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EDUCATION

- 2025 **Ph.D.**, Sociology, University of Central Florida
- 2016 **M.S.**, Criminal Justice, University of North Florida
- 2012 **B.A.**, Sociology, Norfolk State University (with Distinction)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Intersectionality, Medical Sociology, Mental Health, Social Inequalities, Research Methods, Strengths-Based Approaches, Presentation of Self, and Masculine Presenting Women/Masculine Queer Identities.

GRANT FUNDING

- 2024 American Sociological Association, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (ASA DDRIG), funded by the National Science Foundation.
“Advancing Beyond Deficit Models: How Joy is Cultivated among Black Transgender and Nonbinary Young Adults in Florida”, (\$16,000)
- Funding Period: 5/1/2024 – 4/30/2025
 - Role: Principal Investigator (PI)
 - Research Sponsor: Shannon K. Carter
- 2023 University of Central Florida Sociology Professional Development Grant (\$2,200)
- A competitive internal grant funding my participation in the Intersectionality Training Institute, a cross-disciplinary institute.
 - Funding Period: 7/9/2023 – 7/16/2023
- 2023 University of Central Florida Sociology Professional Development Grant (\$1,400)
- An internal competitive grant that supported research dissemination.
 - Funding Period: 3/28/2023 – 4/2/2023
 - Role: Principal Investigator (PI)

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Gardner, Courtney Marciá, Shannon K. Carter, Eric W. Schrimshaw, J. Scott Carter, and Lindsay A. Taliaferro. 2025. "Activating Intersectionality in Research Interviews." In *Activated Storytelling: Contexts and Subjectivities* edited by Amir B. Marvasti and Jaber F. Gubrium. New York: Routledge.

Miller, J. Mitchell, O. Hayden Griffin III, and **Courtney Marciá Gardner**. 2016. "Opiate Treatment in the Criminal Justice System: A Review of Crimesolutions.gov Evidence Rated Programs." *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. 41(1): 70-82.

IN PROGRESS

Gardner, Courtney Marciá. "No Place for Queers: Applying Intersectionality to Explore the Media Representation of a Latina Queer Defendant."

Gardner, Courtney Marciá, Shannon K. Carter, Eric Schrimshaw, Elena Cyrus, J. Scott Carter, and Lindsay A. Taliaferro. "Joy Cultivation: The Value of Asking about Joy among Black Transgender and Nonbinary Young Adults in Florida"

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Gardner, Courtney Marciá, Shannon K. Carter, Eric W. Schrimshaw, J. Scott Carter, Elena Cyrus, and Lindsay A. Taliaferro. "Cultivating Joy among Black Transgender and Nonbinary Young Adults in Florida." American Sociological Association, Montréal, Canada, August 2024.

Gardner, Courtney Marciá, Shannon K. Carter, and Lindsay A. Taliaferro. "'I Read Quite a Bit, and That Brings Me in a lot of Escapist-based Joy': The Value of Asking about Joy among Black Transgender and Nonbinary Young Adults in Florida." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montréal, Canada, August 2024.

Gardner, Courtney Marciá, Shannon K. Carter, and Lindsay A. Taliaferro. "Advancing Beyond Deficit Models: How Joy is Cultivated among Black Transgender and Nonbinary Young Adults in Florida." Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 2024.

Gardner, Courtney Marciá, Amaury J. Rijo Sanchez, Nik M. Lampe, and Lin K. Huff-Corzine. "More Than a Heartbeat: Individual Community Member's React to the Pulse Massacre." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 2023.

Jones, Annie Mae and **Courtney Marciá Gardner**. "All Jokes Aside: The Logic of Humor in the Emotional Racial Economy." Southern Sociological Society, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, March – April 2023.

INVITED PANEL PRESENTATIONS

Mentoring, Allyship, and Advocacy in Academia: An Open Dialogue, Sociologist for Women in Society-South (SWS-S Sponsored). Southern Sociological Society, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, March – April 2023 (*with Mandi N. Barringer, Dresden Lackey, and Alicia Brunson*).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2022 – 2024 “Facilitators of and Barriers to Healthcare Utilization among Racially and Ethnically Diverse Transgender and Gender Nonbinary Young Adults,” National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)
- Multiple Principal Investigators (MPIs): Lindsay Taliaferro, Shannon K. Carter; Co-Investigators: J. Scott Carter, Elena Cyrus, and Eric W. Schrimshaw, University of Central Florida
 - Funding Period: June 15, 2022 – February 28, 2025
 - Role: Study Coordinator
- 2022 – 2022 “To Reach Unrestricted Services for Transgender Women (TRUST),” National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- PI: Elena Cyrus, University of Central Florida
 - Funding Period: April 15, 2018 – June 20, 2024
 - Role: Research Assistant
- 2021 – 2022 “Social Connections Preventing Suicide Ideation During Developmental Transitions among Young Sexual Minority Women,” NIMHD
- MPIs: Lindsay Taliaferro, Eric W. Schrimshaw, University of Central Florida
 - Funding Period September 22, 2020 – May 31, 2025
 - Role: Research Assistant
- 2015 – 2016 “Opiate Treatment in the Criminal Justice System: A Review of Crimesolutions.gov Evidence Rated Programs”
- MPIs: J. Mitchell Miller and O. Hayden Griffin, University of North Florida and University of Alabama at Birmingham
 - Role: Research Assistant

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2025 Graduate Teaching Associate (Instructor of Record), Course: Introduction to Sociology, University of Central Florida.
- Spring 2022 Graduate Teaching Assistant (TA), Course: Applied Social Statistics, University of Central Florida.

- Fall 2021 Graduate Teaching Assistant (TA), Course: Applied Social Statistics, University of Central Florida.
- Spring 2021 Graduate Teaching Assistant (TA), Course: Patterns of Domestic Violence in Society, University of Central Florida.
- Spring 2021 Graduate Teaching Assistant (TA), Course: Patterns of Drug Abuse in Society, University of Central Florida.
- Fall 2020 Graduate Teaching Assistant (TA), Course: Sociology of Murder, University of Central Florida.
- Fall 2020 Graduate Teaching Assistant (TA), Course: Sociology of Murder, University of Central Florida.
- Spring 2016 Graduate Research Assistant (TA), Course: Health, Illness & Society, University of North Florida.
- Fall 2015 Graduate Teaching Assistant (TA), Course: Social Science Data Analysis, University of North Florida.
- Spring 2015 Graduate Teaching Assistant (TA), Course: Introduction to Sociology, University of North Florida.

GUEST LECTURES

- Fall 2021 *Guest Lecturer* for Applied Social Statistics undergraduate course, College of Sciences, University of Central Florida. Led an exam review on probability principles, inferential statistics, sampling distributions, hypothesis testing, and one-sample z and t-tests.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

- 2023 *Guest Speaker* for Ph.D. Student Orientation, College of Sciences, University of Central Florida.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

- 2021 – 2023 Treasurer, Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA), University of Central Florida.
- 2022 Qualifying Exams: A Dialogue to Support Students and Demystify the Experience, University of Central Florida. (*with Annie Mae Jones*)

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

2024 Intersectionality Training Institute Newsletter Intersectionalia: Volume 1, Number 8

WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

2024 Graduate Associate Training at the Faculty Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Central Florida. Training focused on curriculum development, impactful teaching methods, and a semester schedule.

2023 Intersectionality Research, Policy, & Practice Summer Intensive at the Intersectionality Training Institute, Philadelphia, PA from July 10-14. A highly competitive program led by Drs. Lisa Bowleg and Greta Bauer that focused on understanding intersectionality to advance health equity research and enhance the quality of intersectionality grant proposals.

2021 American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL from November 17-20. Attended conference to observe presentation styles.

2020 Graduate Assistant Training at the Faculty Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Central Florida. Training emphasized classroom management strategies, diverse student learning preferences, and assessment techniques.

AWARDS

2024 Lee Student Support Fund, Society for the Study of Social Problems (\$500)

2024 Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Sociology, University of Central Florida (\$250)

2024 Graduate Presentation Fellowship, College of Graduate Studies, University of Central Florida (\$500)

2023 Delores A. Auzenne Fellowship, College of Graduate Studies, University of Central Florida (\$5,000)

2023 Graduate Presentation Fellowship, College of Graduate Studies, University of Central Florida (\$500)

2022 Graduate Presentation Fellowship, College of Graduate Studies, University of Central Florida (\$1,000)

2018 Employee Recognition Award

2014 Special Summer Graduate Program, Intercultural Center for Promotion, Education and Advancement of Cultures and Ethnicities, University of North Florida (\$1,000)

2010 – 2012 Dean's List, Department of Sociology, Norfolk State University

2010 – 2011 Amtrak Travel Scholarship, United Negro College Fund (\$750)

2009 The Ford Motors Company Endowed Scholarship, United Negro College Fund
(\$1,500)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2024 – Present American Sociological Association
2022 – Present Society for the Study of Social Problems
2021 – Present Southern Sociological Society
2020 – 2022 American Society of Criminology