medicine Diversity Week Dean's Grand Rounds, Invited Moderator and Speaker, April 2018

National Alliance on Mental Illness – Georgia CIT- Youth, Train-the-Trainer Instructor, May 2018

Agnes Scott Women in STEM Event Panelist, April 2017



Invited Contributor to the 2016 Kelly Report on Health Disparities in America, a report published by the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust Chair, United States Congresswoman Robin Kelly, October 2016

Invited Panelist/Mental Health expert in "Saving Our Sons" Panel discussion at the National Urban League Conference, Philadelphia, PA, July 2013.

Mental Health expert on "In Contact: Schizophrenia in the Black. Community" WPBA-TV30, PBS Atlanta, May 2012

Panelist at the Delta Sigma Theta Delta Days "Your Blues Ain't Like Mine - Depression in Black Women" Session at the Georgia State Capitol, March 2012

Testimony Experience

Motion to Suppress Police Statement- Fulton County Juvenile Court, State of Georgia. 04/24/2026, Retained by Randee Waldman, Emory Law School for the Defense

Deposition - United States District Court Eastern District of Texas Sherman District. 04/06/2026, Dewanna Johnson, Sheilla Nathan, Alonzo Tutson, Evora Sykes, Chanell Hobbs, Revisha Silas, Evette Townsend, Plaintiffs, v Providence Homeowners Association, FirstService Residential Texas, Inc., Defendants. Literature Review RE: Impacts of Racism, Retained by Morenike Fajana of NAACP Legal Defense Fund, for the Plaintiff

Deposition - State Court of Gwinnett County, State of Georgia. 04/03/2026, Angela Garcia v 255 Courtland LLC, et al., Psychic Injury, Retained by Bethany L. Schneider Esq. for the Plaintiff.

Trial - Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 05/29/2025, The People of the State of California, Plaintiff v Carlos Reales Dominguez, Defendant, Criminal Responsibility, Retained by Daniel Hutchinson, for the Defense

Deposition - Superior Court Judicial District of Hartford, State of Connecticut, 3/10/25, Jane Doe v CREC, Psychic Injury, Retained by Bruce Raymond of McGivney, Kluger & Cook P.C. and David Hill of David G. Hill & Associates for the Defense

Hearing - Superior Court of the State of California, County of Contra Costa, 11/22/24, People of the State of California, Plaintiff v. Kayl Gerald McCutchen, Defendant, Competence to Stand Trial, Retained by Elizabeth Barker, for the Defense



Deposition - The United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia Atlanta Division, 11/1/24, Renardo Nehemiah Lewis and Lubreeze Lewis (Franklin) v. Joshua Madison, Enrique Mallen, Stacy Fowler, and Noah Maack, Psychic Injury, Discrimination & Racial Trauma, Retained by Sarah Flack for the Plaintiff

Deposition - United States District Court, District of Oregon Eugene Division. 04/25/2024. Wyatt B., ET AL. v. Tina Kotek, ET AL. Class Action Civil Lawsuit, Mental Health Treatment Standard of Care Consultation, Retained by Vivek Kothari for the Defense

Deposition - United States District Court, District of Hawaii. 05/16/2024. Tamara Taylor, Individually, ET AL. v. City and Council of Honolulu, ET AL. Psychic Injury, Retained by Jongwook Kim for the Plaintiff

Trial - Dawson County Superior Court, Dawsonville Georgia, 8/15/23, State of Georgia v Hope Lindsey, Criminal Responsibility, Retained by Kyle Denslow, for the defense

Trial - United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, 8/11/23, Towanda Smith v Eagles Landing Family Practice, LLC and Nicholas Williams, Psychic Injury in Workplace Claim, Retained by Vernon Strickland, Esq. of Wargo French LLP and then Strickland Derow, for the Plaintiff

Deposition - United States District Court, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, 7/18/2023, Joshua Lawson, as administrator of the estate of Mona Lawson, Deceased, v Aqua Gulf Express, Inc., Maikel Isaac and Carolina Casualty Insurance Company, Psychic Injury, Retained by Edward Piasta, Esq. Piasta Newbern Walker, LLC, for the Plaintiff

Hearing - Superior Court of the State of California, County of Contra Costa, 6/22/22, People of the State of California, Plaintiff v. Kayl Gerald McCutchen, defendant, Competence to Stand Trial, Retained by Elizabeth Barker, for the Defense

Hearing (22DL02585, 22DL02961, 23DL00542) - Fulton County Juvenile Court 6/16/23, Competence to Proceed; Retained by Professor Randee Waldman of Emory Law School for the Defense

Deposition – Baltimore County Civil Court, State of Maryland, Doughty vs. University of Maryland Obstetrical and Gynecological Associates, P.A. and University of Maryland Medical Center LLC, etc.; 6/12/23, Psychic Injury Component of Medical Malpractice, Retained by Christopher Casciano of Brown and Barron LLC, Esq. for the Plaintiff



Deposition – DeKalb County Court, State of Georgia, Rollinson vs. FPACP3 Ashford, LLC, Trinity Property Consultants, LLC, etc.; 6/5/23, Psychic Injury, Retained by Davis Popper, Esq. of Conley Griggs Partin LLP, for the Plaintiff

Trial - Broward County Clerk of Courts, State of Florida, 4/19/23, State of Florida v. Darius Wilcox, Mitigation and Trauma, Retained by Brittney N. Lacy for the Defense

Deposition - Office of the State Attorney, State of Florida - 17th Circuit, 4/10/23, State of Florida v. Darius Wilcox, Mitigation and Trauma, Retained by Brittney N. Lacy for the Defense

Trial - Nineteenth Judicial District Court Parish of East Baton Rouge Court, State of Louisiana, Criminal Section VI/Division B, 2/22/23, State Ex. Rel. Frank Cosey vs Darrel Vannoy, Warden Et. al; Atkins and Structural Considerations Consultation, Retained by Matilde Carbia for Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, for the Defense

Deposition - DeKalb County State Court, State of Georgia, 8/18/22, Stefan Lane and Janet Lane, Plaintiffs, v. Emory Healthcare, Inc., The Emory Clinic, Inc., Principals of the Individual Defendant 1-5, Abrar Chaudhry, MD, Ryan A. Marten, MD, Bryan Lee Mays, RN, Charice Jordan, PA-C, Mahmoud Obideen, MD, and John/Jane Doe 1-5, Defendants, Psychic Injury Component of Medical Practice Claim, Retained by Dan Holloway, Esq. for the Plaintiff