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Academic Appointments

- 2018 - present Assistant Professor
 School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Arlington
- 2015 - 2018 Postdoctoral Fellow
 Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, University of Southern California
- 2013 - 2015 Postdoctoral Fellow
 Roybal Institute on Aging, University of Southern California

Education

- 2013 Ph.D., Sociology
 The Florida State University
- 2010 M.S., Sociology
 The Florida State University
- 2003 B.S., Secondary Education
 Indiana University, Bloomington

Areas of Research and Teaching

Race and Ethnicity, Aging, Minority Health and Health Disparities, & Religion

Peer Reviewed Articles

(Underline indicates a mentee/student)

1. **Cobb, R.J.**, Thorpe Jr., R.J., & Parker, L.J. "Major Discrimination, Race/Ethnicity, and Inflammation Among Older Adults: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study." Accepted. *Journals of Gerontology: Medical Sciences*.
2. Stewart, Q.T., **Cobb, R.J.**, & Keith, V.M. (2018). "The Color of Death: Race, Observed Skin Tone, and Mortality Risk in the United States." *Ethnicity & Health*, 1-23.
3. Nguyen, A.W., Hamler, T. C., & **Cobb, R.J.** (2018). "Discrimination and Chronic Kidney Disease among Caribbean Blacks: The Effects of Immigration and Social Status." *Race and Social Problems*, 10(3), 248-258.
4. Shelton, J.E., & **Cobb, R.J.** (2017). "Black Reltrad: Measuring Religious Diversity and Commonality Among African Americans." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 56(4), 737-764.

5. Thorpe Jr, R.J., Parker, L.J., **Cobb, R.J.**, Dillard, F., & Bowie, J. (2017). "Association Between Discrimination and Obesity in African-American Men." *Biodemography and Social Biology*, 63(3), 253-261.
6. **Cobb, R.J.**, Üsküp, D.K., & Jefferson, S.T. (2017). "Congregational Composition and Explanations for Racial Inequality among Black Religious Affiliates." *Race and Social Problems*, 9(2), 163-169.
7. **Cobb, R.J.**, Thomas, C.S., Pirtle, W.N.L., & Darity Jr, W.A. (2016). "Self-Identified Race, Socially Assigned Skin Tone, and Adult Physiological Dysregulation: Assessing Multiple Dimensions of 'Race' in Health Disparities Research." *SSM-Population Health*, 2, 595-602.
8. **Cobb, R.J.**, Perry, S.L., & Dougherty, K.D. (2015). "United by Faith? Race/ethnicity, Congregational Diversity, and Explanations of Racial Inequality." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*, 76(2), 177-198.
9. Park, J.Z., Martinez, B.C., **Cobb, R.J.**, Park, J.J., & Wong, E.R. (2015). "Exceptional outgroup stereotypes and White racial inequality attitudes toward Asian Americans." *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 78(4), 399-411.
10. Tope, D., Pickett, J.T., **Cobb, R.J.**, & Dirlam, J. (2014). "Othering Obama: Racial Attitudes and Dubious Beliefs about the Nation's First Black President." *Sociological Perspectives*, 57(4), 450-469.

Book Chapters/Book Reviews/Other Publications

11. **Cobb, R.J.** (2014). "Still Divided by Faith? Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America, 1977–2010." *Christians and the color line: Race and religion after divided by faith*, 128-40.
12. Hill, T.D., & **Cobb, R.J.** "Religious Involvement and Religious Struggles." Pp. 239–260 in *Toward a Sociological Theory of Religion and Health*, edited by A. Blasi. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill.

Manuscripts in Submission (drafts available upon request)

1. **Cobb, R. J.**, Ailshire, J.A., & Crimmins, E.M. "Perceived Mistreatment, Race/Ethnicity, and Cumulative Biological Risk Among Older Adults: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study"
2. **Cobb, R. J.**, Thorpe Jr, R.J., and Norris, K.C. "Everyday Discrimination and Chronic Kidney Disease Among Older Adults: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study"

Research Support

Completed

Health Shocks and Health Behavior Change: An Intersectionality Approach

Resource Center for Minority Aging Research

Role: PI

7/1/2014-6/30/2015

\$15,000

Comparative Panel Studies Survey

National Science Foundation

Role: Consultant

1/1/2011-12/31/2011

\$2,000

Under Review

Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Renal Aging: Social Conditions or Genetics?

National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program

Role: PI

\$35,000

Professional Training & Experience

- 2018 **Congruent Mentorship to Reach Academic Diversity in Neuroscience Research Program**
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
NYU Langone School of Medicine
- 2016 **Butler-Williams Scholars Program**
National Institute on Aging
- 2016 **Structural Equation Modeling**
Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research
University of Michigan
- 2016 **Grantwriting Uncovered: Maximizing Strategies, Help, Opportunity, Experience Program**
National Research Mentoring Network (NIH-funded)
- 2015 **New Connections Symposium**
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- 2013 **Summer Institute on Aging**
Center for the Study of Aging
RAND Corporation
- 2012 **Summer Research Workshop on Spirituality and Health**
Duke University Medical Center
- 2012 & 2016 **Summer Training Workshop on African American Aging Research**
Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research
Program for Research on Black Americans
University of Michigan
- 2011 **Summer Training Workshop, Congregations and Social Change**
Calvin College
- 2010 **Summer Training Workshop, The Power of Race in American Religion**
Calvin College
- 2009 **Summer Training Workshop, Hierarchical Linear Modeling**
Scientific Software Institute

Presentations (Selected)

Invited

- 2016 “Unpacking Racial Health Disparities: Towards a Biopsychosocial Model of Health Disparities” Program for Research on Black Americans. University of Michigan.
- 2016 “Psychosocial Stressors, Race/Ethnicity, and Biological Risk: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study” Department of Sociology. University of Houston.
- 2011 “Divided By Faith? Race, Evangelism, and Beliefs about Racial Inequality.” Department of Sociology. Baylor University.

Conferences

- 2017 “Everyday Discrimination and Blood Pressure Among Older Hypertensive Adults: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study.” International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA.
- 2016 “Education and Smoking Cessation Among Survivors of a Recent Health Shock in Middle and Later Life: The Moderating Effect of Race/Ethnicity.” Annual Meeting for the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 “Perceived Skin Tone and Skin Tone Discrimination Among African Americans: Evidence from the National Survey of American Life.” International Stress Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2016 “Race/Ethnicity & Smoking Cessation Among Survivors of a Recent Health Shock in Middle and Later Life: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study.” Annual Meeting for the Population Association of America. Washington, D.C.
- 2015 “Race, Religion, and Understanding Racial Inequality in the United States.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 "United by Faith? Race/Ethnicity, Congregational Diversity, and Explanations of Racial Inequality." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 "Congregational Size and Attitudes towards Racial Inequality among Church Attendees in America." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.

Service to the Profession

- 2015 Member, ASA Section on Racial & Ethnic Minorities Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
- 2014 Member, American Sociological Association, Section on Religion, Distinguished Article Award Committee

- 2013 Association for the Sociology of Religion, Membership Committee
- 2013 Member, ASA Section on Racial & Ethnic Minorities Nominations Committee
- 2013 Student Representative, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Membership and Outreach Committee
- 2013 Student Representative, Membership and Outreach Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2013 Member, James E. Blackwell Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
- 2012 Member, American Sociological Association's Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Committee on Committees
- 2012 Member, American Sociological Association's Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Founder's Award for Scholarship & Service
- 2011 Ad-Hoc Reviewer: Ethnic and Racial Studies, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Social Problems, Sociology of Religion, and the Sociological Forum
- 2011 Panelist, Academic Networking for Underrepresented Scholars/Scholars of Color, Annual Conference of Ford Fellows, Irvine, CA
- 2010 Panelist, Honors Program Roundtable Discussions, Annual Meeting for the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV
- 2010 Conference Advisor, Divided By Faith: A Retrospective Conference, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN

Awards and Honors

- 2014 Scholar, National Institute on Aging's Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR), University of Southern California
- 2012 Dissertation Fellow, Louisville Institute
- 2012 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (Honorable Mention/Alternate)
- 2012 Nominated for FSU University Graduate Student Teaching Award
- 2011 Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Research Supplement to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research, National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities (\$57,944)
- 2011 Summer Research Scholarship, John Templeton Foundation (\$1,000)
- 2011 Graduate Fellowship, Florida State University (\$2,000)

- 2010 Summer Research Grant, Eli Lilly Foundation (\$3,000)
- 2008 Pre-doctoral Diversity Fellowship, Ford Foundation/National Academy of Sciences, Three Years (\$60,000)

Departmental Service

- 2014-2018 Member, Health and Retirement Study Working Group, Davis School of Gerontology, University of Southern California
- 2008-2013 Member, Inequality Working Group, Department of Sociology, Florida State University
- 2008-2013 Member, Graduate Student Union, Department of Sociology, Florida State University

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association
Sections: Aging & Life Course, Racial & Ethnic Minorities, Religion, Medical Sociology
 Association of Black Sociologists
 Gerontological Society of America
 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
 Society for the Study of Social Problems

References

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