

Curriculum Vitae
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I. EDUCATION

- 2022-2025** **Social Work, Ph.D. Graduated May 2025**
University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work (GCSW), Houston, TX
Dissertation Title: *Promoting Better Outcomes for Black Girls with Multi Youth-Serving System Involvement through Positive Childhood Experiences*
Dissertation Committee: Quenette L. Walton, Ph.D. (Co-Chair), Erin Boyce, Ph.D. (Co-Chair), Charles Lea, Ph.D., Alan Dettlaff, Ph.D.
- 2018-2021** **Master of Social Work**
Metropolitan State University of Denver, Denver, CO
- 2013-2016** **Bachelor of Arts**
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO
Dual Major: Psychology/Criminal Justice, Minor: Sociology

II. RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST

Adultification | Black Girlhood | Black and mixed-race girls | multi-youth-serving-system involvement | Research-Practice Partnerships (RPP) | Critical Race Feminism | Intersectionality | Qualitative research methods

III. RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2025 to Present** **Post-Doctoral Fellow: Applied Research Specialist**, Wellbeing Equity & Innovations (WEI)
Principal Investigator: Carrie Pettus, Ph.D.
- 2025 to Present** **Research Coordinator**, MSU Denver Camp Collab
Program Director/PI: Erin Boyce, Ph.D.
Funded By: Volunteer
- 2025 to Present** **Program Evaluator PI**, MSU Denver Department of Social Work
Evaluation: Mental and Behavioral Health Program Scholars in Graduate Social Work Department
Funded By: CO Access
- 2025 to Present** **Project Coordinator**, Tapestry Consulting & Texas A&M
Study: Common Justice Impact: Exploring the Impact and Effectiveness of Community-Based Restorative Justice Practices
Funded By: Annie E. Casey Foundation
Principal Investigator: Troy Harden, Ph.D., LCSW

Research Practice Partner: Common Justice

- 2024 to 2025** **Independent Consultant**, QLWalton Consulting LLC
Study: Underserved Communities Experiencing Family Violence
Funded By: Texas Center for Family Violence
Principal Investigator: Quenette Walton, Ph.D.
- 2024 to Dec 2025** **Graduate Research Assistant/Content Creator**, University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work
Funded By: University of Houston SUSTAIN
Research Mentor: Samira Ali, Ph.D.
- 2022 to 2025** **Project Manager**, Tapestry Consulting
Study: North Lawndale Public Safety Plan
Funded By: North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council
Principal Investigator: Troy Harden, Ph.D., LCSW
- 2022 to 2025** **Graduate Research Assistant**, University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work
Funded By: University of Houston
Research Mentor: Quenette Walton, Ph.D.
- May to Sept 2023** **Summer Graduate Research Assistant**, University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work
Funded By: University of Houston
Research Mentor: McClain Sampson, Ph.D.
- May to Sept 2023** **Summer Graduate Research Assistant**, University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work
Funded By: University of Houston
Research Mentor: Sarah Narendorf, PhD.
- 2022** **Graduate Research Assistant**, Denver, CO
Study: Expert Witness Cases
Funded By: CO and AZ Public Defender's Office
Principal Investigator: Edwardo Portillos, Ph.D.
- 2021 to 2022** **Graduate Student Assistant**, Texas A&M University, Race and Ethnicity Studies Institute (RESI)
Funded By: RESI
Research Mentor: Troy Harden, Ph.D., LCSW
- 2020 to Present** **Co-Principal Investigator/Team Lead**, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS)

Study: *Club Basketball in Colorado Springs: Shaping success or failure*

Funded By: Voluntary

Co-Principal Investigator: Edwardo Portillos, Ph.D.

Mentee: Holly Siu , Amy Watanabe

2020 to Present **Co-Principal Investigator**, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS)

Study: *Latinx Youth Gangs*

Funded By: Voluntary

Co-Principal Investigator: Edwardo Portillos, Ph.D.

2019 to 2020 **Research Assistant**, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS)

Study: Variety

Funded By: Voluntary

Research Mentor: Edwardo Portillos, Ph.D.

2016 to 2017 **Research Assistant**, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS)

Funded By: Voluntary

Research Mentor: Edwardo Portillos, Ph.D.

2015 to 2016 **Principal Investigator**, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS)

Study: *Sexiness on Social Media Hurts Men too*

Funded By: Undergraduate Research Academy

Research Mentor: Elizabeth Daniels, Ph.D.

2015 to 2016 **Research Assistant**, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, (UCCS)

Study: *Event Related Potentials and Sexualized Media Images*

Funded By: Voluntary

Research Mentor: Elizabeth Daniels, Ph.D.

Principal Investigator: Laura Morgan

2015 to 2016 **Research Assistant**, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO

Funded By: Voluntary

Research Mentor: Elizabeth Daniels, Ph.D.

IV. SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

1. **Hood, A. N.** Dual Status and Adultification: Black Girls' Lives in Context. (2024), [Special Issue: Mental Health and the Intersectionality of Race and Gender of Crossover Youth]. *Journal of Family Strengths*, 23(1), 1-30. Available at: https://digitalcommons.library.tmc.edu/jfs/vol23/iss1/3?utm_source=digitalcommons.library.tmc.edu%2Fjfs%2Fvol23%2Fiss1%2F3&utm_medium=PDF&utm_campaign=PDFCoverPages
2. Walton, Q. L., Coats, J. V., Skrine Jeffers, K., Blakey, J. M., **Hood, A. N.**, & Washington, T. Mind, body, and spirit: A qualitative exploration of wellness among middle-class Black women. *International Journal of Qualitative Studies on Health and Well-being*. [Impact Factor: 2.179]. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17482631.2023.2278288>
3. Aquino-Adriatico, G., Li, Z., Tahija, N., **Hood, A. N.**, & Walton, Q. L. "Nobody is taking care of us": The experiences of Black mothers during COVID-19 and the heightened racial tensions in the U.S. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research* [Impact Factor: 1.900] <https://doi.org/10.1086/735176>

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles Under Review and/or Revise Resubmit

1. Pettus, C., **Hood, A. N.**, Pooler-Burgess, M., Sanders, T., & Naar, S. Transformative Health Justice Framework for conducting translational antiracism research (*Under Review*) in *Health Equity*. [Impact Factor: 2.5]
2. Walton, Q. L., Kennedy, P., & **Hood, A. N.** "Who Else Would it Be?": A constructivist grounded theory study examining COVID-19, entrenched racial trauma, and mental health among middle-class Black women. (*Under Review*) in *Psychology of Women Quarterly*.

Journal Articles in Preparation

**Co-authored with mentored students*

1. Combs, T., Matsumoto, R., Pettus, C., Hood, A. N., & Naar, S. Transformative Systems for Substance Use using Group Model Building.

Other Publications

1. Walton, Q. L., **Hood, A. N.**, & Oyewuwo, O. (2025, September). Efforts to Enhance Support for Underserved Communities: The Voices of Survivors and Community Stakeholders. Report prepared for Texas Council of Family Violence.
2. Harden, T. & **Hood, A. N.** (2023). North Lawndale Public Safety Plan. Report prepared for North Lawndale Community Coordinating Council.
3. **Hood, A. N.** (2021, March 14). Compassion: The root of social justice. SocialWorker.com. Retrieved from <https://www.socialworker.com/extras/social-work-month-project-2021/compassion-root-social-justice>

V. PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

National Conferences

Oral and Poster Presentations

1. Stanley, M., Ali, S., Keo, B.S., McCormick, K., Stanton, M., Aviles, A., & **Hood, A. N.** (2025, November). Centering Justice through Mobilizing HIV Advocacy: A Case Study of the Taking Action Together Summit. Poster presentation at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Washington DC.
2. Portillos, E. L., Pequero, A., **Hood, A. N.**, Gonzalez, J.C., & Immekus, J. (2025, April). 'We're kids, but to them we're all criminals:' Exploring Hostile Policing and Police Violence in the Barrio. Oral Presentation for Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada.
3. **Hood, A. N.** (2025, January). Journeying through Reimagined Scholarship for a Mixed-Race Scholar-Activist: A Qualitative Dissertation Process Rooted in Black Girlhood. E-Poster presentation at the Society of Social Work and Research 29th Annual Conference Meeting. Seattle, Washington.
4. **Hood, A. N.** (2024, June 6). The Criminalization of Mental Health Among Black and Biracial Girls with Multisystem Involvement and Adultification: A Collaborative Call to Action. Oral Presentation for Harris County Mindful Justice- Exploring Health Disparities and Inequities in the Justice System Conference, Houston, TX.
5. **Hood, A. N.** (2023, October). Dual Status and Adultification: Implications for Teaching Students through an Anti-Racist Lens. E-Poster presentation at the Council on Social Work Education 69th Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.
6. **Hood, A. N.**, & Borja, S. (2023, January). Promoting Better Outcomes for Systems-Involved Youth with Police Contact through Positive Childhood Experiences. Oral Presentation for the Society of Social Work and Research 28th Annual Conference Meeting. Washington, DC.
7. Portillos, E. L., Pequero, A., **Hood, A. N.**, Gonzalez, J.C., & Immekus, J. (2021, November). We're kids, but to them we're all criminals:' Exploring Hostile Policing and Police Violence in the Barrio. Oral Presentation for American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
8. **Hood, A. N.**, & Daniels, E. (2016, August) Sexiness on social media hurts men too. Poster presented at American Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
9. **Hood, A. N.**, & Daniels, E. (2016, April) Sexiness on social media hurts men too. Poster presented at Mountain Lion Research Day, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO.

Roundtables and Panels

1. Keo, B.S., McCormick, K., Ali, S., Aviles, A., Stanton, M., **Hood, A. N.** (2026, January) Enhancing Social Work Research and Evaluation through Public Impact Scholarship: Lessons and Strategies from the SUSTAIN Center at the Collective for Community Action. Oral Presentation for Society of Social Work and Research 30th Annual Conference Meeting. Washington, DC.
2. **Hood, A. N.**, Richard, V., Kennedy, P., Walton, Q. L. (2024, October). Using Black Feminist Thought and Intersectionality to Engage Teaching and Mentoring Among

Doctoral Students. Panel presentation at the Council on Social Work Education 70th Annual Program Meeting. Kansas City, MO.

3. Kolivoski, K., Simmons-Horton, S., Rock, J., **Hood, A. N.** (2023, January). Abolition? Reform?: A Future Research Agenda for Crossover and Dual System Youth. Roundtable presentation at the Society of Social Work and Research 28th Annual Conference Meeting. Washington, DC.
4. **Hood, A. N.**, Kennedy, P., Boyce, E., & Walton, Q. L. (2023, October). Reflections: Mentors and mentees, does race matter? Implications for anti-racist teaching and practice. Panel presentation at the Council on Social Work Education 69th Annual Program Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
5. Shroulote-Duran, C., **Hood, A. N.**, Ortiz Osejo, N., Vogel, T., Walker, A., Hannon, D., & Zamarripa, O. (2022, April) First year PhD Women Cohorts of Color: Progressing Through the Pandemic and Navigating Space at a PWI/HWI. Panel discussion presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

National Invited Presentations

Invited Panels

1. **Hood, A. N.**, Harden, T., & Dettlaff, A. (2025, October). Discussion Panel on Restorative Justice and Transformative Justice Guest Lecturer for MSU Denver MSW SWKM 5425 Foundations of Justice. Denver, CO. [Professor Dr. Erin Boyce].
2. **Hood, A. N.** (2025, March). Welcome Session for Ph.D. Program Newly Admitted Students. Invited Panelist at 2025 GCSW Welcome Session for Ph.D. Students at University of Houston, Houston, TX.
3. **Hood, A. N.** (2024, March). Support Space: PhD Student Panel. Invited Panelist at 2023 GCSW MSW Support Space at University of Houston, Texas.
4. **Hood, A. N.** (2023, August). GCSW First Year Orientation Current Student Panel. Invited Panelist at 2023 First Year GCSW Ph.D. Orientation at University of Houston, Houston, TX.
5. **Hood, A. N.**, Harden, T., & Dettlaff, A. (2023, October). Discussion Panel on Restorative Justice and Transformative Justice Guest Lecturer for MSU Denver MSW SWKM 5425 Power, Oppression, Privilege. Denver, CO. [Professor Dr. Erin Boyce].
6. **Hood, A. N.** (2023, November). GCSW First Year Finding a Mentor Panel. Invited Panelist at 2023 First Year GCSW Ph.D. Finding a Mentor Panel at University of Houston, Houston, TX.

Invited Presentations

1. **Hood, A. N.**, & Boyce, E. (2025, November). Critical Theories. Presentation about critical theories for Exploring Foundations of Justice Students at MSU Denver. [Professor Dr. Erin Boyce].
2. Walton, Q. L., **Hood, A. N.**, & Oyewuwo, O. (2025, September). Efforts to Enhance Support for Underserved Communities: The Voices of Survivors and Community Stakeholders. Presentation of Program Evaluation Findings for Texas Council of Family Violence.
3. **Hood, A. N.** (2024, January). MSU DENVER Lighting Pedagogy Session. Invited Presenter. Lightening Pedagogy event in the Department of Social Work, MSU Denver.

18 January 2024. Presenters at this event shared inclusive teaching ideas with other full- and part-time faculty in the department of social work, with 20 live participants. We also recorded the event to share with others who did not attend live.

4. **Hood, A. N.** (2024, August). MSU DENVER Lightning Pedagogy Session. Invited Presenter. Lightening Pedagogy event in the Department of Social Work, MSU Denver. 14 August 2024. Presenters at this event shared inclusive teaching ideas with other full- and part-time faculty in the department of social work, with 10 live participants. We also recorded the event to share with others who did not attend live.

VI. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

August 2025-July 2026	Category 2 Lecturer, Full Time, Emergency Hire MSU Denver, Department of Social Work SWKM 5425 Exploring the Foundations of Justice, Fall, Online SWKM 6700 Developing the Capstone Project, Fall, In-Person/Online SWKM 6750 Implementing the Capstone Project, Spring, In-Person/Online SWKM 5550 Integrating Research & Program Evaluation into Social Work Practice, Spring, Online
June 2024-August 2025	Lecturer, Part Time University of Colorado, Colorado Springs SOC 3310 Sociology of Family, Summer/Fall, Online
August 2023-August 2025	Adjunct Faculty, Part Time MSU Denver, Department of Social Work SWKM 5425 Exploring the Foundations of Justice, Fall/Spring, Online

VII. TRAININGS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2026	Discussion Board Faculty Learning Community MSU Denver, Department of Social Work
2024-2025	JCOIN 2.0, LEAP Investigators One-year cohort-based program with mentorship for researchers, students, and early career scholars who want to enhance their skills and develop a research proposal for external funding to become independent investigators.
2025	LEAP Learner Implementation Science Course JCOIN Training & Engagement Center
2024	Designing a Conceptual Framework for Qualitative Research Studies Virtual 2024 Designing a Conceptual Framework for Qualitative Research Studies with Johnny Saldaña, Ph.D.

- 2023** **Center for Story-based Strategy**
Virtual 2023 Intro to Story-based Strategy Workshop
- 2023** **NIH NIGMS SuperPowers Project**
Virtual 2023 Building Better NIH Biosketches and Career Statements
- 2023** **Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research and Program for Research on Black Americans**
Virtual 2023 Summer Mentoring Workshop for Advanced Doctoral Students focusing on African American Research
- 2019** **Mental Health Center of Denver**
Qualified Medication Administration Personnel (Expired) Denver, CO
- 2018** **Odyssey Training Center**
Certified Addictions Counselor II (Expired) Denver, CO
- 2017** **Mental Health Center of Denver**
Trauma Recovery and Empowerment Model (TREM) Denver, CO
- 2017** **Mental Health Center of Denver**
Solution Focused Brief Therapy Denver, CO
- 2017** **Mental Health Center of Denver**
Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Denver, CO
- 2017** **Mental Health Center of Denver**
First Aid, AED, and CPR Certification (Expired) Denver, CO

VIII. PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2019 to 2021** **Residential Counselor**, Mental Health Center of Denver, Denver, CO
2017 to 2019 **Clinical Case Manager I**, Mental Health Center of Denver, Denver, CO

IX. PROFESSIONAL MEMEBERSHIPS

Member, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
Member, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Multi System Children and Youth Special Interest Group