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EDUCATION

PhD (2011)
Psychology
University of Michigan, Department of Psychology

MS (2007)
Epidemiological Sciences
University of Michigan, School of Public Health

MPH (2004)
Sociomedical Sciences
Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health

BS (2000)
Biology
Tuskegee University, College of Arts and Sciences

EMPLOYMENT

2020 – present

Assistant Professor
Department of Psychology
Fordham University, New York, NY

2015 – 2020

Assistant Professor
Department of Psychology
Department of African American Studies | College of the Environment (affiliated)
Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

2014 – 2015

Visiting Assistant Professor
Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Adjunct Assistant Professor
School of Social Work, Health and Policy
Columbia University, New York, NY

2012 – 2014 **NIH/NIMH T32 Postdoctoral Trainee**
Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

2011 – 2012 **Visiting Assistant Professor**
Department of Psychology
Haverford College, Haverford, PA

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2012 – 2013 **Research Consultant, African American Brain-Health Initiative**
Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience
Rutgers University-Newark, Newark, NJ

2007 – 2011 **Graduate Research Assistant**
Department of Psychology
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

2004 – 2007 **Graduate Research Assistant**
School of Public Health, Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health
School of Public Health, Department of Health Policy and Management
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

2002 – 2004 **Graduate Research Assistant**
Mailman School of Public Health, Department of Sociomedical Sciences
Columbia University, New York, NY

2000 – 2002 **Research Assistant**
Division of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

* Indicates student co-author

Versey, H. S. (*In press*). Can mobile methods bridge psychology, health, and place-based research? *Qualitative Psychology*

Versey, H. S., & Murad, S.,* Willems, P.,* & Sanni, M.* (2019). Beyond housing: Perceptions of indirect displacement, displacement risk, and aging precarity as challenges to aging in place in gentrifying cities. *International Journal of Environmental and Public Health Research*, 16, 4633. DOI: 10.3390/ijerph16234633.

Versey, H. S., Cogburn, C. D., Wilkins, C. L., & Joseph, N.* (2019). Appropriated racial oppression: Considering the impact on health for Whites and Blacks. *Social Science & Medicine*, 230, 295-302.

Versey, H. S. (2018). A tale of two Harlems: Gentrification, social capital, and implications for aging in place. *Social Science & Medicine*, 214, 1-11.

Versey, H. S., & Tan, M.* (2018). Negative work-family conflict predicts metabolic syndrome over 10-year period. *Journal of Health Psychology, Online First*. DOI: 10.1177/1359105318764014.

Versey, H. S. (2017). Caregiving and women's health: Toward an intersectional approach. *Women's Health Issues, 27*(2), 117-120. DOI: 10.1016/j.whi.2017.01.009.

Versey, H. S., & Curtin, N. (2016). The differential impact of discrimination on health among Black and White women. *Social Science and Research, 57*, 99-115. DOI:10.1016/j.ssresearch.2015.12.012.

Sabik, N., & **Versey, H. S.** (2016). Functional limitations, body perceptions and negative health outcomes among older African American women. *Cultural, Diversity & Ethnic Minority Psychology, 22*(4), 594-601. DOI: 10.1037/cdp0000106.

Versey, H. S. (2015). Managing work and family: Do control strategies help? *Developmental Psychology, 51*(11), 1672-1681. DOI: 10.1037/a0039607.

Versey, H. S. (2014). Centering perspectives on Black women, hair politics and physical activity. *American Journal of Public Health, 5*(104), 810-815. DOI: 10.2105/AJPH.2013.301675.

- **Paper was recipient of the AJPH 2014 Paper of the Year Award**

Versey, H. S., & Newton, N. J. (2013). Generativity and productive pursuits: Pathways to successful aging in late midlife African American and White women. *Journal of Adult Development, 20*(4), 185-196. DOI: 10.1007/s10804-013-9170-x.

Versey, H. S., Stewart, A. J., & Duncan, L. E. (2013). Successful aging in late midlife: The role of personality among college-educated women. *Journal of Adult Development, 20*(2), 63-75. DOI: 10.1007/s10804-013-9157-7.

Versey, H. S., & Kaplan, G. A. (2012). Mediation and moderation of the association between cynical hostility and systolic blood pressure in low-income women. *Health Education and Behavior, 39*(2), 219-228. DOI: 10.1177/1090198111414884.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Versey, H. S. (2015). Activity theory. In S. K Whitbourne (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Adulthood and Aging*. Wiley-Blackwell.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Versey, H. S., Kakar, S. A.,* John-Vanderpool, S. D.,* Sanni, M. O.,* Willems, P. S.* (*Under review*). Family over faith? Correlates of empathy, perspective taking, and generativity among Millennials and Generation Z.

Versey, H. S. (*Under review*). Perceptions of community among suburban and urban-dwelling adults aging in place.

Versey, H. S. (*Under review*). Evidence from trajectories of work-family conflict: Facilitators of work-family balance.

Murad, S.* & **Versey, H. S.** (*Under review*). What free time? Cultural differences in perception of time among refugees: Inhibitors to successful social bonding.

Versey, H. S., & Murad, S.* (*Under review*). A Bridging-Community Dinner (ABCD) Project: A social intervention to build community among resettled refugees in Boston.

Rogers, L. O., **Versey, H. S.**, & Cielto, J. (*In preparation*) "They're always gonna notice my natural hair": Examining hair to operationalizing intersectionality in the identities of Black adolescent girls.

Versey, H. S. (*In preparation*). Is it a paradox? Intersectional social capital and the strength of bonding and bridging ties in the prosocial work and civic participation of Black women.

GRANT FUNDING

Project Title: Communities in crisis: Mental health and displacement

Role: Investigator

Project Period: 08/2018- 5/2019, College of Environment Research Grant, Wesleyan University

Project Title: Narratives on gentrification expanded: The impact on urban-suburban and rural regions

Role: Investigator

Project Period: 08/2018- 5/2019, Student-Faculty Research Grant, Wesleyan University

Project Title: Narratives on gentrification

Role: Investigator

Project Period: 07/2017- 06/2018, Grants in Support of Science, Wesleyan University

Project Title: The Metabolic Syndrome and Health Trajectories among African Americans

Role: Investigator

Project Period: 07/2013- 06/2015

Funding Source: National Institute of Minority Health Disparities, Health Disparities Research Loan Repayment Program

Project Title: Mental Health Services and Systems Research Postdoctoral Training Program

Role: Postdoctoral Trainee

Project Period: 06/2012-06/2014

Funding Source: National Institute of Mental Health

Project Title: An Exploratory Analysis of Healthy Aging Outcomes in African American Women

Role: Investigator

Project Period: 8/2010 – 12/2010

Funding Source: Joan Kessler Grant for Research on Women/University of Michigan

Project Title: Successful Aging: Untold Narratives of Older Women

Role: Investigator

Project Period: 06/2009 – 08/2009

Funding Source: Institute for Research on Women and Gender Community of Scholars Grant/University of Michigan

Project Title: Personal and Chronic Stressors in the Lives of Low-Income Women

Role: Pre-doctoral Trainee (PI: George A. Kaplan; P50 HD 38986)

Project Period: 06/2005 - 6/2007 (Amount: \$75,200)

Funding Source: National Institute for Child Health and Development

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

National Fellowships

2012-2014 NIH/NIMH Aging and Health T32 Fellowship

2005-2007 NIH/NICHD Minority Diversity Supplement Fellowship

University-Based Fellowships

2010 University of Michigan, Department of Psychology One-Term Dissertation Fellowship
2010 University of Michigan, Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Honorable Mention
2010 University of Michigan, Community of Scholars Fellowship, Institute for Research on Women & Gender
2004; 2008-11 University of Michigan, Rackham Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
2002-2004 Columbia University, IMSD Student Diversity Research Training Fellowship
2002 Columbia University, Community Scholar Fellowship

Awards/Honors

2016 Selected Scholar, Health Equity Leadership Institute. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Collaborative Center for Health Equity, June, 2016, Madison, WI
2015 Wesleyan College of Environment, Think Tank Fellow – Urban Engagement & the Urban Environment
2014 American Journal of Public Health *Paper of the Year Award* recipient
2014 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Summer Symposia Participant
2014 Early Career Scholar Award, University of Pennsylvania Work-Family Research Network
2013 Fellow, American Psychological Association Minority Fellowship Program Summer Institute
2013 Fellow, AcademyHealth/AETNA Minority Scholars Program
Fellow, University of Pennsylvania Work-Family Research Scholars Program
2013 Selected Junior Investigator Participant, Summer Research Institute in Geriatric Mental Health
2013 Selected Junior Investigator Participant, Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research
2012 Scholar, Butler-Williams NIH/NIA Summer Institute on Aging Research Program
2010 Awardee, University of Michigan, Joan Kessler Award for Gender and Aging

SELECTED INVITED TALKS & COLLOQUIA

Barnard College (2019), *What makes life worth living in later years? Meaning-making, placemaking, and lived experiences among older adults.*

Clark University (2017), *Aging in place: Does neighborhood change affect healthy aging and social capital?*

Vanderbilt University, Center for Medicine, Health and Society (2015), *Healthy aging: Social-ecological approaches*

Brooklyn College, City University of New York (2014), *Generative paths among midlife women*

Bryn Mawr College (2014), *Health and aging among midlife women*

University of Maryland, School of Public Health (2013), *Generativity, the active body and healthy aging*

TEACHING & MENTORING

Course Instructor

FA 2020-present	Assistant Professor, Fordham University, Dept of Psychology – Social Psychology, Research Methods
SP 2017-2020	Assistant Professor, Wesleyan University, Dept of Psychology – Community Psychology, Research
FA 2015-2020	Assistant Professor, Wesleyan University, Dept of Psychology – Healthy Places
SP 2015	Adjunct Assistant Professor, Rutgers University, Bloustein School Planning/Policy – Health Disparities
FA 2014	Adjunct Assistant Professor, Columbia University, SSW – Health Policy and the Health Care System
2011-2012	Assistant Professor, Haverford College, Dept of Psychology – Health Psychology; Critical Psychology

Graduate Instructor **University of Michigan, Department of Psychology**

SP 2010	– Introduction to Psychology
FA 2009	– Political Psychology
SP 2009	– Developmental Psychology
FA 2008	– Political Psychology

Mentoring

2020 – present	Critical Health + Social Ecology Lab Students (<i>Psychology Department, Fordham University</i>)
2015 – 2020	Critical Health + Social Ecology Lab Students (<i>Psychology Department, Wesleyan University</i>)
2019 Research Advisor:	Isobel McPhee and Willa Schwartz (<i>College of Environment, Wesleyan University</i>)
2018 Research Mentor:	Kelly Lam (<i>University of Michigan's Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program</i>)
2017 Research Mentor:	Guilu Murphy (<i>University of Michigan's Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program</i>)
2016 Thesis Reader:	Allison Ruchman (<i>College of Environment, Wesleyan University</i>)
2013 Research Advisor:	Andrea Alaimo (<i>Rutgers University</i>)
2011 Research Advisor:	Zanya Harriott (<i>Haverford College</i>)

Honors Thesis Advising, Wesleyan University

Thesis Advisor 2020:	Simone Vanderpool (Psychology)
Thesis Advisor 2020:	Paul Willems (Psychology)
Thesis Advisor 2019:	Emma Ritter (Psychology and Environmental Studies)
Thesis Advisor 2018:	Hailey Broughton-Jones* (African American Studies)
Thesis Advisor 2018:	Ariana Lewis (Psychology)
Thesis Advisor 2018:	Lu Imbriano (Psychology)
Co-Thesis Advisor 2018:	Serene Murad* (Psychology, BA/MA Program)
	• *Indicates High Honors awarded

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

College of Environment Governing Board (2019–2020)
Psychology Department Ethics Committee (2019-2020)
Psychology Department Search Committee (2019-2020)

Psychology Department Colloq Committee (2018-2019)
Wesleyan University FYM Facilitator (2018)
Psychology Department Curricula Committee (2017-2018)

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

* Indicates student co-author

Versey, H. S. (2019). *Placekeeping and sense of place: Using Photovoice to highlight neighborhood displacement*. Paper presented at the Toward a Network of Change: Promoting Age-Friendly Communities from the Inside-Out symposium (Chair) at the Gerontological Society of America annual meeting.

Kakar, S., * Sanni, M.,* Greco, I., & **Versey, H. S.** (2019). Influences of altruism in Millennials & Gen Z. Poster presented the Wesleyan University Psychological Science Symposium.

- **Paper awarded "Best Poster Award" of the 2019 Psychological Science Symposium**

Schwartz, W.,* McPhee, I.,* Murad, S. & **Versey, H. S.** (2019). A Bridging-Community Dinner Project: Building community among resettled refugees in Boston. Poster presented the Wesleyan University Psychological Science Symposium.

McIntosh, J.,* Levy, E.,* & Li, C.,* & **Versey, H. S.** (2019). Are the stakes equally high? High-effort versus high-risk activism among emerging adults. Poster presented the Wesleyan University Psychological Science Symposium.

Versey, H. S. (2019). *Homeless on Main Street: Using Photovoice to highlight the hidden homeless*. Paper presented at Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.

Versey, H. S. (2019). *Appropriated racial oppression: Considering the impact on health for Whites and Blacks*. Paper presented at Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.

Versey, H. S. (2018). *Gentrification and aging in place: Implications for social capital*. Paper presented at Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

Versey, H. S. (2018). *Mapping place, space and psychology*. Paper presented at Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA.

Murad, S.,* & **Versey, H. S.** (2018). Iraqi and Syrian refugees in Connecticut: Perceptions of community integration. Poster presented the Wesleyan University Psychological Science Symposium.

- **Paper awarded "Best Poster Award" of the 2018 Psychological Science Symposium**

Lewis, A.,* & **Versey, H. S.** (2018). Cultural memories and placemaking in Harlem. Poster presented the Wesleyan University Psychological Science Symposium.

Murphy, E. G.,* Lee, Y. E.,* & Kakar, S.* & **Versey, H. S.** (2018). *Social media and health behaviors: Social media as a tool for modeling health behaviors and social support*. Poster presented the Wesleyan University Psychological Science Symposium.

Murad, S.,* Silverstein, C.,* McIntosh, J.,* Logan, A.,* & **Versey, H. S.** (2018). *Attitudes towards gentrification in Central Harlem among seniors*. Poster presented the Wesleyan University Psychological Science Symposium.

Murad, S.,* & Lee, E.,* & **Versey, H. S.** (2017). *Mapping place: Using qualitative GIS to understand meanings of community among older adults*. Poster presented at the Urban Health Symposium at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.

Versey, H. S., Murad, S.,* Ayres, F.,* Winchell, L.,* & Newton, N. J. (2016). *Mapping place: Using qualitative GIS to understand meanings of community among older adults*. Poster presented at the Wesleyan University Psychological Science Symposium.

Sabik, N. & **Versey, H. S.** (2016). *Body image, exercise, and social function: Are Black and White women's experiences different?* Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Cole, E. R., **Versey, H. S.**, Hammond, W. P., Hurtado, A., & Shields, S. A. (2014). *Demarginalizing intersectionality research in psychology: Reflections on theory and methods.* Symposium moderator at the American Psychological Association meeting, Washington, D.C.

Versey, H. S., & Curtin, N. (2014). *Discrimination and health: Mediating pathways and racial differences among women at midlife.* Paper presented at American Psychological Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C.

Versey, H. S., & Sabik, N. (2013). *Body perceptions and health among older African American women.* Paper presented at the Intersections of Race, Culture and Health or Mental Health meeting, Boston, MA.

Versey, H. S. (2013). *Is all caregiving created equal?* Paper presented at American Psychological Association annual meeting, Honolulu, HI.

Versey, H. S. (2013). *Cognitive impairment risk and diagnosed, undiagnosed and pre-hypertension among Black elders.* Poster presented at the Minority Fellows Program meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Versey, H. S., & Newton, N. J. (2012). *Generativity, productive activities and successful aging in middle-aged African American and White women.* Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America annual meeting, San Diego, CA.

Newton, N. J., & **Versey, H. S.** (2010). *The psychology of "women of a certain age".* Paper presented at the Association for Women in Psychology annual meeting, Portland, OR.

Versey, H. S., & Stewart, A. J. (2009). *Growing old gracefully: Weathering the psychological vicissitudes of aging.* Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Versey, H. S., & Stewart, A. J. (2009). *Personality indicators of successful aging.* Poster presented at the American Psychological Association annual meeting Toronto, Canada.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad-hoc Reviewer, *Social Science Research*
Ad-hoc Reviewer, *Social Science & Medicine*

Ad-hoc Reviewer, *Social Psychology Quarterly*
Ad-hoc Reviewer, *American Journal of Public Health*
Ad-hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Health Psychology*

MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association (Divisions 35, 45, 20)
American Public Health Association
American Association of Geographers
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
The Gerontological Society of America
Work and Family Researchers Network
Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA)