

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

- 2002 Joint Ph.D. Degree in Social Work and Developmental Psychology,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 1997 M.S.W., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 1994 B.A., Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA. Major: Psychology;
Minor: Education, Frances Perkins Scholar
- 1991 A.A., Rockland Junior College, Suffern, N.Y.

Positions

- 8/2007 – present Assistant Professor, Human Development and Family Studies,
University of Connecticut
- 8/2005- 7/2007 Assistant Professor, College of Social Work, University of
Tennessee
- 2004-2005 Research Fellow, Life Course Development Program, Survey
Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of
Michigan
- 2002-2004 Postdoctoral Fellow, Developmental Psychology, University of
Michigan

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

- 2003-2004 Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research
(MCUAAAR) Scholar
- 2003 Honorable Mention: University of Michigan-Marquis Dissertation
Award
- 1997-2002 National Institute Aging (NIA) Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 1998-1999 Center for the Education of Women Molly H. Dobson Scholar
- 1997 International Institute Fellowship at HelpAge Ghana, West Africa
- 1994-1996 Rackham Merit Fellowship
- 1994 Committee on Institutional Cooperation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

Research Grants

- 2006-2007 Co-Principal Investigator, Employment Services Needs and Resource Assessment for Homeless Individuals; Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County Mayor's Commission on Homelessness.
- 2006- 2007 Principal Investigator, Faculty Research Development Award; Easing the Pain: The Role of Spirituality and Social Support in Coping with Advanced Cancer. University of Tennessee, College of Social Work
- 2003- 2004 Pilot Investigator, Mastery, Family Conflict, and Depressive Symptoms among Grandmothers in Teenage Mother Families. Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research (MCUAAAR)

Publications

- Brown, E. (2007). Care recipients' psychological well being: The role of sense of control and caregiver type. *Aging and Mental Health, 11 (4)*, 405-414.
- Brown, E., Caldwell, C., Antonucci, T. (in press). Religiosity as a Moderator of Family Conflict and Depressive Symptoms among African American and White American Young Grandmothers. *Journal of Human Behavior and the Social Environment*.
- Fiori, K. L., Brown, E. E., Cortina, K. S., & Antonucci, T. C. (2006). Locus of control as a mediator of the relationship between religiosity and life satisfaction: Age, race, and gender differences. *Mental Health, Religion and Culture, 9*, 239-263.
- Fiori, K. L., McIlvane, J., Brown, E. E., & Antonucci, T. C. (2006). Social relations and depressive symptomatology: Self-efficacy as a mediator. *Aging and Mental Health, 10*, 1-13.
- Sy, S., Brown, E., Amsterlaw, J., & Myers, J. (2005). Attachment parenting: A media activity for developmental psychology research methods. *Psychology Learning and Teaching, 112-116*.
- Brown, E. (2000). Elder abuse in the African American community. *African American Perspectives, Spring-Summer*, 105-114.

Book Chapters

- Jackson, J.S., Antonucci, T.C., Brown, E.E., Daatland, S.O., Sellers, B. (in press, 2007) Race and ethnic influences on normative beliefs and attitudes: Toward Provision of Family Care. In (Eds.) A. Booth, A.C. Coulter, S. Bianchi, & J.A. Seltzer. *Intergenerational Caregiving*. Washington, D.C.: Urban Institute Press

Brown, E., Jackson, J.S, & Faison, N. (2006). The work and retirement experiences of Aging Black Americans. In J. B. James & P. Wink (Eds.), *Annual Review of Gerontology and Geriatrics: The Crown of Life: Dynamics of the Early Post-retirement Period* Vol. 26, (pp. 39- 60). New York: Springer.

Orbuch, T., & Brown, E. (2006). Divorce in the context of being African American. In M. Fine and J. Harvey (Eds.), *Handbook of Divorce and Dissolution of Romantic Relationships* (pp. 481-498) New Jersey: Erlbaum.

Chadiha, L., Brown, E., & Aranda, M. (2006). Social work practice with older African Americans and other Black populations. In B. J. Berkman and S. D'Ambruso (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Social Work in Aging* (247-256). New York: Oxford University Press.

Antonucci, T. C., Fiori, K. L., & Brown, E. E. (2006). Religion and spirituality at the end of life: A lifespan approach. Invited entry in E. Dowling and W. G. Scarlett (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Spiritual and Religious Development in Childhood and Adolescence* (pp. 141-2). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Jackson, J. S., Brown, E., Antonucci, T., and Daatland, S. O. (2005). Ethnic diversity in aging, multi-cultural societies. In M. Johnson, V. Bengston, P. Coleman, T. & Kirkwood (Eds.) *The Cambridge Handbook of Age and Ageing* (pp. 476-481). Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Brown, E., & Jackson, J. S. (2004). Age-related issues among minority populations. In C. Spielberger, and R. K. Lee (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of Applied Psychology*. (pp. 79-90). London: Elsevier.

Jackson, J. S., Antonucci, T.C., & Brown, E. (2004). Cultural lens on biopsychosocial model. In P.T. Costa & I.C. Siegler (Eds.) *Advances in Cell Aging and Gerontology, Vol 15*. (pp. 221-241). New York: Elsevier.

Working Papers and In Review

Brown, E., Orbuch, T., & Bauermeister, J.A. . (under review) Religiosity and Marital Stability among Black American Couples and White American Couples:

Orbuch, T., Brown, E., Bauermeister, J. A. (in preparation). Social Networks and the Risk of Divorce

Sellars, B., Brown, E., Antonucci, T. C., & Jackson, J. S. (in preparation). Immigrant/Ancestry Status and Ethnic Differences in Family Relations and Filial Obligations within the Black Community.

Presentations at Professional Meetings

Brown, E., Orbuch, T., & Bauermeister, J. (2007). *Religiosity and Marital Stability among Black American and White American Couples*. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

Davis, C. & Brown, E. (2007) *Individuals and families coping with advanced cancer: the role of spirituality*. Poster presentation at the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA

Sellars, B., Brown, E., Antonucci, T. C., & Jackson, J. S. (2007). *Immigrant/Ancestry Status and Ethnic Differences in Family Relations and Filial Obligations within the Black Community*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Society 19th Annual Convention in Washington, D. C.

Brown, E., Orbuch, T., & Talaska, C., Brown, N. (2006). *The risk of divorce in Black couples and White couples: The role of religiosity*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research in San Antonio, TX.

Brown, E., Orbuch, T., & Talaska, C. (2005). *Striving and surviving: Black couples and White couples coping with divorce*. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America in Orlando, FL.

Sellars, B., Brown, E., and Jackson, J. (2005). *Ethnic differences in family relations and obligations within the Black community*. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association in Washington, D.C.

Sellars, B., Brown, E., and Jackson, J. (2004). *Attitudes about services among African Americans and Caribbean Americans*. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America in Washington, D.C.

Brown, E., Jackson, J. S., Antonucci, T. C & Daatland, S. O. (2004). *Ethnic diversity in aging, multi-cultural societies*. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America in Washington, D.C.

Brown, E., Jackson, J., & Faison, N (2004). *The work and retirement experiences of aging Black Americans*. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America in Washington, D.C.

Brown, E. & Jackson, J. S. (2004). *Psychological health among working and retired African American elderly*. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association Conference in Hawaii.

Brown, E., Caldwell, C., & Blair, J. (2004). *Mastery and depressive symptoms among grandmothers in teenage mother families*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Conference in Hawaii.

- Brown, E., Caldwell, C., & Blair, J. (2004). *Psychological health of grandmothers in teenage mother families*. Paper presented in symposium entitled "Grandparenting: An increasing influence on the health of urban children. At the Children's Health Conference at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI.
- Orbuch, T., Brown, E., & Veroff, J. (2004). *The early development of marriage and accounts of divorce*. Paper presented at the International Association for Relationship Research Conference in Madison, WI.
- Brown, E., Fiori, K. & Orbuch, T. (2003). *Marital tension, sense of control, and depressive symptoms in Black and White couples*. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America in San Diego, CA.
- Brown, E., & Orbuch, T. (2003). *Social relations and marital well-being among Black and White Couples*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Conference in Toronto, ON, Canada.
- Orbuch, T. & Brown, E. (2003). *Who will divorce over 14-years of marriage: The effects of love, affirmation and commitment*. Paper presented at the Compassionate Love Conference in Normal, IL.
- Brown, E. & Orbuch, T. (2003). *Differences in Black and White couples' reports of parenting perceptions and marital quality*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Child Development Conference in Tampa, FL.
- Brown, E. (2002). *The effects of caregiving factors and sense of control on elderly care recipients depressive symptoms*. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of American Conference in Boston, MA.
- Brown, E., Caldwell, C. & Antonucci, T. (2001). *Religiosity and Depressive Symptoms Among Grandmothers and Teenage Mothers*. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Conference in Chicago, IL.
- Brown, E., & Antonucci, T. (2000). *Psychological distress and emotional support in fathers of adult children*. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association Conference in Washington, D. C.
- Brown, E., (1997). *Religiosity, parenting styles and child outcomes* Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Conference in Washington, D. C.
- Caldwell, C., & Brown, E. (1997). *Testing the intergenerational stake hypothesis*. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Conference in Washington, D. C.

Caldwell, C., & Brown, E. (1996). *Reciprocity among grandmothers in teenage mother Families*. Paper presented at the 1996 Gerontological Society of America Conference in Washington, D. C.

Teaching Experiences

Undergraduate Courses

Diversity in Human Development and Family Studies

Graduate Courses

Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (Pregnancy to Adolescence)

Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (Young Adulthood to Late Adulthood)

Program Evaluation Research

Research Methods

Invited Guest Lecturer

Applied Psychosocial Aspects of Aging, Department of Gerontology at Eastern Michigan University, Invited Guest Lecturer

Statistics in Developmental Research for Advanced Research Methods in Developmental Psychology, University of Michigan, Invited Guest Lecturer,

Social Gerontology, Department of Sociology, Eastern Michigan University, Invited Guest Lecturer,

Professional Development

1998 *Turner Geriatric Clinic, University of Michigan Hospital.*
Training in clinical, psychosocial, and family assessment of clinic patients (ages 55-100). Collaborated with team members (physician, nurse, social worker) to develop intervention and/or treatment plans for elderly clients.

1997 *HelpAge Ghana, Accra, Ghana, West Africa.* Collaborated with United Nations affiliated social agency servicing the elderly in Ghana. Performed agency assessment and outcome evaluation for various programs; conducted case study interviews with elderly individuals; assisted project manager in developing work projects for elderly.

Other Professional Service

2007 Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Personal Relationships*, Journal of the International Association for Relationship Research